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EDITORIAL

This issue of The Strathallian marks the end of an era in the School's history. This year has seen the retirement of Mr. W. N. S. Hoare, M.A., J.P., The Headmaster of Strathallan for the past twenty years. He has, in his time here, wrought many changes and has found time and energy, at a time when many might be thinking more of retirement, to see through to the end the major project of the new dining hall and the starting of a new house, and in times of economic difficulties and political uncertainties he has left the School as full as it has ever been. But buildings and boys do not, in themselves, make a school. When we hear Strathallians talking about their time here under our founder, Harry Riley, we may hear them deprecate the change of this or of that, but soon the conversation turns again to The Founder himself and the quality of life in the School at that time. The personality of Harry Riley has ensured that he has become a legendary figure. Similarly, we are sure that in the future Strathallians in like manner will reminisce about the quality of life here under Mr. Hoare. A more detailed tribute to Mr. Hoare follows this editorial, and it remains to us to wish him and his wife a long and happy retirement and to welcome his successor, Mr. McCallum.

Editorial Notices

We acknowledge, with thanks, the photographs submitted by the Perthshire Advertiser, A. C. Cowper and the Scottish Press Agency.

We acknowledge, too, with thanks, the receipt of magazines from other schools.

We should be grateful if contributors would note that contributions must be received by us at the School before the end of the Summer Term.

Mr. W. N. S. HOARE

It cannot often be said of a Headmaster that he has transformed his School out of all recognition in twenty years, but that can truly be said of Wilfred Hoare. When he came to Strathallan it had not recovered from the loss of its remarkable founder some years earlier; recognising the opportunities which the new status of the School presented, he resolutely set himself to make the most of them, and thanks to tireless work, unfailing optimism and a clear head he has seen his vision become reality. In these years the numbers of boys and the numbers of teaching staff have both more than doubled; what is most significant, the sixth form is ten times as large as it was twenty years ago, and academic standards are pitched high. On the side of material assets, the School has acquired a new chapel, a new dining-hall, a new study block and a new range of science laboratories: a language laboratory has been equipped and the library has been vastly enlarged: the younger boys have been provided with a junior house of their own. In all these enterprises others have indeed been willing partners, but all of them owe their origin to the Headmaster's initiative and their success to his enthusiasm: not the least of his gifts has been his ability to convey to others something of his own enthusiasm for projects which have not been insubstantial dreams but have been the mature result of comprehensive planning in which a wide and humane conception of the purposes of the School has been combined with a firm grasp of multi-farious detail and a sober assessment of means. Not less remarkable than these developments in material resources has been the gradual change in the tone and spirit of the School, the new vigor which pervades it and the new breadth which has been given to its life. Music flourishes—the School now maintains three orchestras (not to mention a pipe band)—and so does art; boys find expression for their interests and their tastes in a whole range of spare-time cultural activities; sea, air and army cadet units have become part of the pattern of school life; and in the field of games Strathallan has won its way to being recognised by the major public schools on equal terms. These developments too have needed hard work, and in that the Headmaster has set an example which the school has willingly followed. His warm friendliness and his understanding of people, his tolerance of everything except indifference, his refusal to be deflected from his objects by difficulties in realising them, his unselfish devotion to the interests of the school, his readiness to appreciate the efforts of others and his cheerful good humour—these things have enabled him to get the best out of masters and boys alike, in their several stations, in making and maintaining a hard-working and happy school, and they have had their reward in the stable confidence and quiet assurance which now show themselves in every department of its life.

One other asset must not be forgotten—a wife who has been his constant support and his perfect complement. Both carry with them the gratitude of every member and every friend of the School which owes them an incalculable debt.

C.J.F.

The Headmaster's Farewell Message to the School

We print below the text of The Headmaster's farewell message to the School given during the last week of the Summer Term.

I have called you together today for a few moments because I want to make a few random observations in the form of a farewell message.

It has been my belief, as most of you know, that education means simply the bringing out of any particular talent any one of us may possess. God in his wisdom has provided us all with varied and different abilities otherwise it would be a very dull world indeed to live in—and it is up to those in authority to discover these and for you yourselves to make the best use of them. In my experience the busiest people are nearly always the happiest, provided that they are busy on the right kind of thing and doing something positive and constructive; in that process acquiring, as a result, a sense of achievement and pride without which life is not of much value. Therefore, I urge all of you to use your talents and to be busy and strenuous in your work and activities.

By implication this means that we, during our lifetime, recognising that the development of individual talents is one of the main purposes of education, must not only be tolerant of our fellows whose talents may differ from ours but also encourage them in their efforts.

By implication, too, this I suggest means that if you are to develop your talents for the benefit of your fellow beings you must sometimes become, to a certain extent, self-centred, which, I may say, is not the same thing as being selfish.

One of the tendencies of modern education is to over-stress the social problems of our lives and very little attempt is made to encourage the spirit of disinterested enquiry which is so vital for real achievement. The emphasis seems to be now on total involvement, although I can see very little sense in becoming involved in a lot of things which have no value at all; and too little time is spent in developing the individual and the individual talents without which no great progress can be made. If our aim is, quite reasonably, to use our talents for the benefit of mankind then somewhere along the line we have to think of developing them and *not* get too involved and so dissipate your energies. A single-mindedness of purpose is essential during this process of training if you are to make a positive contribution to the society you should want to improve.

By implication, this means that we must learn to be humble, realising that although we may be cleverer or better at games than some, we may lack a lot of the qualities of others, the energy of others, the courage of others, the generosity of others and possibly the power of leadership of others.

How can we best develop these talents or gifts which we have been given.? First of all we can do nothing without discipline and obeying the rules and regulations which are imposed upon us—otherwise chaos would result.

Although you may not agree with this, fundamentally most of us really enjoy some form of discipline; and this implies doing in life some of the things that you don't like. Too many people are perfectly prepared to exert themselves in the things which they enjoy doing but not in doing those things that they don't enjoy. Until you appreciate the difficulties that other people have to face and unless you are prepared to make an effort in that direction you certainly won't get the fundamental value from discipline itself. It is not so much the actual carrying out of discipline that is important but realising the good that comes from it: the control of your body and your mind; the control of your time and the orderliness to regulate your life to the best advantage. Without this training in good habits and a firm religious belief you have nothing to fall back on when in times of trouble.

Finally, unless we have a strong sense of duty, unless we feel that there is something above ourselves, unless we are happy to serve in some form or other, there seems very little purpose in living. In a word, therefore, I say to you accept your time at school as a challenge to your manhood and make the most of it. The sort of chap you are going to be depends on how you accept this challenge; if you concentrate on your training here within the scope of your capabilities and to the best of your ability you will acquire a built-in happiness; and in good time when you fulfil yourself you will be able to serve and help others through your achievements. I wish you every success in your attempts to make your lives worth while and satisfying.

God bless you all.

CORRESPONDENCE

22nd July, 1970

The Editor of the Strathallian.

Dear Sir,

I would like to express through the courtesy of your columns my very deep appreciation and gratitude for the very generous cheque which was presented to me on Speech Day by Old Strathallians, parents and friends of the School.

My wife and I were quite overcome by the kindness shown to us by everyone and the handsomeness of the gift.

We shall always treasure the memory of our years at Strathallan and particularly the kindness shown to us during our time there.

Our new address is Orwell House, Milnathort, where we shall be glad to welcome any friends who may care to visit us.

We were most touched by the wonderful present given to us by the Boys and by the way they expressed their farewell to us.

Yours faithfully,

W. N. S. HOARE

STAFF NOTES

This year we welcomed to the staff Mr. J. G. M. McKinlay, Mr. K. Glimm and Mr. G. W. V. Birnie. Mr. McKinlay has been assisting with Economics, History and English, and also has been running an extremely successful swimming team. He has, too, found time to be House Tutor to Leburn House. Mr. Glimm has come to assist with Modern Languages and has been doing some sailing and Duke of Edinburgh Award work. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme was in the hands of Mr. Birnie who took this on together with teaching Biology, Chemistry, and house tutoring in Riley House. It is with regret that we noted that Mr. Birnie was only staying with us for one year, and we wish him well in his new appointment.

We have to note other departures: Mr. P. S. Taylor, who has been Head of the Mathematics Department as well as a very useful cricketer and hockey player; Mr. R. G. Downing, who has given the Nuffield Science Project a good start in the School; Mr. Mole, who has contributed greatly to many spheres in the School—history, cricket, squash, hockey, and house tutoring in Nicol; and, finally, the School Chaplain, the Rev. I. R. N. Miller, who took on a difficult job and has done it well and now goes to be minister of Trinity, Gask and Madderty. We wish them all well in their new appointments.

The new School Chaplain is the Rev. W. N. Monteith who was with us for the final three weeks of the session. We welcome him to the School and hope that his stay will be a long and happy one.

We have to note some changes in the San. personnel. Miss Paton left in mid-year and Miss Johnston at the end of the Summer Term. Since Miss Paton's departure, Mrs. Glimm has been in charge.

SCHOOL NOTES

A detailed geography of Leburn House is given in the Leburn House notes.

To allow television to reach a larger audience, the set has been moved from the Chemistry Demonstration Room to the Sixth Form Hall. Television is especially popular with the junior part of the School—indeed Riley House is the only house to have its own, although we believe Mr. Hewson thinks this is a dubious distinction—and threatens the existence of several established societies which function on Saturday nights. The counter—hold your society meetings in the Sixth Form Hall—seems not to have occurred to the said societies yet.

Some of our readers on reading the last item might be surprised to hear that the Chemistry Department had actually given up some of its equipment. However, a new gadget (if so it can be called) has been acquired—a greenhouse sited in the bean garden. This diversification into market gardening perhaps means that the profit margins on broken test tubes have narrowed.

More gadgetry. The language lab. has been equipped with twelve more tape recorders and a film loop projector. The History Department has taken over a class-room as a junior History room. The fuddy-duddy stick-in-the-mud departments who rely on chalk and books and pens and ink get fewer.

The number of hard tennis courts has been doubled from three to six. The new ones were built on the site of the mini-hockey pitch and the grass court seems to have been abandoned.

One of our pleasant old Edinburgh gas-lamps on the main drive was demolished by a Post Office van.

The East of Scotland Schools Band Competition was held in the School grounds in the Summer Term and confirmed yet again for some of us that bagpipes are best heard in the distance—the more distant the better.

The School mounted an Art Exhibition in Perth City Art Gallery in aid of the National Guide Dogs for the Blind Fund. The Lord Provost of Perth, Mr. D. Thomson, Old Strathallian, opened the Exhibition.

A new library extension was built to relieve the pressure on space in the old library. A door was knocked through into what was a Nicol dormitory next door. The new extension is equipped for work rather than for browsing and is proving most popular—in spite of the aforementioned television set.

Self-service for those wanting cooked breakfasts has been instituted.

Another sign of the times—some morning chapel services have been taken by boys.



The colony of swans on the School Pond continues to increase. There was quite a flotilla of them by the end of the Summer Term.

Our hated rival—Wing Forward—published one issue this year and has gone into voluntary liquidation.

A. M. Duff and M. G. Aitkenhead collected £40 in a sponsored run for Shelter.

Hamish Dawson (O.S.) has presented the School with a set of international jerseys which he won whilst playing for Scotland.

At the end of the Summer Term, Mrs. Hoare was invited to lunch with the School. At the end of lunch, A. D. G. Duncan, on behalf of the School, presented The Headmaster and his wife with a set of early 19th century crystal sherry glasses. After lunch the whole School lined the path from the dining-hall back to the Headmaster's house, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoare were piped home by Pipe-Major McLean and three other pipers.

D. N. F. Pennie was chosen to represent Scotland in the Schoolboy Hockey XI during the Easter holidays.

D. M. Holmes and D. J. McBride were selected to represent Scotland in the High Jump and Javelin events respectively over in Ireland at the Schoolboys International Athletics Championships.

When the Occasionals were playing Dundee University one of our members of staff chanced to look through their score-book. He found that three old boys were playing currently for Uni-

versities in Scotland—T. N. W. Trusdale for Glasgow, T. Gibson for Edinburgh and G. C. H. Archibald for St. Andrews. All three had scored nought against Dundee. *Sic transit gloria . . .*

We congratulate A. R. Brash on being elected to the title of Scholar of Downing College, Cambridge, and on his being awarded the Pilley Scholarship and a college prize.

At the end of the year there were 358 boys in the School.

Salvete

Autumn Term, 1969

LVI : J. W. Locke (S)

(v) H. L. Locke (S)

III Form : W. D. Allan (R) ; C. C. D. Carmichael (N) ; I. N. Caskie (S) ; D. T. Cochrane (N) ; L. D. Dalgleish (S) ; C. M. Drysdale (R) ; D. F. Ferguson (R) ; A. J. Green (N) ; J. Hall (N) ; C. R. Harrington (R) ; R. P. Kerr (F) ; A. C. Lawrance (L) ; G. W. Linton (L) ; J. W. Lyburn (L) ; A. G. MacFarlane (R) ; R. McGregor (S) ; R. J. Macgregor (F) ; D. J. McKee (N) ; K. S. S. Magee (S) ; P. L. Marshall (S) ; J. F. Park (S) ; J. E. Paterson (N) ; M. I. Patterson (N) ; C. H. Renwick (R) ; D. W. Robb (L) ; E. C. Rowell (L) ; W. B. Sandeman (L) ; N. I. Schneeberger (L) ; J. L. Stewart (N) ; P. B. M. Sutherland (L) ; M. C. Taylor (S) ; W. D. R. Wallace (L) ; G. W. Whiteford (S) ; A. A. Wighton (S) ; C. C. Wolfe (L).

Riley : P. J. Arkless ; C. I. Beverley ; P. A. C. Cameron ; D. D. Cramond ; G. A. Ferguson ; G. W. P. Ferries ; A. C. A. Glen ; D. G. Inglis ; T. A. Inglis ; E. G. Meade ; D. A. R. Munro ; D. R. Newton ; J. Paisley ; A. R. Peddie ; R. D. G. Powrie ; J. A. Robb ; H. W. R. Steedman ; S. N. Vivian ; M. C. Walker.



Another addition to the School!

Spring Term, 1970

III Form: S. P. B. Aitkenhead (F); H. M. Clarke (N); J. S. P. McDonald (S);
A. D. G. MacKenzie (R); A. J. H. Pearce (N); N. Purdie (S);
I. S. Stark (N); D. G. Whyte (S).

Riley: J. Currie.

Summer Term, 1970

III Form: G. I. Bennet (S); J. H. R. Dalrymple Hamilton (R); D. J. Dewar
(F); A. J. Hay (R); D. R. Homer (F); R. M. Jamieson (N); G. R.
Steele (F); A. P. Steele (N); N. S. Warden (F).

Riley: C. B. Biggart; D. R. I. Fingland; D. S. Muir; H. M. Pearson;
D. A. M. Smith.

VALETE

Autumn Term, 1969

L.VI.

W. M. Lindsay (F); Came 66²; Cpl. Army.
Hallyburton, Coupar Angus.

IV. Form

K. MacGregor (R); Came 68³; Pre-Service.
Urglura Sok 7, Yesilyurt, Istanbul.

Spring Term, 1970

3rd Year VI.

N. S. Drummond (R); Came 64³; School Prefect; Head of Ruthven; Orchestra;
School Edit. 'Strathallian'; Play 69; Sgt. R.A.F.
Queen's Hotel, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

Upper VI.

B. D. Mitchell (F); Came 65³; XV 68-69; H XI 69, 70; Sh. XI, 69; Swimming,
Colours 69; Fencing 68-70, Colours; Pipe-Major.
*c/o Price Waterhouse, Medellin Apartado Aero 604, Colombia, S.
America.*

Lower VI.

D. E. Mitchell (F); Came 66³; H XI, 70; Swimming, Colours 70; Fencing
68-70, Colours; Pipe Band; Cpl. Army.
*c/o Price Waterhouse, Medellin Apartado Aero 604, Colombia, S.
America.*

D. F. Wallace (S); Came 64³; XI 69; H XI 70; L.Cpl. R.A.F.
Sypland, Kirkcudbright.

V. Form

C. W. Duncan (F); Came 65³; Swimming 70; A.B. R.N.
The Firs, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.

IV. Form

K. C. McLean (N); Came 68¹; Pre-Service.
7 Grove Park, Lenzie, Lanarkshire.

Summer Term

3rd Year VI.

- J. R. Davies (F) ; Came 63³ ; Cdt. Army.
13 Chiltley Way, Liphook, Hants.
- A. D. G. Duncan (F) ; Came 63³ ; Head of School and Head of Freeland 69-70 ;
XI 69 ; Captain XI 70 ; L.S. R.N.
7 Overdale, Ashted, Surrey.
- S. G. Evans (R) ; Came 65³ ; Head of Ruthven ; XV 68-70 ; German Prize 70 ;
P.O. R.N.
Nuthill, Lochgoilhead, Argyll.
- D. M. Findlay (F) ; Came 65³ ; Ski Team 70 ; Vice-Capt. Sailing 70 ; Latin Prose
Prize 70 ; L.S. R.N.
'Balwhyme,' Waterside Road, Carmunnock, by Clarkston, Glasgow.
- N. M. Heggie (S) ; Came 63³ ; H. Prefect ; Swimming Team, Colours 70 ; Biol.
Proj. Prize, 69 ; Orchestra ; Cdt. Army.
6 Hermitage Drive, Edinburgh 10.
- D. M. Holmes (S) ; Came 65³ ; S. Prefect ; Athletics Team 69-70 ; S.S. Gold
Medal High Jump 70 ; Ski Team 70 ; Sailing 70 ; Choir ; L.Cdt. R.A.F. ;
i.c. Pre-Service.
20 Muirhall Terrace, Perth.
- G. L. MacEwen (F) ; Came 62³ ; H. Prefect ; S. Hockey 69-70 ; Squash V 69-70 ;
Biol. Prize 69 ; Bio. Proj. Prize 69 ; Orchestra ; Chairman, Sci.-Soc.
69-70 ; Orchestra ; Choir ; Cpl. R.A.F.
2 Transy Place, Dunfermline, Fife.
- I. J. C. Mahon (N) ; Came 65³ ; Capt. of Boats 69 ; Capt. Sailing 70 ; Ski Team ;
Orchestra ; L.S. R.N.
Langshott, Mount Tabor Road, Perth.
- D. N. F. Pennie (F) ; Came 65³ ; H. Prefect ; H.XI 68-70 ; S.H. 68-70 ; Athletics
68-70 ; S. Schoolboys' H.XI 70 ; S.S. Gold Medal 4 x 100 metres
Relay ; Cpl. Army.
The Friarage, Forfar, Angus, DD8 2AD.

Upper VI.

- J. Allison (F) ; Came 65³ ; Cdt. Army.
The Grange, Axott-under- Wychwood, Oxford, OX7 6AA.
- S. J. Barclay (S) ; Came 65³ ; L.Cpl. Army.
432 Lanark Road, Colinton, Edinburgh, EH13 0NJ.
- R. A. Broadwood (N) ; Came 65³ ; H. Prefect ; XV 69-70 ; Capt. Boxing ;
Fencing Team ; Pipe Band ; C.S.M. Army.
18 Harley Avenue, Bebington, Wirral, Cheshire.
- J. M. Burnett (N) ; Came 65³ ; S. Prefect ; XV 69-70 ; H XI 70 ; S.H. XI
67-70 ; Capt. Athletics ; Sgt. Army.
Craig Chattan, Banchory, Kincardineshire.
- K. M. Burnett (R) ; Came 63¹ ; Athletics 70 ; Ski Team 70 ; L.Cpl. Army.
Lynedoch, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.
- A. A. Chalmers (F) ; Came 65³ ; Athletics ; Swimming, Shooting ; Cpl.
Armourer, Army.
11 Comely Bank, Dunfermline, Fife.
- M. W. H. Cran (S) ; Came 63³ ; H. Prefect ; Ski Team, Colours 70 ; W.O. R.A.F.
The Lodge, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Sussex.

- A. J. Downs (S); Came 66¹; H. Prefect; Athletics 70, Colours; Shooting; Pipe Band; L.Cpl. Army.
Kilcreggan, 53 Seafield Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
- J. G. Edwards (N); Came 65³; H. Prefect; Swimming Capt. 69-70; Flt. Sgt. R.A.F.
Myrtle Park, Oatlands Terrace, Galashiels, Selkirkshire.
- A. G. Ferguson (R); Came 66¹; H. Prefect; Capt. Tennis 70; L.Cpl. Army.
29 Loch Drive, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.
- T. Fleming (F); Came 66¹; H. Prefect; L.Cpl. Army.
Mardens Way, Duns, Berwickshire.
- A. G. Hopkins (R); Came 66³; XV 69-70; S.H. XI 70; French Prize, 70; L.Cdt. R.A.F.
5 Upper Glenburn Road, Bearsden, Glasgow.
- I. D. Lewis (N); Came 66³; Physics Prize 70; L.Cdt. R.A.F.
Sannox, 3 Methven Road, Whitecraigs, Giffnock, Renfrewshire.
- J. A. McArthur (S); Came 66³; XV 69-70; Shooting 69-70; Cpl. R.A.F.
72 Castle Court, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire.
- W. G. MacGregor (R); Came 65³; Swimming Team; L.Cdt. R.A.F.
Urglura Sok 7, Yesilyurt, Istanbul.
- R. N. McIntyre (N); Came 63³; Shooting team 70.
38 Dick Place, Edinburgh.
- A. W. McKelvie (N); Came 63³; L.S. R.N.
30 Crotham Park Avenue, South Croydon, Surrey.
- D. P. L. McLeod (R); Came 65¹; Swimming team; Cpl. Army.
Silay Hawaiian Central, Negros O.C.C., Philippines.
- A. G. Mackie (S); Came 63³; H. Prefect; XV 69-70; H XI 68-70; S.H. XI 69-70; Athletics; Golf; Sgt. Pipe Band.
10 Carlogie Road, Carnoustie, Angus.
- A. G. R. Main (R); Came 65³; H. Prefect; XV 69-70; Shooting, Colours 70; Ski Team 68-70, Capt.; Sailing; Pipe Band.
Balgarth House, Invergowrie, by Dundee.
- J. F. Nielsen (F); Came 66¹; Fencing 69, 70; Tennis 70; L.Cdt. R.A.F.
The Old Rectory, Claydon, Suffolk.
- M. M. Norval (R); Came 63³; Swimming; Orchestra; Cpl. R.A.F.
64 Bonhard Road, Scone, Perthshire.
- B. J. Picken (R); Came 65³; H. Prefect; XV 69-70; H XI 69, 70; XI 70; Golf 68-70, Colours; Sgt. Army.
5 Bellevue Road, Prestwick, Ayrshire.
- I. D. Robertson (R); Came 65³; XV 69-70; Econ. Prize 69; Cdt. Army.
114A College Road, London, N.W.10.
- J. L. Russell (S); Came 66³; Swimming; Pre-Service Instructor; L.S. R.N.
Hilbre, 2 Easterhill Road, Helensburgh.
- D. A. Rutherford (F); Came 66³; H. Prefect; H XI 70; XI 69, 70; Sgt. R.A.F.
6 Transy Place, Dunfermline, Fife.
- R. W. Sproat (F); Came 63³; Shooting; Orchestra; Cpl. R.A.F.
Lennox-Plunton, Borge, Kirkcudbrightshire.
- J. M. Scott (R); Came 63³; L.Cdt. R.A.F.
Tighnaleigh, Airlie Street, Alyth, Perthshire.

M. J. N. Steele (N) ; Came 65²; S. Prefect; Head of Nicol; History Essay Prize 68, 69; Classics Essay Prize 69; History Prize 70; Cox R.N.
Saddleback, Castle Hill, Prestbury, Cheshire.

P. D. C. Warburton (F) ; Came 65³; S. Prefect; XV 68-69; 69-70; Capt. 69-70; XI 68, 69, 70; Fencing; U.O. Army.
Dochry, 25 Havelock Street, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

R. I. Williamson (R) ; Came 64³; H. Prefect; XV 69-70; H XI 69, 70; Captain 70; S.H. XI 68, 69, 70; Captain 70; Golf, Capt. 70; Ski Team; L.S. R.N.
10 Fairies Road, Perth.

P. R. Wilson (S) ; Came 65³; L.Cpl. Pipe Band.
Baledgarno House, Inchtute, Perthshire.

Lower VI.

C. P. Lear (S) ; Came 66²; Athletics, Colours 70; Cdt. R.A.F.
7 Loch Mell Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll.

V Form

A. J. Campbell (N) ; Came 64³; Cdt. R.A.F.
Sconser House, Sconser, Isle of Skye, Inverness-shire.

P. M. Graham (R) ; Came 67³; Cdt. Army.
Calderbank, Midcalder, Midlothian.

I. D. Houston (N) ; Came 63³; I; Army Cdt.
Torkatrine, Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbrightshire.

J. W. Inglis (R) ; Came 67³; Cdt. Army.
Dalachy Farm, Aberdour, Fife.

L. M. Johnston (N) ; Came 67²; Orchestra; A.B. R.N.
Little Blair House, Rossmount, Blairgowrie.

III Form

J. H. R. Dalrymple Hamilton (R) ; Came 70².

D. R. Homer (F) ; Came 70².

II Form

H. T. Robertson (R) ; Came 67³.
West Knockbarnock, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire.

THE OPENING OF THE NEW DINING HALL AND LEBURN HOUSE

The opening of these two buildings took place on 4th October, 1969, and it was fitting that Mrs. Barbara Leburn, wife of the late Gilmour Leburn, was invited to perform the opening ceremonies.

Before asking Mrs. Leburn to open the new house and dining-hall, the Chairman of the Governing Body, Mr. D. C. Fulton, spoke of how the new development at Strathallan was of greater significance than might at first seem apparent. It had been achieved, he said, during a period of financial restraint and political pressure

on public schools, and it proved that Strathallan was losing place to no one. Public schools could only succeed if their facilities were as high as elsewhere, and he promised further improvements before long.

With gratitude, Mr. Fulton remembered those whose generosity had made the dining-hall a reality, and those who had taken an active part in the Appeal itself. He made special mention of Mr. G. C. Turner, the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, and the School Factor, Col. D. Aldridge. The work had been completed in time due to their 'prodigious feats'. He also paid tribute to the Convener, Mr. A. Nicol, and to Mr. Hunter Scott, the School architect. Acknowledging the generosity of the building contractors, Mr. Fulton quoted Mr. Thain as saying, 'Never, I should think, was there a client who had so much value for his money.' He concluded by praising the mosaic of the School crest designed by Mr. Eadie and presented by Dr. Balfour. The crest hangs on the wall above high table.

Mrs. Leburn said that it was for her a great honour to open the new house and dining-hall; called upon to perform many tasks, this was indeed one of the happiest. Her husband would, she was sure, have been extremely honoured to know the house had been named after him. With regard to the dining-hall, she hoped the School would now be eating 'even better food, at less cost, and with bigger helpings.' Mrs. Leburn concluded by declaring the new dining-hall open, and then presented the Leburn House shield to G. Linton.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mrs. Leburn was presented by the Headmaster on behalf of the School with a goblet bearing the Leburn family crest.

SPEECH DAY 1970

This year Speech Day was a fortnight earlier than usual, falling on the last Friday in May—which is not usually the best month for weather in Scotland—and the cool overcast day was disappointingly different from traditional Speech Day weather.

Our Guest this year was Sir George Baker, O.B.E., an Old Strathallian whose appointment as Presiding Judge of Wales had been announced only that morning. Sir George, who was knighted in 1961, was at one time a colonel in the army, a Chairman of our Governing Body and a barrister at law of the Inner Temple.

Presiding at the Prizegiving Ceremony, Mr. D. C. Fulton, M.C., B.L., W.S., Chairman of the Governing Body, said that the success of Strathallan could never have been achieved without Mr. Hoare's sometimes unorthodox talents. 'When he came to Strathallan, it is no exaggeration to say that its future was in jeopardy.'

At the time of his appointment, *The Strathallian* concluded a short article on Mr. Hoare with the words: 'We are confident that the future of the School is in safe hands'. That confidence, which at the time must have been in some measure the expression of a pious hope, could not have been more fully justified. Mr. Fulton concluded his speech by thanking the governors for their continued help and advice.

In his twentieth and final Annual Report, The Headmaster said that in the midst of many educational changes since his appointment as Headmaster, there had been a tendency for the young to think that tools, rather than human effort, were sufficient to do the job, especially as the emphasis had shifted from arts to sciences. 'The more I survey my 39 years as a schoolmaster, the more I am convinced that what matters is men—good men—and not materials.' Mr. Hoare went on to express his grateful thanks to the most co-operative body of parents, and to the team of masters and other staff—'a most important asset of any school'. He said that he was sure that his successor, Mr. Duncan McCallum, would keep the flag flying high at Strathallan. Strathallan was indeed fortunate to get a man well known already as an outstanding schoolmaster.

