



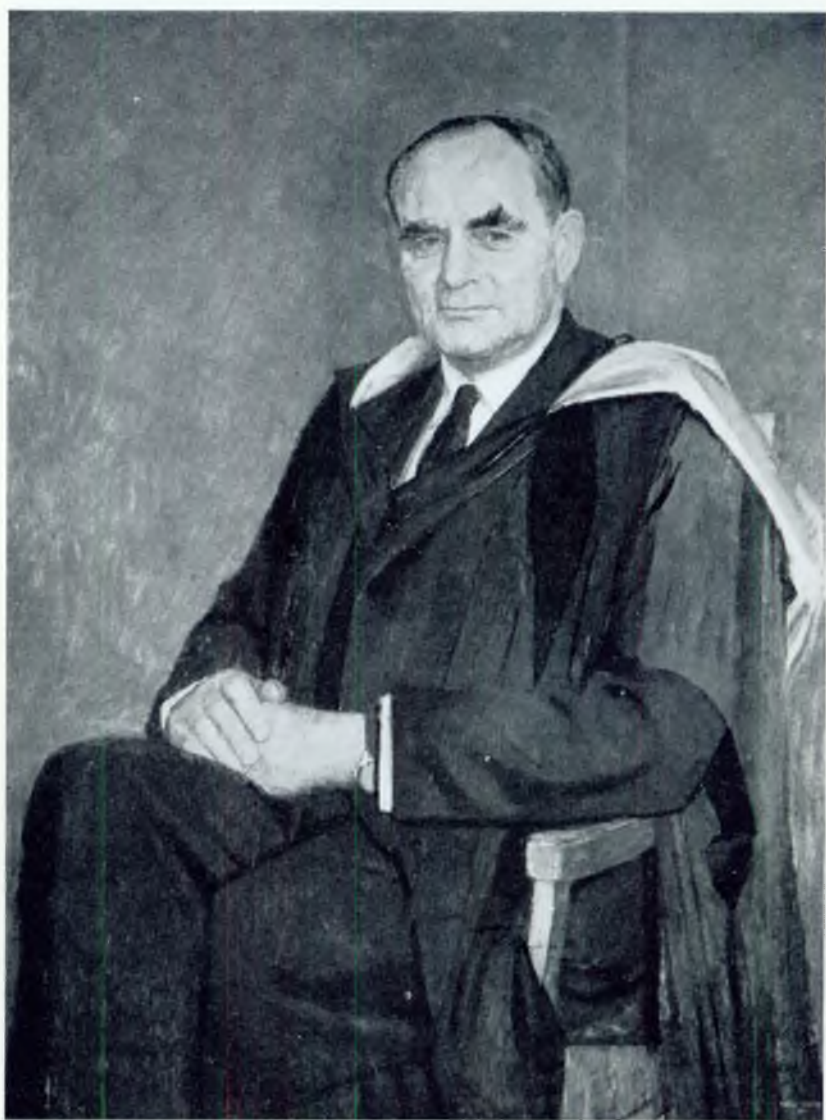
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*The late Mr. John Hall.*



THE HEADMASTER

*(From a painting by Michael Noakes, V.P.R.O.I., R.P.)*

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## SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Head of School .....	N. J. B. Fielding (Left '71) I. W. Gordon (Summer Term, 1971)
Vice-Captain of School .....	I. W. Gordon J. M. Smith (Summer Term, 1971)
Head of Freeland .....	T. K. Lunan
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Head of Nicol .....	D. J. McBride
Head of Ruthven .....	J. M. Smith
Head of Simpson .....	I. W. Gordon J. D. D. Ingram (Left '71)

School Prefects: A. B. Walker, D. A. S. Whyte, P. J. Hunter, J. T. Thomson,  
C. J. Robertson.

Editors of the "Strathallian": T. K. Lunan and J. D. Herbert.

## EDITORIAL

*We have two duties to perform at the start of this issue. First, we extend a welcome to the new Headmaster, Mr. A. D. D. McCallum, and his wife, and hope that both they and their family will have a pleasant and rewarding time at Strathallan.*

*Our second task is a melancholy one, for we have to record the sudden death, near the end of the Summer Term, of Mr. John Hall, the Chairman of the Governing Body. Mr. Hall was a familiar figure at so many of the School's activities, always lending enthusiastic support and always unstinting in the giving of his time. His presence will be greatly missed in many spheres, and we extend to Mrs. Hall and her family our most profound sympathy.*

*Earlier this year the School also lost another valuable servant who had given long and valuable service — Alec Boag. Alec will be remembered by many Strathallians for not only his help with the fabric of the School but also his help with cricket. He died after a long illness courageously borne, and we extend to Mrs. Boag and her family our most profound sympathy.*

*More than any other year perhaps, this magazine has been in the hands of the Editorial Staff provided by the boys. T. K. Lunan and J. D. Herbert have both worked valiantly at the thankless task of collecting in material and trying to meet deadlines.*

## John Hall 1939-44

The many friends of John Hall will have heard of his death on 4th July, 1971, with a profound sense of shock and of personal loss.

To all those who had the privilege of knowing him, John will be remembered for his capacity for friendship and that genuine charm of being able to convey to those with whom he came in contact that their business, and what they had to say to him, was the only thing which mattered.

After being at Glasgow Academy for six years, John came to Strathallan during the lean war years. He was Captain of Rugby and Cricket in 1944 and gained his colours in the First XV and in the First XI. Thereafter St. Johns College, Cambridge, claimed him for two years when he gained a war-time Blue for Rugby and graduated B.A.

National Service was still in vogue and, on leaving Cambridge, John served in the Army for two years, being commissioned in the Highland Light Infantry in 1947.

On demobilisation, he returned to Cambridge and graduated B.A. before entering on a career in accountancy. After qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1953 he entered Industry and, in January 1965, he joined Clyde Structural Steel Company Limited of which he was appointed Deputy Managing Director in 1970.

He served the Strathallian Club as a Member of Council and was the first Honorary Secretary (and one of the founders) of the Club Angling Section. The outings of the Angling Section were organised with the enthusiasm and efficiency which were recognised as the mark of all that John undertook and thanks to him, there were many enjoyable days of sport.

He became a Governor of the School in February 1965 and his ability soon marked him down for the position of Finance Convenor. In a world in which ever increasing costs had come to be accepted as a permanent feature, Finance Convenorship was not to be entered into lightly — nor did it make it any easier that he would have to follow in the illustrious footsteps of Dr. David Bogie who had guided the School's finances for more than twenty years — but John did not allow these factors to deter him and willingly accepted the office which he then fulfilled with singular distinction. His grasp and exposition of the financial problems facing the School earned the admiration of his fellow Governors and of the School staff.

In November 1970 he was appointed Chairman of Governors, and, just a month before his death, had presided at his first Speech Day in a manner which augured well for the School's future.

In all things he gave of his best, willingly and with cheerfulness. It is a tragedy, not only for his wife and family, but also for the School, that he should have been taken so soon.



## OBITUARIES

### Mr. A. Boag

All those who knew Alec Boag will have grieved to hear of his death on 22nd November, 1970, after a protracted period of ill health.

He joined the Outdoor Staff in 1927 and in 1953 was appointed Clerk of Works, which appointment he held until his death. During the War he served in the R.A.S.C. in the British Army of the Rhine, returning to Strathallan upon being demobilised.

He was a man of many skills and outstanding practical ability, whether it was preparing a wicket, coaxing a recalcitrant mower to start or designing and executing a structural alteration or repair. There can be few Strathallians in the past 43 years who will not recall the familiar sight of his stalwart figure striding about the policies.

He was a man with a great sense of humour, always courteous and considerate to his fellow men. It was typical of him that during his illness, which he bore with great patience and fortitude, he kept returning to his work whenever he was able.

He was a very loyal and upright member of the Staff who will be sadly missed.

### David Barrie Brown

(27.4.52 - 14.12.70)

We were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of David Brown at the age of eighteen.

David left School in 1969, and since then he had been working for admission to Aberdeen University. Although he was only just seventeen when he left, he had already made a considerable mark in the School as Captain of Sailing and as a prominent member of the Navy Section.

When he returned to visit us in the summer of 1970, he seemed in excellent health and full of the joys of living. It is tragic that illness should claim a young man with his life before him, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

D.A.R.W.

## THE DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN

The final stage of this Campaign has been completed in the course of this year with the building of a separate Study and Common Room Block for Leburn House. Work started in November and the building was ready for occupation by the start of this September term. It is sited on the West side of the Squash Courts beneath Scout Wood Hill and provides Study accommodation for 36 boys and a large Common Room for the remaining members of the House. The 12 most senior boys in fact have studies to themselves. This means that Leburn is able to function as a fully established house, the appropriate number of boys of the right age and seniority having been transferred from the other Senior Houses reducing the maximum number of each to 60 and this in addition has relieved the congestion in the Old Study Block.

Leburn House has been presented by Mrs. Leburn with a photograph of the late Honourable Mr. William Gilmour Leburn and a magnificent clock.

## NEW SPORTS HALL

One further major building development started in April. The School received a most generous gift of £25,000 from the Gannochy Trust to provide a Sports Hall. This has been sited between the maintenance workshop and the Gymnasium with which it is linked. Some of the old wall adjoining these two buildings had to be taken down to allow access to the site but will be re-erected eventually. The Sports Hall will provide a full size basket ball court, three badminton courts and facilities for six-a-side hockey, indoor cricket nets, and a Climbing Wall. Athletic coaching can also be catered for. While the building will be somewhat overpowering and dominate the Classroom area it will prove to be a very great asset in the Spring term in particular and it is in fact hoped that it will be ready for use by January 1972 at the latest.

## SCHOOL NOTES

If there are not many photographs to look at in this issue it is because no-one has been particularly willing to provide any or to go out and take some. But, if we are to make a virtue out of a necessity, it can be said that their absence at least contributes towards the holding down of production costs. To our younger readers whose staple diet of reading seems to consist of picture books we apologize.

Buildings. These are still springing up all over the place. The Leburn Day Rooms by the Squash Courts have been completed and will be in use by the time this magazine appears. They are within striking distance of the Lawn nets, and we wonder whether Leburn will go halves with the Cricket Account for some top-netting.



We have also been fortunate enough to secure a grant from the Gannochy Trust to build a Sports Hall. The building of this was started almost immediately. It is sited between the workmen's shop and the gymnasium. Some of the old wall joining these two points had to be taken down to allow access to the site, but it is to be re-erected when building has finished. The building operations were arranged so that no interference with O and A Level examinations took place. This hall will accommodate badminton, basketball, an indoor cricket net, a volley ball court and, if the Director of Music has his way, several grand pianos.

After a particularly heavy period of rain a minor landslip threatened to be the end of The Causeway.

The leaded lights in the Conservatory have been removed and replaced with large glass windows. The nearest hit registered from the square so far is 2 inches off. Ricochets will not count.

Beans. The Sub-Department of Agro-Technology having exhausted (temporarily, we fear!) the gadgetry market has now started to grow flowers — carnations. Can they really believe they turn into milk when they are tinned?

There has been a sudden rise in the interest in natural history. A nature trail has been established, and several nesting boxes installed around the grounds. The swan population continues to increase, as does the rabbit one, but who ate the ducks?

There have been one or two changes in Sunday routine during the Summer Term. Now Chapel is held in the morning.

Talking of Sundays, we are sad to have to record the demise of the Occasionals (which now only plays in England). No doubt this is equally regretted by the junior cricket games, many of whose members liked to spend a pleasant Sunday afternoon leaning on the railings of the Paddock and reflecting that sir meant do as I say, not do as I do.

'HMS Pinafore' by Gilbert and Sullivan was produced during the year — the first Gilbert and Sullivan we have had for some time, and the first to be done with the assistance of young ladies from the Convent.

We welcomed B. Stoeppler and J. Herhahn to the School at the beginning of the Summer Term. They were here on exchange from the Humboldt Gymnasium, West Berlin. In the previous term R. C. Stark and D. A. G. MacIntyre were in Germany on the other half of the exchange.

Prizes were awarded at the end of the Autumn Term thus:

For best A Level results: I. W. Gordon and I. D. Lewis.

For best O Level results: D. A. Walker and R. C. Stark.

Form Prizes: IVB: C. M. Drysdale.

IV-Inter: C. R. Hay.

IVC: A. A. Wighton

IIIA: D. A. Cameron.

IIIB: R. M. Jamieson.

IIIC: N. Menzies.

II: S. Vivien.

I: D. T. Ross.

Prizes were awarded at the end of the Summer Term thus:

Special Music Prize: A. W. Bethune.

Campbell Award: A. B. Walker.

Form Prizes: IVB: R. P. Ker.

IV-Inter: C. R. Hay.

IVC: G. W. Linton.

IIIA: D. A. Cameron.

IIIB: A. C. MacArthur.

IIIC: D. P. Benzie.

II: A. D. M. Fairchild.

I: I. D. Cameron.

At the end of the year there were 363 boys in the School.

## STAFF NOTES

Two members of staff left the School at the end of the Autumn Term. Mr. P. E. Grigsby went to take up an appointment as Head of Biology at Archbishop Holgate's School, York. For several years he was Head of Biology in this School, and for some time assisted with the Riley House tutoring. He was also a long serving officer in the C.C.F. The other leaver was Mr. D. S. Macpherson, who left to take up an appointment at Taunton School. Mr. Macpherson's invigorating teaching style and maddening radicalism will be remembered by all, and his eccentric rugby-watching dress will be missed during next rugby season.

Two further members left our ranks at the end of the School year. Mr. Marshall departed for France. Mr. Marshall has contributed a great deal to the music and the teaching of French in the School. On several occasions he gave great pleasure to us with his organ recitals, but he was also a flute-player and encouraged music in all its forms. Mr. McKinlay's stay has been only too short. During his time here he has been house tutor of Leburn, has taught History and Economics, and done tremendous things with the School swimming. We wish him well in his new appointment in Australia.

We are able to welcome, however, several new members of staff. Mr. D. Reed has come to teach Mathematics, and has already made his mark in the climbing sphere. Rev. Monteith, who was around at the end of last year, took over the duties of full-time Chaplain at the beginning of the year. Dr. B. Stonehouse came to fill the Biology vacancy. Previous to coming to us he has taught in several universities, is, we understand, something of an authority on penguins, and has already more than made his mark in the natural history field. Finally, Mr. B. Raine has come to teach History and has taken over the house tutorship of Freeland which was relinquished by Mr. Macpherson.

Mr. S. C. Pollard had taken over the Headship of the Biology Department.

## SALVETE

### Autumn Term

Lower VI — W. K. Ferguson (F); C. J. McNee (S).

III — Freeland: G. R. Blackley; A. R. Cochran; A. E. Lockhart; A. K. McLean;  
J. S. Milne; A. K. Shortreed; D. L. Young.

Leburn: N. E. Cope; J. F. Fyfe; N. M. Headrick; R. L. Kirkland; A. D. MacAdam; A. I. Pate; D. C. Ross; A. G. Watt.

Nicol: D. P. Benzie; T. H. Duff; M. G. Evans; N. D. Fraser; P. A. Hutcheson; R. T. Lewis; A. H. Mackay; R. H. Phillips; A. P. Steele;  
J. B. A. Strang.

Ruthven: A. J. Hay; J. J. McIntyre; R. F. Renwick; R. K. Wilson.

Simpson: J. C. Arthur; A. D. Baxter; G. I. Bennet; K. C. Grant; D. C. Jeffrey; M. J. MacDonald; R. N. MacLeod; C. C. S. Magee; A. M. Pearson; C. B. Robertson.

I — V. W. Anderson; L. Cabrelli; I. D. Cameron; K. J. Crawford; R. M. Duff;  
G. A. M. Gerrard; D. M. Gillanders; A. M. Hirst; D. N. Hunter; S. H. Lee; F. G. MacAdam; J. H. B. Malcolm; I. G. Ogilvie; A. B. Peddie;  
I. N. Robb; A. K. Shaw; C. R. M. Smith; D. A. M. Smith; B. W. Steele (All Ri.).

### Spring Term

III — I. F. Caird (N); D. S. McIntosh (L); D. P. Paton (S).

II — D. C. Melville (Ri.)

### Summer Term

III — I. Y. Buchanan (N); H. K. Currie (R); A. C. Greer (S); P. J. Holland (S);  
A. D. Robertson (N).

II — S. L. Hill (L); R. I. Whitaker (L).

I — I. C. Ferguson (Ri.); M. E. Young (Ri.).

## VALETE

### Autumn Term

#### 3rd Year VI

D. R. Barns-Graham (S); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; House Prefect; Shooting; Bio. Prize 70;  
Exhibitioner; Ch. Sci. Soc.; Pres. Phot. Soc.; Ed. Strathallian; i.c.  
P.S. Section.

*Feddinch, St. Andrews, Fife.*

R. C. Fergie (S); Came 64<sup>2</sup>; I; Ch. Research Prize; Cdt. Army.

*44 Warriston Avenue, Edinburgh EH3 5NB.*

J. D. D. Ingram (F); Came 66<sup>2</sup>; III; School Prefect; Capt. Highland Dancing;  
Treas. Music Soc.; Hist. Essay Prize 70; U.O. R.N.

*'Warrawee', 4, The Avenue, Crowthorne, Berks. RG11 6PD.*

I. D. Lewis (N); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; Physics Prize 70; Ldg. Cdt. R.A.F.

*Sannox, 3 Methven Road, Whitecraigs, Giffnock, Glasgow.*

R. B. Shanks (R); Came 64<sup>3</sup>; I; SH. 70; Golf; Ldg. Cdt. R.A.F.

*Orkie Miln, Kingskettle, Fife.*

#### Lower VI

C. R. Keay (N); Came 67<sup>2</sup>; III; Ski-ing; A.B. R.N.

*Grayburn, Benvie, by Dundee, Angus.*

W. A. M. Lambie (R); Came 67<sup>1</sup>; III; A.B. R.N.

*84 Main Street, Neilston.*

M. D. Phillips (S); Came 67<sup>1</sup>; III; A.B. R.N.

*6 Chesham Place, Brighton, Sussex.*

## V Form

D. B. McLean (F); Came 67<sup>3</sup>; III; Cdt. Army.  
*Cedarlee, Cedar Lee, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 3BA*

## Spring Term

### 3rd Year VI

N. J. B. Fielding (F); Came 64<sup>1</sup>; I; Head of School; XV 70; H 70-71, Capt. 71;  
SH. 69-70; Squash; Scholar; Orch.; Choir; Flt. Sgt. R.A.F.

*Piso 4<sup>o</sup> — Izquienda, Edificio Marcelino Sanchez, Badajoz, Spain.*

J. I. Ormerod (N); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; House Prefect; Orch.; Exhibitioner; Ldg. Cdt.  
R.A.F.

*Vanstolke Weg, 26, The Hague, 12, Netherlands.*

## Lower VI

G. C. Leslie (R); Came 67<sup>3</sup>; III; Cdt. R.A.F.  
*27 Dalneigh Road, Inverness.*

W. K. Ferguson (F); Came 70<sup>1</sup>.

## III Form

G. J. Buchanan (L); Came 68<sup>3</sup>; I; Exhibitioner; P.S.  
*The Latch, 9 Marine Parade, North Berwick, East Lothian.*

## Summer Term

### 3rd Year VI

D. R. Brown (N); Came 65<sup>3</sup>; III; House Prefect; Shooting 68-71, Capt. 69-71;  
W.O. R.A.F.

*87 Loughborough Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife.*

J. M. Dods (R); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; House Prefect; H XI 71; S.H. 71; Librarian;  
Exhibitioner; Cdt. Army.

*Forest Mt., Wordsworth St., Penrith.*

I. W. Gordon (S); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; Head of School; Dux, 71; Maths Prize 70, 71;  
S.H. 71; U.O. R.A.F.

*94 Holywell Ave., Whitley Bay, Northumberland.*

P. J. Hunter (F); Came 63<sup>3</sup>; I; School Prefect; Exhibitioner; Orch.; Choir; Flt.  
Sgt. R.A.F.

*3 Lennox Row, Edinburgh EH5 3HL.*

T. K. Lunan (F); Came 64<sup>3</sup>; I; Head of Freeland; Scholar; Ed. Strathallian; Head  
Chorister; Head Librarian; Cpl. R.A.F.

*3 Daleside Avenue, Harrogate, Yorkshire HG2 9JA.*

D. J. McBride (N); Came 63<sup>3</sup>; I; Head of Nicol; XV 69-71; Athletics 66-71, Capt.  
71; S.S.A. Javelin Champion 69, 70; Gold Medallist 4x100m. relay 70;  
represented Scotland in Schools International Ath. Ch. 70, 71; P.O.  
R.N.

*6761 Daugherty Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32210, U.S.A.*

G. S. Masson (N); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; Sailing; Sgt. R.A.F.

*Wakefield, Seafeld Terrace, Portsoy, Banffshire.*

C. D. Steele (N); Came 67<sup>3</sup>; III; House Prefect; Squash; Golf; Exhibitioner;  
L.S. R.N.

*Saddleback, Castle Hill, Prestbury, Cheshire.*

## Upper VI

M. G. Aitkenhead (F); Came 64<sup>3</sup>; I; House Prefect; XV 70-71; Ath. N.C.O. R.N.  
Sect. and P.S. Inst.

*'Hilden', Charlotte Street, Helensburgh.*

J. M. Baxter (R); Came 64<sup>3</sup>; I; House Prefect; Bio. Research Prize, 71; Orch.;  
Ldg. Cdt. R.A.F.

*136 Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire.*

- A. W. Bethune (N); Came 64<sup>3</sup>; I; Orch.; Lib.; Choir; Asst. Org.; Sgt. Army.  
*Glentyan, Culbokie, Conon Bridge, Ross-shire.*
- L. H. A. Carmichael (N); Came 67<sup>1</sup>; III; House Prefect; XV 68-71; H. 71; S.H. 70-71; A.B. R.N.  
*Salen Hotel, Aros, Mull, Argyll.*
- H. J. A. Chrystal (F); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; Exhibitioner; H.D. Team; L.Cpl. Army.  
*Pinminnoch, Girvan, Ayrshire.*
- A. M. Duff (N); Came 68<sup>1</sup>; V; H. 70-71; S.H. 70-71; Fencing; P.O. R.N.  
*Maplewell Farm, Woodhouse Eaves, Nr. Loughborough, Leics.*
- P. A. Duff (N); Came 68<sup>1</sup>; V; H. 70-71; S.H. 70-71; Cdt. R.A.F.  
*Maplewell Farm, Woodhouse Eaves, Nr. Loughborough, Leics.*
- H. G. Fraser (N); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; House Prefect; 2nd XV\*; Athletics; Cross-Country T. 70-71; Choir; Cpl. Army.  
*"Teela", Largo Road, Lundin Links, Fife.*
- G. McR. Gall (L); Came 67<sup>1</sup>; III; Head of Leburn; XV 69-71; H. 70-71; S.H. 70-71; L.S. R.N. P.S. Inst.  
*Gillahill, Kingswells, Aberdeen.*
- C. S. Grant (R); Came 64<sup>3</sup>; I; Shooting; Pipe Band.  
*St. Margaret's, Crail, Fife.*
- J. G. M. Hendry (R); Came 67<sup>3</sup>; III; L.Cpl. Army.  
*15, Matilda Road, Glasgow S.1.*
- J. D. Herbert (F); Came 63<sup>3</sup>; I; House Prefect; Editor Strathallian; Physics Essay Prize, 71; Sec. Sci. Soc.; L.S. R.N.  
*Muir Lodge, Bath Road, Camberley, Surrey.*
- D. I. Howie (S); Came 64<sup>3</sup>; I; L.Cpl. Army.  
*North Murie, Errol, Perthshire.*
- R. A. Jenkins (F); Came 64<sup>3</sup>; I; House Prefect; Athletics; Orch.; Cpl. Army  
*Willow Tree Villa, Pinchington Lane, Newbury, Berks.*
- C. D. G. Laidlaw (S); Came 64<sup>3</sup>; I; Exhibitioner; Econ. Prize 71; English Prize 71; L.S. R.N.  
*Dyke House, Rowantree Road, Kilmalcolm, Renfrewshire.*
- J. R. Lee (F); Came 66<sup>1</sup>; III; Ldg. Cdt. R.A.F.  
*The Quinta, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.*
- J. W. Locke (S); Came 69<sup>3</sup>; LVI; House Prefect; Athletics; Shooting\*; Ch. Sci. Soc. 70-71; Sci. Lib. 70-71; Cpl. R.A.F.  
*Balmory, Glendevon, By Dollar.*
- M. T. MacKenzie (R); Came 64<sup>3</sup>; I; H. 71; S.H. 70-71; L.S. R.N.  
*Parks Farm, Inverness.*
- J. H. McLauchlan (N); Came 64<sup>3</sup>; I; L.Cpl. Army.  
*5 Castle Drive, Kilmarnock.*
- I. R. McLean (N); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; House Prefect; XI 70, 71; H. 69-71, Capt. 71; S.H. 69-71; Capt. Squash; Scottish U-19 H. 71; Pipe Major.  
*7 Grove Park, Lenzie, Lanarkshire.*
- R. H. McQueen (R); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; House Prefect; XV 69-71 Ath.\*; Cross-Country\*; Capt. Cross-Country; V. Capt. Ath. 70-71; L.Cpl. Army.  
*Quilkieston Farm, Mauchline, Ayrshire.*
- C. Michie (F); Came 67<sup>1</sup>; III; L.Cpl. Army.  
*c/o Royal Bank of Canada, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.*
- A. C. G. Moodie (F); Came 63<sup>3</sup>; I; House Prefect; Pres. Badminton Club; Cpl. Pipe Band; Sgt. R.A.F.  
*Paxhaven, La Pouquelaye, Jersey, Channel Islands.*
- J. B. Morton (F); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; Athletics\*; Cross-Country\*; S.S.A.A. 1500m. 5th 70, 7th 71; L.S. R.N.  
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*P.O. Box 93, Nandi Hills, Kenya.*
- G. R. S. Smith (F); Came 64<sup>1</sup>; I; House Prefect; Econ. Prize; Econ. Essay Prize; Geog. Proj. Prize 71; L.S. R.N.  
*c/o Summers, Rypeth, Hill Street, Ladybank, Fife.*
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*Ethie House, North Mains, Arbroath, Angus.*
- R. A. Rodger (S); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; Sailing; Art Essay Prize 70; Tr. Sci. Soc.; L.S. R.N.  
*Hillswick, Albert Place, Airdrie, Lanarkshire.*
- J. T. Thomson (N); Came 66<sup>1</sup>; III; School Prefect; Tennis 71; U.O. Army Sect.  
*Rosevilla, South Street, Burrelton, Perthshire.*
- P. R. P. Thomson (N); Came 67<sup>3</sup>; III; XI 70-71; L.Cpl. Army.  
*Hills of Bendochy, Coupar Angus, Perthshire.*
- J. S. Turner (N); Came 64<sup>2</sup>; I; L.Cpl. Armourer, Army.  
*Roseland, 44 Irvine Road, Kilmaurs, Ayrshire.*
- A. B. Walker (S); Came 67<sup>1</sup>; III; School Prefect; XV 69-71, Capt. 70-71; XI 70-71, Capt. 71; S.S. Rugby v. Wales; Golf; Inst. P.S.  
*Tillygreig, Udney, Aberdeenshire.*
- A. R. Watson (S); Came 65<sup>2</sup>; I; Exhibitioner; Chem. Prize 71; L.Cpl. Army.  
*37 Polmaise Road, Torbrex, Stirling.*
- B. S. Williamson (F); Came 66<sup>3</sup>; III; Shooting 69-71\*; Sgt. R.A.F.  
*1 Claypotts Terrace, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 1LD.*
- R. J. Wilson (F); Came 67<sup>1</sup>; III; Choir; L.Cpl. Army.  
*26 Den Leeuwenberg St., 2520 Edegem, Antwerp, Belgium.*
- I. Wright (N); Came 66<sup>1</sup>; III; House Prefect; Tennis 70-71, Capt. 71; Fencing 69-71, Capt. 70-71; Sailing, V. Capt. 71; Orch.; Flt. Sgt. R.A.F.  
*241 Wales Crescent, Oakville, Ontario, Canada.*

#### Lower VI

- J. G. Barnet (R); Came 65<sup>3</sup>; I; Cdt. R.A.F.  
*Kintallon, Glencairn Road, Kilmalcolm, Renfrewshire.*
- K. M. Cassels (S); Came 65<sup>3</sup>; I; Drawing Prize 70; Art Prize 71; Cdt. Army.  
*53 Stubbs Road, Hong Kong, B.C.C.*
- W. S. M. Elder (S); Came 65<sup>3</sup>; I; Cdt. R.A.F.  
*Laigh Hook, Chapelton, Strathaven, Lanarkshire.*



## V Form

- R. G. Dale (N); Came 67<sup>th</sup>; III; Swimming\*; Cdt. Army.  
*Sloughall, North Berwick, East Lothian.*
- N. M. Delbarre (N); Came 68<sup>th</sup>; III; Swimming\*; L.S. Navy.  
*Friars Farm, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex.*
- R. Fleming (F); Came 68<sup>th</sup>; III; Cdt. Army.  
*Hardens Way, Duns, Berwickshire.*
- E. P. Grant (R); Came 68<sup>th</sup>; III; Cdt. Army.  
*Cathadh-Fairgie, Glencoe.*
- E. J. Lamont (F); Came 66<sup>th</sup>; I; O.S. R.N.  
*Dunard, St. Leonard's Rd., Forres, Moray.*
- N. A. McLean (F); Came 68<sup>th</sup>; III; Cdt. Army.  
*South Kingennie Farm, By Dundee, Angus.*
- A. B. McMillan (S); Came 68<sup>th</sup>; III; A.B. R.N.  
*48 Milverton Road, Whitecraigs, Glasgow.*
- R. J. H. Mather (N); Came 68<sup>th</sup>; III; Pipe Band; A.B. Navy.  
*53 John St., Montrose, Angus.*
- P. L. Scott (F); Came 68<sup>th</sup>; III; Athletics; D.Sgt. Pipe Band.  
*5 The Grove, Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.*
- G. J. A. Thom (N); Came 68<sup>th</sup>; A.B. R.N.  
*72 Rubislaw Den North, Aberdeen.*
- G. Wright (N); Came 68<sup>th</sup>; Fencing 70-71; Orch.; Ldg. Cdt. R.A.F.  
*241 Wales Crescent, Oakville, Ontario, Canada.*

## IV Form

- C. C. Wolfe (L); Came 69<sup>th</sup>; III; Pipe Band.

## I Form

- S. H. Lee (Ri.); Came 70<sup>th</sup>.

## CHAPEL NOTES

Sunday Chapel Services were switched to the morning during the Summer Term. On balance this experiment seems to have been successful, and we plan to continue it in the Autumn Term, reverting to the evening (if only for the convenience of the skiers) during the Spring Term.

Both Church of Scotland and Episcopalian Communion Services in the Chapel are now open to all denominations. For boys who have been confirmed they are now optional alternatives to the ordinary Sunday morning services; they have been well attended.

The following boys were confirmed on March 14th:

Church of Scotland: C. J. Cotton, R. G. Rale, B. D. de la Haye, C. K. Gibson, J. G. M. Hendry, P. S. Hibberd, A. B. Lawrence, G. C. Leslie, J. W. MacFarlane, E. G. MacKenzie, T. R. MacLeod, W. L. J. Moffat, P. J. Nicol, I. Paterson-Brown, J. P. Renwick, A. T. A. Wallace, I. T. Watters.

Episcopalian: I. F. S. Day; A. P. Wray.

W.N.M.

## SPEECH DAY 1971

Our guest on Friday 4th June, a day which, happily, was much sunnier than last year, was the Honourable Lord Kilbrandon, LL.D., D.Sc., who was an especially welcome speaker at Strathallan in view of his life-long interest in the affairs of the young. He has served on many councils and committees concerned with young people and, in particular, he was for a long time Chairman of the Standing Council on Youth Service in Scotland.

The opening address in the City Hall, Perth, was given by the Chairman of the Governing Body. He thanked Dr. Farquharson, President of the Gannochy Trust, for the very generous grant of £25,000 to finance the building of a sports hall next to the gymnasium, and also the Strathallan Club, who have now decided to introduce their own scholarship scheme. He expressed his appreciation to the masters, domestic and administrative staffs, and governors for their continued help and support, and paid tribute to Mr. Alec Boag, lately Clerk of Works, who died in November, 1970, after forty-four years' devoted service to Strathallan. He concluded by welcoming our new Headmaster to his first Speech Day.

