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Hail . . .

. . . and Farewell



THE HEADMASTER

In July Mr. A. D. D. McCallum retired, after five years as Headmaster. His successor is Mr. C. D. Pighills. Mr. Pighills, who was educated at Rydal School and Christ's College, Cambridge, was formerly a Housemaster at Fettes.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors writes:

Mr. McCallum's departure from Strathallan marks the end of an era and a unique period of service to the School. He was first appointed in 1951 as Second Master and until 1956 was largely responsible for carrying out the policies of Mr. Hoare, which did so much to raise the reputation of the School to the pre-eminent position it now occupies.

In 1956, Mr. McCallum was appointed Headmaster of Christ's College, Brecon, and from there he moved to the Headmastership of Epsom College in 1961. His return to Strathallan in 1970 on Mr. Hoare's retiral was greatly welcomed by all who knew him.

Mr. McCallum's Headmastership has given us continued progress through a most difficult period of political, economic and social change, and in spite of these problems, there has been steady development. The Sports Hall, thanks to the generosity of the Gannochy Trust, was com-

pleted in 1972. Outside contractors' catering was introduced in 1973; in the academic field, the greatest change was the re-introduction of the "Highers" in 1973.

In June this year the foundation stone for the new boarding house was laid by Duncan McCallum. That the second Development Appeal should have gone ahead in these difficult times, is the greatest possible tribute to his drive and enthusiasm for an ideal. He gave unstinted support to the fund raising efforts of the campaign, travelling throughout the country to numerous meetings. The new building will be a reminder to us of his tremendous efforts.

It is customary on such occasions to make a passing tribute to the great man's wife. In this year of Women's Liberation, such cavalier treatment is quite unjustified, if it ever was. Rosemary McCallum's contribution to the School's life has not been recorded officially but her influence behind the scenes, her kindness, hospitality and gentle presence will never be forgotten by those who knew her.

To Duncan and Rosemary go all our good wishes for a long, healthy and happy retiral in Norfolk with our grateful thanks for all they have done for Strathallan.

W. T. PATON

EDITORIAL

Whether the reader's main concern is the payment of school fees or the purchase of an ice-cream, he cannot have failed to be acutely aware of the effects of inflation. "The Strathallian" has not escaped the common illness. Over the past eighteen months the cost of printing paper alone has more than doubled, and the decision has had to be taken to reduce the number of pages. We believe that the majority of our readers would not favour further cuts in the magazine content; and we have therefore reduced the size of type for much of the magazine. We trust that your enjoyment of the magazine will not be similarly diminished.

NOTES

Having successfully launched Strathallan Catering à la Trust Houses Forte, Miss Smith has left us to introduce a similar system at Gordonstoun.

The recording of the broadcast of "Davie, the Giant Killer", has sold well.

Who sent those combs? Ask the New York police.

Chapel services were led by members of the school on several occasions.

Congratulations to R. I. Whitaker, who toured with the Scottish Schools rugby party.

After heavy rain part of the causeway collapsed.

Of an estimated 200 fish in the pond, 400 were caught.

C. C. S. Magee was appointed official Rabbit Catcher. Simpson have eaten well.

Slide projecting has been unimpeded by fir cones.

The Prefect's Lawn was well rolled in the Arthurian manner.

Work is well under way on the new Houses.

Three tennis courts were re-surfaced.

The Choir sang in Dunkeld Cathedral for the first time.

Congratulations to Mr. B. J. Ball on his marriage to Miss Marie McBurnie.

THE STAFF

Strathallan suffered a serious loss in July with the departure of Mr. F. S. McNamara to take up his new appointment as Vice-Principal of King William's College, Isle of Man. Mr. McNamara came to Strathallan in 1963 and has in these twelve years made a noteworthy contribution to the School in a number of spheres. Quite apart from firmly establishing Leburn as a Senior House he has, of course, been the coach of the 1st XV, and in addition the general co-ordinator of all our games activities. He has also directed a highly successful and expanding Geography Department.

From the Maths. Department Mr. D. J. Reed and Mr. B. J. Gregory have also left us, to move to Perth High School and Monmouth School respectively. We are very grateful to them not only for the good work they have done in the classroom, but for all the activities in which they have given a helping hand. In addition, Mr. N. R. Colquhoun left us at Christmas to return to his native Eton, after three energetic years here.

Mr. J. Moulard Begbie has, after fifteen years at Strathallan, decided it is time to retire. An appreciation of his work here appears under "Music", but all members of the Staff share, we are sure, in the sense of privilege of having had him with us.

We wish all these gentlemen and their families success and happiness.

As was foreshadowed in these columns a year ago, Mr. C. P. Hewson has retired from the Housemastership of Riley, at the end of seventeen years in that capacity. Of all Housemasterships, the Junior House is without doubt quite the most exacting, calling for great dedication. Strathallan is greatly in his debt. Mr. Hewson is, happily, not leaving us, and he can be found in his new rooms in the main school at deep extra cover.

Mr. H. C. Addison has been appointed Housemaster of Leburn, and Mr. M. J. E. Wareham Housemaster of Riley. In place of Mr. Colquhoun we welcomed in January Mr. N. T. H. Du Boulay.

Sadly, news has reached us of the sudden and premature deaths of two former members of staff. The Rev. G. D. Buchanan was Chaplain from 1959 to 1964, and Mr. P. S. Taylor was Head of the Maths Department from 1967 to 1970.

MR. ARCHIE DOIG

Generations of Old Strathallians will be saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Archie Doig. Before his retirement he served the School wholly and devotedly for forty-four years. In his early days he was Harry Riley's chauffeur; and thus a link with our past is broken. There are many who will long recall Archie's simple honesty and goodness; and in extending our sincere sympathy to his wife and family we shall remember him with gratitude.

CHAPEL NOTES

The following were confirmed into the Church of Scotland on 9 March: C. B. Biggart, G. K. Cochrane, A. H. Cumming, J. Currie, Q. J. Davidson, P. J. M. Fairlie, D. R. I. Fingland, W. Gibson, D. M. N. Gillanders, R. D. Goodfellow, H. J. P. Gray, D. T. Hay, P. A. Hill, D. L. Hinshaw, B. J. D. Lyburn, A. D. MacAdam, J. S. P. McDonald, K. C. S. McLelland, R. N. MacLeod, A. W. B. Magill, J. H. B. Malcolm, K. C. Marshall, A. B. Naismith, D. R. M. Park, A. R. Peddie, M. J. Prosser, R. F. Renwick, D. T. Ross, H. W. R. Steedman, A. J. Tares, C. J. Wallace, A. G. Watt, R. I. Whitaker, G. T. Wordie and N. C. S. Yates.

Into the Episcopal Church on 16 March: N. B. Lydon and J. L. Turner.

The following preached in the Chapel: the Right Rev. Michael Hare-Duke (Bishop of St. Andrews), the Very Rev. John A. Fraser (lately of Aberdalgie), the Rev. Professor James Whyte, the Rev. George Hall, the Rev. William McKane and the Rev. Robert Giannini (all from St. Mary's College, St. Andrews), the Rev. R. L. Wilson (Manchester), the Rev. Ronald Darroch (St. John's Episcopal, Perth), the Rev. Harry Crooks (St. Paul's, Kinross), the Rev. G. Stewart Sharp (Forgandenny), the Rev. Uist Macdonald (Aberdalgie), the Rev. Finlay Macdonald (Menstrie), the Rev. Hamish MacNab (Kilrenny), the Rev. Ian Miller (Madderty), the Rev. W. B. Johnston (Colinton), the Rev. Stewart Lamont

(B.B.C. Religious Broadcasting Department), the Rev. George Buchanan-Smith and the Rev. David Weekes (both of Fettes), the Rev. George Martin (Merchiston), Brother Bruce (Society of St. Francis), R. L. Kirkland, the Headmaster and the Chaplain.

Collections were taken for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, Bangladesh Flood Relief, the Salvation Army, Sue Ryder's Homes, the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, the Muscular Dystrophy Group, Cancer Research, Earl Haig's Fund, the R.N.L.I., the Red Cross, the Leprosy Mission, the Star Centre for Disabled Youth, the Scottish Spina Bifida Association, the Samaritans, the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, the Flying Doctor Service, the Missionary Aviation Fellowship, the Save the Children Fund, the Scottish Council for the Care of Spastics, the British Diabetics Association, the R.S.P.C.C., Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled, and the Chapel Fund.

Our thanks are due to the Very Rev. T. T. Irvine (Dean of St. Andrews) for continuing to come out from Perth to instruct Episcopal Candidates for Confirmation, and to conduct Services of Holy Communion three times a term. Also to Mrs. McCallum and her helpers for continuing to provide and arrange the flowers every week and the other decorations for the Carol Services.

W.N.M.

Speech Day

After rain on the preceding few days, we were rather looking forward to the traditional Speech day sunshine; and we were not disappointed. The occasion this year took place on Friday 6th June, and the Guest of the Day, at very short notice, was the Hon. Lord Kincaid, B.A., LL.B., Governor of the School, and Chairman of the Development Appeal.

The proceedings in the City Hall were opened by Mr. N. A. Gillanders, who firstly reported that the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. W. T. Paton, C.B.E., T.D., was ill in hospital at the time, but had been able to prepare notes for his speech, and it would be from these that he was speaking. He congratulated Mr. Paton on the award of a C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

Mr. Gillanders then announced the loss from the Board of Governors of Professor Fordyce of the University of Glasgow, who had given 28 years of valuable service to the school, and who's place would be taken by Professor Rankin. Turning to financial matters, he assured us that the present economy measures would never jeopardize the high standards of education at Strathallan, pointing

out how favourably we compare with other schools. Mr. Gillanders then acknowledged the five years of hard work by the retiring headmaster, Mr. McCallum, describing him as a "tower of strength" to the school. At this point he broke off from Mr. Paton's notes to add his personal gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. McCallum, having been chairman himself for three years. He wished them well for the future, and then said that the governors had chosen Mr. C. D. Pighills to be his successor — a unanimous decision from ninety applicants. They were confident that the new headmaster would prove a worthy upholder of the standards laid down by Harry Riley, and maintained by his successors.

The Headmaster began by thanking Mr. Gillanders for his kind compliments to himself and his wife, and then reported on the activities of the school. He was able to announce that the academic standards of previous years had been equalled and succeeded, especially in the Sixth Form, where an increased percentage of candidates had gained University entrances. He also noted that we had had a particularly good Rugby season,

the 1st XV beating many formidable teams. But he recognized that change was always necessary, saying that the extension of opportunities available was the most important progression in modern public schools — giving as an example the development campaign, continuing in many schools in spite of the economic crisis. It was building this confidence in the future that was the part education had to play in uplifting Britain, he said, emphasizing the need for spiritual values — “this generation must find an ideal” he stressed.

Mr. McCallum ended by thanking the governors, the staff, the parents and their boys, saying that he found the school a happy and united community. His speech was extremely well received.

Lord Kincaig, after presenting the prizes, congratulated the Headmaster on his speech, admiring the enthusiastic tone of it. He then came to his own address, relating how he had felt at his own school speech days, and explaining that he would therefore be talking mainly to the boys, believing that communicating with youth was very important.

He began by saying to the leavers that the effect of one’s school career didn’t end as soon as one had left school; but that he hoped that it would enable them to deal with the varied circumstances of the wider world beyond school. “You start with a tremendous advantage”, he told them, and gave them his best wishes for the future. As for the others, he encouraged them to enjoy themselves, but above all to be productive, and to strive towards worthwhile achievements. He ended by thanking the audience for being so patient and attentive.

The concert, shorter than usual this year, followed the speeches, and in the afternoon parents were able to see many activities, including the ceremony on the site of the new buildings. The day ended with the spectacular “Beating of the Retreat”, a fine conclusion to a fine day.

D.A.C.

SPEECH DAY PRIZES: JUNE 1975

The Smith Cup for Captain of School
A. C. McArthur

The Houston Prize for All Round Merit
A. D. G. Widdowson

Dux
P. D. Hunter

The William Tattersall Art Prize
D. J. Fletcher

The Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings
D. R. I. Finland and F. G. McAdam

The Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music
D. R. I. Finland

Mathematics	R. M. Jamieson
Geography	A. K. Shortreed
History	A. R. Cochrane
Economics	A. R. Cochrane
Chemistry	I. Y. Buchanan
Biology	A. K. Shortreed
Physics	A. D. G. Widdowson
Art	N. Menzies
Geography Field Work	D. L. Young
Economics Essay	D. S. Lowden

SIXTH FORM LECTURES: 1974-75

Once again, we express our very sincere thanks to the gentlemen named below for so generously giving of their time to come out to Strathallan to talk to the Sixth Form about aspects of public affairs in which they are closely involved.

H. T. STEARS, Esq.: *Careers in Civil and Structural Engineering.*

J. F. SHAW, Esq.: *The Work of the Conciliation and Advisory Service.*

R. GOODIER, Esq.: *Man and the Environment.*

D. J. GRAHAM-CAMPBELL, Esq., M.A.: *The Transition from School to University.*

B. POUNDER, Esq.: *Sea Birds of Tayside.*

J. H. LEVESON, Esq., B.Sc. (Econ.), F.C.I.S., M.B.C.S., M.B.I.M.: *The World of Business.*

Supdt. RONALD ARTHUR, LL.B.: *The Rôle of the Police.*

The Lord Provost of Perth: *Local Government.*

S. R. PARR, Esq.: *The Rôle of Insurance.*

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September 1974

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IV — Gelzer P. A. S. (R); Grant E. M. (F); Watt G. A. (R).

III — Brewster R. J. (S); Brown K. C. (S); Callander J. B. (R); Cuthbertson A. C. (N); Dewhurst C. H. (F); Haggart I. A. (L); Headrick D. J. (L); Lawson R. S. M. (L); McDonald W. D. W. (S); McGregor W. M. (S); McIntosh J. D. (L); McNeill M. A. (R); McIver D. J. (R); MacLeod R. R. (N); Maitland-Makgill-Crichton C. W. (F); Maude G. M. (L); Millar G. M. (L); Morris R. H. (N); Pollock J. G. (R); Prosser D. H. (R); Raeside C. N. (N); Schofield R. H. (S); Serinyom O. (N); Simpson S. D. (L); Stone-Wigg N. A. (F); Turnbull J. M. (N); Turnbull S. R. (N); Yates D. (N).

Riley — Baird W.; Barrie J. G. O.; Brown J. D.; Dawson K. C.; Dunbar R. F.; Ferguson R. A.; Foster J. C.; Graham R. C.; Gray M. H.; Gillanders T. R. T.; Goodbourn M. G.; Goodbourn B. M.; Johnston G. T.; Long C. D.; McCausland I. H. M.; McDougall N. L.; McDonald R. H.; McIntyre A. J.; McLaren D. A.; McPherson N. W.; Mennie N. R.; Montgomerie C. S.; Muir K. H.; Reid P. K.; Smith D. A.; Woller D. S.; White S. D.; Wood K. W. A.

January 1975

Lower Sixth — Gardner N. L. (L).

III — Bain D. J. (N); Baird G. G. (N); Bradshaw J. (L); Burton K. C. (N); Chatwin C. R. D. (R); Fairley A. E. (R); Jackson E. F. (L); MacGregor N. H. A. (F); MacPhie A. C. S. (F); Strømme G. M. (L); Woolacott C. R. (R).

Riley — Russell P. D.

April 1975

III — Blanche G. W. G. (R); Booth A. M. (L); Brabbs I. T. (S); Hamilton Smith G. P. (R); Morton T. J. (F); Serinyom A. (N); Shepherd K. W. A. (F).

VALETE

December 1974

Schol. Sixth

Ferguson E. A. (F). Came 69³; II; Exh.; Deputy Head of School; Head of Freeland; XV 74; Hockey XI 72-74; XI 74; Captain Fencing 72-74. Scottish Schoolboys Fencing Team. Sgt. (Army).

c/o F.A.O., Oficina Regional de America Latina, Santiago de Chile, Casilla 10095.

Hunter P. D. (R). Came 68²; I; Sch.; School Prefect; Music Prize 72-73; Grandison Strings Prize 73; German Prize 74; History Essay Prize 74; Dux 74; Secretary of Music Soc.; Secretary of Debating Soc.; Secretary of Games Committee; Editor of "The Strathallian"; Head Librarian; Chapel Organist; Choir; Orchestra; Under Officer (R.N.).

Kirkton Shade, Kirriemuir, Angus.

Ling T. S. (R). Came 68³; I; School Prefect; English Prize 74; History Prize 74; Economics Prize 74; Economics Essay Prize 74; Grandison Strings Prize 74; XV 72-74, Captain 74; Hockey XI 74; Athletics 71-74; Campbell Award 74; Editor of "The Strathallian"; Librarian; Choir; Orchestra; Sgt. (Army).

Sandlea, Leven Rd., Lundin Links, Fife KY8 6AH.

Low I. A. D. (R). Came 67³; I; Exh.; Head of School; Head of Ruthven; Skiing 71-74, Captain 73-74; Shooting 72-73; Fishing Captain 72-74; Chapel Organist; Choir; Orchestra; Under Officer (R.N.). *Tulach House, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, PH 10 6HN.*

Philips R. H. (N). Came 70³; III; Sch.; House Prefect; Cpl. (R.A.F.).

Craig Barton, Moor Rd., Strathblane, Glasgow G63 9EU.

Lower Sixth

Duff J. H. (N). Came 70³; III; Cdt. (Army).

Maplewell Farm, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire.

Inglis G. L. F. (R); Came 71¹; III; XV 74; XI 74; Cpl. (Army).

Inch of Arnhall, Edzell, Angus.

Melville D. C. (S); Came 71¹; II; Cdt. (Army).

Viewforth Hotel, Church Wynd, Bo'ness, West Lothian.

Niven H. B. (L); Came 71³; III; Social Service.

Pitlivie, Carnoustie, Angus.

V

Chalmers I. S. (N); Came 71³; III; L.S. (R.N.).

East Estate, Carey Island, Port Kelang, Selangor, Malaysia.

Constable N. R. (N); Came 71¹; III; Cdt. (Army).

Merklands, Ballintium, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.

Walker M. C. (L); Came 69³; I; Squash 73-75; Ldg. Cdt. (R.A.F.).

18 Boclair Crescent, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 2AG.

IV

Patterson D. R. (N); Came 73³; III; Cdt. (Army).

11 Bentinck Drive, Troon, Ayrshire.

II

Foulds G. P. (Ri.); Came 73³.

14 Lomond Place, Linburn Place, Erskine.

Wylie A. S. (Ri.); Came 73³.

Druid Park, Murthly, Perthshire.

July 1975

Upper Sixth

Arthur J. C. (S). Came 70³; III; L.S. (R.N.).

Knapps, Oakshade Rd., Oxshott, Surrey, KT 22 OLF.

Baxter A. D. (S). Came 70³; III; House Prefect; XV 72-75; Athletics 74-75; Skiing 75; Cpl. (Army).
Kildrochat House, Nr. Stranraer, Wigtownshire DG9 9BB.

Benzies D. B. (N). Came 70³; III; House Prefect; Skiing 70-75, Captain 75; Golf 75; L.S. (R.N.).
The Loaning, Meigle, Perthshire.

Biggart S. D. (R). Came 67³; I; House Prefect; Captain of Fishing 75; Cdt. (Army).
Slooch, Duchray Rd., Aberfoyle, Perthshire.

Bird A. A. (S). Came 67³; I; Exh.; XV 74-75; Athletics 72-75; Cross-country 73-74; Choir; Orchestra; L.S. (R.N.).
Coniston, Prieston Rd., Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.

Buchanan I. Y. (N). Came 71²; III; House Prefect; Chemistry Prize 75; Choir; L.S. (R.N.).
Aros, North Connel, Argyll.

Caird I. F. (N). Came 71¹; III; Cpl. (R.A.F.).
Taybank, Hill St, Monifieth, Dundee.

Cameron D. A. (R). Came 68³; I; Sch.; House Prefect; Maths. Prize 74; Physics Prize 74; Chemistry Prize 74; Chairman of Science Soc.; Choir; Orchestra.
22 Rosemead, R.A.F. Halton, Aylesbury, Bucks.

Cameron W. D. G. (L). Came 67²; I; Sailing 72-75, Captain 75; Cross-country 73-75; Cpl. (Army).
Moorlands, 24 Tannoch Rd., Milngavie, Glasgow.

Cope N. E. (L). Came 70³; III; Head of Leburn; XV 74-75; XI 73-75; Orchestra; P.O. (R.N.).
Pitmurchie House, Torphins, Aberdeenshire.

Dewar D. J. (F); Came 70²; III; Cross-country 75; Social Services.
Lewaique Farm House, Dreemskerry, Maughold, Ramsey, Isle of Man.

Ferguson D. F. (R); Came 69³; III; Head of Ruthven; XV 74-75; Athletics 74-75; Tennis 73-74; Squash 73-75; Cross-country 73-75, Captain 75; Choir; Coxswain (R.N.).
7 Upper Sutherland Crescent, Helensburgh, G84 9PQ.

Fingland J. A. E. (R); Came 68³; I; House Prefect; Hockey XI 74-75; Sailing 73-75; Fishing 71-75. L.S. (R.N.).

Balnacraig, Ancaster Rd., Callander, Perthshire.

Grant K. C. (S); Came 70³; III; House Prefect; Captain of Golf 75; L/Cpl. (Army).
7 Arran Drive, Giffnock, Glasgow.

Hamilton R. M. (N); Came 73³; L VI; Tattersall Art Prize 74; A.B. (R.N.).
High Trees, 23 Clayton Avenue, Hassocks, Sussex.

Harrold M. J. (F); Came 68³; I; House Prefect; Shooting 74-75; Librarian; F/Sgt. (R.A.F.).
11 Tircarra Gardens, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 2QF.

Hay A. J. (R); Came 70²; III; XV 74-75; Hockey XI 73-75; XI 73-75; Curling; Choir; Social Services.
Panlathy, Carnoustie, Angus.

Jamieson R. M. (N); Came 70²; III; Maths. Prize 75; Choir; L.S. (R.N.).
Balgowan, 91 Edinburgh Rd., Dumfries DG1 1JX.

Kirkland R. L. (L); Came 70³; III; House Prefect; Army Scholarship; XV 74-75; Hockey XI 75; Athletics 71-75, Captain 75; Captain of Basketball 75; Choir; Sgt. (Army).
61 Midton Rd., Ayr KA7 2TN.

Lowden D. S. (F); Came 68³; I; House Prefect; Economics Essay Prize 75; XV 73-75; Athletics 74-75; Golf 74-75; Orchestra; P.O. (R.N.).
169 Hamilton St., Barnhill, Dundee DD5 2RE.

Lydon N. B. (L); Came 68¹; I; House Prefect; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
62 Thorp Arch Drive, Boston Spa, Wetherby, Yorkshire.

McArthur A. C. (S); Came 68³; I; Head of School; Head of Simpson; XV 74-75; Hockey XI 73-75; Scottish Schoolboys Hockey XI 74; P.O. (R.N.).
Glenralloch Cottage, Tarbert, Loch Fyne, Argyll PA29 6XX.

McDonald J. S. P. (S); Came 69¹; III; School Prefect; XV 74-75; Hockey XI 72-75, Captain 75; XI 72-75, Captain 75; Campbell Award; C.S.M. (Army).
Wales Estate, West Bank, Demerara, Guyana.

McIntosh D. S. (L); Came 71¹; III; House Prefect; XV 73-75; Hockey XI 74-75; Chairman of Debating Soc.; Choir; Cpl. (Army).
Greenland Houses, Castletown, Caithness.

McIntyre J. I. (R.); Came 68³; I; House Prefect; XV 74-75; Athletics 75; Captain of Curling; Cpl. (R.A.F.).
Barbeth, Ervie, Stranraer, Wigtownshire.

Mackay A. H. (N); Came 70²; III; House Prefect; Swimming; Choir; Librarian; Sgt. (Pipe Band).
Blackcraigs, By Perth.

McLenachan W. D. (N). Came 68²; I; L.S. (R.N.).
939, *Walmesley Rd., Bury, Lancashire.*

MacLeod R. N. (S). Came 70³; III; House Prefect;
XI 74; Cross-country 75; Pipe Band.
2 *Pimlico, Durham City.*

Magee C. C. S. (S). Came 70³; III; House Prefect;
XV 74-75; Athletics 72-75; fishing; President of
Y.F.C.; Chief Rodent Apprehender; L.S. (R.N.).
Carisbrooke, Myrtle Avenue, Lenzie, Glasgow G66 4HW.

Meade E. G. (F); Came 69³; II; Exh.; Cpl. (R.A.F.).
Ballendrick Villa, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire.

Menzies N. (L); Came 70³; III; Art Prize 75;
Swimming 72-73; Choir; F/Sgt. (R.A.F.).
1 *Sinclair Avenue, Bearsden, Glasgow, G61 3BT.*

Milne C. P. (S); Came 71³; III; Swimming 71-75;
Fencing 71-73; Sgt. (R.A.F.).
c/o 13 Parkgrove Terrace, Glasgow G3.

Milne J. S. (F); Came 70³; III; Head of Freeland;
L/Cpt. (Army).
24 *Witches Linn, Ardrossan, Ayrshire.*

Pate A. I. (L); Came 70³; III; Chairman of Photo-
graphic Soc.; Sgt. (Army).
Ashley, Hainault Rd., Foxrock, Co. Dublin.

Pearson A. P. (S); Came 70³; III; Swimming 72-75,
Captain 75; Cpl. (Army).
Lomond, St. Mary's Drive, Dunblane, Perthshire.

Peddle A. R. (S); Came 69³; I; Treasurer of Y.F.C.;
Cpl. (Army).
Coal Farm, St. Monans, Fife.

Renwick R. F. (R); Came 70³; III; House Prefect;
XV 74-75; Hockey 74-75; Athletics 75; Golf 75;
Skiing 75; Cpl. (Army).
136 *Henderson St., Bridge of Allan, Stirling-
shire.*

Robertson C. B. (R); Came 70³; III; Shooting 73-75,
Captain 75; Drum Sgt. (Pipe Band).
45 *Cherrington Gardens, Compton, Wolver-
hampton WV6 8AJ.*

Robertson D. C. A. (F); Came 71³; III; Exh.; House
Prefect; Ldg. Cdt. (R.A.F.).
351 *Albert Drive, Pollokshields, Glasgow G41 5PH.*

Shannon K. S. (F). Came 68³; I; Athletics 74.
38 *Newlands Gardens, Edinburgh.*

Shedden R. K. (F); Came 68²; I; House Prefect;
President of Y.F.C.; Pipe Major.
Mid-Strathore Farm, Thornton, Fife, KY1 4DF.

Shortreed A. K. (F); Came 70³; III; Geography Prize
75; Biology Prize 75; Cross-country 75; Cpl.
(Army).
Kippilaw Mains, Melrose, Roxburghshire.

Vivian S. N. (L); Came 69³; I; House Prefect; XV
74-75; Squash 72-75, Captain 75; L/Cpl.
(Army).
17 *Redlands Rd., Sevenoaks, Kent.*

Watt A. G. (L); Came 70³; III; XV 74; Cpl. (Pipe
Band).
Palmyra, 65 Keptie Rd., Arbroath, Angus.

Widdowson A. D. G. (N); Came 71³; III; Deputy
Head of School; Head of Nicol; Physics Prize
75; Houston Prize 75; XV 73-75; XI 74; Editor
of "The Strathallian"; Choir; Orchestra; P.O.
(R.N.).
Taybank, Colquhoun St., Helensburgh.

Young D. L. (F); Came 70³; III; House Prefect; XV
74-75, Captain 75; Athletics 73-75; Art Prize 74;
Geography Field Work Prize 75; L/S (R.N.).
Ben Sheann Hotel, Strathyre, Perthshire.

Lower Sixth

Heard K. J. (N); Came 69³; I; Choir; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
29 *Mukonke Avenue, Mufulira, Zambia.*

Hill S. L. (L). Came 71²; III; Golf 73-75; Orchestra;
L/Cpt. (Army).
27 *Thorn Rd., Bearsden, Glasgow.*

MacAdam A. D. (L). Came 70³; III; Cross-country
75; Tennis 75; L/S (R.N.).
*Lower Oranmore, 15 Cromwell Rd., North
Berwick, East Lothian.*

V

Anderson V. W. (S). Came 70³; I; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
1 *Rowan Place, Frazerburgh, Aberdeenshire.*

Baxter P. R. (S). Came 72²; III; Athletics 75; L/Cpl.
(Army).
Kildrochet House, Nr. Stranraer, Wigtownshire.