After presenting the prizes, Sir George commented that although people did not like working, a deep satisfaction was to be found when a task was successfully completed. He urged the boys to 'Be adventurous, inquire, experiment, question,' although he was not telling the boys to 'go on the booze, chase after girls, or experiment with drugs.' However, there were avenues which could be explored with impunity. They could get to know about people, ideas and life generally. He finished by saying how proud he was in having played a part in getting Mr. and Mrs. Hoare to Strathallan.

The customary Speech Day concert followed the Prizegiving, and in the afternoon there were Science, Dancing and Pipe Band displays, and the Music Society gave a short concert. The new dining-hall, where tea was served for the first time, was hung with paintings, some of which were later to go on show in Perth City Art Gallery.

After tea, at a special presentation ceremony, Mr. Fulton spoke of the Headmaster's outstanding qualities and praised Mrs. Hoare's charm and her feminine contribution to the life of the School in making people feel welcome at Strathallan. He presented Mr. and Mrs. Hoare with a cheque from the parents and old boys, and wished them both a long and happy retirement.

A short chapel service and the Sunset Parade followed, after which Half Term officially began.



Beating the Retreat—Speech Day, 1970.

SPEECH DAY PRIZES

The Smith Cup for Captain of the School	A. D. G. Duncan
Houston Prize for All-Round Merit	A. D. G. Duncan
Dux	T. F. Hubbard

Classics	N. J. B. Fielding
French	A. G. Hopkins
History	M. J. N. Steele
Mathematics	I. W. Gordon
Chemistry	R. B. Shanks
Chemistry Research	R. C. Fergie
Biology	D. R. Barns Graham
Physics	I. D. Lewis
Music	J. H. R. Parker
Art	K. M. Burnett
Geography Fieldwork	A. G. R. Main
German	S. G. Evans
History Essay	{ N. J. B. Fielding
	{ J. D. D. Ingram
Art Essay	{ A. M. Duff
	{ R. A. Rodger
Latin Prose	D. M. Findlay
Drawing Prize	K. M. Cassels
Physics Essay	R. N. McIntyre

The following prizes were not awarded: English; Economics; French Essay; Biology Project.

The following prizes were awarded at the end of the Summer Term :

Form Prizes Form I: A. R. Peddie.
Form II: P. D. Hunter.
Form III-Inter: J. W. Lyburn.
Form IIIC: G. W. Linton.
Form IIIB: W. D. R. Wallace.
Form IIIB: R. P. Kerr.
Form 111A: A. N. Hartley.
Form IVC: J. J. McQueen.
Form IVB: H. M. Berrie.
Form IV-Inter: I. A. Jamieson.

LIBRARY

Changes, due to the foundation of Leburn House and the subsequent re-organisation of dormitories, have meant that the Library has almost doubled in size this year. We have taken over what used to be Nicol's senior dormitory, enabling us to move the Lubbock Collection, together with the History, English and Geography sections out of the 'old' library. To prevent the confusion that always comes with new establishments, it was decided to call the new part—which has working accommodation for twenty-eight people—the 'Library Reading Room' while the original part remains 'The Library.'

With more room, many more books—and a few new magazines—have been introduced and it is evident that the Library is being used to a greater extent, especially by Juniors, who find it, perhaps, their only sanctuary. New autobiographies on Henriess VII and VIII, and an excellent range of economics books, are amongst the most conspicuous additions to the shelves, together with the indispensable Guinness Book of Records, and new magazines cater for golf, skiing and squash enthusiasts.

A carpet in the 'Library' has silenced the disturbing noise of steel-tipped heels on a wooden floor and two wall clocks have also been added.

Further to this, newspapers are now available in the Library: five dailies—*The Scotsman*, *The Glasgow Herald*, *The Times*, *The Telegraph* and *The Dundee Courier*—and on Sundays, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sunday Telegraph* and *The Observer*. While the majority of its users treat the Library sensibly and with respect, it is a pity that there remain a few who leave newspapers and magazines strewn about the floor and who are unwilling to replace some of the larger volumes which they have brought down from a top shelf. With more books—and therefore more to be done—more librarians have been required, and the number this year has risen to nine: one for Leburn, and two for each of the other houses.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr. Williams for all his work in ordering and cataloguing books, the librarians for their co-operation in what is often a very thankless job, and those non-librarians who so willingly gave their time to help in the all-important annual check.

T.K.L.

Head Librarian : T. K. Lunan
Assistant Librarians : D. R. Barns Graham
A. W. Bethune.
*N. S. Drummond (Summer: J. M. Dods)
S. G. Evans.
N. J. B. Fielding.
I. W. Gordon.
M. J. N. Steele.
A. L. Stirling.

*N. S. Drummond was Head Librarian until Spring 1970.

CIVIC LECTURES 1969-70

Lectures on a variety of topics were again arranged for members of the Sixth Form during the Winter Term, 1969, and the Spring Term, 1970. 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.

Col. Sir John Gilmour, D.S.O., M.P. : *Parliamentary Government*.
C. W. Michie, Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E. : *University Entrance*.
J. M. Roy, Esq. : *The Scottish Stock Exchange*.
J. McIntosh Patrick, Esq., R.S.A., R.O.I. : *Landscape Painting*.
D. A. V. Aldridge, Esq. : *Hotels in the Economy of Scotland*.
W. A. Jamieson, Esq., M.I.P.R. : *The Problems of Establishing a New Town*.
A. H. Martin, Esq. : *Local Government*.
C. S. Campbell, Esq., F.R.C.S., Ed. : *The History of Footwear and its Clinical Effects*.
L. B. Young, Esq., M.A., LL.B., M.Ed. : *Educational Administration*.
J. D. Burrowes, Esq. : *Social Work in Perth*.
P. Bonsell, Esq., B.Sc., A.R.I.C.S., A.M.T.P.I. : *Town and Country Planning*.
A. H. Ensor, Esq. : *Banking in Society*.
R. A. Peacock, Esq. : *Bridging the Gap between the Academic and Business World*.

ST. ANDREWS NIGHT

The 30th November once again saw the gym in lighter vein, but how gentlemanly was the dancing, how combed the hair. This year we were delighted to welcome not only a few members of Staff and their wives, but also a party of girls from Kilgraston who added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening, and whose smart tartan sashes and engaging smiles turned even our most elephantine prancers into near-sylphs.

Everyone very much enjoyed the dancing, though they were more than ready to sit down for a short rest while Chrystal, Ingram, Langford C. D. and Wilson, R. J., gave a display of Highland Dancing. After more Dances we were entertained again by the Pipes and Drums, under P M. Mitchell. They played a long set and were greeted with very well deserved applause. Their excellent performance proved many long hours of practice. A final Eightsome and Dashing White Sergeant brought the evening to a close. The music was on tape this year, but thanks to Barclay and Fergie, who put in a lot of work, it was loud and clear.

Before the girls went home we had refreshments in the Dining-Hall entrance, and we thank the Housekeeper and her Staff very much for all the trouble they went to.

The Headmaster and Mrs. Hoare have always given the greatest of encouragement to our St. Andrew's Night, and I am glad to think that on their last visit, Mrs. Hoare probably escaped with fewer bruises than ever before.

T.C.G.F.

REVIEW OF HAYN'S CREATION

From all the pessimistic predictions of some of the participants, one might have imagined that the 'Representation of Chaos' which opens this work would be, in effect, maintained throughout, and that nobody would be able to say with Haydn, at the climax of the performance, 'Achieved is the glorious work!'

In the event, of course, these gloomy forebodings were not entirely justified. During the last fortnight of term, as a result of intensive squad-training and almost unprecedented frequency of rehearsal, it was ensured that the finished article would figure prominently among Strathallan's notable musical offerings. Indeed, the actual performances were of a remarkable standard considering the numbers of the School and the difficulty of the work, and due credit must be given to all concerned.

Not that all was sweetness, light and perfection. Despite the zealous efforts of the leader, the young string section of the orchestra was weaker in tone and accuracy than for some years,

and the brass were too frequently inaccurate, Weak when lacking in faith, or obtrusive, when confident. These slight faults were more than atoned for by some remarkably mature woodwind playing, among which a flute and an oboe deserve special praise.

Inaccuracy, particularly of timing, was also, surprisingly, an occasional fault of the soloists, who otherwise performed with considerable distinction:—Mrs. Gray singing with her usual sparkling skill and subtle tonal variations, James Blair matching the colour of his appearance with some very fine passages, particularly in 'In native worth'? and A. W. Bethune contributing some excellent, if rather monochrome, singing in support. On the first night they tended to be rather obscured by the orchestra on occasions, but this seemed to have been rectified by the second evening.

Any performance of such a work must rely, ultimately, on the ability of the chorus. Here the School was indeed fortunate, for the choir performed the difficult music very successfully indeed, even coping remarkably well with the fugato passages which close each section of the work. It was particularly satisfying to hear the choral passages performed with such good tone (although on the first night some of them were effectively destroyed by the husky and reluctant accompaniment of the school) and feeling for the music.

Though one may carp at certain aspects of the performance, it was nevertheless a fine one when considered in its entirety. For this, Mr. West cannot be praised too highly. He coaxed a very good performance from an adequate choir, and an adequate performance from a largely young and inexperienced orchestra. Nor should we forget Mr. Marshall, whose skilful accompaniment on the organ made such a valuable contribution to the evening's entertainment.

'Achieved is the glorious work', the oratorio ends, 'The Lord beholds it, and is pleased.' Indeed, I am sure He is, and in His omniscience will forgive all minor blemishes, and prefer to award 100% for effort and for the excellent spirit in which the work was performed.

Anon.

HOUSE NOTES

FREELAND

School Offices were held by the following : Captain of School, Captain of Cricket, Secretary of Science Society—A. D. G. Duncan ; School Prefect, Captain of Rugby and Under Officer, C.C.F.—P. D. C. Warburton ; School Prefect, i/c Orchestra, Librarian—N. J. B. Fielding ; Secretary of Music Society, Librarian, Editor of *Strathallian*—T. K. Lunan ; Assistant Editor of *Strathallian*—J. D. Herbert ; Captain of Highland Dancing—H. J. Chrystal.

Only the Captain played regularly for the First XV and Freeland lost all three Senior House matches. The Colts were narrowly defeated but Freeland won the Second House Matches and the House League.

Freeland were represented in the Hockey XI by N. J. B. Fielding, D. A. Rutherford, and D. N. F. Pennie, who also got a Scottish Schoolboy Cap. A. D. G. Duncan captained the School Second XI, and G. L. MacEwan also played for the Summer XI. Freeland shared the Hockey Cup with Ruthven.

Freeland were represented in the Cricket XI by A. D. G. Duncan, D. A. Rutherford, P. D. C. Warburton, and S. D. Lowden but in the House competition lost its share of the cricket cup.

The House won the Music Competition convincingly, coming first in the solos, first equal in the orchestra section and first in the choir section. D. N. F. Pennie won the Senior Victor Ludorum, J. H. Shedden a Piping Cup, and Speech Day Prizes were won by A. D. G. Duncan, N. J. B. Fielding, J. D. D. Ingram and D. M. Findlay.

House Colours were awarded to J. F. Nielsen and G. L. MacEwan and the following were House Prefects: G. L. MacEwan, D. N. F. Pennie, D. A. Rutherford, J. D. D. Ingram, T. K. Lunan, T. Fleming and P. J. Hunter.

L.P.R.S.

House Captains of Sport

Rugby: P. D. C. WARBURTON

Cricket: A. D. G. DUNCAN

Boxing, Hockey & Athletics:

D. N. F. PENNIE

Music & Squash: N. J. B. FIELDING

Swimming: R. A. JENKINS

Shooting: B. S. WILLIAMSON

Tennis: J. F. NIELSEN

Sailing and Ski-ing:

D. M. FINDLAY

LEBURN

The House came into being in September 1969. The House was officially named and opened by Mrs. Leburn who presented the House crest. Leburn consists at present of a Housemaster who served time in Riley and Ruthven, a House Tutor (Mr. McKinlay) who is an ex-Captain of Nicol, two prefects (Gall and Stirling) both from Nicol and fifteen junior boys, five of whom were in Riley. We will be joined in September by two more prefects (Whyte and Finlay) from Ruthven and Simpson respectively. The House therefore consists of a very cosmopolitan group considered in the School context and one hopes that this will produce a successful community. At least Freeland won't be to blame if it isn't!

The House is accommodated at present entirely in the main School buildings. The dormitory and common-room are both parts

of the old Dining-Hall. The 'wash-corridor' is in the old servery and the strip rooms in the old kitchens. Next term another intake of new boys will put the numbers in the House above thirty and we will take over one more dormitory. By the time this report appears in print there should be signs of a new study block emerging in the vicinity of the squash courts. Once this building is completed the house will be numerically on a par with the others.

There are obvious disadvantages to having been a basically one-age group House, all of them juniors, but the House has been able to function in most respects as any other. The only inter-House competitions which were not entered were tennis and music. We were prepared to enter the music competition in fact, with an orchestra of three drummers, a piper and one violinist but when, owing to processes of natural change, the number of boys in the House who sang in the School choir was reduced to one it was felt that our choral section would not be very strong.

It was fortunate that on the day of the preliminary round of the Junior House rugger competition there were no boys 'off-games' so the House was able to field a team of fifteen as originally selected, but even so we lost to Nicol—it would be unfair to blame the referee for this. There was rather more success on the cricket field where we beat Freeland and Simpson. We were also in the final of the Junior Volley-Ball competition. D. R. Nicol came second in the Junior Cross-country and Boxing medals were won by W. D. McIntosh and Wallace. At the end of the Summer Term the first cup was won for the House by Wolfe for Senior Drumming. Linton, Lyburn and Wallace also took three of the four Third Form class prizes. Perhaps more important is the fact that boys from Leburn have represented the School in all the major sports at Under-14½ level.

So the 'new House' has now been in existence for a whole school year. It all seems to have gone quite smoothly and without any real disasters. Gall and Stirling have done well to create a House spirit and identity in this year. It is to be hoped that before long Leburn will not be considered as something of a peculiarity in the House system, but will be able to take part fully in all house activities.

F.S.Mc.N.

NICOL

House Captain : M. J. N. STEELE

School Prefect : J. M. BURNETT

House Prefects :

R. A. BROADWOOD, D. J. McBRIDE, J. G. EDWARDS, D. R. BROWN,
M. J. REID, J. T. THOMSON

There were 75 boys in the House in the Summer Term, of whom no fewer than 37 now have or have had brothers in the

House. We have only twelve leavers and a record number of boys returning for a third year in the VIth Form, and where they are to go in the Study Block is anyone's guess.

In the Easter Term, D. M. Ormerod and P. R. P. Thomson went on an exchange to Humboldt Gymnasium, Berlin, and we had great pleasure in welcoming Uwe Engelhardt and Klaus-Dieter Gauler in their place. Our boys were guests of the German boys' parents who were extremely kind to them, and on their visit they thus had luxury, long hair and parties. Our two visitors had to put up with School discipline, dormitories etc., but they both played Rugger for the House and saw a 'wee bit' of Scotland. They were featured by Fiona in *The Dundee Courier*. We much enjoyed having them and hope to see them back in Scotland again.

After four years as House Tutor, Mr. R. C. B. Mole is leaving and we wish him every happiness and success at Hardyes', which is in good cricketing country. He has been a first-class History teacher and an inspiring coach of cricket and hockey. The interest in, and success at, Squash in the House is almost entirely due to his inspiration and we are most grateful to him for all his work on our behalf. The Housemaster and House Captain presented him with a Port Decanter and silver label on behalf of the House, which we hope will be much appreciated and well used. His place is to be filled by Mr. Glimm.

The House bought two pictures by boys (not in Nicol) in the Art Exhibition in Perth. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Hoare very much for the loan of pictures which we have had in the Junior Common Room for some years, and hope that they will have a long and happy retirement. I imagine there will not be any cricket nets at Orwell House, but we can assure them that the pictures are well used to fielding oranges.

We were very proud that the Headmaster's last official function was to present J. M. Burnett with the Athletics Cup, which we won convincingly on Sports Day, not least because eleven boys got six or more standards, and this was backed up by good performances by our individual competitors. Burnett, McBride and Fraser were outstanding and we congratulate McBride on winning the Gold Medal for Javelin at the Scottish Schoolboys' event and going on to Dublin to represent Scotland. Fraser was Middle Victor Ludorum by a very narrow squeak.

Edwards, Reid and Sneddon represented the School in the Bath Cup and were largely responsible for the outstanding success in the Swimming Cup which we won easily, but they were backed up by an excellent team in which Marshall featured a lot. Reid M. was Senior Victor Ludorum. Delbarre had gained the Middle backstroke record through the term.

We shared the Cup for the Senior Cricket; unfortunately the Ruthven match which would have been the decider was rained off,

and we won the Junior cricket convincingly. Chalmers took 20 wickets over the four matches—four because Leburn nobly fielded a side. Incidentally we lost our first House match to Leburn in the newly established volley-ball competition.

Masson guided a very fierce side to victory in the Hockey League Cup and we also gained the Shooting, Senior Squash and Junior Squash Cups, and Gray was the winner of the Senior Piping. We were uniformly 2nd in all three Rugger competitions.

We had seven boys who were captains of School games: Broadwood (Boxing), Brown (Shooting), Mahon (Sailing), Edwards (Swimming), Scroggie (Squash), Burnett (Athletics) and Wright (Fencing). I. R. McLean was Pipe-Major and M. J. N. Steele was Coxswain in charge of the Navy Section of the C.C.F.

It is interesting to note that at least 44 boys in the House have represented the School in one team or another in sporting matches against other schools.

Governors' Prizes on Speech Day were won by M. Steele (History), I. D. Lewis and R. N. McIntyre (Physics), and A. M. Duff (Art). M. Steele and A. W. Bethune have been Librarians.

We are particularly sorry to say good-bye to M. Steele, who has been a scholarly and outstanding House Captain, to whom we wish every success at Downing College, Cambridge, and to J. M. Burnett the Vice-Captain who has represented the School in so many sports and who has done so much for the House.

Nicol Old Boys' seem to be getting married at an alarming rate, and we wish them all every happiness. While some of our 18-year-olds voted in the General Election for the first time, none have asked to bring back their wives—yet.

T.C.G.F.

The following boys were awarded their House Colours:

BROADWOOD, McBRIDE, EDWARDS, REID M. J. and GALL (Leburn).

House Captains of Sport

Rugger and Boxing:

R. A. BROADWOOD

Cricket: C. D. STEELE

Hockey & Athletics:

J. M. BURNETT

Cross Country: M. J. N. STEELE

Swimming: J. G. EDWARDS

Shooting: D. R. BROWN

Squash: C. G. SCROGGIE

Tennis: J. T. THOMSON

Skiing & Sailing:

I. J. C. MAHON

Music: A. W. BETHUNE

RUTHVEN

The year began in fine style with the news that all our university candidates, twelve of them, had been successful; and at Christmas N. S. Drummond was offered a place at Cambridge. We had considerable academic success later in the year with six Governors' Prizes awarded to members of the House.

In sport we have continued to enjoy all-round success. The Ski Cup remains in its traditional place, and while we had to share the Cross-Country Cup this year, prospects are excellent for an outright win again next year. In this competition R. H. McQueen, Waterston, and C. R. Hay won their respective races, and in convincing style. Eight other trophies came our way, all of which reflect great credit on those concerned. Perhaps the finest performance came from our Junior Rugger XV, who came from behind—well behind—both in the semi-final and the final; and eleven of them will still be under age next year.

In my report last year I mentioned a few dissidents. These, alas, have still been with us, and it is very regrettable if so much of good achieved by so many should be diminished by the lack of co-operation on the part of a few. Ultimately it is the individual dissident himself who is the loser; and if by the time this report is published our 'A' level results do not bear comparison with those of the previous year, I shall not be in the least surprised. And I hope the lesson will not be lost.

D.A.R.W.

Heads of House:

N. S. DRUMMOND (left at Easter)
S. G. EVANS

House Prefects:

B. J. PICKEN, A. G. FERGUSON, A. G. R. MAIN, R. I. WILLIAMSON, J. M. SMITH.

House Captains

Rugby and Cross-country: S. G. EVANS	Swimming: D. P. L. McLEOD
Hockey: R. I. WILLIAMSON	Tennis: A. G. FERGUSON
Cricket: B. J. PICKEN	Sailing & Skiing: A. G. R. MAIN
Boxing: J. M. SMITH	Squash and Music:
Athletics: R. H. McQUEEN	J. H. R. PARKER

House Colours are held by:

B. J. PICKEN, S. G. EVANS, A. G. FERGUSON, R. I. WILLIAMSON, A. G. R. MAIN, J. M. SMITH, R. H. McQUEEN, K. M. BURNETT, J. M. DODS, D. A. S. WHYTE.

SIMPSON HOUSE

House Captains: D. M. Holmes and I. W. Gordon

House Prefects:

A. G. MACKIE, M. H. W. CRAN, A. J. DOWNS, N. M. HEGGIE, A. B. WALKER

Speech Day Prizes were won by D. R. Barns-Graham (Biology), I. W. Gordon (Mathematics), R. C. Fergie (Chemistry Research), and K. M. Cassels (Drawing). I. W. Gordon has won a place at Downing College, Cambridge, and returns to attempt a Scholarship; Barns-Graham and Fergie will be back to get their places. All three leave in December.

We won the House Rugger Cup, the Tennis Cup, and Individual Cups in Shooting (J. A. McArthur), Tennis (A. W. Lawson), and Junior Drumming (I. N. Caskie). D. M. Holmes won a Gold Medal in the Scottish Schoolboys' High Jump and went on to compete in the Schoolboy International.

House Colours were awarded to A. G. Mackie, D. M. Holmes, A. B. Walker, T. R. MacLeod, N. O. Sherington, D. F. Wallace, N. M. Heggie, I. W. Gordon, and A. W. Lawson.

It has been a better than average year in work and average on the games field. One might think that the principal house sports were ski-ing and playing the guitar. (No study is properly furnished without at least two guitars, the thick ones pleasantly melodious and the thin black sneaky ones absolutely deafening.) The house choir continues to do its best to sing in several keys at once, while in the labs R. C. Fergie maintains the endless saga of proving that he could put a broad bean into a tin-can if he wanted to.

D.E.Y.

NOTES ON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

It is not always possible to get a complete picture of the activities in the School for this magazine. Try as they may, the editorial staff of this magazine are unable to prod, bully or cajole some secretaries into contributing. If only societies would elect secretaries who are literate! If, then, you are a reader who goes and compares this magazine with the last one just to see what we have missed it will be no good telling us there is nothing on the Aeromodelling Club or the Car Mechanics Club. The first has been functioning, so I am told, and the second certainly has, because it has constantly disturbed me whilst I have been trying to work.

This year, then, I am giving a resume of some of the societies that have been functioning and publishing fuller accounts of the main ones. The Ballroom Dancing people have been going strong and to fairly late hours judging by the time that the mini-bus is waiting to take some of the Kilgraston girls back. Those of age or in the Sixth Form have also been able to further their social worth by learning to drive. Car driving lessons have regularly been given on Sunday afternoons. Whether the time will come when we have boys demanding garages as well as studies we don't know.

In the middle school a Record Club has been flourishing despite opposition from that television set. There also seem to have been, to judge from the noise (if they will pardon the expression) one or more groups functioning. On a more serious note the Scripture Union has been having regular meetings at its usual time and they have asked us to thank their visiting speakers Rev. G. Martin, Rev. G. B. Gorrie, Mr. J. Briggs, and Kenneth King (O.S.) for coming to speak to them. I. D. Lewis and D. M. Holmes have been running this society with the aid of Mr. Grigsby.

Recently, however, some opposition has sprung up for the Scripture Union in the form of a society which calls itself the Semi-Zen Macrobiotic Society. C. D. G. Laidlaw and N. O. Sherington run this society and they have this to say of it:

This term has seen the beginning of a completely new society in the Strathallan range of societies, namely the Semi-Zen Macrobiotic Society. Membership has remained constant throughout this, its first, year; and its usefulness has been enhanced by the addition of a Yoga class. Among its other activities there is a meditation group, which meets in the School Chapel, and a fitness group (two circuits per week). The aim of the society is to cultivate the ability of the mind with an extra-fitness of the body—though this takes time. The name derives from Zen-Buddhism which is an off-shoot of ordinary Buddhism and it bases its originality on the foundation of the two concepts of 'prajna' and 'koruna' (love and wisdom, respectively). A macrobiotic is someone who wishes to lengthen his life span by good physical and mental health.

We understand that Mr. Glimm is giving some help to this society. If it catches on we can see Mr. Henderson having more customers than he can cope with.

The Photographic Society has continued to exist in its new quarters we understand, and Barns-Graham, the Secretary, and A. L. Stirling, the Treasurer, have been active in collecting together photographs for this magazine. The Society as always, is still bedevilled by the lack of equipment, particularly since N. S. Drummond unkindly took his enlarger home with him when he left. The club's own enlarger is apparently in an advanced state of disrepair and funds, as usual, are low. Barns-Graham, in his report, says that the chemical supply is regularly depleted, and hints darkly that someone might be drinking it (well it won't be the members of the Semi-Zen Macrobiotic Society).

The Fishing Club is always one of those clubs that doesn't seem to meet—except round the Pond. There have certainly been several active fishermen in the School, and they managed to beat the Strathallians at Loch Leven again. A. G. Marshall had the best bag of two fish—one of 16 oz. and one of 12. Unfortunately towards the end of term the fish in the Pond caught a disease, due, I am told, to there not being sufficient movement in the water. The club wishes to thank the retiring Chaplain, Rev. Miller, for his help and guidance in running the club. Mr. Cowie, the School Bursar, has become the new president.

The Young Farmers' Club must have had some of the most imaginative posters advertising meetings this year. It certainly gave the impression of being a vigorous society. Its Secretary, D. I. Howie, says that the number of members was small but that its meetings were well attended. Outside speakers were Mr. C. Hay, who gave a talk on Curling, Mr. A. Logan (O.S.) who gave a talk

on his trip to New Zealand, and Mr. Whyte and Mr. Duncan who talked about and demonstrated the butchering of pigs. Several films were also shown at the meetings. A. G. R. Main was Chairman of this Society and R. W. Sproat, Treasurer.

The Astronomical Society, another of the Rev. Miller's charges, had two outside visits; one to the observatory at Dundee and the other to the observatory at St. Andrews. Both visits were much enjoyed. A. L. Stirling, the Secretary, reports that films were not shown this year, and for this reason he thinks there were fewer members. Far greater use, though, was made of the telescope, and encouragingly the Society has several junior members. Barns-Graham was Chairman of this Society and D. J. H. Scott, Treasurer.

For our four main activity reports we have, first, music (there are not many places in this School where one can go without being reminded of music and if the pipe band is playing there are none), both under the direction of Mr. West and the Music Society. This year, under greater difficulties with regard to resources than he will admit to, Mr. West embarked upon Haydn's 'Creation', a review of which appears earlier in this magazine. Then we have a report from the Science Society, which has always been one of the most active Societies in Strathallan, although attendances now are not so great as they were six years ago, followed by a report on Debating. Finally we have a report and some photographs of Highland Dancing.

MUSIC

For the orchestra this has been a difficult year, since its backbone, the violins, have been with one exception, very junior and inexperienced. Within one term of joining the orchestra three violinists were having to cope with the accompaniment to 'The Creation'. But they worked very hard and by the second performance were beginning to play with confidence. Next year we should reap some benefit of their experience should we put on an opera. The second orchestra has advanced considerably over last year and played very well on Speech Day. The third orchestra has been rehearsing regularly but has not been heard publicly.

The strongest section of the choir this year, both musically and vocally, had been the basses and most of them will be returning next year. The tenors and altos have been rather weak in quantity of sound and the trebles, though not usually weak in volume, have not been notable for their powers of concentration. However, the choir performed 'The Creation' with plenty of energy and enthusiasm, and have sung some anthems particularly well—notably the two anthems at the Speech Day services.

Programmes of the various concerts given follow and also a list of the anthems sung in Chapel during the course of the year.