Mr. McCallum, in presenting his annual report, expressed his deep appreciation of the very friendly welcome he and his wife had received from all sides. He considered his first year at Strathallan as something of a 'honeymoon period' during which his time had largely been taken up in 'observing', and getting the feel of the School. Now, he felt, this period was drawing to a close and more positive proof of his capabilities would soon be demanded. He was pleased that the O and A Level results had been particularly encouraging in Mr. Hoare's last year — the best results the School had achieved for some time, both in quantity and quality of passes. However, he felt it important to stress his belief that, as employers in industry and commerce now appeared to be interested in other qualities besides purely academic qualifications, not every boy on leaving school should necessarily go to university, the degree having become all too much of a status symbol. Many would benefit far more from the 'sandwich' courses now offered by all worthwhile firms.

The Headmaster then expressed the view that the recent torrent of criticism of the Public Schools, now much abated, had in fact done the schools a lot of good, forcing them into self-examination and safeguarding them from complacency. The majority of the general public, however, still misunderstood the aims and methods of these schools, and he called for active and factual propaganda to correct this. 'Woolly-minded intellectualism' had, he believed, bedevilled rather than enhanced educational thinking in recent years, and this was largely a cause of the misconception. A more positive approach to any problem was now becoming especially vital. It seemed that 'to have discussed' a problem was 'to have disposed' of it, and he felt that the young in particular were feeling an urgent need for positive leadership, and that they would

grab at this when the chance arose. He would prefer educationalists and youth alike to see everything in black and white, and sometimes be wrong, than to see everything through an uncommitted eye.

Lord Kilbrandon, after presenting the prizes and congratulating the winners, said he felt he was in rather an awkward position on this occasion. He was renowned for being a sort of 'public relations officer' between young and old, and therefore would be bound to alienate himself with one of the groups if we were either 'too permissive' or 'an old square'. He would therefore compromise, and in so doing, he gave us a very entertaining speech, illustrated with many amusing tales. The young were far readier nowadays to question things, taking nothing for granted, than they had been when he was at school, and this had considerably raised the standard of teaching and brought a greater sense of proportion into scholastic matters. When he was young, everyone seemed anxious to grow up and lose the tag of 'youth', but now, a 'student' was a good thing to be, young people were becoming more and more interested in social work; in fact, being young was now a thing which people revelled in. In view of this, Lord Kilbrandon wished his listeners long, happy and constructive lives, confident they would use their youthfulness profitably, and urged them, above everything else: 'Don't take yourselves too seriously'.

G. S. Lowden, Esq., proposed a vote of thanks for Lord Kilbrandon, and the concert followed.

## SPEECH DAY PRIZES

The Smith Cup for Captain of the School .....	N. J. B. Fielding (in absentia)
Houston Prize for All Round Merit .....	I. W. Gordon
Dux .....	I. W. Gordon
Classics .....	J. H. Owen
French .....	A. M. Duff
English .....	C. D. G. Laidlaw
History .....	N. J. B. Fielding (in absentia)
Geography .....	H. G. Fraser
Mathematics .....	I. W. Gordon
Economics .....	C. D. G. Laidlaw
Chemistry .....	G. R. S. Smith
Biology .....	A. R. Watson
Physics .....	D. R. D. Low
Music .....	C. J. Robertson
Art .....	J. H. R. Parker
Chemistry Research .....	K. M. Cassels
Geography Fieldwork .....	R. W. Ross
Drawing Prize .....	G. R. S. Smith
Physics Prize .....	A. W. Lawson
Biology Project .....	J. D. Herbert
Maths Competition .....	J. M. Baxter
Economics Essay .....	G. E. Smith
	G. R. S. Smith

The following prizes were not awarded: German; History Essay; Latin Prose; Art Essay; French Essay.

## H.M.S. PINAFORE

How splendid it is to see on the school stage girls who are real girls for a change! For years and years the regular Gilbert and Sullivan performance at this, as at most boys' schools, found their Major General's daughters or Whatever from among the less ink-encrusted juniors. Now, as in the seventeenth century theatre as a whole, we have broken through the barriers and arrived at that dangerous practice, Mixed Acting. Actually it was all very respectable, with those Sisters, Cousins and Aunts from the Convent of the Sacred Heart — or rather, from the school **attached** to the Convent of the Sacred Heart — falling in love with our jolly sailors only on the stage — I think — so that a happy time was had by all.

Except Fielding.

Fielding put his all into the part of Ralph Rackstraw, the Juvenile Lead — (my apologies for using the word juvenile in connection with such a distinguished member of the hierarchy, but it's the technical term, you see) — and then maintained an attack of laryngitis right through the three main performances. But when one house captain falls in battle, who can better take his place but another? J. M. Smith learnt the whole part between Grace and Tea or something, and almost persuaded us that he had been the original choice. 'Understudy Triumphs. Read all about it'.

The thing that makes our school stage performances stand out from the ordinary these days is surely the quality of the backdrop. Instead of the normal splosh of a few pastel shades of distemper, we get an original T. J. MacLeod, this time of a man-o-war at anchor in a harbour. (And if he tells us that the boys did it, I will not listen; let's have none of this 'School of' nonsense. In fact, if the Governors are prepared to do without the back wall of the gym for a while, I could sell it for a fortune.) And it is still there, if you want to write in for permission to view.

As for the actors and singers in front of it, they maintained the high standards of the previous productions. The ladies — well, as a married man I am not prepared to favour one before another, but we were certainly charmed by Frances Body's Josephine, while Patricia Wallis's performance as Little Buttercup cannot be blamed for the fact that she is forty years too young. T. K. Lunan's Captain Corcoran stays most in the mind, of all the men, with A. W. Bethune First Lording it over him as though Lunan was not a School Prefect at all. R. J. Wilson sneered at us, I. M. Rennie exuded loyalty, and the chorus stared glassy-eyed at us across the footlights with determined jollity. The School Orchestra maintained its near-professional standards and, above all, the credit goes to Mr. Wareham and Mrs. Burnet and Mr. West, who ran it all.

Oh yes, I must not leave out all the others. The make-up was splendidly contrived by — er, Miss Auchinnachie and Miss Templeton, the lighting was spotlessly — no, that's not the word — faultlessly achieved by Mr. Dutton. Mr. Johnson, as Front of House Manager, wore full academic dress in order to be mistaken

for the new headmaster — which duly happened — and assistance in various departments was given by — er — Darn it! You can look it all up in your own programme.

### CAST LIST

Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B. (First Lord of the Admiralty) A. W. Bethune; Captain Corcoran (Commanding H.M.S. Pinafore) T. K. Lunan; Ralph Rackstraw (Able Seaman) N. J. B. Fielding; Dick Deadeye (Able Seaman) R. J. Wilson; Bill Bobstay (Boatswain) I. B. Rennie; Bob Becket (Carpenter's Mate) J. T. Thomson; Josephine (the Captain's Daughter) Frances Boddy; Hebe (Sir Joseph's First Cousin) Mary Gordon; Mrs. Cripps (Little Buttercup, a Portsmouth Bumboat Woman) Patricia Wallis.

First Lord's Sisters, Cousins, Aunts — Kathleen Aitchison; Rosaleen Aldridge; Gillian Baynham; Moira Blackman; Joan Blaikie; Michele Giulianotti; Venetia Gordon; Iona Jeffrey; Elizabeth Norman; Jane Rattray; Macriona Roche; Patricia Thomson.

Sailors — C. J. Cotton; R. A. Elder; C. K. Gibson; G. A. Lockhart; D. Macdonald; J. W. Macfarlane; C. D. Reekie; M. J. Reid; G. G. Robbie; G. R. S. Smith; J. M. Smith; D. A. S. Whyte.

D.E.Y.

### PRODUCTION:

Artistic Director: T. J. MacLeod, Esq.; Stage Manager: I. T. Watters; Assisted by: J. D. Herbert, J. G. M. Hendry, H. M. S. Russell, J. G. Barnet, G. C. H. Lait, A. I. Robson and G. C. Leslie; Lighting: A. L. K. Dutton, Esq.; Make-Up: Miss M. Achinachie; Miss R. Templeton; Front of House Manager: R. N. Johnson, Esq.; Choreography: Mrs. R. A. L. Burnet; Musical Director: G. West, Esq.; Assisted by: Miss H. Jackson and G. Marshall, Esq.; Producer: M. J. E. Wareham, Esq.

The School Orchestra was led by J. Mouland Begbie, Esq.

## NATURE TRAILS

During the Summer Term rustlings in the bushes, noises of hacking, shouts, and the clatter of spades indicated not that the School Prefects were conducting an unusually thorough sweep for criminals and contraband, but that the establishing of two nature trails had started. The idea behind these trails is to establish an interest in natural history by providing a walk which is both pleasant and instructive. Through using these trails it is hoped that the boys will take more notice of what is happening around them in nature, and there is always the possibility that an interest in local history might, too, be awakened, since to some extent the history of the grounds ties in with a complete understanding of what can be seen on each of the trails.

There are in fact two trails, labelled the blue trail and the red trail. The starting point of each is at the classroom end of The Causeway, and both immediately dip down into the valley. A flight of steps had to be constructed to take care of the steeply descending gradient on one of the trails, but very little else of a



constructional nature had to be undertaken either in the direction of Coven Trees Garden where one of the trails goes before cutting back towards the Chapel, or Lady's Well, where the other one meets the School drive.

After this the hard work began, and territory had to be opened up leading diagonally up the Law from the corner of the cricket field nearest the range, across the top of the Law, and doubling back to join the main drive near the range. Stiles had to be built to enable walkers to negotiate the rabbit fences around the Law, and at the back of the Law a zig-zag was constructed which necessitated hand-railings. This trail, scenically, is the better of the two, since it affords some spectacular views of the School and the Earn Valley which have otherwise been denied to us since the replanting of Scout Wood.

Both trails were open in time for Speech Day, and various natural historical specimens and objects were placed at various points, together with notices drawing the attention of walkers to other objects of interest. A small, duplicated booklet was produced as a guide to the trails, and it is hoped that it will eventually be possible to have a printed guide. We print below an extract from this guide:

The School grounds were part of a very much larger estate — Freeland — which belonged to a branch of the Ruthven family. The Ruthvens, prominent in Scottish politics during the 15th and 16th centuries, lost their earldom after the abortive 'Ruthven Raid' of 1582. However, Sir Thomas Ruthven of Freeland was granted a peerage in 1651, taking the title of Lord Ruthven of Freeland. His home was an ancient fortified manor house, the foundations of which can be seen at Lady's Well. The restored archway was the front door, the stonework lining the stream nearby was probably part of the masonry, and there are sections of wall foundation under the shrubs near the arch. Ruins of the house, with walls one metre thick, were still present on the site late in the last century.

The house was approached from Forgandenny by a road continuous with the main village street, which continued across the present cricket pitch to Bridge of Earn. In dry summers the course of the road can still be seen close to the foot of Scout Hill (the local name for The Law — the small hill behind the present school building). The start of the present drive, from main gate to archway, was a formal Dutch garden in front of the old house, sheltered on either side by the avenue of lime trees which now lines the drive. Freeland House was burned down in 1750. The new house, begun shortly afterward, forms the core of the present school building. Part of it can be seen to the left of the main entrance outside the front door.

You pass through the thick outer wall of the house on entering the Saloon, or in moving down the steps from the main library to the reading room. The house originally faced Scout Hill. It was approached from a carriage drive which passed the ruin of the old house and crossed the near side of



the present cricket pitch. New wings were added to the house from 1830, including an imposing front entrance which is now the Headmaster's private study. In 1873 the estate of 3,000 acres was sold to Collingwood Lindsay Wood, a Durham mine-owner, who added the music-room as a chapel, reversed the lay-out of the house, and built on the present front entrance. Riley House was the original coach-house and stables, with a separate drive to Forgandenny village across the House cricket pitch. The red-brick classrooms were work-shops and potting sheds for the kitchen garden and tree nursery, which were on the site of the lawns facing the present teaching blocks.

Freeland House estate was originally laid out during the 18th century, in a rectangular pattern of tree-lined avenues enclosing 12-acre squares. Fragments of this pattern can still be seen in the lines of old oak trees on the playing fields, the rows of stumps behind the biology and chemistry blocks (horse-chestnuts) and on Scout Hill (elms, cedars, spruces). The track leading down to Pike Pond past the sewage farm was a broad, tree-lined avenue, originally an ancient cattle-droving road. The old buildings in the garden of the damaged cottage were boatsheds for the cattle-ferry which crossed the Earn at this point. Annual rings on the largest stumps indicate ages of 200-250 years. Lindsay Wood was responsible for planting many of the younger trees which are now coming up to maturity. In his time the estate was reputed to contain examples of every British tree and many exotic ones. In spite of felling during the First World War and more recently, there is still an interesting collection within the grounds.

The whole of this project has been overseen by Dr. B. Stonehouse, and if any of our readers think they have something of interest to add to the foregoing, we have no doubt that he will be pleased to hear from them.

## THE STRATHALLAN SCHOOL CLIMATOLOGICAL STATION

"Now we are four", or at least, we shall be by the time you read this. However, it will be a further sixteen years before it can be claimed that we have a climate! Maybe we do not want one, or perhaps we know what it is already, but it does seem fairly certain that we shall not experience an 'average year' very often (after all, how often in his innings does a batsman score his average?).

It was feared that the sports mausoleum might put paid to the Station altogether in view of its proximity, but to our surprise the position of the Station is still within minimum requirements regarding obstacles, such as buildings or trees. Apparently, the instrument most vulnerable to such obstacles is the rain gauge: eddies are likely to develop which affect the amount of precipitation

gathered. As far as the temperatures are concerned, the expert opinion (that of the Met. Office) is that the peculiar siting of our station perhaps slightly enhances the daily maximum temperatures.

And now the facts and figures: in April this year we scored our highest daily rainfall of 56.8 mm. (2.2 inches), higher than the expected monthly total — yes, it was rather wet! In comparison with the Perth rainfall (averaged over 35 years), 1968 and 1970 received about the average of 780 mm. (30.7 inches), while 1969 was 'dry' with only 706 mm. (27½ inches). Up to and including June this year we are 32 mm. below the average of 335 mm. for the first six months.

As far as temperatures are concerned, it is less easy to generalise as these, unlike rainfall, are not totalled or averaged on an annual basis. However, early spring-times from 1968 to 1970 have been chilly, whilst summer-times have been well up to average, especially in 1969 when temperatures were noticeably higher. In contrast to the recent cool springs, autumns have been considerably warmer than the Perth average, with 1969 again the best. Winters have been variable, with Februarys much colder in 1968-1970 and Januarys milder. Of course, this year up to early May, winter, like the Hereford hurricanes, hardly happened!

And for the future . . . dare I recommend the morning official radio forecast?

For those who like them, more figures:

(Readings since November, 1967)

Highest Temperature	27.2°C (81°F)	7/7/1971
Lowest Temperature	10.9°C (51.6°F)	7/1/1970
Lowest Grass Temperature	14.9°C (58.8°F)	17/2/1969
Latest Air Frost	12th May	a frost-free season
Earliest Air Frost	18th October	of 158 days.
Wettest Day	56.8 mm. (2.2 inches)	23/4/1971
Wettest Month	138.3 mm. (5.4 inches)	May, 1969
Driest Month	16.4 mm. (0.6 inches)	March, 1970

## LIBRARY

After an extensive number of changes in the Library last year, this year has been much less eventful, with little to report except that, in view of the greatly improved facilities, the library is being used more than ever before.

"Scottish Field" has now been introduced as one of our monthly magazines, and we have been trying to help a little with career problems by displaying the various pamphlets we receive from the large industrial firms such as Esso.

We acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the following gifts of books to the Library by boys who left during the year, and by other donors:

Dr. B. Stonehouse: *Wide Awake Island* (B. Stonehouse).  
 T. Fleming: *Tito* (Phyllis Auty), *My 55 Ways to Lower your Golf Score*, *Take a Tip from Me* (both Jack Nicklaus).  
 J. D. D. Ingram: *The World of Renaissance Florence* (ed. Guiseppe Martinelli).  
 H. W. R. Steedman: *The Vanishing Jungle* (Mountfort).  
 Brig. Graeme Warrack: *Travel by Dark* (G. Warrack).  
 E. J. Lamont: *Sense and Sensibility* (Jane Austen) (ed. Claire Lamont (his sister) ).

Head Librarian: T. K. Lunan.  
 Assistant Librarians: A. W. Bethune.  
 J. M. Dods.  
 N. J. B. Fielding (left Spring '71).  
 I. W. Gordon.  
 N. O. Sherington.  
 R. C. Stark.  
 A. L. Stirling.

July 1971.

T.K.L.

## CIVICS LECTURES: 1970-71

Lectures on a variety of topics were again arranged for members of the Sixth Form during the Winter Term, 1970, and the Spring Term, 1971. Below is a list of those gentlemen who very kindly visited the School — some of them for the second time in recent years — 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.

John Darling, Esq., F.R.I.C.S.: *Work of a Chartered Surveyor*  
 Det. Superintendent W. Adams: *The Dangers of Drugs*.  
 Prof. James Crooks, M.D., F.R.C.P.: *The Problems of Survival*.  
 Prof. A. E. Ritchie, M.A., B.Sc., M.D., F.R.S.E.: *The Human Brain and how it reaches its Decisions*.  
 Willis Roxburgh, Esq.: *The Problems facing Industry*.  
 The Rt. Hon. Lord Kilmany, P.C., M.C.: *Parliamentary Government*.  
 Major General R. L. Clutterbuck, O.B.E., M.A., F.I.C.E.: *The Techniques of Revolution and Counter-Revolution*.  
 Bernard Gilchrist, Esq., M.A.: *The Work of the Scottish Wildlife Trust*.  
 Douglas Gifford, Esq.: *Man and Magic in South America*.  
 Dr. J. Morton Boyd: *The Work of the Nature Conservancy*.  
 J. Whittet, Esq.: *The Chambers of Commerce*.  
 A. D. Cairncross, Esq., F.G.A.: *The Tay Pearl Fishing Industry*.  
 R. M. Keay, Esq.: *The Perthshire Advertiser and the part it plays in the affairs of the County*.  
 Lt. Col. G. D. Dunlop, O.B.E., M.C., A.M.B.I.M.: *Guide Dogs for the Blind*.  
 Dr. A. S. Caldwell, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.: *Public Health Work*.  
 Stuart R. Mollison, Esq.: *The Countryside Commission for Scotland*.  
 R. S. Johnston, Esq., Q.C., B.A., LL.B.: *The Faculty of Advocates and the Work of an Advocate*.

## HOUSE NOTES

### FREELAND

The House Captain was N. J. B. Fielding who was succeeded at the beginning of the Summer Term by T. K. Lunan.

School Offices were held by the following: Captain of School, Captain of Hockey, President of Debating Society, School Prefect i/c Orchestra — N. J. B. Fielding (left March '71); School Prefect and Under Officer i/c Naval Section — J. D. D. Ingram (left December '70); School Prefect, Librarian, Editor of Strathallian, Secretary of Music Society — T. K. Lunan; School Prefect — P. J. Hunter; Secretary of Science Society, and Assistant Editor of Strathallian — J. D. Herbert; Captain of Highland Dancing — H. J. Chrystal; Captain of Badminton Club — A. C. G. Moodie.

At Christmas time we said farewell to Mr. David Macpherson, as House Tutor. He will be much missed for the vigour and enthusiasm of his approach, his encouragement on the games side, and the interest he took in individual boys. Mr. Macpherson followed Mr. James Williams to Taunton and we are very sorry to lose him.

His successor, Mr. Brian Raine, is equally vigorous and enthusiastic about games and like Mr. Macpherson a historian.

This seems a good place to express gratitude to Mr. Wareham, who did duty for the Housemaster when the latter was confined to the Airds with a recurrence of knee trouble — thereby relieving Mr. Raine of the necessity of being on duty every night for the first half of the Spring Term.

For a number of reasons, which would be tedious to enumerate, the House has not had much success in Inter House Competitions, despite some good individual performances for which a generous ration of House Colours has been awarded. However, credit is due to Moodie for the House's winning the Tennis Cup and the Junior Squash Cup, and special mention should be made of C. D. Reekie for sharing the Middle Victor Ludorum, and P. L. Scott for winning the Senior Drumming. The House also shared the Golf Cup with Ruthven.

Speech Day prizes were won (in absentia) by N. J. B. Fielding, by J. D. Herbert, and by G. R. S. Smith.

We were pleased to welcome Jürgen Herhahn from Humboldt-Schule in Berlin for the first half of the Summer Term. He was on an exchange visit with D. A. G. MacIntyre who spent the second part of the Spring Term in Germany.

House Colours were awarded to S. D. Lowden, S. R. C. Duncan, G. P. McHarg, P. J. Hunter, C. D. Reekie, J. H. Shedden, A. C. G. Moodie, M. G. Aitkenhead, S. P. B. Aitkenhead, G. A. Lockhart, and the following were House Prefects: J. D. Herbert, G. R. S. Smith, M. G. Aitkenhead, R. A. Jenkins, A. C. G. Moodie, S. D. Lowden and G. A. Lockhart.

### House Captains of Sport

Rugby: N. J. B. FIELDING.

Cricket: S. D. LOWDEN.

Hockey: N. J. B. FIELDING and P. J. HUNTER.

Athletics: R. A. JENKINS.

Cross-Country: J. B. MORTON.

Boxing, Squash & Tennis:

A. C. G. MOODIE.

Shooting: B. S. WILLIAMSON.

Swimming: R. A. JENKINS.

Ski-ing: H. J. CRYSTAL.

Music: T. K. LUNAN.

P.R.S.

## LEBURN

As predicted in the previous issue of this magazine the number of boys in the House doubled in September 1971. This was caused by the arrival of thirteen new boys and M. J. Finlay (Simpson) and D. A. S. Whyte (Ruthven) who were appointed prefects. It was also reported in that issue of the Strathallian that the new house accommodation would be seen rising from the ground at the time of publication. Thanks to a rather late publication date this faith in 'Them' was amply justified and the new building, variously referred to as the Strathallan Hilton or the Refugee Centre, now takes pride of place amongst the School buildings. In order to give the House its full complement volunteers were called for to fill the vacancies in the senior part of the House and we are very grateful to those who came forward and hope that they will not regret their decision. The new building is most acceptable and is well planned and built and occupies a natural position looking down on the other Houses.

This has been a most satisfactory year in the field of Inter House Competitions. Perhaps the outstanding event was the winning of the Boxing Cup — partly because it is our first major trophy and partly because nearly everyone in the House contributed to it. In the rugger competition Ruthven just managed to beat us in conditions that were appalling — for which we are thankful! The junior cricket XI showed what can be done by steady perseverance and won the very exciting Inter House Competition based on a very complex set of rules which D. R. Nicol was very successful in interpreting. The Athletics was most gratifying in that whilst having less than half the number of boys of any other House we obtained well over half the total number of standards gained by the most successful House. That is a fairly useless piece of information to most people perhaps, but to us in our formative years it is very important. We also exchanged the Senior Drumming Cup (which really was too small) for the Junior one, thanks to the efforts of D. W. Robb. D. A. S. Whyte is also to be congratulated on winning the individual Golf Cup. The only competition which we again did not enter was that of Music. Other Houses must be warned that we will be there next year however.

The first two years have gone very quickly and it was something of a shock to see home-grown Leburn boys sitting 'O' levels already. It also means the departure of Graham Gall and Andrew Stirling. They came into Leburn from Nicol two years ago to be the House Prefects. This was no easy task and they have done it



well. They have had a great deal of influence on the development of the House and we are sorry to see them go. We also say goodbye to Mr. McKinlay who has been House Tutor for the last two years. He is leaving Strathallan for the second time and we wish him good fortune in the future.

We look forward to the arrival in September of Mr. Colquhoun, who will be joining us as House Tutor and hope that he will be happy with us.

F.S.McN.

## NICOL

House Captain: D. J. McBRIDE.

School Prefect: J. T. THOMSON.

House Prefects:

D. R. BROWN, M. J. REID, H. G. FRASER, I. R. McLEAN, J. I. ORMEROD (left March '71), I. WRIGHT, C. D. STEELE, L. H. A. CARMICHAEL, A. M. DUFF, R. H. GREEN, R. C. STARK.

With Masson and a few Old Gentlemen returning for a second A level try, Nicol started the School year with 22 members of the 2nd or 3rd year VIth. With a full complement of 74 this appeared a very top-heavy House. Lewis I. D. gained Entrance to Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, and left in December, and Ormerod J. I. left in March heading for Pembroke College, Cambridge. This broke up the first pair of twins. Incidentally the other pair of twins did their breaking up later in the year, when P.A. failed to defend the "Melville" mirror in the Strip Rooms to A.M.'s crashing goal.

Stark R. C. went to the Humboldt Gymnasium, Berlin, for the second half of the Easter Term. Happily he had not time to follow Thomson P. and Ormerod D.'s more hairy appearance on return. We had great pleasure in welcoming Bernd Stoeppler to the House for the first half of the Summer Term. He and his colleague Jürgen Herhahn enjoyed good weather, fishing, sailing and even some hockey. It was a pleasure also to have a visit during the Easter holidays from Klaus-Dieter Gauler, one of last year's exchange pupils.

At the end of the Summer Term, therefore, we had the unprecedented leave of 24 boys. IVth formers had already been heard to complain that the ratio of prefects to the rest at 1:5 was getting excessive, but I would like to have been able to make another half-dozen, for they richly deserved it. One of the other masters has been urging me to make my own home-made wine. No need. I shall long remember the Nicol 1971 vintage (with only the odd bottle spoilt). The Senior section of the House has been of the greatest credit to the House and School. Now if I was to get on to the IVth form . . . .

At least thirty-six boys have represented the School in teams playing against other Schools in all sorts of sports, but it is the Seniors who have played the major part.



D. J. McBride was Captain of Athletics and his vigorous circuit training has been an example to us all. He was selected to throw his javelin once again for the Scottish Schoolboys, and his record-breaking throw on Sports Day, though disappointing maybe, gave great pleasure to the large audience. Reid M. J. did inspiring work as Captain of Swimming and himself put up an outstanding performance in the ill-fated Bath Cup Competition. Brown has been a long and extremely efficient Captain of Shooting. Scroggie has been largely responsible for putting the Squash on the firm footing it now has in the School. Wright I (or is it right eye?) was the only boy in the House to be Captain of two School teams, Fencing and Tennis. McLean ended a long stint as Pipe Major, and he also is to be congratulated on playing Hockey for the Scottish Schoolboys. Delbarre and Sneddon were other members of the Bath Cup team, and Dale travelled as reserve to London, from where he actually returned, unlike when he managed to get snowed up in Glenalmond not so long ago. Carmichael L. has been an outstanding contributor in sport and he is the only boy in the House who has played for the School 1st team in Rugger, Hockey and Cricket, though his last cricket appearance was in 1968. We have much appreciated the services of Gall who has popped up from Leburn for us in so many games. One rather forgot he was there until he appeared in the hockey goal. I am told the curling 'team' was entirely with the House, composed of Turner, Nicol, McLauchlan and Lewis P., but their activities were rather obscure. On Sports Day the Senior Relay Team set up a new record.

Thomson J. T. was Under Officer in the C.C.F. and the Inspection Parade was a great credit to him and all under him. Other Senior Ranks in the C.C.F. have been Brown, i/c R.A.F., Scott, Duff A. M., Bethune, Fraser, Wright I., and Sneddon. Turner has had a very responsible job in the Armoury.

Bethune has appeared many times at the Organ and it was most fitting that he should play for his last service here. His performance in H.M.S. Pinafore was possibly the highlight of his many musical activities. Steele C. D. has been a very staunch leader of the small Episcopal band, and has seemed unruffled by large numbers of Presbs, and even a Lutheran, appearing for Communion.

Prizes on Speech Day were won by Fraser H. in Geography, and Duff A. M. in French. Bethune won a special Music prize later.

The Cups we have won this year were 2nd XV, Squash, Swimming, Senior Victor Ludorum Swimming (Reid), Middle Victor Ludorum Swimming (Delbarre), Shooting, Senior Piping (Gray), Senior Victor Ludorum Athletics (McBride) and Hockey. We had exactly half the 1st Hockey XI in the House (counting Gall as the  $\frac{1}{2}$ ).

As a reaction against the Library Study in the Easter Term, there was a milk craze in the Summer and 36 boys bought two pints a week. I think it was really McBride's idea, and I should particularly like to thank him for his running of the House over the year and being an outstanding and inspiring House Captain. We

shall miss him and all our leavers very sadly, for their sociable manners, their high morale, their sense of duty and fun, and the positive contributions they have made to life here.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Glimm on the birth of their son, Craig.

On the 7th July I had the sad duty of representing the House at the funeral service of Mr. John Hall, Chairman of the Governors, and our deep sympathy is extended to his son John, Mrs. Hall and their family.

T.C.G.F.

House Colours were awarded to: BROWN, CARMICHAEL L., DUFF A. M., DUFF P. A., FRASER H. G., GREEN R. H., McLEAN, SCOTT, SCROGGIE, STEELE C. D., THOMSON J. T., THOMSON P. R. P.

#### House Captains of Sport:

Rugby: D. J. McBRIDE.

Shooting: D. R. BROWN.

Cricket: C. D. STEELE.

Swimming: M. J. REID.

Hockey: I. R. McLEAN.

Squash: C. G. SCROGGIE.

Athletics: D. J. McBRIDE.

Sailing: G. S. MASSON.

Boxing: L. H. A. CARMICHAEL.

Tennis and Ski-ing: I. WRIGHT.

Cross-Country: H. G. FRASER.

## RUTHVEN

With a reduction in numbers this year Ruthven has begun to enjoy some of the physical benefits arising from the birth of Leburn. In the Study Block both Juniors and Seniors have more elbow room, and the freed space in the Junior Common Room in particular has made it possible for the first time to give each boy a 'pad' of his own. Next year there will be a further reduction to about sixty, which will complete the numerical transition.

But some new difficulties are beginning to appear, especially in games. A 20% cut in numbers gives very little reserve strength in, say, rugby; and selection for the House 2nd XV depended more on being 'on games' than on rugby prowess. It seems likely that an individual star player will make a good deal more difference to results than hitherto.

Turning from the general to the particular, our early untypical dearth of silverware concealed some fine performances. The unofficial 'book' put us down as rank outsiders in Senior Rugby, but our XV played with rare fire and spirit, and we came to the final round with a good chance. However, a strong Simpson side played to its potential and deservedly won. The Junior XV made no mistake and have the makings of a fine side. Our boxers were plagued by injury, not all caused in boxing (one worthy sharpened his finger instead of his pencil), but courage — and skill — gave us second place. In Cross-country too we were pipped on the post. The Ski Cup went on its brief annual trip to the Dining Hall for representation. For most of us, ski-ing as a spectator sport is limited to the 'telly', but I should like to mention the excellent results achieved by the brothers Low and Butchart.

But in general we might have been forgiven at Easter for thinking it was not our year. However, teamwork and persistence were to pay off. In the final weeks of the year we swept the board, winning the Senior Cricket, Athletics and Music Competitions, plus a share in the Golf trophy. In music, time for rehearsal was very limited, and I have no doubt that our winning margin would have been much greater but for this. The Athletics victory was a worthy team effort, but mention must be made of the contributions of Waterston, McNicol, K. C. Mackenzie and Ling, and of the example of dedication set by R. H. McQueen.

Surprisingly perhaps, work has not been neglected. I think it fair to say that on paper our academic 'mean' falls slightly below the School as a whole, but there has been a good approach to formal work. There has certainly been a marked reduction in the necessity to issue 'workcards', and the quantity of 'lines' and 'extra work' set has been well down on last year. Our G.C.E. results may not prove startling, but most boys will achieve their potential. There have been individual successes. J. M. Baxter, Parker, D. R. D. Low and G. E. Smith were Speech Day prizewinners; and C. R. Hay and Cameron won Form Prizes.

Little of this would have been achieved without a lead to follow; and throughout the year the Prefects have all set an excellent example in their respective fields. In particular, J. M. Smith has been an outstanding Head of House, demonstrating the real rewards of putting service first. There have of course been difficulties and disappointments, but in general the ever-present minority who put self first has shrunk. We had a good crop of new boys, and it is pleasant to record that in a number of spheres, for example in work done on the Nature Trails, service and co-operation has been the dominant theme there too.

