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Editorial

" 'Tis pleasant, sure, to see one's name in print;
A book's a book, although there's nothing in't".

SUCH was the cry of Byron, but not, alas, of the average Strathallian, past or present. A good School magazine needs a large number of contributions from which the editors can choose suitable material. But the literary genii of Strathallan seem destined to hide their light under a bushel and their pens in the innermost recesses of their pockets. Thus our magazine tends to be nothing more than a mere chronicle; and there are some who think that this is as it should be. But it is one of the duties of a School to encourage creative talent in many spheres, and the School magazine is the chief instrument in the literary field. The ideal magazine is a combination of history and thought, of event and self-expression. It is a volume in which are combined a record of the doings of Strathallians, and a mirror of the life and thought of the School, all garnished with as much polish and maturity of style as can be expected among schoolboys. This is our aim, and in what degree we achieve it, you must decide for yourself. But if you have something to criticise or suggest, please let us have your views.

School Notes and Notices

Two masters, both House Tutors, are leaving us at the end of this term. Mr. Binnian has been a valuable master for the past four years. As Careers Master he has spent a good deal of time and trouble in finding boys suitable posts when they leave. The angling and fly-tying club owe their inception to his encouragement and initiative. We shall miss his familiar figure in the musical life of the School and in the Corps.

In three years, under the direction of Mr. Shuttleworth, the School mathematics have taken on a new meaning and a new lease of life. He has been responsible for founding the very efficient Naval Section of the C.C.F. as well as a sailing club.

Anything connected with the sea has flourished under his direction and has been an invaluable asset to the School. As a result of his enthusiasm the School now owns a 10 ton yacht and several dinghies, and all forms of sailing and boat building have been encouraged. We are sorry these two masters are leaving, but our very best wishes go with them for the future.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Heron on the birth of their second son.

There have been quite a large number of changes in the School since our last issue. The swimming pool has been re-decorated and is now far lighter and more airy. The only thing now lacking for perfection is a new filter. Some new furniture has been bought for the School library, and a new flag and pole, the gift of a parent, have made their appearance on the prefects' lawn. Two new dormitories are now in use, thus relieving the congestion in the Ruthven wing. There have been some temporary readjustments in the dining hall and the masters, except those attached to houses, have moved into a room of their own, while School and duty house prefects have taken over what was formerly known as the masters' table.

The School has outgrown the Chapel and in consequence Sunday services are now held in the gymnasium. Morning prayers are held in house common rooms.

The Beacon Dance this year was held at Bridge of Allan and was as usual enjoyed by all who attended.

Grave concern has been expressed at the lamentably limited accommodation provided for bicycles. Such is the state of chaos in the hut that forks, saddles, chains and old tyres are indiscriminately co-mingled.

In spite of another outbreak of myxomatosis last term, a small number of rabbits are still to be found in the grounds.

During the Easter term, instead of the usual Leave Sundays, there was a long week-end, partly because of the petrol rationing and partly as an experiment. It may become the general practice for the Easter term.

Speech Day

It has become increasingly obvious over the last few years that the School dining hall is not really large enough to hold all the people who wish to attend the School Speech Day. Consequently this year the Perth City Hall was used, and the change proved a great success. For not only is it more suitable to hold the most formal function of the School year in an imposing hall, but it also enabled us to hear the School orchestra as it should be heard.

After welcoming the guest speaker, Lord Airlie, the Headmaster made a brief survey of the past year, pointing out the highlights and emphasising the generally high standard.

Having dealt with the more or less domestic matters, the Headmaster pointed out that the most important years of a boy's life at school were the last two, when at the age of seventeen or eighteen he is given some responsibility. "Generally speaking", he said, "he develops more in these last two years at school than at any other time. If he is taken away before that age he misses the whole essence of public school education". He also pointed out that the extra time at school would soon pay for itself, since boys with a sense of responsibility would soon outstrip their rivals in industry and commerce. And this, he concluded, was equally true for those "not blessed with academic brains".

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. G. B. Smith, introduced Lord Airlie, who first presented the prizes, and then suggested three principles on which to base one's life.