INFORMAL CONCERT

Thursday, 11th December, 1969

7.45 p.m. in the Music Room

1. *Orchestra*: Czech Rustic Dance *Smetana*
2. *'Cello solo*:
P. J. Hunter
Praeludium *Bach*
3. *Flute quartet*
G. M., N. Fielding, M. M. Norval, P. J. Hunter
Minuet and Trio from the Quartet No. 1 in D *Haydn*
4. *Tenors and Basses*
Guitar accomp. D. M. Holmes, G. G. Robbie
The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy *West Indian, trad.*
Every Star shall Sing a Carol *Sydney Carter*
Standing in the Rain *Sydney Carter*
Rise up, Shepherds and Follow *Spiritual*
5. *Orchestra*
Slavonic Dance No. 8 *Dvorak*
Ritual Fire Dance, from 'Love the Magician' *de Falla*
6. *Wind trio*
G. L. MacEwen, N. M. Heggie, A. W. Bethune
Allegro, from the Divertimento No. 1 in B flat *Mozart*
7. *Second Orchestra*
Air, from the 'Peasant Cantata' *Bach*
8. *Tenors and Basses*
Daniel Jazz *Herbert Chappell*
9. *Orchestra*
Hungarian March, from the 'Damnation of Faust' *Berlioz*

CONCERT

in

The Village Hall on Friday, 22nd May, 1970

at 7.30 p.m.

In aid of Village Hall Funds

ORCHESTRA

Water Music—Handel

STRATHALLAN SWINGLES

Bourree fo Bach

Sleepytime Bach

JAZZ GROUP

FOLK SINGERS

ORCHESTRA

'Folk songs from Somerset'—R. Vaughan Williams

INTERVAL

During the interval the Pipe Band will play outside the Hall

HIGHLAND DANCERS

BRASS GROUP

Prince of Denmark's March—J. Clarke

St. Anthony Chorale—Haydn

PIANO SOLO

Slow movement from the 'Sonata Pathetique'—Beethoven

JAZZ GROUP

TENORS AND BASSES

The Daniel Jazz—Herbert Chappell

SPEECH DAY CONCERT PROGRAMME

1. *Orchestra.*
3 movements from the 'Water Music' *Handel*
2. *Strathallan Swingles*
(a) 'Sleepers Awake' *Bach*
(b) Bourée *Bach*
3. *Brass Quartet*
(a) St. Anthony's Chorale *Haydn*
(b) Prince of Denmark's March *Jeremiah Clarke*
4. *Orchestra*
(a) Promenade from 'Pictures from an Exhibition' *Mussorgsky* (arr. Stone)
(b) 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' from Peer Gynt *Grieg*
5. *Second Orchestra*
German Dance *Beethoven*
6. *Tenors and Basses*
Daniel Jazz *Herbert Chappell*
7. *Orchestra*
March: 'Folk Songs from Somerset' *Vaughan Williams* (arr. Jacob)

National Anthem

Anthems sung in Chapel during the year have been: Laudate Nomen Domini (Tye); 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' (Bach); 'Almighty and Everlasting God' (Gibbons); 'Turn back O Man' (Holst); 'Rejoice In The Lord' (Purcell); 'Brother James' Air'; 'The truth from above (Vaughan Williams); 'Sleepers Awake' (Bach); 'Christ is Arisen' (Hassler); 'Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer' (Mozart); Sanctus from 'Harmoniemesse' (Haydn); Jesu, Rex Admirabilis (Palestrina); Kyrie from Missa Brevis (Britten); 'Let Thy Merciful Ears' (Mudd); 'Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah"', (Handel); and Gelineau Psalms 8, 23 and 150.

Music Examinations:

The following have passed Associated Board Exams:

- Grade 5: Cassels, K. M. (Flute); Low, D. R. D. (Flute); Elder, R. A. (Theory).
- Grade 4: Gillanders, F. G. R. (Clarinet); Johnston, L. M. (Clarinet); Robbie, G. G. (Trombone); Hunter, P. J. ('Cello); Ling, T. S. (Violin).
- Grade 3: Powrie, R. A. D. (Flute); Lowden, S. D. (Oboe); Rodger, R. A. (Oboe); Barnet, J. G. (Clarinet); Ormerod, J. I. (Clarinet); Rennie, I. B. (Clarinet); Leishmann, S. (Trumpet); Lowden, D. S. (Trombone); Elder, R. A. (Horn).
- Grade 2: Hunter, P. D. (Violin); Baxter, C. H. (Violin); Pate, D. H. (Violin); Brown, G. I. (Violin); Kirkwood, J. M. S. (Theory).
- Grade 1: Paisley, J. (Violin); Cameron, D. A. (Piano); Fingland, J. A. E. (Piano); Fingland, D. A. (Piano); Smith, W. J. G. ('Cello); Wilkinson, A. P. (Theory); Lawrence, A. B. (Theory).

MUSIC SOCIETY

Compared with the last two dynamic years, the Society's fourth year saw a rather less ambitious programme. Traditionally this Society leans towards serious music, but although it should cater for minority tastes (and, let's face it, classical music here is a minority interest), the small audiences attracted on the occasions when well-known classical musicians are invited to appear are a poor compliment to the performers and do not justify the considerable expense involved.

In line with the increasing, and judging by audience figures, trend away to the more popular from pure classical music, we were pleased to welcome in the Autumn Term, Alan Beers ('cello) and Bob Lawson (guitar)—who gave a varied folk, poetry and blues programme. This met with warm applause from the large audience in the Sixth Form Hall.

Then, since our only inheritance from the previous year was a considerable deficit, two successful pop evenings were held to make us, at any rate, solvent.

In the Spring Term, Mr. Marshall gave fortnightly organ recitals of a very high quality to a dishearteningly small audience. A splendid concert was also given in the Music Room by Mr. J. Moulard Begbie and Mr. G. West. By popular request, Josh MacRae re-visited us in February, accompanied by Jim Herd from Edinburgh who really deserves wide recognition for his own songs. The audience was even larger and even more impressed with their traditional and contemporary folk blend than the 1969 audience.

On Speech Day we gave a short concert; those taking part being A. W. Bethune (piano), P. J. Hunter ('cello), F. G. R. Gillanders (clarinet), J. H. R. Parker (piano) and Mr. G. Marshall (flute).

Chairman: T. K. Lunan.

Secretary: J. D. Herbert.

Treasurer: J. D. D. Ingram.

Committee Member: A. W. Bethune.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Although the Science Society has had to function in competition with Saturday night television for the first time, it has remained the School's largest Society with 84 members.

No less than twenty-six films, on subjects ranging from chlorinated solvents to lobster fishing, were shown during the course of the year and the Society is grateful to those who have lectured to it, including Dr. Tattersall (Forensic Odontology) and

Mr. Pollard (Problems of Tropical Agriculture). R. C. Fergie, D. M. Holmes and D. R. Barns-Graham each delivered a brief lecture at one meeting shortly after the start of the session.

The School were invited as guests of the Society to a spectacular and, indeed, world-famous lecture given in the Gym by Dr. B. D. Shaw (Senior Lecturer in Chemistry at the University of Nottingham) during the Summer Term. The demonstrations incorporated in this climax to the year's programme, were both blinding and deafening and even Mr. Barker was heard to exclaim at one stage, 'God, he can't do *that!*'

The Society is most grateful to Mr. Barker for his encouragement, and to the Secretary, who took time out from his other duties to ensure that the year's full schedule ran smoothly.

Office-Bearers :

Chairman : G. L. MacEwen.

Secretary : A. D. G. Duncan.

Treasurer : J. L. Russell

Committee : N. M. Heggie, R. N. McIntyre.

DEBATING

For yet another year the Debating Society has flourished. Though rather fewer debates have been held, all have received great support and participation was on occasions heated. Success was at last achieved in the Inter-School Debating Competition. Overcoming all obstacles—for example, chicken pox—C. D. Steele and N. Fielding won the first round, defeating Kilgraston, Perth Academy and Brechin High School. The motion was 'The Commonwealth Games are a waste of money'. We justified the Games through their value as, in the Duke of Edinburgh's words, 'the friendly games'. In the second round, S. Drummond and N. Fielding were faced with the equally stimulating motion 'Censorship should be abolished'. This time, however, the solid rationality of our speakers did not prevail over emotional tirades against Mrs. Mary Whitehouse and the dangers of encroachment on the freedom of individuals.

PIPES AND DRUMS

The band suffered the loss of P. M. Mitchell in the Spring Term, and so some re-shuffling (perhaps not in the literal sense) and re-shaping had to take place. The result was a young but very enthusiastic band, which was led by P.M. McLean. Necessarily, our results in the Glasgow and Edinburgh Competitions were disappointing. At Glasgow we came fourth, with Shedden taking



The School Highland Dancing Team.

second place in the Junior Solo competition. The East of Scotland Competition was held on home ground this year, but we were not able to do well enough, despite the encouraging audience.

As usual the band played at the St. Andrew's Night festivities, the General Inspection and Speech Day. We visited Abernethy Gala, and had three extra engagements—playing at St. Johnstone's ground during one of the home league games; an extra Retreat for the Prep. School Headmasters, and a performance at Dalhousie School.

Congratulations go to C. W. Gray in coming third at the Crieff Highland Games piping competition, and on being appointed ship's piper to H.M.S. Montrose during the summer holiday. We thank P.M. Sinclair and D. Sgt. Wilson for their enthusiastic and assiduous instruction and we hope to be able to get individual tuition from Mr. Sinclair now that he has closer ties with the School. Mr. Henderson, too, has given up much spare time to teach beginners and we thank him too.

The results of the School Competitions were as follows :

Senior Piping : C. W. Gray

Junior Piping : J. H. Shedden

Senior Drumming : C. C. Wolfe

Junior Drumming : D. Shortreed

HIGHLAND DANCING

Much enthusiasm has been shown by all although there has been little concrete reward among the Junior Group's efforts. Despite gloomy forecasts for the East of Scotland Schools Competition, M. J. A. Chrystal, M. G. Gordon, J. D. D. Ingram and C. D. Langford managed to scrape into third equal position with Dundee High School, and J. D. D. Ingram attained fourth place in the Solo Sword Dance.

Our St. Andrew's Night celebrations in the Winter Term, though a few days late, were as successful as usual : all the dancers did the Fling and H. J. A. Chrystal and J. D. D. Ingram the Sword Dance. In the Summer Term we first of all performed the Highland Fling and the Sword Dance at a concert in the Village Hall at Forgandenny, and then a week later gave our customary Speech Day display. The final public engagement was at the Abernethy Gala Day.

Our thanks go once again to Miss Farquhar for her excellent tuition and also to Pipe-Major Sinclair for playing the pipes at so many of our practices.



The School Highland Dancing Team.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

I was extremely sorry that Summer Camp had to be cancelled at a late date because of our being technically in quarantine, and I should like to apologise to all parents whose plans had to be changed at the last minute. I was very impressed by the number of parents who said to me at Sports Day how much they approved of their sons going to C.C.F. Camp, though I sometimes get the impression that they are not in full agreement with the views of their sons! Although Camp was to be no further away than Cultybraggan we had a good programme with watermanship, camping, firing and other training, and an exciting trip to Larkhill for one group. I'm sure it would have been enjoyed.

We did enjoy the Malta Camp, and are again grateful to all parents who so willingly forked out for their sons to go abroad. A short resume by a cadet from Tonbridge School appears separately, but I should like to thank all Officers from this and other Schools who went with us, The Devon and Dorset Regiment who were our hosts, and the Joint Cadet Executive who made it possible, as well as the cadets, who it appeared to me had a pretty good time, not wholly military. Even in Malta, the Convent at Kilgraston seemed to make its presence felt.

The Summer Term was particularly busy. The Flag Officer, Scotland and Northern Ireland, Rear-Admiral D. A. Dunbar Nasmith carried out the Annual Inspection on the 5th June, when he was met by a Guard of Honour of 60 cadets of all three sections. He visited the R.N. section on the Tay, saw the Army on the Assault Course, and on a demonstration of patrols, and the R.A.F. on the Range and in the pond. We also had a Retreat for him, but the sun had to set at 2 p.m. as the Band went off thereafter to Glasgow for the Competition.

Speech Day finished with Retreat as usual but we had an extra performance for the Prep School Headmasters who came to dine with us on the 4th June. This was the only performance that was really at the proper time of day, and we hope that the joy at the dinner and the sinking sun prevented them from seeing that the complete contingent had only left feet and left arms, for the marching was irregular, to say the least, unless perhaps I had had too good a dinner myself and did not see aright. The Pipes and Drums, the Buglers and the Naval Pipers on all occasions were excellent, as was the conduct of the parade by Coxswain Steele.

The Scottish Schools' C.C.F. Band Competition was held at Strathallan on 19th June and it was the most perfect day that could have been imagined. The setting was ideal and all arrangements went very smoothly. The Housekeeper did magnificent work in providing teas, and the Lower VIth were volunteered by me to run the proceedings, which entailed guiding visiting Schools,

marshalling players and even holding a bouquet. Though of course they grumbled at being chosen, they did their work extremely efficiently and secretly enjoyed doing it. The Massed Bands excelled themselves and were a real picture.

Our own Band had a very busy programme and in addition to their usual commitments they piped at two Farewells. One to Dalhousie School, where they went over at their final Cricket Match and played on the lawn, and four pipers piped out the Headmaster and Mrs. Hoare, from the Dining-Room after the final School lunch of term. This was the first time in 20 years that Mrs. Hoare had dined with the boys and it was at their own invitation. The School lined the paths from the Dining-Hall to the Lawn, and McLean, Mackie, Shedden and Gillanders led the way, in an unforgettable scene.

The shield donated by the Paterson brothers has been inscribed with the names of all Pipe-Majors and Leading Drummers since the Band began, and Old Boys concerned might be interested to see it. The Band has been flourishing under Pipe-Major McLean, and they have done a bit of trying to civilise their room with rugs and so forth.

We were one of the Schools in Scotland chosen for a visit by two senior Naval officers who were enquiring into all aspects of C.C.F. Naval sections. Chief Jeffreys trained a very smart Guard of Honour, and all round I felt that the R.N. section gave a very fine impression, not only of itself but of the School.

The Royal Scots Greys visited us on May 15th and brought some interesting equipment. Unfortunately the weather was so appalling that the helicopters could not come, and we heard a rumour that the full display was not there, thanks to Glenalmond's attentions earlier in the week, a rumour which of course we discounted!

The Army Proficiency Certificate got back to passes of the proper percentage, and exams in the other two sections have remained good. Visits by cadets have been paid to Sandhurst and to Larkhill and Otterburn for Artillery courses during the year and a large party went to Queen Victoria School to hear a lecture on Engineering in the Army.

Field Day and the normal weekly training continued as usual, and we are most grateful to H.M.S. Camperdown, the Cadet Training Team and H.Q. Air Cadets Scotland for their continued interest and regular assistance.

The Pre-Service have continued their activities and have lost the usual amount of camping equipment. We are most grateful to Mr. Birnie for having looked after them for a year and we are extremely sorry that he is leaving.

We also say good-bye to Sub-Lieutenant Downing who has been 2 i/c the Navy Section and who has been particularly active in out of door projects, not least the Assault Course and the Portmahomack Camp. On the sly he has also been a Marine Officer, spending very arduous week-ends and we wish him every happiness and success in the future.

T.C.G.F.

Senior Army Cadets :
U/O Warburton.
C.S.M. Broadwood.
Sgt. Burnett.
Sgt. Picken.
Sgt. Thomson.
Pipe-Major McLean.
Armourer—Cpl. Chalmers.

CAMP IN MALTA

Ten Officers and 100 Cadets from eleven different Schools were at C.C.F. Camp at Gheim Tuffieha, Malta, from 30th March to 13th April, 1970. Five of the Officers and 35 Cadets came from Strathallan. The 1st Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment were the hosts, and visits were also made to H.M.S. St. Angelo and R.A.F. Luga. All the Officers and Cadets were most grateful for the welcome they received from the troops of all three Services that they met. A short report of his impressions, written by Petty Officer Austin of Tonbridge School, follows.

'Playing soldiers ? Huh ! You wouldn't catch me at it.' So scoff those who have not tried it. Yet the strongest and the most prominent memory that I retain of this camp is of the Night Patrol Exercise. This, perhaps the most unrealistic, the least obviously practical of all our military activities, captured, at the time, almost everyone's imagination. There is something peculiarly stimulating about pitting one's wits both against a group of better-trained men, and against the surrounding darkness. There is something similarly exciting in seeing a well-aimed .5 tracer shell hit a target 800 metres away. Call it primitive if you must ; much of the training was on a very physical, non-intellectual level, but do not dismiss it as valueless. The very indefinable nature of the gain to the participant renders it pointless to criticise without personal experience.

And, if one is to carry out military training on a camp, as C.C.F. policy requires, what better backdrop against which to set it than the neighbouring islands of Malta and Gozo ? Sieges, scenery, the sea ; beer, birds and burial grounds ; cliffs, knights and catacombs—all these within easy reach aboard free transport. It would indeed be easy to pay double the money for a package holiday, only to see little or nothing more.

So what was it that went to make this camp particularly successful? Vigorous training, or relaxed sightseeing? Friendly co-operation, or Highlander v. Sassenach rivalry? Drill in the sun or dips in the sea? Our camp proved yet again the invincible might of that ultimate in British diplomacy—the compromise. Whatever your taste, it must surely have been catered for at some point during the fortnight.

‘No one can guarantee success in war, but only deserve it.’—
(*W. Churchill*)

We received our deserts.

Timothy Austin (Tonbridge)

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

Cox: M. J. N. Steele.

P.O.s.: D. J. McBride; S. G. Evans.

L.S.: Ingram, Scott, McKelvie, Herbert, Williamson, Gunn.

Following the ‘Green Fields’ Camp at Portmahomack in Ross-shire, the R.N. Section commenced training in September with considerable enthusiasm after a week spent virtually at sea.

The Field Day programme consisted of Nautical Training at H.M.S. Camperdown, Dundee, for the O.S. and A.B. classes, while the Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency Classes visited H.M.S. Condor at Arbroath. At H.M.S. Camperdown the junior cadets did sailing practice on whalers and received instruction on power boat control and maintenance. At H.M.S. Condor the senior cadets spent an interesting and instructive day visiting the various technical and maintenance workshops, where several aircraft and helicopters were under repair. Instruction on the new S.L.R. rifle completed the visit to Condor. Field Day training ended with a visit to the working model of the River Tay Estuary where an interesting talk was given by an official of the Dundee Harbour Trust.

In December 20 cadets passed their A.B. Test and 14 cadets their Proficiency Exams. C.P.O. Murray, one of our instructors from H.M.S. Camperdown, retired from the Navy, and the Section duly expressed their appreciation of his help by making him a small presentation.

Because of varied weather during most of the Winter and Spring Terms indoor training predominated. However, an unusual event at the start of the Spring Term was the visit of the C.C.F. Royal Navy Inspection Team. With some trepidation the R.N. Section awaited the visit of Captain Firth, R.N. and Commander Jenks, R.N. But thanks to the training of C.P.O. Jeffreys and new rifles lent by H.M.S. Condor, we were able to mount a Captain’s Guard which proved to be an effective beginning to the Inspection. The standard of smartness achieved both as regards drill and turn-

out was first class. The distinguished visitors then inspected the various classes under instruction.

During the Easter vacation several cadets attended courses on Submarine Acquaintance and Small Arms, while five cadets attended the C.C.F. Camp in Malta. Though training in Malta was basically of a military nature, a most enjoyable day was spent at H.M.S. St. Angelo, and a highlight of the Malta visit was the tour round Grand Harbour in Valetta, laid on by the Royal Navy.

General Inspection this year was carried out by Rear Admiral Dunbar Nasmith. The R.N. Section carried out training on the Tay, and the Inspecting Officer, on board the H.M.S. Camperdown pinnacle which was escorted by the Section's motor boat, inspected cadets in whalers and Enterprises. At Lairwell the Admiral inspected the Flag Guard before returning to Perth Harbour. The R.N. Section is most grateful to Perth Harbour Trust, Perth Sailing Club, and H.M.S. Camperdown for the various facilities connected with General Inspection.

Training during the Summer Term, while a certain amount of time had to be spent on General Inspection and Retreat practices, largely took place outdoors and the Section motor boat was used on the Tay as much as possible. The new G.R.P. Sailing Dinghy, which arrived at the end of term, will prove a first class training boat, especially as it is intended to use it for both sailing and pulling on the School pond.

It was unfortunate that, because of unavoidable circumstances, the sea-training camp at H.M.S. Raleigh in Plymouth had to be cancelled. However, Lt. Macleod and Flg. Off. Newbury took 12 cadets on an M.F.V. cruise on the Firth of Clyde from 19th to 25th August. The most envied cadet once School resumes will probably be A.B. Gray who is serving on H.M.S. Montrose for a month as ship's piper. He will be visiting Gibraltar, Tangiers and Lisbon during August and September.

After three years in the R.N. Section. Sub. Lieut. Downing is leaving Strathallan to take up another appointment. A keen and enthusiastic officer, he did much good work in the Section, notably in preparing the Assault Course and in running expedition training during camps both at Loch Ewe and Portmahomack.

At the end of another session we are grateful to Commander Scott and Lieut. Commander Briggs of H.M.S. Camperdown for so much assistance with training; also C.P.O.'s Machar and Jeffreys. When senior R.N. officers have visited Strathallan both Mr. and Mrs. Hoare have shown both interest and kindness in entertaining them. The R.N. Section thank them both most sincerely.

Promotions 1970-71

Coxswain: J. D. D. Ingram.

P.O.s: D. J. H. Scott; S. F. Gunn.

L.S.: Rodger, Duff, Mackenzie, Gall.

R.A.F. SECTION

This year the R.A.F. Section had its largest numbers ever of 63 cadets. Of this number, 47 cadets have passed their Advanced Proficiency Examination.

Field Day saw the Section divided into two parts for two quite different kinds of activity. R.A.F. Leuchars was unable to cope with a visit from us this year, so a party of junior cadets visited R.A.F. Turnhouse for Air Experience Flying. Unfortunately the rather unpleasant flying conditions prevented all but a few having their first flight in a Chipmunk. The senior part of the Section went for a day in the hills around Aviemore. In the morning some of the fitter ones climbed Cairngorm by foot (others used the chair lift part way). In the afternoon the Aviemore Centre was visited where everyone found at least one form of physical activity (these included skating, ski-ing, swimming, skittling, etc.). Over all, a very energetic but very enjoyable day was spent and it was an experience that could be repeated instead of a routine visit to R.A.F. Leuchars.

Further Air Experience Flying was available in June, but this opportunity was passed by by several owing to the start of the G.C.E. Examinations the following day.

One of the major activities of the year was the re-decoration of the R.A.F. hut. Although it was a rather long and laborious job, the result has been well worth the effort. The hut now looks extremely clean and fresh, an effect which is aided by the walls being covered with R.A.F. posters.

The year has been an unusually poor one for the shooting teams. Our high standards of the past were not lived up to, due to elementary mistakes rather than poor shooting material.

During the course of the year we have been visited several times by Sqdn. Ldr. Henderson, officer in charge of Scottish C.C.F. Air Cadets. A visit was also made by the officer in charge of Scottish recruiting for the R.A.F., Sqdn. Ldr. Honey, who showed a superb film of the Red Arrow Aerobatic Team.

There were two major camps in the Easter holidays. One was at R.A.F. Oakington, under the care of Flg. Off. Newbury, and a joint-services camp in Malta. The gliding was severely restricted by poor weather conditions, resulting in only two sets of wings this year.

This year's N.C.O.s were:

W.O.: M. W. H. Cran.

Flt. Sgts.: J. G. Edwards; I. W. Gordon.

Sgts.: Drummond, Fielding, Rutherford.

Cpls.: Brown, D. R., MacArthur, MacLeod, D. P. L.,
Masson, Norval, Sproat.

R.A.F. OAKINGTON

R.A.F. Camp this year was held at R.A.F. Oakington near Cambridge. Our party arrived there somewhat weary late in the evening on April 9th—not the best of times or conditions to get a favourable impression of any unit. However, our misery was quickly dispelled by Flt. Lt. Price, the camp liaison officer, who gave us our programme for the following week, a programme which promised to be very full indeed.

The weather for the camp was good for most of the week and so it was possible to carry out most of the training planned. There was a lot of flying, which was done in Varsities, and the other parts of the programme included shooting, a hike, swimming, an obstacle course and various competitions which were all greatly enjoyed.

We also found that we were able to find time for relaxation and this was spent either in Cambridge which was only six miles away or at the camp N.A.A.F.I.

SPORTS SECTION

Captains of Games

Athletics	J. M. Burnett
Boxing	R. A. Broadwood
Cricket	A. D. G. Duncan
Cross-Country	R. H. McQueen
Fencing	I. Wright
Golf	R. I. Williamson
Hockey	R. I. Williamson
Rugby	P. D. C. Warburton
Sailing	I. J. C. Mahon
Ski-ing	A. G. R. Main
Squash	C. G. Scroggie
Swimming	J. G. Edwards
Tennis	A. G. Ferguson

The year has been a good one in general for the School, and it says much for the organisation that we have been able to cater for so many divers talents so that activities as dissimilar as ski-ing, golf, and swimming have been able to prosper as well as the major sports.

The Campbell Award for the boy who has made the most contribution to the encouragement of School sport was made to J. M. Burnett. Many other individuals, however, have made distinguished contributions within their own spheres as will be seen in a perusal of the following pages.

The deliberations of the Games Committee have resulted in two major decisions. First Hockey has joined the Full Colour sports and now all regular members of Full Colour sports teams will be awarded Full Colours. Second, discussions about the implications and complications arising out of the creation of the fifth House suggest that a knock-out system will be devised for some inter-house games.

This would seem an appropriate place to give a word of appreciation to all those who in some way help to put out teams from the School. Mr. Campbell and his ground staff work hard the whole year round to keep pitches in playing order. Mrs. Pliszka and the sewing-room staff always make sure that our teams turn out immaculate and woe betide the boy wearing dirty cricket flannels who is seen by Mrs. Pliszka. And not least are the worries of Miss Miller, the Housekeeper, and her assistant who at times must feel that they are putting on more meals at irregular hours than they are at the normal times. All these people in the background whose essential presence we sometimes forget we thank.

RUGBY REPORT 1970

Viewed all round this has been a satisfactory season. There has been a high standard of rugger played throughout the School and the general attitude towards the game has been good.

It is of course disappointing not to see more victories credited to the 1st XV, but for an inexperienced team they did well in many respects and by the end of the season were playing attractive and effective rugger. The forwards, though small, worked extremely hard, and apart from the matches against Fettes and Glenalmond when the obvious physical superiority told in the end, they always got good possession. The backs were particularly inexperienced at 1st XV level but showed towards the end of the season that they could play good constructive rugby although the art of straight running was sometimes lacking. Having said this it must appear odd that not more games were won. There were in fact several very good and close games which could probably have been won simply if there had been a good place kicker on the School's team and not on the opposition's. The point was made time and time again that it is very difficult to win matches without a good goal-kicker. Another factor seemed to be the tendency to relax the pressure and concentration on the game at crucial periods. One further point is that as in the last few seasons there has been no really outstanding player of the sort who can win matches and raise the other players' game to a higher level.

It would be invidious to mention any individuals in a team such as last season's as they were essentially a team of players of



similar ability who just failed to be a very good side. The entire team were awarded their colours in accordance with the new colours system adopted by the School. This is that Rugger, Cricket and Hockey (the only sports for which Full Colours are now awarded) shall award as many Full Colours as there are players in the respective team. All other sports award Half-Colours on merit.

Of the School teams below the 1st XV the Colts had a satisfactory season losing only two matches and developed into a team which was rather better than anticipated. The 3rd XV were very successful and were a high scoring team. Players from both these teams were playing for the 1st XV in the Easter Term. This is the result of an experimental change in policy. This is that apart from a few club matches at 1st XV level, no inter-school fixtures are now played in the Easter Term. The emphasis is on trying to improve the standard of House rugger and at the same time enables boys returning for the coming season to gain 1st XV experience—in fact the whole team that played in the last match of the season will be back next year. The House competition did in fact prove to be very successful. There was some very good rugger played in a satisfactory spirit. Another change is that with the introduction of Leburn House a 'knock-out' competition will replace the traditional league system. This functioned this season in the Junior competition for which Leburn entered a team.

In conclusion I would again like to thank all those concerned with the School's rugger for the time they have given to the game. The coaches at all levels have worked extremely hard and the ground staff, catering staff and matrons have all been most helpful and co-operative in their various departments.

On the occasion of his retirement, I would also like to acknowledge the part played by the Headmaster in the School's rugby. The standard which the game has reached in the School must be largely due to his own coaching in his early days here, and to the interest and encouragement which he has always given. His interest has been in no way confined to the 1st XV and I doubt if any boys who have passed through the School in his time have not been seen playing rugby by Mr. Hoare. There must be many boys who have become 1st XV Colours who might have spent their rugby playing days in the Leagues if it was not for his ability to recognise promise in a player. I hope that his interest in the School's rugby will continue for many years to come.

F.S. McN.

RUGGER RECORDS

	P	W	D	L	PTS	
					F	A
1st	12	4	1	7	84	143
2nd	9	5	1	3	72	82
3rd	9	7	—	2	210	45
4th	3	3	—	—	73	9
5th	1	—	—	1	6	16
6th	1	1	—	—	14	5
Colts	8	4	1	3	109	73
J. Colts	9	—	1	8	33	143
U13½	5	4	1	0	88	21



30th September—v. Perth Academy—Away—Won 12-0.