Carver J. M. (N); Came 72³; III; Skiing 73-75; A.B.
(R.N.).
*Tigh-na-Bealach, Empress Road, Rhu, Dunbar-
tonshire.*

Fairlie P. J. M. (L). Came 72¹; III; Squash 73-75;
L/S (R.N.).
Craig Wallace, Bridge of Allan.

Fidler G. S. (S). Came 72¹; III; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
*Maryville, Ladies-Walk, Stranraer, Wigtown-
shire.*

Fingland D. R. I. (R); Came 70²; I; Barr Music Prize
75; Grandison Strings Prize 75; Orchestra.
*Balnacraig, Ancaster Road, Callander, Perth-
shire.*

Hirst A. M. (S). Came 71³; I; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
*Claverhouse, Kirkby Lane, Woodhall Spa,
Lincolnshire.*

Houston J. B. (N). Came 72³; III; Sailing 75; A.B. (R.N.).

The Rigg, Castlepark Drive, Fairlie, Ayrshire.

Lyburn B. J. D. (N). Came 69³; I; Tennis 75; Pipe Band.

South Gask Farm, Coupar Angus, Perthshire.

McDonald G. B. (S). Came 73¹; III; Cdt. (Army).
Wales Estate, West Bank, Demerara, Guyana.

McKenzie J. C. (S). Came 72³; III; Cdt. (Army).
33 Dunstan Rd., Causewayhead, Stirling.

Maclean H. F. (N). Came 72³; III; L/S (R.N.).
Flat 2, Worsborough Hall, Worsborough, Nr. Barnsley, Yorkshire.

McNicol N. A. (R). Came 72³; III; L/S. (R.N.).
11 Beverley Rd., Newlands, Glasgow G43.

Malcolm J. H. B. (F). Came 70³; I; Cdt. (Army).
Gerail, 74 Thornly Park Avenue, Paisley, Renfrewshire.

Nimmo J. L. (F). Came 73¹; III; Shooting 75; Cdt. (R.A.F.).
Holtrees, Barbieston, By Ayr. KA6 7EF.

Sproat W. S. (F). Came 72³; III; Shooting 75; Fishing 75; A/B (R.N.).
Lennox-Plunton, Borgue, Kirkcudbright.

Templeton G.M. (L). Came 72³; III; Cdt. (Army).
Nethercliffe, Beauclerc St., Alva, Clackmannan.

Turner J. L. (R). Came 72³; III; Athletics 75; L/S (R.N.).
1 Cranbrook Rd., Tenterden, Kent.

IV

Gregor K. E. (S). Came 74¹; III; Swimming 75; Cdt. (Army).
313 Valima Hill, Lantoka, Fiji.

III

Kelly K. (F). Came 72³; I.
23 Birch Avenue, Torbrex, Stirling.

McCleave E. J. W. (S). Came 72³; I.
Farm Cottage, Muircockhall Farm, Kingseat, Dunfermline, Fife.

Montgomerie J. D. (L); Came 73¹; I.
21 Rupert Road, Ilkley, Yorks.

II

Postlethwaite K. F. (Ri). Came 73³; I.
79 Hamilton Place, Aberdeen AB2 4BU.

I

Montgomerie C. S. (Ri); Came 74¹; I.
21 Rupert Road, Ilkley, Yorks.



Those darned rabbits!

House Reports

FREELAND

Writing this as one is in the steaming heat of high summer last September seems further away than usual. But perhaps an initial comment about the weather is not inappropriate, for this has been a year more than usually dominated by it. Indeed apart from the usual midwinter rain and gloom, all school and house activities have flourished in often unbroken sunshine.

And for the most part it has been a very good year in the house. Some of the major trophies, it is true, eluded us again, but this was largely compensated by our winning the rugger and hockey league cups. R. K. Shedden and D. C. A. Robertson deserve much credit for leading their teams with such enthusiasm and commitment. Boxing remains very much a Freeland province at the moment. Once again Shedden and D. L. Young organised and trained a huge entry and in the winning team eight reached the final of whom A. W. Ferguson, J. M. Hunter and K. Kelly won medals. Pleasing too has been our success in the House Shooting where M. J. Harrold and C. R. M. Smith achieved notable scores. Finally in the Spring term we won the junior Squash Cup, a result which one felt was predictable and only over-confidence could have prevented. There is considerable sporting talent in the lower half of the house which one hopes will continue to develop in the years ahead.

House reports can easily descend into a catalogue of winners which is both pompous and not fully informative. So much of the best activity goes on where no prizes are won. This was particularly so this year: in Swimming, Cricket and Athletics the house performed more than creditably and this was largely due to the unstinting efforts and efficiency of K. J. Shannon, D. J. Dewar and D. L. Young. Our young tennis team was also unfortunate not to retain the cup losing to Leburn in a close final, whilst our three man sailing team yet again did us proud coming a good third. We also played a notable part in the ever increasing social service activities; whether it be painting the houses of the elderly or running down the A.90 to beat Fettes, it was all done with obvious enthusiasm and satisfaction!

If I have left our cultural activities to the end, it is not that they are least important; indeed this year the reverse is the case. Although our overall position was only raised by one, there was a considerable increase in the quality of our musical offerings. In particular, our soloists, all of whom have another two years at school, did well to come 2nd. A. R. Cochrane did an enormous amount of quietly efficient work in bringing it all to the fore. The artistic merits of our joint house play with Nicol are discussed elsewhere; the important point to record here is how satisfying it was to see so many of the house with no previous acting experience having the courage to come forward to subject themselves to such an unnerving experience! By the end, however, as confidence was gained one felt it was enjoyed more than endured. Certainly I have never known a more harmonious atmosphere both behind and on stage.

It was good to see so many from each house finding a satisfying job to do.

The achievements on the school front are considerable this year. The following won prizes: A. R. Cochrane (History & Economics), K. J. Shortreed (Biology & Geography), D. S. Lowden (Economics Essay), D. L. Young (Geography Field Work). Sports colours were achieved by D. L. Young (1st XV and Athletics), D. S. Lowden (1st XV), D. Sim (1st XI), C. R. M. Smith (Shooting), A. W. Ferguson (Squash), M. D. Kirk and E. G. Meade (Summer Hockey), D. M. S. Stewart (Swimming). C. R. M. Smith and K. W. Macmillan were again regulars in the Tennis Team, and finally R. K. Shedden was a conscientious Pipe-Major and, as was his right, deservedly won the Piping Cup.

I end by thanking a truly excellent body of prefects and their respective Heads of House, Ewan Ferguson and James Milne, for all their willing and unstinting efforts; they have set high standards for their successors to follow. May they and all the leavers achieve the success their definite efforts deserve. We wish them all good fortune.

Heads of House: E. A. Ferguson, J. S. Milne.

Prefects:

D. S. Lowden, D. L. Young, M. J. Harrold,
R. K. Shedden, A. R. Cochrane,
D. C. A. Robertson, M. D. Kirk.

Captains of Sport and Activities:

Rugby, Athletics	D. L. Young
Sailing	D. S. Lowden
Hockey, Golf	D. J. Dewar
Cricket	R. K. Shedden
Boxing	A. R. Cochrane
Music	K. J. Shannon
Swimming	A. K. Shortreed
Cross-Country	K. W. Macmillan
Tennis	M. J. Harrold
Shooting	P. A. C. Cameron
Squash	M. D. Kirk
Ski-ing	

House Colours: D. C. A. Robertson, R. J. H. Wilson.

M.B.

LEBURN

This has undoubtedly been a very happy and successful year in all respects. There was an extremely good performance by the boxers early in the year which, although the team was narrowly beaten into second place, set the standard and approach for the rest of the year. It was also good to see early in the year J. G. Leishman being awarded the prize for the best "O" level results and Taylor and Montgomerie getting form prizes in the Christmas term. It was sad to see Mr. Colquhoun leave us at the end of the same term to take up an appointment at Eton and one takes this opportunity to thank him for all that he did as the House Tutor. Mr. Du Barclay joined the House in January and is already very much at home with us and being of great value to the House. We are very pleased to welcome him.

The first term of the school year is the one which gives the tone of things to come and N. E. Cope as Head of House together with his prefects R. L. Kirkland, N. Menzies, D. S. McIntosh, S. N. Vivian and N. B. Lydon could be well pleased with the general spirit in the House as the Easter term, and the many House competitions approached. It is, I think, fair to say that the rugby cup is the most sought after in the school and it was a splendid performance to bring the cup back to the House. A good team performance under R. I. Whitaker's very effective captaincy. The House also were runners up in both the senior and junior league competitions. Having won the rugby cup a very nice balance was established by the musicians under D. R. Newton's and R. L. Kirkland's guidance. Not only was it good to have the music cup for the first time but even better to win against strong competition. The cross country is always a good indicator of House spirit and it was a very fine performance to come second. The Captain, W. D. G. Cameron, is especially to be congratulated on winning the senior race. S. N. Vivian led the squash players to victory in the senior competition to complete a very good term. There were, of course, competitions where the House did not hit the top but in fact were never placed lower than third and this showed a very healthy state of affairs. R. I. Whitaker and R. A. McPherson were appointed prefects during the term.

The summer term brought further successes starting with a fine victory in the House Golf competition. The team had a convincing victory under S. L. Hill and this was added to by P. A. Hill winning the individual Golf cup. To strengthen the House's aspirations to cultural excellence N. Menzies and D. J. Fletcher were awarded the Art Prize and The William Tattersall Art Prize respectively on Speech Day. The swimming sports saw the House making their strongest challenge yet and some very good performances were produced giving second place overall and T. R. Waterbury became the Junior Victor Ludorum. The Caithness twins were the backbone of the tennis team which, apparently against the quoted odds, did so well to win the competition. With the end of term rapidly approaching and the shelf becoming somewhat congested news came from the Tay that W. D. G. Cameron and his men had won the House sailing competition. And finally on the last day of term further congratulations were due to A. B. Caithness and S. D. Simpson on their form prizes and to R. L.

Kirkland and D. J. Headrick on becoming senior and junior Victor Ludorum respectively in the athletics. The above is merely the bare bones of it and there are many omissions but it seems to show what a splendid year it has been.

During the year House Colours have been awarded to N. E. Cope, D. S. McIntosh, R. I. Whitaker, R. L. Kirkland, W. D. G. Cameron, S. N. Vivian, A. G. Watt and P. J. M. Fairlie.

To all our leavers we wish every happiness in the future and hope that they will keep contact with the House. Head of House next year will be R. I. Whitaker.

May I finally on my departure to pastures new end on a personal note. My very sincere thanks to all members of Leburn House, both past and present, for all that they have done for the House. It has been great fun and will always be remembered, and thank you also for the very kind gifts to us which will be treasured. To Mr. Addison and the House much happiness and success in the years to come.

F.S.McN.

NICOL

House Captain: A. D. G. Widdowson.

House Prefects:

A. H. Mackay, R. H. Philips (left Dec 74),
I. Y. Buchanan, S. J. Newing, D. P. Benzie,
D. A. R. Munro.

"This tea tastes of onions . . .". No, not actually Munro speaking at the newly formed Food Committee but R. MacLeod in Journey's End. What was that MacLeod doing in a Nicol/Freeland play? Well, he was very keen to act in a School play, and as there was none we were the gainers, for he contributed a lot of fun. Sadly, pipe-smoking Uncle Osborne-Mackay was killed half-way through the plot, for he held the stage in a most wise and competent way. Cold-tea-whisky swigging Stanhope-Widdowson was the last alive on stage, though it was a near thing that he actually survived the barrage of sand and wood gleefully thrown down at the collapse of the bunker by Hamilton and Munro. Widdowson gave an excellent performance in a challenging part. MacLenachan and Buchanan, conducted by Mr. Dutton, provided a dramatic display of gun-fire and noise, which nearly reached the decibels of the Study corridor. The play was a great fillip to the morale of the House, and we were very grateful to Mr. Barratt for producing it. Some Freeland boys also helped! To tell the truth, so did Wilson of Ruthven. Mackay has also contributed some dramatic performances to several services in Chapel conducted by the boys very genuinely.

Caird and Hamilton proved at the Social Service "Wine and Cheese" after the Carol service that if "A" levels do not come up to expectations they can get jobs as bow-tied waiters. Both they and R. Jamieson, the VIth Form Science Librarian, have given devoted service to this new and expanding group at School both in term and in the holidays.

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The Choir and Orchestra have had long service from Widdowson and Newing in particular, and they have played in every kind of Hall, room and cathedral this year. Hamilton and the Seriniyom brothers have been outstanding artists, but many others have contributed very greatly in these artistic activities. I have been very pleased to see our ever increasing interest in carpentry.

D. P. Benzies and his skiing team at last beat Riley and won the Cup, and it is to his great credit that he has nursed and encouraged our young team since he joined it in the 1971/2 season. Our greatest sporting success was a loss. Two short corners gave the Simpson giants the Hockey Cup (revenge for two years ago), but we nearly toppled them thanks mainly to Munro's goalkeeping, and the team surpassed themselves.

The junior cricket team convincingly retained the remains of the Argentine Trophy, but where oh where is the Junior Rugger Cup?

Knox gained another School record in Athletics, R. Mitchell captained the Junior Colts XI and F. Benzies, Currie, Evans, Morris, Ogielvie, Raeside, Smellie, J. Turnbull and Yellowlees have made specially good contributions in varying sports and games.

We were very sorry that Elkins had such a bad time in hospital and hope to see him back soon fit and cheerful.

The Pipes and Drums still have a lot of Nicol faces, and who can remember when A. Mackay was not the Big Drummer?

Heavy fire doors now separate our dorms, though they do not act quite well enough as sound barriers. Occasionally a boy's whisper after Lights Out is heard by the Headmaster, for example.

I am particularly grateful to Widdowson who has participated and tried in almost every School activity and to the House Prefects who have guided a very happy House.

Most House reports talk about Cups, so I will note that Raeside's men won the Pre-Service Cup, and Gray the Junior Piping. If I had confined this report to cups, it would have been rather short, so I have mentioned people. This year we had hardly any cups, but 58 people. Next year when we only have one person in the Upper VIth perhaps we will have some cups.

T.C.G.F.

The following were awarded their House Colours:

D. P. Benzies, Munro, Widdowson.

House captains of sport:

Rugger and cricket	Widdowson
Hockey	Munro
Athletics, boxing and tennis	Buchanan
Swimming, shooting and cross-country	Mackay
Skiing and golf	Benzies
Squash and music	

RUTHVEN

"Moderation in all things" is a laudable precept, and by that yardstick Ruthven has had a very laudable year. Our athletes, worthily retaining the Rowan and Athletics cups, will protest — not to mention the Junior Rugby League XV — but overall it has not been our year. True, our three Cambridge candidates, Hunter, Low and Ling, were all successful; true, Robertson and S. A. Ferguson won individual drumming trophies; true, McLelland won the individual music competition; true, D. H. Prosser and Straiton won boxing medals; true, D. R. I. Fingland won a small fortune in music prizes; true, C. B. Campbell won the 3B form prize; true, D. T. Hay won the middle cross-country. But where were the others? Well, the vast majority worked, played, sang, and constructively filled their time as well as ever, as reports throughout the magazine testify. The musicians performed excellently, teams played hard, newspapers were collected, stages managed, brewing rooms painted, fish caught, motions debated and society served. As ever, the atmosphere in the senior year infected the rest of the House, and D. F. Ferguson and his fellow prefects did a splendid job. We wish all our leavers every success in the future.

D.A.R.W.

Head of House:

I. A. D. Low (Autumn Term); D. F. Ferguson

Prefects:

T. S. Ling, P. D. Hunter, S. D. Biggart,
D. A. Cameron, R. F. Wilson, J. I. McIntyre,
R. F. Renwick, J. A. E. Fingland, D. G. Inglis.

Captains, etc.:

Rugby	J. I. McIntyre
Hockey	R. F. Renwick
Cricket	A. J. Hay
Athletics	D. F. Ferguson
Boxing	R. F. Renwick
Swimming	C. B. Robertson
Cross-country	D. F. Ferguson
Skiing	R. F. Renwick
Shooting	C. B. Robertson
Sailing	J. A. E. Fingland
Tennis	D. F. Ferguson
Golf	A. W. B. Magill
Squash	D. F. Ferguson
Music	D. A. Cameron

House Colours:

T. S. Ling, I. A. D. Low, A. J. Hay, D. F. Ferguson,
J. I. McIntyre, R. F. Renwick, J. A. E. Fingland,
C. B. Robertson, D. G. Inglis, D. T. Hay.

SIMPSON

There seems little doubt that the House continues to flourish. The loaded trophy shelf bears witness to the athletic successes, the cheerful atmosphere to the general spirit, and, hopefully, the examination results, when they come, to the academic standard.

On the sporting side, the junior rugby cup was retained in a mud-bath final, while we also managed to keep the cross-country title, with Gregor providing the winner of the junior race. It was pleasing (not to say a relief) to collect the hockey cup after a final which went to extra time — I did gain the impression that a number of the team would have preferred not to have reached the final of a six-a-side competition in Perth that morning! In the summer, the cricketers showed both their mathematical and playing ability by calculating the scoring rate necessary for victory and then achieving it comfortably, and the swimmers as usual had a convincing success. Individual distinctions were gained by J. S. P. McDonald with the Campbell Award, Crowe on the tennis courts, and Footit as middle Victor Ludorum on Sports Day.

There were a number of new activities during the year. "Do-it-yourself" was extended from studies to brewing room, where an extremely thorough and efficient redecoration was carried out. Indoor games came into fashion, with Monopoly, Cluedo, Mastermind and bridge all having their addicts, although perhaps the most popular was the one devised and manufactured by Arthur.

Magee managed to get himself appointed Official Rabbitcatcher to the School (merely a transition from *de facto* to *de jure*), while Macleod contrived a dramatic (but fortunately only temporary) transfer for himself to Freeland/Nicol. On the agricultural front, A. R. Peddie is to be congratulated on winning himself a trip to Strasbourg as leader of the school's YFC winning project in the national competition.

Alasdair McArthur managed to combine his duties as Head of House and Head of School admirably, and to him and the other prefects go my thanks for their assistance in running the house. However, I think that they would agree that the well-being of a house depends on the efforts of all its members, and this has certainly been in evidence this year. To those who are leaving, I offer my best wishes for the future, and to those who return or join the house, the hope of another happy and successful year.

Head of House: A. C. McArthur.

Prefects:

J. S. P. McDonald, A. D. Baxter, G. J. F. Crowe, K. C. Grant, R. N. MacLeod, C. C. S. Magee.

House colours were awarded to:

A. D. Baxter, G. J. F. Crowe, C. C. S. Magee.

A.M.P.

Music

Although there has been no major musical undertaking this year the choir and orchestra have had a very busy time with more than the usual number of outside commitments.

In the winter term choir and orchestra performed in the North Church, Perth where the choir's main contribution was Monteverdi's "Beatus Vir". The choir sang from the gallery on either side of the Church and this gave added point to the antiphonal singing between the tenors and basses on the one hand and the trebles on the other. At St John's Kirk, Perth in the Easter term the choir sang very different music — six modern settings of the psalms entitled "Psalms for Today" by Hubert Chappell and "Alleluiah Psallat" by William Mathias. In the summer term at St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh choir and orchestra performed Vivaldi's Magnificat.

The Cantata Choir has performed on several occasions. In the informal concert at the end of the winter term they sang Christmas Carols by Vaughan Williams and William Walton, in the Eastern term some of the move-

ments of Mozart's Requiem and the Chappell "Psalms for Today", and in the summer term Britten's "Rejoice in the lamb" and "Zadok, the Priest" first of all in the School Chapel and later in Dunkeld Cathedral. On these last two occasions they sang particularly well.

Tenors and basses not in the Cantata Choir have sung music in a more secular style — three songs by Aaron Copland at the informal concert and Swingin' Samson by Michael Hurd at the Speech Day concert.

The School orchestra has played quite a variety of music ranging from the accompaniments to horn concertos by Mozart and Michel Corrette to the rather heavier style of Holst marches and the "1812" overture. The Strings have had the most work to do, but although they have been a small group numerically and therefore grateful for the support of Jane Frere and Bridget Spurgin from the convent at Kilgraston, they have played with plenty of confidence.

The second orchestra played particularly well on Speech Day and the newly constituted third orchestra acquitted itself very creditably

on its first public appearance at the concert given to the I.A.P.S. headmasters. Members of the Second orchestra also contributed considerably to the success of the orchestras' one day orchestral course for 'prep' schools held on the last Sunday of the Summer term. In the Music Competition which took place in the Easter term the overall standard was high in comparison to previous years and all the orchestral ensembles produced acceptable sounds. The choirs, too, were good but the outstanding item was Leburn's version of King Herod's Song from "Jesus Christ, Superstar". This was most convincingly put across. Leburn were the winners in all three sections and for the first time the long line of Ruthven successes was broken.

We are very sorry that Mr. Begbie has felt that he must retire from teaching the violin and viola at Strathallan. He has taught at the school for 15 years getting very good results from his pupils, doing valiant work with the second orchestra and being a tower of strength as leader of the School orchestra. It has been a great privilege to have him at the school and he has served it most loyally. We are going to find it very difficult to fill his place and we shall miss him very much and also his wife who has seldom missed a school concert. We wish him a very happy retirement.

G W.

Anthems sung in chapel this year have been:

Creation's Hymn (Beethoven); Loving Shepherd (Barry Ball); The Spacious Firmament (John Graves); I will praise Thee (Reginald Barrett-Ayres); Valiant Hearts (Barry Ball); Sleepers Awake (Bach); Lead me, Lord (Wesley); Holy, holy, holy (Schubert); Alleluiah Psallat (William Mathias); Ride on (Malcolm Williamson); God is gone up (Croft); Let us now praise famous men (Vaughan Williams); The Shepherd Boy's Song (Barry Ball); Jubilate Deo (Barry Ball); Zadok the Priest (Handel) and excerpts from Beatus Vir (Monteverdi); Magnificat (Vivaldi) and Rejoice in the Lamb (Benjamin Britten).

The following boys have passed Associated Board Music Examinations:

Fingland D. R. I., Violin, Grade 6 (distinction).
 McLelland K. C. S., Oboe, Grade 6.
 Henderson A. T., Piano, Grade 6.
 Macadam F. G., Violin, Grade 5 (distinction).
 Johnson I. L., Piano, Grade 4 (distinction).
 Gillanders D. M. N., Viola, Grade 4 (merit).
 MacLachlan D. A. C., Viola, Grade 3 (distinction).
 McPherson N. W., Piano, Grade 3.
 Russell M. A., Trumpet, Grade 3.
 Wither J. G., Trumpet, Grade 3.
 Widdowson R. D. W., Horn, Grade 3.
 MacEwan G. J., Horn, Grade 3.
 Muir A. A., Oboe, Grade 3.
 Macmillan F. A., Oboe, Grade 3.
 McPhail J. M., Flute, Grade 3.
 Rankine H. A., Piano, Grade 3.
 Davidson Q. J., Violin, Grade 2.
 Studman C. M., Violin, Grade 2.
 Julier G. H. N., Violin, Grade 1.
 Macfarlane P. A., Piano, Grade 1.

The following have passed theory examinations the grade being given in brackets:

McLelland K. C. S. (5), Newton D. R. (4), Smith C. R. M. (3), Steele B. W. (3), Johnson I. L. (3), Wallace C. J. (3), Gerrard G. A. (2), Mitchell G. W. (2), Crawford K. J. (2), Rankine H. A. (2), Hastings N. R. (2), Locke A. J. H. (1), Smith D. I. (1), Macfarlane W. G. (1), Strachan N. (1), Dun M. A. O. (1), Peddie P. R. (1), Julier G. H. N. (1), Ramsay M. H. (1), Macfarlane P. A. (1), Duncan R. J. (1), Voigt N. J. (1), Campbell J. P. (1), Postlethwaite H. R. (1), Gardner C. D. M. (1), Reid N. J. (1), Gow G. T. (1).

"Journey's End"

The task of selecting a school or house play is never a simple one, and at Strathallan it tends to be less simple than is the case elsewhere. The customary pattern at other schools is that there should be a major school production annually, in which the aim is to educate rather than to entertain and where such difficult areas as Shakespeare, Greek tragedy, Restoration comedy and modern serious drama can be attempted, and at least

once a year a house play, in which the aim is clearly to entertain. Thus, in most schools, a house play tends to be a romantic comedy or a detective thriller or something on that undemanding intellectual plane. At Strathallan the problem is different. We only stage plays once every three years, with the result that recent producers have tried to have the best of both worlds — to educate and to entertain simultaneously.

In this context, the choice of 'Journey's End' was an extremely sensible one. The play has a simple and universal plot, from which every one can derive something to satisfy his own prejudices; it has a manageable number of interesting and clearly delineated characters; it is not particularly long, an important factor at Strathallan where rehearsal time is eroded in a community where the same boys seem to do everything; and it contains no parts for girls, whose presence at recent productions, while brightening the scene, has proved distracting and a limiting factor on rehearsal time. Above all, it fulfils the two conditions outlined above. It is certainly entertaining; and it can be claimed to be educational, if only to prove that serious drama, regarded normally by most Strathallians as tedious in the extreme, can be interesting, illuminating and even gripping.

'Journey's End', then, was a good choice; and the production was predominantly a successful one. The idea of a claustrophobic, nerve-wracking dugout was skilfully put over, with some interesting and well-thought-out decor contributing to a very realistic and impressive picture. The costumes looked like World War I uniforms — though after the raid scene they still looked as neatly pressed as before. The props, if one excepts a whisky bottle complete with anachronistic screw-top, were convincing, and very sensibly used by the cast — not excessively, but sufficiently for their hands never noticeably to be unoccupied — a very important point in school productions. All the characters spoke clearly and slowly enough to be audible and intelligible and there was, to the producer's credit, little screening or crowding, with only one instance of a speech being delivered direct to the back of the stage. Perhaps the best production moment was the collapse of the set at the end — a splendidly managed theatrical climax.

The producer was lucky, too, with his cast, especially with his two main characters, A. D. G. Widdowson as Stanhope and A. H. Mackay as Osborne, and with R. N. McLeod as Trotter. The role of Stanhope is a very exacting one — apart from learning a very large part, the actor must cover a considerable range of emotions, earning the sympathy and disgust of his audience in turn. That Widdowson failed to master the role completely is not surprising or even a matter of criticism, for this is a role that requires an experienced professional actor to probe into all the emotional tensions of the man beneath the surface.

Widdowson was happiest when at the extremes of his role, either when obviously in control of himself or when control had completely been lost, but the subtleties and gradations often eluded him — and it was a particular pity that the tension of the letter scene was so lost. This Stanhope certainly commanded the stage, but he was too jovial by far. It would have been interesting to have seen how Mackay would have tackled this role, for he made much of the part of Osborne and has shown himself in the past to be an actor who is capable of tackling a considerable variety of parts. He was, indeed, a successful Osborne, but one feels that his versatility has not been adequately taxed here — a schoolboy actor who moves and speaks so well, and who understands the stage so well (complete with splendid use of the pipe) can surely do much more.

R. N. McLeod also moves and speaks well, and clearly has a fine understanding of what stage-acting is all about. His portrayal of Trotter, the unimaginative, sardonic 2nd Lieutenant, was undoubtedly the acting highlight of the evening. It is not often that one comes across a schoolboy actor with such gifts as McLeod's — his timing and inflection were impeccable, he made considerable and effective use of his eyes and to see him sitting at the table was to understand the man — a splendidly observed piece of comic acting. His success, in fact, highlighted the one failure of the production: for he was so dominant in his role, surely intended by the author to be mere comic relief, or, at the most, contrast, that, for many, he tended to obscure the tensions that are the main point of the play and which really did not come across. Often moments of dramatic importance were rushed through in a strangely frenetic manner, as if everybody felt the need to return to humour as quickly as possible. I except from this criticism the final scene, which was extremely well done.