D.A.R.W.

Head of House: J. M. SMITH.

Deputy Head of House: J. M. DODS.

Prefects:

J. M. BAXTER, R. H. McQUEEN, J. H. R. PARKER, D. R. D. LOW,  
N. J. WATERSTON.

Captains, etc.

Rugby: J. M. SMITH.

Hockey: J. M. SMITH.

Cricket: J. H. R. PARKER.

Boxing: J. M. SMITH.

Swimming: J. P. RENWICK.

Athletics: R. H. McQUEEN.

Cross-country: R. H. McQUEEN.

Ski-ing: D. R. D. LOW.

Shooting: I. T. WATTERS.

Tennis: J. M. BAXTER.

Music: J. H. R. PARKER.

House Colours:

J. M. SMITH, R. H. McQUEEN, J. M. DODS, J. H. R. PARKER, D. R. D. LOW,  
N. J. WATERSTON, M. T. MACKENZIE, J. P. RENWICK, E. G. MACKENZIE.

## SIMPSON

It has been more of a year for work than cups, I think. We retained the Senior Rugger again, and won the Rugger League and the Cross-Country. But on Speech Day we ran off with half the prizes with Charles Laidlaw winning the English and the Economics (to Edinburgh), Ian Gordon the Maths (to Cambridge), Colin Robertson the Physics (to Cambridge), Alan Watson the Chemistry (to Essex), John Owen the Latin (to Cambridge), Kenneth Cassels the Art (to Australia, perhaps) and Andrew Lawson the Drawing (still with us). I have not bothered to add 'we hope' where necessary. It has been a good year for work, therefore, but not so good for music, where in the House Cup we, as they say, failed to trouble the scorer. (Pradi, come back to us!) Guitars, yes, we seem to be well supplied with those. But of people who can teach a part-song to a choir we are much in need. Incidentally, we were told we were getting a second Mozart in Charles McNee a year ago, but when he arrived we discovered that his last headmaster had been mixing him up with someone else and so we are back at the beginning again. And what makes the future even worse is the fact that we are losing just about all our nice quiet guitars and keeping that nasty electric one they complain about in Fife.

It is our last year down in the Coven Trees dormitory, I am glad to say. Cut off, as it has been, from the rest of the House, it contains more places to hide a packet of twenty than all the Main Building put together. The long winter plod up the hill to breakfast will not be missed either. To tell the truth, it never did quite become the gentlemen's residence I had in mind for it.

The House, like all the others, will be ten or so less in numbers next year, now that we have helped to create a sixth form for Leburn. (And I want it clearly understood that our Former Pupils are not going to be allowed to try too hard against us in the House Matches. No rough tackling or anything.)

This year, Ian Gordon has completed five admirable terms as House Captain and one as School Captain. I have done my unsuccessful best to persuade him to come back again and add to his meagre six passes at A level. Still, he will be ably replaced, in both responsibilities, by Colin Robertson, provided he can spare us the odd moment when he is not ski-ing. We have been quite nautical this year, with Stephen Gunn in charge of the sailors (Military) and Sandy Porter the same (Civilian), while two boys either have crewed or are about to crew in the Sir Winston Churchill. Our other House activity is still Beans, with Richard Ross taking over from Fergie taking over from Morris taking over from — well, I can't remember, but Mr. Barker is allowed to join in too and one day they will all make their fortunes. Into the House have come brothers of ancient stalwarts, the two MacLeods and the two McArthurs, along with the brothers of more recent Birds, Magees, and such.

Prefects this year:—Gordon, Walker and Robertson became School Prefects, with Douglas Barns Graham (till he left in December), Gunn, Bill Locke, Nicholas Sherington, and Torquil MacLeod, House Prefects.

Finally, the principal figure on the games field has been the colourful Bruce Walker, combining the School Captaincy of Rugger and Cricket, a rare double. The talent available to him in the House Matches was quite plentiful on the rugger field, but in the Senior Cricket Cup he had to draw on several players from the Extra Under 14½ Game, which suggests that we ought to be allowed to include ex-cricketers like Slogger Gordon in future, if they will only change the rules. I think that Walker rather despaired of a steady, well-grounded win, on the whole, because he had his housemaster scrambling across the school roof to retrieve his sixes before we lost.

D.E.Y.

## ACTIVITIES

It is always difficult to assess the strength of activities in the School, and more reports often do no justice whatsoever to what is happening. There are, for example, various social activities which occur annually — ball-room dancing, learning to drive, St. Andrew's Night are three which come immediately to mind — but whose form takes on a pattern of inevitability. Reports on them every year would take up space with reports whose content is very difficult to vary from year to year. This is not to deny the social worth of these activities, but suffice it to say that they are still going on.

A similar difficulty occurs when we consider some of the cultural activities of the School. Without going to great expense to reproduce examples of paintings it would be difficult to do justice to the great amount of activity and the prolific production of works of art in the Art Department. One notes what a difference is made to the new dining hall when there is a permanent art exhibition in it, and one notes, too, that many of our visitors have been visibly impressed and commented favourably on it. It is, perhaps, a measure of the quality and amount of painting that is done in the School now that we almost take its pervasive presence for granted. A blank wall, unfamiliarly bare because one painting has been taken down and it awaits a replacement, comes as a jolt. Test your reaction next time you walk down the passage from the entrance hall to the library staircase. If there isn't a painting on that wall one becomes aware of a sense of unease, that something isn't quite right. Yet these paintings are not the only things of worth being produced in the School. In the art rooms themselves there are many good pencil or pen-and-ink figure drawings; pottery and weaving are popular, too, although we see little of what is done in that branch of the Art Department—except for the occasional glimpse as we pass the pottery room. So great has been the interest in Art over the past few years that it has even become a popular O Level subject which boys are willing to take in their spare time.



Then, allied in some ways to the Art Department, we have a wood-work activity which is flourishing. Except on Speech Days and at the end of term when we see cars departing stacked with coffee-tables, bookcases, and other items of furniture very little is seen of that. But it exists, it flourishes, and in its quiet way — if saws and lathes can be called quiet — it makes a genuine and major contribution to the School.

Apart from these formal activities, there are other less formal societies — we reported the existence of one in these columns last year. Those who read the notice-boards regularly — and our experience is that there are very few who do — will have found interest and amusement at one series of notices. We are not referring to the trendy or eye-catching posters of the Debating Society or the Music Society, but to the semi-notices, semi-petitions, semi-statements of beliefs which the Semi-Zen Macrobiotic Society propagates. To say that this Society has proliferated would not be, perhaps, the right thing. It has certainly branched out, though. It now claims, in a note to us, to be no less than five things at once — The Neoplatonic Society, The Nietzschean United Fellowship; The Parnellian Revival Study Group, The Michael Bakunin Remembrance Brigade (surely the smallest brigade ever), and the Pixie Movement. This latter has no connection with either Riley House or the Agro-Technologists. Indeed, this society claims only a tenuous connection with the Pixies anyway, since it appears that there are some 'insoluble difficulties concerning the reform of society' (The housemasters?). It should be added that only a small number of names (two or three) ever seem to be connected in any way with any of the activities of these movements, whilst their resolutions are frequently signed by people whose names do not appear on the School's official lists — A. Hitler, for example.

Of the more formal societies, we suppose the Young Farmers' Club to exist, though we have had no communication from it. There still seems to be a fair degree of interest in stamp-collecting, especially amongst the junior forms, but there has been an absence of aero-models and their attendant noise. We understand, though, that there is an awakening interest in electronics, and perhaps we shall be able to report on this next year. Photography continues to exist, but only just. When one considers the enormous range of subjects that is available within the School grounds, one finds it strange that the Photographic Society has never had a more than highly tenuous existence in the past few years. It is very disappointing, for example, that no-one is willing to produce photographs for the magazine. As far as we can gather the main pre-occupation of the society is to obtain an enlarger — to enlarge what? Evidence of any serious photography going on in the School is nil.

One item which we do get for publication is what might be called original writing. We received a fair quantity of copy for this issue, some of it good, some of it mediocre, and some of it downright bad. We have in the past printed some of this material, but this year we felt that it did not sort with a magazine of this



kind. One regrets that there isn't an outlet for poems and occasional pieces, but even *Wing Forward* in its latter days did not cater for it, mainly on the grounds that it was not a sound selling point.

As with the policy started last year, then, we print a selection of the activity reports, and we include in this section the various C.C.F. reports, too. After all, the sections in the C.C.F. probably provide more varied and interesting activities than most of our readers will readily admit.

## MUSIC NOTES

There is no doubt that the experience which the orchestra gained in accompanying 'The Creation' in March, 1970 contributed greatly towards the success of their accompaniment to 'H.M.S. Pinafore' this year, for the personnel has not greatly changed. Having to be reticent, yet thoroughly confident, does not come easily but the orchestra were accomplishing this fairly professionally by the time that they had reached the main performance of the opera. The string section is mostly still very young and for that reason its future looks bright. We have also had the support this year of Ann Lynch, a very good French horn player from Kilgraston, and Miss Crawford, the Headmaster's secretary, who plays the flute.

The second and third orchestras this year have combined forces, producing an orchestra as large as the School orchestra and with a very strong violin section. Many of them will be going into the School orchestra next year.

The Choir has not really been one of the best. It has not achieved a very high standard for weekly anthems (a list of which is given elsewhere). The weakness has been in the tenors who have lacked confidence and have been rather overshadowed by many experienced basses. It is possible that next year the situation will be reversed as all the basses but one will be leaving at the end of this term. On the other hand for occasions such as the Carol Service and 'Music in St. Giles' the choir succeeded in overcoming these difficulties and was able to put on good performances.

A list of the programmes of concerts is given below.

## INFORMAL CONCERT

Thursday 10th December 1970

7.45 p.m. in the Music Room

### 1. Orchestra

Dance of the Tumblers ..... *Rimsky-Korsakov*

### 2. Two Pianos

A. W. Bethune, J. H. R. Parker.

Second Movement from the Piano Concerto No. 2 ..... *Shostakovich*

3. *Folk Singers*  
 G. G. Robbie, C. D. G. Laidlaw.  
 Five Hundred Miles ..... *Traditional*  
 Carolina ..... *C. D. G. Laidlaw*  
 The Last Things on my Mind ..... *Tom Paxton*
4. *Orchestra*  
 Five Dances ..... *Lully*  
 March/Gavotte/Air/Gavotte/March.
5. *Clarinet Solo*  
 F. G. R. Gillanders.  
 Fantasiestuck (op 73) ..... *Schumann*
6. *Orchestra*  
 Three Pieces from "Carmen" ..... *Bizet*  
 Prelude/Aragonaise/March.
7. *Two Pianos*  
 A. W. Bethune, J. H. R. Parker.  
 Second Movement from the Fourth Piano Concerto ..... *Beethoven*
8. *Second/Third Orchestras*  
 Two Student Songs ..... *Traditional*
9. *Tenors/Basses*  
 Jonah-Man Jazz ..... *Michael Hurd*
10. *Orchestra*  
 Thunder and Lightning Polka ..... *Johann Strauss*

### CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

St. Giles' Cathedral — May 30th 1971

Music at 6.00 p.m.

- Suite of Five Dances for Orchestra ..... *Lully*  
 March/Gavotte/Air/Trio/March.  
 Aria for Cello and Piano ..... *Flor Peeters*  
 Cello: P. J. Hunter, Piano: G. Marshall, Esq.  
 Coronation Anthem: "Let thy hand be strengthened" ..... *Handel*

### Music during the Service

#### HYMNS:

Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song.  
 Come Down, O Love Divine.  
 Soldiers of Christ, Arise.

#### VOLUNTARY:

- Three Movements, arranged from an Organ Concerto in F ..... *Handel*  
     i Allegro  
     ii Adagio  
     iii March

# SPEECH DAY CONCERT PROGRAMME

## 1. Orchestra

Mazurka from "Swan Lake" ..... *Tchaikovsky*

## 2. Instrumental Quartet

Two songs from "Porgy and Bess" ..... *Gershwin*

(a) "Oh, I can't sit down". (arr. Duro)

(b) "Summertime".

## 3. Piano (J. H. R. Parker) and Orchestra

2nd Movement from Piano Concerto No. 2 ..... *Shostakovich*

## 4. Second Orchestra

Indian Lament ..... *Miwok Chant* (arr. Jurey)

March in C Major ..... *Czerny* (arr. Jurey)

## 5. Tenors and Basses

Four North American Folk Songs ..... *Traditional*

(a) "Dark as a Dungeon".

(b) "Drill ye Terriers".

(c) "The Housewife's Lament".

(d) "Sixteen Tons".

## 6. Orchestra

Thunder and Lightning Polka ..... *Johann Strauss*

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## National Anthem

Anthems sung by the choir this year have been:

Creation's Hymn (Beethoven); Gloria in Excelsis (Haydn); The waters stood like walls of brass (John Gardner); From God shall naught divide us (Schütz); Thy mercy, Jehovah (Marcello); Let us now praise famous men (Vaughan Williams); Nunc Dimittis in G (Stanford); Te Deum (Malcolm Williamson); Sleepers Awake (Mendelssohn); Laudate Nomen Domini (Tye); Praise to the Lord (Michael Hurd); Jubilate Deo (de Vile); Magnificat in C (Stanford); Give ear unto me (Marcello); Ride on in majesty (Malcolm Williamson); This Joyful Eastertide (arr. Charles Wood); Now Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Bach); Agnus Dei (Haydn); Let thy hand be strengthened (Handel); Sing we merrily (Batten); Venite (Kenneth Leighton); Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (Wesley); Psalms 67, 93 and 121 (Gelineau).

Among the carols sung at the Carol Service were:

This is the truth sent from above (arr. Vaughan Williams); Psallite Unigenito (Praetorius); On This Day (arr. Holst); As Joseph was a-walking; O little one sweet (Bach); The Angels and the Shepherds (arr. C. H. Trevor); Nowell (John Joubert).

The following boys have passed Associated Board Music Exams:

Bethune, A. W. Piano Grade 6.

Elder, R. A. Piano Grade 5.

Gillanders, F. G. R. Clarinet Grade 5 (Merit).

Powrie, R. A. D. Flute Grade 5.  
 Ling, T. S. Violin Grade 5.  
 Low, J. A. D. Piano Grade 5.  
 Hunter, P. D. Theory Grade 5; Violin Grade 4 (Merit); Grade 3 (Distinction).  
 Rennie, I. B. Clarinet Grade 4.  
 Pate, D. H. Violin Grade 3.  
 Baxter, C. H. Violin Grade 3.  
 Fingland, D. R. I. Violin Grade 3.  
 Paisley, J. Violin Grade 2.  
 MacAdam, F. G. Violin Grade 1 (Distinction).  
 Gillanders, D. M. N. Violin Grade 1 (Distinction).  
 Newton, D. R. Theory Grade 1.  
 Jamieson, R. M. Theory Grade 1.

## MUSIC SOCIETY

This year has been slightly less active than last: there was, for example, no large concert, of which we try to have at least one every year, but we had a good number of smaller events during the Autumn and Spring Terms. These included organ recitals by, from 'inside' Mr. West, and from St. Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, Mr. Robert Gillings, this in November — and a third by Mr. William Coulthard of Glasgow Academy — this in February, the increasing attendance at these evenings showing how their popularity is increasing. Earlier, in October, we had an excellent recital by J. Mouland Begbie, violin, Mr. G. Marshall, flute, Mr. G. West, piano, and P. J. Hunter, 'cello. To all these we extend our most grateful thanks for the most enjoyable entertainment they have given us.

We were hoping to have the John Scrimger Singers from Perth, who were to perform negro spirituals interspersed with readings from the Bible, but this unfortunately had to be cancelled, due to the sudden illness of John Scrimger himself. We hope that they will find time to pay us a visit in the coming winter.

On Speech Day, we gave our now regular concert in the afternoon. Again many thanks to the performers on this occasion. They were: A. W. Bethune, P. J. Hunter, J. H. R. Parker, F. G. R. Gillanders, T. S. Ling and P. D. Hunter.

Finally, our grateful appreciation goes to Miss Miller and Mrs. McCallum for providing coffee after our functions, and we extend thanks to Mr. Marshall who has been instrumental in getting together a programme for us over the last couple of years, and who has kindly acted as President of the Society. We wish him many hours of happy music in the French capital. Other office bearers were:

Vice-President: A. W. Bethune.

Secretary: T. K. Lunan.

Treasurer: J. D. D. Ingram.

Members of the Committee: N. J. B. Fielding, A. M. Duff, J. D. Herbert, P. J. Hunter, J. H. R. Parker, R. A. Elder, W. J. G. Smith, P. D. Hunter.

T.K.L.

## DEBATING SOCIETY

The debating season at Strathallan seems to coincide roughly with the rugby season, which could account for the attitude of the majority of boys towards debating. When we go to a debate the attitude is more one of making sure we win than having a good debate. We all vote solidly for the Strathallan side of the argument, and when we come back the question is 'Did you win?' rather than 'What was it like?' (One could equally call this a House of Commons syndrome — Ed.)

However, this year, though we have had few debates, the support has been quite good, perhaps mainly due to Fielding's hard work, and he will be missed — though speakers will be thankful that they no longer have to brave his cutting eloquence from the floor. We have taken the 'Strathallian's' advice of last year, too, and now hold our meetings in the Sixth Form Hall, so that our audiences are no longer decimated by the counter-attraction of television.

The season started with a debate on hippies, mainly to prepare for the English Speaking Union's Inter-School's Debating Competition. Our preparations cannot have been thorough enough, as we lost in the first round with Steele and Lait defending the motion 'This house believes that fantasy, not fact, makes life bearable today'.

However, everybody enjoyed the debate which was held at Kilgraston. The motion was 'This house believes that militant black power is destroying the coloured cause'. We managed to fool the partisan members of the audience by having mixed teams. The motion was carried. In the Spring Term we managed to achieve a situation comparable only to a riot. Fielding consented to act as chairman on the motion 'Better dead than red'. Thanks to some pseudo-Marxists, complete with little red books, we didn't manage to get a vote, and the evening ended in chants and slogans.

The high spot of the year was undoubtedly a debate we had in the Summer Term with St. Leonard's at St. Andrews. Lait and Nicol carried the day opposing the motion 'This House deplores the influence of television on modern society'. We were nobly entertained by St. Leonards, and we hope that it might be possible to return the hospitality next year.

G.C.H.L.

## SCIENCE SOCIETY

Despite the postal strike, it was possible to organise and present to the society's 79 members a fuller and more varied programme than has been planned for many years. A record total of thirty-six films of industrial and more general subject interest were shown during the Autumn and Spring Terms. We also extend our grateful thanks to the following who delivered lectures to the society: Mr. A. A. Dickie (Electronics), Dr. W. G. Ferrier (Generation of Electricity), Dr. B. Stonehouse (Antarctic Research), and Mr. P. E. Grigsby (The Heart).

In addition three external visits were arranged — to Emihus Micro components, Glenrothes, in the Autumn Term, and to BP Chemicals at Grangemouth and the Computer Unit at Dundee College of Technology during the Spring Term.

We are of course indebted to Mr. P. A. Barker, our Vice President, for his practical assistance in the running of the society.

Office-Bearers:

Chairman: J. W. Locke.

Secretary: J. D. Herbert.

Treasurer: R. A. Rodger.

Committee: J. H. McLauchlan, J. M. Baxter, J. P. Renwick, C. J. Cotton.

## ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

We welcomed Rev. Monteith to the office of president of this society at the beginning of the session. During the year the postal strike played havoc with arrangements, and we were only able to see four films. However, we did fit in a lecture — by Dr. A. E. Roy of Glasgow University — and our annual visit to Dundee Observatory. Unfortunately weather conditions were poor for this last, and we could only catch a quick glimpse of Saturn and the ring system through the 10-inch Cooke telescope before the weather closed in again. Nevertheless we did see the new planetarium in operation and also saw some excellent slides which the curator had taken through the telescope.

1970-71 Session Office-Bearers.

President: Rev. W. Monteith.

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Secretary: P. S. Hibberd.      Treasurer: S. F. Gunn.

## COMBINED CADET FORCE

The last Army Proficiency Board on the old lines was held in the Easter Term. Training has widened greatly under the new 'Apex' scheme, and cadets can be tested in swimming, survival, rock-climbing, band, bugling, signals and other similar activities. An accumulated list of activities can be credited to individual cadets, including of course military topics.

A party of Naval cadets were in the Guard of Honour for the opening of H.M.S. Camperdown by the Queen Mother on the 21st October 1970.

The R.A.F. Section held a parade and were inspected by the Commanding Officer of R.A.F. Leuchars on the 5th February, to celebrate their founding as an A.T.C. Squadron 30 years before to the day.

Another successful camp was held at R.A.F. Luqa, Malta, but it was with sincere regret that the Army Camp planned at Machrahanish had to be cancelled at the last minute because of NATO exercises. A small Arduous Training Greenfields Camp was held at the end of the Summer Term for those who were too sad at the thought of not going to Camp.



Air Vice-Marshal R. G. Wakeford carried out the General Inspection of the contingent on Friday 28th May. The Parade and March Past were held on Big Acre for the first time, and the helicopter landed at the pond end. Both the Headmaster, in mortar-board and gown, and the O.C. in kilt, found it difficult to preserve their dignity on marching forward to meet the Inspecting Officer. The Parade, March Past, turn-out, and indeed the varied training that was seen in the afternoon were all very successful. The Guard of Honour from all three sections formed the first line on the parade, with the remainder behind, and the magnificent weather and the setting on Big Acre combined to make a very smart parade.

The School Captain, I. Gordon, having opted out of C.C.F. for Cambridge exams found he could not do without it, and spent a great deal of time on constructing and administering the Assault course. His tunnel proved a rather unpleasant experience, but was deemed to be wide enough for anyone when Lawrance duly appeared at the far end. I hope Gordon never finds himself in charge of a Concentration Camp!

The Pipes and Drums served us extremely well this year. We could not attend the Glasgow Competition unfortunately because it clashed with Speech Day, but we played our best at Fettes. Our only successes on that occasion were in Dancing when Langford and Chrystal gained some high places. We had a small competition against Glenalmond on the worst day of the term, so it had to take place in the gym.

The Speech Day Retreat was particularly smart and all concerned are to be congratulated. Cox Gunn was in charge of the parade. Sections were commanded by P.O. Duff, Sgts. Bethune and Smith, F/Sgt. Stirling and Pipe Major McLean. The buglers were Owen and Leishman, and the Naval Piper Stark.

Major John Fleming lectured on the Ascent of Tirich Mir, in the Autumn Term, and there was an Airborne Forces Presentation in February.

Congratulations to Jenkins on getting into Sandhurst. Various Old Boys in the Services have appeared over the year, including Wing Cdr. E. Smith and P/O B. C. Young who were official guests for the Inspection, 2/Lt. Lamb who is in the Gordons, and a very noisy helicopter pilot! D. M. S. Robbie, P. D. C. Warburton and M. W. Cran were all commissioned into the Royal Artillery.

U/O Thomson, P/M McLean and Cpl. Fraser attended Frimley Park courses.

Capt. Grigsby left in December after long service in the Corps. I should like to thank him for all his work and many amusing memories at Camps over the years. My parting advice to him is to remember to keep his socks dry! Mr. Pearson has taken over the Army training. We welcome Mr. Dutton very warmly—who has already been transforming the Signals section.

T.C.G.F.

Senior Ranks in the Army Section:

Under Officer: Thomson J. T.

Sergeants: Bethune, Smith J. M.

Corporals: Fraser H., Jenkins.

Pipes and Drums: P/M McLean, D/Sgt. Wolfe, then Scott P.

Armourer: L/Cpl. Turner.

i/c Signals: L/Cpl. McLauchlan.

## ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

Under Officer — Ingram.

Coxswain — Gunn.

P.O.s — Scott, Waterston, Duff.

L.S. — Smith G. R. S., Smith G. E., Morton, Mackenzie M. T., Pickering,  
Gifford, Stark.

The section complement totalled fifty-four by the end of the Summer. Sub. Lieut. Stonehouse joined the section in October. An officer of considerable experience he has already made a valuable contribution towards training, particularly in Navigation.

In October Strathallan R.N. Section was asked by H.M.S. Camperdown to provide fifteen cadets for the Royal Guard to be inspected by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on the occasion of the opening of the R.N.R. Headquarters in Dundee. Although asked only a few days beforehand the cadets involved put in some intensive training at H.M.S. Condor, Arbroath, on Sunday and were well up to standard on the day. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, spoke to five of the Strathallan cadets on parade and remarked on the smartness and bearing of the Strathallan contingent. All boys concerned were a credit to the school — full marks indeed.

Field Day this year was particularly exciting. One half of the section went to Rosyth where Lt. Commander Bill Kelly took the cadets for a day's sea training on H.M.S. Rapid. This proved a valuable day's training and the officers and ratings were excellent instructors. The most exciting part of the cruise was undoubtedly the simulated rescue at sea in which our cadets were the boat's crew. At a speed of over thirty knots the trip on Rapid was quite eventful. We were particularly grateful to C.P.O. Machar who came with us on this occasion.

Lt. Col. Fairbairn took the other half of the R.N. Section to H.M.S. Neptune at Faslane. The welcome accorded the Strathallan cadets more than made up for the long bus trip and all had an exciting and instructive day at the submarine base.

Also in October the Naval Member of the Joint Cadet Executive, Commander Groom, visited the School for the first time. He is well aware of the problems involved in making the C.C.F. an important part of school life and is always most helpful and enthusiastic. The R.N. Section carried out a normal afternoon's training programme and Commander Groom commented on the enthusiasm shown by the boys he spoke to.

Unfortunately there are some cadets in the Section who persist in making little or no contribution to training and every year there is at least one parent who lets the R.N. Section down by claiming that because of various reasons his son is unable to attend camp. As these camps are arranged many weeks beforehand by the Naval Establishments involved, much inconvenience is caused by the sudden withdrawals from nominal lists, particularly as all R.N. Camps have proved to be such excellent value.

In April eight cadets went on an R.N. acquaintance course at Portsmouth while seven cadets attended the C.C.F. Camp at R.A.F. Luqa, Malta. This summer nine cadets attended a Sailing Course at Portsmouth, others joined the ships of the Dartmouth Training Squadron and twelve cadets had a week's cruise on the Clyde by M.F.V.

An inevitable result of General Inspection is that little or no R.N. boat training is possible until after that parade. The R.N. Section provided a full and varied programme and this year the Coxswain and N.C.O.s put in a lot of work beforehand to ensure that all went well on the day. After General Inspection the Motor Boat was transported to the Tay where it will remain till November. Several lengthy boat trips during the latter end of the term, particularly on Sundays, gave several boys some experience of boat handling. On the School pond the G.R.P. dinghy proved valuable last term by giving most cadets sailing practice.

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed last term Lieut. Steele, the C.C.F. liaison officer of H.M.S. Cochrane, Rosyth, who has been of invaluable assistance regarding the training programme for next session. To C.P.O. Machar and others who have visited us throughout the year we are most grateful.

Senior Promotions:

Cox S. F. Gunn to Under Officer; P.O. Waterston to Coxswain.

T.J.M.

## THE R.A.F. SECTION

The Section has been a very senior one this year and had the unique distinction of having both Heads of School in it. There was the usual high number of cadets, with the examination results looking reasonably well, although they could have been better, over half of the Section having attained advanced proficiency. Many other cadets are awaiting the results of the June exam, so we may improve on this further.

The shooting has not been of such a standard as had been set previously, although the first team did come third in the Scottish Air Cadets 2nd Division. The competitions were also affected by the postal strike.

The yearly camp was held at R.A.F. Leuchars, this a special favour because of the start of the School term. Thirty cadets under Flt. Lt. Wormald and Flg. Off. Barker attended and there was never

a dull moment. There was ample flying available, and during the week most cadets flew twice. As well as this many gained marksman badges. (1" grouping at 25 yards), by firing SLR's for the first time.

Other cadets went to camp at R.A.F. Luqa (Malta) and there flew in Canberras, Shackletons and Argosies, but there is a separate report elsewhere.

N.C.O.s:

W.O.s: Gordon I. W., Brown D. R.

Flt. Sgts.: Fielding N. J. B., Stirling A. L., Hunter, P. J., Wright I.

Sgts.: Williamson B. S., Robbie G. G., Moodie A. C. G., Watters I. T.

Cpls.: Hibberd P. S., Locke J. W., Locke H. L., Paterson-Brown I.,  
Sneddon I. W., Duncan S. R. C., Lunan T. K.

D.R.B.

### **Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the R.A.F. Section at Strathallan**

The R.A.F. Section celebrated its 30th Anniversary in February and were honoured with a visit by Group Captain Howlett, the Station Commander of R.A.F. Leuchars.

The Inspecting Officer arrived by air, piloting one of the Whirlwind Helicopters of 202 Squadron, a flight of which is based at Leuchars. After the Guard of Honour, consisting of 21 cadets and 3 N.C.O.s, the Pipe Band, which was in its usual immaculate array, and the rest of the parade had been inspected, the Group Captain took the salute at the march-past.

After a full inspection of the work of the Section the Group Captain addressed the Section. He gave a very enlightening talk about the fighter role of the R.A.F. in the modern forces, and about the advantages of an R.A.F. career. When he had finished his talk, we marched over to Little Acre to see Group Captain Howlett leave by a helicopter flown over from Leuchars to ferry him home.

I.W.G.

## **MALTA 1971**

At the end of the Easter Term we had two days in which to shake off all memories of H.M.S. Pinafore and prepare ourselves for Malta. On 25th March we joined forces with City of London and Oakham Schools and Dollar Academy and after an overnight flight from Heathrow, we arrived in R.A.F. Luqa.

The whole camp lasted twelve days and during that time we saw and did many interesting things. Britain has a large interest in Malta, especially as it is one of the major bases of all our forces in the Mediterranean — an asset which the new Maltese Government is now sadly trying to be rid of. While we were in Malta, therefore, we spent much of our schedule visiting military establishments. St. Angelo, the naval base, offered an interesting selection of activities.

Not only does it have many visits by naval vessels but it also has an action-packed history within its strong fortifications. The Army was also visited; the 1st Devon and Dorsets put on a fine display of a parade followed by precision marching.

But of course the R.A.F., being our hosts, were visited most. We were shown round 13 and 203 Squadrons and the highly intricate photographic equipment used by them in their peace-time role of noting and photographing any activity in the Mediterranean. Having flown on such a mission for ten hours in a Shackleton, I am glad if only for the sake of the crews, that these aircraft are soon to be replaced by the more up-to-date Nimrods.

But on top of this we still had plenty of time for other activities. As well as having most evenings to ourselves, we visited historical sites in the island, including the Tarxien Temples and the Hypogeum, ancient relics of neolithic man. We spent three days on Gozo, a neighbouring island — shank's pony has very rarely been known to have worked so hard for itself. The village taxi driver also did pretty healthy business!

On all visits and excursions, we were all grateful for the trouble put in by everyone concerned, not least Mr. Wormald, and the attention received from all personnel to make the camp so successful and enjoyable.

P.J.H.

## PIPES AND DRUMS

As last year's band was so young little re-organisation was necessary and this, we hoped, would have enabled us to better our positions in the competitions during the Summer Term. Unfortunately in the end the band was unable to compete in the Glasgow competition because of the clash with Speech Day. In the East of Scotland competition we were more successful than we were last year, but we are not likely to do really well in this until we can increase our number of pipers.

The band took part in the usual engagements, such as the St. Andrew's Night festivities, Speech Day, and the Abernethy Gala Day, where our performances have been longer than in recent years. Because of illness P. M. Sinclair has not been able to do much tuition, but D. Sgt. Wilson continued to instruct the drummers. Our thanks to Mr. Henderson, and the above-mentioned gentlemen for their help and encouragement through the year.

### Results of the School competitions:

Senior Piping: C. W. Gray.  
Junior Piping: R. D. Buchanan.  
Senior Drumming: P. L. Scott.  
Junior Drumming: D. W. Robb.

I.R.McL.



## HIGHLAND DANCING

If anything, our numbers are smaller this year, but we did better in the East of Scotland Pipe Band Competition than we have done for some time. H. J. A. Chrystal obtained second place in the Sword Dance, and C. D. Langford was third equal in the Fling and the Sword Dance. Our team of the above two together with Gordon and King also did well too, and got third place in the Foursome Reel.