A lack of liaison between Strathallan's forwards and backs allowed Perth Academy, who elected to play with the wind, to take the offensive at the start. But once Hopkins' kicks had opened the play up to allow the Strathallan scrum to settle down and prove it was faster, the Perth line came under attack for the first time.

Intelligent play by Picken and Warburton enabled Carmichael to put Strathallan three points ahead shortly after half-time. The strong wind made all place-kicking tricky—the ball never crossed the bar for either side despite many chances. On the whole, Strathallan's pack gave good support and were quick on the loose ball. Three further tries were obtained in this way—one by McArthur from a line-out—and in the closing minutes, two from rucks close to the Perth Academy goal-line—both by Burnett, for whose fast runs on the wing the dry conditions were ideal.

Team: Picken; Whyte; Carmichael; Warburton; Burnett, J.; Hopkins; Williamson, R.; Main, McQueen, R.; McArthur; Robertson; Broadwood; Mackie; Holmes; MacLeod, T.

4th October—v. Strathallians—Home—Lost 0-19.

Taking on a mature side of rugby players, even when they have not played together as a team before, is a hazardous business at this stage of the season. The School, therefore, is never likely to do well unless there are several elderly and big boys in the side—an occurrence less likely to happen now than ten years ago. On top of this there is always the strong possibility that one or two players might be injured at the start of four very important weeks for the School's rugby. No doubt Strathallians will think that this is sour grapes on the part of your correspondent, but the result of this match is beginning to have a certain amount of inevitability.

Certainly in this game superiority in age, weight and general skill told heavily against the School in the first half and although there were errors in the Strathallian attack, none were sufficiently grave for the School to pounce on by way of making a counter-attack. By half-time the Strathallians were eleven points up.

After half-time the School began to give a better account of themselves, and Whyte, but for a crucial knock-on, would have put the School in range of some badly needed points. Carmichael, too, found some weak points in the opposing three-quarter line, but his old fault of hanging on to the ball for too long ensured that the breaks came to nothing. A further eight points were added to the Strathallians' score towards the end to give them their usual convincing victory.

Team: Picken; Burnett, J.; Walker, B.; Carmichael; Whyte; Warburton; Mitchell, B.; McArthur; McQueen; Main; Robertson; Broadwood; Evans; Holmes; Mackie.

7th October—v. Keil School—Home—Drawn 6-6.

Thanks to the first of numerous penalties awarded to both sides, Keil School found themselves in an attacking position within minutes of the start. Despite long clearances and excellent co-ordination in the Strathallan team, Keil held their ground for most of the first half. However, Picken put Strathallan ahead by six points at half-time, all the points coming from penalties incurred by Keil during forages into their half.

A penalty goal, kicked shortly after the re-start, opened the Keil scoring but the Strathallan backs counter-attacked with one or two exciting movements. During the second half Picken's play was outstanding both in defence and attack, and he was awarded his full colours at the end of the game. Keil equalised with a try in the final minutes.

Team: Picken; Burnett; Walker; Carmichael; Whyte; Warburton; Mitchell; McArthur; McQueen; Main; Robertson; Broadwood; Gall; Evans; Mackie.

14th October—v. Fettes—Away—Lost 0-26.

High hopes of victory in this important game were soon dashed when three of several penalties incurred in quick succession in the Strathallan half gave Fettes an early lead of nine points. Despite sustained resistance throughout, Strathallan's lighter and smaller scrum were at a disadvantage, and Fettes playing with the wind, were able to dominate most of the set-pieces. A fast break from one of these gave Fettes a try to end the first half.

Once Strathallan were playing with the wind, they gained useful ground on a number of occasions, but were never, unfortunately, a serious attacking threat to Fettes. Nevertheless, when the counter-attacks came, Fettes found the School tackling, in defence, to be consistent and accurate.

Four further tries (one converted) allowed Fettes to run up a formidable total of points, although the final score was not, in fact, truly indicative of the share Strathallan had of the game.

Team: Picken; Burnett; Walker; Carmichael; Whyte; Warburton; Williamson; McArthur; McQueen; Main; McBride; Broadwood; Gall; Evans; Mackie.

18th October—v. The Edinburgh Academy—Home—Lost 3-8.

The Edinburgh Academy won the toss to kick off in foggy conditions which made the game difficult for players and spectators alike. Strathallan's tactics differed in this match from previous ones, and Williamson, the scrum-half, led several attacks with breaks from the base of the scrum. Although these breaks were well supported and well conceived, mistakes were sadly made in finishing, so that the attacks ground to a halt in Academy's 25, from whence the ball was cleared. Indeed, it was the Academy that scored first in this game when they went over in the corner. The try was not converted.

In the second half Picken kicked a penalty to level the scores. The School playing towards the Pond managed to sustain pressure, and when the Academy did gain the ball from set-pieces they tended to go back with it or their backs were sufficiently well harassed to make mistakes. Nevertheless their defence held and towards the end, when they were awarded a penalty outside the Strathallan twenty-five in just about mid-field a well executed scissor movement had most of the School defence going left while the ball was being carried in quite the opposite direction. The try was virtually unopposed.

Team: Picken; Whyte; Walker; Carmichael; Burnett; Warburton; Williamson; Main; McQueen; McArthur; McBride; Broadwood; Mackie; Evans; Gall.

21st October—v. Trinity College, Glenalmond—Home—Lost 3-25.

After a short offensive by Strathallan, Glenalmond, who kicked off in near perfect conditions, found themselves in a position to keep pressure on the Strathallan line. A number of well co-ordinated attacks by Glenalmond met with considerable resistance, but the outcome was an unconverted try scored after ten minutes play. Obviously a very powerful side, Glenalmond went on to score three further tries (one converted) before half-time.

Picken kicked a penalty goal to open the scoring for Strathallan who were

forced to adopt a defensive strategy for the remainder of the second half. It had, by now, become a matter of containing Glenalmond, who, as they so frequently do, excelled in fast moving movements getting the ball across the field to the wing. Although Strathallan made a brief recovery in the final minutes, Glenalmond were able to increase their lead during the second half by one try, one goal and one penalty goal.

Team: Picken ; Whyte ; Walker ; Carmichael ; Burnett ; Warburton ; Williamson ; Main ; McQueen ; McArthur ; McBride ; Broadwood ; Mackie ; Evans ; Gall.

25th October—v. Loretto—Home—Lost 10-14.

A Strathallan try scored from a maul under the Loretto posts by Broadwood, and converted by Picken, made a hopeful start for a team which up to this point had endured rather a depressing season. The initial offensive soon lost impetus, however, and Loretto, behind a heavier pack, passed the ball around with increasing vigour until Frost in the centre broke through unchecked to score. Strathallan recovered before half-time to increase the score to ten points to three with a try by Warburton after a break by Williamson, which was again converted by Picken.

Although at times Loretto appeared to be indecisive, Strathallan were slow to jump at the offered chances so that Loretto retained control of the game for much of the second half. The School also lost the ball at several of the set-pieces, and a Loretto score looked inevitable. It came from a scissors movement, and this try was followed shortly after by a penalty goal. With the score at 10-9 all was not yet lost but the School was unable to resist further attacks and unable to mount counter-attacks. Loretto's continued pressure was rewarded with a further goal.

Team: Picken ; Whyte ; Walker ; Carmichael ; Burnett ; Warburton ; Williamson ; McArthur ; McQueen ; Main ; Broadwood ; McBride ; Mackie ; Evans ; Gall.

28th October—v. Bradford G.S.—Home—Won 19-6.

Despite the advantage of the kick-off, Bradford quickly lost ground, and Evans put Strathallan three points in the lead in as many minutes. Bradford's second kick was more successful and there followed a period when the Yorkshire touring side were pressing hard on the Strathallan line; but they seemed to lack the ultimate drive when it was most needed. The play then moved down towards the Bradford line, where a series of line-outs and scrums and sustained pressure from Strathallan eventually led to Burnett's scoring from a grubber kick by Walker. This time, Carmichael converted to make the score 8-0. Six minutes later, a further try resulted from a breakthrough by Downs, who passed to Whyte for a score in the corner. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful. Shortly after, Whyte scored again, from a penalty which passed along the line with no opposing interference. Carmichael converted, but further pressure on the Bradford line brought no more scoring in the half. Strathallan's good line-work only once broke badly to allow Bradford back to mid-field again, seconds before the end of the half.

Two minutes after the start, a movement along the line, starting from a scrum gave Burnett the opportunity to score again. Gradually, though, Bradford seemed to gain the upper hand and twelve minutes into the half, they scored a breakaway try. Their morale seemed to improve, and a penalty kick four minutes from the end made the score 19-6 and seemed to suggest that Bradford had had the best of the second half. But their effort had come too late, and the last few minutes of play were in mid-field with no further scoring.

Team: Carmichael ; Downs ; Whyte ; Walker ; Hopkins ; Williamson ; Burnett ; Evans ; Gall ; Mackie ; Broadwood ; McBride ; Main ; McQueen ; McArthur.

8th November—v. Merchiston Castle School—Away—Lost 0-9.

On this day there was a strong wind blowing diagonally across the pitch and the ground, after recent rain, was soft and sticky. Merchiston kicked off with the wind advantage, and to use this advantage to the full they spent much of the time kicking. However, the Strathallan backs managed to field most of these and any advantage that might have accrued to Merchiston was nullified. Then a good three-quarter movement with Picken in the line made a promising move for Strathallan, but Burnett was well tackled ten yards short of the Merchiston line. Thereafter, the game was for some time a stalemate. The Strathallan pack were being beaten in the line-outs, and were not giving sufficient protection to their scrum-half either. At the same time, the backs were bottling up the Merchiston attacks as and when they occurred. Then, at a five-yard scrum the School pack was pushed back by the Merchiston pack who then released the ball to allow their scrum-half to get over the line for the first score of the match. The try was not converted. Then, just on half-time, the Strathallan hooker was penalised and Merchiston increased their lead by kicking a 35-yard penalty goal.

Merchiston started the second half by pressing the Strathallan line, but a good kick by Warburton took play back to the half-way, and for much of the remainder of the half, the School were in Merchiston's half of the field. The forwards were gaining good possession in the tight and rucks, and some promising moves were only stopped by sound cover defence. After 25 minutes of this half Merchiston went further ahead with another penalty goal when a Strathallan forward had been caught offside.

Team: Picken; Burnett; Walker; Carmichael; Whyte; Warburton; Williamson; McArthur; McQueen; Main; McBride; Broadwood; Gall; Evans; Mackie.

27th November—v. Dollar Academy—Home—Lost 8-11.

This match was played on a cold day with very little wind and a greasy pitch. Dollar kicked off and after two minutes were three points up when their forwards broke through the Strathallan defence. For the remainder of the half both sides relied on kicking and there was some desperate clearing of the ball by Strathallan from their own line. On the whole the School rucking was much better than Dollar's and this told in the second half when Smith went over from a ruck near the Dollar line.

Shortly after a penalty kick taken by Warburton found its way straight into the hands of the Dollar full back who worked the ball across the field, missing out the centres in the process. Suddenly the ball was switched back inside and that was eight points to three. A minute or two later and it was eleven points to three when a kick-ahead arrived at the Dollar full back who beat at least three forwards following up. Suddenly there were four men over in his line with only two defenders to beat. From this point on the School attacked more intelligently. Walker added three points to our score, when, after a good movement left, he sidestepped through the Dollar defence to score under the posts.

Throughout the closing minutes of the game we made several likely looking attacks, but the equalising score never came.

Team: Picken; Burnett; Walker; Warburton; Whyte; Hopkins; Williamson; McArthur; McQueen; Main; McBride; Broadwood; Mackie; Evans; Smith, J.M.

22nd November—v. Gordonstoun—Away—Won 6-3.

The Gordonstoun pitch was fast but a very strong and bitterly cold wind was the cause of a rather scrappy and disjointed game. The School had the

wind advantage in the first half and used it intelligently. Rather uncharacteristically for the Gordonstoun match the School started well—clean and plentiful possession and some good handling.

Within five minutes of the start from a scrum fifteen yards from the Gordonstoun line Williamson set off on one of his characteristic runs. His weaving, bobbing, stuttering run completely mystified the opposition and he scored half-way out. The attempt at goal failed. Apart from the line-out the School had a good share of the ball and were much safer than Gordonstoun, particularly at half-back. Unfortunately, McQueen's liberal interpretation of the hooking laws was not shared by the referee and there were many penalties and several lectures given. After fifteen minutes the School scored an extremely good try. Williamson picked up from a scrum 30 yards out and ran on the open side. On this occasion he uncharacteristically passed, and Hopkins made a break. With the line still intact the ball was passed well, through Warburton, to Walker who scored with Whyte, looking disgruntled, unmarked outside him. In this half Gordonstoun rarely looked dangerous and only once threatened the School line.

In the second half, with the wind advantage, Gordonstoun showed the expected improvement. There were several anxious moments early on—amongst them a disallowed drop goal. Picken played a splendid game and was faultless at full-back. He coped beautifully with all the many kicks sent down-wind, never dropping one, and either finding safe touches or setting off on one of his frequent sorties upfield. On one occasion he must have been running about for at least a minute, in and out of both sets of forwards, until he found his way out of the maze (it was rumoured on the touchline that he had in fact been hiding in Broadwood's pocket, but this is unconfirmed.) Although several attacks were launched by the School they could be easily stemmed by long Gordonstoun kicks. The high standard of the first half was not apparent among the backs, but the forwards—smaller than their opponents as always—played extremely well. Gordonstoun scored a try between the posts after ten minutes of this half which left an agonising twenty-five minutes to be played out. It was in the last minute of the match that McQueen was forgiven all. A scrum was awarded to Gordonstoun about a foot from the School line, and from this situation a side which can't score deserves not to win. McQueen promptly hooked the ball against the head and Picken cleared.

Team: Picken; Whyte; Walker; Warburton; Burnett; Hopkins; Williamson; Main; McQueen; McArthur; Broadwood; McBride; Gall; Evans; Mackie.

10th December—v. Glasgow Academy—Away—Lost 3-11.

This was a match in which Strathallan played their best rugby of the season and lost only through not having a reliable goal-kicker. There was a steady drizzle when Strathallan kicked off to spend the first ten minutes in the Academy's half. A good dribble by Burnett was stopped just a yard from the line; the forwards were getting good possession from the rucks and the backs were getting good ball. McArthur broke from one of these rucks and nearly put Evans over for a score. Then against the run of play the Academy took the lead after 12 minutes with a penalty goal. Strathallan continued to attack. A run of nearly forty yards by Warburton, a strike against the head by McQueen at the ensuing scrum and a further dash by Picken ended a yard short of the Academy line. A little later Picken just missed a dropped goal from 35 yards.

At the start of the second half Glasgow Academy looked a different side and were only prevented from increasing their score by some very resolute tackling. They were eventually able to add to their score with a further penalty

goal, and a few minutes later a try. The try was converted. Once more attempts were made by Strathallan, to get back into the game. The only score, however came after some good movements by Hopkins and Warburton which were followed by some equally good scrummaging and Evans going over for an unconverted try.

Team: Picken; Burnett; Walker; Warburton; Whyte; Hopkins; Williamson; McArthur; McQueen; Main; McBride; Broadwood; Smith; Evans; Mackie.

VISIT OF BRENTWOOD COLTS

During the Winter Term we had the pleasure of entertaining the Colts team of Brentwood College, British Columbia. They were on tour in this country with their first XV, making a reciprocal visit to one made the previous Christmas by Trinity College, Glenalmond to Canada. We hope that they enjoyed their brief stay at Strathallan. A report of the match follows:

The Colts team from Brentwood College, British Columbia, arrived at Strathallan after winning their first match of the tour against Kelvinside; at the same time their first fifteen went on to Glenalmond. Although most of this side had not been playing rugger long they were all enthusiastic, and straight after lunch were out on Little Acre practising. It was obvious to the Strathallan Colts, who watched from a distance as various moves were tried over and over again, that it was going to be a hard match.

On the Wednesday, the friendly atmosphere which had built up between the two teams rapidly disappeared, and 2.30 saw both teams on Mud Flats ready to tear each other apart. Strathallan won the toss, chose to play downhill, and were preparing to receive the kick-off when they were surprised by a dance and war-cry.

Eventually the game started furiously, but neither side built up their attacks successfully. Too many handling mistakes and solid defence kept the game safely in mid-field. Then from a kick-ahead Strathallan won a line-out ten yards from the Canadian line. C. W. Duncan moved up to the front of the line for the short throw, and his strength and size carried him over for a try in the corner.

Brentwood immediately retaliated, and their sustained effort kept them in the Strathallan half. A quick loose heel and some good play by their half-backs resulted in a well-deserved try. From the re-start Strathallan returned to the Canadian twenty-five and put their line under continuous pressure. From a clean catch and heel from the line-out Sherington made a half-break. For the first time the Canadian defence was caught out of position, and Lockhart put McNicol away for a fine try. Soon after, Strathallan scored again. The Brentwood backs were attacking when Scott intercepted a pass, swerved past the full-back and scored under the posts. The try was converted. Soon after that score the half-time whistle blew.

After half-time encouragement from their coach, Mr. Barrington Prowse, the Brentwood team re-started exuberantly. Back went Strathallan to their own line and after repeated thrusts one of the Canadian forwards burst over. With the conversion, the score was 11-8 and Brentwood showed no signs of relaxing. Both packs fought well, but it looked inevitable for Brentwood to score again. Time was, however, running out for them, and with only seconds to go Sherington and Scott booted the ball upfield and the pressure was

transferred to the Canadian line. With the referee just waiting for the ball to go dead so that he could blow his whistle, Sherington made one last dash for the line. The Canadian back row rounded off a fine game by tackling him well just short of the line, but Strathallan forwards won the loose heel and Lockhart, moving to fly-half, dropped a fine goal to finish the match.

After the match, trophies were exchanged. Strathallan were given a miniature Canadian totem pole and a signed photograph of the team, and in return we presented Brentwood with a School shield and crest. The following day they left to continue their tour in the South with victories over Uppingham and Whitgift Colts, and a defeat by K.C.S. Wimbledon. We thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Strathallan, and letters from their coach and their Headmaster showed that for them too it was worthwhile. The Strathallan forwards were very pleased with the report that they were the best pack the Canadians met on tour, and the rest of the team are wondering when the O.S. Club are going to help our team accept their invitation for a return match in Canada.

Team: D. A. Walker; P. L. Scott; H. L. Locke; G. A. Lockhart (Capt.); D. R. McNicol; N. O. Sherington; A. T. A. Wallace; C. W. Duncan; P. R. P. Thompson; G. E. Smith; S. R. C. Duncan; R. J. Wilson; J. A. L. Porter; N. J. Waterston; R. G. Dale.

HOCKEY 1970

There were only four First XI matches. We were defeated by Loretto at Pinkie, but won two of our three home matches and drew the third with a strong Fettes team. Although hockey began earlier, and the Second XI was an extremely good one, we lacked confidence and authority in our earlier matches, and only against Gordonstoun did we show the dominance of which we were



capable. By then, however, the XI looked very good and would have given a good account of itself, had it been our turn to go to Oxford.

On the last two Sundays of the Spring Term, Strathallan was the site of two new fixtures. On the earlier Sunday an XI from Fettes, Loretto and Strathallan played an XI from Abbey, Gordonstoun, and Dunrobin. The following Sunday an XI from these six schools played against an XI from all the remaining hockey playing schools in Scotland. As a result of this second game D. N. F. Pennie was chosen as one of the twelve for the Scottish School-boys.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES, 1970

Tuesday, March 3rd—Strathallan v. Perth Academy—Won 4-1.

Strathallan started nervously and took some time to settle; indeed the defence continued to look vulnerable throughout the match. Play was rather scrappy, but Strathallan had the edge and eventually Williamson opened the scoring with an uninhibited swing from a pass from Fielding. There was no further scoring in the first half.

In the second half Strathallan began to play with greater confidence. Rutherford was playing well, and soon Williamson scored again. There was more Strathallan pressure and a shot from Pennie hit the post before Burnett scored from an acute angle. Perth, however, did not willingly concede defeat, and in one good break achieved a goal. Williamson scored his third goal after a good pass from Pennie to make the final score 4-1 to Strathallan.

Team: G. M. Gall; G. L. MacEwen, I. R. McLean, N. J. B. Fielding; A. G. Mackie; D. E. Mitchell; J. M. Burnett; R. I. Williamson (Capt.); D. N. F. Pennie; D. A. Rutherford; B. J. Picken.

Tuesday, 10th March—Strathallan v. Loretto—Away—Lost 1-3.

Again Strathallan was slow to settle, and the team was slow to adapt itself to the unfamiliar conditions and the Loretto defensive technique. The Strathallan forwards had plenty of the ball, but first-time clearances by the Loretto full backs prevented their shooting. By contrast the Loretto attacks were more direct and a well deserved goal resulted as half-time approached. Strathallan began to play with greater determination, but the XI was still a goal down at half-time.

The second half produced a better standard of hockey and Strathallan came more into the picture. But it was Loretto who scored a rather untidy goal following a goal-mouth scramble. Pennie almost immediately scored for Strathallan, and Loretto had a let-off when a very fierce shot from Williamson hit the post. However, just on the final whistle, Loretto scored another surprise goal to make the final result of this exciting match 3-1 to Loretto.

Team: G. M. Gall; I. R. McLean; D. F. Wallace; N. J. B. Fielding; A. G. Mackie; D. E. Mitchell; J. M. Burnett; R. I. Williamson (Capt.); D. N. F. Pennie; D. A. Rutherford; B. J. Picken.

Tuesday, 17th March—Strathallan v. Fettes—Home—Drawn 1-1.

The XI played hard from the start of this entertaining game, but the pace and thrust of the Fettes attacks looked threatening. Gall was kept busier than

his opposite number, but he dealt effectively with the Fettes shots at goal. Strathallan mounted some good attacks also, but the forwards allowed themselves to be robbed on the edge of the circle before they could get in a shot. The Strathallan full backs were also very sound, and compensated for some bad positioning, and slow covering by the halves.

In the second half the game continued to swing from end to end and with both sides attacking strongly a goal seemed inevitable. In fact, despite a continued tendency to pass rather than shoot, it was Strathallan who scored first. Burnett and Williamson deserve the credit. Receiving the ball initially in our twenty-five, they interpassed from there all the way up the wing. The final pass from Burnett was well taken on the edge of the circle by Williamson, whose fierce shot gave even the Fettes goalkeeper no chance. Fettes attacked all the harder and were still finding gaps in the Strathallan defence. Appropriately it was the Fettes Captain who broke away, accelerating into a gap from a defence-splitting pass. He was far too fast for the cover defence, drew the goalkeeper, and scored an excellent goal with the reverse stick. After this the Strathallan forwards continued to harass the Fettes defence, but this held firm, while the Fettes attacks, though less frequent, looked extremely dangerous.

There was no further scoring, but the pace was maintained to the end, and a draw seemed a very fair result.

Team: G. M. Gall; D. F. Wallace; A. G. Mackie; N. J. B. Fielding; I. R. McLean; D. E. Mitchell; J. M. Burnett; R. I. Williamson (Capt.); D. N. F. Pennie, D. A. Rutherford; B. J. Picken.

Thursday, 19th March—Strathallan v. Gordonstoun—Home—Won 5-0.

Strathallan went into the attack from the start of this game, and though Gordonstoun looked quite dangerous in the early stages, the Strathallan positional play and marking was very sound. Picken made the running for the first goal before putting in a centre from the left wing from which Pennie flicked the ball past the goalkeeper. Soon afterwards a through pass from Mackie at centre-half gave Pennie another chance to score and he made no mistake. The third goal was scored by Picken after another good run down the wing. Shortly after this Gordonstoun were reduced to ten men, when the inside-left was injured, and the whistle went for half-time just as Pennie was about to score again.

In the second half Gordonstoun remained unable to penetrate the Strathallan defence, and Strathallan continued to play with considerable confidence. Rutherford scored from a pass from Pennie, and then Pennie scored his third goal from a neat pass from Williamson to make the final score 5-0.

Team: G. M. Gall; D. A. S. Whyte; D. F. Wallace; N. J. B. Fielding; A. G. Mackie; I. R. McLean; J. M. Burnett; R. I. Williamson (Capt.); D. N. F. Pennie; D. A. Rutherford; B. J. Picken.

Colours were held by G. M. Gall, D. F. Wallace, A. G. Mackie, N. J. B. Fielding, I. R. McLean, D. E. Mitchell, J. M. Burnett, R. I. Williamson, D. N. F. Pennie, D. A. Rutherford and B. J. Picken.

SECOND XI RESULTS

Tuesday, March 3rd—v. Perth Academy—Home—Won 4-0.

Tuesday, March 10th—v. Loretto—Home—Won 6-2.

Tuesday, March 17th—v. Lendrick Muir First XI—Home—Won 4-1.

COLTS RESULTS

Tuesday, March 10th—v. Loretto—Home—Won 2-1.

Tuesday, March 17th—v. Fettes—Home—Won 4-2.

Thursday, March 19th—v. Gordonstoun—Home—Lost 1-4.

JUNIOR COLTS RESULTS

Tuesday, March 10th—v. Loretto—Home—Lost 3-4.

Thursday, March 12th—v. Lathallan—Home—Won 3-1.

Tuesday, March 17th—v. Fettes—Home—Won 2-1.

Matches against Aberdeen Grammar School and Under-13½ Matches had to be cancelled.

HOUSE MATCHES

1st Round:

Freeland 1, Simpson 1

Ruthven 1, Nicol 1.

2nd Round:

Freeland 1, Nicol 0.

Ruthven 1, Simpson 0.

3rd Round:

Freeland 2, Ruthven 2.

Nicol 1, Simpson 0.

Freeland and Ruthven shared the cup.

Nicol won the House League cup.

SUMMER HOCKEY

There were a record number of Summer XI matches this year and none had to be cancelled. The XI probably learnt most from their match with Mr. Birnie's XI, and after losing some enthusiasm and precision until after the Exams were over, were playing really well at the end of the season in the last match against Edinburgh Northern. Only against Morgan F.P. did the XI fail to score and there were some very good goalkeepers playing against the School. Altogether it was a very enjoyable and successful term and there was some very good play against good opposition.

The most regular players for the Summer XI were Gall, Williamson, the Captain, Mackie, Mackenzie and Scott. Smith, Fielding and MacEwen played in almost every match, Hopkins and A. Duff in several, and Pennie whenever he was available. Carmichael took over from Burnett on the wing once athletics got into full swing, and I. R. McLean played about three times.

Summer Hockey Colours were awarded to D. J. H. Scott, J. M. Smith, L. H. A. Carmichael, M. T. Mackenzie and G. L. MacEwen.

SUMMER XI RESULTS

2nd May—v. Ruthrieston Strollers (H)—Lost 2-3 (Burnett, Pennie).

9th May—v. G. W. V. Birnie's XI (H)—Lost 2-4 (Mackie, Pennie).

16th May—v. Whitecraigs (H)—Won 6-0 (Scott, Williamson, Pennie 4).

23rd May—v. Inverleith (H)—Lost 2-4 (Williamson, Smith).

11th June—v. Merchiston Castle (H)—Won 14-0 (Smith 4, Carmichael 2, Scott 3, Mackie 2, Williamson 2, P. Duff).

14th June—v. Morgan Academy F.P. (H)—Lost 0-1.

16th June—v. Glenalmond (A)—Won 2-0 (Mackie, Williamson).

20th June—v. Sthathallian Club (H)—Won 5-3 (Smith 2, Williamson 2, Mackie).

28th June—v. Grove Academy F.P. (H)—Lost 1-5 (Mackie).

4th July—v. Edinburgh Academy (A)—Won 1-0 (Pennie).

11th July—v. Edinburgh Northern (H)—Drawn 2-2 (Pennie 2).

CRICKET

This season the eleven drew ten of their games, won two—against Dollar Academy and Trinity College, Glenalmond—and lost one—against Crieff C.C. They were, therefore, unbeaten in games against other schools and might, with a little more in the way of experience, have won at least two or three other matches. The key to the results is inexperience, for the average age of the side was never greater than 17.

The batting, on paper, was quite strong, although one batsman we hoped would make runs this year left before the season had started. As it was, those with previous 1st XI experience or considerable 2nd XI experience were never able—with the exception of Duncan—to get a sufficient quantity of runs either quickly or regularly. Rutherford, as number one of the opening pair, was steady enough and only once did he score less than double figures and that in the last match of the season. On the other hand very rarely did his innings progress much beyond the twenty mark. Picken, the other regular opener, always showed aggressive intent and was thus a foil to the painstaking methods of Rutherford, but but he, too, was unable to build a big innings. Nevertheless the opening pair did get the side off to some more reasonable starts than we have had in the past. Unfortunately Warburton did not come off at number three quite as much as had been hoped. He started the season in fine form, but the promise of better things vanished with his being sadly run out against The Edinburgh Academy, and it was not until fairly late in the season that he managed to recapture some of his form.