A word or two needs to be said about the minor roles. K. J. Crawford made a good Hibbert as long as he was acting the part of a coward, but was not up to the drunk or hang-over scenes. C. R. M. Smith was encouragingly good in the difficult role of Raleigh. He managed to convey quite strongly the innocence of youth and, if he was not altogether successful in showing eager, unthinking enthusiasm for the job which needed to be done, his empty stare after the raid was one of the best moments of the production. A. R.

Cochrane was a very effective Mason and his amusing cross-talk with Trotter was well done. C. S. Russell coped adequately with the awkward role of Hardy, especially on the Saturday night when considerable trouble with the opening curtain failed to unnerve him — full marks to him for aplomb. H. W. R. Steedman, M. J. Yellowlees, and G. A. M. Gerrard each strove eagerly to fill the other parts, but, though each had their moments, each betrayed their inexperience in different ways. All will have learnt much to benefit them in the future.

This was a very good effort, especially when one considers that it was only a House play, for it was well up to the standard of School productions. It is to be hoped that its success will not be wasted, and that it will not be a decade before we have another serious play at Strathallan. Freeland and Nicol have shown us how it can be done. They did a marvellous job with scant resources and time, and their example should be followed.

M.J.E.W.

PRODUCTION

Set designed by: T. J. MacLeod, Esq.

Set painted by: R. M. Hamilton, D. L. Young.

Make-up and Costumes:

Mrs. T. J. MacLeod, Mrs. M. Barratt,
Mrs. A. L. K. Dutton, Mrs. T. C. G. Fairbairn.

Lighting and Sound:

A. L. K. Dutton, Esq., I. Y. Buchanan,
W. D. McLenachan.

Front of House: T. C. G. Fairbairn Esq., J. S. Milne.

Stage Manager: R. F. Wilson.

Properties: M. T. Manson, A. M. Jamieson.

Stage Hands:

I. F. Caird, E. G. Meade, D. A. R. Munro,
K. J. Shannon, A. K. Shortreed, R. J. H. Wilson

Producer: M. Barratt, Esq.

THE CAST

Captain Hardy	C. S. Russell
Lieutenant Osborne	A. H. Mackay
Private Mason	A. R. Cochrane
Lance-Corporal Broughton	B. W. Steele
2nd Lieutenant Raleigh	C. R. M. Smith
Captain Stanhope	A. D. G. Widdowson
2nd Lieutenant Trotter	R. N. MacLeod
2nd Lieutenant Hibbert	K. J. Crawford
The Company Sergeant-Major ...	H. W. R. Steedman
The Colonel	G. A. M. Gerrard
A German Soldier	M. J. Yellowlees

Social Services

The Social Services section continued many of the projects initiated last year and were given the opportunity of participating in other community projects. These are described in detail below by those involved. Most boys in the School were involved in one way or another in one or more events during the session and in particular the R.N.L.I. sponsored Road Race to Edinburgh in the Summer Term.

Social Service work is now an integral part of the School life for many boys and it is through their interest and efforts that the success of the section lies.

This social education — working for and amongst the less fortunate sections of our community — can only add to the full appreciation and understanding of our society as a whole.

J.B.B.

1. Swimming Instruction

During the session the boys of the swimming club have instructed the children from Scone Home (originally situated at Kippen House, Dunning) in the art of swimming. The lessons were conducted twice a week in the school swimming pool, the children arriving each time in a large white minibus which was invariably crammed full. The first session was met with some apprehension on both sides, but this dissolved as soon as the youngsters discovered that there was such a thing as a shallow end! Having gained confidence, it was very difficult to persuade them that it was time for them to leave. It was only a matter of a few sessions before many, who were previously afraid of the water, were showing a natural aptitude for swimming, and a determined battle commenced in which the children strained to swim the first width.

Unfortunately, as soon as the kids learn the basics of the sport they leave the home to be replaced by new faces. Our aims to produce Olympic swimmers, therefore, are somewhat hampered!

A.P.P.

2. Paper Collection

After lunch on the first Saturday of each month the landrover, three boys and Mr. Brown set off to collect the papers left out by people of Forgandenny and the surrounding district. After the landrover has been filled, the paper is taken to a storage point at Southfield farm. From there it is collected by firms who recycle the newsprint. The money collected is put towards the Christmas and Summer outings for the Senior Citizens of the district.

J.I.M.

3. Log-Cutting

Since starting last year, it has become a regular Sunday occurrence throughout the winter for a few boys to go tree-felling. The trees are sawn up and the logs are subsequently distributed around the Bridge of Earn district, under the guidance of Mr. Gomme-Duncan, Chairman of the Dunbarney & District Senior Citizens Association, to whose members this service is directed. All those not catered for last year were compensated and Forgandenny was added to the distribution area. The wood is given free to the pensioners and since they appreciate it so much, it looks like becoming an annual event.

C.C.S.M.

4. Hospital Visiting

Visiting in the Geriatric Wards of Bridge of Earn Hospital continued in the winter and spring terms but ceased in the summer term. During the year it became increasingly apparent that the interest of the patients of the hospital was waning. This was largely due to the introduction of a common room at Bridge of Earn. In short, dominoes gave way to television. It was a pity to cut the link with the hospital but it was generally felt that our limited time could be spent to better effect elsewhere.

A.R.C.

5. Christmas Cheese and Wine Party

Although the whole idea of a Cheese and Wine Party was looked down upon by the school sceptics, eight of the Social Services Committee Members duly turned up on December 11th, the last night of term, dressed in waiters' jackets (courtesy of Gleneagles Hotel) after 200 tickets had been sold in the weeks beforehand.

As the music room had already been decorated for the Master's Ball we decided to hold the party there in the atmosphere of a Paris Boulevard. In order to leave as much space as possible in the music room itself, the tables were laden with various types of soft and hard cheeses and red and white wines were placed in the conservatory.

The waiters spent several hours carrying precariously balanced glasses and plates over the ice and snow from the Dining Hall and preparing for the exodus from the Chapel but they were unable to cope with the rush of parents from the Carol Service. However, after the initial onslaught the party got under way and the waiters in an air

of Brylcreem and Brut 33 managed to persuade most guests to drink more wine than they had originally intended to and everyone, including the Committee, enjoyed themselves very much.

One thing which many parents found particularly valuable was the chance to have an informal chat with Housemasters, other Masters and their Wives. Many of us, including some of the Staff, hope that this function will become an annual event in the School calendar.

The total amount produced, including donations was £233. £60 was spent on expenses, £65 on taking the children from Scone Children's Home on a day trip to Edinburgh—to the Zoo, and to a pantomime. The remainder was placed in the Social Service Fund and used for gardening tools, decorating equipment and other requirements to further any social service work in the Bridge of Earn and Perth areas.

A.R.P.

6. Children's Visit to Edinburgh

The money raised by the Christmas Cheese and Wine Party held at the end of the winter term was used to give the children from Scone Children's Home an outing. Seven boys from Strathallan were asked to help the houseparents take care of the eighteen children—most of whom were from broken homes. The trip took place on Saturday 5th January. The bus left Scone at 10.30 a.m. after boys had arrived from Dundee, Dunblane, Glasgow, Lanark and Blackford.

A packed lunch was provided on the bus. The afternoon was spent on a tour of Edinburgh Zoo. The order of 30 fish suppers for tea, in the evening, caused some concern, but these were soon produced and consumed. The group then proceeded to the King's Theatre to see "Babes in the Wood". The bus left Edinburgh after the pantomime with a tired, but happy, group of children and arrived back at Scone at 11.30 p.m.

K.W.W.

7. Visits to Colonsay House

Colonsay House is a home for deprived children whose parents for social or financial reasons are unable to look after them. It is situated in a housing estate in Perth. The children's ages range from only a few months up to sixteen years.

On Sunday afternoons during the Easter term three or four boys visited the home to see the children, for although it has a delightful and dedicated staff and is well equipped with a colour television, record player and hundreds of toys, an aura of boredom hangs over the home. Thus the object of our visits was to entertain the children and give the staff a few hours rest from a very demanding job.

On our first visit the younger children took to us straight away. The older ones were rather withdrawn, but as they were practically free to do what they wanted, our efforts were mainly directed towards the younger ones.

Unfortunately as the visits were on Sundays we were unable to take the children to the Ice Rink,

fishing or swimming as we would have liked to have done. Instead we took them to the nearby playground or played "golf" in a field with a rusty old golf club and a battered ball. Other times we would spend hours lying flat on our stomachs playing marbles on the grass.

The children seemed to enjoy our visits immensely and welcomed us enthusiastically when we arrived. I think the benefit of the visits was mutual, we always looked forward to going and always left with a warm feeling of satisfaction of having done something worthwhile.

A.A.B.

8. Bridge of Earn Cheese and Wine Party

Four boys went to the Cheese and Wine party in aid of the Dunbarney Senior Citizens Fund to act as wine waiters. They were aided by four girls from Kilgraston. Through the evening there were two raffles and an extremely amusing auction. Unfortunately the prospective buyers were not very interested in the goods up for sale, and thus it required a great deal of persuasion on the part of the well known auctioneer to sell his goods. A two man band with accordion and violin provided dance music for the night which was enjoyed by the local residents of Bridge of Earn and Forgandenny.

K.J.S.

9. Murray Royal Folk Concert

The folk singers of the school, along with the more "traditional" artistes produced a varied programme of song, mime and dance for the patients of Murray Royal Hospital, Perth. The audience seemed to appreciate most of this. There was even a brief stoppage while one patient was carried out! The programme finished with several carols which the audience enjoyed and the atmosphere on the return journey to school showed the performers enjoyed it as much as the audience.

A.W.B.M.

10. Senior Citizens Film Show

The Dunbarney and District Senior Citizens were shown a film in the 6th form block on Tuesday 18th March. The film was entitled "The Lost Valley" and gave an interesting account of the Thirty Years War. Boys assisted in the projection room and in the "auditorium". After an unforeseen technical hitch the film started around 3.30 p.m. and ended at 6.00 p.m. Tea and biscuits were served in the interval. In the evening the film was re-shown to the 6th form "Historians". The occasion was appreciated by all attending.

R.M.J.

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11. Gardening in Perth

During the winter, parties of about 8 boys went to various senior citizens in Perth to dig their gardens on Friday afternoon. The Town Council gave us spades each afternoon. However after the Cheese and Wine Party we were able to use some of the money raised to buy our own spades and forks. The old people appreciated this service very much and it gave them a chance to talk to the boys over a cup of tea after they had completed their work.

W.D.G.C.

12. Football v Friarton

We have only played one game against the young offenders of Friarton this year, and due to the demands of Masters in charge of rugby it was a greatly weakened team that faced them. After a very poor start, in which the Strathallan team lost three goals in the first fifteen minutes, the team settled down. Reward for extra effort in the second-half came with goals from Shortreed and Meade. However, despite added pressure the Friarton XI held out and scored again themselves late in the game.

Strathallan 2, Friarton 7.

E.G.M.

13. Decorating

This year three of us undertook a new project in the social services. This was to redecorate rooms in the houses of the more unfortunate, elderly Perth citizens.

It was decided that the jobs should be undertaken on Sunday afternoons, giving us about five hours a week to work on the rooms which needed redecorating.

As decorating is a very time-consuming operation (work on a house may last as long as five weeks) we have only completed three houses so far, two in Letham and one in Hunter Crescent.

The first job was comparatively easy, painting was all that was involved. The second and third were painting and wallpapering. We had to learn — and discover by accident — the techniques and methods employed in redecoration.

The senior citizens to whom we had offered our services were extremely gratified, as living in one room, a change in decor is of great significance and makes a welcome change. On our second assignment the lady was quite amazed that three teenagers should offer their assistance to a senior citizen. She said that before we had done so, she felt that all was lost with our "new generation". When we had completed the job, she assured us — that her faith in our generation had finally been restored and that the future of the world was no longer at stake!

R.M.H.

14. Sponsored Road Race

The idea of a sponsored road race from Strathallan to Edinburgh seemed a very novel idea when it came up at one of the regular Social

Service Committee meetings. It was decided to run this as the major project of the year whose prime purpose was to involve as many people as possible in order to aid the cause.

Fettes College were approached and asked if they would participate in the race. The idea was to run the race, consisting of two teams of 21 runners, as a baton relay race with each runner doing two miles before passing on the baton.

The race was run in aid of the RNLI as it was their 150th anniversary and the aim was to raise enough money to provide a replacement Inshore Lifeboat for the RNLI station at Kinghorn, Fife.

Each team was to be started off by their respective Headmaster and in the baton the runners were to carry a copy of their school's coat of arms and a message of goodwill to the receiving school.

The race itself was run on Sunday, 4th May, commencing at 1400 hrs GMT. The route taken was from Strathallan, along the Wicks of Baigle road and then on to the A90, by Milnathort, Kinross and Cowdenbeath on to the Forth Road Bridge. From the south side of the Bridge, Strathallan ran into Fettes College via Barnton.

The 42 mile race was in fact won by Strathallan in a time of 4 hours 21 minutes, just a mere seven minutes ahead of Fettes College. A total of £1200 was raised, £1094 by Strathallan and £106 by Fettes. The Lifeboat will be installed at Kinghorn early in 1976.

A cheque for the £1200 was presented to Mr. A. Mackay, ex-coxswain of Broughty Ferry Lifeboat, representing the RNLI, at a ceremony in the Dining Hall on 1st July.

D.F.F.

15. Ochil Tower, Auchterarder

During the summer term we visited the Children's Home at Ochil Tower in Auchterarder. The visit took place every Friday afternoon between 3.00 and 5.00 p.m.

We developed a plan that the group should be split into two. *The larger group taking care of the physical work which was needed. This involved the rebuilding of a stone dyke which was in danger of collapsing — turning out to be a very large reconstruction job. The smaller group played with the children in the grounds of the School.*

A.J.H.

16. Blackford Highland Games — 31st May, 1975

This was the third, and most successful, year that the Social Services have attended the Games. We only ran a Prize Draw — first prize was a gallon bottle of whisky — and profits were increased by the generosity of retailers who donated prizes. The donations were encouraged by an arrangement made with the Games Committee for the School Social Services to advertise on behalf of the retailers in the Games Programme. There was no problem selling tickets and a total of £130.10 was raised, £24.85 was deducted for expenses which meant that a grand total of £115.25 was handed over for the Blackford Senior Citizen's Association.

R.F.W.



Well done, lads!



The Response to a Request

"In next year's magazine", I said, "I hope to tell you whether the response was miserable or truly magnificent". It was in that article asking for Old Strathallians to let me know something of the earliest days of the school.

Well, I had a magnificent response from a miserably small number of people, so that any sort of systematic survey of the early years cannot be taken any further than what is already published in the past issues of the Magazine.

Most interesting of all, apart from one detail that I find almost unbelievable, was the picture I got of the personality of "The Boss" himself. From most valuable contributions sent by David Bogie, John Fraser and Douglas Muir, we get the following picture.

Harry Riley "held no university degree but was undoubtedly a man of outstanding qualities. He was dynamic, extremely capable, with a natural business acumen". Against this, "a practical Yorkshireman is the last description I would have applied. A Yorkshireman, yes, who never wore anything but the finest worsted and strange rectangular ties; but practical? I think he surrounded himself with practical men". The facts, however, bear out the first of these views, since it needs more than idealism to "start in 1913 with very little capital in Bridge of Allan with a handful of boarders. The numbers increased yearly and the reputation of the school grew very quickly. By 1919 there were five buildings in the school, the original Fernbank and Wolf Crag, Glenranald, Birkenwald and Grahamville. It was a growing but scattered community, with one house used for classes, one for catering, and three for residences". "Three of his staff", we are told, "later started schools of their own, but none exist today". His survives and so I am not yet ready to withdraw the word practical.

Still, he is said to have been "very emotional". Blub Sunday, the last of each summer term, was when "he preached his valedictory sermons to his boys going out into the world whom he'd never see again and could not then see for the enormous tears coursing down his cheeks". The writer is speaking of 1940, however, when no teacher could be unmoved by the knowledge of what was waiting for so many of them. Was this sad farewell also a feature of the earlier years of peace?

And what was H.R. like to the boys? "In my earlier years he seemed both remote and frightening. Almost my only recollections are those connected with awful misdemeanours, when I was summoned to his office and given four of the best". Against this view, "He knew each of the 120 boys personally—this knowledge being acquired by sitting at table at mealtimes with them and walking each day with a different boy to and from classrooms". "In the evening, after giving out the day's news in chapel in the style of our present day broadcasters, he would personally hand out the incoming mail to each receiver, yet another way of getting to know each boy under his care".

Actually, you know, there is not really a contradiction. The writer who found him so remote is talking of the years in which his health was in

decline. A sad picture of him in those later years gives him "a horror of damp, so that he actually beat people who sat on the grass in June at noon, instead of on tartan rugs", and he "was reduced to a strange huge figure who loomed, distraught and mumbling, in the dark, to frighten people out of their wits and then offer them purple cough sweets".

Everyone agrees that "King Harry" was a superb teacher "able to teach any subject to a spellbound class". I like the idea of him "assuring a prospective parent from South America that Spanish was taught at Strathallan. The boy was enrolled and was in fact taught Spanish by H.R. who himself knew none until after he had promised it". (Nowadays the General Teaching Council would not allow him to teach it with a university degree in Spanish, unless a Training College had added its Diploma.) Above all, he had the ability to "impart knowledge to the dullest and give much-needed confidence to the struggling. And, while he had a good team of masters, he was always ready to do extra teaching in the evenings to help those who had fallen behind".

The discipline seems to have been hard and "the means he used to obtain his information may be open to question", but he managed to get some boys to better their more clever friends by working harder and "many a boy in later years realised the wisdom of his words". Certainly as a master here I myself have received from those old boys of his time a strong impression of gratitude and affection for him.

There is a gap in the school that one writer, and I too, find surprising. "It seems to me an astonishing thing, and this implies some criticism, that the school existed till 1930 without a library". To start one, the writer was made to "go round the dormitories at the end of term and ask for contributions of books to be brought back after the holidays. We certainly received a wonderful response". (Try it now and you might get two dozen copies of "Her Sinful Skinful" with not a lot of Dickens.)

The same writer agrees with my suggestion that "there was considerable bias towards commercial pursuits". He says "there was no sixth form, of course", but we also learn that "quite a few boys went to Oxford, Cambridge, and other universities to follow an academic career". And we can see from all the lawyers, doctors and accountants with whom we meet at Old Boys Dinners that there must have been something like a sixth form under another name. The writer himself, claiming little knowledge of the Business Club, says that he was able to "hive off to try to become a scholar in Greek and Latin". And part of the education must have leaked into the holidays, since there are two mentions of Harry Riley's car full of seniors on the continent, which managed to appear in Austria for the Anschluss, in Czechoslovakia in 1938, and in Danzig in 1939. The boss even got himself mistaken for a spy called Riley and flung into a Polish gaol.

But that detail I mentioned. It concerns a Mr. Thomson — not Norman of recent years but another one. One of my correspondents says "Mr.

Thomson was a keen tree-climber and I was taught most of my Greek and Latin in the upper branches of a tree, above the Wood family graves". Mind your head on that tombstone, laddie! Anyway, I propose to see if it has now grown big enough to hold the whole of 4B History. No, on second thoughts I am afraid the new headmaster will imitate the founder with a brusque "Oh, but you can't do that, you can't", and we will be sent back to an ordinary classroom.

Thank you very much to those who wrote. And may this stimulate those who can cap it or who disagree with anything to give me something for next year. I envisage lots of Strathallians reading last year's article and resolving to do something about it. And then letting it go. I was

asked by one correspondent why the magazine never has news of those who taught here in Riley's time, to which the answer is that we have almost lost touch with all of them. If you know where any of them are living, do suggest to them that they should write in too. There were post-war troubles that seem to have put a barrier between us and those who were teaching here before that time. But twenty five years is surely long enough to mellow the relationship. As I indicated in last year's article, the thing I find most unusual about Strathallan is the absence of a published record of its earlier years, as though oral recollections at assorted reunions were all the past deserves. Please write to me.

Denis Young.

Chemical Education

Chemistry is concerned with chemicals and although there are only about 100 elements the number of compounds formed when these elements enter into chemical combination is legion: In fact, today, there are about 7 million compounds known and one of the purposes of teaching chemistry in schools is to familiarise pupils with a few of them. Even more important than this, pupils need to be made aware of the potential dangers involved in handling all chemicals both inside and outside the laboratory. For example, most pupils, at an early age, learn that concentrated sulphuric acid is dangerous; they see what happens if it is spilt on the bench or on a piece of paper or mixed with water. They should certainly be better informed than one of the occupants of a car which was recently involved in a crash with a tanker of oleum (the most concentrated form of sulphuric acid). A passenger in the car got out after the accident and tried to paddle through the spilt oleum. There was very little left for the police to make any formal identification. But another dangerous chemical, 4,4'-dimethyl bipyridyl chloride, commonly sold as the weedkiller paraquat, has also been in the news recently because very small doses, if taken orally, are almost invariably fatal. The result is a slow painful death and as yet, there is no known antidote. Even such apparently innocuous chemicals as detergents should be treated with respect. Many housewives have suffered unpleasant skin troubles as a result of using some of the more "powerful" washing powders, e.g., the so-called biological detergents. These chemicals have also caused a lot of pollution in rivers running close to the factories. Far too many chemicals today are being made available to the general public before they may have been thoroughly tested. Thalidomide is another well-known example but, of course, in this case the ill-effects of the drug were not immediately obvious. Many common hair dyes are suspect at the present moment because they contain chemicals that can, under certain conditions, produce cancers in animals, should they be banned? It could take many years before it is possible to correlate any single case of human cancer with the use of a particular hair dye. The same controversy occurred a short while ago over the use of cyclamate sweeteners in soft drinks. Some research workers in the United States found

that large doses of cyclamate could produce cancers in laboratory animals. The press made a great deal of this and cyclamates were banned from use in soft drinks in the States. However, it was soon realised that these were not really parallel situations and that the risk to human beings was probably negligible. The use of cyclamates has also been banned in this country and I think it is important that, although we should be aware of the potential dangers of adding chemicals to food and drink we must nevertheless keep a sense of proportion. Laboratory situations are not necessarily directly related to everyday life.

Today, more than ever before, chemicals are intricately woven into the pattern of our day to day existence. A lot of people are worried about it, but there's very little any individual can do. Chemicals have been added to our food, they have been put into the air we breathe, they have been added to the water we drink to say nothing of their use in medicine, cosmetics and toiletries. It would be very difficult in this short essay to give a comprehensive account of the variety of chemicals that are added to our food and a few well-known examples must suffice. Many people have been disturbed about the addition of hormones and antibiotics to animal feedstuffs to improve the quality and quantity of protein produced. Fortunately, there are now fairly strict regulations governing the use of such chemicals on the farm but we must appreciate that these are rather special chemicals, one might call them biochemicals, in as much as they can have a profound effect on the chemical reactions taking place in the living organism. Antibiotics have been used far too indiscriminately. The medical profession has been guilty of prescribing them for all manner of minor infections with the result that strains of bacteria have now evolved which are resistant to some of the common antibiotics like penicillin.

Chemicals are sometimes added to food as preservatives, for example, nitrites are used to preserve fish. However, fish contain amines and, under certain conditions, these compounds can react with nitrites to produce the highly carcinogenic nitrosamines. This becomes a very real danger if the fish are partially decayed. However, a number of foods, e.g. ham, bacon, sausages,

contain nitrosamines in very small quantities and once again, the risk to the population as a whole is probably negligible.

Dyes are sometimes added to food to improve the appearance. The next time you are walking past a butcher's shop and admiring a particularly succulent looking cut of beef, bear in mind that a red dye may well have been added to improve the appearance.

The widespread use of agricultural sprays and dusts has resulted in certain chemicals getting into our food accidentally. The chlorinated hydrocarbons like DDT are a case in point. The latter is concentrated in the liver of animals and although the long-term effects on man are still in dispute the effects on many animals and particularly on the food chains are well documented. In consequence, the use of such chemicals has been restricted in recent years, but there is no simple answer to the problem. The possible dangers of using DDT have to be weighed against the known advantages. For example, it has been stated that the withdrawal of DDT without replacement by a suitable substitute could lead to a recurrence of endemic malaria in areas where the disease is now under control.

In industrial areas, noxious gases, e.g. sulphur dioxide and hydrogen sulphide, are still allowed to pollute the atmosphere causing added discomfort to those people suffering with chest complaints; e.g. chronic bronchitis. Car exhaust fumes present another hazard polluting the atmosphere with not only oxides of carbon and nitrogen, but also with lead (from one of the additives in petrol). There is strong evidence to suggest that increases in atmospheric lead could result in a higher incidence of mental disease. Recent work has shown a correlation between the lead content of the atmosphere and the I.Q. of children living in such areas.

An interesting and rather unusual case of atmospheric pollution concerns the use of aerosols. The concentration of aerosol gases in the upper atmosphere is steadily increasing and you may well ask why this should give rise to concern. One of the gases commonly used in aerosols is freon, dichlorodifluoromethane. In the upper atmosphere it converts from ozone to oxygen. Now the ozone layer in the upper atmosphere forms a protective barrier, cutting out much of the ultra violet rays from the sun. If this layer of ozone should be reduced, then more ultraviolet light will get through to the earth and this could result in a higher incidence of skin cancer. Who could possibly have predicted such a chain of events?

Modern agricultural practice has resulted in a great increase in the use of chemicals, not only fertilisers but also insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. Of course, these chemicals are essential if crop yields are to be improved but, on the other hand, the widespread and sometimes indiscriminate use of them has frequently caused a serious imbalance of nature. If they are washed down into lakes and rivers they may cause an excessive growth of the vegetation such that the lake or river becomes choked or alternatively they may cause the death of plant and animal life resulting in stagnation. The use of herbicides in Vietnam, for no sound biological purpose, has devastated vast areas which will take many years to regenerate.

For some time now there has been serious

debate on the question of adding fluoride to drinking water. There is little doubt that fluoride reduces dental decay in young people but, on the other hand, what are the long term effects? We don't really know and it is quite right that doubts should be expressed about adding such a chemical to our water supplies. However, in certain parts of the country a low incidence of dental decay can be correlated with the natural content of fluoride in the drinking water. For this reason, I think it is worth the risk although a more satisfactory alternative might be to encourage children to use fluoride toothpaste.

So far, I have not mentioned radioactive chemicals. In the 1950's the accumulation of radioactive materials in the atmosphere was increasing at an alarming rate. Fortunately, sanity eventually prevailed and atmospheric nuclear tests were strictly limited by the great powers. Today, the main problem is the disposal of radio-active waste from nuclear reactors. Large quantities of nuclear waste are being buried in sealed containers under the sea and also in underground tanks but there is always a danger of leakage. With the development of the fast breeder reactor the problem becomes more acute, the amount of radioactive material produced exceeding the amount used in the reactor. Into the bargain the product is plutonium, intensely radioactive and supposedly one of the most highly carcinogenic chemicals known at the present time. Plutonium can be used in nuclear weapons and there is the additional problem of security particularly in these days of terrorist activity.

Workers in the chemical industry, I suppose, are more vulnerable than anybody else to the dangers of handling chemicals. Today there are very strict regulations that safeguard the health of workers in this industry. Even so, these regulations are constantly under review. The plastic P.V.C. is made from a chemical called vinyl chloride and it is only recently that the dangers of inhaling the vapour of this chemical have become apparent. The level of vinyl chloride vapour in the factories must now, by law, be kept at a very low level but this is yet another example of the dangers not becoming evident for many years.

Whilst on the subject of inhaling vapours, I think I will conclude by saying just a few things about smoking. The evidence is fairly conclusive that smoking can be harmful and this is not really surprising. Tobacco smoke contains a high percentage of the poisonous gas, carbon monoxide; it also contains traces of radioactive chemicals. The tar from tobacco contains many chemicals several of which have been shown to be carcinogenic in animals. It is worth clearing up one common misconception, namely that nicotine, a colourless crystalline material, is the dangerous chemical. This in fact, is most unlikely. Nicotine is a stimulant and is probably no more harmful than alcohol.

On reading this through I fear that it does sound rather like a script for the T.V. programme "Doomwatch". Yet I do feel very strongly that education in chemistry should include education in the handling of chemicals both in the laboratory and in everyday life. Children must be encouraged to treat all chemicals with respect, even if they are not actually classified at the time as hazardous, and it is to be hoped that future generations will be more aware of the potential dangers of handling chemicals than their forbears.