The first principle, he said, was self-discipline, without which a man is like a ship without a rudder. The second was thinking of others, by which he meant, among other things, good manners. The last principle was "putting first things first", which Lord Airlie explained meant turning to a higher power. In conclusion he said that the world was at the beginning of a new era, and that the youth of to-day was more willing to take on responsibility and risk making big mistakes rather than serve an apprenticeship. This he thought might well be the best way. "What matters", he said, "is not what difficulties confront you, but rather how you tackle them".

At School in the afternoon, the pipe band played and there were the usual displays and exhibitions. Only the dull and showery weather marred a pleasant afternoon. In the evening after the Sunset ceremony a film of the School was shown in the library.

School Prize Winners, 1957

The Smith Cup for the Captain of the School D. S. MacCallum
The Houston Medal for General Merit P. McLellan
The Dux Medal will be awarded to the boy with the best result in the
Advanced Level G.C.E. Examination this term.

English	R. Hellon
Mathematics	I. C. Hutton
French	R. Hellon
History	{ R. J. Kinvig N. W. H. Macleod

Latin	(R. Hellon
	(W. R. Galbraith
Science	J. M. McInnes
Biology	K. R. Hunter
Geography	W. T. Macpherson
Music	R. J. Kinvig
Art	Not awarded

Chapel Notes

THIS term the gymnasium is being used for Sunday evening Chapel, and while the new surroundings are very far from what one could wish for a Chapel service, it is undoubtedly an improvement to have all the congregation under the same roof and with a little more room to move.

The following preached at the Sunday services during the Winter and Spring terms:

23rd Sept., the Headmaster; 30th Sept., Mr. Hewson; 7th Oct., Rev. W. D. Hunter; 14th Oct., Mr. Silver; 21st Oct., Rev. A. Cameron; 28th Oct., the Headmaster; 10th Nov., the Headmaster; 18th Nov., School visited Forgandenny Church; 25th Nov., Rev. H. Houston; 2nd Dec., Rev. L. Derrick-Large; 9th Dec., Rev. J. Mackie.

20th Jan., Rev. A. Cameron; 3rd Feb., Mr. Appleby; 10th Feb., Mr. Birks; 17th Feb., School visited Forgandenny Church; 3rd March, Mr. Spurgin; 10th March, Mr. Breuer; 17th March, Mr. Hewson; 24th March, the Headmaster.

The following anthems have been sung by the choir since the last issue:

"The heavens declare the Creator's glory" (Beethoven); "Lord, who hast made us for thine own" (Holst); "Laudate Nomen Pueri" (Tye); "Holy, holy, holy" (Schubert); "Let Thy merciful ears" (Weelkes); "Thy word is a lantern" (Purcell); "Te Deum" in B flat (Stanford); "God so loved the World" (Purcell); "This joyful Eastertide"; "If we believe that Jesus died" (Joss); "The strife is o'er" (Vulpius, arranged Ley).

The Christmas Carol Service was held on Sunday, December 16th, in which carols sung by the choir were: "Ding, dong, ding" (Swedish); "In Dulci Jubilo" (arr. Pearsall); "Gabriel's Message" (old Basque, arr. Ratcliffe); "A virgin most pure" (trad.); "Song of the Crib"; "Bethlehem Down" (Warlock); "Jesu, good above all other".

Music Notes

"TRIAL by Jury", into which a great part of the musical effort of the School went last term, is reported elsewhere, but it is

worth putting on record here that there were more boys in the orchestra than visiting members. This is the first term that this has happened in one of our Gilbert and Sullivan productions. All the wind instrument parts were played by boys and they, and the violinists, are to be congratulated on having overcome the outstanding difficulty of playing sufficiently softly for the singers to be heard.

The informal concert at the end of the Christmas term was of the same type as many past ones, and the audience took part in this one by singing a number of secular carols whose accompaniments were played by the orchestra.

There have been several concerts in Perth which have been attended by boys—two by the Perth Symphony Orchestra, two by the Perth Chamber Music Society, and one organ recital—and there has been a recital at the School given by Miss Laura Rees-Jones (contralto).