Thereafter the batting was solid but lacking in strokes. Whyte never quite looked like making the amount of runs that he did in the Colts. He had some good innings early on and one fifty but his form, too, came to an end with the close of the first half of the season. McLean was very difficult to prise out and had some useful innings. He should make runs next year, particularly if he can conquer his tendency to play everything off the back foot. At the moment he has a ready ability to make full pitches into yorkers and half-volleys into good length balls. Still, one mustn't cavil too much, for before this year he was a regular number eleven. Duncan had the happy knack for a captain of always getting runs when they were needed. Usually he batted about number six, but the Occasionals have used him as an opener on tour, and it was in this position that he recorded his best innings—66 not out—against South Wilts C.C. The only other person to appear at all regularly at the wicket was E. G. MacKenzie. In his first season he has shown a remarkably straight bat—in fact too straight at times—and good powers of concentration. A final comment on the batting strength is that the side was never all out—C. B. E. Somerville's XI being the only side to make number eleven make his one and only appearance at the wicket this season.

The bowling was very steady. Without any bowler of real pace in the School at the moment, the attack rested on medium and slow-medium pace bowling. At the beginning of the season Rutherford's seam was used for a few overs with the new ball since he was always likely to pick up the odd wicket, but the practice ceased when it was felt that Lowden had accustomed himself to 1st XI cricket. Lowden was originally on loan from the Colts since he showed promise as a batsman. In the event his slow medium cutters and swingers proved more useful and he was unlucky not to get more wickets. Even club batsmen were trapped into driving the undriveable ball. Walker bowled reasonably well, although his length and line were always suspect. It is fair to say that his final figures were flattered by a good return against Perth Academy. Thompson soon found himself a place in the eleven because of his ability to bore batsmen with his inslant bowling. Sherington was the only bowler left from last year and he picked up wickets with his off-spin towards the end of the term when the wickets seemed to suit him better. He remains, however, something of an enigma, and can bowl very badly.

The fielding was never very consistent. Fortunately we had a good wicket-keeper in Warburton. He was always at his best standing up to bowling and his taking of returns made some of the fielding look less scruffy than it was. The ground fielding and catching was sometimes quite poor, and yet there were times—against Fettes, for example—when some brilliant catches were taken. At the end of the season Warburton was awarded the autographed bat for the best all-round performance and McLean

was awarded a medal for being the most improved cricketer. A. D. G. Duncan was awarded the Batting Prize.

The prospects for next season look fairly good. Seven of this year's side will be returning, and we have five or so others who have had some experience in the first eleven.

The second eleven prospered under the captaincy of Steele, and although their record was not as distinguished as it has been sometimes in the past, this could be put down mainly to a shortage of bowlers—Steele himself having to abandon his own leg-spin for medium pace. There were some very keen and enthusiastic cricketers, many of whom were unlucky not to get an extended trial in the first eleven. The policy of retaining a settled side as far as possible was responsible for this.

We had three A XI fixtures and the third eleven had enthusiasm at last rewarded with a win against Glenalmond. The Senior Colts never fulfilled their promise until the end of the season. Right at the end of the term they gave one of the most brilliant displays of fielding that has been seen on the Lawn for a long time in a practice match against the first eleven. One hopes that sufficient of this side will continue to persevere. The Junior Colts had a mixed season, but there is no lack of enthusiasm, and quite a bit of promise there.

The cricket House matches went off fairly well. The senior competition was shared by Ruthven and Nicol, and the junior competition run in six seeded rounds ended with Nicol beating Ruthven. This year has possibly seen the end of the junior competition as such. At the moment a project is being explored whereby all junior cricket takes place on a House basis with players being withdrawn from the league for coaching and School matches. At senior level a knock-out will eventually have to come with the increase of houses. This, in itself, will bring complications because the present organisation of the Summer Term does not allow for the re-arrangement of fixtures if a round of House matches is washed out.

Several of our cricketing staff departed at the end of term. Mr. Taylor, who has regularly umpired 2nd XI matches for some years now, will be missed. Mr. Mole has run both Junior Colts and Senior Colts at one time or another, and it was one of his successful Senior Colts sides which now fills much of the first eleven. He spent a great deal of time coaching and umpiring and his game was almost permanently absent from House prayers on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the Summer Term. His presence, enthusiasm and skill will greatly be missed. Mr. Downing, on top of all his other duties, found time to run a Junior House League which was much enjoyed by all the participants and we thank him for giving of his time.

Finally a word of appreciation must be written for Mr. Hoare whose name has been synonymous with Strathallan cricket. His wisdom and willingness to give freely of his time have made the cricket at the School what it is. He was willing to appear at nets at all hours, on any day of the week, to inculcate the virtues of the head over the left knee and the bent left elbow with a seemingly endless patience. Nor were his activities confined to the Summer Term; this year first game were regularly getting coaching from the beginning of March. Next year as some importunate boy plays across the line with elbow right down the anguished cry of 'You miserable creature!' will be missed.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

	<i>Inns.</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H'st.</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Av.</i>
E. G. MacKenzie	8	7	28*	49	49.00
A. D. G. Duncan	10	3	51	232	33.14
D. A. Rutherford	10	0	57	230	23.00
I. R. McLean	11	3	46	174	21.75
D. A. S. Whyte	12	5	51	135	19.28
P. D. C. Warburton	11	0	54	201	18.28
B. J. Picken	11	0	38	198	18.00
N. O. Sherington	4	3	9	18	18.00

Also batted: S. D. Lowden 0; 2*; P. R. P. Thompson 2; 0*; O. A. B. Walker 2*.

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Mdns.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wkts.</i>	<i>Av.</i>
P. R. P. Thompson	106	24	263	19	13.84
A. B. Walker	92	17	249	15	16.66
N. O. Sherington	133	30	398	23	17.30
D. A. Rutherford	35	9	81	4	20.25
S. D. Lowden	112	26	316	15	21.06
E. G. MacKenzie	38	9	129	5	25.80

2nd May—v. Crieff C.C.—At Home.

It is pleasant to report that after a lapse of several years it was possible to play this game. Indeed the weather was remarkably summery—more so than it has been in previous years and the wicket was hard.

The School batted first and the innings was in the nature of an exploration of capabilities. How true to form were the practice matches? Rutherford had a long innings, being at the wicket for almost an hour for his 21. He gave one palpable chance to first slip and fenced with several others on the off-side. He was eventually out, bowled off-stump, by P. Hamilton who was, in his first spell, bowling his slow left-arm over the wicket with a degree of accuracy and guile. Thomson had been out just previous to this trying a horizontal prod to a short ball outside the off-stump. The first wicket fell at 24 and the second at 33 so that the start was a little better than it has usually been.

Warburton was able to capitalize on this start and looked to be in excellent form and batting with more discretion than he has been wont to do. McLean, at the other end, took 33 minutes to score seven, but this was excusable in that he has been making the transition from a number eleven bat—a position which he has occupied for the past two seasons. Duncan produced an effective, if unorthodox, innings which quickened the scoring rate and eventually the innings was declared closed at 132.

Crieff lost their first wicket at 10, but not before P. Hamilton had produced one of his characteristic hits over square leg for six—the ball denting the scoreboard. Thereafter Sinclair and Morrison made short work of inaccurate bowling and Crieff were home for the loss of three wickets and with ten minutes to spare. Morrison's innings of 49 not out was scored mainly on the leg-side, the bowlers rather charitably feeding him with an assortment of half-volleys, full tosses and long-hops on that side. One cannot do that with a Minor Counties bat and hope to get away with it.

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, b Hamilton....	21
J. T. Thomson, c Morrison, b Hamilton	9
P. D. C. Warburton, b McRorie..	52
I. R. McLean, b Addison	7
A. D. G. Duncan, b Addison....	30
D. A. S. Whyte, not out	7
J. H. R. Parker, E. G. Mackenzie, S. D. Lowden, not out	
Sherington and T. R. MacLeod did not bat.	
Extras	6

Total (for 5 wks. dec.)... 132

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Murphy	11	4	17	0
Sinclair	5	3	8	0
Williams	8	1	18	0
Hamilton	11	3	38	2
Addison	13	6	23	2
Oates	6	0	10	0
McRorie	1.5	0	12	1

Crieff C.C.

J. Dewhurst, c Warburton, b Sherington	22
P. Hamilton, b MacLeod	8
W. Sinclair, c and b Rutherford ..	35
A. Morrison, not out	49
H. C. Addison, not out	4
Extras	15
Total (for 3 wks.)	133

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rutherford	6	1	17	1
MacLeod	7	1	34	1
Lowden	3	0	13	0
Sherington	5	0	27	1
Mackenzie	4	0	27	0

5th May—v. Dundee University 2nd XI—At Home.

This was an unfortunate match. Once again, after an early breakthrough, the bowling was very wayward. MacLeod was unable to resist bowling half-volleys, and Rutherford bowled steadily if without penetration. Neither of the spinners was able to bowl anything like a length, and the Dundee batsmen were able to take runs as they pleased. Like Crieff, this side too had a preponderance of left-hand bats and this seemed to unsettle the bowlers from the start. Eventually the innings was closed for 123, but the rain which had been threatening for some time—the final hour of the innings was played out to the accompaniment of flashes of lightning and rolls of thunder—came down in earnest.

Dundee University 2nd XI

J. B. Duckers, c Mackenzie, b Rutherford	0
A. Beddow, lbw, b Mackenzie ..	36
G. Gilbert, not out	47
P. Dobson, not out	34
Extras	6

Total (for 2 wks. dec.)... 123

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rutherford	9	2	25	1
MacLeod	6	1	22	0
Sherington	5	0	20	0
Mackenzie	5	0	28	1
Lowden	4	0	22	0

16th May—v. The Edinburgh Academy—At Home.

The Edinburgh Academy

V. A. Lovett-Cameron, c Duncan, b Lowden	29
A. J. Watson, c Rutherford, b Thompson	14
R. L. A. Blair, c MacLeod, b Thompson	4
M. W. Gregson, b Thompson	11
W. R. M. Henderson, b Lowden ..	12
A. S. James, c and b Thompson ..	12
R. A. J. Gray, c Rutherford, b Lowden	12
A. L. Kinghorn, c. and b. Rutherford	8
A. L. L. Barcroft, not out	18
R. G. Cosh, b Sherington	1
E. M. Wilkins, not out	4
Extras	2

Total (for 9 wkts. dec.) 127

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rutherford	8	2	10	1
MacLeod	16	5	27	0
Sherington	8	1	19	1
Thompson	17	6	28	4
Mackenzie	3	0	12	0
Lowden	14	2	29	3

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, b Henderson ..	14
B. J. Picken, b James	38
P. D. C. Warburton, run out	13
I. R. McLean, run out	7
D. A. S. Whyte, not out	12
A. D. G. Duncan, b Wilkins	4
E. G. Mackenzie, not out	0
T. R. MacLeod, S. D. Lowden, P. R. P. Thompson, N. O. Sherington did not bat.	
Extras	3

Total (for 5 wkts.) 93

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cosh	17	7	28	0
Wilkins	8	1	15	1
Kinghorn	7	3	15	0
Henderson	3	0	19	1
James	9	4	11	1

With a wicket which was firm but rather green we fielded first on the assumption that our bowlers needed to get more out of it than the Academy's since penetration had been lacking. Rutherford and MacLeod opened and Lovett-Cameron survived an easy chance off the unfortunate MacLeod when he was put down at second slip by Picken. After six overs a spinner was brought on, but it was Thompson, playing his first game for the first eleven who got the first wicket. Thereafter wickets fell with some regularity to Thompson, whose bowling induced impatient shots, and Lowden, too, got one before lunch, inducing the patient Lovett-Cameron to mis-drive one to extra-cover. Lovett-Cameron could justifiably claim to have been lulled into a false sense of security since he had been dropped about three times before this.

After lunch the catches continued to go down—two were relatively easy ones off Lowden's bowling and Thompson added another wicket to his three taken before lunch. The Academy declared at 127 at about 3.45.

The Strathallan opening pair played carefully until tea when the score was 13 for no wicket. After tea, Picken started to force the pace. Rutherford was out for 14 when the score was 28, playing across the line. Warburton came in and looked full of runs. Two memorable shots off two consecutive balls from Cosh underlined how well he was seeing the ball. The first was a four—all along the ground—off a bouncer and the second a square cut for four. Previous to this he had been dropped at deep fine leg and The Academy were probably starting to think that this was an expensive miss when Picken got them off the hook by playing a ball to short extra-cover, running down the wicket calling,

'No', seeing there was a mis-field and shouting, 'Yes' and leaving Warburton run out. 2 wickets for 51. Picken continued to score well and McLean was beginning to push his score along, when Picken drove at one and missed (72-3) and Whyte shortly after foolishly ran McLean out. Thereafter no serious attempt was made to get the runs. Duncan came in and went to such a full-blooded cow-shot that one wondered why he had bothered to come in at all. Thus the match ended in a draw, and it would be hard to say which side won the dropped catches competition.

19th May—v. Perth Academy—Away.

A match which lasts only three hours of which half an hour is taken up by a tea interval must be an inconclusive one. The School batted first and despite the fact that the Academy employed only medium-pace bowlers to an extremely defensive field Rutherford and Picken got us off to a good start, scoring 42 in even time. Both Picken and Rutherford were out hitting across the line instead of straight and Duncan, too, after a good knock was out in a similar fashion. Whyte was totally out of touch and this slowed down the scoring rate.

Perth Academy, weaker than usual, were unable to make much of the School's bowling, even although a lot of it was not straight. Smith resisted for some 45 minutes for one run, and Rawlinson, too, for 30 minutes. Strangely, Thompson was never put on.

Strathallan					Perth Academy				
D. A. Rutherford, b Foster	.....	22			D. Smith, lbw, b Walker	.....	1		
B. J. Picken, b Foster	.....	36			M. Lawrence, b Walker	.....	0		
D. A. S. Whyte, not out	.....	7			P. Scott, b Walker	.....	0		
A. D. G. Duncan, b Scott	.....	29			P. Moffat, b Rutherford	.....	1		
E. G. Mackenzie, not out	.....	0			J. Ashcroft, b Walker	.....	0		
I. R. McLean, N. Sherington, A. B. Walker, D. A. Walker, S. D. Lowden, P. R. P. Thompson did not bat.					J. Davidson, c Picken, b Lowden	.....	4		
Extras	.....	5			M. Rawlinson, not out	.....	0		
					McKillop, b Walker	.....	0		
					F. Mathewson, not out	.....	0		
					Extras	.....	2		
Total (for 3 wks. dec.)		99							
O.	M.	R.	W.		Total (for 7 wks.)				
Scott	11	1	34	1					8
Rawlinson	13	4	32	0					
Foster	10	1	28	2					
					Rutherford	4	4	0	1
					Walker,				
					A. B.	6	4	3	5
					Lowden	5	3	2	1
					Sherington	9	8	1	0
					Mackenzie	4	4	0	0

23rd May—v. Morrison's Academy—At Home.

The School batted first on a firm and fast wicket. The first wicket went at 12 when Picken was caught and bowled trying to drive the bowler back over his own head. This season it has been his favourite shot, but he tends to over-do it. Certainly, this was the third ball in succession that he had tried to drive. Warburton followed soon after having not got over a short ball and being very well caught in the gully. With two wickets down for 35 runs it was left to Rutherford and McLean to pick up the pieces and this they did in no mean

fashion, for the next wicket fell at 105. This was nine minutes before tea when Rutherford patted a ball to short extra. It was the shot of a tired batsman. All praise must go, however, to his 57, marking, as it does, his first half-century for the first eleven. His innings was a masterpiece of concentration and particularly commendable in that he was obviously not totally in form, playing and missing several times and also getting runs off the edge.

As it was this innings rather overshadowed an equally commendable effort by McLean. He, too, played well and started to widen the range of his shots. He was singularly unfortunate to be out to a catch which, if it had been missed, would certainly have been four runs, and what a good catch it was! At the fall of this wicket the innings was declared closed.

Morrison's were unlucky to lose two quick wickets. Ruxton hooked at a short one and popped up a catch off his gloves, and Hall was out in the next over trying an ambitious drive at Thompson. The ball was skied and Thompson managed to hold on to it despite a collision with Duncan who also had ambitions about making the catch. There still seemed to be intentions about going for the runs when Lowden was brought on. Lowden, however, took a wicket in his first over and his third so that the score was then 4 for 24. At this point with his figures reading 3-1-3-2 Lowden was taken off! Why he was taken off will remain one of the mysteries of the season. From then on the Morrison's innings was mainly a defensive action and the match ended as a draw.

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, c Mavor, b Ryder	57
B. J. Picken, c and b Macdonald	12
P. D. C. Warburton, c Johnson, b Macdonald	8
I. R. McLean, c and b Macdonald	46
D. A. S. Whyte, not out	17
A. D. G. Duncan, E. G. Mackenzie, S. D. Lowden, N. O. Sherington, A. B. Walker, P. R. P. Thompson did not bat.	
Extras	1

Total (for 4 wkts. dec.) .. 141

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Macdonald	23	1	53	3
Ryder	17	3	34	1
Anderson	5	0	20	0
Hall	5	0	18	0
Balfour	4	0	15	0

Morrison's Academy

A. G. Ruxton, c Picken, b Walker	0
J. R. Hall, c and b Thompson	1
R. D. S. Johnson, b Lowden	13
W. P. Balfour, b Lowden	7
A. G. Mavor, run out	19
D. Richard, b Mackenzie	2
J. P. Macnee, not out	8
A. A. Anderson, st Warburton, b Mackenzie	0
R. I. Davidson, not out	1
Extras	7

Total (for 7 wkts.) 61

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Walker	5	1	13	1
Thompson	7	3	5	1
Lowden	3	1	3	2
Rutherford	3	1	4	0
Sherington	4	1	15	0
Mackenzie	7	2	10	2
Picken	2	0	4	0

26th May—v. Daniel Stewart's—At Home.

This match must have engendered more displeasure and mutterings from the tenants of the spectators' bench in the corner than for many seasons. The slow play and the prolonged School innings brought down a heap of criticism, much of which was unjustified.

The School batted first and in the first hour lost three wickets. Picken was out very early on l.b.w. for 5, Warburton played one of those irresponsible shots which he only can play, driving across the line and being bowled. McLean was out to a half-hearted square cut. Worse was to follow, for Rutherford, elbow well down, dollied a catch to forward short leg while pondering whether to drive or not to drive. The School innings, therefore, was in trouble at 4 for 52. Duncan was almost out soon after but steadied to play a captain's innings. He and Whyte then put on 70 for the fifth wicket. Whyte has been out of touch for most of the season and is not scoring runs where opportunity offers itself. Too many short balls were missed on the off for example. Yet, just as McLean persevered in the previous match so did Whyte now. One cannot expect—unless, perhaps, one is on the bench of critics—scintillating innings from boys in their first season in the first eleven. Both Whyte and Duncan were not out at the tea interval, and the Stewart's bowling rate at that time was 19 overs an hour—fairly slow by schoolboy standards—and most of the bowling had been medium-pace or above. After tea the innings quickened. Duncan was at last out for an invaluable 33 and Whyte went on to complete his innings before being well caught trying one square cut too many. At this, Sherington made one of his rare appearances at the wicket and the innings proceeded sedately on its way before the declaration at six o'clock.

Stewart's scored 20 runs off the first two overs and had Rennie not been well-caught by Duncan at mid-on off a very hard drive, things might have gone very differently for them. Even at 6.45 only two runs a minute were required—a not impossible task in view of the short boundary at one side. About seven o'clock Clarke got an inside edge onto his wicket, and then Sherington striking a line and length for the first time this season started to worry the batsmen. Meanwhile, Street who had been difficult to prise out, was well run out when Whyte threw down the wicket at the bowler's end. Currie was unnecessarily run out and by half-past seven Stewart's had lost 8 wickets.

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, c Kerr, b Duguid	24
B. J. Picken, lbw, b Currie	5
P. D. C. Warburton, b Birse	7
I. R. McLean, c Middleton, b Birse	3
D. A. S. Whyte, c Street, b Duguid	51
A. D. G. Duncan, c Duguid, b Street	33
E. G. Mackenzie, not out	7
N. O. Sherington, not out	2
S. D. Lowden, P. R. P. Thompson and A. B. Walker did not bat.	
Extras	11

Total (for 6 wkts. dec.) .. 143

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Currie	19	4	38	1
Birse	15	3	41	2
Clark	9	0	34	0
Duguid	8	2	6	2
Rennie	2	0	6	0
Street	6	2	7	0

Daniel Stewart's

F. Rennie, c Duncan, b Walker	13
P. Street, run out	28
A. Clarke, b Walker	13
M. Middleton, b Sherington	4
A. Currie, run out	5
S. Kerr, st Warburton, b Sherington	1
D. Ward, c Mackenzie, b Sherington	0
A. Smith, c and b Sherington	3
L. Duguid, not out	3
G. Birse, not out	4
Extras	4

Total (for 8 wkts.) 74

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Walker	7	2	19	2
Rutherford	3	0	17	0
Thompson	9	2	15	0
Sherington	6	1	19	4

4th June—v. C. B. E. Somerville's XI—At Home.

C. B. E. Somerville's XI

A. J. McNab, b Thompson	47
F. A. Orr, c Warburton, b Walker	1
G. F. R. Martin, b Thompson	14
Sadiq Mohammed, b Walker	48
A. B. Wren, b Thompson	17
D. Haines, c Warburton, b Walker	1
L. L. Tracey, not out	17
Extras	8

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) 153

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Walker	9	1	17	3
Lowden	10	1	34	0
Thompson	13.5	3	48	3
Sherington	7	0	38	0
Rutherford	2	0	8	0

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, b Dalziel	18
B. J. Picken, b Tracey	8
P. D. C. Warburton, c Sadiq, b Dalziel	10
I. R. McLean, b Dalziel	6
D. A. S. Whyte, c Sadiq, b McLaughton	15
A. D. G. Duncan, not out	32
E. G. Mackenzie, c Dalziel, b Duncanson	7
N. O. Sherington, c Tracey, b Sadiq	9
S. D. Lowden, c McNab, b Sadiq	0
P. R. P. Thompson, c Tracey, b Sadiq	2
A. B. Walker, not out	2
Extras	13

Total (for 9 wks.) 122

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dalziel	15	6	26	3
Tracey	8	1	26	1
McLaughton	7	1	21	1
Duncanson	9	4	19	1
Sadiq	9	4	17	3

The day was disappointingly cool and not the kind which encourages good cricket. Mr. Somerville once again brought up a good side which contained many faces of people we have come to look forward to seeing annually. The visitors batted first and their innings got off to a quiet start.

Walker achieved the first breakthrough getting Orr caught at the wicket in the third over. The next ball Martin gave a similar chance to Warburton but this was not taken. On the whole Warburton has tended to stand much too far back. At the other end Lowden bowled steadily without any luck. One confident appeal for a catch at the wicket was just as confidently turned down and Orr and McNab put on some 59 runs before the next wicket fell. This was a four-or-out shot by McNab who scored most of the runs in this partnership. The next to the wicket was the Poloc professional, Sadiq Mohammed, a brother of Hanif and recently in the Pakistan test team. Sadiq's innings, before and after tea was not disappointing. He showed that the ball could be hit very hard, even in defence, and after his departure—bowled by a ball from Walker which came in a shade between bat and pad and just clipped the off stump—there were several pairs of stinging hands. Haines didn't last very long, and Tracey came in and dealt some ferocious blows, particularly to Thompson who had been bowling very steadily indeed up to this point. The declaration, a generous one, was made at 153.

The School innings never really got going. Picken from the first over he faced was obviously intent on getting out as quickly as possible. After one or two shots reminiscent of a berserk windmill he departed. Warburton didn't get going either. He edged one going away from him, McLean got one that

pitched middle and leg and hit off, and Rutherford one that came back between bat and pad. With four wickets down for fifty, the innings was on the rocks. There were no batsmen left noted for their fast scoring. At this point, with due respect to the gentlemen concerned, what is known as the 'lollipop' was brought on. This, too, was treated with great respect. Half-volleys were played back with some respect and suspicion, and Whyte, who was scoring some runs off this bowling, became too greedy, advanced down the wicket, head-in-air and elbow down and was well-caught at slip by Sadiq. From then on defensive measures were the order of the day, and as the evening went on several hitherto unfamiliar faces appeared at the wicket. Mackenzie defended stolidly for a time and then went to a half-hearted straight drive. Sherington was in the end unable to cope with Sadiq's leg-breaks and googlies. To Lowden fell the unenviable distinction of getting the side's first nought of the season. Thompson must have gone close to a record for playing and missing a slow bowler. Throughout all this Duncan remained firm, taking a single here and there, and even essaying one or two more ambitious strokes. He and Walker were able to play out the final nine balls of the innings.

The match underlined once more that we are not equipped for fast scoring, although some of our batsmen are capable of staying for a long time at the wicket.

9th June—v. Dollar Academy—At Dollar.

Dollar					Strathallan				
M. Smith, b Sherington	.....	6			D. A. Rutherford, run out	.....	12		
N. Watson, c McLean, b Walker	.....	6			B. J. Picken, c Gourley, b Duck	..	0		
D. Gourley, c Picken, b Lowden	.....	2			P. D. C. Warburton, lbw, b Duck	.....	25		
J. Duck, c Walker, b Sherington	.....	0			D. A. S. Whyte, c Gibson, b Duck	.....	0		
I. Spencer, run out	.....	1			I. R. McLean, b Duck	.....	8		
I. Mears, b Sherington	.....	8			A. D. G. Duncan, not out	.....	15		
K. J. McKenna, c MacKenzie, b Sherington	.....	20			E. G. MacKenzie, not out	.....	3		
R. Davidson, c MacKenzie, b Thompson	.....	0			A. B. Walker, S. D. Lowden, N. O. Sherington and P. R. P. Thompson did not bat.				
G. Rumbles, b Thompson	.....	1			Extras	.....	2		
R. Beatson, b MacKenzie	.....	9			Total (for 5 wks.)	.....	65		
I. Gibson, not out	.....	8							
Extras	.....	2							
Total (for 9 wks.)	.....	63							
	O.	M.	R.	W.					
Walker	9	1	17	1	Duck	15	6	18	4
Lowden	7	2	12	1	Beatson	3	1	19	0
Sherington	10	6	18	4	Watson	12	1	26	0
MacKenzie	5	2	9	1					
Thompson	7	2	6	2					

This was our first win of the season, and the win, although undistinguished, was nevertheless a welcome one.

Dollar batted first on a very good wicket and their first wicket fell in the seventh over. After that wickets began to fall with great regularity, Sherington particularly baffling the batsmen. Shortly after Spencer was unnecessarily run

out going for an impossible run, Dollar had lost eight wickets for 28. There were one or two good pieces of fielding—Picken's catch at extra cover comes particularly to mind—but on the whole bad batting rather than good bowling resulted in the poor score. McKenna and Beatson then got their heads down, and there was very little way of getting them out. They had one or two pieces of good fortune but they raised the score to 54 before Beatson was bowled playing back to Mackenzie. The last pair put on a further ten runs, and then McKenna was well caught at slip by Mackenzie.

The School innings opened eventually. Picken was caught almost immediately prodding. Warburton, having been particularly severe on Beatson, was leg-before hooking once too often. Whyte, in over the tea interval, was out immediately after waving a horizontal bat gently at a short ball outside the off stump. Gibson, the wicket-keeper took a very good catch, but injured himself in the process and unfortunately had to go off. Rutherford ran himself out and McLean played back instead of playing forward. So the School was 5 wickets for 45, with the batsmen seemingly determined to bat like fools. Duncan and Mackenzie, however, got their heads down, and a hook to long-leg by Duncan saw us home.

11th June—v. Merchiston Castle School—At Merchiston.