P.A.B.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Since the beginning of the year we had four debates, one within the school, two with Kilgraston and one at Dundee High School. With a great deal of variety, each occasion has been thoroughly enjoyed.

Last February, four members of the Lower Sixth participated in the first debate of the spring term. R. K. Linton and D. A. R. Munro proposed the motion "U.F.O's are for real" while D. R. Newton and J. M. Waldie opposed. All the speakers prepared their speeches well and delivered their facts in a logical way. Both R. K. Linton and D. A. R. Munro spoke well and carried the motion.

The next debate that term was certainly a crowd puller and every chair in the Sixth Form Hall was occupied. D. S. McIntosh and C. C. S. Magee proposed the motion "That people don't really marry for love" while Kilgraston opposed. The debate was certainly a success and contributions from the floor were of a high standard.

In May we were invited to Dundee High School together with Kilgraston. The motion "That society is best served by its rebels" was debated twice. Dundee High School "A" team and Strathallan in the persons of A. R. Cochrane and D. A. Cameron proposed the motion against Kilgraston and Dundee High School "B" team. A. R. Cochrane spoke first in the second debate. He dealt with historical facts while D. A. Cameron tied up loose ends and generalised. The motion was carried and Kilgraston won the prize for delivering the best speeches.

In July we were invited to Kilgraston. The motion was that "This house prefers Marx and Engels to Marks and Spencers". Each side involved both schools, R. A. R. Whyte opposing and P. A. S. Gelzer seconding the motion. Both are fourth formers and this was the first time they had spoken in a debate. Gelzer was particularly convincing.

Debating this year has been great fun. All who took part enjoyed themselves and this is the prime objective.

D.S.M.

ELECTRONICS CLUB

This has been a most successful year for the Electronics Club, with the intake of over a dozen new members. An interesting and large display was shown on Speech Day, and again for the visitors from the Preparatory Schools. A number of projects have been and are being completed. These include: a guitar, AC-DC power supplies, intercoms, remote control units and fuzz boxes. The construction of a closed circuit T.V. camera has also begun. Apart from this, Sinclair Scientific and Cambridge electronic calculators have been most popular.

B.W.S.

FISHING CLUB

In December the School Pond was drained of water. This proved to be a mistake as, due to cost, a mechanical digger could not be hired. Manual removal of marginal reeds was, on the whole, ineffective because of the sheer size of the task, despite squads of 3rd Formers and volunteers working on Friday afternoons for several weeks. Moreover, little aquatic weed was killed as, unfortunately, there was little frost during the winter. The only consolation was that the Pond needed airing as 1974's stock had died of oxygen starvation because of excess decaying matter.

There was just enough water in the Pond at the beginning of the Summer Term for it to be stocked with 200 fish ranging from 8" to 12", 50 12" fish were put in, the biggest fish the Pond has ever been stocked with. Superior sport justified the extra expense. 64 fish above the 11" limit were removed from the Pond during the Term, C. C. S. Magee being the most successful angler. As usual fishing tailed off as the Term progressed but there was a revival in early July, despite weed.

Again the match against the Old Boys was held at the Lake of Menteith on 5th July. Despite the fact that it was hot and sunny this was the second most successful Old Boys v. the School competition, 37 fish being caught. The Old Boys won, 21 fish to 16, 15 lbs. 6 oz. to 11 lbs. 9 oz. Mr. Biggart and D. L. Young, Old Boy and pupil respectively, each had five fish.

I would like to thank the Old Boys for inviting the School Fishing Club to the Lake. The School Team all enjoyed the day's fishing and the evening meal afterwards immensely.

S.D.B.

MUSIC SOCIETY

The following concerts were held this year:

Music Staff Concert (Nov. 5th): This was a very entertaining concert indeed, and a good one to start the year with. The most exciting piece played was the "Lucy Long Theme and Variations" played brilliantly by Mr. McLeary (bassoon) accompanied by Mr. Ball (piano); this sounded fiendishly difficult, but Mr. McLeary put in a great performance. Other items on the list were Mr. Thomson playing "A Concert Piece" by Haydn, on the tuba—this too required a fair amount of dexterity on the instrument; Mr. Morrison (clarinet) had us aghast yet again with his rendering of an "Ardante with variations" by Sphor; Mrs. Stowell (cello), Mr. Begbie (violin) and Mr. West (flair) came together to form a fine trio playing the "Gypsy Rondo" by Haydn; and a number of piano pieces were played by either Mr. Ball or Mr. West or on one occasion both.

A.D.G.W.

Peter Cooper piano recital (Feb. 15th): Peter Cooper, a New Zealander, came up from London to give this Celebrity Recital.

The Music Room was filled to capacity and the audience was not to be disappointed. Peter Cooper played a number of familiar piano pieces, and his performance was greatly enhanced in his explanations and introductions to each work. Particularly enjoyed were Mozart's "Turkish Rondo", Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and "The Minute Waltz" by Chopin (which was played in 85 seconds). The concert ended with two encores which were greatly received by the audience. Mr. Cooper has already expressed a willingness to return to Strathallan, and we await that time with anticipation.

B.J.B.

Three Ages of Church Music. The Cantata choir. Director: Barry Ball. Accompanist: Gordon West.

The Concert was held in the School Chapel on Saturday 15th March and was attended by a disappointingly small but appreciative audience of about 60 people. The six modern psalms by Herbert Chappell were sung with confidence and enthusiasm and the balance between tenors/basses and trebles/altos was good. A. D. G. Widdowson, the bass soloist deserves special mention for the positive lead that he gave in all these items.

The music of J. S. Bach, written some 200 years earlier, provides an interesting contrast. The Fugue in G Major illustrates the essential architecture of a fugue whereas the A Minor starts in the classical style and progresses into a delightful fantasia with an exuberant finale. I'm quite sure all those present would agree that Bach's music is anything but dull when played with such enthusiasm and virtuosity. My only disappointment was that I was unable to see Barry Ball at the keyboard.

Mozart's last work, the well-known Requiem Mass, provided a fitting end to the concert. Dies Irae, depicting the Day of Judgement, was firm and resonant, a notable achievement considering the size of the choir. The last two extracts, Hostias and Sanctus, were well performed although, at times, I felt the choir was rather stretched.

I very much enjoyed the evening and, judging by the applause at the end, so did the audience.

P.A.B.

"Rejoice in the Lamb" and "Zadok the Priest" (5th June): This was another Cantata choir concert, and again a highly contrasting programme was performed.

The first, was Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb". This was obviously a difficult work to tackle with a school choir, nevertheless the choir put in an excellent performance, indeed, in my opinion, the best piece of singing that the Cantata choir have ever done. It was noticeable that the choir responded very well to the dynamics of the work, which is a necessary ingredient if, for example, one of the movements is all on the same note. An

enormous amount of work had obviously been put into this particular piece, and it was a resounding success for all concerned.

The concert then diverged, as we moved backwards in time from the 1940's to the 18th century where the choir gave a polished and rousing performance of Handel's great coronation anthem "Zadok the Priest". The first movement was reminiscent even, of King's College Cambridge choir, as the trebles really hit the top notes — a great sound. The choir obviously found the fast runs in the "God Save the King" tricky, but on the whole the choir gave their all, and produced a fine sound throughout.

Altogether this was a first class concert and one that will be remembered for some time.

P.A.S.G.

Music Society Speech Day Concert (6th July): This was a chance for our two very good violinists D. R. I. Fingland and F. G. McAdam to perform in "public". They took their chance in both hands and played a Corelli duet in three movements with great verve. A. D. G. Widdowson (horn) played the theme tune from "Alceste" by Gluck, and a startling little piece by Adam Carse, accompanied by Mr. Ball on the piano. K. C. S. McLelland treated us to a "Romance" by Neilson played in a truly professional manner. The concert ended with the Brass group consisting of Mr. Thomson (tuba), S. L. Hill (trombone), G. J. McEwen and A. D. G. Widdowson (horn) and N. E. Cope, R. F. Wilson, R. Goodfellow, B. Russell and G. Wither, who played "Blues in Eb" and "Come all you Roving Rangers", both of which were good entertainment value.

This concert closed our series of Music Society concerts on a very high note, and thanks must go to Mr. Ball for organising, endlessly rehearsing, and conducting over the year.

A.D.G.W.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society's "burst for fame" continued this year with a few more members joining, and the number of members remained just above that of last year at about 25.

The recently revived annual competition was held again this year and once again the society is extremely grateful to the panel of masters who gave up part of a weekend to judge the many entries which came mainly from the half dozen most active members.

The annual general meeting was held just before Speech Day during which the prizes for the competition were awarded and the office bearers for the following year were elected. The problem of enrolling new members was also discussed. With the fee at £1 a year many juniors are reluctant to join and those in the middle and senior school have other activities, so a proposal to give new members a trial period was suggested and thought to be a good idea.

As last year, there was a display held in the dining room foyer, arranged by R. K. Linton and D. M. N. Gillanders. Besides black and white

photographs, there were also some colour pictures belonging to members of the school which served to brighten things up.

We are very much in debt to Mr. Gray, the Club's president in more ways than one, as his pocket has temporarily financed our latest purchase — a contact printer from A. C. McArthur, the Club's treasurer, which should prove a useful investment. I wish to thank both Mr. Gray and A. C. McArthur for their invaluable help through the year.

Competition results:

1st D. M. N. Gillanders

2nd R. K. Linton

3rd J. P. Stewart

Office bearers '75-'76:

Chairman: R. K. Linton

Treasurer: D. M. N. Gillanders

A.I.P.

PIPE BAND

The band lost a lot of good pipers with the 1974 leavers but despite this our première performance on St. Andrew's night was encouraging and hopes were high for the summer.

Morale sank to an all time low in the Spring Term as a result of many hours practice, but it was time well spent as we were able to play the whole competition set by the end of that term — a previously unheard of achievement!

We started the Summer Term with a burst of enthusiasm, but this was somewhat blunted when our promised new uniforms failed to arrive. Nevertheless we were soon back in business with our usual vigour, and at the West of Scotland competition we were second to a good Dollar band. At the Edinburgh competition we played well and had a good day until we heard the result.

However Drum Sgt. Robertson was 9th in the solo drumming and Sgt. Gillanders and P/M Shedden were 9th and 5th respectively in the solo piping.

As always the band had many other engagements including Blackford Highland games (where a certain drummer spent a shade too long in a certain tent!). We played on Speech Day as usual and happily we rose to the occasion (one of our better habits). Our other sunset parades were the best for some years.

Glenfarg gala day, as our final outing, was a great success, particularly so as our ranks had been swollen by three new pipers and a new drummer. Sadly this extra bulk did not prevent us from being beaten in the semi-finals of the tug-o-war competition in which we took part.

The school solo competitions were held as usual in July, and after some close decisions the results were as follows.

Senior Piping	R. K. Shedden
Senior Drumming	C. B. Robertson
Junior Piping	H. J. P. Gray
Junior Drumming	S. A. Ferguson

It is with the deepest regret that we bid farewell to Drum Major D. Wilson, who has taught drumming at Strathallan for fourteen years.

Many thanks also to Mr. Henderson for organisation within the band and to Mr. Murray for teaching piping.

R.K.S.

ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT 1974

Once again our annual dance with Kilgraston and various members of the staff came around.

A large contingent from the Convent added to the enjoyment of the evening, which included a varied medley of Scottish country dances. The dancing of Strathallan was of a higher standard than previous years, mainly due to the patient coaching of Messrs. Barratt and Fairbairn.

We owe our thanks to Mrs. Murray for her enchanting Gaelic songs and to her husband for his piping solo, to Messrs. Barker and Macleod for organizing the gymnasium into a dance hall and to the girls of Kilgraston.

Overall a very pleasant and successful evening was enjoyed by all.

D.S.M.

COUNTRY DANCING

After some twenty years Miss Helen Farquhar's Highland Dancing classes have come to an end in The Senior School, and we should like to thank her for her long and loyal service. This came about not due to any lack of enthusiasm on her part but sadly because of the lack of pupils who wished to take classes. I fear this must be a widespread fashion because for the first time ever there was no competitive Highland Dancing in The Band Competition in Edinburgh this year.

At the same time Miss Le Mesurier felt that the time had come to retire from her evening Kilgraston-Strathallan Ballroom Dancing classes, and we should like to thank her too for her patience and her friendly discipline over many years of mixed classes.

Happily some of the gaps left by these, have been filled by a new Country Dancing Club run by Mr. Barratt, who nobly drives a minibus full of girls to and from the Convent each week. The practice and fun they have had was shown in the much improved dancing on St. Andrew's Night, and a great deal of the success of the Club is due to the enthusiasm of Mr. Barratt and of D. S. McIntosh whose idea it all was.

T.C.G.F.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

The following committee members were elected at the beginning of the year:

Chairman: T. J. Blaxter.

Treasurer: A. R. Peddie.

Secretary: R. M. Jamieson.

Committee: A. I. Pate, J. G. Leishman, M. J. Harrold.

Most of the films this year were of the traditional nature, however two of them, "Colour by Numbers"—a film which shows how colour affects our everyday lives—and "The Choice is Yours"—a good film with a serious message showing, with the aid of cartoons, the effects of alcoholism—were particularly good and enjoyed even more than usual by 58 members.

A "Stump the Scientist" session was held for the society's 300th meeting and although most of the questions were censored before the meeting, one interesting question on aphrodisiacs was asked. Mr. Ford—backed up by Mr. Gray and Mr. Barker—managed to answer it very well without going too red!

In November the Society welcomed Dr. D. W. F. Wheeler from Dundee University to give a lecture on "Pollution—the Modern Problem". In February 15 boys went to Dundee Observatory. They also visited the Planetarium.

Our thanks to Mr. Barker for turning out faithfully every Saturday night to show the films.

A.R.P. and R.M.J.

THEATRE VISITS

Our first visit of the year was to a performance of "Hamlet" by the Cambridge Theatre Company. Many of us were hopeful that we would gain some useful knowledge for English A-Levels. In this we were disappointed. The audience was very poor and the play was never allowed to come alive. The play is well known to most, so suffice it to say that the performance was creditable, considering the behaviour of the audience. In future we shall confine ourselves to going to smaller theatres than the MacRobert.

A.R.C.

Once again an Arthur Miller play done by the Dundee Rep. succeeded in giving the Society a highly entertaining evening. The play "All My Sons" is a powerful and penetrating drama about guilt and responsibility. An intricate web of love-hate relationships enmeshes the principals. If the object of drama, is to make the audience "wait a bit, cry a bit, and laugh a bit", then this production certainly achieved its aim.

A.D.G.W.

"How the other half lives", by Alan Ackbourn (Pitlochry Festival Theatre).

A play in which the action revolves around the extra-marital antics of three different couples, in two different houses, on two different evenings—all at the same time—needs a great deal of concentration. On leaving the school, the party agreed that the play should be very interesting, if somewhat complex. When we arrived at the theatre in time for the start of the second act (our bus had broken down), to talk of the play as "complex" was to make rather an understatement of the whole affair. The look of bewilderment on Strathallan faces when one couple appeared to be having dinner with two other couples, at two different dining-tables and on two separate occasions, at the same time, was as hilarious as the play itself. But the author, as if knowing of breakdowns, gives a lot of clues to the plot in Act Two, and as a result we knew what was happening, and were thus able to appreciate the large amount of first-class comedy in the play.

A.J.H.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

As well as three first-class talks on Artificial Insemination, Pollution, and the Future of Farming, we had a conscientiously worked out programme of films which catered for both the budding agriculturalists and the ordinary laymen of the school. However, despite the fact that this had increased our membership to an all-time record of 120, the committee decided that too much attention was being focussed on the latter and that the Club was becoming more like a second-rate film guild than a young farmers' club; so we hope to amend this in future years.

The Club did, however, enter the "Better Countryman" competition. This was open to all school young farmers' clubs in Scotland, and involved a select team from the Club deciding how Dalreoch Farm, near Dunning, could be improved for conserving nature without spending too much money. Due to the effort put in by the team we won the competition, and we were rated highly enough to be entered in the "Our Countryside in 2000" Competition, to be held in Strasbourg in November. The Club will also have a chance to carry out some of the work suggested in the project, under sponsorship by the Scottish Countryside Commission.

The committee for 1974/75 was:

D. G. Inglis (Ruthven representative, and Secretary), A. R. Peddie (Simpson), B. Lyburn (Nicol), C. Wallace (Leburn), M. Kirk (Freeland).

A.R.P.

Literary Section

Explanation

With a view to increasing the number of articles entered for the section it was decided to offer some token prizes for the best pieces submitted. The response was overwhelming, much to the relief of the sub-editor who would otherwise have had to add pen to paper and scribble furiously in the fashion of some reincarnated Byron. The Gods (and perhaps the cash incentive) looked favourably on his plight. Due to the size of the entry and economy cuts we are in the position of having to reject over half the entry. The editors have, however, tried to publish as broad a spectrum as possible of the original entries.

The winners were :

The Answer	by D. A. Cameron (VI3)
Fog	by E. G. Meade (U VI)
The Lone Rider	} by R. T. Henderson (V)
Consequences of a Dance	

A.R.C.

MY PET

He sits by the fire
And takes all the heat.
Yet he expects me to wait on him
As if it was he and not me
Who was the master.

C. W. MAITLAND-MAKGILL-CRICHTON
(IIIB)

THE QUESTION

And so my son the time has come,
Your tongue has asked the fateful one,
Before 'twas just the simple things,
But now you have a different quest,
Your thirst for wisdom won't be quenched,
Till I have answered this last request.
I cannot say for you to know,
The choice is yours, not mine,
For I have chosen long ago.
'Tis my belief, 'twas their conceit
That led them to their belief,
That we were here to serve a cause,
Guided by an all-governing Lord
But we are just a freak of space
Not destined for a holier place.

D. C. A. ROBERTSON



(R. M. Hamilton)

CONSEQUENCES OF A DANCE

A friend of mine was at a dance,
A jovial affair,
And during conversation
Got drunk while he was there.

And when the time had come to leave
He thought perhaps he might
Stroll along the main street,
Not knowing he was tight.

This perilous task he undertook,
And went upon his way,
Tottering from side to side
With a curious sort of sway.

Alas whilst half-way up the street
Around the corner came
The local sergeant of police,
McAngus was his name.

Now though our friend was not quite sane
He still had got his pride,
A large post-box was near at hand,
An admirable place to hide.

McAngus took the place by storm,
Marching down the street,
He had a very pompous air,
Despite his flattened feet.

Our friend behind the post-box
Waited for his cue,
And as McAngus was passing by,
Leapt out with a loud YAHOO!

The sergeant was taken by surprise,
At the antics of this man,
He wasn't accustomed to such things,
So he took to his heels and ran.

Our happy drunk fell on the ground,
Laughing at the sight
Of the burly copper turning tail
With a face that had gone quite white.

But McAngus by now had forgotten his fear
And returning like the tide,
Came round the corner once again
With a constable on each side.

Alas our friend stood not a chance
The odds were three to one.
He lay upon the pavement
And knew his time had come.

They grabbed him by his hands and feet,
And now his face was pale.
One final croak came from his lips,
As they carted him off to jail.

So now this story is complete,
It's the only one of its kind,
Our friend alas was sentenced
And two pounds was he fined.

A. T. HENDERSON (VA)

LONELINESS

Here I sit alone again ; my wife has just walked out.
You see we had an argument, that really made her shout.
Just because I came home late, and never told her why,
And because I went out early that morn, without saying goodbye.

She said I was unfaithful, and didn't love her true,
Of going out with another girl, and being a drunkard too.
She told me all my habits, and of what irritated her most,
And because of all these things, I would have to pay the cost.

The divorce is next week sometime ; of course, I'll have to pay,
She's going to take the children, but I can see them in the day.
She demands I buy her a flat somewhere, in which she's going to live.
My life will be a misery, without my wife, my kids.

C. B. Campbell (IIB)

FOG

Down on the water-front the fog-bell sounds, warning the returning trawlers of the dense fog-bank descending as a curtain along the length of the pier. Coughing fishermen curse the damp blanket now surrounding their bountiful catch. The silvery glint of fish-scales in the morning sun is engulfed by the many clouds of ice-cold fog.

The neighbouring beaches, where on summer mornings children play, assume the visage of a dark and barren wilderness. Shrouded in deathly grey the morning beach-comber is silhouetted. Colour is lost this morning; shades of grey expel the warming light of the rising sun.

On the valley farms the dairy cattle walk slowly from the warmth of their byres to the harsh, biting cold of a new, grey dawn. Sheep-dogs roam the hills endlessly searching for missing sheep. The thick morning mist provided for them an obscure smoke-screen to a temporary freedom.

The lighted windows of the valley towns can be vaguely distinguished through the opaque haze, like car head-lights in the driving rain. The unwanted fog will be the isolated town's only visitor to-day. The towns-folk have no welcome for their watery intruder; their now fog-bound, narrow streets assume a menacing appearance; tunnels disappearing into the heart of the darkness.

The winding road to civilisation stretches across grey-green hills, a light grey concrete river carrying goods and men to the turmoil of the city. Fog-lamps illuminate the travellers' progress across the hills, leading from misty yet pure air of the mountains to the smog-filled atmosphere of the metropolis. Virginal lungs of country-dwellers will soon be violated by the smoking streets of the city.

Fog joins smoke in the suburbs of the city. Cars speed to the centre of the sprawling complex. The grimy buildings look threateningly down on the pedestrians, choking, coughing, their lungs as grimy as the faces of the ancient warehouses. Buildings and people alike look on grey-faced, strangled, powerless as the smog corrodes their very being.

Aircraft lie immovable on runways covered in a hundred feet deep carpet of fog. There is no escape from the eternal and invincible enemy, Nature. A mother pushes a pram through the streets. Her baby coughs. As she passes the many bill-boards on her way to the shopping centre, one in particular catches her eye. 'Smog can kill young children', but the coughing from the pram has already stopped.

E. G. MEADE (UVI)

THE LONE RIDER

Nobody knows where he comes from,
No-one knows where he goes,
The most one sees are his leathers,
For his face he never shows.

None can ride beside him,
His bike is far too fast.
He has no friends, no near ones.
His social days are past.

His mind is closed to reality,
He lives for himself alone.
He comes and goes as he pleases,
The country is his own.

We never see him talking,
His bike is all to him.
It is his only pleasure,
It is his only sin.

A. T. HENDERSON (V.A.)

AN OLD MAN

As he sits there
In his bath chair,
He thinks and dreams
Of cold clear streams —
And the good old days.

But then he wakes
From his eyes he shakes,
Tears shed from sentiment
For the good old days.

His hair is grey and old,
His face as if attacked by mould,
His eyes are dim —
Not as they were in the good old days.

And then he sighs,
Then dies.
Not the way he would have liked
In the good old days.

C. W. MAITLAND-MAKGILL-CRITCHTON
(IIIB)

THE ANSWER

Blind Science! With your formulae and laws,
You answered every question put by me
Until I asked of you the Final Cause.
'Twas then I learnt that only fools trust thee,
'We're just a freak of space', was what you said;
But 'chance' conflicts your mechanistic view!
And so, to this conclusion was I led:
That Reason is by Reason proved untrue.
O Science, I've found the truthful answer now
But not from thee the Revelations came —
The prophets' ancient words have shown me
how;
But I'll not waste my breath to slight your name,
And to the dead, in vain the answer show;
Let those who share the Life, my meaning
know!

D. A. CAMERON

POLLUTION

Fumes blackening the air
Just like a giant blanket.
People try hard to stare,
But they can't see the sunset.

Litter flooding the ground,
Spoiling the countryside beauty.
Though there are bins around,
Mankind never has pity.

Chemicals dumped on earth,
And rivers smelling of sewage.
Innocent birds at birth
Die with oil on their plumage.

Slums with disease and poverty,
The fate of starvation and strife,
Shadow the concrete beauty,
With no hope for healthy life.

Pollution will defeat man
If no-one tries to stop it,
People must do all they can
To make to-day the limit.

J. P. GENASI (VA)

IN SEARCH OF THE LOST CLICHÉ

Once upon a time, we were sitting in our studies, when it suddenly behoved us to embark upon a quest for the Lost Cliché. We knew that in our search, many things in this modern world would lead us up the garden path ; but we were prepared to leave no stone unturned, no avenue unexplored searching high and low even to the very ends of the earth, in order to fulfil our chosen purpose. Thus we, that is, the two of us, if you take our meaning, packed our belongings and set off on our way.

The obvious and most worthy place to start was among the fifth-form contributions to the 'Strathallian'; but, after much beating around the bush, we realised all their clichés were well-worn, as it were, and we were about to call off our wild goose chase when fate led us to the office of the (clichés) Daily Expressed, in Feet Street.

Here, we would surely come across the cream of clichéists, men who earned their daily bread by the employment of dog-eared phrases covering the whole spectrum of human affairs, right across the board. It came as no surprise, therefore, when, in place of the same old story, we were directed to a dank cellar, deep beneath the bustling city. At last, we were no longer searching for a needle in a haystack — we could see light at the end of the tunnel ! Light indeed ; a single candle shedding a dim religious light upon piles of dusty, old, cliché-ridden newspapers. Tension hung in the air, as we threaded our way towards the corner of the room . . . and there it was — the Lost Cliché !

Our hearts leapt. Our trials and tribulations were over, and here was our Shangri-La. We knew we must strike while the iron was hot, but there was one property of the Lost Cliché we had not bargained for ; our quest was there one minute, but, as fate would have it, a moment later it was gone, never to reappear for a thousand years ! Our quest had been in vain ; but we were ready to pick up the pieces of our former existence, realising that such disappointments are all part of the broad tapestry of life. As to whether the secret of the Lost Cliché would ever be discovered, only time could tell. Our task was finished ; we got on our horses and rode off into the sunset.

T. J. Blaxter.

D. A. Cameron. (UVI)





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Combined Cadet Force

Another thirty-six invigorating and exciting Friday afternoons have gone by. Thick-knit sweaters are less tickly than the old Battle Dress, though the R.A.F. section and the Band (alas!) still have to itch.

Amidst all the Proficiency training, some have bathed in the river Artney on Field Day in October, have hopped in the glider (only on Inspection Day of course), have sailed, canoed and rowed even though the plug was let out of the pond, have been dazzled by the flashing lighthouses on the West Coast in drawing-pin order, have camped—in the Barratt way—near Ben Lawers, have teleprinted dubious messages at the Signals Quicksilver Display and have failed their driving tests after numerous lessons. Others, finding hospital dominoes repetitive, have spread their Social service wings, and others, yet have taken off in Turnhouse Chipmunks, have crawled through the Causeway water-pipe to complete victory over the enemy patrol, have been guided on the Round the World Yacht Race by Lt. Cdr. P. Bryans, R.N., or have disturbed the G.C.E. exams. in helicopter lifts. Most of the contingent have turned aft to sunset under heretical R.A.F. control more times than they care to remember, and the Pipes have played Retreat as the drums flourished for St. Andrew. The Empire has been tested, and the orienteering punches have been, well, mislaid. The R.A.F. in their commissionaire's white gloves have marched smartly all over the School in different directions and silence, a spoilt Army scholar has had a holiday playing rugger in Germany with the R.A., and a certain R.A.F. cadet has extolled the virtues of gliding. We welcomed

Mr. B. Ball very warmly as 2 i/c of the R.A.F. Section.

2 Lt. N. R. Colquhoun, the only Army Officer actually prepared to crawl in the mud, has deserted our Assault course and Fieldcraft and has returned to replan Waterloo. His enthusiasm and ability to run uphill were greatly missed at Army Camp at Cultybraggan where some Officers and all cadets swam over Ben Ledi ridge, camped in thunderstorms, burned their boots, fired blanks at rabbits and got soaked three times a day, which was thought to be horrid, as well as in Loch Earn which was thought to be fun.

For some years now Sq. Leader Henderson has smiled upon our R.A.F. fortunes as a real friend, R.S.M. Dannells has kept all the Army cadets (and the OC and Officers) in excellent order, and our own Mr. J. Reed has attended numerous adventurous training camps. To all these gentlemen who are disappearing from our scene, we are particularly grateful.