On St. Andrew's Night and Speech Day performances were given, and at the latter we danced the Broadswords which has not been danced for quite some time here.

C.D.L.

## FISHING

There were few big fish caught this term, but those which were were of a reasonable condition. The biggest catch was a rainbow of 2 lb. 10 oz. hauled in by P. Marshall. Unfortunately few of the fish were completely clear of eye fluke. Nevertheless, good sport was had from the smaller fish with which the pond was stocked.

In the second half of term the weed became so excessive on the pond that it was necessary, right at the end of term, to apply a selective weedkiller in the hope that that would cure the problem. We await results. Certainly fishing had become well nigh impossible.

The match against the Old Boys was, because of the non-co-operation of the trout, rather a disappointment. A large number of perch were caught, and the match was won for us by Low who hooked a 1 lb. trout — the only one of the afternoon.

I.A.D.L.

## GAMES OR SPORTS SECTION

### Captains of Sports

Rugby .....	A. B. Walker
Hockey .....	N. J. B. Fielding
Cricket .....	A. B. Walker
Athletics .....	D. J. McBride
Fencing .....	I. Wright
Swimming .....	M. J. Reid
Cross-Country .....	R. H. McQueen
Shooting .....	D. R. Brown
Ski-ing .....	C. J. Robertson
Squash .....	C. G. Scroggie
Sailing .....	J. A. L. Porter
Golf .....	D. A. S. Whyte
Tennis .....	I. Wright
Boxing .....	J. M. Smith
Badminton .....	A. C. G. Moodie

On the games fields I think it would be agreed that generally we have not done as well as we had anticipated. A cricket side with a fair degree of experience only contrived to win one match, and a rugby side, of which great things were expected, never quite recovered from the disappointment of an early season game against Fettes. And just as the year began with such atrocious luck, so it ended on the same note when the Bath Cup team after months of intensive training won the event convincingly only to be disqualified. In between there have been successes. The hockey and summer hockey sides maintained their consistently high standards, and a side was sent to the Oxford schools' festival at Easter. The ski-ers have also continued to turn in excellent results, and ski-ing is well supported by both staff and parents. This year must be particularly difficult, because conditions in Scotland were never very good. Obviously the training in the Christmas holidays has made a tremendous amount of difference. Badminton has undergone a revival, which should continue with the opening of the new sports hall, and the tennis and squash courts are well used. How well the tennis team has done is not known. We suspect that it hasn't done all that well, for no report has appeared for inclusion in this magazine. There are also rumours about curling. On a valeté form, someone actually claimed to be captain of curling, but since there is no report, there has been no publication of any appointments or any fixture list, we are inclined to treat this as a piece of premature empire-building (for U.C.C.A. forms?).

Individually, A. B. Walker, I. R. McLean, and D. J. McBride have all represented Scotland at youth international level in Rugby, Hockey and Athletics respectively. A. B. Walker was awarded the Campbell Award at the end of the year, an award, which, this year, was keenly contested since there were several possible claimants.

Some recent Strathallians who have distinguished themselves are A. J. Harvey-Walker, who scored a century in the second innings for Derbyshire against Oxford University. This was his first appearance in first class cricket, and he had one or two games for the county. He has also been appearing from time to time in the Derbyshire Player League side, and plays regularly for Derbyshire 2nd XI. He finished 8th in the Daily Telegraph first class averages. D. N. F. Pennie was selected for the Scottish Schoolboys Hockey side, and J. T. Moffat has been captaining the Strathclyde golf team. While the magazine was in proof stage, Jamie Moffat further distinguished himself by becoming Ayrshire champion and by winning the Prestwick (under 25) Open, all in the space of a fortnight. Our congratulations.

By the time this issue comes out, we are hoping that the new sports hall will be in full use. It will certainly take some pressure off the gymnasium, and it should be possible, now, to undertake more than one activity in an afternoon when the games fields are unfit for use.

Once more this year we are sure that a word would not go amiss about those behind the scenes. The groundstaff, particularly, in the Summer Term, had often to be in two or three places at once and we thank Bill Campbell and his helpers for getting pitches ready. Then, too, Mrs. Pliszka as always has unfailingly seen that all our teams are turned out properly. She has often been a spectator at cricket matches, and we are sure that although she was there to give us support, she was also mentally noting down which players had turned out with a bit of green on their flannels. On some Saturdays life must be very hectic in the Sewing Room and we thank Mrs. Pliszka and her staff for coping so admirably. There were days, too, when Miss Miller and Miss Nicholson were having to cope with three separate sittings for lunch, teas for five different sides, and two lots of late suppers. No doubt they will welcome the comparative normality of the rugby season. Our thanks to them, too.

## RUGBY REPORT 1971

As was hoped this was the most successful season in terms of 1st XV rugger for several years. But although only four of the twelve school matches were lost, and at times there was a very high standard of play, the season also had its disappointments. This was a team which could probably have been one of the best School XV's ever but just fell short of it. It was apparent from the outset that the team would be relying on speed and mobility rather than weight and power. One advantage in many ways this season was that although there were several good players in the 2nd XV the 1st XV soon picked itself and there was only one change in the team when Finlay's more consistent play at scrum-half was substituted for Fraser's more enterprising but erratic style of play. For the first time in many years this was also a season free from serious injury. The enthusiasm and ability of A. B. Walker as Captain was also an important factor in the team's success, and it was fitting that he was selected to play for the Scottish Schoolboys against the Welsh at Llanelly.

The season started well with three good victories over Perth Academy, Keil and the Strathallians and the team approached the Fettes game with a good deal of confidence. It is difficult to say to what extent the last minute defeat affected the rest of the season but this was undoubtedly the best game that the 1st XV played, and one feels that a win, which was deserved, would have given them enormous confidence. Although the game was followed by victories over Edinburgh Academy and Glenalmond neither game produced the same standard of play, and the first half of term culminated in a disastrous game at Loretto where virtually no one did himself justice. This was followed after half-term by a close defeat by Merchiston in which the earlier zest of the team was sadly lacking. Play improved after this match and there were victories over Gordonstoun, Glasgow Academy and Kelvinside Academy. The

Dollar game produced some very good and exciting rugby under very wet and muddy conditions and resulted in an honourable draw. The other lost game was at Morrison's on a wet and frustrating afternoon.

The forwards did their work well and provided a good supply of the ball. The front row was one of the main problems — both the props, Reid and Aitkenhead, were a good size and developed into useful props but the idiosyncrasies of McQueen at hooker coupled with the discomfort of the 2nd Row provided by the well-padded McBride and the taller and more angular Fielding produced hours of frustration before the front five became fully effective. Eventually they became most useful and McQueen was one of the most improved players in the side. Fielding became an accomplished line-



*v. Public Schoolboys Wanderers*

out expert and it was noticeable that the pack improved considerably when he took over its leadership. The back row was small, even by schoolboy standards, and was a little lacking in basic speed but this was more than made up for in effort and enthusiasm. MacLeod worked extremely hard and was particularly useful close to the scrum. Gall, built more like a prop, became quite mobile and his support work was improving greatly towards the end of the season. J. M. Smith had a great influence on the forwards and gave a great deal of thought and energy to the game. He tended to play at his best when the situation was most desperate.

It has been several years since the School 1st XV has had so much real pace behind the scrum. Whyte, Lockhart and Walker provided considerable speed and Reekie and Scott were by no means slow and their directness in running made them very

effective. This was a back division which could play most attractive rugby and they scored some fine tries. They did at times become a little over-anxious and tense which led to a deterioration in their fluency. Their defence was sound with Walker being outstanding with some very destructive tackling. The main thing lacking behind the scrum was really accurate tactical kicking. At full back Carmichael was capable of enterprising play on firm ground and his basic play improved considerably during the season.

The 2nd XV had a good season. Their standard of rugby was very high at times. The pack was their strength but the backs were rather ponderous and with more speed would have scored a lot of points. The 3rd and 4th XV's had good seasons also, with the 3rd XV having some very high scoring victories.

The Senior Colts whilst only winning three of their eight matches also had a good season. The ability of the players available was rather limited and yet they made up for this with efforts and discipline. It could easily have been a most depressing season for them but wins over Gordonstoun, Fettes and Edinburgh Academy were more rewarding. The Senior Colts rugby has reached a high standard under Mr. McPherson's coaching and his departure is a loss to the School's rugby.

The Junior Colts were a very good side and some of their play was mature and sophisticated. There was considerable size (not only in the forwards) and some real speed. There is some good material for the future here if they are prepared to work really hard.

This was an enjoyable season and I would like to thank all those who contributed in any way. Particularly the coaches at all levels and the groundstaff and not forgetting the Housekeeping and Matron's departments who provided valuable support work in clothing and feeding the players.

F.S.McN.

#### RUGGER RESULTS 1970-71

	P	W	D	L	Points	
					For	Agst.
1st XV .....	12	7	1	4	127	82
					(School Matches)	
	16	9	1	6	153	128
					(All Matches)	
2nd XV .....	9	5	1	3	123	38
3rd XV .....	8	8	—	—	149	21
4th XV .....	3	1	1	1	14	14
5th XV .....	1	1	—	—	29	14
6th XV .....	1	1	—	—	26	0
Senior Colts .....	9	4	—	5	52	79
Junior Colts .....	8	5	—	3	77	49
U13½ .....	7	4	—	3	101	25



## **29th September—v. Perth Academy—Won 22-6.**

From the onset of the game Strathallan asserted their superiority in the back division. A three-quarter movement in the eighth minute got the ball to the wing and Whyte with a forty yard burst brought play inside the Perth Academy 25. A. B. Walker took advantage of this position and a quick heel to break through to score the first try. Fraser kicked the goal. This established trend of fast-running backs was continued throughout the game by Strathallan, and was made possible by good possession both from rucks and line-outs. In defence, they were up quickly on the Academy backs, who, harassed all the time, started to make mistakes under pressure, and lost possession. A penalty kick from the 10 yard line by Aitkenhead brought the score up to eight points. In the final minute before half-time Gall scored after a dummy by Reekie, and Fraser converted to bring the half-time score up to 13 points to nil.

The second half started with a burst into Perth's 25, where we remained till Reid scored from a loose scrum in the corner. A break by Perth's scrum half nearly resulted in a score for the Academy, but the ball ran loose over the dead-ball line. From the drop-out Strathallan were able to take play back deep into the Academy half, and ten minutes after half-time, Fraser took advantage of a fumble by the Academy scrum-half to score. Immediately after the re-start J. M. Smith broke from a set scrum on the blind side and gave Scott a fine run to score on the wing.

**Team:** L. H. A. Carmichael; D. A. S. Whyte; C. D. Reekie; G. A. Lockhart; D. J. H. Scott; A. B. Walker; H. G. Fraser; M. J. Reid; R. H. McQueen; M. G. Aitkenhead; N. J. B. Fielding; D. J. McBride; J. M. Smith; T. R. MacLeod; G. M. Gall.

## **1st October—v. Strathallian Club XV—Won 9-5.**

On a dull and rainy day the Old Boys fielded a very composite side containing rather more forwards than backs. From the kick-off play entered the Club half and there was some tough fighting among the forwards for the ball, the School winning its fair proportion. The tactics, as in the previous game, were to run the ball, and Strathallan was aided in this by the Club's kicking the ball as often as possible, tactics which have before now won them the game. In fact Carmichael was having a good day at full-back and was able to field these kicks cleanly and set up attacks. The first near score was an attempted drop-kick taken in some haste by Walker—the attempt went well wide of the posts. Shortly after, however, Strathallan did score. A movement left, switched quickly to the right, and almost as quickly back to the left, wrong-footed nearly all the Club defence and Walker was able to slip the ball to Scott who scored comfortably. It was evident by now that the School had the edge as far as fitness was concerned, and this was seen particularly when Gall was able to dribble the ball through most of the opposition and just failed to score.

After half-time the Strathallians were forced quickly onto the defensive again, but a counter-attack saw them back in the School's twenty-five. There they remained for the best part of ten minutes, without being able to press home their advantage. Then a misdirected kick was caught by Whyte who managed a long run before being brought to a halt by the Club full-back in the opposition 25. A quick heel from the ruck enabled Reekie to score in the corner. Whyte scored a further try before the end.

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## **8th October—v. Keil School—Won 19-3.**

Strathallan took a long time to settle down and in the first three minutes gave Keil five penalties, two of which were kickable. Nevertheless, Keil were not able to take advantage of this, and after fifteen minutes it became evident from various three-quarter forays that Keil's defence was highly suspect. A forward rush involving Fielding, Aitkenhead and Reid split the defence wide

open and a try resulted under the posts, Fraser converting. A further similar movement ended with a forward pass near the line. Attacks continued, and resulted in two further scores—the first by Reekie after a long run and the selling of a dummy, the second by Whyte when he outpaced the opposing wing.

Keil tried to counter-attack in the second-half, and were rewarded with a penalty goal after five minutes. This, however, was the end of their opposition. A try following a blind-side break by Walker, and continual pressure by the backs after that meant attacking and attractive rugby. Whyte scored three in all.

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*v. Keil*

### 13th October—v. Fettes—Home—Lost 11-14.

In ideal rugby conditions Strathallan kicked off towards the Monkey Puzzle and although they gained no immediate advantage, a chip kick from Fraser sent play towards the Fettes line. Fettes cleared from the ensuing ruck, and a penalty awarded to Strathallan shortly after took play back again. A further ruck, in which one of the Fettes players was penalised for lying on the ball just outside the 25 and to the left of the posts, led to a score. Aitkenhead kicked the penalty goal, and Strathallan were 3 points up after only two minutes—an encouraging start indeed. From this point onward the Strathallan rucking became much more workmanlike, and a plentiful supply of fast ball enabled the backs to move around. However one handling movement went astray, and Fettes were able to snap up the loose ball and mount a counter-attack. First they were awarded a penalty when someone got off-side round a scrum—this kick went wide—and then a Strathallan player contrived to get in front of the ball at the ensuing drop-out, so the Fettes' stand-off was able to attempt a drop goal from the scrum on the centre of the 25. This was tempting Providence too much, and Fettes by this time had got the range—3 points all after seven minutes' play.

During this phase of the game the Fettes' heeling had not been very quick, and it soon became apparent that kicking from the stand-off were the tactics they were employing. These kicks, however, were not all that accurate, and Carmichael had little difficulty in fielding most of them and returning them with interest. The attacking was not done by Strathallan alone though, and while each side was getting the measure of the other the cover defences tended to be a shade slow. The Fettes' wing, for example, was tackled and there was no one on either side to pick up the ball. The Fettes' kicking, in fact, penned Strathallan in their own half. Both sides were willing to keep the ball in play as much as possible, and there had only been three line-outs after 35 minutes. Once or twice there were breaks which were not finished off intelligently. A good handling movement and fast run by Whyte nearly saw a Strathallan score, but he tried to beat the defence with a kick, and conceded a 25. The Fettes number eight did much the same thing shortly after. Smith, too, kept coming into the line and was more of a hindrance than a help, and the centres themselves began to drift too far apart. Fettes added a try to their score after a throw three-quarters of the way down the line-out. Eventually Strathallan put an end to the fencing that had been going on. A penalty was run from the mark along the backs from right to left. Lockhart took the ball neatly on the loop with a burst from Whyte and a try resulted over on the left. It was not converted. Several other good movements by both sides came to fruitless ends and at half-time the score was six all.

The second half started with Strathallan driving Fettes back to their 25, and another of Fraser's chip kicks put further pressure on them. They were able to clear through a penalty following a line-out infringement. Play came back to mid-field before the Fettes back-row ran the ball up to the Strathallan 25. Their backs mis-handled from the ensuing ruck, and Scott, putting a timely boot to the loose ball brought play back to the half-way line. There followed one of those periods of inconclusive play when neither side seems to be making much headway. Bit by bit Strathallan managed to reach the Fettes twenty-five only to give up their gains when Reekie was penalised for lying on the ball — a fairly common infringement in this game which suggests that both sides were a bit on edge. Then a Fettes' movement into the Strathallan half looked like succeeding when Scott missed a tackle — unusually for him — but a further penalty, this time to Strathallan, saw them out of immediate danger. After yet another penalty, a chip kick from Fraser down the blind side saw the Fettes' full-back caught in possession. However, kicks went astray, and the Fettes back-row once again saw them off the hook. Then a penalty for off-side round the scrum on the 25 just to the right of the posts gave Fettes a chance of going ahead, and this they did. 9-6.

It did not take Strathallan long to pull back. Running the ball orthodoxly from a penalty, Whyte outpaced the Fettes' defence to score a well-taken try out on the left. Aitkenhead converted magnificently from near the touch-line. Both sides then played as if their lives depended on the result, and there was some scrambling away at both ends of the ground. Both sides, too, made some elementary mistakes in their excitement. In the last seconds of time play had been worked back into the Fettes' twenty-five on the left. There was a line-out. The ball came back on the Strathallan side. A good kick into the Pond and that would have been that. Alas, the ball went down the line. One pass was too slow. There was an interception with the full-back in the line and the left-wing was too far away to cover. So, on time, Fettes scored the goal to settle the match. It was a disappointment very keenly felt in the heat of the moment, but even internationals have been lost in this fashion, and, at least, positive rugby was being played right to the end, and we were given a memorable match to watch.

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### 17th October—v. Edinburgh Academy—Away—Won 8-5 (0-0).

As is often the case at New Field the wind was prevalent and played an important role in the match, although by blowing straight across the pitch, it favoured neither side.

The home team kicked off, and, at first, Strathallan seemed slightly bewildered by the unity of the Academy attack, with play predominantly in our half. A penalty kick at goal awarded to the Academy after seven minutes was unsuccessful, and a good kick now put us on Edinburgh's twenty-five. Strathallan kicked well, usually making touch with long kicks, but often lost the ground just gained as they were pushed back into their own half again. But although our kicking was generally better, the Academy rucking was far superior and it was unfortunate for them that their backs failed to make effective use of the opportunities thus given by being unable to penetrate the Strathallan defence.

In the second half, Edinburgh opened the scoring, following a short penalty on Strathallan's twenty-five, by a clean, three-quarter movement, leading to a try in the corner by the winger. A successful conversion put the Academy five points ahead. The School immediately fought back into an attacking position, and shortly afterwards, a scrum to the right of the posts produced an opportunity, which Carmichael took, of breaking through the Academy backs and scoring a good try in the left-hand corner. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful. A lot of running across the field but little up and down, achieved little for either side, but seven minutes from the end, Walker scored under the posts by another excellent breakthrough and a run of some forty yards, evading several tackles. Fraser converted. Play remained in the Edinburgh half until a kick put them up to our twenty-five. With Strathallan only three points in the lead, a penalty against us gave Edinburgh a chance to equalise the scoring. But the kick failed, and the match ended soon after.

After a particularly gruelling match against Fettes, Strathallan played some fine rugby, and deserved to win a tough match in difficult conditions, largely because of their continued determination.

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### 20th October—v. Trinity College, Glenalmond—Won 6-3.

The conditions for this game were cold and very windy — not those which are ideal for attacking rugby. This did not stop the side attacking as soon as possible, though, and eventually Walker took the ball on the blind side and dummied a pass to Scott before diving for the line to score. A brave effort by Aitkenhead to convert into the wind did not succeed. Then a pass which went astray in the backs — always a danger when playing fairly open rugby in a wind — was pounced on by Glenalmond and they took the ball down to the Strathallan twenty-five before the movement was stopped owing to the combined efforts of Carmichael and Smith. The ball was scrambled into touch, and gradually we worked away from this position to one where further attacks were launched. Just before half-time Walker broke inside his opposite number and slipped the ball to Reekie who scored.

After the interval Glenalmond more or less camped on the Strathallan goal line for nearly ten minutes. It was difficult to prevent their heavier pack from gaining possession, and Leslie was stopped at least twice by Gall on the blind-side of the scrum. At last we forced a twenty-five, and from the drop-out Carmichael cleared play up to the Strathallan ten-yard line. The relief was comparatively momentary, for Glenalmond were soon back in our twenty-five, and the continuous pressure led to a score in the closing minutes of the game.

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## 24th October—v. Loretto—Lost 5-14.

On a windless day Loretto kicked off with a wet ball, and opened the scoring in the opening minutes with a break-through between the outside centre and wing. This set-back did not lead immediately to further scores however. Soon the Strathallan pack were getting a plentiful supply of the ball. Infuriatingly, the backs seemed to be quite unable to use it with any imagination. The Loretto line was quick up on them, and when that kind of thing happens a kick into the empty spaces is often a good plan. However, the kicks were not forthcoming, and this may have partly been because of some slowness in getting the ball away. Fraser was managing to kick well enough from line-outs, but here again the advantages were frittered away by poor handling. So it was that Loretto scored again in the first half — this time under the posts.

Shortly after half-time, Loretto, who once again started with much more dash and positive purpose, scored again. By now there were things starting to go wrong at the base of the scrum. Fraser's passes were going astray, and too often Walker was being caught with the ball. Mainly the forwards were to blame, because the heel was slow and badly directed. Worse still they were infected with the mania for patting the ball back, and a scrum-half has to be very good indeed, or the opposition has to be asleep, if one is to get away with that. Our only score, then, came from an orthodox three-quarter movement from a penalty, Whyte taking the ball over and running round behind the posts. Loretto, though, were to score again—a shade fortunately perhaps, because their wing got a lucky bounce running onto a kick.

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*v. Merchiston*

## 7th November—v. Merchiston Castle School—Lost 5-6.

Conditions were again wet, indeed wet enough to rule out much enterprising play by the backs. The Strathallan attacks in the first half lacked imagination, and they were unable to break the usual tight Merchiston defence. Smith made several breaks himself but was not supported by either the



remainder of the back row or the scrum-half, and one almost certain chance of scoring went a-begging because of this lack of support. So it was that Merchiston scored first, getting a good heel from secondary possession, and working the ball on the blind side.

At the start of the second half Lockhart managed to weave and jink his way through the Merchiston defence only to be tackled near the line. From this position we fell away badly, so badly in fact that Merchiston scored again, as a result of defensive errors. It was only when it was too late that MacLeod scored under the posts.

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#### **12th November—Public School Wanderers—Home—Lost—8-22 (0-11).**

The Public School Wanderers, who tour in an attempt to help improve standards of school rugby by demonstrating some of their tactics, gave the team a chance of playing against a very tough and experienced opposition. We had heard earlier in the week that a Wanderers side had beaten Fettes 30-14, and we hoped that, in any case, Strathallan would be able to make some score against a side including six internationals, five from Scotland and one from Ireland.

It was the coldest day of the season so far, and although it was dry by the afternoon, it had been snowing lightly at lunchtime. In the first half, there was no doubt that the Wanderers were entirely on top. Within the first couple of minutes, they were twice nearly over the line, and it was only six minutes before R. G. Young scored a breakaway try which A. Robson converted. The first ten minutes were a particularly fine display of attacking rugby: their throwing was more like long flicking, and their ball control was superb, as was their passing when tackled. Backing up meant that there was hardly a tackle by Strathallan which completely stifled the ball, and consequently, there was a noticeable lack of loose scrums. Together with the more conventional assets of domination in the line-out, getting the better of the set scrums, and sheer speed in the line, the Wanderers seemed, and were, invincible.

But Strathallan's effort was nonetheless commendable. After the first quarter of an hour, they were pushing hard on the Wanderers' line, a movement which was only stopped by a good catch and breakthrough by K. J. Houston, who would have scored again for the Wanderers but for an excellent tackle. Strathallan realised that no matter how big a man is, if he is tackled properly, he will go down, and the team is to be commended for its tackling. P. Forbes and R. C. K. Douglas scored further tries in the half, both by dint of some spectacular weaving about amongst the line and forwards.

Eight minutes into the second half, Houston scored, by taking the ball from one side of the field to the opposite corner. But now Strathallan seemed to be learning, and soon they began to adopt some of the moves they had seen in the first half, especially in making quick changes in direction so that three minutes later Whyte made a good run, well backed up by Aitkenhead, in turn supported by Gall, who scored Strathallan's first points: a movement surely inspired by the playing of the Wanderers. Within a short time, the School were again pressing on the Wanderers' line and for a good while were within five yards of it. Strathallan got possession of a couple of loose scrums, and by some clever dodging and passing, Whyte was able to cross the line to score, and Aitkenhead converted.

In the last part of the game, the Wanderers scored twice again: A. McNish converted a try by Young after some close play on the Strathallan line; and Douglas scored after a long pass-out to make the final score 22-8. It was undoubtedly a valuable experience for the team, and it is to be hoped that they will be able to use some of what they learned in later matches.

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**17th November—v. Morrison's Academy—Lost 8-11.**

Strathallan kicked off into a slight wind with a wet ball. Both sets of forwards were soon fighting hard and they appeared to be evenly matched. Morrison's Academy were awarded a penalty on the half-way line and this they converted. Moments after this they scored a try after a defensive blunder by Strathallan's backs. A nearly identical movement occurred again shortly after, but this time Strathallan were the initiators of it, and Lockhart scored between the posts, Aitkenhead converting.

In the second half the side went to pieces badly, the backs being the main culprits, dropping the ball on almost every conceivable occasion. Smith, therefore, tried to work the ball away from the back-row instead, but poor support generally ensured that these moves came to nothing. Strangely, Morrison's were not able to make much advantage out of this. Their defence was good, and their backs were always up fast on the errors, but they too lacked imagination in attack. They won because they were able to kick penalties. Our other three points came in the closing minutes when an orthodox three-quarter movement led to a try from Whyte.

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*v. Gordonstoun*

**21st November—v. Gordonstoun—Home—Won 16-0 (8-0).**

Strathallan kicked off, and there followed some rather indecisive play, during which the School missed a penalty about thirty yards from the posts. However, there were then some good movements, back and forward across the pitch, and from a loose ruck Reid made a break and passed to Walker whose fast running enabled him to score almost under the posts. Aitkenhead converted. There followed a good deal of midfield play in which Strathallan

worked hard, getting the best of the scrums and therefore the advantage of the ball in the line. Just after half-way through the half, Aitkenhead had another successful kick, this time a penalty, to give Strathallan an eight-point lead. Play was edging back towards Strathallan's end until a very good movement brought the School back to Gordonstoun's line, where we stayed until a few minutes before the end of the half, when Gordonstoun made a good break-through, which might well have been a try but for a fine tackle by Carmichael.

The second half opened uninspiringly, but there soon came another try, scored by Reekie, after a good run across the field by Walker and Lockhart. Strathallan continued pushing: Walker broke through the Gordonstoun defence, never tight at the best of times, and he had a long run, well backed up by Whyte, to whom he passed at just the right moment for another try. Aitkenhead's conversion scored the last points of the game, although both sides missed a chance of scoring again: a penalty kick by Gordonstoun went wide of the posts and Strathallan did not attempt an easy kick at goal after three penalties in a row brought them successively nearer the posts.

Gordonstoun's play was seldom effectively coherent and perhaps as a result Strathallan's play appeared rather better than it really was; but in any case, Strathallan's game seemed a lot faster than of late—a good omen for the rest of the season.

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#### **26th November—v. Dollar Academy—Drawn 3-3.**

The pitch was very wet and there was no wind to affect the play.

Strathallan kicked off and attacked, with a very good break by Lockhart nearly resulting in a try. From the drop-out Dollar took the play into Strathallan's half but the danger was cleared by Walker and a good No. 8 break by MacLeod nearly put Gall over for a try. Dollar cleared, and after many reversals of attack, a 'late' tackle by Carmichael resulted in Dollar opening the scoring, with a penalty conversion. This was followed by attacks and counter-attacks on both sides, but neither side scored and at half-time the score remained 0-3 in Dollar's favour.

Immediately after the Dollar kick-off, Strathallan attacked and for 15 minutes pressed the Dollar side into defence, but they could not score until a scrum infringement by Dollar let Carmichael equalise the scores. Strathallan attacked again, but the Dollar centre intercepted a pass and their stand-off was only prevented from scoring by excellent covering by Scott. After this, the play continued to swing from half to half, with both captains trying drop-goals, but the score remained 3-3. During the closing stages, Dollar seemed the more likely team to break the deadlock, but the score never came and the final result was 3-3.

Strathallan played attacking rugby in unfavourable conditions, while the Dollar side mostly relied on the exploitation of Strathallan's mistakes, rather than taking the initiative. The result was a fair one, for both sides played well, considering the conditions, and the match was enjoyable to watch.

**Team:** L. H. A. Carmichael; D. A. S. Whyte; C. D. Reekie; G. A. Lockhart; D. J. H. Scott; A. B. Walker; M. J. Finlay; M. J. Reid; R. H. McQueen; M. G. Aitkenhead; N. J. B. Fielding; D. J. McBride; J. M. Smith; T. R. MacLeod; G. M. Gall.

#### **9th December—v. Glasgow Academy—Won 15-9.**

Strathallan had a good start and after five minutes they were nine points up after three good kicks by Aitkenhead. After this they played a defensive game, resulting in a slow match. Touch kicking by both sides was the main feature of the game at this point. Glasgow Academy had a taller and heavier side, and they gradually tried to use this to their advantage. They nearly

succeeded in getting some positive results from this as Strathallan's tackling was poor. Scott, however, was dependable and executed some fine tackles. The scrum was gaining on the set scrums and Smith excelled himself in scoring a fine opportunist try.

From the re-start Glasgow Academy put on constant pressure and were finally rewarded with a score on the blind side. Strathallan then strove into attack and would have scored except for the Academy's full-back who had anticipated the movement well.

**Team:** L. H. A. Carmichael; D. A. S. Whyte; C. D. Reekie; G. A. Lockhart; D. J. H. Scott; A. B. Walker; M. J. Finlay; M. J. Reid; R. H. McQueen; M. G. Aitkenhead; N. J. B. Fielding; D. J. McBride; J. M. Smith; T. R. MacLeod; G. M. Gall.

### 3rd XV AUTUMN, 1970

When one coaches a team at any game one very rarely gets the team that lives up to the ideal that one has, and even more rarely does a team achieve the results it deserves. This 3rd XV almost did the first and certainly did the second. The figures are impressive; they won every match:—scoring 149 points through 35 tries, 16 converted and 4 penalties, and had 21 points against, 5 tries, 3 converted. Of their 8 matches, 5 were away, and no one scored a penalty against them, and in these days this must be almost unique. In fact, only 3 teams scored against them.

They were very lucky in that half of the team played in every match and only 20 players played together, the five 'extras' averaging 2 appearances each. They were also lucky in that the ones from the 4th XV who stepped up fitted into their style of play. Their style was slightly old-fashioned in that the wingers scored more tries than anyone else, but when the need arose the forwards also showed that they could score, and this often happened at the vital moment, as against Fettes.

Taken as a whole, the second game had a good season. They were all very enthusiastic, keen and cheerful which said a lot for the 4th XV who were frequently on the receiving end from the 3rds, but they were still a good team in their own right.

It would be invidious to single out individuals in a team like this, as they all worked together. Here is the team: Walker, D. A., \*Scott, P. L., \*McLean, I. R., Jenkins, R. A. (Captain), \*McNicol, D. R., \*Thomson, J. T., Dods, J. M., \*Dale, R. G., Robertson, C. J., Smith G. E., \*Hunter, P. J. (Leader), Howie, D. I., \*Duncan, S. R. C., Porter, J. A. L., Thomson, P. R. P. Also Rennie, I. D., Lowden, S. D., Masson, G. S., Moodie, A. C. G., Lee, J. R.

\* Played in all matches.

## HOCKEY 1970

The First XI played eleven matches: five in the Spring Term; five at the Oxford Festival, and one at the beginning of the Summer Term. They won four, drew three and lost four, conceding eleven goals and scoring twenty-one. As last season the XI lacked confidence and authority in its early matches, and it was not until Oxford that it fulfilled its potential.

As a result of trial hockey matches played in Strathallan on the last two Sundays of the Spring Term, I. R. McLean was chosen to play for the Scottish Schoolboys' Hockey XI, as was D. N. F. Pennie.



## FIRST XI MATCHES, 1971

**Sat., 6th March—Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School—Home—Draw 2-2.**

In the early stages of this match Strathallan squandered several chances of scoring before Dods, following up a shot from Smith, pushed the ball into the net. There was little to be seen of the Grammar School attack in the first half, and in the second half Strathallan continued to attack and were rewarded by another goal scored by Smith. The Grammar School were counter-attacking and a centre from the right wing was first-timed into the goal by an unmarked forward at the back of the circle. Strathallan failed to regain the initiative, and just before the final whistle a mis-hit shot by an Aberdeen forward was only partially deflected by the Strathallan goal-keeper and the ball trickled into the goal-mouth.