Merchiston					Strathallan				
J. G. Raven, b Lowden	63				D. A. Rutherford, c Walker, b Richards	39			
R. D. Merson, c Warburton, b Lowden	2				B. J. Picken, c Raven, b Clark	19			
D. M. Broadfoot, c Duncan, b Thompson	87				P. D. C. Warburton, c Swan, b Richards	1			
R. G. Swan, c Warburton, b Thompson	28				D. A. S. Whyte, c Raven, b Clark	16			
P. C. Tullo, b Thompson	4				I. R. McLean, not out	1			
N. W. Drummond, not out	13				A. D. G. Duncan, c Swan, b Richards	9			
I. H. Clark, not out	1				E. G. MacKenzie, not out	2			
Extras	1				N. O. Sherington, S. D. Lowden, A. B. Walker and P. R. P. Thompson did not bat.				
Total (for 5 wkts. dec.)	199				Extras	19			
O.	M.	R.	W.		Total (for 5 wkts.)	106			
Walker	16	4	34	0	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Lowden	16	4	28	2	Drummond	14	9	10	0
Thompson	16	4	44	3	Clark	18	12	22	2
Sherington	22	4	68	0	Richards	26	13	36	3
MacKenzie	6	1	24	0	Walker	8	3	15	0
					Wilson	2	2	0	0
					Swan	2	0	4	0
					Broadfoot	1	1	0	0
					Raven	3	3	0	0
					Richards	2	2	0	0

The memory of very recent disasters against Merchiston has made this our first testing fixture of the season. We arrived at Merchiston to find a haar sweeping slowly across the ground, and it remained with us for the rest of the day, so that the weather was never right for good cricket. The wicket was easy paced, having had a thorough soaking from the thunderstorms earlier in the

week, and Merchiston batted first. Lowden was able to get a little movement in the air, and Merson, who never looked comfortable, was disposed of fairly quickly attempting to drive at Lowden and getting an outside edge to be caught comfortably at the wicket. For the remainder of the first hour Raven and Broadfoot took things slowly, and when Lowden and then Walker came off neither had been very expensive. Thompson took over the bowling down the hill, and he, too, kept the batsmen in check. Chances were therefore taken against Sherington bowling at the pavilion end. Both Raven and Broadfoot hit some pleasant straight drives off him, and the ground fielding began to look distinctly ragged. Worse was to follow: Raven was put down off a sharp chance to short extra, and Broadfoot was put down off two chances which were anything but sharp. In the second hour the scoring rate had increased and Merchiston reached 100 for the loss of one wicket just before lunch.

After lunch Raven was out when the score was on 'Nelson', bowled driving at Lowden. It was half an hour before we were to get another wicket. Broadfoot began to swing at most things, and Swan was batting with an ominous assurance. At last Broadfoot found that if you put up enough catches you are eventually going to find someone who holds on to one. He was at last caught at deep mid-on by Duncan. Just previous to this Swan had been out, taken very well at the wicket whilst trying to cut a short lifter from Thompson, and it was obvious that by now Merchiston were pursuing quick runs. Broadfoot's dismissal must be seen in this light—had there been more time he would certainly have got a century. Finally, Drummond did some destruction to Thompson's analysis by clumping him over mid-wicket for a six. The luckless Sherington, who had so many catches dropped that he would surely qualify as a permanent ticket holder of a seat by the waters of Babylon, finished with 0 for 68.

199 is not the kind of total the School batting has had to chase for many years even in the generous amount of time given. Drummond, opening the bowling from the pavilion end, got a little movement in towards the batsman, and Clark, bowling left arm over the wicket to a vast array of short-legs got Picken off to a good start. He scored 19 of the first 23 runs, mainly through or above the leg-trap before being caught rather tamely at short mid-on. Warburton, in a subdued innings which was broken by the tea interval, was caught playing forward and not getting right over a ball from Richards. Richards was bowling off-spin and turning the ball a prodigious amount—too much, indeed to get a wicket—but little attempt was made to swing him with the spin. Certainly he should never have been allowed to bowl with a leg-slip and a forward short leg so close, since neither his line nor his length warranted anything but sudden death for the aforesaid players. Rutherford did connect once or twice, but he is not a notable player of spin, and Whyte seemed more content to have some batting practice. Eventually he was out prodding and some minutes later Rutherford was out to an aggressive shot, caught at mid-on, for 39 out of a total of 91. McLean was digging himself in, as is customary, and Duncan was strangely subdued. By this time, however, nothing but a draw was inevitable. The Merchiston bowling was not good enough to get us out and they were unfortunate to have lost the services of C. S. Swan who had been sadly injured earlier in the season. His leg-breaks might have been effective. At the close of play, with Duncan out prodding too, the score was 106 and McLean was still not out for one in 66 minutes.

Two lessons could be learnt from this game. Fielding has to be good. An outfield which might have been Belgian pavé when Strathallan fielded seemed to have become fairly smooth when Merchiston were fielding. Further, the first run must be taken much more quickly than we tend to.

17th June—v. Forfarshire—At Strathallan.

Forfarshire					Strathallan				
D. G. Robertson, st Warburton, b					C. Hill, c Walton, b Fleming				1
Lowden	55				B. J. Picken, c and b Fleming				36
T. M. Smith, c McLean, b Lowden	0				P. D. C. Warburton, c Robertson,				
D. C. Ford, c Sherington, b					b Walton				0
Thompson	46				D. A. S. Whyte, b Walton				6
E. C. Reoch, c McLean, b Shering-					I. R. McLean, c and b McLeod				2
ton	5				A. D. G. Duncan, c Walton, b				
M. G. S. Walton, c MacKenzie, b					Allardyce				24
Lowden	53				E. G. MacKenzie, not out				28
W. Y. Bell, not out	12				N. O. Sherington, b Smith				7
D. Jones, not out	5				P. R. P. Thompson, not out				0
Extras	1				S. D. Lowden and A. B. Walker did				
					not bat.				
Total (for 5 wks. dec.)	177				Extras				7
					Total (for 7 wks.)				113
O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.	
Lowden	12	2	55	3	Walton	9	3	11	2
Walker	12	1	53	0	Fleming	11	4	39	2
Sherington	6	0	40	1	McLeod	7	1	11	1
Thompson	5	0	28	1	McMahon	6	0	17	0
					Allardyce	9	2	10	1
					Reoch	9	2	7	0
					Robertson	1	1	0	0
					Jones	1	1	0	0
					Smith	1	1	0	1

This annual fixture is against a Forfarshire side raised by Mr. J. Allardyce (O.S.) and we thank him for bringing along yet another good side. The game was also turned into an afternoon game rather than the usual evening fixture to see if a better game could be made out of it. The Forfarshire batting was strong and a run feast was expected when they batted first. It was, therefore, with some surprise that we got T. M. Smith, who has made a lot of runs against us before, caught at short extra playing forward to Lowden. Lowden in his first spell bowled extremely well, keeping the ball up to the bat just outside the off stump and inducing the batsmen to drive. The removal of Smith was a mixed blessing since it heralded the arrival of Donald Ford, at whose hands the Occasionals have too often suffered. From then on the innings gained momentum. Robertson was particularly hard on Sherington and Walker, too, was coming in for some stick when he was taken off. Ford was caught off Thompson, and Reoch did not stay long. Walton, however, belaboured all the bowlers and his 50 came in 30 minutes. Lowden got both of them in the end, one stumped and the other well caught at slip, and the innings closed at 177 for 5.

The School's reply was slow. Hill, playing in his first match for the first eleven, was first to go in the fifth over, caught at short square leg when he didn't quite get over a ball he was trying to turn. Warburton was soon out in a similar way. Picken, however, was not troubled by the bowling and was in fact batting as well as he has ever done. In Walton's fifth over he miscued one over the wicket-keeper's head for four, hit one through extra-cover for another boundary, and one down to fine leg. When he was out for 36 the total stood at

50 for 5 and a collapse seemed imminent. Duncan and MacKenzie got their heads down and took the total to 88 when Duncan was out. MacKenzie, in the meantime, had been very slow, and although he might be forgiven this time for missing a lot of runs by playing very straight to very short slow bowling, it is hoped that next season he will deal otherwise. He has the shots, for in the last half hour of the game he square cut Fleming for three fours in three balls. One was left wondering why he hadn't done something earlier. Sherington, who was out in the very last over of the game had, stayed in with him.

It is some time since the School's batting gave a good account of itself against Forfarshire; it is hoped that we will be able to do so next season.

20th June—v. Strathallian Club—At Strathallan.

Strathallian Club XI					Strathallan				
D. I. Turner, c Warburton, b					D. Rutherford, c Cook, b				
MacKenzie	32				McInroy	19			
A. S. Cook, c and b Sherington ..	7				B. J. Picken, c Johnston, b				
W. B. Melville, c Warburton, b					Mackenzie	18			
Sherington	55				P. D. C. Warburton, b McKenzie	8			
T. R. Taylor, c Thomson, b					D. A. S. Whyte, c Johnston, b				
Lowden	43				Mackenzie	0			
P. M. Hamilton, c Whyte, b					I. R. McLean, c Cook, b Melville	46			
Sherington	13				A. D. G. Duncan, st Johnston, b				
A. G. Johnston, not out	7				Melville	51			
S. L. Mackenzie, b Thompson ..	1				E. G. MacKenzie, not out	2			
J. W. B. Anderson, run out	3				N. O. Sherington, b Mackenzie ..	0			
N. D. McKenzie, c Rutherford, b					P. R. P. Thompson, b Mackenzie	0			
Sherington	0				S. D. Lowden, not out	2			
D. R. Anderson, not out	20				A. B. Walker did not bat.				
A. McInroy did not bat					Extras	5			
Extras	3								
Total (for 8 wks. dec.)					184	Total (for 8 wks.)			
						151			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Walker	11	2	33	0	McKenzie,				
Lowden	10	2	37	1	N. D.	9	3	25	0
Sherington	14	1	56	4	Mackenzie,				
MacKenzie	4	0	19	1	S. L.	17	3	44	5
Thompson	10	0	32	1	Hamilton	6	0	33	0
					McInroy	5	1	8	1
					Melville	12	3	36	2

We were once again blessed with good weather for this fixture, but it was still played to the most extraordinary hours that seem to be traditional. One hour's play before lunch seems to be somewhat unsatisfactory, since the momentum of an innings must be lost as soon as it has started, and the fielding side can't get down to attacking cricket either.

The Old Boys' batted first, and it seemed strange not to see Smithie in the opening pair, since we have come to regard him as a hardy annual. Alan Cook was strangely out of touch and his attempts to drive Lowden met with little success. Indeed Lowden bowled him one which came in and left him off the pitch; a ball that might have got a batsman in form out. Walker presented less difficulties, and Donald Turner was left to do most of the scoring. Sherington

was introduced into the attack in the eleventh over and a hard drive by Cook was held by the bowler above his head. Will Melville was next in and was a little fortunate not to be caught driving uppishly in the direction of mid-on once or twice. He and Turner took the score to 44. Turner, by this time, looked very set and had already hit MacKenzie for one six, but, in the over before the interval he was caught at the wicket trying to square cut MacKenzie. After lunch Tommy Taylor joined Will Melville and they proceeded to carve the bowling in no uncertain manner. Once Tommy is swinging along the right line, very little can get him out. He hit Lowden for two fours, both nearly sixes, through long-off, and was caught at deep extra cover trying to repeat the shot. This led to the appearance of the burly figure of Peter Hamilton, making his second appearance against the School this season. He hit one lusty six nearly onto the drive, but other than that was fairly restrained. Meanwhile, at the other end Melville was proceeding coolly towards his fifty, which he reached in 68 minutes. Hamilton was out first attempting a big hit off Sherington, and Melville followed very shortly after cutting at the same bowler only to be caught at the wicket. That made the score 151 for 5, and although Stuart MacKenzie fended off the hat-trick, he was removed shortly after by Thompson. J. Anderson contrived to get himself run out in a moment of comedy—at least he always seems to make them moments of comedy—and Norman McKenzie didn't trouble the scorer, since he, too, assayed a rather optimistic shot. It was left to Graham Johnston and David Anderson to retrieve the fortunes of the club. From some of the shots played anyone who didn't know might have been forgiven for thinking that Anderson was the golfer and Johnston was the rugger player, but be that as it may, they added 29 very valuable runs.

When the School started their innings, Picken, in the short period before tea, threatened to see N. D. McKenzie off, hitting him for 13 in his second over. The first wicket fell at 24, when Picken was given out caught at the wicket driving at MacKenzie. S. Stuart MacKenzie, bowling outswingers, bowled the best spell of the day, and shortly after accounted for both Warburton and Whyte. Warburton was bowled by a good one, and Whyte was out flashing outside the off stump. Rutherford was fourth out, with the score at 53, and Duncan and McLean, by now somewhat expert in retrieving our fortunes, came together. Hamilton had managed to persuade his captain to take him seriously as a bowler, and so there was some fairly charitable stuff being served up at one end, but Melville, bowling at the Chapel end had to serve up slow half-volleys with no one out in the mid-wicket area to persuade the batsmen into some activity.

The score rose to 146 and Duncan reached his fifty with a two off Melville. He then did an incredibly silly thing. Having got his fifty, he threw sense to the winds, charged Melville and was stumped, and with that dismissal went our hopes of victory. At that point the School needed 38 runs in 27 minutes. MacKenzie came in, got a single and then McLean was out as well, caught very well by Alan Cook in the gully. McLean might think himself a little unlucky to be caught so near his half-century, but if you cut on the up then you are inviting luck to turn against you. The carrot at the other end had been taken off by this time, and MacKenzie, S. was bowling to Mackenzie, E. G. who edged one to McKenzie, N. D. in the gully, who, in true clan spirit, let the ball go through his hands for a single. This cunning piece of play brought immediate dividends. Both Sherington and Thompson were bowled in the same over, and a match we had had a chance of winning now looked like a loss. MacKenzie and Lowden hung on like grim death, and it was difficult for Lowden since he was making a particularly rare appearance at the wicket.

4th July—v. Trinity College, Glenalmond—At Glenalmond.

Trinity College, Glenalmond

J. B. Goldsbrough, b Thompson	35
D. J. S. Gowar, b Lowden	3
D. R. Hunter, c Walker, b Sherington	18
N. P. Ireland, c Warburton, b Thompson	11
D. G. Leslie, b Thompson	2
R. J. S. McLeod, b Sherington	4
S. R. Pringle, c Sherington, b Walker	8
P. J. Fleming, c MacKenzie, b Sherington	15
D. R. Munro, b Walker	3
E. M. Robson, c Warburton, b Sherington	9
W. D. Grant, not out	4
Extras	6
Total	118

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C. Hill, c and b Pringle	7
B. J. Picken, b Pringle	12
P. D. C. Warburton, b Pringle	54
I. R. McLean, not out	27
D. A. S. Whyte, c Leslie, b Robson	2
A. D. G. Duncan, not out	4
E. G. MacKenzie, N. O. Sherington, A. B. Walker, S. D. Lowden and P. R. P. Thompson did not bat.	
Extras	14

Total (for 4 wks.) 120

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pringle	16	3	43	3
Robson	14	4	29	1
Goldsbrough	5	2	12	0
Grant	3	1	15	0
Fleming	2	0	7	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Walker	9	1	20	2
Lowden	14	4	35	1
Sherington	15	2	37	4
Thompson	10	1	20	3

By this time the hard wickets of the season had gone, and we were faced with a soft easy paced wicket to play on. Glenalmond won the toss and batted first, and there was really no hint in the wicket of the disasters to come. Neither Walker nor Lowden seemed to be troubling the openers in the slightest. Goldsbrough in Lowden's first over announced his intentions by spanking him smartly through extra cover for two fours. At the end of the seventh over 15 runs had been scored, and then Gowar played what can only be described as an impatient and very rustic shot and was bowled by Lowden. We were fortunate to get Gowar out because he is a much better bat than this shot suggested (he came on the Occasionals tour and batted with a great deal of correctness). Hunter and Goldsbrough kept the run rate up, Hunter hitting some lofted drives off Lowden which would have been certain fours on a faster outfield. Goldsbrough, however, tended to play across the line, and when the score was 60 he was bowled off stump by Thompson who had replaced Lowden. At the same total Hunter was caught at extra-cover by Walker off Sherington. Leslie and McLeod followed soon after. Fleming, after a few good blows, was well taken by MacKenzie at slip and Walker, coming on for a short spell before lunch, removed Pringle, who was caught by Sherington. Munro was bowled by Walker in the last over before lunch, so the lunch score was 105 for 9 wickets. One could not help but feel that the Glenalmond batsmen had given us every assistance in arriving at such a satisfactory state of affairs.

After lunch Robson and Grant showed a great deal more resolution than the batsmen had before, and they contrived to put on 13 for the last wicket before Robson was caught at the wicket off Sherington who had just been brought on again.

The start of our innings was somewhat circumspect. Picken batted with a great deal more deliberation than he usually does, and maybe the fact that the ball was not coming onto the bat troubled him. Anyway he was first out with 20 on the board. Hill was out almost immediately after, when Pringle took a very good catch going to his right. The stroke was a most un-Hill-like one, the result of thinking whether to drive or not to drive. Thereafter, Warburton, and, almost inevitably by this stage of the season, McLean, saw us almost through to victory. This innings was one of Warburton's better innings, and it showed us some of the class that he has. It was unfortunate that it should end with a stroke that was anything but one of class—a kind of hoick—and he was bowled when we were in sight of the Glenalmond total. McLean and Warburton put on 92 for the 3rd wicket. Whyte was out very quickly, and again, very unnecessarily, and it was left to Duncan to hit a four off Robson to see us home.

8th July—v. Fettes College—At Strathallan.

Fettes		Strathallan	
M. J. N. Loudon, c Warburton, b Sherington	47	D. A. Rutherford, b Pratt	4
D. J. Lumsden, c Warburton, b Sherington	16	B. J. Picken, lbw, b Pratt	14
R. A. B. Reid, c and b Sherington	21	P. D. C. Warburton, b Pratt	23
D. H. Fell, c Duncan, b Sherington	2	I. R. McLean, not out	11
S. R. G. Pratt, c and b Thompson	6	D. A. S. Whyte, not out	2
G. C. McNaughton, c and b Sherington	2	E. G. MacKenzie, A. D. G. Duncan, N. O. Sherington, S. D. Lowden, P. R. P. Thompson and A. B. Walker did not bat.	
R. F. Dickinson, st Warburton, b Walker	34	Extras	10
J. D. A. Clayton, not out	29	Total (for 3 wks.)	64
A. W. Tranter, b Lowden	1		
D. A. Elliott, c Whyte, b MacKenzie	0	O. M. R. W.	
R. Wilson, not out	8	Pratt 13 3 24 3	
Extras	4	Tranter 7 1 20 0	
		McNaughton 3 1 7 0	
		Reid 3 1 3 0	
Total (for 9 wks. dec.)	170		
	O. M. R. W.		
Walker	8 0 30 1		
Lowden	14 4 38 1		
Sherington	22 6 40 5		
Thompson	12 3 37 1		
MacKenzie	6 1 21 1		

Fettes brought an unbeaten and very strong side up for this game and batted first. That they made so many runs is partly due to some appalling catching and partly due to strong powers of recovery. The opening bowlers weren't able to penetrate the opening pair, and Sherington came on as first change bowler after ten overs. He very soon found the outside edge of Lumsden's bat and he was caught at the wicket. When Reid came in he took 14 off one of Lowden's overs, and Lowden was promptly taken off. Reid proceeded to try to bat aggressively, and struck a drive back very hard at Sherington, who held

on to it chest high. The Fettes' middle order continued to try to get after Sherington, but Fell was out to a brilliant running and diving catch at mid-on, again off a well struck drive, and Pratt was caught by Thompson off his own bowling off a similar attempt to drive. The Fettes' batsmen must have thought themselves a little hard done by when they had seen the relatively simple chances which Loudon had been giving and getting away with. MacNaughton was caught and bowled by Sherington low down to his right—again a well struck drive—and Loudon was out one run later cutting at Sherington. The score by this time was 98 for 6.

Dickinson and Clayton started to restore some sanity to the innings. Sherington came off after bowling 22 overs and Thompson was beginning to be expensive. Walker, who replaced Sherington, didn't look any the less expensive and was bowling at half pace. In the event it was he who got Dickinson out. The Fettes' tail then seemed to lose a sense of purpose, and the innings pottered on for another 45 minutes, until the last pair in a flurry of strokes put on 26 runs. The innings was declared closed at 170.

After tea the weather deteriorated. The innings started at 6.30 and Rutherford was soon out for the lowest score that he has had this season. Picken was again playing with some restraint but was out after 45 minutes. Warburton, in the darkening gloom, seemed, however, to be in fine form, and was proceeding to deal somewhat unceremoniously with Pratt when he was bowled. At this stage the light was as bad as it was ever likely to be, and one brief shower had already had the players running for cover. McLean and Whyte appealed against the light, a proceeding rarely heard of in schoolboy cricket, but legitimate for all that, and although the appeal was turned down, it did seem to have the effect of Pratt's being taken off. Very shortly after the rain came down in earnest, and the match was abandoned as a draw.

6th July, 1970—Combined Glenalmond/Strathallan XI v. O.U. Authentics, at Glenalmond.

Combined XI 144 (Goldbrough 39; Rutherford 28; McLean 29)
Authentics 116 for 6 wks. Drawn

SECOND XI

16th May—v. The Edinburgh Academy—Strathallan 91 for 7 (dec.). (Steele 28, Hill 29). The Edinburgh Academy 64 for 8. (Brown 5–15). Drawn.

19th May—v. Perth Academy—Strathallan 104–2 (dec.). (Thompson 54*). Perth Academy 36 (Brown 5–19). Won.

21st May—v. Fettes—Strathallan 38. Fettes, 39–1. Lost.

23rd May—v. Dundee High School—Dundee High School 84–9 (dec.) (Lambie 4–27). Strathallan 55–6. Drawn.

26th May—v. Daniel Stewart's—Strathallan 160–6 (dec.) (Dods, 62). Daniel Stewart's 24 (Brown 7–8). Won.

6th June—v. Loretto—Loretto 122–8 (dec.) (Steele 5–45). Strathallan 68–5. Drawn.

9th June—v. Dollar—Dollar 10 (Brown 7–2). Strathallan 11–2.

11th June—v. Merchiston—Strathallan 81–5. Merchiston 98–8 (dec.). Drawn.

4th July—v. Trin. Coll, Glenalmond—Strathallan 91 (Steele 46). Glenalmond 139.

THIRD XI AND 'A' XI

The 3rd XI succeeds as a nursery for future 1st game players but without always itself achieving the success that it could. Quite capable of playing good enough cricket in the nets and in practice matches, our confidence has deserted us when it was most needed. We were again heavily defeated by both Fettes and Merchiston—and for the same reasons. In the first instance we allowed ourselves to be intimidated by a large score and in the second failed to take advantage of a very moderate bowling and fielding side. We salvaged some pride with a good win against Glenalmond. Having put them out fairly cheaply, thanks largely to McLean, our openers put on nearly half the required runs without loss. Even then we managed to lose our heads needing six wickets more to pass their total. Broadwood, unfortunately out of action with a leg injury for the early part of the season, captained the side well for the second year in succession. Moodie kept wicket very cleanly, conceding only four extras in our three matches. Several individuals played for 'A' XI's in various matches and some appearances for the 2nd XI were registered.

An 'A' XI (combined 2nd and 3rd) played their very enjoyable annual match with St. Salvator's over in St. Andrews. Steele batted well and McLeod bowled with more fire than he has shown for a long time. Moodie had another 'shut-out'.

Next season we shall be able to draw on the services of several old hands and should be able to approach our modest fixture list with more confidence.

Results

3rd XI v. Fettes—Fettes 146. 3rd XI 46. Lost by 100 runs.

3rd XI v. Merchiston—3rd XI 46. Merchiston 47 for 3. Lost by 7 wickets.

3rd XI v. Glenalmond—Glenalmond 85 (D. B. McLean 7 for 17). 3rd XI 87 for 6. Won by 4 wickets.

A' XI v. St. Salvator's—'A' XI 104 (C. D. Steele 44). St. Salvator's 67 (T. R. MacLeod 8 for 25). Won by 37 runs.

'A' XI v. Strathallan Occasionals—Occasionals 148 for 6 (dec.) (D. M. Stewart 90 n.o.). 'A' XI 99 for 6. Match drawn.

v. Kelvinside Academy—Strathallan 137–5 (dec.) (Whyte 31, Warburton 33. Kelvinside Academy 109–10 (Picken 5–10). Drawn.

This was a Sunday match played against a touring side from Kelvinside who were again on tour in this area. This year the weather was a little better and we were able to get in a full day's play. We fielded a very mixed side—the match was 12-a-side because the Occasionals' couldn't make up their mind about borrowing players—and got off to a very slow start. Warburton managed to get us up with the clock after lunch with some adventurous hitting and he declared shortly afterwards. Kelvinside batted boldly, Neill making 21 and Mair 28. However, there were two very smart run-outs by Williamson—a name more distinguished on the hockey field and the golf course. He was unfortunate, too, not to get a wicket with his first ball. The catch at slip was a hard chance and there were very few other balls which got near enough the bat. Several other bowlers were tried, and the match ended with Laird playing out the last over with everyone crowded round the bat.

SENIOR COLTS CRICKET RESULTS

v. The Edinburgh Academy—Strathallan 27. The Edinburgh Academy 101. Lost by 74 runs.

- v. **Perth Academy**—Strathallan 80. Perth Academy 18. Won by 62 runs.
- v. **Fettes**—Strathallan 72. Fettes 73—6. Lost by 4 wkts.
- v. **Morrison's**—Strathallan 60. Morrison's 58. Won by 2 runs.
- v. **Loretto**—Loretto 112—7 (dec.). Strathallan 35. Lost by 77 runs.
- v. **Dollar**—Strathallan 128—8 (dec.). Dollar 51—8. Drawn.
- v. **Merchiston**—Strathallan 54. Merchiston 55—2. Lost by 8 wkts.
- v. **Glasgow Academy**—Glasgow Ac. 42. Strathallan 46—1. Won by 9 wkts.
- v. **Trinity College, Glenalmond**—Strathallan 104—7 (dec.). Glenalmond 56—9. Drawn.

JUNIOR COLTS CRICKET RESULTS

- v. **The Edinburgh Academy**—Strathallan 22. The Edinburgh Academy 25—0. Lost by 10 wickets.
- v. **Perth Academy**—Strathallan 99—7 (dec.) (Yellowlees 27). Perth Academy 51—7. Drawn.
- v. **Fettes**—Strathallan 56. Fettes 57—5. Lost by 5 wickets.
- v. **Dundee H.S.**—Strathallan 75—3 (dec.) (McDonald 35*). Dundee H.S. 59—8 (Stewart 5—12). Drawn.
- v. **Loretto**—Loretto 103—8 (dec.) (McDonald 4—39). Strathallan 32. Lost by 71 runs.
- v. **Merchiston Castle School**—Strathallan 77. Merchiston 78—3. Lost by 7 wickets.
- v. **Glasgow Academy**—Strathallan 76. Glasgow Academy 34 (McDonald 5—8; Aitkenhead 5—22). Won by 42 runs.
- v. **Trinity College, Glenalmond**—Glenalmond 94 (McDonald 4—25; Aitkenhead 4—36). Strathallan 98—9. Won by 1 wicket.

JUNIOR XI

- v. **New Park**—No play.(H). Rain.
- v. **Drumtochty Castle**—(A). Strathallan 71. Drumtochty 74 for 6. Lost by 4 wickets.
- v. **Croftinloan**—(H). Strathallan 86 for 5 (dec.). Croftinloan 46. Won by 40 runs.
- v. **Craigflower**—Rain. No play.
- v. **Ardvreck**—(H) Strathallan 57 for 4. Ardvreck. Rain. No further play.
- v. **Ardvreck 2nds**—(A) Ardvreck 2nds 41 for 5. Strathallan. Rain. No further play. Drawn.

Two other fixtures were cancelled due to quarantine.

Runs for:—214 for the loss of 19 wkts. @ 11.26 per wicket.

Against:—120 for the loss of 16 wkts. @ 7.50 per wicket.

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1sts.	3	1	1	1
2nds.	1	0	1	0

ATHLETICS

This has been the club's most successful season. We lost only one match, and that just after the mid-term break when the team was well below its normal standard. The matches against Edinburgh Academy and Fettes were the two closest, the result being in doubt right up to the last event in each case. This, incidentally, is the first time that we have beaten Fettes. Two good wins were scored over Rannoch and Loretto—in the latter match we scored maximum points.

Results:

- v. Fettes.**—Strathallan 65 pts., Fettes 60. Won.
- v. Glenalmond**—Strathallan 109 pts., Glenalmond 140. Lost.
- v. Edinburgh Academy**—Strathallan 123½ pts., Edinburgh Academy 118½. Won.
- v. Loretto**—Strathallan 80 pts., Loretto 30. Won.
- v. Rannoch**—Strathallan 133 pts., Rannoch 91. Won.
- 6- Schools Event**—2nd.

Our greatest success occurred at the Scottish Schoolboys' Meeting at Dunblane, where 146 schools took part. D. J. McBride and D. M. Holmes won gold medals in the Javelin and High Jump events respectively and were chosen for the International in Dublin. For the first time we entered relay teams. The senior relay team won a gold medal with a time of 44.8 secs. This team comprised: Lear, McBride, Burnett, J. and Pennie. The middle relay team did very well and came fourth. A. J. Downs won a bronze medal in the senior shot.