Some cadets, I have heard, think the Corps is dull and not their favourite pastime. Well, there seems to be plenty of activity and fun, and Captain McCrum, R.N. seemed pretty pleased on G.I. day, and so am I. It has been an excellent year.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Headmaster for his real support of the C.C.F. over the past difficult five years, when hair has grown and grown, and also him and Mrs. McCallum for their kind hospitality to C.C.F. Officers and visitors. I doubt if we will see gown, hood and mortarboard 'On Parade' ever again.

T.C.G.F.

R.N. SECTION

Coxswain: D. F. Ferguson.

Petty Officers:

Lowden, Widdowson, McArthur, Cope, Blaxter.

The section enjoyed a full range of activity this year combined with considerable success in camps, courses and competitions. The first important event in the calendar was the C.C.F. national regatta in Chatham during the third week-end of September. This was the first occasion that Strathallan participated in this event and it is with great pleasure that I record that Sub.Lt. Clayton and his team gained both a 2nd and 5th place in competition with the "giants" of the south—and Strathallan in sailing parlance is now a name to remember. This initial sailing success was to be

repeated later in the Scottish C.C.F. championships at H.M.S. Lochinvar where Strathallan came 2nd in the Bosun Class.

Once again H.M.S. Cochrane provided an interesting field day. Sea training was provided on the Firth of Forth by a fleet tender and H.M.S. Caledonia—the artificer training school—gave an insight to a fascinating part of the Royal Navy. After a full day's programme the section was entertained by the Captain in the wardroom. We are most grateful to Captain Lindley and Commander Evans.

We welcomed Captain Lindley to Strathallan in November when he came to inspect the R.N. section. A smart captain's guard under Cox. Ferguson and a full afternoon's programme showing our varied activities kept all cadets on their marks. Captain Lindley was kind enough to give the headmaster an excellent report.

Camps were well attended throughout the year and advanced certificates obtained in sailing, canoeing, diving, gunnery leadership, air rotary and submarine acquaint. 20 cadets were rated A.B. and 15 cadets passed R.N. proficiency. All Petty Officers qualified for R.N. advanced proficiency. Sub.Lt. Clayton gained his sailing instructor's ticket and as a result is Divisional Instructor at H.M.S. Raleigh for two camps. Lt. Macleod was Divisional Officer at the post-proficiency leadership course at H.M.S. Royal Arthur—the highlight of this being the Black Mountain trek in North Wales.

This year must be historic in that our Senior N.C.O.s consisted of most of the House Captains and Captain of School. As a result both Section Officers were able to rely on first-class co-operation. To all Senior N.C.O.s our thanks. Cox. Ferguson is destined to be part of the new R.N. C.C.F. handbook in that his photographs in various R.N. rig are to be the illustrations in the chapter on dress.

Training at school throughout the winter and spring terms can never be as exciting as in summer. Classes for both A.B. test and proficiency necessarily occupy most of the time. There is also opportunity for maintenance and Sub.Lt. Clayton and his "sailors" did a splendid job of refurbishing the R.N.S.A. dinghy and A.S.C. while Lt. Macleod and the "artists" constructed the new seamanship room which will prove invaluable next year. A useful P.L.T. task was incorporated over the neck of the pond which was to be a highlight for both Captain Lindley's visit and general inspection.

Unfortunately for practical sailing and canoeing the Factor "pulled the plug out" of the pond. As a result initial sailing was limited and the section motor boat was unable to be launched as anticipated. This much needed weeding will undoubtedly be advantageous for next year when I have no doubt sufficient rain will refill the pond.

In the summer term we are once again very grateful to Mr. Goody for his invaluable help in taking R.N. cadets sailing on the Tay. Our success in R.N. regattas is due in no small measure to his making the Sailing Club facilities available to us and his enthusiastic training.

This year we had a naval general inspection when the Inspecting Officer was Captain McCrumm. I felt the R.N. Section gave a good account of themselves, particularly in the guard of honour. Because we had so many senior boys involved on the Tay we undoubtedly suffer in the Retreat as we have to parade a lot of junior cadets. The Retreat did go surprisingly well however, once again we are grateful to Tayside Regional Council for the use of Perth Harbour Launch to take the Inspecting Officer to inspect the Tay sailing. Captain Miller is always a very good friend to Strathallan, particularly as H.M.S. Camperdown is unable to help us on these occasions.

The highlight of the summer term was the visit of the helicopter demonstration team. All R.N. cadets and most of the Army and R.A.F. sections were given a five minute trip in the Wessex helicopter. As most boys summed up—an unforgettable experience seeing the school from the air. We are most grateful to Captain Turner, the R.N. Schools Liaison Officer, for arranging this.

Summer camps are as usual varied and this

year involve canoeing, diving, air acquaint and Lt. Macleod and Sub.Lt. Clayton have 12 cadets on a fleet tender on the Clyde from 3-9 September.

Our thanks to C.P.O. Heaton for his invaluable help throughout the year, C.P.O. Gent of H.M.S. Cochrane, C.P.O. Jeffries of H.M.S. Camperdown, and the retiring headmaster Mr. McCallum for his co-operation.

Promotions decided:

Coxswain: P.O. Newton.

Petty Officers: L.S. Schneeberger, L.S. Holland,
L.S. Ferguson W.R.

T.J.M.

RAF SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

W.O. R. F. Wilson

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As usual, during the Autumn term we concentrated on Proficiency Examination work; 19 cadets sat Part II, all passed, 9 obtained distinctions and 7 obtained credits. Part III results, on the other hand, were disappointing; 3 passed (1 distinction) and 3 failed. We only entered two cadets for the Proficiency examination at the end of the Easter term; both obtained distinctions, one in Part II and one in Part III. During the year three cadets were awarded their Advanced Proficiency.

Cadets joining the section last September spent the first term working for their Proficiency Part I, essentially orienteering, map reading, weapon training and drill. I am very grateful to Captain Barratt, who took charge of this part of the work, and gave the cadets a thorough grounding in basic training.

For Field Day the section was split into three groups. A few cadets spent the day flying at RAF Turnhouse, the remainder spent a night away from the School, one group visiting RAF Kinloss, the other group going to RAF Lossiemouth. At half term I took a small group of cadets to Lossiemouth for gliding and Shackleton flying.

During the Spring term we had a full programme of RAF films and the occasional general interest lecture. This proved to be very popular and I think the cadets learnt a lot about many aspects of life in the Royal Air Force.

Easter Camp this year was held at RAF Shawbury, near Shrewsbury, 18 Cadets and 3 N.C.O.s attended and, in spite of rail disruptions, everybody

managed to arrive on the same day although some of us were a few hours late. The programme was very good and I got the impression that everybody thoroughly enjoyed their stay at Shawbury. There was plenty of chipmunk flying, 303 shooting and a number of excellent outdoor exercises. Into the bargain, most boys obtained their swimming proficiency. Food was good and accommodation very superior, each boy having his own room. I'm pleased to say, Strathallan won the inter-schools competition and, at a formal parade on the last day, were presented with a very imposing certificate by the Station Commander. Admittedly, there was only one other school present but nevertheless they were very keen and we had to work extremely hard to win the competition.

Seven senior cadets attended an RAF Camp at Laarbruch in Germany, during the Easter holiday and, from all reports, had a most enjoyable time.

This has been a particularly good year as far as gliding is concerned. Six boys have successfully completed their gliding proficiency and we now have a total of ten boys in the section with their gliding wings.

During the Summer term we concentrated on outside activities, mainly as a preparation for General Inspection Day. This year we tried something rather ambitious, a small squad of 22 boys specially trained in continuity drill. They worked extremely hard, often practising in very cold weather at most inconvenient times but, in the end, a very high standard was achieved. This was given due recognition by the Inspecting Officer on General Inspection Day and also by the parents on

Speech Day. The drill squad also represented the RAF Section in all the Retreat Parades held during the term and made a very positive contribution to the overall high standard of these parades. It is particularly creditable considering that most of the boys were new recruits to the Section.

During the Summer term we also ran our usual course of 1st Aid lectures and the 6 boys concerned laid on an excellent demonstration for G.I. Day. They all passed the Intermediate Certificate of the St. Andrews Ambulance Association at the end of term and I must thank Mr. Gorrie and Miss Fairweather of the Association for giving up so much of their spare time to come out to the School and instruct the boys. Other activities during the Summer term have included training on the primary glider, leadership exercise and a few of the senior cadets have made a good job renovating the RAF Hut. Driving instruction has also been a very popular and successful activity. Throughout the past year, on alternate Friday afternoons, we have been sending a few cadets over to Turnhouse for flying instruction in chipmunks. This is a very worthwhile activity and several cadets have shown great promise as pilots. I must thank the Reverend W. N. Monteith, an ex-pilot himself, for looking after this part of the training.

We haven't done a great deal of shooting this year but we did put in a big effort for the Assegai Trophy. 72 schools throughout Gt. Britain took part and I was very pleased when we came 18th.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Pilot Officer B. J. Ball to the Section. No stranger

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to RAF customs, Mr. Ball has been a tremendous help to me personally and has undoubtedly contributed much to the overall success of the Section during the past year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the NCO's for their loyalty and enthusiasm and, in particular, Warrant Officer R. F. Wilson who has been so efficient that my task has been made comparatively easy. There has been a genuine spirit of co-operation in the Section during the past year and this has greatly encouraged me to organise as many and as varied activities as possible.

Squadron Leader Bob Henderson, the Schools' Liaison Officer, is retiring from the RAF in September. Few boys in the Section will appreciate just how much work Bob Henderson does, behind the scenes, in order that we and many other schools may have a good training programme. I didn't realise this myself until two years ago, when I took over the Section, I came to rely heavily upon

Bob Henderson and his NCO's. I can say, quite sincerely, that but for his help and encouragement during that year I don't think that I could possibly have coped, single handed, with organising a regular weekly programme for 60 cadets. I'm sure everybody in the RAF Section at Strathallan will be sorry that he has now left us and will want to wish him all the very best in the future. At the same time, I would like to thank all those who are leaving the Section and the School, for their contribution to whatever measure of success we may have had during the past year and to wish them also a very happy future.

P.A.B.

It is regretted that due to pressure on space, individual camp reports have been omitted. We apologise to those who gave up their time writing them.

Sport

RUGBY

Although there were some disappointments there is no doubt that the 1st XV has enjoyed a highly satisfactory season. During the season itself it was perhaps a little unfortunate that the more notable achievements came in the early and latter parts so that there was a tendency to forget some extremely fine performances as the season progressed. But fine performances there were and the XV produced some of the best rugby of recent seasons.

It does not detract from the essential team effort to say that the foundation for success lay with a very strong, mature and determined pack who always gave as much, and usually more, good possession as any team can wish for. The backs were very useful players in many respects but never quite acquired the slickness of ball play to be assured of always capitalising on their forwards' possession, but again the season brought some very exciting threequarters which should not be forgotten.

The opening match against PANMURE gave good reason for optimism as the school was fielding nine experienced players, and the fact that the pack more than held their own was perhaps the most pleasing aspect. The team was:

Hay A. J.; Bird A. A., Lowden D. S., Ling T. S. (Capt.), Ferguson D. F.; Cope N. E., Whitaker R. I.; Young D. L., Baxter A.D., Vivian S.N.; Ferguson E. A., Renwick R. F.; McIntosh D. S., McIntyre J. I., Magee C. C. S.

For an early season match both a victory and the indication that the selection was obviously very close to the best XV available was a heartening situation. Tries were scored by Ling and Lowden.

For the OLD BOYS match Widdowson, Inglis and McArthur replaced D. Ferguson, Ling (injured) and McIntosh respectively. The Old Boys produced one of the best teams of recent years which made for a very close and exciting game. Tries were scored by Inglis and Whitaker (which Renwick

converted) and Cope dropped the first of several useful goals. The first school match of the season saw the return of D. F. Ferguson and R. L. Kirkland replaced Bird on the wing and McIntosh returned to the back row. Against a generally younger team the school's strength was too much for PERTH ACADEMY and tries were scored by Ling, McIntyre, Kirkland and Ferguson. Cope and Renwick each converted tries and Renwick added a penalty goal. Although a good result there was evidence in this game of some poor finishing which had a more vital effect later on. There followed a most useful game with St. Andrews University Freshers in which the school played some very controlled rugby. This was a hard fast game which proved excellent preparation for the first major school match.

For the FETTES game J. S. P. McDonald made his first appearance at full back but otherwise the team was now well-settled. This proved to be perhaps the major highlight of the season. The forwards almost starved Fettes of any worthwhile possession whilst giving the school ample opportunity to score points from virtually continuously winning second and third phase ball. The backs took their opportunities well and despite some excellent defence Ferguson, Ling and Lowden scored tries and the importance of goal kicking was demonstrated by Renwick's two conversions and two penalties. This was the school's most convincing performance against Fettes and a very fine display of rugby.

A spectator absent during half-time could be excused for thinking that in the EDINBURGH ACADEMY match the teams had changed shirts during the interval! The school started badly and did not settle at all during the first half. The Academy had all the opportunities for establishing a useful lead at half time but in fact penalties by Renwick and Cope gave the school the lead at half time over the Academy's one try. The penalty which gave the Academy the lead appeared to be the incentive that the school needed. The pack settled and possession of the order seen in the Fettes game materialised. Despite the absence of

Lowden, which badly disrupted the school back division, the school produced continuous attacking play which brought a drop goal by Cope and a try by Kirkland.

Lowden's injury in the Fettes game was in fact the first of a string of injuries which certainly played a significant part in the games to come. Although Lowden returned for the GLENALMOND match Ferguson had broken his arm in the Academy game. The game at Glenalmond was far from the dour struggle than one might associate with a scoreless draw. In fact it was one of the most exciting games of the season. The school produced some first class attacking play which was thwarted time and again by the excellent Glenalmond defence. At times it appeared inevitable that the breakthrough would come but it was not to be, but the school could be well pleased with their performance. The really disastrous aspect of this game was that Magee—a vital ball-winner in the mauls—and McDonald—who was showing excellent form—received injuries which kept them out of the team for the rest of the season.

The last game before half-term saw a somewhat depleted and tired but nevertheless unbeaten and optimistic team taking the field at LORETTO. It was immediately obvious that all was not well when the pack could not produce the domination on which the school had come to depend. Loretto were sharper in all respects for most of the game and also produced some excellent goal kicking. After half time the school were playing with the wind which one expected would enable them to gain the lead. Ironically it was not until Hay had to leave the field mid-way through the second half that the forwards, reduced to seven, really showed their true form. Although Cope's drop goal and Kirkland's try reduced the lead and the school attacked persistently in the Loretto twenty-five for the last ten minutes Loretto defended magnificently to maintain their lead.

The season resumed after half term with the home match against MERCHISTON and Powrie was brought in at full back. This was the first match where conditions were rather difficult and although the school did not perhaps make the most of all their scoring opportunities the eventual outcome of the game, with the forwards again being dominant, was never really in any doubt. Tries were scored by Kirkland (two) and Lowden. Ling was not available for the Keil game and in fact only two of the first choice backs was playing. Although in the early stages it appeared that the school were going to have a relatively easy game Keil recovered from a shaky start, which the school failed to exploit, and in the end the result was much closer than should have been the case. Both in this game and the previous one it was apparent that there was a certain lack of edge to some aspects of play and although it would be wrong to suggest that there was complacency there appeared to be a certain lack of urgency at times.

Although Ling had returned for the MORRISON'S match the school were not allowed to settle in this game and it was not until the very end that Lowden, producing his third successful "jelly-baby" of the season scored the try which gave the school victory in a match which could well have gone the other way. There was some disastrous handling and muddled play, particularly

in the first half, which should never have occurred and was a good example of how a fast defence can disrupt attacking situations. The school's other points came from two penalty goals kicked by Renwick and Whitaker.

It had looked as though the school were heading for a defeat in the near future and this was to be the case at DOLLAR. In fact the team played much better on this occasion and the forwards in particular did well to maintain their self-discipline in a match which became rather chaotic at times. The school certainly had their scoring chances and tried a variety of moves which showed promise, but again Lowden's thrust was missed in the centre and a reorganised back division lacked fluency. It was good to see the team playing so hard right to the end even though there were signs of frustration.

The conditions at KELVINSIDE were appalling. The pitch which had stood up well to very heavy rain was slippery and there was a vicious cross-wind. The back division was now intact, more or less, and it was a pity that although conditions did not encourage it they did not attempt to run the ball rather more as it was on the few occasions that this happened that the school looked most dangerous. On the day a draw was perhaps a fair result, the school's points coming from Kirkland's try and a penalty by Renwick.

The last school game of the season against GLASGOW ACADEMY was played under brilliant blue skies on a pitch which was firm beneath a thin layer of sand. Apart from McArthur who had come into the team for the Keil game and stayed, and Widdowson, now playing at full back, the team was the same as was fielded against Fettes. The school ended the term in fine style with a standard of rugby which they had not produced consistently since the beginning of the season. The forwards not only monopolised the set pieces but also produced some excellent support for the backs who were moving positively and effectively. Whitaker who had an outstanding season at scrum-half deservedly scored two tries in this game with others coming from Kirkland, McArthur and Ferguson.

The only two games played in the Easter term were against WEST OF SCOTLAND COLTS and SCOTTISH WAYFARERS. If the Glasgow Academy game was a fitting way to end the school's season it was particularly pleasing that the season as a whole, which by any standards was successful, should end on such a high note with a very fine win over the Wayfarers. It is always difficult to single out individual players particularly when Ling could be well satisfied with not only a good team but also a very happy one. However, amongst the forwards it would be unfair not to record the part played by D. L. Young, A. D. Baxter and J. I. McIntyre and of the backs R. I. Whitaker and D. S. Lowden could always be relied on for admirable performances and readers will already have noted Kirkland's consistent scoring.

The results of the other senior teams were not as good as last year but this was in fact anticipated. However no team fell significantly below fifty per cent success and there is no doubt that the most was made of the talent available. Certainly the various teams showed a keenness

and willingness to work hard at the game and this is the most important thing, and without it their various records would not have been as satisfactory.

The Senior Colts could be well satisfied with their season. They were a considerably improved team from the previous year and recorded some praiseworthy victories. There were signs perhaps of a certain brittleness in defence which must be guarded against in the future but undoubtedly there is considerable potential for future 1st XV's. The Junior Colts had an indifferent season although there were times when they produced some competent rugby and again there are certainly players here who will develop well. The Minor Colts who now have a formidable fixture list were consistently up against larger teams and whilst they did not have a bag of victories they approached the game with the correct attitude and their experience will certainly count in the future. The changing of the age groups next season to under 14, 15, 16 for junior rugby should give a much better spread of talent in the junior XV's.

Finally thanks are again due to all those who have given so willingly and enthusiastically of their time to Strathallan rugby. One feels that the game is in a healthy state with considerable enjoyment and enthusiasm in evidence. Naturally there are those teams which are always the focus of the game comes from the fact that even in the more lowly areas of the game players are getting good attention and competitive rugby in the form of the House Leagues, and one particularly appreciates the part played by the "non-professionals". Special thanks also are due to Mrs. Plizka who, with fixtures coming very often within a few days of each other, has managed to turn out a very good looking 1st XV.

F.S.M.

RUGGER RESULTS

1st XV (SCHOOL MATCHES)

Perth Academy	Won	29	12
Fettes	Won	22	4
Edinburgh Academy	Won	13	7
Glenalmond	Drawn	0	0
Loretto	Lost	7	12
Merchiston	Won	12	0
Keil School	Won	11	9
Morrison's Academy	Won	10	6
Gordonstoun	Cancelled		
Dollar Academy	Lost	0	12
Kelvinside Academy	Drawn	7	7
Glasgow Academy	Won	20	0

1st XV (CLUB MATCHES)

Old Strathallians	Lost	13	15
West of Scotland Colts	Drawn	3	3
Edinburgh Wanderers Colts	Cancelled		
Scottish Wayfarers	Won	21	0
Panmure	Won	8	0

SCHOOLS: Played 11, Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 2, Points for 131, Against 69.

ALL MATCHES: Played 15, Won 9, Drawn 3, Lost 3, Points for 176, Against 87.

2nd XV

Fettes	Drawn	12	12
Glenalmond	Lost	14	18
Edinburgh Academy	Lost	3	31
Loretto	Won	13	3
Merchiston	Won	9	4
Rannoch 1st XV	Lost	0	54
Morrison's Academy	Won	7	4
Dundee High School	Cancelled		
Kelvinside Academy	Lost	0	14
Glasgow Academy	Won	32	0

Played 9, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 4, Points For 90, Against 140.

3rd XV

Perth Academy 2nd XV	Won	30	4
Queen Victoria School	Lost	14	15
Fettes	Lost	0	4
Glenalmond	Lost	6	12
Edinburgh Academy	Lost	3	40
Loretto	Won	31	6
Merchiston	Lost	8	14
Rannoch 2nd XV	Won	7	3
Dollar Academy	Won	10	0
Glasgow Academy	Cancelled		

Played 9, Won 4, Drawn 0, Lost 5, Points For 109, Against 98

4th XV

Rannoch 3rd XV	Won	30	4
Fettes	Lost	0	22
Glenalmond	Won	6	0
Dollar Academy	Won	38	0

Played 4, Won 3, Drawn 0, Lost 1, Points For 74, Against 26.

5th XV

Glenalmond	Lost	7	16
Rannoch 3rd XV	Lost	7	9

Played 2, Won 0, Drawn 0, Lost 2, Points For 14, Against 25.

6th XV

Glenalmond	Lost	0	11
Rannoch 4th XV	Won	10	0

Played 2, Won 1, Drawn 0, Lost 1, Points for 10, Against 11

SENIOR COLTS XV

Edinburgh Academy	Won	50	0
Fettes	Won	22	4
Loretto	Lost	0	10
Merchiston	Drawn	4	4
Keil School	Won	15	0
Gordonstoun	Cancelled		
Dollar Academy	Won	28	0
Glenalmond	Lost	0	13
Kelvinside Academy	Won	64	4
Rannoch School	Cancelled		
Glenalmond	Lost	0	6
Edinburgh Academy	Lost	6	9

Played 10; Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 4, Points For 189, Against 50.

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JUNIOR COLTS XV

Edinburgh Academy	Lost	0	36
Perth Academy	Won	4	0
Queen Victoria School	Lost	6	20
Morrison's Academy	Lost	0	32
Fettes	Drawn	0	0
Loretto	Won	7	4
Merchiston	Lost	0	40
Dundee High School	Cancelled		
Dollar Academy	Lost	10	30
Glenalmond	Lost	3	16
Kelvinside Academy	Won	24	0
Glasgow Academy	Cancelled		
Glenalmond	Lost	0	46
Edinburgh Academy	Lost	0	36
Played 12, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 8, Points for 54, Against 260.			

MINOR COLTS XV

Edinburgh Academy	Lost	0	52
Rannoch	Lost	14	22
Morrison's Academy	Lost	0	32
Fettes	Lost	8	14
Loretto	Lost	4	8
Merchiston	Won	12	0
Dollar Academy	Lost	0	22
Lathallan	Cancelled		
Played 7, Won 1, Drawn 0, Lost 6, Points for 38, Against 150.			

RILEY HOUSE XV

Hurst Grange	Won	6	0
Fettes	Lost	3	12
Belmont House	Won	52	0
Ardreck	Cancelled		
Craigflower	Lost	0	54
New Park	Cancelled		
Clifton Hall	Lost	9	21
Rannoch	Cancelled		
St. Mary's, Melrose	Lost	0	18
Larchfield	Lost	6	32
Played 7, Won 2, Drawn 0, Lost 5, Points For 76, Against 137.			

HOUSE MATCHES

JUNIOR

FIRST ROUND:	NICOL	13	RUTHVEN	3
(after extra time)				
SECOND ROUND:	NICOL	10	FREELAND	7
	LEBURN	6	SIMPSON	21
FINAL:	NICOL	0	SIMPSON	3

SENIOR

FIRST ROUND:	NICOL	3	FREELAND	24
SECOND ROUND:	FREELAND	6	LEBURN	10
	SIMPSON	12	RUTHVEN	0
FINAL:	LEBURN	3	SIMPSON	0

HOUSE LEAGUES:

JUNIOR WINNERS:	RUTHVEN
SENIOR WINNERS:	FREELAND

HOCKEY

It rained all of January and February and by half-term hockey specialists, tuned to a high pitch by winter Sports Hall sessions, began to look doleful. But a remarkable transformation took place in March and, although we started on quagmires, a drying easterly and vigorous rolling combined to produce some of the fastest, truest surfaces seen at Strathallan.

Some of the best hockey was played by the Junior XI's. The Senior Colts had a fine season and if their forwards had been able to convert more of the chances created they would have had a 100% record. The Junior Colts had purple patches but in their short programme were never able to sustain their skills throughout a complete game. There was less strength in depth in the Senior XI's. The 2nd XI played with enthusiasm but in hockey, where ball-playing ability is at a premium, this was not enough to bring success, and, although the 3rd XI did not lose, few of its players looked very capable.

With five old colours available expectations for the 1st XI were high, but, although it was not a poor season, on balance it must be considered disappointing. We began well on a bumpy and muddy Big Acre by trouncing RUBISLAW ACADEMY, reputedly an excellent side. The forwards looked goal-hungry from the start and casual marking helped to ensure a 4-1 lead by half-time. Rubislaw scored two early in the second half but the issue was never in doubt and Strathallan punctured a disorganised defence three more times.

After such a good start the lackadaisical performance at PERTH ACADEMY was a disappointment. The Strathallan XI looked out of its depth in the face of accurate square passing and the clever use of the deflected ball. Man for man Perth's skills were better and our best chance was to fluster them by raising the pace of the game but on a grassy pitch this was difficult and Perth were comfortable winners.

An epidemic of epidemics caused cancellation of the eagerly awaited visit to GORDONSTOUN, but the LORETTO and FETTES fixtures were fulfilled on good, fast surfaces. Both were played in a rather frantic way with the accent on individual efforts rather than co-ordinated teamwork. In the Loretto game Strathallan conceded an early goal through slack marking but quickly equalised and begun to get the upper hand. However, as the tempo of the match increased both sides' skills evaporated, the hitting and stopping became ragged and few genuine shots were made. Neither side deserved to win a poor game. Against Fettes we began confidently and ought to have been two up in the first five minutes. A converted penalty stroke put us in the lead but a solo effort by the outstanding Fettes player quickly followed. The slow-turning opposition backs were then put under considerable pressure and the lead regained. Fettes increased the speed of the game in the second half and their vigorous approach allied to the narrowness of the pitch began to wear down the Strathallan defence. Short corners came in abundance and finally a rising shot beat McIntosh, who had kept so bravely and skilfully for the last quarter of the match.

The final school match of the term, against a young PERTH HIGH SCHOOL side, was won comfortably, McDonald producing an exciting display of controlled dribbling and scoring three goals.

With some trepidation we accepted an invitation to play in the Perth Academy six-a-sides. Although with no experience of this type of game we played with great élan and easily reached the final, only to encounter, once again, the better skills of Perth Academy.

In the S.S.H.A. Public Schools trials four Strathallan players combined with Fettes and Loretto representatives to produce an XI which easily overcame a depleted Northern Schools side, largely provided by Abbey School. The standard of play was not high and only four boys, including A. C. McArthur and A. J. Hay from Strathallan were selected for the Final Trial. At present the Public Schools are suffering in comparison with the State schools which play hockey throughout the year and develop better stickwork through more indoor practice.

After the end of term a party of twelve enjoyed the biennial visit to the Public Schools Festival in a damp and windy Oxford. The final record was slightly better than on the last occasion and with a little more luck perhaps only Cranleigh would have defeated us. We began well easily out-scoring a rather lethargic and unco-ordinated Bristol Grammar School side. On the second day the Perse proved far more skillful opposition but Scottish vigour took its toll and we were quickly two goals in front. Only penalty strokes in the last seconds of both halves of the match gave The Perse a victory they barely deserved. Kelly College should have been beaten had we played our best hockey but in an untidy game of few clear scoring chances a converted penalty stroke was enough to give them a win. On the final morning terrible errors by our sweeper quickly cost us three goals against Framlingham, but a courageous fight back brought us level and with more accurate shooting in the final ten minutes the game would have been won. Cranleigh were one of the best sides in England, and although losing 5-0 we played some of our best hockey against them on the final afternoon. Territorially the game was quite even but matches are won in the circle and, despite a fine series of raids by McDonald, we were never able to match their shooting and goalkeeping.