**Team:** G. M. Gall; D. A. S. Whyte; C. D. Steele; N. J. B. Fielding (Capt.); M. T. Mackenzie; I. R. McLean; L. H. A. Carmichael; E. G. MacKenzie; J. M. Dods; J. M. Smith; D. J. H. Scott.

**Tuesday, 9th March—Strathallan v. Loretto—Tome—Draw 2-2.**

Dods scored for Strathallan following a goalmouth melee after fifteen minutes play. Loretto promptly counter-attacked and by half-time were leading 2-1.

Strathallan had more of the territorial advantage in the second half, but the speedy Loretto breakaways were a threat to the Strathallan defence which, however, held firm. Eventually Strathallan pressure was rewarded when Dods scored by following up a shot from Smith.

**Team:** G. M. Gall; D. A. S. Whyte; C. D. Steele; N. J. B. Fielding (Capt.); M. T. Mackenzie; I. R. McLean; L. H. A. Carmichael; E. G. MacKenzie; J. M. Dods; J. M. Smith; D. J. H. Scott.

**Thursday, 11th March—Strathallan v. Perth Academy—Lost 1-2.**

Strathallan started well and the forwards attacked keenly, adapting themselves to the wet conditions which made it very difficult to avoid slipping. The defence held the Perth attacks competently on the whole, but a goalmouth melee followed one defensive error and a goal to Perth Academy resulted. Strathallan appeared unsettled by this and the Perth defence stiffened. However, pressure was maintained and McLean scored for Strathallan from a short corner.

A high standard of play was maintained despite the increasingly slippery conditions for most of the second half. Both sides seemed evenly matched until a pair of Perth forwards combined to beat the Strathallan backs and a reverse stick shot from the left wing who cut into the circle defeated Lowden who was making his first appearance for the side. Strathallan tried hard to equalise and registered some near misses before the final whistle gave Perth Academy a 2-1 victory.

**Team:** S. D. Lowden; N. J. B. Fielding (Capt.); D. A. S. Whyte; A. M. Duff; M. T. Mackenzie; I. R. McLean; L. H. A. Carmichael; P. A. Duff; J. M. Dods; J. M. Smith; D. J. H. Scott.

**Saturday, 13th March—Strathallan v. Gordonstoun—Away—Won 1-0.**

Gordonstoun were soon on the attack and testing the Strathallan defence, which looked fairly secure. Strathallan settled down and play moved swiftly, a good open game developing. Both teams won short corners but no goals resulted and the score was still nil all at half-time.

In the second half Strathallan played with determination and penetrating running on the wings led to the Gordonstoun defence, although helped out by the Gordonstoun forwards, becoming ragged. There were some rather desperate clearances, but the Gordonstoun defence kept Strathallan from scoring until within ten minutes of the second half's ending when a goal from Smith clinched the result.



**Team:** G. M. Gall; N. J. B. Fielding (Capt.); D. A. S. Whyte; A. M. Duff; M. T. Mackenzie; I. R. McLean; L. H. A. Carmichael; P. A. Duff; J. M. Dods; J. M. Smith; D. J. H. Scott.

**Tuesday, 16th March—Strathallan v. Fettes—Away—Lost 1-2.**

Strathallan lost the toss and had their backs to the pond. Initially there was some hesitation in the defence and the Strathallan forwards did not attack with their usual thrust. Fettes certainly dominated the first half and scored their first goal after about a quarter an hour of play. The second Fettes goal came when a centre from the left wing found their centre forward, Rome, unmarked. The Strathallan goalkeeper mistimed his clearance and the ball rolled into the goal under his foot.

In the second half Strathallan attacked strongly down the hill and kept the Fettes goal under pressure. It was some time, however, before Strathallan scored after an attack in which both wings and the centre-forward had been involved. Strathallan kept attacking and earned several corners. Off one long corner Smith nearly scored, but the ball had not been completely stopped, and this exciting game ended soon afterwards with the score still 2-1 in Fettes' favour.

**Team:** G. M. Gall; N. J. B. Fielding (Capt.); D. A. S. Whyte; A. M. Duff; M. T. Mackenzie; I. R. McLean; L. H. A. Carmichael; P. A. Duff; J. M. Dods; J. M. Smith; D. J. H. Scott.

**Saturday, 25th April—Strathallan c. Abbey School, Fort Augustus—Home—  
Won 2-1.**

This was our first match against the Abbey School, and it was an exciting one. From the start each team played really keenly with plenty of fast movement off the ball. The Abbey XI pressed hard and were unlucky not to score off any of the numerous corners they were awarded. Eventually a good cross from the left wing was deflected past the Abbey's goalkeeper by Carmichael at short range. Just before half-time the Abbey equalised with a well taken short corner.

The second half opened more quietly, but the pace gradually increased. About ten minutes from time Strathallan was awarded a penalty flick from which McLean scored. The Abbey counter-attacked with tremendous verve but Strathallan just managed to keep the lead until the whistle went for time.

**Team:** G. M. Gall; C. Hill; D. A. S. Whyte; A. M. Duff; M. T. Mackenzie; I. R. McLean (Capt.); L. H. A. Carmichael; P. A. Duff; J. M. Dods; J. M. Smith; D. J. H. Scott.

### **OXFORD HOCKEY FESTIVAL**

The School party consisting of the First XI and G. G. Robbie, accompanied by Messrs. Pedgrift, Pearson and Spurgin, spent two nights in Worcester College, Oxford. The first match was against Dunrobin on the day of our arrival in Oxford. All the forwards scored a goal except for Scott on the left wing who scored two. Mackenzie at centre-half also scored two goals. On the following morning the match against Rugby was an enjoyable game. Rugby had the better of the first half and scored a goal, and Strathallan had the better of the second half, though without scoring. The afternoon game against King's Bruton was a good deal more exciting than one would suppose from the failure of either side to score. Unfortunately the pitch was not full width and this, together with the large number of infringements, proved a little frustrating, though neither side could complain of the result.

The final day provided the greatest test for the XI and the morning match was against Canford, who had had a very good season. In fact they did not play as well as they might have done, and, though they won 1-0, the result might easily have gone the other way. Bristol Grammar School, whom we played in the afternoon, also had a good record. They came close to scoring in the early stages of the game, but it was just not their day. Once they had missed some easy chances, as we had done earlier in the season, one began

to feel that they would never score; and so it proved. Carmichael scored two goals in as many minutes, and in the second half Scott and Smith scored. As if to make up for McLean missing a penalty flick, a Bristol defender hit the ball into his own goal when trying to clear.

### **1st XI Results at Oxford:**

Wed. 24th March v. Dunrobin. Won 7-0.  
Thurs. 25th March v. Rugby. Lost 0-1.  
Thurs. 25th March v. King's, Bruton. Draw 0-0.  
Friday 26th March v. Canford. Lost 0-1.  
Friday 26th March v. Bristol Grammar School. Won 5-0.

### **Other Hockey Results:**

#### **2nd XI**

Sat. 6th March v. Aberdeen Grammar School. Home. Draw 1-1.  
Tues. 9th March v. Loretto. Away. Draw 0-0.  
Thurs. 11th March v. Lendrick Muir 1st XI. Home. Won 5-1.  
Sat. 13th March v. Perth High School 1st XI. Draw 1-1.  
Tues. 16th March v. Fettes. Away. Lost 1-3.

#### **Colts**

Sat. 6th March v. Aberdeen Grammar School. Home. Draw 2-2.  
Tues. 9th March v. Loretto. Away. Draw 1-1.  
Sat. 13th March v. Gordonstoun. Away. Draw 0-0.  
Tues. 16th March v. Fettes. Home. Lost 1-2.

#### **Junior Colts**

Tues. 9th March v. Loretto. Away. Won 2-1.  
Thurs. 11th March v. Lathallan. Away. Won 8-1.  
Tues. 16th March v. Fettes. Home. Won 4-2.

#### **Riley**

Thurs. 11th March v. Craigflower. Away. Draw 1-1.  
Sat. 13th March v. New Park. Home. Won 6-0.

### **House matches**

1st round: Freeland 0 Ruthven 1; Nicol 4 Simpson 0.  
2nd round: Freeland 1 Simpson 2; Nicol 1 Ruthven 0.  
3rd round: Freeland 0, Nicol 4; Ruthven 2 Simpson 0.  
Nicol won the Hockey Cup.  
Simpson won the Hockey League Cup

## **SUMMER HOCKEY**

The Summer Hockey XI enjoyed a good season, winning five matches, drawing one and losing only three. The hardest match of the season was probably against Morgan Academy F.P. a side which included the former Olympic player and current captain of the Scottish side, G. D. Carr, and one other Scottish international. For this game Strathallan was strengthened by R. Saldhana, who has played for England.

The Summer XI consisted of: G. M. Gall; I. F. S. Day; I. R. McLean; A. M. Duff; M. T. Mackenzie; J. M. Smith; L. H. A. Carmichael; P. A. Duff; J. M. Dods; C. R. Hay; D. J. H. Scott. I. W. Gordon, D. A. S. Whyte and J. J. McQueen also played occasionally.

## Results:

- Sat. 8th May v. G. W. V. Birnie's XI. Won 5-0 (Carmichael 2, Scott 2, Dods).
- Sat. 22nd May v. Inverleith. Lost 1-3 (Scott).
- Sat. 29th May 'A' XI v. Merchiston. Won 6-0 (Hay 2, Dods 3, Duff, A. 1).
- Sat. 10th June v. Grove Academy F.P. Lost 2-4 (Mackenzie, Scott).
- Tues. 15th June v. Glenalmond. Won 4-1 (Dods 2, Mackenzie, Duff, P.).
- Sat. 19th June v. Strathallan Club. Draw 3-3 (Dods, Carmichael, Mackenzie).
- Sat. 26th June v. Edinburgh Academy. Won 3-0 (Dods, Duff, P. 2).
- Sunday 27th June v. Morgan Academy F.P. Lost 1-5 (Hay).
- Sat. 3rd July v. Edinburgh Northern. Won 3-2 (Dods, Carmichael, Mackenzie).

## CRICKET

A season such as the First Eleven has just had was undistinguished as far as results are concerned. Only one match won — against Dundee University 2nd XI — and three were lost — against The Edinburgh Academy, Glenalmond and C. B. E. Somerville's XI — and yet in between these games a little more experience could have made a difference in at least six other games. For instance there was one week where we finished 16 runs short with two wickets in hand chasing a total of 177, in the next match the scores were level, and in the last match we needed one wicket to win with the other side 11 runs behind. In other words, the cricket that week was as entertaining as it has been here for some time.

The side was captained by A. B. Walker. Like so many schoolboy captains he was unable to master the subtleties and intricacies of field placing, and the basic strategy of bowling to fairly defensive fields was not, perhaps, the right one eventually. When wickets were taken with these field settings early on, pressure was not put sufficiently on the new batsmen. However, he did bowl well without falling into the fault of either bowling himself too much or too little, and his batting and fielding set an example to all.

Fine weather and firm pitches ensured that we scored more runs than last season without, alas, getting any large totals. Indeed, the first half of the season was characterised by the failure of the established batsmen to score runs at all — with the exceptions of Parker and Whyte. Parker, in his first season in the side, scored 400 runs altogether, a total which has never been contemplated since D. J. S. Currie left, and this included four fifties. He proved to be a very consistent bat, although one limited by being always on the front foot. Whyte, who also had a prolific season, was even more limited and became more and more strokeless as the season progressed. Nevertheless they both got runs and this is more than can be said of the other accredited batsmen. MacKenzie was desperately out of form until late in the season, and neither Cantlay nor Hill contrived to have a big innings. The remainder of the run-getting, then, was left to those who were, last season, primarily

bowlers. P. R. P. Thomson flourished, except against spin, and eventually became one of the opening pair — one of several that were tried during the season — A. B. Walker suddenly found that he could hit straight, and amassed a lot of runs for one who the previous season had appeared at the wicket once; Lowden also showed a great deal of promise as a batsman, and should by next year be a useful all-rounder.

The bowling was steady rather than penetrative. Walker, as mentioned above, bowled with a great deal of steadiness. Chalmers, coming late into the side, bowled off-cutters with a great deal of venom once he had got a wicket, and will be a very useful bowler if he can master the one that moves away too. Lowden was a model of consistency and his gentle swing and cut tried the patience of many batsmen. He improved as the season went on and during the Occasionals' tour was never more expensive than two runs an over after 70 overs against club and minor county batsmen. Thomson never looked as good as he had last year, but as noted above, he got runs instead. Sherington never got on very much such was the preponderance of seam this year and although he collected ten wickets he never bowled really well. Too often he over-pitches and his line strays, and one cannot help thinking that the strange grip that he employs must lead to a loss of control. Certainly MacKenzie, who was used as the alternative spinner, was a shade less expensive and had at least one good spell. Green proved to be our most erratic bowler, and afforded some entertainment in that no-one, the bowler included, could be sure where the ball was going to pitch next, if at all. However, he generated as much pace with his left arm over the wicket as Walker, and against Fettes round the wicket instead, he struck a better line and length.

The fielding was good. MacKenzie, as always, took some very good catches in the slips as did Walker in the deep. Whyte controlled the covers with a great deal of aggression and had a thunderbolt of a throw — Green was a very adequate substitute here. The throwing of all the side was good and our one weakness was behind the stumps. Several wicket-keepers were tried, and eventually we settled on Hill who was only adequate, but then he hadn't kept wicket for some years.

Next year we shall have nine of the side which played against Fettes back, and competition to get in should be keen. It would not be surprising to see some of the current colours out on their present form.

The remainder of school cricket had a curate's egg type of year. The second eleven did well, but then this was to be expected since much of the opposition they come up against nowadays is very poor. The A XI had a slightly longer list, and Loretto and Morrison's were added to the 3rd XI fixture list. The Senior and Junior Colts sides didn't do as well as might have been predicted, mainly due to batting failures, but Riley had one of its golden years and a lot of runs were scored on the Paddock.

Domestic cricket did not undergo the re-organisation that was hinted at in these columns last year. In the event time was found to run junior house matches. Mr. Williams worked out a system for playing under a modified version of the Player League Rules, and as soon as junior house captains had appreciated that that way of playing cricket doesn't demand two slips and a gully there were some close finishes. The result was in doubt until the final round when the competition might have had to be decided on the average runs per over scored, but fortunately slide-rules were not necessary and Leburn won the Cup. One notes in passing that the reduction in the numbers of each house and the continuing popularity of options might see the demise of senior house matches. At least one house this year had difficulty in raising a side, and if it became necessary to allow non-cricketers to play, then it is difficult to see how school cricket would benefit.

The wider issues of less boys taking cricket at school have already begun to affect our fixtures as a whole. It has already been mentioned above that the second eleven had some easy games. The Daniel Stewart's game had to be down-graded to A XI status because they could not, at that stage in the term, raise a full first eleven, and it is feared that the unlimited options for summer-term sports is becoming more widespread.

#### 1st XI AVERAGES

##### Batting

	Inns.	Not Out	H'st.	Runs	Av.
J. H. R. Parker	14	2	79*	400	33.33
D. A. S. Whyte	13	2	57	328	29.81
P. R. P. Thomson	10	4	34*	164	27.33
A. B. Walker	12	3	64	235	26.11
E. G. MacKenzie	13	5	57*	187	23.37
S. D. Lowden	10	2	38	149	18.62
N. O. Sherington	9	1	24	75	9.33
C. Hill	9	1	21	71	8.87
W. M. Cantlay	8	0	24	64	8.00
I. R. McLean	8	0	32	44	5.50
R. H. Green	6	1	6	20	4.00
G. Chalmers	4	1	9	12	3.00

##### Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Av.
A. B. Walker	95	17	246	16	15.37
S. D. Lowden	125.3	21	370	20	18.50
N. O. Sherington	50.4	5	187	10	18.70
G. A. Chalmers	95.5	16	248	13	19.07
E. G. MacKenzie	57	15	177	9	19.66
P. R. P. Thomson	63	7	203	9	22.55
R. H. Green	49.2	7	166	5	33.20

##### Saturday, May 1st v. Crieff C.C.—Home.

We were fortunate to start the season for the second year in succession with good weather, and conditions for this match were of the kind that one would normally expect and meet much later in the season.



Crieff batted first against a School attack that took some time to settle down. Short spells were the order of the day, and even so, a club side in full practice would have exacted a greater toll than this one did. The Crieff opening pair took their time to settle down, although neither appeared to be in any kind of difficulty, and Walker had just come off after three overs when C. Addison played over a ball of very full length trying to work it away through mid-wicket and was bowled by MacLeod. Dewhurst followed shortly after when Thomson, who had replaced Walker at the Chapel End, induced him to play down the wrong line. Up to that point Thomson's bowling had been of a very charitable nature, and it was perhaps fortuitous that he took yet another wicket in his next over. Peter Hamilton, having hit the first six of the season on the ground — a proceeding which is rapidly becoming a tradition — tried to hit a second one and was well caught by B. Walker. The innings continued with the regular fall of wickets, and we were fortunate to dismiss Morrison, having him caught early on in his innings on the long-on boundary. E. G. MacKenzie, brought on late in the innings, accounted for three wickets with a mixture of leg and off-spin.

The School was given 2 hours and 5 minutes to get 147 runs, and the start of 67 for the first wicket was a highly useful one from which to launch an assault on the bowling. Parker played steadily, scoring many of his runs straight or from forces through mid-wicket, although his tendency to get onto the front foot and shuffle towards the off-side and Murphy's tendency to swing the ball down the leg-side did more often than once mean that bat missed ball by a good two feet. McLean batted with his customary uncertainty, and got 32 rather sketchy runs before allowing one full toss too many to become a yorker. Parker's innings proceeded in stately fashion, and Whyte, whose presence at the wicket during the season never failed to raise the decibel level of the area considerably, tried to force away the bowling, but although he kept giving the ball a prodigious thwack, singles and twos were the only result. At 123 Parker was out hitting across the line, and suddenly it became apparent that a little more urgency was needed. Five minutes and three runs later Whyte was run out. He called for an impossible run just backward of square, was sent back, very rightly, by MacKenzie — a case, if ever there was one, of the engineer's being hoist by his own petard. After that the scramble for runs, too late begun, was of no avail, and the School finished 12 runs short.

### Crieff

J. A. Dewhurst, b Thomson	23
H. C. Addison, b MacLeod	8
P. M. Hamilton, c Walker, B. b Thomson	17
W. Sinclair, b Lowden	19
I. Oates, b MacKenzie	41
A. Morrison, c. Walker, B. b Thomson	6
N. Cooper, b MacKenzie	25
C. P. Murphy, b MacLeod	4
G. Dow, not out	0
M. Wareham, c. Walker, D. b MacKenzie	1
G. Ewing, not out	0
Extras	3

Total (for 9 wkts. dec.) 147

	O	M	R	W
B. Walker	6	0	21	0
T. MacLeod	8	0	23	2
P. Thomson	13	0	53	3
S. Lowden	9	2	36	1
G. MacKenzie	4	1	11	3

### Strathallan

J. H. R. Parker, c Oates b Murphy	66
I. R. McLean, b Addison	32
D. A. S. Whyte, run out	22
E. G. MacKenzie, c Morrison b Oates	3
C. Hill, not out	5
A. B. Walker, not out	1
T. R. MacLeod, S. D. Lowden, N. O. Sherington, P.R.P. Thomson and D. A. Walker did not bat.	
Extras	6
Total (for 4 wkts.)	135

	O	M	R	W
Murphy	12	2	36	1
Sinclair	9	1	29	0
Morrison	6	0	24	0
Ewing	3	0	12	0
Addison	7	2	10	1
Wareham	7	2	10	1
Oates	3	0	6	1

## Tuesday, May 4th v. Dundee University 2nd XI—Home.

Dundee University brought up a second eleven which, though weak, batted with a singular lack of resolution. A. B. Walker, striking a line and a length quickly, removed numbers one, two and three without any difficulty. From 3 for 14 the innings never recovered. Bartley looked good for some runs, but was caught mis-hitting at P. Thomson, Hill taking a gentle catch. Sherington and Lowden mopped up the remainder without trouble, although some swishes and scythes by Kendall and Russell ensured that a score, which had at one time seemed remote, became possible. Their efforts, needless to say, were aided by some fielding lapses and by two catches at the wicket being put down.

The Dundee innings lasted 90 minutes and the School's reply did not shine with positive intent. McLean was out early on—bowled in the usual way—and four overs later Brightmore got one to lift, albeit it very slowly, and Whyte playing as strange a shot as will ever be seen—a cross between a devotional attitude and a slow-motion over-head tennis smash—contrived to be caught off his gloves. Worse was to follow. In Brightmore's next over MacKenzie who was playing forward almost before the ball was bowled patted a half-volley straight into the hands of a grateful short mid-on. Thereafter C. Hill, after an edgy start, began to smite the ball in all directions with some vigour. A swinging hit over mid-wicket of Crawford which landed first bounce in the rhododendrons by the pavilion comes particularly to mind. Trying to repeat the shot off the next ball he endeavoured to sky the ball behind the bowler. At least three fielders in strategic positions shouted 'Yours' and then, too late, all dashed in. Not long after though Parker ran Hill out, and inexcusably Parker had the bad manners to get himself out too at the same score. B. Walker and Lowden saw us home, and a match which we should have won comfortably ended as a scramble.

### Dundee University 2nd XI

K. Pannell, b A. B. Walker	4
T. McLinsky, b A. B. Walker	6
M. Walters, b A. B. Walker	3
S. Bartley, c Hill, b Thomson	13
M. Crawford, b Lowden	3
M. Brightmore, c Parker, b Sherington	6
W. Russell, b Lowden	16
A. Kendall, b Lowden	15
B. de Mattos, b Sherington	1
S. Graves, b Lowden	3
K. Allardyce, not out	0
Extras	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>

### Strathallan

J. H. R. Parker, c Pannell, b Crawford	18
I. R. McLean, b Brightmore	2
D. A. S. Whyte, c Russell, b Brightmore	1
E. G. MacKenzie, c Russell, b Brightmore	0
C. Hill, run out	21
A. B. Walker, not out	8
T. R. MacLeod, b Bartley	0
S. D. Lowden, not out	4
D. A. Walker, N. O. Sherington and P. R. P. Thomson did not bat.	
Extras	17
<b>Total (for 6 wkts.)</b>	<b>71</b>

	O	M	R	W
B. Walker	8	1	13	3
T. MacLeod	5	0	10	0
P. Thomson	5	0	17	1
S. Lowden	5.3	2	20	4
N. Sherington	3	0	10	2

	O	M	R	W
Russell	6	1	13	0
Brightmore	5	1	7	3
Crawford	6.1	2	1	1
Bartley	7	1	23	1

## Saturday, 15th May v. The Edinburgh Academy—Away.

Our match with The Academy has in the past been close, but not so this year, for the School, with some ignominious batting, went down by 73 runs. Strathallan fielded first and began to whittle away at the early batting. In the eighth over of the game Green bowled Mackie round his legs. Up to this point Green had not been bowling with any distinction, but the presence of a cluster of gullies, slips and short-legs may have persuaded the batsmen that the full-tosses and long-hops that were served up in rapid succession were mere cloud-capp'd fancies. Then MacKenzie was brought on as first change.

It was a good ploy to bring spin so soon into the attack, and MacKenzie bowled a spell of some fourteen overs very steadily indeed and was unlucky not to pick up more than the one wicket that he did get. Catches just didn't go to hand. Bowling cannot have been made any the more easy by the presence of the permanent cold wind that Edinburgh has.

It was shortly after lunch that things started to go wrong. The fielding became rather wayward, and Loudon, chancing his arm, started to despatch the bowling to all parts of the ground. Green, coming on at the back end of the innings, got two more wickets — Mackenzie might just as well have never been at the wicket for all he knew about the ball that bowled him — and the innings was declared at 146.

Then came the rain — not much, but enough to freshen the wicket a little. To assist The Academy in their task, Parker ran Cantlay out second ball of the innings — although it might be fairer to say that Cantlay ran himself out because he wasn't backing up when he was called for a short single, and when he did eventually get under way he was waving his bat like a Salvation Army banner, although he wasn't destined to be among the elect this time. Neither McLean nor MacKenzie lasted long against Cosh who was getting some lift from the wicket, and Hill was out playing a lap. All this time Parker was coping ably enough with Cosh, and it would seem that others were reading difficulties into his bowling and the pitch that were not there. Certainly Whyte, deputising for Walker who was ill and could not play in this match, began to play an innings of some worth, and was a shade unfortunate to be out when he got an inside edge onto his pad, the ball carrying back to the wicket-keeper. Since Parker had just got out driving outside the off-stump at Loudon, little remained in the way of batting, although Sherington and MacLeod lasted nearly 25 minutes and showed what could have been done with more resolution and courage.

All credit though to The Academy for fielding and bowling so well.

The Edinburgh Academy					Strathallan				
A. C. Kinghorn, lbw b MacLeod	12				J. H. R. Parker, c Strobridge, b Loudon	16			
A. B. Mackie, b Green	4				W. M. Cantlay, run out	0			
J. D. Fulton, b Thomson	10				I. R. McLean, c Fulton, b Cosh	3			
A. James, c Cantlay, b MacKenzie	10				E. G. MacKenzie, b Cosh	0			
W. D. G. Loudon, not out	81				C. Hill, c James, b Cosh	6			
J. E. Strobridge, b MacLeod	4				D. A. S. Whyte, c Strobridge, b Grant	17			
J. D. MacKenzie, b Green	16				R. H. Green, c James, b Cosh	6			
A. J. S-Darling, c Hill, b Green	2				S. D. Lowden, c Darling, b Kinghorn	3			
Extras	7				T. R. MacLeod, not out	8			
Total (for 7 wks. dec.)	146				P. R. P. Thomson, lbw b Kinghorn	2			
					N. O. Sherington, c and b Kinghorn	7			
					Extras	5			
					Total	73			
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
T. MacLeod	19	5	51	2	Cosh	14	3	24	4
R. Green	8	3	25	3	S-Darling	5	1	10	0
G. MacKenzie	14	6	23	1	Loudon	5	1	12	1
P. Thomson	12	3	16	1	Grant	7	5	4	1
S. Lowden	5	2	10	0	Kinghorn	11	4	18	3
N. Sherington	4	0	14	0					

**Tuesday, 18th May v. Perth Academy—Home.**

The School batted first and soon lost two quick wickets. Cantlay was the first to go, caught behind to a ball which lifted slightly and left him, and McLean followed shortly after. The recovery of the innings was being con-

ducted with a fair amount of success, and Parker looked in good form until run out by Whyte. Possibly affected by this and the dismissal of Hill two runs later—inside edge onto the pad and thence onto the wicket—Whyte's score progressed very slowly indeed, and it was left to Walker to make runs as quickly as he was able. The scoring rate was held down, too, by the retention at both ends of medium pace bowlers. Three overs of spin were used, but these were inaccurate and the scoring rate was usefully boosted. The innings was declared at 113. For Perth Academy J. R. Walker bowled exceptionally well, but had one of those days when the ball just missed the wicket or the edge, or when catches just fell short; 1 for 33 hardly does justice to his bowling.

The Perth Academy side were a far more polished side than we have seen for some time, and we were indeed lucky to be rid of Smith so early. He was out hooking at a ball from Walker which didn't come through so that a simple catch was lobbed to short mid-wicket. Then Lawrence was bowled, and Walker, J. came in to join Foster. These two put on 31 without much trouble for the third wicket—indeed Walker thumped 19 off Thomson's first two overs. Lowden, bowling at the Law End, was much steadier and his flight and cut made his less predictable for thumping. In fact he removed Walker, caught at the wicket, tamely stretching forward, and Grimmond was bowled by Thomson in the following over. Paul smote Thomson for a six before running himself out, and at last Foster was bowled by Lowden.

#### Strathallan

J. H. R. Parker, run out .....	26
W. M. Cantlay, c Smith, b Walker .....	0
I. R. McLean, b Lawrence .....	2
D. A. S. Whyte, not out .....	48
C. Hill, b Foster .....	1
A. B. Walker, not out .....	31
R. H. Green, N. O. Sherington, S. D. Lowden, T. R. MacLeod and P. Thomson did not bat.	
Extras .....	5

Total (for 4 wks. dec.) 113

	O	M	R	W
Walker	19	5	33	1
Lawrence	9	2	35	1
Foster	7	0	22	1
Moffat	3	0	18	0

#### Perth Academy

D. J. Smith, c McLean b Walker .....	3
M. F. Lawrence, b Walker .....	16
I. C. Foster, b Lowden .....	19
J. R. Walker, c Hill, b Lowden .....	22
A. Grimmond, b Thomson .....	2
W. Paul, run out .....	13
B. Strachan, not out .....	5
P. Moffat, not out .....	0
Extras .....	3

Total (for 6 wks.) 83

	O	M	R	W
B. Walker	8	1	17	2
T. MacLeod	3	1	9	0
S. Lowden	11	2	20	2
P. Thomson	4	0	26	1
D. Whyte	2	0	8	0

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

The innings started with a slight drizzle and we came off once for a quarter of an hour before the rain came down in earnest again and play had to be abandoned. The only features of the innings that can be commented on are Parker's being as safe as usual and looking to be settling for a big score; Sherington's appearance as an opening bat, and McLean's failing once more.

#### Strathallan

J. H. R. Parker, not out .....	13
N. O. Sherington, b McNaughton .....	11
I. R. McLean, c West b McNaughton .....	0
D. A. S. Whyte, not out .....	5
C. Hill, B. Walker, G. MacKenzie, R. Green, S. Lowden, A. Marshall, and P. Thomson did not bat.	
Extras .....	1

Total (for 2 wks.) 30

	O	M	R	W
Ryder	4	1	8	0
McNaughton	7.1	0	17	2
Hall	4	2	4	0

Thursday, May 27th v. Loretto—Away.

The side were unable to take advantage of the ideal conditions which New Field presented in this match. Losing the toss and being put into bat on a wicket full of runs, Strathallan lost two very early wickets. In the third over of the game Parker was bowled leg stump by Armstrong. Since Parker's first movement is a forward shuffle towards the off-side, there is always danger that a left-arm over the wicket bowler is going to bowl him round his legs, and this is what happened this time. Sherington, playing an unusually circumspect innings for him, followed three overs later when an uppitch square cut resulted in a top edge which was well taken by Thackrah at first slip. Thereafter the innings was all grind. Hill and Whyte weathered the opening attack without scoring many runs, and it was not until Crawford was put on that events took a further unusual turn. Crawford is one of the bowlers who gives the ball so much air that it is possible for the batsmen to make three or four shots before the ball even arrives, and then, being totally confused by the rich availability of shots that could have been played, the batsman get out. This is more or less what happened to Hill—or, at least, the charitably disposed will think so for he was bowled leg-stump by a full-toss. Whyte had more idea about how to deal with this kind of bowling, and for the most part advanced down the wicket and pulled the bowler through mid-wicket. Crawford, therefore, came off, and Armstrong came back on—a good move since it got rid of MacKenzie quite quickly. The Crawford was brought back and more wickets fell until Lowden and Thomson came together at 10 and 11. These two in 31 minutes put on 30 invaluable runs, and apart from some very close things arising from idiot running between the wickets they looked to be in no particular difficulty. One began to wonder what all the alarms and excursions during the previous hour had been about. Thus Walker was able to declare at 5.45 leaving Loretto to score at about four an over if they wanted to win. It could be said that we batted too long, but a side which puts the other one in must hope to get it out quickly, and if it doesn't, then there can hardly be grounds for complaint.

In fact the Loretto innings started in a highly business-like way. Thackrah scored freely from hooks and cuts and after 40 minutes the score was 41 and the scoring rate 3 an over. At this point Thackrah cut hard at Chalmers and gave a catch to first slip not unlike the one Sherington had given to Thackrah. MacKenzie doesn't drop that kind and so the batsman who had threatened to be dangerous was out. Walker at the other end had contributed only 11 runs by this stage and was obviously someone to keep in. With 80 runs to get in 50 minutes Loretto gave up, despite having 9 wickets in hand. The next wicket fell at 62, five minutes before close of play, our two most boring bowlers by that time having thoroughly established themselves.

This was Chalmers' first match in the side. He had been getting a stack of wickets in second eleven cricket, and he bowled straight in this game, although he tended to pitch short.