The sports this year were won by Nicol, who had led on standards by quite a large margin. Not only have we gone metric this year, but also we have had to have five lanes to cope with the additional house. The results in detail are:

- 100 metres Junior. 1, McCredie (R) ; 2, Wighton (S) ; 3, MacKenzie (R) ; 4, Hamilton (N) ; 5, Marshall (N). 13.1 secs.
- 100 metres Middle. 1, Scott (F) ; 2, Whyte (R) ; 3, Fraser (N) ; 4, Lockhart (F) ; 5, Lawrence (S). 12.5 secs.
- 100 metres Senior. 1, Burnett (N) ; 2, Pennie (F) ; 3, Lear (S) ; 4, Jenkins (F) ; 5, Locke (S). 11.6 secs.
- 200 metres Junior. 1, McCredie (R) ; 2, MacKenzie (R) ; 3, Wighton (S) ; 4, Hamilton (N) ; 5, Powrie (S). 26.4 secs.
- 200 metres Middle. 1, Whyte (R) ; 2, Fraser (N) ; 3, Lockhart (F) ; 4, Lawrence (S) ; 5, Waterston (R). 24.2 secs.
- 200 metres Senior. 1, Burnett (N) ; 2, Pennie (F) ; 3, McBride (N) ; 4, Locke (S). 23.5 secs.
- 400 metres Junior. 1, Hamilton (N) ; 2, Powrie (S) and Wighton (S) ; 4, McCredie (R) ; 5, McKenzie (R). 59.7 secs.

- 400 metres Middle. 1, Fraser (N) ; 2, Waterston (R) ; 3, Whyte (R) ; 4, Reekie (F) ; 5, MacLeod (S). 54.8 secs.
- 400 metres Senior. 1, Pennie (F) ; 2, Burnett (N) ; 3, Lee (F) ; 4, Locke (S). 54.5 secs.
- 800 metres Junior. 1, McCredie (R) ; 2, Nicol (L) ; 3, Dalgleish (S) ; 4, Hall (F) ; 5, Green (N). 2m. 20.4 secs.
- 800 metres Middle. 1, Waterston (R) ; 2, Fraser (N) ; 3, McNicol (R) ; 4, Aitkenhead (F) ; 5, Dale (N). 2m. 07.1 secs.
- 800 metres Senior. 1, McQueen (R) ; 2, Morton (F) ; 3, Mackie (S) ; 4, Reid (N) ; 5, Lee (F). 2m. 10.5 secs.
- 1500 metres Junior. 1, Nicol (L) ; 2, Hall (F) ; 3, Powrie (S) ; 4, MacKenzie (R) ; 5, Green (N). 4m. 49.1 secs.
- 1500 metres Middle. 1, Waterston (R) ; 2, Fraser (N) ; 3, McNicol (R) ; 4, Dale (N). 4m. 27.2 secs.
- 1500 metres Senior. 1, Morton (F) ; 2, McQueen (R) ; 3, Holmes (S) ; 4, Smith (R) ; 5, McBride (N). 4m. 23.9 secs.



- High Jump Junior. 1, Marshall (N) ; 2, Ling (R) ; 3, Harrington (R) ; 4, Dalgleish (S) ; 5, McIntosh (L). 4' 7".
- High Jump Middle. 1, Scott (F) ; 2, Sandeman (L) ; 3, Low (R) ; 4, Nicol (L) ; 5, Locke (S). 4' 11".
- High Jump Senior. 1, Holmes (S) ; 2, Jenkins (F) ; 3, Pennie (F) ; 4, McQueen (R) ; 5, Carmichael (N). 5' 9½".
- Long Jump Junior. 1, McKenzie (R) ; 2, Marshall (N) ; 3, Ling (R) ; 4, Stark (N) ; 5, Wallace (L). 17' 0".
- Long Jump Senior. 1, Lear (S) ; 2, Downs (S) ; 3, Carmichael (N) ; 4, Burnett (N) ; 5, Pennie (F). 17' 9¾".

Discus Junior. 1, McKenzie (R); 2, McKenzie (R); 3, Wighton (S); 4, Marshall (S); 5, Wolfe (L). 115' 11".

Discus Middle. 1, Gall (N); 2, Fraser (N); 3, Low (R); 4, Aitkenhead (F); 5, MacLeod (S). 122' 5".

Discus Senior. 1, McBride (N); 2, Smith (R); 3, Pennie (F); 4, Holmes (S); 5, Carmichael (N). 116' 0".

Javelin Junior. 1, McKenzie (R); 2, Thom (N); 3, Magee (S); 4, McIntosh (L); 5, Shedden (F). 132' 1".

Javelin Middle. 1, Aitkenhead (F); 2, Scott (N); 3, Green (N); 4, Renwick (R); 5, Low (R). 138'.

Javelin Senior. 1, McBride (N); 2, Downs (S); 3, Holmes (S); 4, Smith (R); 5, Carmichael (N). 168' 1".

Shot Junior. 1, McKenzie (R); 2, Hamilton (N); 3, Wallace (L); 4, McKenzie (R); 5, Wighton (S). 37' 9½".

Shot Middle. 1, Gall (N); 2, Reekie (F); 3, Aitkenhead (F); 4, Scott (N); 5, Renwick (R). 44' 9½".

Shot Senior. 1, Warburton (F); 2, Pennie (F); 3, Roger (N); 4, Smith (R). 44' 2".

Junior Relay. 1, Ruthven; 2, Nicol; 3, Simpson; 4, Leburn; 5, Freeland. 52.1 secs.

Middle Relay. 1, Freeland; 2, Nicol; 3, Simpson; 4, Ruthven. 47.5 secs.

Senior Relay. 1, Freeland; 2, Nicol; 3, Simpson; 4, Ruthven. 47.1 secs.

Riley results

100 metres. 1, Bird; 2, Robertson; 3, Fairchild; 4, Day. 14.9 secs.

300 metres. 1, Bird; 2, Robertson; 3, Cameron; 4, Voight. 46.4 secs.

High Jump. 1, Bird; 2, Cramond; 3, Ferguson. 4' 6".

Long Jump. 1, Bird; 2, Day; 3, Cramond and Buchanan. 12' 10½".

Relay. 1, Islay; 2, Drumfinn; 3, Big Dorm; 4, Glencoe. 60.9 secs.

Winners of the Sports: Nicol

Victores Ludorum

Junior: K. C. MacKenzie.

Middle: H. G. Fraser.

Senior: D. N. F. Pennie.

BOXING

This year all the boxers had a bout in the ring before the competition proper. This ensured, amongst other things, that fewer bouts were stopped before going the full three rounds. It may also have contributed to a rise generally in the standard, although there were no bouts of the very high standards which we have come to expect. Nevertheless courage and determination there was in large quantities.

None of the final bouts had to be stopped. The Headmaster presented the medals and the judges were Messrs. Newbury, Wormald and McNamara. Mr. Henderson was the referee and Master of Ceremonies was R. A. Broadwood.

Results

Flyweight: R. M. S. Strachan (R) beat I. J. Heard (N).
Bantamweight: D. H. Pate (R) beat J. F. Park (S).
Featherweight: C. C. D. Carmichael (N) beat D. F. Ferguson (R).
Lightweight: K. Paterson-Brown (R) beat W. L. J. Moffat (S).
Light Welterweight: P. L. Marshall (S) beat J. A. Hay (F).
Welterweight: A. Green (N) beat J. H. Shedden (F).
Light Middleweight: D. R. McNicol (R) beat J. A. McCredie (R).
Middleweight: A. G. MacFarlane (R) beat G. P. McHarg (F).
Light Heavyweight: D. R. Wallace (L) beat J. McIntosh (L).
Heavyweight 'A': J. Hamilton (N) beat S. Duncan (F).
Heavyweight 'B': G. Smith (R) beat F. G. R. Gillanders (R).
Heavyweight 'C': W. McIntosh (L) beat A. C. Lawrance (L).

GOLF

Golf continues to prosper as the record membership of 97 testifies, and this is most encouraging. Although the range of ability remains as wide as ever, and one is always advised to keep a close check on all points of the compass when strolling over the course, the standard of the best golfers is good.

The time available for golf is limited and not everybody who would like to has been able to take advantage of the professional tuition which is available under the auspices of the Golf Foundation. However, fifteen boys did visit Denis Christie on the North Inch during the Summer Term, and were certainly the better for his patient and helpful guidance.

Our first engagement of the session was the Perthshire Inter-Schools competition which was held again over the Cairnies course, and which is now firmly established as an annual event. Our 4 man team of R. I. Williamson; B. J. Picken; A. G. Mackie, and D. A. S. Whyte did very well to finish second out of seven teams—Morrison's Academy deservedly won the trophy. This most worthwhile competition was admirably organised by Mr. A. D. V. Elliott.

A welcome addition to our small fixture list was a match against the Old Boys which was played in October over Elie. We were lucky enough to get a glorious day, and, although we lost the match, everybody thoroughly enjoyed the outing. We thank the Old Boys for their generous hospitality, particularly A. G. Johnston, the enthusiastic and hard working Secretary of the O. B. Golf Club,

who was responsible for all the arrangements. He is very anxious to bring about a closer link between the School and O. B. Golf, and we shall certainly do our best to promote this.

Of the other matches played, we lost two and won one; we lost to Perth Academy 0-3 over Craigie Hill and to Glenalmond 3-5 over the Cairnies, but we were successful once more against the Masters—a most enjoyable encounter which was memorable in that Mr. Mole won his game!

On the home front there were the usual competitions during the Summer Term, all of which were very efficiently organised by the Secretary B. J. Picken. The Club champion, and winner of the Ovenstone cup, was D. A. S. Whyte, who won with a 12 hole score of 48. An inter-house competition was voted in at the A.G.M. but it was decided that a trial run this year along Eisenhower Trophy lines would be the most sensible way to find out whether this was a viable proposition. This form of competition did prove successful in the event, so that its future is assured, and Ruthven 'won' a cup—the origin of which, and the appearance of which alongside the other cups at the end of term ceremony was shrouded in mystery!

As for the state of the course; the greens remain a real challenge to golfers and golf maintenance squad alike, the latter having worked hard to keep the grass short with two very temperamental mowers. The bunker in front of the first green has not yet been completed but much solid work has been done on it and it is hoped to finish it next year.

Finally, our warmest congratulations go to J. T. Moffat who, at first attempt, won the Boyd Quaich, over the Old Course at St. Andrews. This is an annual event in which any University that wishes may enter two representatives to compete in the 4 round stroke play event. Moffat's 4 round aggregate of 297 made up of rounds of 72, 74, 78 and 73, 3 strokes clear of anybody, was a tremendous achievement. Well done Jamie, we are proud of you!

SAILING

The pre-season maintenance was carried out under the charge of Wright, Masson, Lewis, Porter, Ormerod and Main, who were each responsible for a single boat. Mr. K. Glimm has taken over successfully this perennial problem, and through his enthusiasm and patience we have managed to keep astride with breakages this season.

The School's racing programme started with a fixture against Glenalmond at Lairwell which ended successfully. The team also won a 3-way contest with Glenalmond and Rannoch at Loch

Freuchie, D. M. Findlay having two first places and a second. The School's fixture against Loretto had to be cancelled owing to high winds. Racing at Lairwell against Fettes was attended by a series of misfortunes and with a strengthening wind was finally abandoned. The School crew came fifth in the Enterprise championship run by Loch Earn Sailing Club.

It is encouraging that a number of the younger members of the club have been most enthusiastic, and their boat handling has markedly improved during the season. From time to time during the course of the summer, senior members of the Club have taken opportunities to join in races organised by Perth Sailing Club. They have enjoyed the friendly competition of these occasions and learnt a trick or two from some very experienced sailors who take part in these events.

We now look forward to the Schools Racing Week at Mudhook with hope for a result which will be worth publishing next year.

I.J.C.M.

SHOOTING

Shooting this year has seen an improvement on averages, although no outstanding competition results have been forthcoming. Competitions entered were the P.S.S.R.A. and the Junior Winter, Spring and Summer Competitions. Nicol won the House shooting competition, with Simpson a close second.

There has been a large influx of beginners, and with a lot of promising shots, we hope for good results next year.

The School A Team was: Main, Downs, McArthur, Grant, C., and Brown, D.R.

The B Team was McIntyre, Williamson, B., Nicol, Barns-Graham, and Sproat or Locke.

Colours were re-awarded to Main, McArthur, and Brown and awarded to McIntyre.

SKI CLUBS

Scotland enjoyed a first class season this year with regard to weather and the quantity of snow. We were able to make use of this as boys from the School were ski-ing on snow from the end of October until after the beginning of the Summer term, having 'warmed up' from September on the artificial slope at Hillend, Edinburgh. There was only one Sunday when we did not get up owing to an excess of snow but people could ski at the Spittal if they wanted to.

Ski-ing is primarily an 'activity' at Strathallan and fulfills its purpose as such, but the fit young men who go ski-ing from School might find greater reward in improving their standards. There are some good skiers in the School and there are some promising skiers but I have noticed a tendency for some beginners to give a display of their guts rather than their ski-ing ability. Improving technique is satisfying and I fully recommend anyone to concentrate a little bit harder to try and enjoy the sport more.

Once you are competent on skis there is less risk of hurting yourself or injuring other people. We have a very reasonable accident rate and want to keep it that way.

Strathallan as a ski-ing school has now gained recognition and this season we have established our position at the top. Over the last five seasons we have made spectacular advances in our involvement with the sport; in school competitions, club races and race organisation.

Four experienced skiers (Main, Robertson C. J., Cran, Williamson R. I.) went to the Hillend slope, Edinburgh, for the National Schools race in December. In their own backyard the Edinburgh schools were confident of victory, which they did in fact pull off but throughout the snow season we were scarcely aware of their competitive presence. Despite the captain's mishaps and the absence of D. J. Butchart with a fractured rib sustained playing rugby we finished in second place which made a good start to the season. Robertson followed his earlier excellent performance in the Dendix Trophy (also at Hillend) with another this time to take third individual place. I think everybody enjoyed the weekend, except perhaps the janitor at Firrhill School. Our thanks go to Mr. Parker and Edinburgh Corporation.

In accordance with J.F.C.'s policy of getting the team as much experience at senior club and national level as possible, our race with the Dundee Ski Club Juniors was combined with the D.S.C. Gulabin Slalom (a national qualifying race). The icy conditions produced some tumbles but for the first time we came close to beating the D.S.C. Juniors. Next year I think we shall win the shield. Main did well to finish in 9th place with Mahon, Holmes and D. R. D. Low 17th, 18th and 20th respectively.

We had our usual fixture with Rannoch and Loretto in Glen-shee. Unfortunately it was a foul day and visibility was poor, the race being abandoned after the first run. We won, I think, by managing to get the most people down the course. J.F.C. encountered difficulty getting the poles into the rock-hard frozen snow which resulted in the course taking on rather a twisted shape.

Another successful weekend was spent in Laggan Cottage, Kingussie, for which we thank once again the ever-generous Major Greig. For the second year we lost to Gordonstoun who



The team who came third in the Scottish Schools Ski Race being presented with a £50 B.P. Scholarship and medals by Mrs. Anne Forrester, wife of Mr. Ian A. Forrester, B.P. Advertising Manager, Scotland.

'imported' a Norwegian into their team who with their captain Rose had been ski-ing well in National Races last year. Willy McKenna set a fluent left-right Giant Slalom down the side of the Fiacaill. Thanks to him and the race organisers a number of boys skied in the National Qualifying race on the same day whilst Main and Butchart cut short their weekend to ski for Dundee and Perth respectively in the Tennant Trophy in Glenshee on the Sunday.

With Main in hospital, the balance at the Interhouse race was less towards Ruthven than anticipated. Robertson put in two very smooth runs on the long 30 gate Giant Slalom course to win by the narrow margin of 1.2 seconds from D. J. Butchart. Ruthven did retain the trophy but were run very close by Simpson.

The team showed good form at the Scottish National Schools Championship (which is still organised by Old Strathallian Alistair Lawson) in Glenshee on March 15th. Everybody skied to the best of their ability and an excellent team position of 3rd. resulted. There are now £250 worth of scholarships donated by B.P. Our share was £50. This money is used to subsidise training in Andermatt (Switzerland) over the Christmas holidays for those of

the racing squad who would not otherwise be training on the Continent. Main, having emerged from hospital only 10 days previously, skied extremely well to take third individual place behind Clyde and Macdonald (both of the British senior team squad).

This year there was a new fixture introduced, organised by the Perthshire Schools Ski Association. Strathallan entered teams in two of the three groups, the Open Group and the Intermediate Group (confined, we thought unfortunately in view of our racing policy, to boys who had not skied in Club races.) On a treacherous icy surface Robertson and his new Alu Steels put all others in the shade to win the individual trophy by the very considerable margin of 5 seconds. Sound ski-ing from Main, Butchart and Low consolidated Robertson's advantage and brought us the Banks Trophy for the team event. G. I. Brown did well to win the Intermediate section individual title and was followed in second place at a very leisurely pace by J. B. Ferguson. Supported by Gifford and Keay the School took the David Low trophy for this section. The event was televised and we were pleased to hear in the evening that Strathallan had dominated events, taking four of the six trophies available.

Butcharts D. J. and A. D., Lows D. R. D. and I. A. D. and Ferguson J. B., entered the British Junior (under-16) Championship in the Cairngorms and gave a good account of themselves. A position of 4th place in the Baidlands Cup for school teams was our final achievement of the season. This was a particularly good effort (the three teams who beat us being Kingussie, Aiglon College, Switzerland and Eton). Individual placings of 20th and 27th for the elder Butchart and the elder Low respectively and 43rd and 48th for their younger brothers (also respectively) were good, but the prize for the most commendable effort must go to Ferguson who, starting 71st and last (and having considerably the worst of the snow) in both Slalom and Giant Slalom did very well indeed to take 38th place.

The racing this year was successful. The team was good and there was a good spirit. Butchart and Robertson (who took the Capri Cup for the fastest junior in the D.S.C. Neish Trophy) have done well and we can expect even more in the next two years. Cran skied steadily and well.

There is even just a chance that we may have a representative racing in the Commonwealth Winter Games at St. Moritz this Christmas.

I would like to thank Mr. Schneeberger for his help in training the team, Mr. Alexander of Hendersons for his continual help and perquisites, the Corps for ensuring radio communications during races and J.F.C. for making it all possible.

* A.G.R.M.

This season we say farewell to many stalwarts, chief among them Main who has captained the Club for the last two seasons. He has given himself wholeheartedly to the Club and the School in a way which should stand as an example for all who follow him. It is fitting that he should have a personal triumph to finish with, sharing the D.S.C. Neish trophy with Joe Sommerville and beating a very strong national senior field to do so. Others who have served the Club with cheerful distinction and whom we shall be very sorry to see go are Burnett, Cran, Holmes, Mahon and Williamson.

The Club has now been in existence for 10 seasons. Starting with a mere 28 members taking occasional trips in 1960-61 we now have 109 members who in regular Sunday 53-seater buses last season made 451 'boy/trips' to Glenshee, this apart from other excursions by car and Land-Rover to Hillend and the Cairngorms for training, racing etc. In a sport where the rise in standards in the last ten years has been phenomenal we have established ourselves as one of the premier ski-ing schools in Scotland. We have been aided in this by, and owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to, a number of ski-ing parents who have contributed in every way possible.

Our future efforts will be directed towards more comprehensive training schemes both for racers and for keen beginners whilst still keeping a place in the Club for the recreational skier. If we are to have any problem it will be one of finance but we are making efforts at present to forestall this.

J.F.C.

RESULTS

National Schools Ski Race, Hillend, Edinburgh, December 15th, 1969

(1) Edinburgh Academy	186.3"
(2) Strathallan	205.4"
(3) Blairgowrie H. S.	206.3"

Individual

C. J. Robertson	3rd.
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Strathallan v. Gordonstoun v. Loretto, v. Rannoch, Cairngorm, February 21st, 1970.

(1) Gordonstoun	122.5"
(2) Strathallan	124.2"
(3) Loretto	131.9"
(4) Rannoch	147.7"

Individual

A. G. R. Main	3rd.
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Inter-house Championships, Glenshee, March 1st, 1970.

(1) Ruthven	107 points
(2) Simpson	105 points
(3) Nicol	61 points
(4) Freeland	51 points
(5) Leburn Riley	49 points

Individual

(1) C. J. Robertson
(2) D. J. Butchart
(3) D. R. D. Low
(4) R. I. Williamson
(5) D. M. Holmes
(6) M. W. H. Cran

Scottish National Schools Race, Glenshee, March 15th, 1970.

(1) Kingussie S.S.	2.23.6
(2) Gordonstoun	2.28.5
(3) Strathallan	2.32.6

Individual

A. G. R. Main	3rd.
C. J. Robertson	13th.
D. J. Butchart	18th.

Perthshire Schools Ski Association Championships, Glenshee, March 26th, 1970

Open Event (Banks Trophy)

(1) Strathallan
(2) Blairgowrie H.S.

Individual

C. J. Robertson	1st.
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Intermediate Event (David Low Trophy)

(1) Strathallan
(2) Blairgowrie H.S.

Individual

(1) G. I. Brown
(2) J. B. Ferguson

British Junior Championships, Cairngorm, April 8th—12th, 1970.

Baidlands Cup

(1) Kingussie H.S.
(2) Aiglon College
(3) Eton College
(4) Strathallan

Slalom

(26) D. J. Butchart
(30) D. R. D. Low
(46) J. B. Ferguson
(51) A. D. Butchart
(52) I. A. D. Low

Giant Slalom

(19) D. J. Butchart
(29) D. R. D. Low
(40) J. B. Ferguson
(47) A. D. Butchart
(53) I. A. D. Low

Combined

(20) D. J. Butchart
(27) D. R. D. Low
(38) J. B. Ferguson
(43) A. D. Butchart
(48) I. A. D. Low

There were 71 competitors accepted for these final stages.

SQUASH

The outstanding feature of this season was that a great many more School matches were played than before. The team was a young one and it was shown the standard of play at which it must aim by George Watson's and Fettes. Apart from these matches, however, the team fared creditably against other opposition played. Four of this year's regular team return next year and we hope to hold our own against the other schools.

Several players entered the Scottish Schoolboys' and the Edinburgh Schools' tournaments, and although no great successes were achieved valuable experience was gained. We would like to thank Mr. Yule and Mr. Silcock for allowing us to be a part of Edinburgh!

The Clark Cup for the Senior House Squash Competition was retained by Nicol, who with three regular members of the School team proved far too strong for the other houses. The Parker Bowl for the Under-15 $\frac{1}{2}$ Competition was also won by Nicol. A most encouraging sign for the future was the enthusiasm engendered by these competitions, particularly among the younger players. Unfortunately the squash ladders seemed to arouse little interest.

The opportunities that several of us have had to play for the Bloodsuckers, the masters' team, have been much appreciated, and the season ended with a mid-summer squash-cum-golf Bloodsuckers' tour to the north where opposition provided by Dunrobin Castle, the Ross-shire Squash Club and the Inverness Squash Club was suitably vanquished. The hospitality provided by the Alexanders at Dunrobin, the McKinlays at Dornoch and the MacKenzies at Inverness was much appreciated, and it is to be hoped that there will be a similar venture in future.

RESULTS

Senior Squash Team

v. Stirling University	Away	Won 5-0
v. Broughty Ferry	Home	Lost 1-4
v. Stirling University	Home	Won 3-2
v. Bloodsuckers	Home	Lost 2-3
v. Firrhill	Home	Won 4-1
v. Gordonstoun	Away	Won 4-1
v. Fettes	Away	Lost 0-5
v. Glenalmond	Away	Lost 0-5
v. Masters	Home	Lost 2-3
v. George Watson's	Away	Lost 0-5
v. Scone Palace	Home	Won 3-2
v. Crieff Hydro	Home	Won 3-2
v. Edinburgh Academy	Away	Won 3-2
v. Fettes	Home	Lost 1-4
v. Masters	Home	Lost 2-3
v. Strathallians	Home	Lost 2-3

Under 15½ Team

v. Fettes	Away	Lost 2—3
v. Firrhill	Home	Lost 1—4
v. Edinburgh Academy	Away	Won 4—1

The following played for the Senior Team: C. G. Scroggie (Capt.), J. H. R. Parker, I. R. McLean, C. D. Steele, G. L. MacEwen, I. Wright, A. G. Mackie, N. J. B. Fielding, G. I. Brown.

The following played for the U15½ team: C. Hill, G. I. Brown, E. G. MacKenzie, I. D. Houston, G. P. McHarg, A. G. Marshall, R. A. D. Powrie, D. R. Nicol, L. R. Dalgleish.

Winner of Senior Championship: Scroggie beat Parker 3—0.

Winner of Junior Championship: C. Hill beat McHarg 3—1.

Squash Colours were awarded to Scroggie, Parker and McLean.

SWIMMING

The swimming team had its most successful year for many years past, and could claim to be one of the most successful teams in the School at the moment. It has lost only one of its nine matches, and this is due to the enthusiasm and hard work generated by Messrs. McKinlay, Glimm and Newbury. Hard training has brought its just reward, and the efforts that have been made and the success that has been achieved can also be measured by the fact that not one School swimming record of previous years remained unbroken. We have to thank, too, Downie Brown, captain of the British Swimming Team, and Mr. Hogg, the Scottish National Coach, for their help and advice.

Most of our fixtures were held this year in the two winter terms. In the Autumn Term we took on St. Andrews University and beat them by 40 points to 36. In the Spring Term we swam against Merchiston—who well and truly beat us 75 points to 49—and Queen Victoria School, in which event we won every race except one. The final result was Strathallan 29 pts.; Queen Victoria School, 16.

In all three terms we had matches against Glenalmond and won them all. One of the matches was a triangular match with Perth High School as well. The results individually as far as we were concerned were:

Breaststroke

50 metres Junior: 1, K. G. McLeod. 41.6 secs. 2, R. G. Dale.
100 metres Senior: 2, Reid. 1.29.0.

Backstroke

50 metres Junior: 2, C. W. Duncan. 38.5 secs. 3, C. Hill.
100 metres Senior: 3, N. M. Heggie. 1.48.2.

Freestyle

50 metres Junior: 1, I. W. Sneddon. 30.7 secs. 2, P. Renwick.
100 metres Senior: 1, Edwards. 65.7 secs. 4, Jenkins.

Medley Relay

Junior: 1, 1.16.0.

Senior: 1, 2.25.0.

Freestyle Relay

Junior: 1, 57.1 secs.

Senior: 2, 2.6.0.

The result, over-all, was Strathallan 84 pts., Glenalmond 67 pts. and Perth High School, 41 pts.

In the Summer Term we beat Loretto, and meeting Merchiston a second time, beat them too. Our results were as follows:

Freestyle

100 yds. Senior: 1, Renwick. 58 secs. 2, Edwards.

50 yds. Junior: 1, Sneddon. 26.7 secs. 3, Beattie.

Breaststroke

100 yds. Senior: 1, Reid. 74.5 secs. 4, D. P. L. McLeod.

50 yds. Junior: 1, Dale. 36.9 secs. 3, K. G. McLeod.

Backstroke

100 yds. Senior: 1, Heggie. 74.8 secs. 2, W. G. McGregor.

50 yds. Junior: 1, Delbarre. 31.7 secs. 2, C. Hill.

Butterfly

50 yds. Senior: 2, Renwick. 30.9 secs. 3, Edwards.

25 yds. Junior: 2, Sneddon. 14.2 secs. 4, McLeod.

Medley Relay

4×50 Senior: 1, Strathallan. 2.5.5.

4×50 Junior: 1, Strathallan. 1.50.3.

Freestyle Relay

4×50 Senior: 1, Strathallan. 1.50.3.

4×25 Junior: 1, Strathallan. 49.8 secs.

Strathallan 93 pts. Merchiston 59 pts.

We also went down to London to compete in the Bath Cup. In this and the Otter Medley Relay Cup, we were represented by M. J. Reid, J. P. Renwick, I. W. Sneddon, N. M. Heggie, and J. G. Edwards. In the Freestyle Relay we did better than we had ever done before, reaching the finals and coming sixth. The School's previous best in this event has been 14th. In the Medley Relay, however, we could only manage 27th.

At the end of the year, swimming colours were awarded to M. J. Reid, N. M. Heggie, J. P. Renwick and I. W. Sneddon.

The results of the Inter-House swimming sports follow:

Freestyle

Senior 100 yds.: 1, Edwards (N); 2, Reid (N); 3, Jenkins(F); 4, Heggie (S). 57.0 secs.

Middle 100 yds.: 1, Renwick (R); 2, Sneddon (N); 3, Beattie (R); 4, Cassells (S). 58.8 secs.