In such a busy season a great deal of work falls on the Captain and Secretary and McDonald and McArthur are to be congratulated on their efficiency and determined enthusiasm both on the field and in practices. They made the task of the master-in-charge much easier and more enjoyable.

J.N.F.

Results

1st XI

v. Rubislaw Academy	Won	7-4
v. Perth Academy	Lost	1-3
v. Loretto	Drawn	1-1
v. Fettes	Drawn	2-2
v. Perth High School	Won	4-0

Oxford Festival

v. Bristol G.S.	Won	5-2
v. The Perse	Lost	2-3
v. Kelly	Lost	0-1
v. Framlingham	Drawn	3-3
v. Cranleigh	Lost	0-5

2nd XI

v. Rubislaw Academy	Lost	1-4
v. Perth Academy	Lost	1-2
v. Loretto	Lost	0-2
v. Fettes	Lost	0-1

3rd XI

v. Loretto	Won	3-1
v. Fettes	Drawn	3-3

Senior Colts

v. Rubislaw Academy	Drawn	2-2
v. Perth Academy	Won	4-1
v. Loretto	Won	4-0
v. Fettes	Drawn	3-3

Junior Colts

v. Loretto	Lost	1-2
v. Fettes	Won	3-2

Minor Colts

v. Loretto	Won	3-2
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Riley

v. Fettes Junior School	Won	2-0
v. Craigflower	Drawn	1-1

Overall Record

Played 25, Won 9, Drawn 7, Lost 9, Goals for 56, Goals against 50.

House Matches

Preliminary round	Simpson 2	Leburn 0
Semi-finals	Simpson 3	Ruthven 1
	Nicol 2	Freeland 1
Final	Simpson 2	Nicol 2
	(Simpson won on short corners)	

House Leagues

Won by Freeland.

Teams

1st XI. J. S. P. McDonald (Capt.), A. C. McArthur (Sec.), D. S. McIntosh, J. A. E. Fingland, R. L. Kirkland, A. J. Hay, A. T. D. Brewster, G. J. F. Crowe, R. I. Whitaker, R. F. Renwick, D. T. Hay. Also played: A. W. B. Magill.

2nd XI. D. S. Lowden (Capt.), A. A. Bird, J. I. McIntyre, K. A. D. Peddie, H. J. P. Gray, E. G. Meade, D. A. R. Munro, W. D. Gibson, D. L. Hinshaw, R. K. Shedden, A. W. B. Magill. Also played: N. D. Kirk.

Senior Colts XI. C. M. Cunningham, A. W. Ferguson, I. F. Gerrard, R. A. Stonewigg, J. Currie, S. B. Knox, B. J. D. Lyburn, G. D. Robb, M. J. Yellowlees, A. O. Inglis, G. B. McDonald, N. C. St. J. Yates.

Junior Colts. M. J. Grant, E. W. Hamilton, A. C. S. Macphie, D. Sim, J. D. McIntosh, G. R. Millar, J. D. Montgomerie, C. R. Taylor, N. R. Hastings, R. M. Mitchell, M. A. McNeill, R. J. Brewster, A. J. E. Turner.

SUMMER HOCKEY

From the point of view of the weather, the season was very successful, but the results of the matches played can only be described as disappointing. We started with a 2-2 draw against Edinburgh Academy, all the goals coming in a five-minute spell at the end of the first half. Glenalmond beat us 3-0, although the last two goals only came at the very end when most of the defence was engaged in trying to show the forwards how to score the equaliser. Some pride was regained in overwhelming Rannoch 8-2, but thereafter we were on the receiving end against the Old Boys (3-1), Grange (4-1), and Barbarians (6-0).

It may sound paradoxical, but our strength lay in defence, where Munro must be singled out for some outstanding saves. The forwards proved rather goal-shy, and this tempted the halves to go up too far in support, leaving gaps which experienced opponents were quick to take advantage of. The main lessons to be learned were the need for careful control of the ball on bumpy surfaces, and quicker shooting.

The following played for the Summer Hockey XI:

A. C. McArthur (capt.), A. T. D. Brewster, J. A. E. Fingland, H. J. P. Gray, M. D. Kirk, A. W. B. Magill, E. G. Meade, R. F. Renwick, D. A. R. Munro, (all awarded summer hockey colours); G. J. F. Crowe, J. Currie, D. L. Hinshaw, P. J. Holland, H. McL. Pearson, C. S. Russell, G. T. Wordie.

A.M.P.

CRICKET

In the higher reaches of the School, this season threatened in the first few games to become the non-event that it turned out to be. From the outset winning was the last thing that the First Eleven seemed to have in its collective mind. After the first four fixtures the record was one win, one draw and two losses, and so the tone of the season was set. The wins came against Perth Academy, Merchiston, Grange and the losses came against Perth Farmers, Dundee University Staff, Fettes, The Strathallan Club and Glenalmond. Seven matches were drawn and two matches never started.

As I have just mentioned, the tone was set early in the season, and from this point of view it was a pity that the Edinburgh Academy match was rained off. Latterly we haven't done very well over there but the match itself might have put more edge on the side. As it was, having shown no interest in going for the win against Crieff, and having made very heavy weather over beating a very weak Perth Academy side, the side managed to throw away the game against Perth Farmers, the tail-enders neither deciding to play properly for the draw nor to go properly for the win. Then at Dundee the bowlers bowled sufficient tripe to ensure a comfortable win for the University Staff.

The game against FETTES looked a disaster,

therefore, from the start, McDonald won the toss and decided to bat, in itself an ill-advised decision since the team had left the kit on the bus which was by then well on its way back to Forgandenny. A poor start was made against the accurate bowling of Darling, and Inglis, Peddie, Whitaker, Sim and McDonald were soon back in the pavilion. Both Cope and Park survived until lunch-time, but shortly after both were out, and except for some smart hits by McPherson no-one had anything else to offer. The target was not one to daunt Fettes particularly as Hay and McDonald both bowled very short. The match was all over by 3.30.

Against MORRISON'S the side fared a little better. Morrisonian tactics consisted of bowling short to make the ball rear up chest high and of setting a Player League field. Since the ball came off the bat rather less well than a lump of stone runs came very slowly. Sim collected a leisurely 22 and Cope grafted to 49, getting runs by lofting the ball with a cross-bat over the off-side field. At 49 he was declared upon. Despite early breakthroughs the bowlers were unable to dispose of the Morrison's tail, two simple catches being put down in the last three overs.

The scores in the LORETTO game would suggest a good contest. This was far from the case. It was a bitterly cold day, such as only Musselburgh seems to have, and both sides bowled badly to fielding that was little better. In fairness to the fielders it might be added that in addition to the cold both captains seemed to vie with each other to put fielders in the wrong positions so making the task more difficult. Loretto opened to such effect that 80 was on the board in an hour. The Strathallan attack had been reduced to looking like a prep school 2nd XI in a poor year. Fortunately Tares immediately removed Wotherspoon and Crawford hit a bad one like a rocket at square leg. Other successes were few and far between. Cope getting both Paton and Cullen at the end of the innings.

The Strathallan reply started slowly and after the early loss of Peddie, McDonald (52) and Sim (23) laid the foundations for a run-chase. Cope made a sizzling 56 in 35 minutes, but both he and Whitaker were out together, and thereafter the target proved, just too much to get.

Q.N.C.C. maintained its unbeaten record against the School. Most of the School batsmen made some runs and A. J. Hay showed that he bowled better against the Masters than against other schools. Nevertheless N. T. H. du Boulay found time to make the worst 50 of the season on The Lawn, and A. P. F. Alexander, whom some of my older readers will remember, made a few lusty hits. It was D. A. R. Williams, though, who showed us how to play Hay. Perhaps we should all hire bats from the Long Room at Lords!

The game against DOLLAR ACADEMY took much the same course as the Morrison's game — too long to get the runs, though Whitaker hit the bowling around just before and just after tea to 75 not out. The declaration gave Dollar little chance of getting the runs, despite their possessing two or three stylish batsmen, and gave Strathallan even less chance to get them out. That they finished with seven wickets down was due more to batting indiscretions than good bowling.

The STRATHALLIAN game saw, we are told, several positively last appearances which we shall believe when we see it or, rather, don't see. Hugh Parker captained the side ably, and we are grateful to him for giving up a club game to come and play. The precedence of club fixtures is always a snag and one wishes more cricketers not involved would write in to Donald Turner early. I saw at least three ex-1st XI cricketers of recent vintage on the ground.

Hugh Parker and Donald Turner opened the innings. For some time Hugh was kept quiet by McPherson who was bowling a good line and length. Nevertheless we were treated to some vintage Parker with some scintillating shots through mid-wicket and extra cover(!). Donald Turner was not in his usual edgy form — perhaps the dud bats that the master i.c. cricket kept palming off on him did the trick. Shortly after lunch he was out. Then Tom Gibson chopped a ball onto his stumps, Will Melville hit one to mid-off and, apart from some lusty hits and equally lusty misses by Bruce Walker, the innings came to an untimely end.

The school's reply was less than convincing. Of the early batsmen only McDonald looked like making runs. Peddie was comprehensively leg before, Sim dollyed a catch to short leg, Whitaker hit a full toss to short extra where the substitute delightedly took the catch and split his trousers at the same time. Alas for David Anderson, he cannot be officially named in the score card. Thereafter Cope played about three shots at a Melville off-break none of which was successful in making contact. Inglis was picked up brilliantly at slip by Alan Sloan, who, until that point had successfully been given an imitation of one asleep.

Up to this point both Melville and Walker were bowling a little better than they both modestly claimed. However, McPherson and Tares put the School back in the game with a vengeance. McPherson hit Melville all over the ground and Tares hit him out of it. Eventually, though, both succumbed and the Club scraped in by two runs looking as if they were going to win comfortably.

The following week came the game against MERCHISTON. After a fair start only Sim batted with any concentration and the remainder of the side, save Park, who thrives on these disasters, soon devised ways of getting out. At the time 89 looked a poor score. We were not to know that Merchiston, too, could devise other ways of getting out. Their openers were soon out and after numbers three and four, tempted by the short boundary, had both been well taken by Peddie in front of the Music Room, more than a ray of hope began to shine. McPherson was able to find enough in the wicket to remove two further from the middle order and it was not until McCorquodale and Knight got together that any stern resistance was met. Three catches were dropped with the last pair in, too, until Hay managed to get through Ball's defence.

The Michelin Men dealt with short bowling and showed that the School's batting was yet again not up to chasing a modest total, and a poorish Grange side, having collapsed in a heap, threatened, at one time, to do the same to the School.

The final match of the season against GLEN-ALMOND, provided no comfort. The bowling lacked penetration to start with, and despite the

loss of an early wicket, Glenalmond looked set for a big score. But Tares coming on had a good spell and was assisted at the other end by Cope. Thereafter Everett took root, and McCaulay proceeded to demolish Hay before being caught off a skier. Still 124 was too much for our fragile batting. McDonald went early putting a short ball to gully, and Peddie, having run out the one batsman who looked like scoring runs, got ousted himself immediately after. Park then ran out Cope who was only notified of Park's intentions when Park was half way down the wicket and the ball was in the fielder's hand. Fortunately Yates and Whitaker were able to restore some sanity to the situation, and the School might still have won if Whitaker hadn't carefully hit a full toss straight at mid-on. Such was the School season. Anyone, as they say, for tennis?

In viewing individuals and over-all tactics it would be difficult not to be rude. The whole side had some collective ideas that it was better to bat second despite experience's proving regularly to the contrary. Even as I write the same crazy notion seems to have penetrated to Edgbaston, with dire consequences. A more attacking frame of mind will be needed next season and this will have to be attack based on sensible playing in, not the mad helter-skelter which sometimes passes for attack. More advantage, too, will have to be taken of winter nets. Everyone knows that the Lawn Nets have serious limitations when it comes to learning technique. Bowlers, too, should learn from experience. An off-spinner who has no floater is only half a bowler, and a slow medium pacer should never try to bowl two balls an over at Lillee pace — a cricket side is no place for schizophrenics. On the "plus" side, however, there is some promise. Sim scored consistently and, in fact, was at the wicket longer than anyone else in the side. Tares for the first time ever scored more runs than he got wickets. Yates, at the end of the season, gave up the pursuit of scoring the longest nought and began to blossom as a batsman. McPherson bowled well after half term, but still tends to bowl short on occasion.

The Second Eleven had an unfortunate season, not made any better by their losing two fixtures because of rain and the inability of the other school to raise a side. Second Eleven cricket is becoming problematical. There aren't enough sides around to play and the Senior House Matches have proved less than an adequate substitute. While the problem remains it will be that much more difficult for the 1st XI.

The third Eleven were moderately successful. Most of the successful players, alas, have now left.

The Senior Colts never quite managed to fulfil their promise. Without doubt there is some promising talent. Yellowlees, Smellie, Evens, Gerrard and A. W. Ferguson are all capable of making runs and just need to sharpen up on basic techniques and, also, to adopt a more positive frame of mind. Benzie is a promising left arm bowler — he had one game for the 1st XI and bowled very tidily — and Gall, S. Ferguson and A. Ferguson could be useful. Ogilvie is beginning to be tidier behind the wicket. Some of these players could well be pushing for places in the 1st XI next year.

The Junior Colts are also studded with talent, though not all of them are gifted with patience. Nevertheless, if they all fulfil their promise, they will be a difficult side to get out next season.

A final mention must go to Riley. They didn't quite give Mr. Hewson a final unbeaten season, and they weren't, perhaps, quite as good technically as the previous year's Riley side. However, despite some crooked bats, the keenness was there.

R.N.J.

1st XI AVERAGES

BATTING	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Av.	Catches
N. E. Cope	14	2	54*	288	24.00	4
N. C. St. J. Yates	6	3	26	55	18.33	3
R. I. Whitaker	14	1	75*	219	16.84	7
D. Sim	13	0	32	201	15.46	2
J. S. P. McDonald	14	0	52	201	14.28	3
R. A. McPherson	11	4	24	84	12.00	4
K. A. D. Peddie	13	0	22	105	8.75	5
A. J. Hay	7	4	14*	24	8.00	1
D. G. Inglis	10	1	17	70	7.77	5
A. J. Tares	9	2	16	45	6.50	7

BOWLING	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
R. A. McPherson	102.5	30	295	30	9.83
A. J. Tares	116.2	29	332	29	11.44
J. S. P. McDonald	70.1	14	207	16	12.93
A. J. Hay	144.5	44	340	25	13.60
N. E. Cope	56	20	104	7	14.85

All the above were awarded Colours. The following also played: A. K. Shaw; D. T. Hay; R. D. G. Powrie; F. S. Benzies.

RESULTS

Sat. 3rd May v. Crieff Cricket Club (Home)

Crieff C.C. 124 (A. J. Hay 4-19; J. S. P. McDonald 4-37). Strathallan 102-8 (R. I. Whitaker 30). Drawn.

Sat. 10th May v. The Edinburgh Academy (Away).

No Play — Rain.

Tues 13th May v. Perth Academy (Away).

Strathallan 71-7 (dec.) (K. A. D. Peddie 23; N. E. Cope 20); Perth Academy 36 (R. A. McPherson 6-3). Won by 35 runs.

Thurs. 15th May v. Perth Farmers (Home).

Perth Farmers 133 (A. J. Tares 7-43); Strathallan 121 (N. E. Cope 37; D. Sim 22). Lost by 12 runs.

Thurs. 22nd May v. Dundee University Staff (Away)

Strathallan 130-9 (dec.) (N. E. Cope 54*); Dundee University Staff 132-4. Lost by 6 wickets.

Saturday 24th May v. Fettes (Away)

Strathallan

D. G. Inglis, c. Cope, b. Mistry	2
K. A. D. Peddie, c. Hay, b. Darling	1
R. J. Whitaker, c. Cope, b. Darling	3
D. Sim, l.b.w. b. Darling	4
N. E. Cope, c. Smith, b. Darling	21
J. S. P. McDonald, l.b.w., b. Darling	2
D. R. M. Park, b. Cope	25
A. K. Shaw, st. Smith, b. Cope	0
A. J. Tares, b. Darling	0
R. A. McPherson, not out	15
A. J. Hay, c. Darling, b. Cope	0
Extras	12

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Darling 6-15; Cope 3-26.
Lost by 7 wickets.

Fettes

Cameron, c. Peddie, b. McPherson	33
Hay, c. Park, b. McPherson	33
Wilson, not out	8
Young, c. Cope, b. Hay	2
Merchant, not out	1
Extras	7

(3 skts.) 84

A. J. Hay 10-2-32-1; J. S. P. McDonald 6.4-1-26-0;
R. A. McPherson 4-1-11-2.

Lost by 7 wickets.

Tuesday 27th May v. Morrison's Academy (Away)

Strathallan 119-5 (dec.), (N. E. Cope, 49*, D. Sim 22);
Morrison's 36-8 (A. J. Hay 3-6; R. A. McPherson 2-9
J. S. P. McDonald 2-4).

Match drawn.

Thursday 29th May v. Loretto (Away)

Loretto

R. B. Crawford, c. Park, b. Tares	39
J. L. E. Wotherspoon, b. Tares	23
J. F. Paton, b. Cope	56
D. N. Winton, c. McDonald, b. McPherson	30
N. J. R. Cullen, b. Cope	47
M. B. Sloan, not out	1
Extras	15

for 5 wickets. (dec.) 211

A. J. Hay 23-6-49-0; R. A. McPherson 10-2-46-1;
A. J. Tares 12-2-55-2; N. E. Cope 13.5-4-24-2;
J. S. P. McDonald 4-0-19-0.

Strathallan

J. S. P. McDonald, c. MacIver, b. Crawford	52
K. A. D. Peddie, st. Reid, b. Stuart	11
D. Sim, c. Crawford, b. Winton	23
R. I. Whitaker, b. Winton	27
N. E. Cope, b. Sloan	56
D. G. Inglis, b. Winton	13
D. R. M. Park, not out	7
R. A. McPherson, c. Cullen, b. Sloan	1
N. St. J. Yates, not out	0
A. J. Tares and A. J. Hay did not bat	
Extras	11

for 7 wickets. 201

Swan 2-24.

Match drawn.



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Saturday 31st May v. Q.N.C.C. (Home)

Strathallan 155-8 (dec.) (R. I. Whitaker 30; N. E. Cope 32; K. A. D. Peddie 22); Q.N.C.C. 122-6 (N. T. H. du Boulay 52; A. J. Hay 3-28).

Match drawn.

Tuesday 2nd June v. Dollar Academy (Home)

Strathallan 150-6 (dec.) (R. I. Whitaker 75*; D. Sim 32); Dollar 65-7 (A. J. Hay 3-32).

Match drawn.

Thursday 4th June v. C. B. E. Somerville's XI (Home)

No Play — rain.

Saturday June 14th v. Strathallian Club XI (Home)**Strathallian Club**

J. H. R. Parker, c. Whitaker, b. McPherson	55
D. I. Turner, l.b.w., b. McDonald	13
T. Gibson, b. McDonald	6
W. B. Melville, c. Cope, b. McPherson	5
A. J. Sloan, c. A. Hay, b. Tares	0
D. R. Nicol, l.b.w., b. McPherson	0
B. Walker, c. D. Hay, b. Tares	13
J. E. Hamilton, c. Whitaker, b. McPherson	4
A. G. Johnston, b. McPherson	2
W. A. M. Lambie, l.b.w., b. McPherson	5
N. I. Schneeberger, not out	0
Extras	16

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A. J. Hay 6-1-27-0; R. A. McPherson 13.3-7-16-6; N. E. Cope 4-0-14-0; A. J. Tares 12-1-32-2; J. S. P. McDonald 6-1-11-2.

Strathallan

J. S. P. McDonald, b. Walker	36
K. A. D. Peddie, l.b.w., b. Walker	6
D. Sim, c. Parker, b. Melville	1
R. I. Whitaker, c. sub.b., Gibson	17
N. E. Cope, b. Melville	4
D. G. Inglis, c. Sloan, b. Melville	2
D. T. Hay, b. Walker	2
A. K. Shaw, b. Melville	3
R. A. McPherson, c. Melville, b. Walker	24
A. J. Tares, b. Walker	14
A. J. Hay, not out	3
Extras	4

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A. B. Walker 16.2-5-25-5; W. B. Melville 16-1-74-4; T. Gibson 1-0-8-1.

Lost by 2 runs.

Saturday June 21st v. Merchiston Castle (Home)**Strathallan**

I. S. P. McDonald, c. Coats, b. McCorquodale	17
K. A. D. Peddie, b. Vitel	12
D. Sim, l.b.w., b. Vitel	22
R. I. Whitaker, b. McCorquodale	4
N. E. Cope, c. Knight, b. Lobban	5
D. G. Inglis, st. Nisbet, b. Knight	8

R. A. McPherson, c. Vitel, b. Lobban	3
D. R. M. Park, c. Vitel, b. Ball	12
A. H. Tares, c. East, b. Ball	2
N. St. J. Yates, l.b.w., 6 Vitel	0
A. J. Hay, not out	0
Extras	4

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B. Vitel 3-16.

Merchiston

C. W. Nisbet, c. Whitaker, b. Hay	4
K. M. Lobban, l.b.w., b. McPherson	7
T. S. A. East, c. Peddie, b. McPherson	11
A. W. M. Milne, c. Peddie, b. McPherson	0
R. Robinson, c. Whitaker, b. McPherson	1
M. G. Steven, c. Tares, b. McPherson	0
D. N. Coats, b. Cope	1
B. F. Vitel, b. Tares	12
K. D. McCorquodale, c. Tares, b. Hay	7
A. W. Knight, not out	6
M. R. Ball, b. Hay	6
Extras	5

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A. J. Hay 11.2-9-4-3; R. A. McPherson 14-4-34-5; A. J. Tares 12-8-13-1; N. E. Cope 7-3-4-1.

Won by 29 runs.

Saturday June 28th v. Michelin Men (Home)

Michelin Men 137-6 (dec.); Strathallan 112-6 (J. S. P. McDonald 27; D. Sim 26).

Match drawn.

Saturday July 5th v. Grange C.C. (Home)

Grange 74 (A. J. Hay 3-8; A. J. Tares 5-28); Strathallan 76-8 (D. Sim 27).

Won by 2 wickets.

Monday 9th July v. Trinity College, Glenalmond**Glenalmond**

A. J. E. Stevenson, c. Whitaker, b. McPherson	7
A. J. D. Hope, c. Inglis, b. Cope	21
F. C. Small, c. McDonald, b. Tares	12
A. J. Robson, l.b.w., b. Tares	1
J. D. A. Grieve, b. Cope	8
N. S. K. Booker, c. McDonald, b. Cope	7
R. B. Macaulay, c. Yates, b. McDonald	36
D. J. M. Ramsey, c. McPherson, b. Tares	0
D. Everett, not out	15
N. H. M. Pringle, b. McPherson	2
G. L. R. Batten, l.b.w., b. McPherson	2
Extras	13

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A. J. Hay 9-1-33-0; R. A. McPherson 9.2-2-26-3; A. J. Tares 9-4-27-3; N. E. Cope 8-3-18-3; J. S. P. McDonald 3-1-7-1.

Strathallan

J. S. P. McDonald, c. Batten, b. Robson	0
K. A. D. Peddie, c. Stevenson, b. Ramsey	7
D. Sim, run out	6
N. E. Cope, run out	4
D. G. Inglis, b. Robson	0
D. R. M. Park, b. Pringle	11

N. C. St. J. Yajes, b. Robson	26
R. I. Whitaker, c. Robson, b. Batten	19
A. J. Tares, st. Everett, b. Batten	0
R. A. McPherson, not out	0
A. J. Hay, b. Robson	10
Extras	12
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Robson 4-36.

Lost by 29 runs.

2nd XI

24th May v. Fettes

Strathallan 61; Fettes 63-4. Lost by 6 wkts.

29th May v. Loretto

Strathallan 80; Loretto 83-3. Lost by 7 wkts.

21st June v. Merchiston

Strathallan 68; Merchiston 70-8. Lost by 2 wkts.

7th July v. Glenalmond

Glenalmond 188-7 (dec.); Strathallan 83. Lost by 105 runs.

3rd XI

24th May v. Fettes

Fettes 196 for 3 dec.; Strathallan 145 (Watt 57). Lost by 51 runs

27th May v. Morrison's 2nd XI

Morrison's 56 (Waldie 5 for 27, Cumming 5 for 28); Strathallan 60 for 8. Won by 2 wickets.

29th May v. Loretto

Loretto 76 (Waldie 5 for 45, Cumming 4 for 22); Strathallan 62. Lost by 14 runs.

3rd June v. Rannoch 1st XI

Strathallan 127 for 9 dec. (Heard 47); Rannoch 75 (Hinshaw 6 for 19). Won by 52 runs.

12th June v. Dollar Academy Colts

Strathallan 156 for 3 dec. (Heard 86 n.o.); Dollar 109 (Cumming 4 for 25). Won by 47 runs

21st June v. Merchiston

Strathallan 80 (Heard 41); Merchiston 83 for 2. Lost by 8 wickets

7th July v. Trinity College, Glenalmond

TCG 159 for 9 dec.; Strathallan 133. Lost by 26 runs

SENIOR COLTS

10th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Home)

Strathallan 40; Edinburgh Academy 7-0. Match abandoned — rain.

20th May v. Perth Academy (Home)

Perth Academy 27 (Campbell 8-16). Strathallan 32-0. Won by 10 wkts.

24th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Away)

Edinburgh Academy 107-7 (dec.), (Benzies 3-33); Strathallan 67-4 (Yellowlees 28). Drawn.

27th May v. Glenalmond (Away)

Glenalmond 156-6 (dec.) (Benzies 3-23); Strathallan 66. Lost by 90 runs.

29th May v. Loretto (Away)

Strathallan 90 (Benzies 28*); Loretto 92-8 (Ferguson, A. 4-17, Benzies 3-30). Lost by 2 wkts.

12th June v. Fettes (Away)

Strathallan 124 (Gerrard 30; Benzies 25; Yellowlees 20); Fettes 127-7 (Benzies 5-51). Lost by 3 wkts.

21st June v. Merchiston (Home)

Strathallan 152-6 (dec.) (Gerrard 46, Yellowlees 32, Evans 25); Merchiston 154-8 (Benzies 4-49). Lost by 2 wkts.

Team from: I. G. Ogilvie (Capt.); M. J. Yellowlees; I. F. Gerrard; A. O. Inglis; D. A. Smellie; A. W. Ferguson; F. S. Benzies; D. S. Gall; K. D. Evans; S. A. Ferguson; W. M. Potts; C. B. Campbell; J. B. Callander; J. P. Stewart. Scorer: A. L. MacKay.

JUNIOR COLTS

10th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Home)

Edinburgh Academy 63-7 (Strommen 3-9). Match abandoned — rain.

20th May v. Perth Academy (Home)

Perth Academy 14 (Kelly 6-1; Jackson 4-13); Strathallan 15-0.

24th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Away)

Strathallan 104-7 (dec.) (McDonald 21; McIntosh 22); Edinburgh Academy 46-4. Drawn.

22nd May v. Glenalmond (Away)

Strathallan 108 (Mitchell 41; Jackson 22*); Glenalmond 109-8 (Velly 3-38, Strommen 3-17). Lost by 2 wkts.

29th May v. Loretto (Away)

Strathallan 132-5 (dec.) (Hamilton 70; McIntosh 26*); Loretto 85-3. Drawn.

12th June v. Fettes (Away)

Fettes 120-8 (dec.) (Kelly 4-24); Strathallan 98-7 (McDonald 30; Mitchell 24).

21st June v. Merchiston (Home)

Strathallan 78 (McDonald 27); Merchiston 44 (Kelly 4-17; Jackson 3-24). Won by 34 runs.

Senior House Matches: Simpson.

Junior House Matches: Nicol.

THE RILEY XI

20th May v. New Park (Home)

Strathallan 172-6 (dec.); New Park 41. Won by 131 runs.

24th May v. Lathallan (Away)

Strathallan 30; Lathallan 27. Won by 3 runs.

31st May v. **Larchfield** (Home)

Strathallan 160-3 (dec.); Larchfield 72. Won by 88 runs.