Strathallan		Loretto	
J. H. R. Parker, b Armstrong	2	M. S. S. Walker, not out	21
N. O. Sherington, c Thackrah		R. S. Thackrah, c MacKenzie	
b Clarke	1	b Chalmers	30
D. A. S. Whyte, c Galbraith b		P. D. Winton, c McLean b	
Crawford	42	Lowden	12
C. Hill, b Crawford	10	A. S. M. Wilson, not out	2
E. G. MacKenzie, c Booth b		Extras	1
Armstrong	14		
I. R. McLean, st Winton b		Total (for 2 wkts.)	66
Crawford	4		
A. B. Walker, c Walker b Bett	1		
G. A. Chalmers, b Bett	1		
R. H. Green, c and b Crawford	5		
S. D. Lowden, not out	18		
P. R. P. Thomson, not out	15		
Extras	9		
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)	122		



	O	M	R	W
Armstrong	13	4	22	2
Clarke	16	7	18	1
Bett	12	5	18	2
Crawford	14	3	37	4
Lawson	5	0	17	0

	O	M	R	W
Walker	7	1	20	0
Chalmers	10	0	25	1
Lowden	8	1	12	1
Thomson	5	1	8	0

### Saturday, May 29th v. Merchiston Castle School—Home.

Parker and Sherington saw the side off to a good start in this game, putting on 41 for the first wicket in just over an hour. Sherington in particular was severe on anything pitched slightly short of a length outside the off-stump, pushing such deliveries back through the gap between mid-off and extra-cover. When Sherington was out, Parker began to accelerate his scoring, mainly by working the ball through mid-wicket, but also with some straight drives and drives to the off-side of the wicket. Whyte plodded on, and no further wicket fell before lunch. After lunch the innings did not progress with the speed that it ought to have done. When Whyte was out for 19 caught after skying a ball from the top edge in an attempt to sweep he had been in for the best part of two hours. The urgency for runs was great and a spectacular collapse followed because of unintelligent run-chasing. From 2 for 123 the innings went to 150 all out, and the batsmen faced by Richards and Buchanan flailed at the wrong ball, and played forward when they should have been on the back foot. Parker was taken at slip cutting at Richards—a tired stroke and one which he should not use anyway until he has mastered the technique of cutting hard (this was a slipshod dab). There had been two short stoppages for rain—the Merchiston match always seems to attract rain—and Merchiston were left 2 hours and twenty minutes in which to get the runs.

This task proved to be beyond them. Merson started in fine style but in the fourth over drove Chalmers on the up over where mid-off should have been. In fact mid-off was lurking much further away near the boundary, and the catch was well-taken by Walker. Chalmers, who always looks twice the bowler once he has taken a wicket, then removed Riddell with one that cut back, and had Richards caught at the wicket with one that pitched off-stump, lifted slightly and moved away off the seam. An excellent ball. Richards was possibly a little unlucky to get an edge. At 3 for 15 Merchiston lost some interest in the possibility of a win, and, indeed, they would have been in dire trouble had chances which both Tullo and Hutchison given early on stuck. As it was they pushed the score to 80. By this time Sherington and MacKenzie were bowling, and they presented more difficult problems, although the Merchiston batsmen did not bat in such a foolhardy way against them as the Strathallan ones had against Richards. However, Tullo was brilliantly taken at slip by MacKenzie off Sherington, Drummond was bowled shortly after, and so, too, was Hutchison.

At this point, with the score at 6 for 94 the match had swung back in Strathallan's favour. However, Clarke and Service were able to play out time, or nearly so, for in the last over of the day Chalmers at last got Service caught. A pity the earlier ones weren't held, too!

Strathallan		Merchiston Castle	
J. H. R. Parker, c Merson	b	R. D. Merson, c Walker	b
Richards	82	Chalmers	9
N. O. Sherington, c Hutchison		M. J. Riddell, b Chalmers	3
b Black	24	R. M. Richards, c McLean	b
D. A. S. Whyte, c Riddell	b	Chalmers	2
Richards	19	P. C. Tullo, c MacKenzie	b
C. Hill, c Hutchison	b Buchanan	Sherington	35
E. G. MacKenzie, c Tullo	b	K. I. Hutchison, b MacKenzie	41
Richards	2	D. H. Drummond, b Sherington	1
S. D. Lowden, c Allison	b	A. M. Service, c Hill	b Chalmers
Richards	3	I. H. Clark, not out	5

## Strathallan

A. B. Walker, c Drummond b Richards .....	12
I. R. McLean, b Buchanan .....	1
R. H. Green, c Hutchison b Buchanan .....	0
P. R. P. Thomson, not out .....	2
G. A. Chalmers, b Richards .....	2
Extras .....	3
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>150</b>

	O	M	R	W
Clark	11	4	19	0
Buchanan	26	9	35	3
Allison	6	0	13	0
Richards	19	5	32	6
Black	13	2	19	1

## Merchiston Castle

R. G. Buchanan, not out .....	0
Extras .....	2
<b>Total (for 7 wks.) .....</b>	<b>108</b>

	O	M	R	W
Walker	2	0	9	0
Chalmers	12	5	20	0
Lowden	14	2	37	0
Thomson	6	0	14	0
Sherington	8	1	19	2
MacKenzie	6	4	6	1

## Tuesday, June 1st v. Dundee University Staff XI—Away.

This was a new fixture, originally added to the A XI list, and then transferred to the 1st XI one. The game was played on a wet pudding of a wicket at Downfield, and runs were hard to come by, particularly as the outfield, too, was fairly well grassed. The team got off to a very slow start and the score was 2 for 10 after half an hour's play. Cantlay and Whyte both tried to push the score along against accurate bowling. Most of the score, therefore, came in singles and twos. One could have wished that the later batsmen had pushed the score along more quickly: only Lowden and Thomson seemed prepared to do this. McLean, for example, scratched around for nineteen minutes without scoring at a time when a declaration must have been near. As it was the declaration came almost too late.

The School bowlers were not able to get much more out of wicket than the Dundee bowlers. Sharp was bowled in the first over of the innings from one of the few balls that moved at all, and Talbot was very well caught by Thomson at short extra-cover. The ball had been hit very hard. Dundee tried to keep pushing the score along, but lost wickets in the process.

## Strathallan

J. H. R. Parker, c Sharp b Barker	4
N. O. Sherington, c Hargreaves b Barry .....	6
W. M. Cantlay, c and Thomas	24
D. A. S. Whyte, c Sharp b Barker	45
E. G. MacKenzie, c Talbot b Barry .....	12
S. D. Lowden, c Thomas b Barry	18
A. B. Walker, b Barry .....	2
I. R. McLean, c Maule b Barker	0
P. R. P. Thomson, not out .....	9
R. H. Green and G. A. Chalmers did not bat.	
Extras .....	6

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) ... 125

	O	M	R	W
Barker	12	4	15	4
Barry	19	3	48	3
Jones	10	0	26	0
Thomas	9	1	19	1
Talbot	5	0	12	0

## Dundee University Staff XI

P. Thomas, lbw b Walker .....	12
A. Sharp, b Chalmers .....	0
M. Talbot, c Thomson b Green	9
W. G. Ferrier, b Walker .....	25
J. Dewhurst, c Walker b Lowden .....	18
B. Hargreaves, lbw b Thomson	1
A. J. Maule, b Lowden .....	8
C. Townsend, lbw b Walker	1
J. Barker, not out .....	1
M. A. Jones, not out .....	1
Extras .....	6
<b>Total (for 8 wks.) .....</b>	<b>82</b>

	O	M	R	W
Chalmers	6	1	13	1
Green	7	1	19	1
Walker	5	2	10	3
Sherington	3	0	10	0
Thomson	4	0	14	1
Loudon	6	1	10	2

# Thursday, 3rd June v. C. B. E. Somerville's XI—Home.

This year we did not acquit ourselves particularly well against Mr. Somerville's side, although some excuse might be offered in that both of our opening pair at this time were involved in orchestra rehearsals for Speech Day. The matter, in fact, was crucial, since the School innings started disastrously. The visitors batted first, and made good use of the wicket. McNab tucked the ball away as correctly as ever, and after a cautious start, never looked like getting out. McLellan, at the other end, had sufficient luck to last him several years, yet his being prepared to stay there meant that he got runs—an object lesson for young batsmen. Eventually he was out mis-hitting Lowden, and twenty runs later McNab hit across the line and was bowled. Haines by this time was well set and threatened to do grave destruction to the tiles on the pavilion roof. Wren, too, seemed to be quite happy until Green bowled him one of his unplayable ones. Haines was out shortly after tea, and Terry Trusdale made one of his welcome but infrequent visits to the wicket. We did not have much time to see his range of strokes, because Martin at the other end hooking at a ball from Green which was not all that short only contrived to get a top edge into his face. The innings was then declared closed.

The opening attack of Mr. Somerville's side was obviously too much for our batting to cope with. Marshall certainly hadn't the experience to contain Hogan, although it was at the other end that he was out when he didn't get behind a ball which came back at him and he gave a relatively simple chance to first slip off the shoulder of the bat. However, before that McLean had been ignominiously bowled padding up to Hogan—this was McLean's last appearance for the 1st XI; after a long series of batting failures he was no longer interested in playing cricket. Whyte, whose limpet-like qualities were needed at this point was also bowled pushing forward at Hogan, and Cantlay played a disgraceful cross-batted swish at Hedges. MacKenzie was bowled playing down the wrong line, and MacLeod stayed, playing correct forward defensive strokes for the next 50 minutes. By now some fairly charitable bowling had been introduced into the attack, and Lowden, relishing his chances, began to despatch it into the trees on the long-leg boundary. Only 8 out of his 38 had to be run. When he, too, was bowled hitting at Tracey, Walker and Thomson continued the thrash. Walker eventually succumbed to Haines, who was getting something of the same kind of treatment that he handed out, and then Chalmers and Thomson put on 33 for the last wicket. All good things must come to an end: Hogan was brought back, and Chalmers, having no relish for that kind of bowling, was castled second ball of the spell.

## C. B. E. Somerville's XI

A. McNab, b Lowden .....	58
G. McLellan, c Thomson b Lowden .....	37
D. Haines, b Walker .....	45
A. B. Wren, b Green .....	23
G. F. R. Martin, retired hurt ...	9
T. N. W. Trusdale, not out .....	7
Extras .....	5
<b>Total (for 4 wks. dec.) ...</b>	<b>184</b>

## Strathallan

A. G. Marshall, c Wren b Hedges .....	2
I. R. McLean, b Hogan .....	0
D. A. S. Whyte, b Hogan .....	5
W. M. Cantlay, b Hedges .....	9
E. G. MacKenzie, b Tracey ...	0
T. R. MacLeod, b Tracey .....	10
S. D. Lowden, b Tracey .....	38
A. B. Walker, c Somerville b Haines .....	27
R. H. Green, b Haines .....	3
P. R. P. Thomson, not out .....	34
G. A. Chalmers, b Hogan .....	9
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>143</b>

	O	M	R	W
Chalmers	7	0	34	0
Green	7.2	0	35	1
Thomson	4	0	22	0
Lowden	8	0	48	2
MacKenzie	8	1	33	0
Walker	2	0	8	1

	O	M	R	W
Hogan	4.2	2	7	3
Hedges	6	2	17	2
Tracey	13	7	19	3
McLaughlan	4	0	34	0
Haines	11	0	34	2
Somerville	4	1	11	0

Thursday, June 10th v. Dollar Academy—Home.

It was a good day for a cricket match, but perhaps with half term intervening since the previous game everyone was a little out of touch. As it was the School did not score their runs quickly enough, and Dollar's reply was too half-hearted. As it was one had the feeling at the end of an unsatisfactory day.

The School batted first and a new opening bat in the shape of Thomson was tried. The move was tried by the selectors with a view, for a start, of reducing the enormous and ridiculous average Thomson had acquired by uncompleted innings at the other end of the order. Thomson had opened before, and he acted as an admirable foil for Parker. He got 18 of the first 23 runs, before being given out leg-before, and Cantlay was out shortly after. Then Parker and MacKenzie put on 128 in an unfinished stand for the next wicket. The bowling was not particularly distinguished, and it was pleasant to see MacKenzie at last running back into form and showing us some of the strokes that he has. He got onto the back foot more than he has been wont to this season, and this seemed to be enough to get his batting going. Late cuts, square cuts and drives on the up were the order of the day. True he was dropped at deep mid-on in the thirties, but at least he had been making a positive shot. Parker was his usual self, and ground away at the bowling, methodically taking it to pieces. The School's innings lasted 2 hours and 3 minutes, and Walker declared leaving Dollar 2 hours 5 minutes in which to get the runs.

Their opening pair immediately put them behind the clock, and when Davies was neatly taken at slip by MacKenzie off Chalmers' bowling, he had taken all of 30 minutes to proceed to one run. Burn was bowled next ball. Watson and Spencer, chasing the arrears with a little more urgency, put on 83 for the fourth wicket—a stand not without its presents from the fielders. However the bowling of Lowden, Thomson and MacKenzie kept them in check, and they were unable to score much off Green despite several valiant attempts to reach the ball.

Strathallan		Dollar Academy	
J. H. R. Parker, not out .....	79	L. Davies, c MacKenzie b	
P. R. P. Thomson, lbw b Watson	18	Chalmers .....	1
W. M. Cantlay, c Davis b		J. Lennox, b Sherington .....	15
Watson .....	5	C. Burn, b Chalmers .....	0
E. G. MacKenzie, not out .....	57	N. Watson, not out .....	37
D. A. S. Whyte, N. O. Sherington, S. D. Lowden, A. B. Walker, R. Green, D. A. Walker and G. A. Chalmers did not bat.		I. Spencer, b Thomson .....	41
Extras .....	1	M. Smith, not out .....	0
		Extras .....	14
Total (for 2 wks. dec.) ...	159	Total (for 4 wks.) .....	107

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Watson	12	2	25	2	Walker	9	3	15	9
Burn	10	1	33	0	Chalmers	10	3	22	2
Davidson	4	0	17	0	MacKenzie	7	1	18	0
MacMichael	10	0	44	0	Sherington	4	0	12	1
Smith	5	0	26	0	Lowden	7	2	14	0
Rumbles	2	0	15	0	Green	3	0	8	0
					Thomson	3	1	3	1

Wednesday, June 16th v. Forfarshire—Home.

Forfarshire batted first, and from the start it was a matter of how few they could be contained for. For the first seventy runs the batsmen were totally in command, and Robertson was eventually out sweeping at a full-toss from Sherington. W. Y. Bell continued to hit the bowling to all parts of the ground, and hit a particularly fine six off Lowden onto the Law. Jones was not so severe on the bowling, but hardly anyone escaped a mauling. Walton hit two balls just short of a length onto the pavilion roof, and when wickets did fall, by and large they went to catches in the deep.

The School's reply was less than convincing, the early batting again showing that it was suspect against good club bowling. Parker was bowled driving across the line, Sherington and Thomson didn't last long, and Whyte contrived to get himself run out. Cantlay, too, went early and when Hill was caught the score was 6 for 60. In the meanwhile MacKenzie was starting to score runs as he had done against this side last year. The later batting was presented with some lollipop which Lowden and then Walker enjoyed. Indeed Walker hit to such effect — 38 in 23 minutes — that we came near to winning a match in the last half hour that for the previous 3¼ hours we had appeared to be losing comfortably. MacKenzie at the end was still there having performed the task of anchor-man with a great deal of aplomb.

#### Forfarshire

D. G. Robertson, lbw b Sherington .....	28
W. Y. Bell, c and b Thomson .....	65
D. Jones, c Sherington b Lowden .....	38
M. J. Walton, c Parker b Lowden .....	16
J. Webster, c Parker b Lowden .....	19
R. Fleming, not out .....	0
Extras .....	5
<b>Total (for 5 wks. dec.) ...</b>	<b>171</b>

#### Strathallan

J. H. R. Parker, b Fleming .....	6
P. R. P. Thomson, c Walton b Walsh .....	11
N. O. Sherington, b Walsh .....	7
D. A. S. Whyte, run out .....	1
E. G. MacKenzie, not out .....	44
W. M. Cantlay, c Craigie b Walsh .....	3
C. Hill, c Fleming b Allardyce .....	9
S. D. Lowden, c Walsh b Fleming .....	23
A. B. Walker, c Webster b Walton .....	38
R. H. Green, not out .....	0
G. A. Chalmers did not bat.	
Extras .....	13
<b>Total (for 8 wks.) .....</b>	<b>155</b>

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
					Fleming	13	1	37	2
Walker	5	0	30	0	Walsh	11	3	12	3
Chalmers	6	1	12	0	Robertson	5	0	13	0
Green	5	0	19	0	Allardyce	4	1	8	1
Sherington	7	0	40	1	Craigie	2	0	9	0
Lowden	7	0	45	3	Sturrock	2	0	13	0
Thomson	2	0	20	1	Webster	4	0	27	0
					Walton	2	0	22	1

#### Thursday, June 17th v. Dundee University Staff XI—Home.

We went into this, the second match of the series, with a lot more confidence in the batting. Again it was a fine day for cricket, and although some of the early batting from Dundee looked a trifle insecure, runs were soon coming. Talbot, who was batting very well, failed to notice that Sherington had a deep square leg hiding in the trees, and was caught plonking a full-toss straight down the said fielder's throat. Dewhurst constructed a very pleasant fifty, and the innings was declared after two and a half hour's batting.

The School got off to a bad start when Parker was stumped down the leg-side by your correspondent, who thus silenced some of the jeers that had been until that time coming from the direction of square-leg. Lowden, put in early to keep the run-rate bowling along, managed to do that until he hit across the line of the bowling of the Admissions Tutor for the M.A. Degree (a form of insurance?). Whyte should have been out fairly early on, but regrettably your correspondent was only able to get one hand to the catch down the leg-side, and, as I explained to the fielding side, if there was a run-chase on Whyte, on past form, was best kept in. Alas, past form was not retained, and Whyte smote the bowling ferociously when he was given a chance to get it, for Walker, promoted to carry on the good work, proceeded to collect runs at a rapid and alarming rate. Finally Whyte was caught at short extra-cover.



He had played a cut off the front foot with a velocity which gave short-extra cover the option of injury or catch. Catch it was. MacKenzie arrived at the wicket and was able to keep giving Walker the strike and when the last over arrived 15 runs were required to win. Walker, who had just reached his fifty two overs before with a six, had strike. The first ball was a wide. The second was a near-wide. The next four balls were struck for 4, 2, 2, 4. A hurried academic conference was called; the disposition of fielders was altered. Then the last ball was bowled, wide of the off stump and a shade short of a length—not the kind one can tap for a single. Walker, in fact, hit the ball very hard indeed, and Dewhurst, fielding at deep extra-cover took the ball ankle high—it had never risen much higher than that anyway, and in the circumstances was an excellent catch.

It was gratifying to see how far the School had progressed in the matter of getting runs from the first dull display against the Dundee University Staff XI.

### Dundee University Staff

J. McLeod, b Walker	2
J. Barker, c Chalmers b Lowden	17
M. Talbot, c Lowden b Sherington	33
J. H. L. Dewhurst, not out	50
A. Craig, c Green b MacKenzie	20
A. Sharp, not out	8
Extras	12
Total (for 4 wks. dec.)	142

### Strathallan

J. H. R. Parker, st Johnson b Barry	6
P. R. P. Thomson, st Johnson b Jones	17
S. D. Lowden, b Barry	14
D. A. S. Whyte, c Jones b Barry	30
A. B. Walker, c Dewhurst b Barry	64
E. G. MacKenzie, not out	5
N. O. Sherington, C. Hill, M. Cantlay, R. Green and G. Chalmers did not bat.	
Extras	6
Total (for 4 wks.)	142

	O	M	R	W
Walker	7	0	27	1
Chalmers	7	0	15	0
Green	4	1	15	0
Lowden	11	1	27	1
Sherington	10.4	1	36	1
MacKenzie	3	0	10	0

	O	M	R	W
Barry	13	3	35	4
Barker	9	1	44	0
Craig	5	1	12	0
Jones	6	0	25	1
Talbot	3	0	20	0

### Saturday, 19th June v. Strathallian Club XI—Home.

Looking through the score-card of this match one might be forgiven for thinking that this event was becoming more and more an excuse for the gathering of the Clan MacKenzie. Over half the runs of the Strathallian Club's total came from Mackenzies and a quarter of those scored in the match came from the same clan. They were less successful this year with the ball.

We were again blessed with a good day for cricket, and once again one has to observe that it is a pity that such curious hours have to be played. Less than an hour's play to start with is neither here nor there, and it only needs the batting side to lose three wickets in that period for the match to be killed stone dead as a spectacle after lunch. Similarly a tea-interval of 45 minutes is excessive—over twice the normal length prescribed by the Laws of Cricket—and liable to put a brake on the momentum of the game as it did this year, when we had fifteen minutes fairly aimless batting at the end of the School's innings in order to get the time-runs equation right.

This year the School batted first and neither MacKenzie, S., nor McKenzie, N., were able to bowl with quite the accuracy and venom that have characterised them heretofore. Parker and Thomson, therefore, were able to put on 50 runs in 45 minutes. By the time Thomson was out, both opening bowlers had been seen off, and replaced by I. Q. Jones and a slim-line version of Tommy Taylor. It was the latter who bowled Thomson. Lowden came in

at number three, fulfilling the dual purpose of run-getter or lunch-watchman, if there is such a thing. He certainly played like a lunch-watchman, and had a very uncertain start.

After lunch, Lowden was soon out, bowled by Sim bowling gentle off-breaks from the Chapel End. Parker looked set for a big score, and no-one really tied him down, before he was out just over an hour after lunch for 64 well made runs. Whyte, batting even better than on his last appearance at the wicket, gave good support finding the gaps on the off-side between extra-cover and third man with some precision. Sim bowled with a fair amount of accuracy for just over an hour, but never troubled the batsmen greatly, and since they were not greedy he was not taken off. Parker and Whyte put on 70 for the third wicket, and with the advent of Walker the scoring increased steadily. In just over thirty minutes he scored 29 runs, including a straight six of Picken, and Whyte reached a well-deserved 50 — a score he had just missed for one reason or another on three other occasions. This was not one of his slow innings, and one wishes that he could bat more like this all the time. When both he and Walker were out shortly after 3.30 the score stood at 183, and plainly a declaration then with a couple of overs against the Club would have left them with less than 90 an hour to score — or put another way just over four runs an over, an easy task for a club side against school bowling. In my opinion Walker was right to protract the innings; but it was a pity that a few more runs were not scored in that last ten minutes. By that time both Mackenzies were back and bowling rather better. Perhaps the effects of lunch had worn off.

After tea Donald Turner and Iain Sim opened for the Club, and they had to face some reasonably accurate bowling. Chalmers, unusually for him, opened with an over of out-swing, but it was not until some of the shine was off the ball that things began to happen. Sim was beginning to look very dangerous when Chalmers brought one back sharply from just outside the off-stump, and Sim looking for a force on the off-side was bowled. Then T. Taylor, second ball, was caught at long-off, who was posted at that point in memory of some ballooning hits last year. This was a crucial wicket, because once Tommy gets the range any target being chased looks much less remote. In the following over Picken was bowled off his pads by one from Chalmers which pitched middle and cut in, and that little skip backward which Picken is likely to make to such a ball was his undoing as it was on so many occasions when he was at School. It was a pity to see two such bats as Taylor and Picken go so early because both can set a match alight with stroke-play. John Parker, brother of Hugh, tried to continue the work of getting on with the innings, and he played some strokes which had an air of desperation about them. It was not long, therefore, before he was bowled by Chalmers. The attempted off-drive was never on. P. Hamilton, going for a cut first ball, was very nearly castled, and Chalmers, in a space of three overs had taken four wickets for seven runs. In the meantime, at the other end, Donald Turner was cruising gently along; in fairness, he wasn't getting much of the bowling. He then drove at Lowden, and usually people drive at Lowden with some element of risk. The towering off-drive was well-taken by Walker. 5 for 51.

At this stage it was clear that with about an hour to go the Club would not get the runs, but neither would the School get the wickets, and Walker wisely brought on the slow bowlers to try and buy a few wickets. Reward came very swiftly when Sherington bowled Hamilton. 6 for 81. The brothers Mackenzie, Stuart and Derek, pulled the innings further round with some very sensible cricket — a mixture of hitting and quickly run singles which threatened to unnerve the School fielding. Derek eventually went to a catch skied to deep extra-cover. 7-124 and twenty-three minutes to go. Norman McKenzie, whose prodigious hitting powers are well-known, did not let us down. A straight six of E. G. MacKenzie and one or two more boundaries, and both the spinners were off.

Walker brought himself back on and in his first over bowled Stuart Mackenzie for a very well scored 46. With fifteen minutes to go the Club needed thirty runs to win. Willy Pate was run out very quickly taking an impossible run, and the last pair kept going for the runs. Walker very nearly

caught Mackenzie on the long-off boundary — after a long sprint and a dive he got his left hand to the ball but it would have been a miracle catch if the ball had stuck. With everyone spread out the chase just failed, and your correspondent was roundly jeered when he took off the bails at 6.30 — every watch on the ground disagreeing with the pavilion clock!

This was the closest finish in this series since Martin Stewart finished off a game by hitting sixes all over the ground, and this time full credit must go to the Club for playing attractive cricket and never giving up the chase for runs.

#### Strathallan

J. H. R. Parker, c Taylor b Sim	64
P. R. P. Thomson, b Taylor	24
S. D. Lowden, b Sim	8
D. A. S. Whyte, b N. McKenzie	57
A. B. Walker, c Mackenzie, S. b Picken	29
E. G. MacKenzie, not out	2
N. O. Sherington, not out	0
C. Hill, W. M. Cantlay, R. H. Green and G. A. Chalmers did not bat.	
Extras	3
Total (for 5 wkts. dec.)	185

#### Strathallan Club XI

D. I. Turner, c Walker b Lowden	17
I. D. E. Sim, b Chalmers	14
T. R. Taylor, c Walker b Chalmers	0
B. J. Picken, b Chalmers	0
J. L. W. Parker, b Chalmers	14
P. M. Hamilton, b Sherington	20
S. L. Mackenzie, b Walker	46
D. Mackenzie, c Whyte b MacKenzie	14
N. D. McKenzie, not out	32
W. S. Pate, run out	2
I. Q. Jones, not out	6
Extras	9
Total (for 9 wkts.)	174

	O	M	R	W
N. McKenzie	8	2	19	1
S. Mackenzie	12	3	31	0
Jones	3	0	6	0
Sim	19	2	54	2
Taylor	12	3	31	1
Picken	5	1	26	1

	O	M	R	W
Walker	9	1	18	1
Chalmers	12	1	48	4
Lowden	9	0	37	1
Sherington	4	0	30	1
MacKenzie	3	0	32	1

#### Saturday, July 3rd v. Trinity College, Glenalmond—Home.

This is a game that we never looked like winning. All that was needed was one batsman to make some runs once he was set, but no-one did, and full credit must go to the College for seeing that they didn't. Parker was soon out driving across an inswinger of fairly full length, and thereafter the innings pottered along. Whyte, out of touch again, was stumped by Hunter, and Thomson who had lasted well enough against all the medium pace, endeavoured to play several strokes against the spin of Owen and was bowled. Then, just before lunch, Cantlay hit the ball firmly to straightish mid-on, who gaped in astonishment as Cantlay embarked upon a single. Had Cantlay been a paid-up member of the Magic Circle he might well have got away with this singular attempt at deception. As it was he was run out by several yards. Notwithstanding this, shortly after lunch MacKenzie, who ought to have been persuaded that the fielding side were not credulous, tried a similar piece of deception, and Lowden this time was the unfortunate victim.

Even with five wickets down for 107 there was some hope of salvaging something from the wreckage, but MacKenzie, having decided that assault was the best method of salvation struck a long-hop in the air backwards of square, and Robson, sticking out a hand in hope, found he had made a brilliant catch. Walker, after two enormous sixes, was bowled, and the innings collapsed miserably.

With all the time in the world to make the runs, Glenalmond seemed set on self-destruction too for a time. Paterson was out leg-before to Walker with the score at 25, and Hunter, who had kept wicket exceedingly well, seemed to decide that he could show Cantlay and MacKenzie a thing or two about taking impossible runs. Kerr and Ireland steadied the innings and the second breakthrough was achieved by Sherington. He had Ireland extremely well caught by Cantlay, and Hardy even better caught by MacKenzie. With the score at 61 for 5 wickets, Strathallan were back in the game. However, Irving and

Gowar played more sensibly than anyone else on either side had up to this point, and with the wicket giving no help at all they saw Coll. home with half an hour to spare. Gowar, incidentally, has the distinction of being the first Occasional to play against us appearing for another school.

### Strathallan

J. H. R. Parker, b McHarg .....	2
P. R. P. Thomson, b Owen .....	32
D. A. S. Whyte, st Hunter b Robson .....	17
W. M. Cantlay, run out .....	22
E. G. MacKenzie, c Robson b Owen .....	25
S. D. Lowden, run out .....	6
A. B. Walker, b Pringle .....	14
C. Hill, st Hunter b Pringle .....	2
N. O. Sherington, st Hunter b Owen .....	5
R. H. Green, b Owen .....	6
G. A. Chalmers, not out .....	0
Extras .....	8

Total ..... 139

	O	M	R	W
Robson	11	4	15	1
McHarg	6	1	28	1
Irving	8	2	24	0
Owen	13	1	46	4
Pringle	11	2	18	2

### Trinity College, Glenalmond

A. Paterson, lbw b Walker .....	5
W. F. Kerr, c Thomson b Lowden .....	33
D. R. Hunter, run out .....	3
N. P. Ireland, c Cantlay b Sherington .....	13
N. A. S. Hardy, c MacKenzie b Sherington .....	0
G. P. Irving, not out .....	39
D. J. S. Gowar, not out .....	39
Extras .....	9

Total (for 5 wks.) ..... 141

	O	M	R	W
Chalmers	16	4	32	0
Green	4	1	22	0
Walker	16	2	39	1
Sherington	4	1	10	2
Lowden	6	1	13	1
MacKenzie	1	0	3	0
Thomson	5	2	10	0
Cantlay	2	0	3	0

### Monday, July 5th Strathallan/Glenalmond Combined XI v. Oxford University Cricket Club Authentics.

It was a little unfortunate that as home side we should have to provide by custom six of the players for this side when we had played with so little distinction against Coll. The Combined XI won the toss and batted first. Parker didn't last long and although Whyte and Hunter rattled the score along at a fair old pace, both were out within minutes of each other and lunch was taken with three wickets down and just over fifty runs on the board. Unfortunately shortly after lunch Ireland, who had looked good, in the short period before, was bowled playing down the wrong line, and Raspin, bowling left-arm round the wicket slows kept the remainder of the batting quiet. Irving batted some two and a half hours for his 44, and although it held the innings together, it was a singularly strokeless performance. At one point, for example, Lowden giving him almost an hour's start, almost overtook him.

The Authentics had little difficulty in scoring the runs. Barker was out early, but after that we were treated to a range of strokes from Lowe and Cushing.

### Combined XI

J. H. R. Parker, c Tibbett b Lees	4
D. A. S. Whyte, c Lowe b Raspin	14
P. D. Hunter, c Barker b Hardy	24
N. P. Ireland, b Hardy	14
G. P. Irving, c Tibbet b Bryant	44
E. G. MacKenzie, c Lowe b Raspin	7
S. D. Lowden, c Sutton-Madox b Raspin	13

### Authentics

B. J. L. Lowe, c Irving b Owen	66
P. D. Barker, lbw b Walker	5
C. Sutton-Madox, st Hunter b Robson	5
V. G. B. Cushing, not out	50
D. Bell, not out	13
Extras	4

Total (for 3 wks.) ..... 143

# Combined XI

# Authentics

A. B. Walker, c and b Raspin ...	2
D. E. Owen, b Raspin .....	0
E. M. Robson, lbw b Raspin ...	4
G. A. Chalmers, not out .....	0
Extras .....	16
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>142</b>

	O	M	R	W
Robson	7	0	38	0
Walker	5	1	21	1
Chalmers	6	0	30	0
Owen	5	0	27	1
Irving	3	1	11	0
Lowden	2.1	0	12	0

	O	M	R	W
Bryant	19	10	26	1
Lees	8	2	13	1
Raspin	29	6	51	6
Hardy	11	6	15	2
Barker	7	2	11	0
Sutton-Madox	2	0	4	0

## Wednesday, 7th July v. Fettes College—Away.

The final fixture of our season—and how early July 7th is to finish a season.—again had fine weather and a good wicket. It was an all-day game starting at 1.30 because of examination commitments, and Fettes batted first. A long afternoon in the field was promised, but such was the weather that breaks for drinks were arranged. Short spells of bowling were the order of the day. Chalmers bowled steadily down the hill without making any impression, and Green, bowling round the wicket with a great deal more accuracy, got a bit of movement both ways. In one over he persuaded Causey to play and miss at a couple. Finally he got the edge, and a simple catch at the wicket was put down. Walker took over from Chalmers, and Lowden came on at the College end. In his second over Lowden bowled a ball which seemed to zig-zag in the air, and beating the defensive prod from McNaughton, bowled him. This was a good wicket to get. Breakey and Causey kept the score moving, however, and it was MacKenzie who eventually got Causey caught at the wicket. Dickinson never looked very comfortable and he was removed by Walker in his second spell.