Junior 50 yds.: 1, Robertson (R); 2, Marshall (N); 3, McLeod (R); 4, Powrie (S). 30.0 secs.

Breaststroke

- Senior 100 yds.: 1, Reid (N); 2, Jenkins (F); 3, McLeod (R);
4, Lee (F). 78.2 secs.
Middle 100 yds.: 1, Dale (N); 2, Robertson (S); 3, Locke (S);
4, Day (N). 78.6 secs.
Junior 50 yds.: 1, McLeod (R); 2, Green (N); 3, Robertson
(R); 4, Stark (N). 37.8 secs.

Backstroke

- Senior 100 yds.: 1, Heggie (S); 2, Edwards (N); 3, McGregor
(R); 4, Reid (N). 72.9 secs.
Middle 100 yds.: 1, Delbarre (N); 2, Hill (N); 3, Renwick (R);
4, Holden (F). 78.2 secs.
Junior 50 yds.: 1, Powrie (S); 2, Reid (N); 3, Moffat (S); 4,
Marshall (N). 36.6. secs.

Butterfly

- Senior 50 yds.: 1, Reid (N); 2, Edwards (N); 3, Heggie (S);
4, Jenkins (F). 33.0 secs.
Middle 50 yds.: 1, Sneddon (N); 2, Renwick (R); 3, Delbarre
(N); 4, Porter (S). 34.2 secs.
Junior 25 yds.: 1, Marshall (N); 2, McLeod (R); 3, Baxter (F);
4, Robertson (R). 15.4 secs.

Medley Relay

- 4×50 yds. Senior: 1, Nicol; 2, Simpson; 3, Ruthven; 4, Freeland.
2.17.1.
4×50 yds. Middle: 1, Nicol; 2, Ruthven; 3, Simpson; 4, Freeland.
2.16.2.
4×25 yds. Junior: 1, Ruthven; 2, Nicol; 3, Simpson; 4, Freeland;
5, Leburn. 2.7.9.

Freestyle Relay (Open)

- 6×50 yds.: 1, Nicol; 2, Ruthven; 3, Simpson; 4, Freeland.
2.54.2.

Over-all

Nicol 170 pts.; Ruthven 88 pts.; Simpson 63 pts.; Freeland 25 pts.

Senior Victor Ludorum

M. J. Reid.

Middle Victor Ludorum

J. P. Renwick.

Junior Victor Ludorum

K. G. McLeod.

TENNIS

We lost many of our last year's players and as forecast this year has not been a scintillating one. We have, however, got three new hard courts, and this enables more boys to play more tennis, and we hope that there will be an improvement in consequence.

There were 78 entrants for the Open Singles Championship, and in the semi-finals Ferguson, A. G. lost to Lawson, A. W. 9-7; 6-2 and in the other semi-final Brown gave Yellowlees a walk-over. It is a pity that a competition has to go so far and then cease to be competitive. In the final Lawson had no trouble in dealing with Yellowless 6-0, 6-4.

Results of School matches were :

v. Loretto—Won 9-0.

v. Daniel Stewart's—Lost 3-6.

v. Merchiston—Lost 3-6.

v. Fettes—Lost 4-5.

v. Gordonstoun—Seniors Won 3-1, Juniors Lost 1-3.

v. Glasgow Academy—Lost 0-3.

v. Sthrathallian Club—Won 6-3.

The first pair was A. W. Lawson and J. F. Nielsen.

The second pair was A. G. Ferguson and H. G. Fraser.

The third pair was A. J. Campbell and G. I. Brown.

The Inter-House Tennis was won by Simpson.



We think one of these people disappearing into the distance was carrying the cross-country report.

STRATHALLAN OCCASIONALS

The earlier part of this season has been of very varied quality. Dundee University were comprehensively trounced. Cupar scored rather a lot of runs before rain intervened to hasten what looked like an inevitable draw. Perthshire gave us a sound beating—the first time a ‘county’ side has had this honour. We beat the Bats in a tight finish but only managed a ‘winning draw’ against the School. A rain-enforced draw against West Lothian at Boghall was followed by another beating at the hands of Grange. And so to the annual West Country tour.

Mr. Williams, who missed several matches through injury, survived long enough to take five wickets against both Dundee U. and Perthshire. Mr. Mole, in his farewell season took 7 for 27 against the Bats and scored 49 against Grange. D. M. Stewart compiled an undefeated 90 against the School whilst T. R. Taylor playing against us for Grange was uncharitable enough to score 101. Of those still at School, A. D. G. Duncan, P. R. P. Thomson, I. R. McLean and W. A. M. Lambie made appearances for the side.

Any cricketing Old Strathallians wishing to play for the Occasionals should contact Mr. D. A. R. Williams or the captain and tour manager Mr. R. N. Johnson.

- v. Dundee University**—Dundee University 36 (D. A. R. Williams 5 for 19). Occasionals 39 for 2.
- v. Cupar**—Cupar 183 for 3 (dec.) (W. Y. Bell 60 n.o.). Occasionals 79 for 5.
- v. Perthshire**—Perthshire 167 for 8 (dec.). (J. R. Laing 50). Occasionals 65 (I. Beatson 5 for 17).
- v. The Bats**—The Bats 111 (R. C. B. Mole 7 for 27). Occasionals 115 for 9.
- v. Strathallan School**—Occasionals 148 for 6 (dec.). (D. M. Stewart 90 n.o.). School 99 for 6.
- v. West Lothian (at Boghall)**—Occasionals 150 for 8 (dec.) West Lothian 86 for 3.
- v. Grange**—Grange 211 for 3 (dec.) (T. R. Taylor 101, D. J. Watts 60). Occasionals 158 (R. C. B. Mole 49).

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The President

The President 1969-70

Ronald Grant was at Strathallan from 1945 until 1952. After six years in Simpson he was appointed Captain of Freeland in his final year when he was a school prefect. He was a keen rugby player and played in the 1st XV for two years.

After leaving school Ronald served five years engineering apprenticeship before joining the family Motor Business, The Park Automobile Co. Ltd. in Pollokshields. He is now Managing Director of the Company which has expanded and prospered under his capable and vigorous management.

His interest in the Motor Industry extends beyond his own business and he has served for five years on the Local Centre Committee of the Scottish Motor Trade Association and is now a member of the Council of the Scottish Motor Trade Association.

Ronald is a Rotarian and a past President of the Rotary Club of Govan.

In 1958 Ronald married Elora the sister of his school friend, Mike Morrison. They have two sons who are presently attending Belmont School and who are both destined to go on to Strathallan. Ronald and Elora have a holiday cottage at Carradale where summer holidays and weekends are spent with his family fishing, water ski-ing and relaxing.

A keen angler, Ronald is a member of the Strathallian Angling Club of which he is a past Captain and he is also an enthusiastic member of the Phoenix Angling Club which counts many Strathallians among its numbers.

Ronald is one of the Clubs' most enthusiastic supporters and a very regular attender at the Annual Dinner and Annual Dance. In addition to his interest in the Angling Section of the Club he has also been known to appear at a Golf Section competition.

His election as President of the Club is a popular and well merited honour.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the School Library on Saturday, 1st November, 1969. The President, David A. Biggart, was in the Chair, and carried through the business of the meeting efficiently.

Some considerable discussion took place on the subject of the proposed transfer of Club funds to the War Memorial Trust Fund to augment that Fund and to be used as a Bursary. Three resolutions were put before the meeting but none was adopted as it was

generally felt that the best method of making this transfer had not been explored, and it was decided to remit the matter to the Council for further consideration.

The President had much pleasure in presenting a gold watch to Iain A. Headrick on behalf of the Club in appreciation of his services over the past 12 years as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Iain Headrick had decided to retire from office and was most appreciative in expressing his thanks.

Sixty-seven new life-members were admitted to the Club and four Honorary Members were re-elected.

The President reported that it had given him much pleasure to unveil the new Memorial to the late Mr. Harry Riley which had been erected in the School Chapel.

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 was held in the School Dining Hall this year at the invitation of the School, as it was both the first year that the Dining Hall had been in use and also the last dinner at which Mr. Hoare would be present in the capacity of Headmaster. The dinner was particularly well attended by 208 members and their guests.

The usual high standard of speeches was maintained in excellent manner this year. The Hon. Lord Thomson made an able and witty speech in proposing the toast to the Club and School which was very much appreciated. In replying the President expressed his and the Club's thanks to Lord Thomson, and having made reference to the activities of the various sections of the Club during the year, then presented the Golf and Angling Trophies.

Mr. Hoare spoke in typical manner in reply on behalf of the School. He mentioned some of the incidents which occurred during his years at Strathallan and the happy memories which he would take with him into retirement.

Iain Headrick in his capacity as Vice-President, proposed the toast of the Guests along more serious lines, and the reply by Mr. T. Somerville Anderson, a Toastmaster of obvious talent, was cleverly delivered and acclaimed by all.

Extraordinary General Meeting

As a result of the rejection of the resolutions put before the Club at the A.G.M. concerning the proposed transfer of Club Funds to the War Memorial Trust Fund, a sub-committee was set up by the Council to consider the best way of putting such a scheme into

effect. As a result, an Extraordinary General Meeting was held on 21st April in Glasgow at which five resolutions were put forward by the Council and accepted by the 30 members present. Full details of these Resolutions were circulated to members with the Notice calling the 37th A.G.M.

Retiral of Mr. W. N. S. Hoare

Mr. W. N. S. Hoare retired as Headmaster at the end of the Summer Term and the Club wish to express their thanks to him for his services as Honorary President during his term as Headmaster. His help and co-operation with the Club's Council over the years has been very much appreciated and the Club wish him and Mrs. Hoare a happy retirement.

London Branch

The Annual Dinner was held on 20th March, 1970. The Club President and the Headmaster attended the dinner and have reported that they were very well entertained and that the evening is thoroughly to be recommended.

The London Branch wish to record their appreciation of the unfailing support of Mr. Hoare during the last thirteen years.

It is unfortunate that the attendances at this dinner have been falling and it has been reported that the attendance this year was particularly poor.

The Branch Secretary is very keen to hear from any Strathallians who come to the South of England—please contact him.

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Dance Report

The Club's Annual Dinner Dance was held as usual in the Banqueting Hall of the Central Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday, 23rd January. This function is always well attended by older members of the Club and it is hoped that in future younger members will take more part in sharing this highlight of the social calendar. The Council wish to thank Dr. John Maguire for his efficient management of the Dance.

Angling Club

The Angling Section, now forty-two strong, has had a varied season of outings, starting with Loch Tay in February. This provided no fish but considerable enjoyment to those who took part.

The Annual General Meeting was held in Portsonachan, followed by a competition on Loch Awe won by Robbie Bowie with three fish.

The Match v Phoenix Angling Club provided a win for the club after many years and had new member Sandy MacIntosh catching two lovely rainbow trout weighing 3 lbs. 10 ozs.

Loch Leven on May 22nd was disappointing with a poor catch of 5 fish on a cold dour evening, won by Hugh Stewart.

On June 19th, a bright summer evening, fourteen rods caught eighteen fish weighing fourteen pounds, the winner again being Sandy MacIntosh with a 1 oz. lead over another two anglers.

The Match v. School on Founder's Day was spoilt by hot summer weather and poor unhealthy fish, and was abandoned during the afternoon. We understand however that this trouble is being attended to.

We have two more outings to go, one v. The School on Loch Leven on June 27th, and finally on a new venue, Lindores in Fife, on Saturday 5th September.

The Captain during the season has been Dr. John Maguire and the Secretary Alastair Fingland, Balnacraig, Callander, Perthshire, who would be glad to hear from any potential members. We have recruited several new members this season and hope that this will continue next season.

Strathallan Golf Club

Since the last issue of the magazine the Golf Club has continued to flourish, the most encouraging aspect being the increase in the number of younger members of the Club who are participating in Club outings despite the burden of expense.

In October last year the team represented by G. S. Lowden, I. Q. Jones, A. S. McNory, A. G. Johnston, I. MacEwen and J. C. Dawson were narrowly beaten (at 21st) in the Queen Elizabeth Schools Trophy at Barnton, having beaten Ayr Academy convincingly in the first round. Perhaps this year we shall progress to the later stages of the tournament and herald a revival of Strathallan Golf.

A first class week-end was held at Elie on the 4th and 5th October last year and a match against the School side did much to foster relations with the present pupils although the Club's defeat was attributable to the abstemiousness of the school side under the ever watchful eyes of their 'coaches' ! This year the week-end will be held at the same venue on 3rd and 4th October. All members, wives and non-members are welcome and should contact the Secretary if they are not on the mailing list.

After the Old Boys' dinner, a competition was held at Gleneagles and despite atrocious weather thirty-one members in various stages of hangover competed. J. T. Moffat recorded a hole in one at the 16th on the King's Course—a suitable presentation is planned.

Successful outings were also held at Turnberry on 12th April, 1970 and at Gleneagles on 21st June.

Any Strathallians who have wielded a golf club even to scythe the back garden are always welcome and should contact the Secretary at the above address.

Details of outings and competitions :

Elie Week-end—4th/5th October, 1969—Attendance 35.

Reid Salver—Winner J. C. Dawson 74—4:70; Second G. S. Lowden 73—2:71.

Bogie Trophy—Winner W. J. Walker 80—11:69 after tie with G. S. Lowden 71—2:69, R. B. Shanks 93—24:69.

Match v. School—5th October

J. T. Moffat and A. G. Johnston beat R. Williamson and B. J. Picken 5 and 4.
I. S. Gray and G. G. H. Gordon lost to D. A. S. Whyte and A. G. Mackie 4 and 3.

A. Laband and J. Taylor lost to R. B. Shanks and S. R. Duncan 2 and 1.
School 2, Old Boys 1

Winter Meeting—Gleneagles, 2nd November 1969—Attendance 31.

Winner R. I. Williamson. Second J. G. Clement.

Spring Meeting—Turnberry, 12th April, 1970—Attendance 19.

Winner of Johnston Trophy—G. C. Stuart 85—16:69. Second R. A. Wilson 88—15:73.

Summer Meeting—Gleneagles, 21st June, 1970—Attendance 23.

Winner of Bogie Trophy A. S. Cook 91—24:67. Runner-up G. S. Lowden 72—2:70.

News of Old Strathallians

- Allison, N. J. (1918–22) was ordained a Minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in May 1970 and is shortly talking over an appointment in Kingston, Ontario, Canada as Minister of Strathcona Presbyterian Church.
- Anderson, D. R. (1957–63) is to be congratulated on his appointment as Captain of Edinburgh Wanderers Rugby Club for the forthcoming season.
- Anderson, J. W. B. (1961–66) has finished a course at Manchester College of Commerce. He has recently returned from Nova Scotia, Canada, and is now concerned in fruit importation and merchanting.
- Archibald, G. (1964–69) informs us that he is studying for an honours degree course in Applied Mathematics at St. Andrews University and has played rugger and cricket for the University.
- Bailey, G. E. (1965–69) is in his second year of a B.Sc. Hons. Course in Agriculture in Edinburgh.
- Bell, F. R. (1957–64) took up a post on the staff of the Isle of Ely College of Further Education and Horticulture in July 1970.
- Biggart, D. D. C. (1961–68) has completed his second year at Aberdeen University where he is studying Psychology and Zoology.
- Bogie, D. M. (1962–69) has completed his first year at Leicester University where he is reading for a B.A. in Social Science.
- Brash, A. R. (1962–67) Graduated in June 1970 at Cambridge University with a 1st Class Pass in Natural Sciences Part II in Pharmacology. He starts a Ph.D. course at Edinburgh University in the Dept. of Pharmacology in October.
- Brown, A. J. G. (1930–35) is Secretary of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Dundee.
- Carswell, R. A. (1956–59) was assumed as a partner of Messrs. Todd, Wheate & Munro, Stockbrokers, Glasgow, on 6th April, 1970.
- Caldwell, C. (1960–65) has reached his final year in medicine at the Royal Free Hospital, London, and is playing rugby for the Hospital XV.
- Campbell, A. D. K. (1955–59) is Aide-de-Camp to Air Vice-Marshall R. L. Wade, D.F.C., R.A.F. Air Officer Commanding No. 1 (Bomber) Group, R.A.F. Strike Command at R.A.F. Bawtry, Doncaster, Yorks.
- Clement, J. G. (1959–63) was appointed in June 1969 as Assistant Teacher of Biology at George Heriots School, Edinburgh.
- Cook, A. S. (1956–60) has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of John Allan & Sons Ltd., 79-83 Sword Street, Glasgow, E.1.
- Crawford, J. A. S. (1940–46) was appointed Branch Manager of the Yorkshire Insurance Co. Ltd., Hull, as from 1st February, 1970.
- Crawford, Garry M. (1966–69) has commenced training for Hotel Management at the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.
- Crawford, B. J. F. (1963–68) has reached his second year Medicine at Glasgow University.

- Fawcett, J. F. (1962–69) has completed his first year at Liverpool University where he is studying for a B.Sc. in Zoology. He has been appointed Vice-Captain of the shooting team and has been awarded a half blue.
- Galloway, W. R. (1958–60) has completed his first year at St. Andrews University where he is studying for an M.A. He has been appointed President of the Psychology Society.
- Gordon, Graham G. M. (1955–60) we have been informed that Graham has recently become a member of the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club and is losing consistently to I. S. Gray (1954–61).
- Gray, I. S. (1954–61) is an Investment Analyst with a London stockbroking firm.
- Griffith, S. C. (1955–58) has been appointed Engineer Surveyor for Lloyds Shipping Registry.
- Hamilton, R. S. (1950–55) has take over the Ironmongery Business of Webster & Thomson in Galashiels.
- Hammett, M. P. F. (1958–65) B.A.(Hons.) Keele (1969) has since commenced his apprenticeship with an Edinburgh firm of Chartered Accountants.
- Hardy, M. H. (1958–62) is serving with 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery in Detmold, B.A.O.R.
- Howie, A. (1927–31) has been appointed a Director of Coats Patons (Retail) Ltd.
- Jenkins, T. A. F. (1958–63) has taken up a teaching post in the Radcliffe Comprehensive School, North Buckinghamshire, after returning from New Zealand where he graduated B.A. from Waikato University in January 1970.
- Keighley, J. T. (1935–40) has been appointed personal assistant to the Managing Director of Messrs. William Samuel Morris Ltd., Paint Merchants, after resigning from his previous post as Managing Director of St. Andrews Wallpaper Co.
- Kerr, R. I. M. (1951–58) has been transferred to the Sales Department of Rolls Royce after serving six years as a Performance Engineer with the same Company.
- Lindsay, Wm. (1966–69) will soon be going to New Zealand.
- Low, Duncan K. R. (1964–68) is studying Natural Sciences at Cambridge University. He has been elected Captain of the Skiing Team having been awarded a blue in 1969.
- Mathewson, K. M. R. (1956–60) is now resident in Australia.
- Melville, W. B. (1958–66) Graduated at Watford College of Technology with an Upper 2nd Class Degree in Printing Technology (B.Sc. Hons.).
- Mitchell, M. R. (1955–60) is now employed as an Industrial Engineer with Canadian Cons. (Pacific) in Vancouver. He was married in January 1968.
- Milison, J. D. (1932–40) has now returned from Northumberland to farm in Blairgowrie.
- Moore, A. D. (1961–65) is working for a Ph.D. at Keele University.

- Morris, D. T. (1963–69) has completed his first year at St. Andrews University where he is taking a B.Sc. Degree in Biochemistry. He is also a judo enthusiast and has been appointed Treasurer of the University Judo Club.
- Morton, Hugh G. (1957–61) is now the Registrar in Psychiatry at Dundee Psychiatric Services.
- MacHarg, I. M. (1939–44) was appointed General Manager and Actuary of Scottish Provident Institution on 1st April, 1970.
- Nicoll, David R. (1945–48) left, with his family, to take up an appointment in Calcutta with G.E.C./A.E.I. shortly before Xmas 1969.
- Parker, J. L. W. (1956–61) is now working in the Western Infirmary Glasgow as a Medical Registrar and plays both rugby and cricket for Kelvinside Academicals.
- Paterson, N. D. L. (1955–61) who joined Clydesdale and County Hotels in March 1970 has been appointed Senior Assistant Manager at the Cally Hotel, Gatehouse-of-Fleet.
- Peters, R. S. (1957–61) is working for McLintock, Moores & Murray, Management Consultants, Glasgow.
- Petty, W. Martin (1960–65) has been appointed Assistant Mathematics Teacher at Hutcheson's Boys' Grammar School.
- Renton, Stanley M. (1954–62) Graduated D.Obst. R.C.O.G. on 9th April, 1970 at Edinburgh University. He is presently working at King Edward VII National Hospital in Bermuda.
- Rossie, M. D. (1950–56) is on the staff at H.Q. No. 1 (Bomber) Group. He, his wife Kari and children Marianne and Callum, live at R.A.F. Bawtry.
- Scott, John B. (1958–63) has informed us that he now manages Boarding Kennels for dogs and a Broiler Breeding Unit, near Lugton in Ayrshire.
- Smith, R. M. (1955–62) now Lieutenant, has been posted to the 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery and after being stationed at B.A.O.R. for nine months is due to go to Northern Ireland in September 1970 for a 4 month tour.
- Taylor, Iain W. G. (1950–53) has joined the Dublin Office of McLaren, Dick & Co., Chartered Loss Adjustors, as Senior Adjuster to the Director.
- Wardhaugh, D. Robin (1955–62) has joined his father's Land Agency Business.
- Watson, S. (1963–68) has completed his first year at London University where he is studying science and plays for the 1st XI football team.
- Williams, K. B. (1946–51) has been appointed joint manager of the Royal Insurance Company's subsidiary in Venezuela, Seguros, Royal-Caribe de Venezuela.
- Wilson, N. W. F. (1962–68) has completed the second year of his dentistry course at Edinburgh University and has been appointed Captain of the Dental School Rugby and Squash teams for season 1970–71.

Obituaries

P. G. Lawson 1955-1961

Just as we were going to press we were most distressed to read of the sudden death in hospital of P. G. Lawson. Peter was in Riley and Simpson Houses from 1955–1961 and from there went on to Oxford, where he proved himself one of the School's most distinguished scientists, with a D.Phil. in Physics and a very promising future.

Peter was one of those boys who made little mark as a junior but who developed a great strength of character as he went up the School. What may have helped him to find himself was his expert knowledge of stage make-up, so that one saw this fifteen-year-old quickly and unobtrusively guiding and correcting the laboured efforts of his elders. To be looked up to for even so minor a skill was the road to confidence and, as his contributions to the Science Society further enhanced his standing, so his personality deepened. He ended up as Dux and as a School Prefect. At Oxford he continued the process and became President of the University Science Society.

Great as were his achievements, we remember him most for his personality, where enthusiasm and friendliness made him many close friends. Beneath the modesty and charm there was a strength of personality with an unshakeable integrity and a readiness to take endless pains in the interests of others. It is hard to think of an old boy on whose qualities the School would more wish to be judged. We offer his family our deepest sympathy.

D.E.Y.

N. W. Shaw 1953-1961

Bill Shaw, having graduated B.Sc. at Reading University, was working as the Technical Adviser in Agriculture to Murphy Chemicals in East Africa. He was married to Miss Christine Milton on 16th January, 1970 and was living near Nairobi. His sudden death on 1st August, 1970, was due to severe head injuries sustained in an encounter with burglars at his home. The Club wish to express their deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

D.I.T.

Engagements

Clark, B. G. (1956–64) 'Southway', Stoke Park Avenue, Farnham Royal, Bucks, to Miss Anne Michie, 4 Howard Place, St. Andrews, on 16th June, 1970.

Galloway, W. R. (1958–60) 'Melville Hall', St. Andrews University to Melanie Frances Hoa, Vancouver, Canada.

Griffith, S. C. (1955–58) 4 Glengyle Terrace, Edinburgh to Signorina Maria Longo, Rome, Italy.

- McMillan, Alan G. (1960–66) 'Green Gables', Balerno, Midlothian to Luce De Ripainseel, Belgium, 25th January, 1970.
- Melville, J. B. (1956–63) 41 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy to Miss Moya J. Clague of 'The Hydro', Port Erin, Isle of Man, on 22nd June, 1970.
- Pate, A. M. (1954–61)
- Taylor, T. R. (1956–61) to Miss Nancy Crombie.

Marriages

- Bell, F. R. (1957–64) Caputh Manse, Murthly, Perthshire to Miss E. V. L. Payne, R.S.C.N., R.G.N., 691 Shields Road, Glasgow, S.1, on 30th March, 1970.
- Carswell, R. A. (1956–59) 93 Cunningham Drive, Giffnock, Glasgow, to Miss S. M. McLean, Glasgow, on 19th March, 1970.
- Clark, D. (1958–63) Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray, to Miss Jennifer Waddell, Seaward House, Kirkcudbright, in March, 1969.
- Clement, J. G. (1959–63) 15 Greenend Gardens, Edinburgh to Miss Elizabeth Barclay, on 8th August, 1969.
- Dawson, J. C. (1939–42) 7 Monkton Road, Prestwick to Miss Dorothy Mary Hannah, on 19th June, 1970.
- Grant, I. D. (1956–60) 'Moraylea', Alyth, Perthshire to Miss Eileen Yule, Elgin, on 19th July, 1968.
- Hutt, Erik D. (1956–60) Los Angeles, California, to Miss Sharon Lea, also of Los Angeles, on 5th August, 1968.
- Johnston, Alan G. (1956–61) to Miss Jean C. Reid, on 17th April, 1970. They are now living at 14 Beaton Road, Pollokshields, Glasgow.
- Morton, Hugh G. (1957–61) 4B Western Avenue, Perth to Miss Patricia Campbell, M.B., Ch.B., Dip.Obst., R.C.O.G.
- Scott, John B. (1958–63) 'South Waterlands', Dunlop, Ayrshire to Miss Sara V. Maclaren, in October 1967.
- Wardhaugh, D. Robin (1955–62) 'Cossachs House', Cortachy, Angus to Miss Anne Crombie, Blairgowrie, on 31st July, 1970, at Dunkeld Cathedral.

Births

- Campbell, A. D. K. (1955–59) on 8th October, 1968 to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. K. Campbell, c/o British Linen Bank, 38 Threadneedle Street, London, a son, Andrew Robert, a brother for Graeme Kennedy.
- Clark, D. (1958–63) on 5th January, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark, Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray, a son, Donald John.
- Davidson, P. (1948–54) on 18th November, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. P. Davidson, 90 Saughtonhall Drive, Edinburgh 12, a daughter, Karen Elizabeth.
- Grant, I. D. (1956–60) on 10th January, 1970 to Eileen and Ian Grant, a daughter, Catherine Louise.
- Gray, J. B. (1954–60) on 16th January, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. John Gray, 9 Moorfield Avenue, Kilmarnock, a son, John Charles.

- Jenkins, T. A. F. (1958–63) on 7th April, 1970 to Alan and Kath Jenkins, 'White Cottage', Prestwood, Bucks, a son, Mark, a brother for Heather.
- Marshall, James R. (1957–61) on 14th April, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall, Duncrub Park, Dunning, Perth, a son, John William McLaren.
- Paterson, N. D. L. (1955–61) on 9th March, 1970 at Cresswell Maternity Hospital, Dumfries, to Mr. and Mrs. Paterson, a son, Mark David Lewis.
- Peters, R. S. (1957–61) on 26th June, 1969, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Peters, 74 Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley, a daughter, Sarah Alexandra.
- Philip, R. G. M. (1948–53) on 15th May, 1970 to Dr. and Mrs. R. G. M. Philip, P.O. Box No. 40, Freeport, Grand Bahamas, Bahamas, a son, James David MacLean.
- Scott, John B. (1958–63) in August, 1969, to Sara and John Scott, a daughter, Judith.
- Taylor, Iain W. S. (1950–53) in August, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, 3 New Park Road, Holly Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, a daughter, Andrea.
- Tulloch, Peter (1959–63) in December, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. Tulloch, 18 Rowan Close, St. Albans, Herts, a daughter.

Deaths

- Forrest, Thomas M. (19 —24) suddenly in Suffolk on 11th July, 1970.
- Mill, Alastair Hugh (1939–1942) Springfield, Errol Road, Invergowrie, by Dundee on 13th August, 1970.
- Morrison, W. R. (1915–1925) on 20th September, 1969.
- MacDonald, Ian D. (1927–1933) on 2nd April, 1970.
- Robinson, David D. (1934–1940) on 18th November, 1967.
- Roger, R. G. (1942–1946) on 20th May, 1970.

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 may use the squash courts of the Naval & 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.

Etching of the School

A limited number of Wilfred C. Applebey's etching of the school are available at three guineas each. Etchings may be ordered, or had on approval from:—D. G. Applebey, Brookside, Peter Avenue, Oxted, Surrey. Telephone: Oxted 2485.