3rd June v. **Belmont House** (Away)

Strathallan 148-8 (dec.); Belmont House 52. Won by 96 runs.

14th June v. **Clifton Hall** (Home)

Clifton Hall 134. Strathallan 97. Lost by 37 runs.

21st June v. **Craigflower** (Home)

Strathallan 164-7 (dec.); Craigflower 40. Won by 124 runs.

1st July v. **Croftinloan** (Away)

Croftinloan 47; Strathallan 50 for 4 wks. Won by 6 wickets.

Runs for:—821 for the loss of 48 wks., an average of 17.10 per wicket.

Against:—413 for the loss of 70 wks., an average of 5.90 per wicket.

Played 7. Won 6. Lost 1. Drawn 0.

STRATHALLAN OCCASIONALS

Although news of the club has appeared but infrequently in these pages, the Occasionals still flourish in England. This year's tour was as successful as the one in 1974, despite the fact that there were fewer matches because of increased touring costs. The tour provides an opportunity to meet old and new friends and I think it can be said that an Occasional's touring side is becoming a force to be reckoned with. Here is a summary of results:

v. **Bristol Bedouins**.

Occasionals 124 (N. T. H. Du Boulay 32; P. L. N. Walker 28).

Bristol Bedouins 84-6 (P. L. N. Walker 4-31).

Match drawn.

v. **Old Cliftonians**.

Occasionals 234-8 (dec.) (H. C. Addison 60; P. L. N. Walker 54; G. W. Searle 30; N. D. McKenzie 26).

Old Cliftonians 238-4 (N. E. Cope 3-90).

Lost by 6 wks.

v. **South Wilts C.C.**

South Wilts C.C. 183-2 (dec.).

Occasionals 130-7 (N. E. Cope 50; N. T. H. Du Boulay 32).

Match drawn.

v. **Mid-Somerset Clubs**.

Mid-Somerset 193-5 (dec.) (D. A. R. Williams 4-74).

Occasionals 194-0 (N. T. H. Du Boulay 96*; G. W. Searle 80*).

Won by 10 wks.

v. **Dorset Rangers**.

Occasionals 219-9 (dec.) (N. E. Cope 75; N. T. H. Du Boulay 63).

Dorset Rangers 120-7 (P. L. N. Walker 4-32).

Match drawn.

v. **Denstone Wanderers**.

Occasionals 209-4 (dec.) (R. L. Settles 107; G. H. Searle 34).

Denstone Wanderers 139 (R. L. Settles 4-21).

Won by 70 runs.

The hard and good wickets meant a great deal of work for the bowlers and hours of inactivity for the lower order batsmen as Nick Du Boulay, Graham Searle and others ground opposition attacks. Nick Du Boulay just missed making the third century in the club's existence but amends were made by Ross Settles in the final match of the tour—our congratulations to him for a fine performance in the match. A consolation for Nick Du Boulay was that he and Graham Searle figured in the highest stand for any wicket in the club against the Mid-Somerset Clubs.

We were glad to see that Nick Cope returned to his pre-Half Term 1st XI form. Indeed on the harder wickets he was even better. His 50 against South Wilts. was invaluable and his 75 at Weymouth destroyed a competent Dorset Rangers' attack. Given the chance he would surely have made runs against Denstone Wanderers; as it was, going in with four balls to go to the declaration, he made 15 including a majestic straight six. His batting average for the week was just over 39. One wishes that more of our better players would take the opportunity to play in a good class of cricket while at school.

Our bowlers had a less successful time in terms of wickets but Messrs. Williams, McKenzie, Walker, Cope and Settles all plugged away to keep totals down and the bowling attack against Denstone Wanderers on a wicket that was beginning to go on top was an excellent co-operative effort.

It is hoped to hold the tour again in 1976. On a short tour 13 is about the optimum number and anyone wishing to go on it (dates 20-26 July) should write to R. N. Johnson at the School, preferably before Christmas. Some interest has also been expressed in a revival of some of our Scottish fixtures. Again anyone prepared to give practical support to such a venture (the games would mainly be Sunday ones) should write to R. N. Johnson as soon as possible.

ATHLETICS

Despite the menacing prospects of doom looming over us from last year's report, it was pleasing to watch this year's squad buckling down to the task before them. Mr. Henderson had not provided us with many seniors (most "opting" to take cricket) and by the first match numbers had dwindled to 10, 9 of those actually competing while K. J. Shannon did an admirable job with the score book.

For the first match we were host to the strong EDINBURGH ACADEMY team, whom the seniors lost to by 3 points. Perhaps had one notable member of the relay team—who shall remain nameless—not fallen over we might have beaten them in the seniors. As it was our revenge came later—at "Scotstoun Meeting". In this R. L. Kirkland had 4 firsts—100, 200, 400 and High Jump; R. F. Renwick won the Shot and D. F. Ferguson the Javelin, and also narrowly lost an exciting tussle in the 1500. The middles, who lacked experience, did not perform as well as expected, although H. J. M. Footitt won our only track event—400—while P. A. C. Cameron took the High Jump and Javelin, and S. B. Knox the Shot. The match was lost by 12 points.

In our second match we over-ran our visitors FETTES COLLEGE on a sunny, windy day. In the senior events our vice-captain D. L. Young had a good day, running a fine 2nd in a Personal Best of 11.35m. to Kirkland, and winning the Javelin. Kirkland achieved 3 more firsts in his events. The

relay redeemed some lost pride and won comfortably in 46.6. Meanwhile the middles who had undergone an immense improvement in the two weeks, only lost 1 event. Footitt had a fine day winning the 100 in 11.5s., 200, 400 and Long Jump in 5.42m. with R. W. Galloway a good second in 5.34m. J. Cuthill ran well coming 2nd in both 200 and 100 where he had a P.B. of 11.7s. B. W. Parker took the 800 and 1500 in fine style, R. K. Linton running a good second. S. B. Knox won the Discus in 36.21m. and the Shot Putt, while Cameron won the Javelin. The match was won by 57 points.

Three days later we travelled to GLENALMOND to compete in what was predicted to be the closest match of the season. On a sweltering day many personal records were made although a school record still evaded us. On the track the seniors lost only 1 event, Kirkland winning 100, 200 and 400. Ferguson won a very thrilling and important 1500m., and although 2nd in the 800 in 2.6.1s. was disqualified while A. D. Baxter was 3rd in a P.B. of 2.11.5s. But a different story on the field meant that we only won one event, the Javelin, where Ferguson threw a P.B. of 39.39m. C. C. S. Magee found it hard going in the Discus although throwing a P.B. of 27.94m. The middles improved again for Footitt won the 100, 200 in 23.4 and 400 in 53.6 both P.B.'s. On the field J. Turner and Cameron were 1st= in the High Jump at 1.60m., then Cameron went on to win the Javelin and was 3rd in the Shot with a throw of 12.14, a P.B., which Knox won in 12.61. As the afternoon came to its climax,

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Glenalmond led by 1 point before the relays, therefore we would have to win both. Unfortunately the middles found the opposition too tough and were defeated although the seniors won comfortably in 46.3. Coll. ran out winners then by 1 point in this exciting, well-contested match.

After a 3 year gap we re-opened our relations with LORETTO. For this Open match, a combination of seniors and middles was chosen and we eventually proved too strong for our rivals. The 100m. fell to Kirkland, who also held off the Loretto captain Bowser to win the 200m. Foottit, on whom the events of the last week seemed to have taken their toll, only managed 3rd in 200m. and 2nd in 400m. to Kirkland, who was 0.1 outside the record of 52.2s. The Baxter brothers, A.D. and P.R., provided an entertaining race in the 800m. coming 1st= in 2.13.2. Ferguson won the 1500m. in a P.B. of 4.29.4, Parker being 3rd in a P.B. of 4.35.2. In the High Jump, Cameron jumped a P.B. of 1.70m. to win, and R. F. Renwick won the Shot Putt.

Following the freedom of half-term, no-one seemed able to face the rigours of a match so soon; for some, on their first day back. On a sunny, windless day, RANNOCH travelled down to us with a strong team and a good season behind them. The 100m. provided us with the first school record of the season, going to Kirkland in 11.0s., equalling the previous time. His 200 was also a P.B. of 23.2 and also won the 400m. Young running for the first time, did a P.B. of 24.2, as did R. F. Voigt in the 400m. in 56.1. No field events were won, as expected, the likes of C. Bothwell and Bugge proving too strong for us. The middles were exceptional on this day winning 7 events. Foottit took the 100, 200, 400 and Long Jump, while Parker and Baxter ran P.B.'s of 2.12.1s. and 2.12.6s. in the 800m. Knox achieved a P.B. of 12.72m. in the Shot and Gillanders D. M. N. is to be congratulated in achieving a distance of 37.50m. in the Discus, to obtain the only exclusive record of the season. The relay also achieved a best of 47.2 and the match was won by 16 points.

The season was thus concluded and in many respects a more satisfying season than last year. I wonder if it was the realisation of the truth of last year's report that "pricked the sides of our intent" or was last year's reporter displaying an impulsive harshness at the season's relative failings. Our defeats this year ensued at the hand of Edinburgh Academy — 12 points and Glenalmond — 1 point, both of which could so easily have gone the other way. This year I feel there was a much more concerted effort from the team, everyone playing his own part. There was much less dependence on outstanding figures, although there were some, such as H. J. M. Foottit in the middles, who deservedly got colours and who never lost on the track after the EDINBURGH ACADEMY 400m. Also this year's captain who went all 5 matches without defeat on the track and S. B. Knox who, as a first year middle, had a tremendous season and must be a good bet for the future, as must prospects as a whole.

The following were privileged to wear the new "colours" tie:

R. L. Kirkland; D. L. Young; R. F. Renwick; D. F. Ferguson; H. J. M. Foottit.

R.L.K.

"SCOTSTOUN REPORT"

Five seniors and three middles undertook the pilgrimage to the Scottish Schools Athletics meeting, this year held at Scotstoun. Although not as rewarding as recent years valuable experience was gained. P. A. C. Cameron and S. B. Knox were unplaced in the 15-17 Javelin and Shot Putt respectively, both throwing well below their best. R. F. Renwick was 6th in the 17-19 Shot Putt, throwing his season's best, while J. I. McIntyre was unplaced in the 17-19 Discus.

In the 17-19 100m. D. L. Young was eliminated in the heats while R. L. Kirkland won through to the semi-finals. In this he was 4th as was H. J. M. Foottit in the 15-17 group and were both informed by the officials that they were not in their respective finals. In fact, both had made it, and Foottit was disqualified for not turning up, and Kirkland had to run at 1 minute's notice, not physically or mentally prepared and came a disappointing 8th, well below his best time.

Our last hopes then rested on the 17-19 Relay team: D. L. Young - R. F. Renwick - D. S. Lowden - R. L. Kirkland. In their heat, drawn against Edinburgh Academy and Glenalmond and 5 others we won easily in 46.0s. The other heat was won in 46.9s. which only served to raise our hopes to the point of expectancy. By the time the final arrived, we had all been doing our separate events and we lost by a yard to last year's winners — St. Columba's, again running 46.0. At the time, the silver medal did not seem quite good enough, and the journey home ensued in mixed emotion. But now of course in retrospect it seems quite an incredible feat for we almost did not go because they were not good enough.

R.L.K.

Inter-House Competition

Winners — Ruthven.

Victores Ludorum

Junior — Headrick (L).

Middle — Foottit (S).

Senior — Kirkland (L).

The Rowan Cup for Standards

Winners — Ruthven.

SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

		1	2	3	
100m.	Riley	Ogilvie	McDougall	Houston	13.7 secs. (record)
100m.	Junior	Headrick (L)	Smith (F)	Hunter (F)	12.2 secs.
100m.	Middle	Foottit (S)	Leishman (L)	Cuthill (F)	11.3 secs.
100m.	Senior	Kirkland (L)	Young (F)	Lowden (F)	11.35 secs.
200m.	Riley	McDougall	Ogilvie	Houston	28.2 secs.
200m.	Junior	Headrick (L)	Hunter (F)	Millar (L)	25.6 secs.
200m.	Middle	Foottit (S)	Leishman (L)	Cuthill (F)	24.5 secs.
200m.	Senior	Kirkland (L)	Young (F)	Renwick (R)	23.0 secs.
400m.	Riley	Ogilvie	Houston	McDougall	65.7 secs.
400m.	Junior	Headrick (L)	Melver (R)	Raeside (N)	58.8 secs.
400m.	Middle	Foottit (S)	Leishman (L)	Cameron (F)	54.0 secs.
400m.	Senior	Kirkland (L)	McDonald (S)	Voigt (R)	52.8 secs.
800m.	Junior	Ferguson (F)	Raeside (N)	Brewster (S)	2m. 23.6 secs.
800m.	Middle	Hay (R)	Cameron (F)	Parker (R)	2m. 11.7 secs.
800m.	Senior	Ferguson (R)	Baxter (S)	Hay (R)	2m. 0.4 secs.
1500m.	Junior	Raeside (N)	Ferguson (F)	Gregor (S)	4m. 46.3 secs.
1500m.	Middle	Hay (R)	Parker (R)	Gardner (L)	4m. 34 secs.
1500m.	Senior	Ferguson (R)	Hay (R)	Baxter (S)	4m. 37.4 secs.
High Jump	Riley	McDougall	Graham	MacKay	1m. 43 cm.
High Jump	Junior	Callander (R)	Headrick (L)	Sim (F)	1m. 54.5 cm.
High Jump	Middle	Cameron (F)	Turner (R)	Linton (L)	1m. 55 cm.
High Jump	Senior	Kirkland (L)	Pearson (S)	Hay (R)	1m. 67.5 cm.
Long Jump	Riley	McDougall	Ogilvie	Johnston	4m. 65 cm.
Long Jump	Junior	Hunter (F)	Headrick (L)	Ferguson (F)	4m. 90 cm.
Long Jump	Middle	Foottit (S)	Gardner (F)	Hay (R)	5m. 23.5 cm.
Long Jump	Senior	Renwick (R)	Kirkland (L)	Voigt (R)	5m. 53 cm.
Discus	Junior	Brewster (S)	Ferguson (F)	Stewart (F)	28m. 08 cm.
Discus	Middle	Knox (N)	Gillanders (R)	Cuthill (F)	37m. 63 cm. (rec.)
Discus	Senior	McIntyre (R)	Magee (S)	Cope (L)	31m. 15 cm.
Javelin	Junior	Muir (R)	McIntosh (L)	Gregor (S)	32m. 41 cm.
Javelin	Middle	Cameron (F)	Yates (S)	Knox (N)	44m. 59 cm.
Javelin	Senior	Ferguson (R)	Cope (L)	Young (F)	40m. 83 cm.
Shot	Junior	Stewart (F)	Scott (N)	Gall (R)	9m. 03 cm.
Shot	Middle	Knox (N)	Cameron (F)	Currie (N)	12m. 50 cm.
Shot	Senior	Magee (S)	Renwick (R)	Vivian (L)	11m. 25 cm.
Relays					
4 x 100m.	Riley	Islay	Hamilton	Drumfinn	68.5 secs.
4 x 100m.	Junior	Freeland	Ruthven	Nicol	51.2 secs. (record)
4 x 100m.	Middle	Leburn	Simpson	Freeland	48.2 secs.
4 x 100m.	Senior	Leburn	Freeland	Simpson	48.5 secs.

BASKETBALL

Throughout the Winter term a handful of enthusiasts endured the Thursday evening games. As time progressed we found ourselves getting quite proficient in this rapidly growing and most popular sport in the world. Inevitably the words "team" and "matches" emerged and this attracted more soldiers to the growing ranks. From this, a squad formed and individual members began to make time in the day to practice skills and shooting. It was the incredible keenness and dedication to the sport that enhanced the games which ensued at the end of a training session.

By the Easter term it was not unknown to be having 5-6 games a week in an effort to make up for lost time over the years, where, as young boys, we should have first learnt our skills. A match was arranged with AUCHTERARDER, the county champions, whom we beat 66-60 at home in a very exciting game after being down 27-12 at half time. In the Summer term we were invited to AUCHTERARDER for the return game. On their small

court we beat them by one point and emerged the first team ever to beat them at home. After this, play went off the boil as A-Levels drew near. We lost to RANNOCH after an Athletics match. A week later FETTES beat us in a rough match from which we learnt a great deal and put it to use against GLENALMOND, whom we beat on a very slippery surface due to high humidity. For our games we donned either the yellow strips or black strips which Mr. Henderson had kindly obtained for us.

R.L.K.

BOXING

The Competition this year attracted eighty-one entrants who set about learning the skills from Mr. Henderson during Monday evening activities. The sessions saw the rapid preparation of defences and attacks, and by the beginning of the Easter Term the Gym took on the atmosphere of a Kuala Lumpur climate.

As always the standard of the bouts varied considerably, but this year the attention and support focussed upon the lighter-weight contests, which provided more evenly matched bouts, with skill outdoing muscle. The boxing personality was undoubtedly Turnbull. Although a beaten finalist, he provided a very attractive boxing style. Thanks are in order for Mr. Burnet who kindly presented the prizes, in the absence of the headmaster, and to Mr. Henderson, the Judges and timekeepers. The trophy was convincingly won by Freeland and the results of the finals were as follows:

Division:	Winner	Runner-up
Mosquito	Straiton, C.	Turnbull, S. R.
Fly	McGregor, W. M.	Stonewigg, N. A.
Bantam	Prosser, D. H.	Dewhurst, C. H.
Feather	Gregor, K. E.	Stonewigg, R. A.
Light	Caithness, C. G.	Miller, G. R.
Light-Welter	McEwan, G.	Baird, A. C. B.
Welter	Hunter, J. M.	Locke, A.
Light-middle	Kelly, K.	Callender, J. B.
Middle	Ferguson, A. W.	Cunningham, C. M.
Light-Heavy	Smellie, D. A.	Stewart, D. M. S.
Heavy 'A'	Henderson, I. A.	Benzie, F. S.

A.C.M.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Captain: D. F. Ferguson.

Vice-Captain: W. D. G. Cameron.

The cross-country team had its fair share of success this season and maintained the standard set by the team in 1974, even though they had a very small number of boys in the Senior age group. Junior teams ran in two inter-school fixtures but in future seasons only Senior (17-19 years) and Middle (15-17 years) boys will run as games policy in the School now excludes Junior boys from running.

27th February v. Perth Academy v. Waid Academy (H)

This first match gave our runners a good start to the season, coming in first in each race.

	Senior	Middle	Junior
Strathallan	14	13	16
Perth Academy	36	33	28
Waid Academy	38	44	29

Strathallan was the overall winner.

4th March v. Morrison's Academy v. Rannoch (H)

Rannoch fielded good teams in all age groups and were first in all races. Chisholm (Morrison's) broke the School record by 1 minute 38.5 seconds. Morrison's had no Junior team.

	Senior	Middle	Junior
Rannoch	18	18	14
Strathallan	27	21	26
Morrison's	41	46	

Rannoch was first overall and Strathallan, second.

8th March Scottish Schools Championships

The Scottish Championships were held on land adjacent to St. Ambrose High School in Coatbridge, Lanarkshire. The course was flat and uninteresting, unlike last year's "climb", but spectators had an excellent view of the runners' progress. The Senior Team came in 7th out of 37 participating Schools, and the Middle were placed 12th out of 77 Schools. The Junior and Riley teams were unplaced.

14th March v. Dollar Academy (A)

The team travelled to Dollar for the only away fixture apart from the Scottish Schools. The course was on the hills behind Dollar Academy. Dollar came out top in both races.

	Senior	Middle
Dollar Academy	15	13
Strathallan	21	26

18th March v. Fettes College (H)

This match closed the season with an overall victory for Strathallan. Fettes had some good runners in their Senior team but lacked this strength in the Middles.

	Senior	Middle	Total
Strathallan	20	11	31
Fettes College	13	31	41

18th/19th February School Inter-House Cross-Country

The normal School courses were used. Conditions were excellent for the races.

Results	Senior	Middle	Junior
1	S	S	N
2	R	L	L
3	L	F	S
4	F	R	R
5	N	N	F

Total Points:

1	S	21
2	L	16
3	R	11
4	N	9
5	F	8

Individual medals were presented by Mr. Burnet to the winners of each race.

SENIOR	W. D. G. Cameron	26 minutes 15.00
MIDDLE	D. T. Hay	20 minutes 37.13
JUNIOR	K. E. Gregor	17 minutes 20.10

All Masters who assisted, marshalls and the catering staff are thanked for their co-operation during the season.

J.B.B.

CURLING

This report inevitably must be very brief since there has been little action on the curling scene this season. Perth Ice Rink introduced an extra session into their daily programme and this meant a re-organisation of times which, unfortunately, did not fit in satisfactorily with our school routine, and consequently, no coaching was possible this winter. However, in spite of this severe handicap we managed to field three rinks against the Old Boys in November. The first two rinks acquitted themselves very well, the first winning the 10 ends by 7-6 the second losing by the same margin, but our scratch rink was much too inexperienced and lost 17-2. The Old Boys thereby retained the Barr Cup. Our thanks again to the Old Boys for a very enjoyable match and for the hospitality afterwards.

Clearly it will be more difficult to field a respectable team in the future but we will do our best to maintain the continuance of the match against the Old Boys.

The following played against the Old Boys:

Rink A: J. I. McIntyre (skip), G. L. F. Inglis, D. G. Inglis, R. F. Renwick.

Rink B: J. S. Milne (skip), A. J. Hay, D. T. Hay, R. M. Jamieson.

Rink C: A. D. Baxter (skip), R. H. Philips, G. S. J. C. Arthur.

GOLF

The Club again thrived encouragingly during the Summer Term, when a large number of enthusiastic golfers roamed the New Course pitting their varying degrees of skill against the elements and the subtleties of the course, the greens in particular! In spite of the chancy nature of the golf as played here, it is still found to be most enjoyable and worthwhile by the majority of members.

Taking things chronologically one must first report on our dismal performance in the Stocks Cup, played as usual over the Cairnies course at Glenalmond in September. Alas, we were last out of six competing schools, the Cup being won deservedly by Perth Academy. Once again we entered the Aer Lingus Schools Competition and our performance in the area qualifying round at Ladybank in March was very creditable. We were seventh out of 18, and the 3 counting scores of 83, 87, 87 as supplied by Ken Grant, Peter Hill and Andrew Magill respectively were quite good considering the tense atmosphere of the occasion. The winners were Perth Academy who went from strength to strength in this national competition ending up by beating the English, Welsh and Irish Finalists at Ballybunion in May. Well done Perth Academy! They finished off a memorable year by winning the Perthshire Schools League in June.

Outside the league matches in the summer we played our traditional end of term match against Glenalmond in absolutely blissful weather and,



K. E. Gregor



W. D. G. Cameron



D. T. Hay

although the result was no better than usual from our point of view it was nevertheless a most enjoyable encounter. The other "friendly" match was against the Masters who contrived by a variety of means to chalk up their first ever victory against the Boys. The Head retired on a winning note, overpowering Strachan Hill, and insisted that it was his own good golf and nothing else which was responsible for his victory. Other news which filtered through during the course of the afternoon concerned the welcome return to form of RNJ in his comeback year, the devastating play of Ken Grant, the collapse of Mr. du Boulay from a position of 4 up, and the wanderings of Mr. Ball and John Arthur who saw more of the Ladybank course than most.

Leburn lifted the House Cup, Peter Hill (Leburn) won the Club Championship and Mr. du Boulay (Leburn) beat Graham Fidler in the final of the handicap knockout competition.

Finally, a word of thanks to Strachan Hill the secretary, who worked so enthusiastically and efficiently for the Club, and to Ken Grant, the captain, who played very well at the top of the team and was ever cheerful.

RESULTS

Perthshire Schools League

- v. Auchterarder Secondary School —Lost 3-1 (Auchterarder)
v. Glenalmond —Lost 3-1 (Cairnies)
v. Morrison's Academy —Halved 2-2 (Auchterarder)

Other Matches

- v. Glenalmond —Lost $6\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ (Cairnies)
v. The Masters —Lost $4\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$ (Ladybank)
Team: K. C. Grant, S. L. Hill, P. A. Hill, A. W. B. Magill (League team), R. F. Renwick, D. S. Lowden, S. J. Newing, J. C. Arthur.

Links supervisor: J. C. Arthur.

SAILING

We had hoped for four or five sailing matches this term, unfortunately we only managed to have two, against Loretto and Rannoch both of which were raced on the waters of our opponents.

At Loretto there was a stiff breeze blowing and after two very close races we just managed to come out on top.

Results — 1st Race		Pts.
1st	Strathallan II (Fingland, J., Fingland, D.)	$\frac{3}{2}$
2nd	Loretto	2
3rd	Strathallan I (Cameron, Ferguson)	3
4th	Loretto	4
5th	Strathallan III (Carver, Newton)	5
6th	Loretto	6
2nd Race		Pts.
1st	Loretto	$\frac{3}{2}$
2nd	Strathallan II	2
3rd	Loretto	3
4th	Strathallan I	4
5th	Strathallan III	5
6th	Loretto	6

Total	Strathallan	19 $\frac{3}{2}$
	Loretto	21 $\frac{3}{2}$

Result

Strathallan win.

At Rannoch the wind on Loch Rannoch was less strong than we had had at Loretto and after the first race on a course that neither team fully understood, the course was changed for the second race but unfortunately we could not pull up on the result.

Results — 1st Race		Pts.
1st	Rannoch	$\frac{3}{2}$
2nd	Strathallan I (Cameron, Ferguson)	2
3rd	Rannoch	3
4th	Rannoch	4
5th	Strathallan III (Carver, Newton)	5
6th	Strathallan II (Fingland, J., Fingland, D.)	6

2nd Race		Pts.
1st	Rannoch	$\frac{3}{2}$
2nd	Rannoch	2
3rd	Strathallan III	3
4th	Strathallan I	4
5th	Strathallan II	5
6th	Rannoch	6

Total	Rannoch	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Strathallan	25

Result

Rannoch win.

The other events were the Scottish School Boys and the House competition.

Cameron, W. D. G., and Fingland, J. A. E., with "Jackoranda" represented the school and with two 2nd's in the first two races they dropped to a 5th in the third race. Overall they were 2nd to Forfar who are the Scottish Youth Champions.

The House competition was held on the last sailing day of term with the same procedure as last year — draw for boats and two races; one for first crews and one for second crews.

Results		1st Race		2nd Race		Total
House	Position	Pts.	Position	Pts.	Pts.	
Leburn	2	2	1	1	1	
Nicol	1	1	3	3	4	
Freeland	3	3	2	2	5	
Ruthven	4	4	5	5	9	
Simpson	5	5	4	4	9	

Results — Leburn win.

J. A. E. Fingland was awarded his colours for this season.

SHOOTING

During the Summer Term, there was no competition organised by the British Schools Small-bore Rifle Association. So we contented ourselves with practising for the competition against the Old Boys. And when the day came we showed that our practising had benefited us, and we managed to beat them.

During the two "winter" terms two teams competed in the competition organised by the British Schools Small-bore Rifle Association, with "limited" success. The friendly match against Rannoch was a disappointment when we discovered we had lost. We were also disappointed when Cheltenham College beat us in the Staniforth competition.

The inter House competition was won by Freeland, and Henderson, A. T., won the individual shooting.

Unlike other years a new Captain was not chosen at the beginning of the Summer. It is therefore left to me to bring you up to date. Only one team entered the summer competition and in this we had some success. Once again we beat the Old Boys, who produced a somewhat better team than the previous year.

Shooting colours were awarded to Henderson, A. T.; Magill, A. W. B.; Macadam, F. G.; Smith, C. R. M.; Cameron, I. D.

During the year the following shot for the "A" Team:—Robertson, C. B.; Magill, A. W. B.; Macadam, F. G.; Henderson, A. T.; Smith, C. R. M.; Cameron, I. D.

"B" Team: Cameron, I. D.; Arthur, J. C.; Sproat; Harrold, M. J.; Nimmo.

The Captain for next year is Cameron, I. D.

C.B.R.

SKI-ING

As last year, the School's ski-ing season started in earnest with a return visit to Sauze d'Oulx in the Italian Alps; a trip which last year proved to be a great success.