At this point there was a minor collapse. From 3 for 90 the score went to 6 for 91 and Walker was responsible for all the wickets. Having bowled Dickinson, he got Trantor's outside edge with the next ball which skidded through rather. Then, in the next over, Breakey was bowled by one well up to him, and McConkey survived one ball only to be bowled as well. Wall was bowled by Lowden, who had been bowling very tidily, with the score at 110, but Rankin and Gillies were allowed to put on too many runs with some well-directed swipes. However, it is some time since we got Fettes all out on a wicket as good as this one was.

The task of getting 161 runs in two and three quarter hours is not an arduous one. Parker and Sherington saw the score to 27 before Sherington was caught at mid-off, but by then Sherington had done his job. Then, fourteen runs later Parker driving across an inswinger was bowled in exactly the same way as he had been against Glenalmond. One would hesitate to call the shot an irresponsible one, but in view of the time available, and in view of the way in which he is susceptible to a ball of that nature, one would have thought a little more care might have been exercised. Still 41 for 2 was not a disaster. It was, therefore, exceedingly strange to see, with one hour and three-quarters to go, Walker coming in. It is still not clear what he hoped to achieve. Certainly the scoring was a trifle slow, but this was as much due to the over rate as to the caution of the batsmen. As it was he was soon out for eight and 3 for 57 was much more encouraging for the fielding side. One does not know what was said in the dressing-room, but this move must have induced some kind of unnecessary rush and panic in the batting. A far simpler way would have been to have sent a message to the other batsman in occupation to get on or get out. When Whyte did get out next he had spent an hour and ten minutes for nineteen runs. Hill played some attractive strokes, one cut backward of square remains memorable, before holing out at deep mid-wicket.



By then the score had reached 80, and with Cantlay stumped pushing forward shortly afterwards the innings was almost beyond repair. Fortunately MacKenzie came in at number eight—a position which for him was ludicrous in view of his form in the latter half of the season—and he and Lowden set about the rescue operations. Fettes crowded round the bat, but one or two full-tosses or long hops were served up and these were promptly despatched. At last Lowden succumbed to a shortish ball outside the off-stump, mainly because he didn't raise his bat. The ninth batsman was J. E. Hamilton, a senior colt playing his first game for the side in the absence of Thomson and any second eleven player in any kind of form. Of course his batting ability was worth much more than a number nine, and he was called upon to play a defensive game when most of his experience comes from being on the attack. Nevertheless he was able to rise to the occasion, and whilst he kept out Trantor, MacKenzie dealt with McNaughton's spin. Neither looked remotely like getting out during the last quarter of an hour.

So the match ended quietly in a draw. On a wicket where something in excess of 400 runs ought to have been scored, only 280 were.

Fettes College		Strathallan	
G. C. McNaughton, b Lowden	14	J. H. R. Parker, b Trantor	16
J. D. Causey, c Hill b MacKenzie	32	N. O. Sherington, c Eddlestone b Dickinson	14
J. N. F. Breakey, b Walker	22	D. A. S. Whyte, b Trantor	19
R. F. Dickinson, b Walker	15	A. B. Walker, c Gillies b Dickinson	8
A. W. R. Trantor, c Hill b Walker	0	C. Hill, c Gillies b Trantor	17
T. B. Rone, c and b MacKenzie	14	S. D. Lowden, c Rankin b McNaughton	14
S. J. McConkey, b Walker	0	W. M. Cantlay, st Rankin b Eddlestone	1
M. A. Wall, b Lowden	16	E. G. MacKenzie, not out	23
W. Rankin, not out	17	J. E. Hamilton, not out	2
L. Eddlestone, run out	4	R. H. Green and G. A. Chalmers	did not bat.
K. R. Gillies, c Whyte b Chalmers	13	Extras	6
Extras	13		
Total	160	Total (for 7 wks.)	120

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Chalmers	9.5	1	27	1	Dickinson	16	8	30	2
Green	9	1	23	0	Trantor	23	10	37	3
Walker	11	6	19	4	Gillies	4	0	19	0
Lowden	19	5	41	2	Eddlestone	6	2	12	1
Sherington	3	1	6	0	McNaughton	6	3	11	1
MacKenzie	11	2	31	2					

## 2nd XI RESULTS

- v. The Edinburgh Academy. Strathallan 54. The Edinburgh Academy 49. Won.
- v. Perth Academy. Strathallan 77. Perth Academy 42. Won.
- v. Fettes. Fettes 101. Strathallan 78-5. Drawn.
- x. Dundee High School. D.H.S. 44. Strathallan 45-6. Won.
- v. Loretto. Strathallan 118. Loretto 54-9. Drawn.
- v. Merchiston. Merchiston 138-9 (dec.). Strathallan 75-4. Drawn.
- v. Trinity College, Glenalmond. Glenalmond 148-9 (dec.). Strathallan 107-9. Drawn.

## 3rd XI RESULTS

- v. Fettes. Fettes 146 (Wallace 4 for 37); Strathallan 104 (Mackenzie 48 n.o.). Lost.
- v. Morrison's Academy 2nd XI. Morrison's 47 for 6 (Wallace 3 for 15). Match abandoned. Rain.

- v. Loretto. Loretto 167-5 dec.; Strathallan 105. Lost.
- v. Merchiston Castle. Merchiston 197; Strathallan 109 (McIntosh 31). Lost.
- v. Trinity College, Glenalmond. Strathallan 42; Glenalmond 47-5. Lost.

### ‘A’ XI

- v. Daniel Stewart’s. ‘A’ XI 152-4 (dec.); Daniel Stewart’s 64. Won.
- v. St. Salvator’s. ‘A’ XI 64; St. Salvator’s 42. Won.
- v. Dollar Acad. 2nd XI. ‘A’ XI 167 (Mackenzie 66, Hunter 57); Dollar 109 (MacLeod 6 for 29). Won.

### SENIOR COLTS RESULTS — 1971

- v. Edinburgh Academy. Colts: 86; Edinburgh Academy: 87 for 5. Lost.
- v. Fettes. Fettes: 174 for 6 dec.; Colts: 121. Lost.
- v. Morrison’s Academy. Colts: 36 for 2. Rain. Drawn.
- v. Perth Academy. Perth Academy: 26; Colts 31 for 3. Won.
- v. Merchiston. Colts: 52; Merchiston: 46. Won.
- v. Loretto. Colts: 116; Loretto 118 for 3. Lost.
- v. Trinity College, Glenalmond. 139 for 9 dec.; Colts: 69. Lost.  
Played 7; won 2; lost 4; drawn 1.

### JUNIOR COLTS CRICKET — 1971

Team from: E. A. Ferguson (capt.), N. E. Cope (w/k), G. Steele, N. D. Fraser, D. C. Ross, A. J. Hay, M. G. Evans, R. N. MacLeod, R. I. Whitaker, D. S. Lowden, R. K. Shedden, J. I. McIntyre, A. K. McLean, A. D. Baxter.

#### Results:

- v. The Edinburgh Academy. Strathallan 75-9 dec.; Edinburgh Acad. 77-8. Lost
- v. Fettes. Fettes 103-8 dec.; Strathallan 93. Lost.
- v. Dundee High. Strathallan 67-6 dec.; Dundee 70-4. Lost.
- v. Perth Academy. Perth Acad. 65; Strathallan 49-9. Drew.
- v. Merchiston. Merchiston 78; Strathallan 59. Lost.
- v. Loretto. Strathallan 57; Loretto 58-4. Lost.
- v. Trinity College, Glenalmond. Trinity 103; Strathallan 69. Lost.

This has been a disappointing year, as is plainly evident. Time and again, our attack was patently on top with the main opposition batting back in the pavilion, only for pressure to be eased. The team never learned to appreciate that all eleven of the fielding side are involved in “the attack”, nor did they sense when to press home an advantage.

MacLeod was our most promising bowler and one of the best fielders. The batting was seldom more than adequate, but useful innings were played by Ferguson, Ross and Steele, with promise also being shown by Fraser and Cope. Surprisingly perhaps, but it is in the sphere of batting that the better potential lies.

### JUNIOR XI

- 22.5.71—v. Lathallan—(A). Strathallan 118; Lathallan 114. Won by 4 runs.
- 29.5.71—v. Drumtochty Castle—(H). Strathallan 121 for 5 dec.; Drumtochty 83. Won by 38 runs.
- 1.6.71—v. Belmont House—(H). Strathallan 157 for no wkt. dec.; Belmont House 16. Won by 141 runs.
- 12.6.71—v. New Park—(H). Strathallan 96 for 7 dec.; New Park 63. Won by 33 runs.
- 19.6.71—v. Croftinloan—(A). Strathallan 105 for 8 dec.; Croftinloan 46 for 9. Drawn.

26.6.71—**v. Craigflower**—(H). Craigflower 52. Strathallan 55 for no wkt. Won by 10 wkts.

29.6.71—**v. Ardvreck**—(A). Strathallan 109 for 9 dec.; Ardvreck 71. Won by 38 runs.

Runs for:—761 for the loss of 39 wkts.—an average of 19.5 runs per wkt.  
Against:—445 for the loss of 69 wkts.—an average of 6.45 runs per wkt.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
7	6	1	0

#### JUNIOR 2nd XI

26.6.71—**v. Craigflower 2nds**—(A). Strathallan 17; Craigflower 19 for 5 wkts. Lost by 5 wkts.

29.6.71—**v. Ardvreck**—(H). Strathallan 48; Ardvreck 78. Lost by 30 runs.

## ATHLETICS

This season has been a successful one although the results are not as good as last year's with regards to match and medal winning. However, I feel that athletics should be regarded as something other than a mere team event. For example, a rugby score of 30-0 tells us quite a lot about the game but an athletics score of 100-70 says next to nothing about the meeting, especially about the key aspect of the sport—individual competition. Therefore, in reality, athletics isn't just a team sport, but a number of individual contests vaguely linked by their own particular rules, techniques, personalities and climaxes. I think it fair that I should, therefore, report on the season from this point of view.

In our first match against The Edinburgh Academy K. Mackenzie was by far the most successful athlete with a record-breaking throw of 43.34 metres in the middle discus. One of our visitors, R. Jenkins, produced an excellent run in the middle 100 metres, breaking the tape at 11.1 secs. Our next match was against Loretto, and it proved to be much more successful all round. G. Lockhart recorded two very fine performances in the open 100m. and the long jump with a record time of 11.35 secs. and a jump of 20 feet 7½ inches. M. Finlay and P. Scott set up personal bests in the long jump and high jump respectively with 18 ft. 1½ ins. and 5 ft. 5 ins. It was our middle athletes who excelled themselves against Fettes, with D. McNicol breaking the tape well ahead of his fellow-competitors in both the 800m. and 1500m. with two good times. In the field, C. Reekie leaped a fine 18 ft. 7½ ins. to first place in the long jump, and K. Mackenzie threw the discus another record-breaking distance of 157 ft. 1 in.

Against Glenalmond we were outclassed on the track except in the middle 100 metres, in which A. Lawrence clocked 11.5 secs. to set a new School record. In the field we virtually dominated everything, and A. Wighton set a personal best in the middle discus with a throw of 138 ft. 4 ins. and C. Reekie was on top form with a best putt of 41 ft. 4 ins. in the middle shot. The Rannoch match produced good results with G. Lockhart and H. Fraser winning the 100m. and 200m. respectively in times of 11.3 secs. and 24 secs.—both

personal bests. R. McQueen pulled off the double in the senior distance events, and D. McNicol did likewise in the middle 800m. and 1500m.

Unfortunately our Scottish Schoolboys team was not as successful as last year's but there were some good efforts during the day. H. L. Locke excelled himself by reaching the finals of the middle 110 metres hurdles after equalling the record which was a tremendous bit of running considering that it was his first race at that particular event this season! Our junior team member, T. S. Ling, was most unlucky in not getting into his 200 metres final. Having run in the fastest heat and recorded a time that was faster than the qualifiers from the other heats, he fell victim to the championship rules which said that the first two from each heat qualified for the final; nevertheless he gained his badge standard, along with K. Mackenzie in the discus. R. A. Jenkins and D. McNicol jumped and ran well respectively, and both narrowly missed their badge standards.

#### **Results of inter-schools matches:**

- v. The Edinburgh Academy.** Lost.
- v. Loretto.** Won.
- v. Fettes.** Won.
- v. Glenalmond.** Lost.
- v. Rannoch.** Won.

In the Dunblane Baton Championships the School came third out of six schools.

#### **Records set during the season:**

##### **Senior:**

- 100 metres. G. Lockhart. 11.3 secs.
- Discus. D. J. McBride. 137 ft. 8 ins.
- Shot. D. J. McBride. 43 ft. 10 ins.
- Javelin. D. J. McBride. 185 ft. 6 ins.

##### **Middle:**

- 100 metres. P. L. Scott and A. B. Lawrence. 11.5 secs.
- Discus. K. C. Mackenzie. 157 ft. 1 in.

##### **Junior:**

- 200 metres. T. S. Ling. 24.7 secs.

D.J.McB.

## **SPORTS DAY**

This was held on 9th July, and the weather was perfect, as it always seemed to be for this occasion. 15 of last year's records were broken and one equalled. One record of 1968 was broken and one equalled. The massive fall of records started last year with the changeover to the metric system, and will probably continue for a year or two before stabilizing, although one hopes that performances will go on improving, and records will go on toppling. The results are published below and speak for themselves, but a special mention must be made of the Senior 4 by 100 metres relay. This was a very

exciting event with Nicol recording a very good time of 46.6 secs. to break last year's record. This time would have given them a place in the Scottish Schools Championships.

At the end of the sports, Mrs. A. D. D. McCallum kindly presented the medals.

## RESULTS OF THE INTER HOUSE SPORTS

- 100 metres Riley — 1 Fairchild; 2 Voigt, 3 Munro. Time: 14.2 secs.\*
- 100 metres Junior — 1 Ling (R); 2 Whiteford (S); 3 Allan (R). Time 12.0 secs.\*
- 100 metres Middle — 1 Lawrence (S); 2 Wighton (S); 3 Reekie (F). Time: 11.6 secs.\*
- 100 metres Senior — 1 Lockhart (F); 2 Whyte (R); 3 Locke (S). Time: 11.6 secs.†
- 200 metres Junior — 1 Ling (R); 2 Allan (R); 3 McIntosh (L). Time: 24.8 secs.\*
- 200 metres Middle — 1 Lawrence (S); 2 MacKenzie, K. (R); 3 Reekie (F). Time: 24.65 secs.
- 200 metres Senior — 1 Fraser (N); 2 Whyte (R); 3 Locke (S). Time: 23.7 secs.
- 300 metres Riley — 1 Munro; 2 Beverley; 3 Hinshaw. Time 44.5 secs.\*
- 400 metres Junior — 1 Ling (R); 2 Allan (R); 3 McIntosh (L). Time: 57.0 secs.\*
- 400 metres Middle — 1 McNicol (R); 2 Locke (S); 3 Reekie (F). Time: 55.0 secs.
- 400 metres Senior — 1 Waterston (R); 2 Fraser (N); 3 Finlay (S). Time: 53.0 secs.\*
- 800 metres Junior — 1 McDonald (S); 2 Ling (R); 3 Allan (R). Time: 2 min. 15.4 secs.\*
- 800 metres Middle — 1 McNicol (R); 2 Locke (S); 3 Dale (N). Time: 2 mins. 7.1 secs.
- 800 metres Senior — 1 Waterston (R); 2 Morton (F); 3 McQueen. Time: 2 mins. 3.4 secs.\*
- 1500 metres Junior — 1 McDonald (S); 2 Ling (R); 3 Marshall (S). Time: 4 mins. 38.0 secs.\*
- 1500 metres Middle — 1 McNicol (R); 2 Locke (S); 3 Low (R). Time: 4 mins. 26.4 secs.\*
- 1500 metres Senior — 1 Morton (F); 2 McQueen (R); 3 Sherington (S). Time: 4 mins. 23.7 secs.
- High Jump Riley — 1 Voigt; 2 Lydon; 3 Powrie. Height 4' 4".
- High Jump Junior — 1 Ling (R); 2 McIntosh (L); 3 Hay (R). Height 4' 11½".
- High Jump Middle — 1 Sandeman (L); 2 Reekie (F); 3 Locke (S). Height 5' 5".
- High Jump Senior — 1 Jenkins (F); 2 Gordon (S); 3 Nicol (N). Height 5' 6½".
- Long Jump Riley — 1 Cramond; 2 Cameron, P.; 3 Smith, C. Length 13' 1".
- Long Jump Junior — 1 Ling (R); 2 McIntosh (L); 3 Bird (S). Length 17' 1¼".
- Long Jump Middle — 1 Jarron (S); 2 Reekie (F); 3 MacKenzie, K. (R). Length 18' 3".
- Long Jump Senior — 1 Lockhart (F); 2 Jenkins (F); 3 Whyte (R). Length 20' 6¾".
- Discus Junior — 1 Marshall (S); 2 Magee, K. (S); 3 Ferguson, F. (F). Length 98' 6".
- Discus Middle — 1 MacKenzie, K. (R); 2 Wighton (S); 3 Low. Length 136' 6".
- Discus Senior — 1 McBride (N); 2 Gall (N); 3 Howie (S). Length 139' 6".



Javelin Junior — 1 MacKenzie, G. (R); 2 Magee (S); 3 Marshall (S). Length 138' 0".†

Javelin Middle — 1 MacKenzie, K. (R); 2 Low (R); 3 Powrie (S). Length 143' 9".

Javelin Senior — 1 McBride (N); 2 Aitkenhead (F); 3 Smith, J. (R). Length 187' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".\*

Shot Junior — 1 MacKenzie, G. (R); 2 Marshall (S); 3 Ferguson (F). Length 38' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".\*

Shot Middle — 1 Low (R); 2 Reekie (F); 3 MacKenzie (R). Length 40' 7".

Shot Senior — 1 McBride (N); 2 Gall (N); 3 Lockhart (F). Length 43' 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Relays: 4 × 100m. Riley — 1 Big Dorm; 2 Drumfinn; 3 Glencoe. Time 58.6 secs.\*

4 × 100m. Junior — 1 Ruthven; 2 Simpson; 3 Leburn. Time 50.9 secs.\*

4 × 100m. Middle — 1 Simpson; 2 Ruthven; 3 Freeland. Time 48.2 secs.

4 × 100m. Senior — 1 Nicol; 2 Simpson; 3 Freeland. Time 46.6 secs.\*

\* indicates new record; † indicates equals record.

Standards: Freeland 86; Leburn 76; Nicol 138; Ruthven 135; Simpson 137.

**Over-all winners:** Ruthven.

#### **Victores Ludorum**

Junior: T. S. Ling (Ruthven).

Middle: K. C. MacKenzie (Ruthven).

Senior: D. J. McBride (Nicol).

## **BADMINTON**

After a period of non-existence, the club finally was reorganised and opened again at the beginning of the Autumn Term. By the end of the year there were about fifty-eight members, and throughout the year total membership did go as high as seventy. The main disadvantage has been the lack of time available to play badminton due to the gymnasium's high use by other sporting activities, by the operetta and by examinations. At present, therefore, we have been able to play at the weekends only, but this situation is likely to improve once the new sports hall opens.

At the beginning of the Summer Term an open knock-out competition was organised, there being thirty-six entries for this. The brothers Locke were the finalists, J. W. beating H. L.

A.C.G.M.

## **BOXING**

The standard of boxing this year was again very high due to the weekly sessions during which Mr. Henderson passed on his knowledge and skills to the junior boys.

Throughout the qualifying rounds of the inter-house competition, C. Carmichael proved to be the most stylish boxer, but A. D. G. Mackenzie and Powrie proved that determination and strength have their qualities. This was shown, for example, in Powrie's two fine victories over Nicol and McLean, K. In the finals the bantam-weight final bout proved full of excitement with Aitkenhead of

Freeland narrowly outpointing Robertson of Leburn. Carmichael, Paterson-Brown, Powrie and Mackenzie, A. D. G. all had fine wins in the finals, all showing superior strength, greater skill and greater determination than their opponents.

Thanks are due to the Headmaster, Mr. Wormald and Mr. Newbury for judging in the finals, and to Mr. Henderson for refereeing.

#### Results:

Bantam: Aitkenhead (Freeland).  
Feather: Shedden (Freeland).  
Light: Macdonald (Simpson).  
Light Welter: Cope (Leburn).  
Welter: Carmichael (Nicol).  
Light Middle: Paterson-Brown (Ruthven).  
Middle: Powrie (Simpson).  
Light Heavy: McKelvie (Leburn).  
Heavy 'A': Ling (Ruthven).  
Heavy 'B': Mackenzie, A. D. G. (Ruthven).  
House winners: Leburn.

J.M.S.

## FENCING

The Fencing Club has had a good season by any standards, culminating in the winning of the Scottish Schools Junior Sabre Championship by Ferguson, E., and a team placing in Scotland of fifteenth place, despite the fact that only two of the normal four-man team were able to attend.

The considerable enthusiasm shown at the home matches has not been equalled by any such enthusiasm in the sport itself by the seniors; this noticeable lack of senior interest, however, has been offset by the spirit and considerable numbers of the middle and junior members. Despite this handicap of little competition, the Fencing Club's senior team of Wright, I. (Capt.), Duff, A., and Ferguson won two out of the three matches. The combined middle and junior team of Wright, G., Gordon, King, Schneeberger and Kerr won all their matches.

An innovation has been the introduction of a Presentation Foil which has proved highly successful in that it has encouraged more people to fence at least once a week in the Summer Term. It was won by I. Wright, Captain of Fencing, in his last term — very appropriately.

There is, we think, great promise for the future. We have to thank Mr. Henderson and Professor Hans Mater, assistant to the national coach, for their unfailing help throughout the year.

A.M.D.

## GOLF REPORT

Although the membership continues to be high, there has been a disappointing lack of support for the Summer Term competitions. The coaching too has not been enthusiastically supported, and this raises the question of whether the golf club, together with the Golf Foundation, could subsidise the small number of boys who are willing to take the opportunity of free tuition. It is to be hoped that the apathy which prevailed this year will be replaced by genuine keenness to participate from a much larger number of people next season.

The Cairnies proved to be a tough test of golf on the day when the annual Perth Inter-Schools competition was played, and our four-man team of D. A. S. Whyte, J. H. R. Parker, S. D. Lowden and R. B. Shanks was unable to produce consistent golf in the windy conditions, and finished fifth. The winners were Perth High School. The weather we encountered at Elie in October when tackling the Old Boys was worse than at Glenalmond, and the participants were certainly glad when the ordeal was over. The result, which became of less and less importance, was in favour of the Old Boys — I think! The Old Boys, under the organisation of Graham Johnston, were again very generous in their hospitality.

The Summer Term fixtures (the results of which are shown at the end) were very enjoyable and quite successful. We have yet to break our duck against Glenalmond, and this was one of the years when we did not really get very close. The Masters were beaten decisively, although the margin was perhaps rather misleading since there were several last green dramas! The House competition was shared by Ruthven and Freeland, and the club champion, for the second year, was D. A. S. Whyte.

One significant innovation this year has been the introduction of the golf option into the summer games scheme, and this does give the keen golfer, who is free to do so, an excellent opportunity for improving his game.

Finally, a word of thanks to the golf maintenance squad who, so willingly, looked after the upkeep of the course. Their contribution, together with the heavy rolling done by Mr. Campbell, helped to make the greens the best they have ever been.

### Results:

- v. Gordonstoun — Won 5-1 (Lossiemouth).
- v. Old Boys — Lost  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  (Mudflats).
- v. Edinburgh Academy — Halved 3-3 (Barnton).
- v. Masters — Won  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  (Rosemount).
- v. Glenalmond — Lost 2-6 (Cairnies).

## SAILING

In both Autumn and Spring Terms, Mr. Glimm supervised the upkeep of the boats, and his appearance on the scene was a welcome one as the condition of the boats was generally poor. The

painting undertaken should, we hope, sustain the fleet together and afloat, and from now on we hope to replace the boats one by one as they become unserviceable.

The sailing on the Tay was generally successful, if one makes allowances for the few mishaps such as a mast toppling overboard, a few unforeseen collisions, and boats being brought back in need of some immediate and necessary extra maintenance. Nevertheless the standard of sailing is better, with some of our new members showing great promise, and a couple having progressed to single-handed cruising.

There were only two sailing matches. The first was against Loretto on their home ground (or, rather, water), and we managed to win this despite high winds and rough waters. In the first race Strathallan took 1st, 2nd and 6th places, and Loretto, 3rd, 4th and 5th. In the second race, we took 1st and 3rd places — one of our crews not finishing, and Loretto took 2nd place — two of their crews not finishing. For an extremely good performance in this match, D. S. Gifford was awarded his sailing colours.

The second match was against Glenalmond, and this match was sailed in home waters on the Tay. This we just lost 22 points to 19½.

The team, unusually young and full of promise, consisted of: Helms: 1 J. A. L. Porter; 2 R. C. Stark; 3 D. S. Gifford.

Crews: 1 G. S. Masson; 2 I. Wright; 3 R. A. Rodger or D. J. Butchart.

The crew of Porter and Gifford represented the School in the Loch Earn Schools' Championships and came third.

J.A.L.P.

## SHOOTING

As most of our competitive shooting is by post, we were considerably affected by the postal strike. However, results eventually came and in the PSSRA league, the A team came 3rd and the B team 2nd in their respective groups (5 teams in each). The house shooting competition was won by Nicol House (as last year).

Shooting colours were awarded to —

Grant, C. S.; Nicol, P. J.; Locke, J. W.; Williamson, B. S.

D.R.B.

## SKI CLUB REPORT 1971

Recently standards of ski-ing within the school have risen considerably with several skiers eligible to compete in national races at both senior and junior levels. In view of the intense competition and crowded race calendar, it was decided to end the series of annual races against Gordonstoun, Rannoch and Loretto (unless these could be run concurrently with events of national standing). The school still entered the main inter-school races in Edinburgh and Glenshee however.

In preparation for the National Schools Race in Edinburgh the whole racing squad was entered for the Dendix trophy in Edinburgh on October 17th. Unfortunately due to pressures of work we were unable to leave school until lunchtime which meant that the race had started by the time we reached the slope. This necessitated very rushed preparation for the race which was reflected in the results, Mr. Clayton having the fastest time of a school member. Despite this it proved useful practice for the National Schools race later that term.

Three members of the team, namely C. J. Robertson, D. R. D. Low and G. Brown left for Firrhill School on Friday, December 11th, with the fourth member, D. J. Butchart, following later after a rugby match on the Saturday. The usual excellent programme of training and sporting activities was laid on and a most enjoyable, certainly more peaceful, time than in previous years was had by all. The race, held on the Monday morning, was as efficiently run as ever while for the second year running the School came second behind Edinburgh Academy. Although all members of the team skied well, particular credit must go to Brown, who made two excellent runs to finish 16th overall in the individual classification in this only his second race.

The British Junior Championships (Alpine) were held in Brandt this year, the school being represented by D. J. Butchart and A. D. Butchart. Thanks to their efforts in gaining 9th and 29th places respectively in the Combined Result, the School, for the second time, finished fourth in the Baidlands Cup. With nearly all other members of the racing squad training in Andermatt, the prospects of good race results during the season appeared to be good.

Due to the unfortunately mild weather these hopes were not realised and despite our having 114 members, the bus going to Glenshee was rarely full. It is hoped that this will not discourage future members from joining the club next year.

The aforementioned weather had a crippling effect on the race calendar so that although both Robertson and Low were accepted for the East of Scotland Championships, it was cancelled, leaving them still with none of the precious seed points so essential for entry into National races.

The inter-house race was for most the first race of the season being run in extremely marginal conditions on the Cairnwell overlooking the bus park. Faced with an almost impossible track (only 18 inches wide at one point) Mr. Clayton set the best course that he could. However, lack of practice and the difficulty of the course were indicated clearly in the results. From 30 starters, only 10 managed to record times for both runs, the lowest number for many years. Ruthven once again demonstrated their superiority having no less than 6 of the 10 finishers, D. J. Butchart eventually emerging the winner. No other house had enough finishers to produce a team time. Many people thought they should have followed the example of Freeland who declined to start after looking at the course.



In despair of there ever being any more snow, it was eventually decided to start running races on the cornice of Glas Maol. The first race to be run on the cornice was the Tennent Trophy, the Scottish Ski Club's annual "fun" race. Fortunately as it was the Scottish Schools race the following week, all members of the School team managed to get at least one run down the course. D. R. D. Low and A. D. Butchart vorlaufed, C. J. Robertson was a last minute substitute for the Glasgow team (who were soundly beaten by Edinburgh) whilst D. J. Butchart skied for the victorious Perth team under the captaincy of Old Strathallian David Banks.



*C. J. Robertson receives the Greenland Challenge Shield from Mrs. Barbara Webb, President of the White Hare Ski Club.*

The following Saturday the East of Scotland Junior Championships were held on the cornice with both Butcharts and the younger Low representing the school. D. J. Butchart skied smoothly in the icy conditions to win by 0.4 seconds — quite a large margin when the length of the course is taken into consideration. The next day the Scottish Schools race was held, also on the cornice, being sponsored as in previous years by B.P. Because of the remoteness of the location their presence on the slope was not nearly as forceful as in previous years, but their generosity was once again clearly in evidence at the prize giving. The previous days' icy conditions remained and this coupled with a course that went over the edge of the cornice meant that crash helmets were the "in" thing to wear. Regrettably our previous year's performance was not repeated. Robertson having demolished many of the first few gates eventually

ran out at the fifth gate. This meant, of course, that the other three members of the team had to ski to finish as opposed to ski-ing to win, a fact reflected in our relatively disappointing place of 5th.

The next week Robertson and Low went to Glencoe to ski in the West of Scotland (Senior) Championships and despite neither of them really excelling themselves, both obtained creditable placings, Low had the great satisfaction of beating Robertson and both gained valuable seed points.

Fortunately the disasters of previous weeks were not repeated in the Perthshire Schools race where the full talents of the teams finally emerged. The School in fact swept the board winning all three team prizes and all three individual prizes. It was especially pleasing to see the return of a Riley boy (namely I. G. Ogilvie) to a School ski-ing team; in this era of high standards it provides a healthy prospect for the future.

During the Easter holidays members of the School entered (individually) the Hird Trophy and the Scottish Senior and Scottish Junior Championships. In the Hird, Robertson skied very well to gain 5th place while Low came 10th. In the Scottish Junior Championships D. J. Butchart skied well to gain 11th place. The younger Low and younger Butchart also did well to gain 21st and 24th places respectively.

Although both Robertson and Low were accepted for the Scottish Senior Championships, only Low was able to represent the School Robertson having been injudicious enough to pick a fight with a Glasgow Corporation bus. Low was not able to do himself justice over courses almost as impossible as the conditions, recording only one time and thus not appearing in the results.

In general the season was very disappointing. Conditions were quite the most diabolical we have ever known and as a consequence, results which had promised to be so good were reduced to the moderate, some consolation coming through individual successes.

Robertson has done a good job of captaining the club in the most trying of circumstances. It is to be hoped that his successor will have an easier task.

## **ANDERMATT 1970-71**

This year saw the first of what is hoped to be an annual trip to Andermatt in Central Switzerland. The party gathered in Victoria Station in London on December 28th and from thence by an assortment of trains and a boat till we reached Hospental at about mid-day the next day. As our abonnements were not valid until the next day, the rest of the day was spent in settling down in the hotel and looking round the village.