As one well known guide to ski-ing in Europe has said, "Ski-ing at Sauze is a relaxing exercise", and I'm sure a number of those who paid a visit to the village would be inclined to agree, if only because of the limited number of runs ski-able as a result of an uncommonly low snowfall prior to our stay.

Despite this general shortage of snow, the trip appeared to have been enjoyed by all. Much credit for which must go to the J.F.C. and his wife for the friendship which they extended to all members of the party. It is hoped that a similar trip might be arranged for next year although at the moment response is poor — a result perhaps of escalating costs.

R.D.G.P.

Meanwhile back in the Glen, the Captain watched snowflakes fall and melt. The snow at last came in the third week of January. The covering that came was good enough for a bus to be run every week from then till the end of term. There was so much snow one week that we did not get up! The season's weather has treated us really well. At this point I'd like to mention Guarin Clayton who came with us most weeks and brought sunshine and great snow every time; we hope he'll come more often.

On the racing scene the School has made a good participation but maybe not such a big imprint as in the past (and future). The National Schools' Race at Hillend was given a miss because most racers were in Italy at the time. This event has become increasingly an Edinburgh schools event and anyway who likes ski-ing on plastic?

In the National races both D. P. Benzie and W. R. Ferguson finished difficult courses in the East of Scotland Championships. The Old Strathallians played a greater part in this race, David Butchart coming third in the Combined with Douglas Low fourth. In the Tennant Trophy, the fun team race of Scottish ski-ing, we were offered four places in the Stirling team. D.P.B., W.R.F., M. D. Kirk and R. D. G. Powrie raced and nearly beat the runners up Glencoe being deprived of glory by a timing mix-up. It was a great race despite the weather and everyone enjoyed it. Thanks must go to Paddy Orr for inviting us to race. Out of the 64 competitors there were about a dozen Strathallians, four of whom, three Lows and a Robertson were in the winning team, Dundee. For D. R. D. Low and C. J. Robertson this was just another triumph for they had already steered Cambridge to victory in the Varsity race and were then largely instrumental in the British Universities rare win over their Swiss counterparts.

In the Neish Trophy we entered ten racers in a field of thirty. We managed to obtain placings from about 15 to 25. This year there was no challenge from the Dundee Ski Club Juniors who were all too busy with national training.

After many problems both registering and qualifying three juniors, J. M. Carver, F. S. Benzie and R. J. Duncan managed to obtain entry to the North of Scotland Championships. They did themselves justice in the race and results were reasonable, Duncan at only 12 has another four years in junior events and ought to be quite a threat in the future.

The house race was free from politics and seemed all set to be a very relaxed race. However Guarin Clayton was otherwise committed and so the weather was foul. Ruthven has at long last stepped down from the champions' pedestal in favour of Nicol who seems all set for a similarly lengthy reign. The course set by the snow conditions was placed by J.F.C. and D.P.B. It was a tight course which favoured the small skiers. After a spot of trouble with a stray gate the final result was Nicol 1st, Riley 2nd. W. R. Ferguson had the best individual time of the day. Congratulations must go to R. J. Duncan who in order to get Riley a place coached his fourth member down on foot. This is of course no breach of F.I.S. rules. I hear

Duncan is coming in to Nicol next year. Special thanks must be given to all gatekeepers who shivered for several hours and to Messrs. R. J. Benzies, J. Duncan and Clayton for managing the race organisation.

The Schools races looked like being successful enough. The "B" team of R. D. G. Powrie, F. S. Benzies, D. L. Young and R. F. Renwick qualified for the final in the National event. The two teams set off for the Cairngorms early one Saturday morning in March. The "A" team managed to retain a place in the top ten and R. F. Renwick put up a good performance for the "B" team but other than that there was nothing outstanding about it at all.

The Perthshire Schools event which for the last five years we have dominated was the anti-climax of the term. Through a series of mishaps and minor disasters we were pipped at the post in all three sections. We did however win two individuals. J. M. Carver won the intermediate section and R. J. Duncan the junior.

In the Shaw Cup we had an entry of four D.P.B., F.S.B., R.J.D. and J.F.C.! I'm glad to be able to report a victory by F. S. Benzies (only because I fell).

For the remainder of the season there was plenty of snow right till the very last. My only regret was that I had to come back to school for the Summer Term when I could have been ski-ing.

As usual we must thank J.F.C. for all the time he has spent on the ski club, despite his apparent desertion to the sailing club. To the big question of whether we can ever get back to the top I can only say that all will greatly depend on the attitude taken by the School to ski-ing in the future.

D.P.B.

SQUASH

At the beginning of the season it seemed as if the team for the year would be a relatively strong one. However when the time came to play the first match, David Ferguson, an experienced player who was in the side the previous year had sustained an unfortunate injury to his wrist. The first match was against the Beavers and although Peter Fairlie and Simon Vivian both won their ties the team did not have enough depth and the school went down 3-2. The next few matches were all close but the balance was tipped slightly against the school, the only bad defeat was the league match with Glenalmond when the team lost 5-0.

David Ferguson was fit again for the following term but by then the term had suffered another blow as Mike Walker, the No. 3, had left school.

At this point the coach decided to drop out of the Crieff and District League, the idea being to concentrate on School matches instead. However it was really too late on in the season to arrange fixtures and so consequently the only game organised was one against Glenalmond.

The result however was pleasing; the whole team won except for the No. 5 who was rather young and inexperienced.

It is hoped that by next year squash fixtures will be properly organised and it should be possible to have six or seven school matches.

The Junior Team, led by Alistair Ferguson, won all of their four matches; this seems encouraging for the fixture especially as there are a few very keen juniors around in the form of Gerrard and Stone-Wigg.

Individual Competition results for the season were somewhat better than the team ones. Peter Fairlie played the No. 1 seed in the first round of the Scottish under 18 championships and not unexpectedly lost but he did do well by getting through to the final of the plate and narrowly losing 3-2. Simon Vivian reached the $\frac{1}{4}$ finals before he was knocked out. In the Edinburgh Schools tournament Simon Vivian reached the semi-finals and Peter Fairlie got through to the third round.

The only other competition entered for was the Royal Bank. The school came fifth out of about twenty entries and it is possible that if the seeding had been kinder we might have done better.

Overall the season was more notable for its individual achievements than for the team results. However if all the Juniors continue playing at their present rate the school should have an extremely strong team in about two years time.

Played for Senior team: S. N. Vivian, P. S. M. Fairlie, D. F. Ferguson, A. W. B. Magill, A. W. Ferguson, G. K. Cochrane, P. A. Hill, M. C. Walker.

Played for Juniors: A. W. Ferguson, R. A. Stone-Wigg, N. Stone-Wigg, I. Gerrard, B. Callandar, P. A. Hill.

House Match Results:—

Senior Final: Leburn beat Ruthven 3-2

Junior Final: Freeland beat Leburn 5-0

SWIMMING

This year swimming has proved to be more successful than it has done for a number of years. After effectively winning the Bath Cup five years ago swimming was somehow allowed to slip downhill. Consequently some potentially brilliant swimmers were drowned, their talent being completely wasted. Nevertheless, a driving few persisted at the sport, endeavouring to keep it alive and eventually, this year, all efforts were rewarded as numerous juniors decided to follow the sport. Training then progressed and after a lot of work the foundations for a good swimming team were established. Unfortunately the time available for training is somewhat limited, the boys being involved in various activities, and the pool being used a great deal by other enthusiasts. However, all those concerned are keen, and with sufficient will power and determination it is my opinion that they could go a long way . . . perhaps even to winning the Bath Cup!

The inter-house swimming competitions took place during the "A" and "O" level exams at the end of the summer term. They were arranged and run by the swimming master, Mr. Kay, and it was owing to his organisation that they moved so smoothly.

For the third successive year Simpson won the competition being followed by Leburn, Free-land, Ruthven and Nicol respectively. As always the relays were the highlight of all the events, most of the school turning out to watch them. The general standard of swimming was higher than it has been for a number of years and future prospects for swimming at Strathallan are good.

RESULTS OF INTER HOUSE SWIMMING

Individual Events

Backstroke

Junior — 1st: Callander (R) 33.7; Waterbury (L); Hamilton (F); Stewart (F).
 Middle — 1st: Powrie (S) 1.20.0; Potts (R); Smith (F); Peddie (S).
 Senior — 1st: Willox (L) 1.20.5; Robertson (R); Russell (F); Cuthill (F); McGregor (S).

Breaststroke

Junior — 1st: Waterbury (L) 39.0; Gregor (S); Nicolson (L); Grant (F).
 Middle — 1st: Waldie (S) 1.25.5; Lamb (S); Cochrane (L); Cunningham (F).
 Senior — 1st: Pearson (S) 1.17.5; Pearson (S); Shannon (F); Fairlie (L).

Butterfly

Junior — 1st: Waterbury (L) 15.3; McFarlane (N); Bain (W); McGregor (S).
 Middle — 1st: Cunningham (F) 36.25; Powrie (S); Lamb (S).
 Senior — 1st: Pearson (S) 32.7; Fairlie (L); Mackay (N); Milne (S).

Freestyle

Junior — 1st: Waterbury (L) 29.2; Gregor (S); McFarlane (N); Bain (W).
 Middle — 1st: Powrie (S) 1.6.0; Cunningham (F); Russell (S); Gardener (L).
 Senior — 1st: Mackay (W) 1.4.9; Pearson (S); Willox (L); Cuthill (F).

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TENNIS

The three older courts had become badly po-
holed, so were out of use from the beginning of
term pending repairs. They were re-surfaced in
mid-term and look good (at any rate they seem
to drain very well) but by the end of term the
contractors had not replaced the back-netting, so
the courts are still out of use. A pity. The new
courts were kept busy with regular players and,
in Activities, with players of more important games.

The team consisted of G. J. F. Crowe (cap-
tain), R. F. Wilson, A. B. Caithness, C. G. Caith-
ness, C. R. M. Smith and K. W. Macmillan. R. K.
Shedden, A. D. Macadam and B. J. D. Lyburn also
played in some matches.

They looked a promising bunch at the start

but did not come on quite as well as might have
been hoped, possibly because of a general slow-
ness to grasp that doubles are more often won
from the net than from the baseline. They beat
Madras (A), Dollar (H), Glenalmond (A) and the
Old Strathallians but lost to Edinburgh Academy
(H), Fettes (A) and Merchiston (H). Five of the
team, however, are coming back next year, so
results may improve. They also played a happy
afternoon of mixed doubles with St. Leonards,
complete with umpires and ball-girls.

The singles competition was won by Crowe,
and the House competition was won by Leburn.

Mr. Ian Woodcraft continued his excellent
weekly coaching sessions.

W.N.M.

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1975

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JIMMY SMITH was at Strathallan from 1936 to 1940. He was Vice-Captain of the School and Captain of Free-land House in 1939/40, and Captain of cricket 1940. In the winter term of 1940 he was Captain of the School and a member of the first XV, and in the same year won the R. A. Houston Gold Medal. He was also a keen swimmer and was Junior Champion in 1937 and Senior Champion in 1938/40.

He was commissioned as Observer in the Fleet Air Arm and on his return to civilian life joined the Glasgow Stock Exchange in 1951, and entered into partnership with his father as a stockbroker.

He has always taken a very keen interest in the School and Club and served on the Council in the years 1950/53.

Jimmy's better sport, however, was cricket and throughout the post-war period he played for Glasgow Academicals Club and captained the XI in 1961/62 and eventually became President of Western District Cricket Association in 1966/67.

He is also a very keen rugby enthusiast and al-



though injury terminated his playing career in 1948 (he insists his playing career was undistinguished) he became Assistant Secretary of the Glasgow Academicals Club and Secretary in 1954. He still holds this post and admits to being the longest serving Rugby Secretary in Scotland.

Despite his various sporting interests, Jimmy has taken a considerable amount of interest in the charitable field where he was Deacon of the Incorporation of Masons of Glasgow in 1966/67.

Jimmy is married with three sons and while he has little time for relaxation, he enjoys sailing, fishing and curling.

A.G.M. AND ANNUAL DINNER

The 41st A.G.M. of the Club took place on Saturday, 23rd November, 1974 in the Station Hotel, Perth. The President, W. M. Nairn, was in the Chair and 25 members attended.

The Council's report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1974 were approved and 45 new life members were elected.

James H. Smith was elected President of the Club for the ensuing year and Eric C. Gillanders was elected Vice-President.

The Annual Dinner followed and was attended by 102 Strathallians and their guests. The speakers were:—

Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, M.P.

The President

The Headmaster

The Vice-President

Mr. James Laird

LONDON BRANCH

The President attended the London Branch Dinner on 3rd April, 1975. 22 members attended, together with the Headmaster and Mr. David Pignills. Stewart Ritchie was in the Chair. The evening was highly successful.

The Branch Secretary, David Anderson, 194/200 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (Tel. 01 283 6767) is always glad to hear from London-based Strathallians.

DINNER DANCE

Alan Fitzpatrick convened a thoroughly enjoyable evening in the Excelsior Hotel, Glasgow on 31st January, 1974. There was a reduced attendance — only 156 members and guests attended!

The evening is to be recommended and the President hopes that the Dance on 16th January, 1976 in the same hotel, will be a sell-out. He hopes that Strathallians of all ages will regard this as a first class reunion opportunity and bring their friends.

Please note the date: 16th JANUARY, 1976

ANGLING CLUB REPORT 1974/75

The school magazine will have to change their publication date because at present the Angling Club Report has to cover part of two seasons.

The last competition of the 1974 season was held at the Lake of Menteith, and as it was our 100th competition all taking part won a prize! The winner of the competition was Robin MacGregor, whose father-in-law and Club Captain Iain Henderson, presented him with a suitably engraved ankard. The bottom prize was won by Robin Turner — a box of toilet paper!

The total catch for the season was 61 trout weighing 43lbs. — not very good. As the result of one rather large catch the Club Championship and Grossit Trophy, the John Hall Salver and the Fingland Trophy were all won by David Biggart.

George and Margeret Turner were hosts at a most enjoyable Annual Party. We held an Annual General Meeting for which this year there are Minutes.

Eric Watt, our new Captain, started off the 1975 season in an exemplary manner, not only winning the first competition of the season at Loch Awe, but setting a new Club record in the process catching 6 trout weighing 4 lbs. 3 oz.

In May at the Lake of Menteith, we had a lucky win against Scotland's leading Angling Club "The Phoenix" — 7 trout — 7lbs., against 3 trout — 2 lbs. 13 oz. (I do not propose to add that all the trout were in fact caught by members of the Strathallian Club). Robbie Bowie, all the way from Dornoch, won the competition.

At Loch Leven in June one boat was late back and their 6 trout did not count, but as Willie Nairn had 6 fish weighing 9 lbs. to his own rod, they did not really suffer.

In July we did battle with the Boys from School and this year I am happy to be able to report that we won, catching as many as 21 trout — weighing 15lbs. 6 oz. against their 16 trout — weighing 11 lbs. 9 oz. David Biggart had the best Club catch, while Lindsay Young's son, David, won the reel, presented for the best Boy's catch.

With two competitions still to be fished we have already had a record season with 86 trout, weighing 74 lbs. 12 oz., but more important, we have had a most pleasant season. We would welcome more members, young or old, who would like to partake of our pleasures on future occasions.

Details of Club activities can be obtained from the Secretary, David Biggart, 307 West George Street, Glasgow C2. (Tel. 041 221 7206).

GOLF CLUB

Queen Elizabeth Trophy. Our team this year was ably captained by Gordon Lowden. His team was Jamie Moffat, Stuart Lowden, Rich. Williamson, Bob Howie and Donald Turner. It is necessary to report that we did not win the trophy however the whole team are agreed that we beat two strong teams before being defeated by Old Epsomians. In the first round the might of Messrs. G. Lowden and Moffat, together with S. Lowden and Williamson, was sufficient to overcome Old Malburghians; the performance of Howie and Turner need not be mentioned!

Glasgow High School F.P.'s have a daunting reputation in this competition but your Secretary is happy to report that they were dismissed without gaining a point. At this point, however, the story is at an end since we were defeated by two matches to one against Old Epsomians.

Annual Meeting 1975. It was agreed by the membership that in an endeavour to revive interest in the Golf Section we would play for three trophies over one week-end. To this end some twelve only golfers assembled at Prestwick Golf Club on Saturday, 15th March — the golf varied from the incredible to the unbelievable. Members will know that we have three trophies which are to be played for annually. Over this week-end the Reid Salver was to be presented to the player with the lowest medal score over two rounds — the Johnston Trophy for the best stableford score on Saturday — and the Bogie Trophy for the best score against bogey on the Sunday.

I am happy to relate that your Golf Secretary won two out of the three possible! Ian Gray winning the Bogie Trophy. Most of us were based at the excellent Marine Hotel, Troon, and the majority were accompanied by wives. Some had more than just wives; some had children. A dinner dance was enjoyed on the Saturday night, in fact, most golfers were more tired after dancing than they were after golfing. The weather was kind for golf — all in all, the week-end was voted a success.

Our thanks to Prestwick Golf Course for allowing us the courtesy of this most testing of Links courses and to the Marine Hotel for putting up with some unusual guests

In view of the success of this first week-end it is hoped that the 1976 week-end, venue undecided; which will probably be held over the week-end 27/28th March, 1976, will be supported by greater numbers.

A.S.C.

CLUB TIES ETC.

Please note that all Club ties etc., are now obtainable at R. W. Forsyth Limited, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

NEWS OF OLD STRATHALLIANS

AITKEN, G. R. (1961/68) has been appointed as manager with Station Supreme Limited, a subsidiary of Texaco Limited.

ASHTON, T. (1963/68) with the Royal Artillery and due to go to Northern Ireland in September. He tells us he met Rod Jenkins (Freeland '66) who is also in the R.A. He has also met Malcolm McLelland (1953/58) and Mike Hardy (1958/63) who are both in Colchester with the 47 Regiment, Royal Artillery.

BALFOUR, G. W. (1961/68) H.N.D. (Agric.) He is under manager of a large estancia in Southern Argentine and coming home in the new year to be married.

BROWN, A. J. G. (1930/35) Secretary of the Medical Faculty of Dundee University. His family have taken over the King's of Kinloch Hotel, outside Meigle, Perthshire, with son and daughter managing hotel. They would welcome any Strathallians who care to call.

BUTCHER, M. J. (1955/60) is Marketing Director of General Mills, a French toy group of Companies in Paris. He requests information of any Strathallians living in Paris.

BUDGE, A. D. J. (1953/58) is a Field Officer with C.S.B.P. and Farmers. He tells us he met N. F. Clark recently and enjoys the barbecues that he holds.

CAMPBELL, A. D. K. (1955/59) was promoted to Squadron Leader in July 1974 and is now Flight Commander of Operations on 41 Squadron flying Phantoms. He has also been appointed R.A.F. official old boy for Strathallan School in succession to Wing Commander E. J. K. Smith.

CARSWELL, R. A. (1957/60) has joined Neil Foley Limited, 104 West George St., Glasgow. He tells us he met J. G. Leighton (1957/60) who is now managing a branch of Chequers Stores in Ladysmith, South Africa.

CLARK, N. F. (1955/58) has recently transferred to Western Australia and is based in Perth as State Manager for Rural Division of I.C.I. Australia Limited. The Secretary has no doubt that the barbecues which he holds, and which Arthur Budge enjoys so much, will be of interest to new Australian immigrants—Messrs. I. S. Gray, G. G. H. Gordon and J. W. Linn.

CRAWFORD, B. J. F. (1963/68) qualified M.B., Ch.B., in July 1974.

CUMMING, A. M. (1960/65) is working for B.P. Chemicals International Limited as a Computer Programmer/Analyst.

DINNEN, G. S. (1964/69) in August of this year he will complete his first tour of the Far East with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Group.

DUNLEY, P. G. (1945/49) is now a Director of K.G. Flexchloach Produktion Cmbh. and Co., Lubeck, West Germany. He tells us that he met Aiden Ball who is presently involved in the tourist business in the Stirling area.

EADIE, G. R. (1955/66) now a Systems Programmer at Durham University after taking Ph.D. at Leicester University.

ERIKSEN, S. S. (1963/69) is Managing Director of a Truck Rental Firm in Johannesburg specialising in heavy truck hire.

FRASER, E. A. (1954/61) is now Managing Director of Alex. Fraser Ltd.

FRASER, T. R. L. (1944/46) he tells us that during the E.E.C. Referendum Campaign he was Secretary of the all-party "Scotland in Europe" Executive Committee.

GALLOWAY, W. R. (1958/60) graduated B.Sc., M.A.(Hons.) in April 1975 at Queen's University, Ontario, and awarded a Research Council of Canada Scholarship for Doctoral Research into some effects of alcoholic beverages upon the sleep cycle. (The Secretary thinks that this ought to be of considerable interest to many Strathallians!)

GIBSON, T. (1958/65) was assumed as a Partner in Malcolm Jack and Matheson, Solicitors, Walmer House, East Port, Dunfermline in August 1974.

GORDON, G. G. H. (1955/60) is emigrating to Australia in August 1975. The Secretary would like to thank Graham for his recent work as a member of Council and wish him and his family success in the future.

GRAY, I. S. (1954/61) has been appointed Group Investment Manager, Collin Holdings, Australia. Looking forward to meeting G. G. H. Gordon and J. W. Linn out there and hopes to organise a dinner for Strathallians in Australia!

GILFILLAN, C. (1969/73)* taking B.A. (Arts) Degree at Edinburgh University having just completed his second year.

GILLANDERS, C. S. Y. (1961/68) in 1947 graduated B.Sc. (Econ.) Honours (Special subject — Government), University of London and is with the Advance Group of Companies in Putney. He tells us Keith Gillanders (1961/68) was married in June 1975 and is Civil Engineering in London, and Alick Mulhall (1961/68) was married in August 1974 and is living in East Kilbride.

GILLANDERS, F. G. R. (1967/74) is now in his final year at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth and hopes to pass out as a Midshipman in December.

GRANT, E. (1962/69) now in Auckland, New Zealand, with Strathallian, Donald McDonald, formerly of Cardross.

DE LA HAYE (1969/73) was commissioned on 8th November 1974 as 2nd Lt. 1st. Bn. Royal Scots and has served in Cyprus for 3 months with the Royal Regiment. He tells us that M. W. H. Cran is now a Lt. in the 1st Bn. Royal Scots.

LEWIS, R. T. (1970/74) taking Biology/Chemistry Course at Stirling University having just completed first year.

LINN, J. W. (1956/61) is moving to Australia in August 1975 to work for Ross McFadyen and Co., 17 O'Connell Street, Sydney 2000.

MILLAR, W. S. H. (1965/69) has been appointed Asst. Hospital Engineer at Leavesden Annexe and Abbots Langley Hospitals.

McKEEVER, B. (1960/64) is Marketing and Publicity Manager with a large dried fruit Company in Naples.

PARKER, J. L. W. (1965/61) has recently been appointed Senior Registrar at Gartnavel General Hospital.

PATERSON, J. B. N. (1960/65) has been appointed an Associate Member of the British Institute of Management (A.M.B.I.M.) and is now General Manager with Watt and Grant, Union Street, Aberdeen.

PATON, W. T. (1931/35) The Council wish to congratulate Bill Paton on being awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours list.

PENNIE, D. N. F. (1965/70) Graduated M.A. at Dundee in 1974 and is just completing a Graduate Course in Physical Education and Geography at Loughborough College where he has been playing hockey and running for Loughborough College.

PHILIP, R. (1948/53) is now Administrator of Lucayan Medical Clinic and presently taking his pilot's licence. He tells us that Dr. Jason McCarroll is a very busy general practitioner in Nassau and also one of the leading yachtsmen of Nassau Sailing Club.

PICKEN, C. (1971/74) is now a Partner in a Frozen Food Business.

QUARRY, W. W. (1959/64) has been appointed Commercial Property Manager with Strutt and Parker, Edinburgh.

ROBSON, A. I. (1966/73) taking B.D.S. Course in Dentistry at Newcastle University and presently completed 2nd year.

RYMER, D. (1960/66) (Staff) has been appointed to the Drama Panel of the Arts Council of Great Britain. He gives us news of Jim Black (1958/64) who is with Esso Petroleum in Hull, and B. M. S. Borland who is a Veterinary Surgeon in Drayton.

ROBERTSON, C. (1967/71) At Magdalene College, Cambridge and hopes to graduate in June from an Engineering Course. Has been University Ski Captain and a member of the Anglo-Swiss team who beat the Swiss at St. Moritz in January.

SCHNEEBERGER, N. I. (1969/74) presently taking an H.N.D. Course in Accountancy at Glasgow College of Technology.

SCOTT, R. H. (1955/63) still with "Shell" as Petroleum Engineer, the Hague, Holland, but due to move in October. He tells us that his brother John is still tea planting in India.

SETTLES, R. L. (1961/68) has been appointed Head of Latin Dept. at Dulwich College, Cranbrook, Kent.

TAYLOR, I. W. G. (1950/53) has been appointed Director of McLaren, Dick and Co., Ltd. Chartered Loss Adjusters (U.K. and Ireland).

THOMAS, A. (1963/67) is now teaching Physical Education at Winchester College.

TRUSDALE, T. (1960/66) Emigrated to Canada on 1st August 1975

TURNER, J. S. (1964/71) graduated LL.B.(Ord.) from Dundee University in 1974 and is now working in Edinburgh.

ENGAGEMENTS

Balfour, G. W. (1961/68) to Miss Sheila Rankin of Jedburgh.

MARRIAGES

Aitken, G. R. (1961/68) to Miss Anne Strathdee on 8th December, 1973.

Bell, I. P. G. (1959/61) to Miss Hazel O'Hara on 27th June, 1975.

Bruce, J. R. T. (1964/69) to Miss Jane Wilson on 1st November, 1974.

Carver, G. A. R. (1957/63) to Miss Barbara Moira Smuts on 27th December, 1974.

Crawford, N. J. F. (1963/68) to Miss P. M. Jackson on 26th June, 1974.

Millar, W. S. H. (1965/69) to Miss Susan Ord on 5th July, 1975.

McGill, S. R. (1961/66) to Miss Marilla A. Cawall on 4th October, 1974.

BIRTHS

Aitken, I. M. (1953/58) to Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Aitken, a daughter, Susan Clare, on 30th July, 1974.

Benson, B. (1954/59) to Mr. and Mrs. B. Benson, twin boys, Peter and Andrew, on 16th December, 1974.

Birnie, G. W. V. (1957/62) to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. V. Birnie, a daughter, Rona Louise, on 5th June, 1975 (a sister for Neil Robert born 29th October, 1973).

Bucher, M. J. (1955/60) to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bucher, a daughter, Nathalie born November, 1974.

Eriksen, S. S. (1963/69) to Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Eriksen, a daughter, Caroline on 11th August, 1974.

Fraser, E. A. (1954/61) to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fraser, a daughter, Jennifer Ann, on 16th March, 1974.

Galloway, W. R. (1958/60) to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Galloway, a daughter, Fiona Margaret, on 30th April, 1975.

Keech, J. R. N. (1959/64) to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. N. Keech, a son, Michael on 3rd June, 1974.

Melville, W. B. (1958/66) to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Melville, a son, Scott Balfour, on 8th December, 1974.

Monteith, J. D. (1961/63) to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Monteith, a daughter, Clair Catherine Elizabeth, on 5th June, 1974.

McGill, J. M. (1956/61) to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McGill, a son, David, on 31st October, 1974.

Pate, A. M. (1954/61) to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pate, a son, on 9th April, 1975.

Parker, J. L. W. (1956/61) to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. W. Parker, a son, Andrew, on 15th October, 1974.

Stocker, R. J. W. (1953/58) to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. W. Stocker, twin sons, Edward Robert and Thomas Stephen, on 8th June, 1975.

Taylor, I. (1960/64) to Mr. and Mrs. I. Taylor, a son, Gregory, on 11th August, 1974.

Turner, D. I. (1955/62) to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Turner, a son, Alastair John, on 25th November, 1974.

DEATHS

MacLeod, A. R. (1938/41) of 21 Queensborough Gardens, Glasgow, on 20th June, 1975.

Scott, A. R. (1928/34) of 17 Dolphin Road, Glasgow G41 — January 1975.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Hon. Secretary requests that Strathallians notify him promptly on all changes of address, in order to save the Club unnecessary postage costs and confusion.