Having been split into two groups we ventured forth onto the slopes the next day but due to a combination of cloud and snow the ski-ing for the first two days was confined to the tow on Gurschenalp, the main runs from the top of the Gemstock all being

closed due to avalanche danger. However after the cloud had disappeared on the evening of the second day, the weather was absolutely magnificent, with not a cloud to be seen for the rest of the holiday.

Meanwhile the first group had been receiving race training in the morning with the second group being given instruction in the afternoon. Unfortunately, for the first few days the trainer adjusted the pace of the first group to that of the slower members. Whilst this was very good from their point of view, it was inclined to make the better skiers more than a little impatient at times.

This problem however disappeared when we were allocated a new instructor, Sepp. Although we had to share him with the R.A.F. "B" team this disadvantage was far outweighed by the excellent training we received at his hands.

Meanwhile contact had been made and good relations established with the White Hare Ski Club who are stationed in Andermatt. One result of this was that the school challenged the junior trainees in the club, the race to be held in conjunction with the Greenland Challenge Shield on the 4th of January. Although the school as a whole was soundly beaten we managed to salvage some pride with Robertson being first home to take the Challenge Shield itself and with the team registering a win over the R.A.F. "B" team.

Although this was the only proper race that was held during our stay in Andermatt, the lack of actual competition was more than made up for by the excellent training courses which were set by various friends of Sepp, including members of the Swiss National Ski Team no less!

For the less ambitious, mornings ski-ing in the warm sunshine at Natschen were followed by some hair-raising afternoon descents in the wake of the incredible Sepp.

It was with great regret that we finally packed our bags and said goodbye to Andermatt and Hospental. The only real criticism of the whole holiday was the distance of Hospental from Andermatt and the scarcity of public transport between the two.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles is quite a way to walk when the temperature is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This problem it is hoped to solve by finding accommodation in Andermatt this coming year.

It is significant of the general level of enjoyment that a very high proportion of the party are seeking to come again next time round.

Fussnote from the Fuehrer: The "Schlüssel" is the key to the whole "Bergidyll". Next year the "Sonne" again?

## SQUASH REPORT

This year was, as we expected, the best season the School has had since the game started at Strathallan. The team suffered defeat only by one school and can lay claim to being the second best school team in Scotland this year. Apart from that there were other

very notable individual achievements, the best being J. H. R. Parker's and I. R. McLean's reaching the quarter-final of the Scottish Schools' Championship, which is all the more impressive when one notes that not one member of a Scottish school was in the semi-finals. Also C. G. Scroggie, this year's captain and a much improved player, reached the semi-final of the Edinburgh Schools' Championship, where he lost to the eventual winner.

With all the five regular members of this year's team leaving, the prospects for next year are not particularly bright. However with an eye to the future the team in two years time should be a strong one.

## RESULTS:

### Senior Team — Played 13 Won 11 Lost 2

- v. Fettes — Lost 0-5 — Home.
- v. Crieff Hydro — Won 3-2 — Home.
- v. Masters — Won 3-2 — Home.
- v. Merchiston — Won 8-0 — Home.
- v. Glenalmond — Won 5-0 — Home.
- v. Edinburgh Academy — Won 4-1 — Away.
- v. George Watson's — Won 5-0 — Home.
- v. Glenalmond — Won 4-1 — Away.
- v. Fettes — Lost 1-4 — Away.
- v. Scone Palace — Won 5-0 — Home.
- v. Edinburgh Academy — Won 4-1 — Home.
- v. Gordonstoun — Won 5-0 — Away.
- v. Old Boys — Won 4-2 — Home.

### Junior Team — Played 7 Won 4 Lost 3.

- v. Firrhill — Lost 1-9 — Home.
- v. Edinburgh Academy — Won 3-2 — Away.
- v. Fettes — Won 3-2 — Away.
- v. Firrhill — Won 8-3 — Away.
- v. Edinburgh Academy — Lost 1-4 — Home.
- v. Firrhill — Won 8-1 — Home.
- v. Brechin H.S. — Lost 0-5 — Away.

The following played for the Senior Team: C. G. Scroggie, J. H. R. Parker, I. R. McLean, I. Wright, C. D. Steele, L. H. A. Carmichael, G. P. McHarg, G. I. Brown, A. G. Marshall, A. C. G. Moodie.

**Senior Champion** — J. H. R. Parker.

**Junior Champion** — A. G. Marshall.

**Winners of the Senior House Competition** — Nicol

**Winners of the Junior House Competition** — Freeland.

## SWIMMING

The swimming team — all of ten people — had another very successful year and it could claim to be the most successful team in the School. It won all its matches, and this is due to the enthusiasm and hard work generated by Mr. J. G. M. McKinlay. We

must also thank Mr. Hogg, the Scottish National Coach, for his invaluable knowledge and time spent upon us in preparation for the Bath Cup.

The highlight of the swimming team's year was the Bath Cup, which was held in London. The School was represented by J. P. Renwick, I. W. Sneddon, N. M. Debarre, M. J. Reid (capt.) and R. G. Dale as reserve. This year we qualified for the final with the fastest qualifying time, but in the final we were disqualified for making a faulty turn, even though we did finish first in a slightly faster time than our qualifying time heat.

This year we saw a great improvement in the quality of swimming. In the freestyle event the record was quickly reduced by Renwick in the course of the Summer Term to 54.7 secs. Two other swimmers were in the 56 sec. bracket. This kind of quality has been the result of a hard year's training following on last year's experience and training.

Swimming colours were awarded to N. M. Delbarre and R. G. Dale and re-awarded to J. P. Renwick and I. W. Sneddon.

## BATH CUP

The team — above-mentioned — travelled down the morning before the event and competed in a private six-cornered match at Whitgift School that evening. Many of the other competitors had been finalists in the Bath Cup the year before. It was encouraging, therefore, that our five-man team far from disgraced itself. Reid was first in the 50 metres freestyle race, and Renwick came third in the 100 metre freestyle. We won the freestyle relay. Over-all we were placed fifth.

Next day the team travelled to the Seymour Street Baths, where we qualified in the second heat of the day, beating last year's winners while we were at it. At the end of the heats, no other team had come within three seconds of our time.

In the final our luck did not hold. Although we were first to touch home, one of the two judges ruled that a faulty turn somewhere in the race meant that we were disqualified, despite our gaining no advantage whatever from the faulty turn. Such a disappointment after months of hard training meant that we had very little heart for the medley relay event. Swimming in a late heat, and without much determination (not surprisingly) we came ninth over-all — only two places and point five of a second off the final. Our time for the 4 by 88 yards freestyle was 3 min. 15.3 secs. Our time for the medley was 3 mins. 51 secs.

M.J.R.

## MATCH RESULTS:

- v. Trinity College, Glenalmond. Strathallan 65 pts.; T.C.G. 33 pts. Won.
- v. Perth Academy. Strathallan 70 pts.; Perth Academy 58 pts. Won.
- v. Loretto. Strathallan 74 pts.; Loretto 56 pts. Won.
- v. Loretto. Strathallan 103 pts.; Loretto 60 pts. Won.
- v. Robert Gordon's College. Strathallan 77½ pts.; R.G.C. 66½ pts. Won.



## INDIVIDUAL RESULTS v. PERTH ACADEMY

### Senior:

- 100 yds. Freestyle — 1 Renwick; 2 Reid. School time 58.2 secs.  
100 yds. Backstroke — 2 Delbarre; 3 Renwick. School time 67.5 secs (record).  
100 yds. Breaststroke — 1 Reid; 2 Dale. School time 75.9 secs.  
50 yds. Butterfly — 3 Gordon; 4 Delbarre.  
4 × 50 yds. Freestyle Relay — 1 Strathallan. Time 109.2 secs.  
4 × 50 yds. Medley Relay — 1 Strathallan. Time 120.5 secs.

### Junior:

- 50 yds. Freestyle — 1 Sneddon; 2 Robertson.  
50 yds. Backstroke — 2 Sneddon; 3 Powrie.  
50 yds. Breaststroke — 2 MacLeod; 3 Robertson.  
25 yds. Butterfly — 2 Gordon; 4 MacLeod.  
4 × 50 yds. Freestyle Relay — 1 Strathallan. 111.5 secs.  
4 × 25 yds. Medley Relay — 1 Strathallan. 59.5 secs.

## INDIVIDUAL RESULTS AGAINST ROBERT GORDON'S COLLEGE

### Senior:

- 100 yds. Freestyle — 1 Renwick; 2 Reid. Time 54.7 (Record).  
100 yds. Breaststroke — 1 Reid; 2 Dale.  
100 yds. Backstroke — 2 Delbarre; 4 Renwick.  
50 yds. Butterfly — 2 Sneddon; 3 Delbarre. Time 70.6 secs (Record).  
4 × 50 yds. Medley Relay — 1 Strathallan. Time 2 mins. 0.5 secs.  
4 × 50 yds. Freestyle Relay — 1 Strathallan. Time 1 min. 45.4 secs.

### Junior:

- 50 yds. Freestyle — 2 Gordon; 3 Smith.  
50 yds. Breaststroke — 2 MacLeod; 3 Robertson.  
50 yds. Backstroke — 1 Powrie; 3 Robertson.  
25 yds. Butterfly — 3 MacLeod; 4 Gordon.  
4 × 50 yds. Freestyle Relay — 1 Strathallan. Time 1.52 secs. (Record).  
4 × 50 yds. Medley Relay — 2 Strathallan.

## THE RESULTS OF THE INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

### Freestyle:

- 100 yds. Senior — 1 Renwick (R); 2 Reid (N); 3 Jenkins (F). Time 57.5 secs.  
100 yds. Middle — 1 Sneddon (N); 2 Delbarre (N) and Robertson (R). Time 59.4 secs.  
50 yds. Junior — 1 Robertson (R); 2 MacKay (N); 3 Menzies (L). Time 30.0 secs.

### Backstroke:

- 100 yds. Senior — 1 Reid (N); 2 Renwick (R); 3 Chrystal (F). Time 78.9 secs.  
100 yds. Middle — 1 Delbarre (N); 2 Sneddon (N); 3 Powrie (S). Time 73.0 secs.  
50 yds. Junior — 1 Robertson (R); 2 MacDonald (S); 3 Robertson (L). Time 37.3 secs.

### Breaststroke:

- 100 yds. Senior — 1 Reid (N); 2 Jenkins (F); 3 Green (N). Time 79.5 secs.  
100 yds. Middle — 1 Dale (N); 2 MacLeod (R); 3 Robertson (R). Time 77.5 secs.  
50 yds. Junior — 1 Ferguson (F); 2 Robertson (R); 3 Pearson (S). Time 39.8 secs.

**Butterfly:**

50 yds. Senior — 1 Reid (N); 2 Renwick (R); 3 Gordon (S). Time 32.1 secs.

50 yds. Middle — 1 Delbarre (N); 2 Sneddon (N); 3 Gordon (S). Time 33.0 secs.

25 yds. Junior — 1 Heard (N); 2 Robertson (R); 3 Bennet (S). Time 17.3 secs.

**Medley Relay:**

4 × 50 yds. Senior — 1 Nicol; 2 Freeland; 3 Simpson. Time 2 min. 15.8 secs.

4 × 50 yds. Middle — 1 Nicol; 2 Simpson; 3 Ruthven. Time 2 mins. 11.7 secs.

4 × 25 yds. Junior — 1 Simpson; 2 Leburn; 3 Ruthven. Time 1 min. 8 secs.

**Freestyle Relay:**

4 × 50 yds. Senior — 1 Nicol; 2 Simpson; 3 Freeland. Time 1 min. 57.0 secs.

4 × 50 yds. Middle — 1 Nicol; 2 Ruthven; 3 Simpson. Time 1 min. 56.5 secs.

4 × 25 yds. Junior — 1 Leburn; 2 Ruthven; 3 Simpson. Time 57.9 secs.

**Freestyle Relay Open:**

6 × 50 yds. — 1 Nicol; 2 Ruthven; 3 Simpson.

**RESULT:**

- 1 Nicol 111 pts.
- 2 Ruthven 67 pts.
- 3 Simpson 59 pts.
- 4 Freeland 36 pts.
- 5 Leburn 25 pts.

**Senior Victor Ludorum**

M. J. Reid (Nicol).

**Middle Victor Ludorum**

N. M. Delbarre (Nicol).

**Junior Victor Ludorum**

C. B. Robertson (Ruthven).

# **STRATHALLIAN CLUB**

**1971**

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A. Graham Johnston

## **SECRETARY (ANGLING SECTION)**

Hugh Stewart



*The President of the Strathallian Club.*

## The President 1970-71

Iain Headrick was at Strathallan School from 1939-42, and became a House Prefect of Nicol.

He spent one year at Glasgow University before joining the Navy. He served as a seaman on H.M.S. "Renown" and after gaining his commission he served on MTBs and MGBs based on Yarmouth. Subsequently he was engaged on anti-submarine activities in West African waters. He kept up an association with the R.N.V.R. by becoming secretary of the R.N.V.R. Club in Scotland for a period of 6 years from 1959.

On demobilisation he returned to University and resumed studies, graduating B.L. He joined his father in the family law business in 1949, and was later joined by his brother Alastair.

He participates in a wide range of sports, including rough shooting, fishing, winter and water ski-ing, sailing and golf, and is able to enjoy most of these activities in Carradale, where he has a holiday cottage.

Iain and Doreen have three children — two boys and a girl. The older boy, Neil, is at present at Strathallan, and the younger boy, Donald, after completing his studies at Belmont House, hopes to join his brother.

Iain has maintained a strong interest in the Strathallian Club, and has made a great contribution to it by being an excellent Secretary and Treasurer from 1957 to 1969. He devoted a tremendous amount of time to this job, and carried it out with great efficiency. The Club is grateful indeed for the service he rendered during this period.

Everything that Iain undertakes is carried out with thoroughness and good humour, and we are fortunate to have him as our President.

## AGM and Annual Dinner

The 37th Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 28th November, 1970, at 6 p.m. The President, Ronald M. D. Grant, was in the Chair, and the meeting was attended by 34 members.

The Meeting was carried through quickly during which forty-five new Life Members and one new Ordinary Member were elected.

The Council's Report and Annual Accounts were approved and it was reported that the Deed of Covenant approved during 1970 had been signed by the representatives of the Club and the War Memorial Trustees.

The Club welcomed two new honorary office-bearers. Mr. McCallum became Hon. President ex-officio and Mr. Hoare was elected an Hon. Vice-President.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Station Hotel and attended by 129 Strathallians and guests. Sir Gilmour Menzies Anderson, Chairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland, in proposing the



toast to the Club and School, spoke of the importance of Public Schools and the virtues of independent participation. "A school" he said, "would be poorer without an Old Boys Club to continue the history and existence of the School and to encourage the young".

The angling and golfing trophies were presented by the President who gave an interesting resumé of his year of office.

This was the first dinner at which Mr. McCallum had spoken as Headmaster, and his reply on behalf of the School was loudly applauded and enjoyed.

It was with deep regret that the Club were informed of the death of Alec Boag who, during 44 years at Strathallan, had shown great loyalty to the School and earned the sincere respect of all Strathallians.

E. Watson Linton, the new Vice-President, proposed the health of the guests to which Mr. Harry McNab replied.

## **Dinner Dance**

The Annual Dinner Dance was held on Friday, 22nd January, in the Central Hotel, Glasgow, and was again extremely well run by Dr. John Maguire to whom the Club extends very warm thanks for his efforts during his two years as Dance Convener.

It is difficult to imagine the Dinner Dance not being a success, and, of course, this year was as thoroughly enjoyable as previous years. It is hoped that members will continue to support this function.

## **London Branch**

This year's Dinner was held on Friday, 19th March, on the eve of the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham. The attendance was greatly improved this year, and the President, the Headmaster and Mr. R. A. L. Burnet made the trip from Scotland for the occasion which was highly successful.

The Treasurer of the Branch, Kenneth R. Hunter, has retired from office. Kenneth Hunter has served the London Branch in this capacity for a number of years, and the Council wish to extend to him their thanks for his continued interest and efforts during his term of office. His successor is Jimmy W. Linn who is working with I.C.F.C. Ltd. as Controller in the Investment Department. He is an extremely enthusiastic Strathallian, and his enthusiasm will no doubt spread to other younger Strathallians in the London area.

The Secretary of the Branch is always very keen to hear from Strathallians. The London Branch can only be kept operative by active participation of local members who are requested to contact him whenever possible.

SECRETARY: D. M. Anderson, 194/200 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2. 01 283.6767.  
TREASURER: J. W. Linn, 16A Cresswell Gardens, London, S.W.5.

## Angling Club

Once again this season has been noted for a general lack of fish but all who participated appeared to enjoy the good companionship and spirit of competition. The season opened at Loch Awe on a cold, blustery day. Robbie Bowie did well to net 3 of the 5 fish caught.

I was delighted to see a good turn out for our match against the Phoenix Club and was delighted when, for the first time for some years, we were treated to our dinner. This was in large measure due to the efforts of new member, Sandy MacIntosh, who landed 2 fish of 3 lbs. 10 ozs.

The evening outing to Loch Leven in May was very disappointing with a poor catch of 5 fish, but the meeting at Lake of Menteith in June produced 18 fish of 14 lbs.

The first match against the School at the pond was abandoned due to weather conditions and the unhealthy state of the fish. It is hoped that the problems will be overcome and the pond restocked in the near future. At Loch Leven against the School, the Club suffered a major defeat — 6 fish of 6 lbs. 2 ozs. to 5 fish of 3 lbs. 15 ozs. The outing, however, was much enjoyed and it was great to see the enthusiasm of the boys for the sport. The quality of the fish caught appeared much improved on previous years, but I wonder if this will be maintained this year.

Light wind and bright sun prevented Lindores from being as successful as expected — 1 fish from 8 rods. Given different conditions, the outcome might have been better.

Loch Tay in February was poorly attended with no fish, but a member on the previous week-end landed a salmon of 17 lbs. from the Chinese pool.

David Biggart represented the Club at the National and David and I were your elected at the Glasgow and District Angling Clubs Association competition, David won the individual Tankard and the Club won, for the first and I hope not the last time, the Trophy.

### COMPETITION WINNERS 1970-71

**Grosset Trophy:** Sandy MacIntosh

**Fingland Trophy:** Hugh Stewart

**Archie Glen Trophy:** Robbie Bowie

**Club Champion:** Sandy MacIntosh — whom we wish every success in the National Competition at Loch Leven.

Robbie Bowie's party in December was a highlight of the season and was very much appreciated by all those who were present. Thank you Robbie and Audrey for a splendid evening.

Finally I must thank Alistair Fingland for the time and energy he has devoted to making our outings so successful, and also thank Hugh Stewart for offering to take over the arduous duties of Secretary for the new season.

## Golf Club

The Golf Club have had yet another successful year. The membership has now risen to 80, although only approximately half that number have actually paid their subscriptions!

The Club scored a particular success in September 1970 in the Queen Elizabeth Schools Trophy at Barnton by reaching the semi-finals, having beaten Boroughmuir, Watsonians and Glasgow H.S.F.P. Both Watsonians and High School were former winners of the tournament. In the semi-finals the Club lost to Kelvinside Acads. This was a first class performance by our Club side — the best so far!

### TEAM:

G. S. Lowden, I. Q. Jones, A. G. Johnston, J. T. Moffat, I. McEwen, R. I. Williamson.

Results of other meetings during the year were as follows:

### Elie Week-end — October, 1970.

Reid Salver won by N. G. Reid (donor). Score 85-16=69.

Captain's Prize won by A. McTaggart. Score 93-24=69.

Match v. School won by the Club.

13 members competed for the Reid Salver and

23 members competed for the Captain's Prize.

### Dinner Outing — Gleneagles, November 1970.

Secretary's Prize won by J. C. Dawson. Score 77-4=73.

12 members competed.

### Spring Outing — Turnberry, April 1971.

Johnston Trophy won by E. W. Linton. Score 87-16=71.

Only 6 members attended and this outing will be discontinued owing to annual poor turnout of members!

### Match v. School — Mudflats, May 1971.

Won by the Club by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  matches to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . The Club wish to express their thanks to the School for their excellent hospitality.

### Summer Meeting — Gleneagles, June 1971.

Bogie Trophy won by R. I. Williamson 73-4=69. A special prize was awarded to S. Lowden who is still at School for his score of 80-13=67.

There are still several outings to come before the Dinner in November. They are:

25/26 September — Queen Elizabeth Trophy at Barnton.

2/3 October — Elie Week-end for players and wives.

23rd October — Match v. Glenalmond.

28th November — Dinner Outing at Gleneagles.

The Club wishes to thank Ian McEwen, this year's Captain and Graham Johnston for their endless enthusiasm throughout the year.

## **The Hon. Sir George Baker**

In the December 1961 issue of the Magazine, the Council of the Club recorded that a Knighthood had been conferred upon George Gillespie Baker, O.B.E., following his appointment in the same year as a Judge of the High Court of Justice.

It is with great pleasure that the Council now record Sir George's appointment as President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court. This is one of the three divisions of the High Court and it is due to become the Family Division in the re-organisation at the end of this year. As a permanent judicial appointment the President takes precedence after the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolls (President of the Court of Appeal). Sir George also becomes a Privy Councillor. The congratulations and best wishes of the Council and members of the Club are extended to him as a prominent Strathallian.

## **News of Old Strathallians**

Barnett, P. (1963-67) has been appointed scientific books editor of a London publishing house. He is to be a Council Candidate for Cavendish Ward in the City of Westminster and is also taking an active interest in the theatre.

Booth, A. J. (1961-64) has recently graduated B.V.M.S., M.R.C.V.S., from Glasgow University.

Borland, B. M. S. (1960-65) graduated B.Vet.Med.M.R.C.V.S. in London in 1970. He is now in general practice in Alton, Hants. He was married in July, 1970.

Caldwell, G. (1957-60) has been appointed resident partner of Price, Waterhouse & Co., Lagos, Nigeria.

Campbell, A. D. K. (1955-59) is now Flight Lieutenant in the R.A.F. and has commenced a conversion course onto Phantom FGR Mk2 at R.A.F. Coningsby which will last until January 1972.

Chalmers, A. G. (1964-69) is now in the 3rd year of a B.A. course in Business Administration at Strathclyde University.

Clark, N. F. (1954-58) emigrated to Australia in October 1969 where he joined I.C.I. as a Farm Management Advisor.

Cumming, A. (1960-65) is with B.P. in Aden.

Dawson, E. S. (1949-55) was appointed a partner with Babbie Shaw & Morton, Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers on 1st January, 1971.

Dinnen, G. S. (1964-69) is now on the foreign staff of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Dodd, G. (1963-65) is with Carreras in London.

- Dodd, Lt. Col. T. J. (1935-39) has received the fourth award of the Army Commemoration Medal. He was cited for work as chief of the Manoeuvres Division, Operations and Training Office. A veteran of more than 27 years service he has seen duty in Europe, Korea and Vietnam. His decorations include three Bronze Stars and two Purple Heart medals. His present address is: 3131 Reuker Avenue, San Antonio 78218, Texas, U.S.A.
- Dunlop, Q. (1928-31). The Club wish to congratulate him on his son's selection to the Scottish Rugby XV for the Calcutta Cup Match at Twickenham in March 1971.
- Fawcett, T. R. (1960-65). After graduating B.Tech.(Hons.) from Loughborough University has recently joined Durban Clothing Manufacturers, Durban, South Africa. He was married on 3rd April, 1971.
- Fielding, N. J. B. (1964-71). Is in his first year of legal studies at Cambridge.
- Franklin, D. P. (1959-64) has graduated B.Sc. Electronic and Electrical Engineering. He is to be married in September, 1971.
- Fraser, T. R. L. (1944-46) is Chairman of the Guild of Agricultural Journalists for 1971-72.
- Galbraith, J. P. (1960-65). After qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in February 1970 spent one year in the Arabian Gulf with a Drilling Company. In June 1971 he went to Venezuela as Chief Accountant of that Company.
- Galloway, W. R. (1958-60) has completed the second year of a M.A.(Hons.) Psychology Course at St. Andrews.
- Gordon, G. G. H. (1955-60) is working in the City of London as a financial analyst.
- Houston, A. G. (1959-65) emigrated in 1968 to Western Australia where he spent two years farming. He joined the R.A.A.F. in 1970 and came second in his training course at Pearce. He is now on flying Mirages from Williamtown, N.S.W.
- Houston, I. A. (1960-67) graduated 2nd class Hons. B.A. from Leicester University in June 1970. He is now employed in the marketing side of Ford of Europe Inc. based at Warley, Essex.
- Laird, D. A. (1949-55) is working in Costa Rica with Howard Humphreys & Sons, Consulting Civil Engineers, on water supply feasibility study at San José.
- Lang, R. (1960-66) has recently graduated M.A. in Political Studies at Aberdeen University and intends to study Political Science at the London School of Economics started in October 1971.
- Linn, J. W. (1956-61) is now working with I.C.F.C. Ltd., as Controller in the Investment Department. He informs us that his Strathallian colleagues in London are enjoying all aspects of life to extremes. He has now become Treasurer of the London Branch of the Strathallian Club.
- McCarroll, J. (1945-49) is a G.P. in Nassau, Bahamas. He is a sailing enthusiast and has recently taken up ski-ing in the Austrian Tyrol. He hopes to make an annual pilgrimage to Austria.
- McKenna, W. B. (1929-34) has been appointed by the Secretary of States for Scotland as Chairman of the Children's Panel, City of Glasgow.
- Marnoch, I. A. (1961-57) is manager of the International Division of the Chartered Bank operations in the Philippine Islands. He will be there until late 1973 and any visiting Strathallians should contact him at P.O. Box 303, Manila.



- Montgomerie, J. A. (1928-32 has been appointed Knight of the Most Venerable Order of St. John by Her Majesty the Queen on 3rd March 1971.
- Morris, D. J. (1963-69) has completed his second year B.Sc. (Hons.) Biochemistry at St. Andrews. He is Treasurer of the University Conservative Association.
- Morton, H. G. (1957-61) has recently been appointed to a lectureship in Psychiatry at the University of Dundee.
- Nairn, A. (1958-62) has been assumed as a Partner with Messrs. Chalmers, Impey & Co., London.
- Orchard, T. G. (1962-69) is now working as a Television Correspondent on the 'Evening Standard' in Aberdeen.
- Paterson, M. B. N. (1960-65) was promoted in August 1970 to Departmental Sales Manager with Arnott Simpsons. In March 1971 he was appointed Secretary of Finnart Church, Greenock.
- Paterson, N. D. L. (1955-61) has recently taken up an appointment as assistant to the General Manager of Hallways Hotels in Malawi. He is based in Blantyre, c/o Mount Soche Hotel.
- Paton, W. was elected second junior vice-president of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, and it is almost certain that he will be president in 1973—the first Scot to hold the office.
- Peacock, J. G. (1956-62) is Assistant Hotel Project Adviser with Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd.
- Peters, J. R. (1954-58) is Chairman of the Glasgow and District Centre of the Scottish Motor Trade Association. He is also a member of the Council of the Glasgow Junior Chamber of Commerce.
- Petty, W. M. (1960-65) is Chairman of the Scottish Christian Youth Assembly.
- Philip, R. G. M. (1948-53) is an obstetrician and anaesthetist in Freeport, Grand Bahama, Bahamas. He informs us that Raymond Philip (1945-49) and Bob Philip (1952-56) are tycoons in the woollen and advertising business overlooking the 18th green at St. Andrews.
- Reynolds, E. M. G. (1959-62) is working in Hotel Management in London. He is married with a daughter and now lives at 151 Mellison Waym, Edgware, Middlesex.
- Reynolds, P. M. G. (1959-64) is a House Physician at Westminster Hospital, London.
- Rich, C. L. (1928-31) recently paid a business/holiday visit to U.K. in May. He is still playing a leading role in many Australian business enterprises including mining.
- Sandeman, F. K. (1958-64) is District Sales Manager for Fiat Motors, Toronto, Canada.
- Settles, R. (1961-68) has completed his second year B.A. (C.N.A.A.) Hons. at Portsmouth Polytechnic.
- Sutherland, J. R. (1963-67) is a local inspector with the Commercial Union Assurance Group in Perth. He is playing rugby for Howe of Fife R.F.C.
- Targowski, E. G. M. (1962-69) has completed the second year of a M.A. (Hons.) Degree at Edinburgh University.
- Templeton, T. M. (1943-48) was appointed Production Co-ordinator responsible for operations of the Mines, Bauxite and Alumina Divisions of the Guyana Bauxite Co. Ltd. on 1st July, 1971.

- Thain, D. A. (1950-56) is President of the Scottish Association of Registered Housebuilders for 1971/72.
- Turner, D. I. (1955-62) has been assumed as a Partner in Messrs, Turner, Hutton & Lawson, Chartered Accountants, Glasgow, with effect from 1st August, 1971.
- Wallace, N. F. (1963-67) is an assistant Quantity Surveyor with Cyril Sweett and Partners, Basingstoke.
- Wilson, N. H. F. (1962-68) has been awarded his blue for Rugby, Squash and Hockey, at the Edinburgh Dental Hospital.
- Wilson, P. M. (1963-68) has been elected President of St. Andrews University Biochemical Society.

## Engagements

- Johnston, A. G. (1955-62) to Miss Susan G. Horne, Stobo March, Lyne, Peeblesshire.
- Peacock, J. G. (1956-62) to Miss Adèle Briggs of Brig House, Yorkshire.
- Ross, A. D. (1960-66) to Miss Yvonne Irvine, Strahour Cottage, Millport.
- Turner, D. I. (1955-62) to Miss Patricia A. L. Hardie, Edgewood, Drymen, Nr. Glasgow.
- Wilson, J. (1960-65) to Miss Margaret S. Orr, Sunwick, Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed.
- Wilson, N. H. F. (1962-68) to Miss Madeleine C. Munro.
- Wilson, P. M. (1963-68) to Miss Sarah Barnhill of Clemson, South Carolina.

## Marriages

- Clark, B. G. (1956-64) to Miss Anne Michie on 13th November, 1970, at St. Andrews University Chapel.
- Melville, J. B. (1956-63) to Miss Moya Clague on 11th September, 1971.
- Nairn, A. (1958-62) to Miss Susan Anne Napier, Stonehall, Woodhurst Lane, Oxted, Surrey, on 25th April, 1969.
- Slater, R. M. (1959-65) to Mademoiselle Sylvie Leroy, 167 Avenue Carnot, La Rochelle, France, on 1st August, 1970.

## Births

- Benson, B. (1954-59). On 28th March, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Benson, 71 North Grange Road, Bearsden, a son.
- Clark, N. F. (1954-58). On 29th December, 1969, to Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Clark, 11 Raglan Street, Daylesford, Victoria, Australia, a daughter — Sarah Elizabeth.
- Cook, A. S. (1956-60). On 22nd November, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cook, a daughter — Katie.
- Dinsmore, H. W. (1949-55). On 2nd July, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinsmore, 12 Matherton Avenue, Newton Mearns, a son — Graham Harry.

- Gray, J. M. (1947-51). On 30th January, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gray, c/o the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hamburg, Germany, a daughter, Katrina, a sister for Siobhan.
- Marnoch, I. A. (1951-57) at Glasgow on 14th September, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Marnoch, P.O. Box 303, Manila, Philippine Islands, a son, Glen Duncan Edward, a brother for Nichola.
- Marshall, L. (1947-53). On 25th March, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Marshall, 45 Oxbgangs Road, Edinburgh, a son, Andrew MacGregor.
- MacKenzie, D. F. (1942-47). On 8th September, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. Derek MacKenzie, Pantiles, Gosforth Road, Longniddry, East Lothian, a son — Kevin.
- McLachlan, W. E. (1956-63). On 10th July, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McLachlan, 7 Trinity Crescent, Beith, a daughter — Deidre Helen.
- Sinclair, J. H. (1948-54). On 6th November, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sinclair, 12 Roddinghead Road, Whitecraigs, Glasgow, a son — Euan Fraser Fitzpatrick.

## Deaths

- Brown, David Barrie (1965-69) of 117 High Street, Montrose. Suddenly at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on 14th December, 1970.
- Craig, I. G. (1922-26) of Glasgow, The Lane, Skelmorlie. Suddenly on 14th August, 1971.
- Hall, John (1941-44) of Thorn Road, Bearsden. Suddenly on 4th July, 1971, at his home.
- Stuart, Malcolm M. (1959-66) of 25 Jordan Lane, Edinburgh, 10.