The Speech Day concert is being rehearsed at present. It is being held this year in the City Hall, Perth, after the speeches, and many of the prospective performers must be wondering what kind of experience it will be to play and sing in such a large hall.

The following have passed Associate Board Music Examinations:

In December—

- J. B. Gray: Violin, Grade III.
- R. B. Smith: Piano, Grade III.
- A. D. K. Campbell: Piano, Grade II.
- B. A. McMurray, Piano, Grade II.
- I. J. Wilcox: Piano, Grade II.

In March—

- R. I. M. Kerr: Clarinet, Grade IV.
- R. J. Kinvig: Clarinet, Grade IV (with Distinction).
- J. C. McDougall: Clarinet, Grade IV.
- A. B. Pirrie: Clarinet, Grade IV.
- I. C. Hutton: Flute, Grade IV.
- J. M. Tennant: Trumpet, Grade IV.
- J. M. O. Lang: Oboe, Grade III.

Dramatic and Operatic Society

“L’Anglais tel qu’on le parle”

THE French play, “L’Anglais tel qu’on le parle”, by Tristan Bernard, was a happy choice and provided slightly more than half an hour’s entertainment of a wholly delightful nature. The articulation was distinct and not a word was lost; the casting was excellent and the standard of acting commendably high.

The French accent employed by all the French-speaking characters was beyond reproach, unless it be objected that their French was too pure. Certainly I could detect no Parisian or regional deviations from correctitude; but I do not think this seriously detracted from realism, as the actors were well schooled in gesture and mannerism.

Before considering the performances of individual actors it might be appropriate to remark one weakness of the play. The English characters in the play are remarkably unconvincing. The effect of this is unfortunate, as it obliged the producers to make Mr. Hogson, the father of the run-away daughter, into a figure of fun; this resulted in a contrast between Mr. Hogson and the rest of the cast. He is quite unreal — they are not. The daughter is less absurd perhaps than her father, but she also seems rather an improbable character.

As has been indicated, T. W. Higginson represented Mr. Hogson as a farcical figure, and he did it in a memorable manner and with considerable gusto; he contrived to suggest that Mr. Hogson had served in India before taking up business in Newcastle. His daughter, the heroine, was played by M. A. Findlay. This also was a difficult part but it was quite well played.

The police, represented by R. I. M. Kerr and T. M. Crosby, were more than convincing and we were sorry not to see more of them in action. A. B. Pirrie played the part of the waiter with assurance and his performance added to the realism of the production.

The performance of I. R. A. Macmillan, the hero, after a slightly awkward start, was witty and intelligent and he gained confidence as he went along; in the second half of the play it was a pleasure to watch his expression and gestures.

Equally memorable, however, were the performances of D. M. Lawson and K. Wingate. The former, considerably assisted by most skilful make-up, although sometimes unsure of his lines, played the part of the receptionist at the hotel with dignity and conviction; the latter was the engaging interpreter who could not interpret, the advocate of universal French, and the actor whose role it was to tangle the threads of the plot and assist at the dénouement with a fine sense of irresponsibility and Gallic improvisation. Wingate's performance was the best in this very pleasant production.

P.R.S.

CAST

A Waiter	A. B. Pirrie
Julien Cicandel	I. R. A. Macmillan
Betty Hogson	M. A. Findlay
A Receptionist	D. M. Lawson



Cast: "L'Anglais tel qu'on le parle"



"Je tiens mon voleur!"

*The Bridesmaids**The Jury*



Finale: Trial By Jury

Eugene, an "interpreter"	K. Wingate
Mr. Hogson, father of Betty	T. W. Higginson
An Inspector of Police	R. I. M. Kerr
A Policeman	T. M. Crosby
Produced by Mr. A. M. Appleby and Mrs. R. A. L. Burnet	

"Trial by Jury"

At the end of the Spring term we were treated to a performance of "Trial by Jury" that must reflect very considerable credit on the producers and cast alike. It was notable for the freshness and enthusiasm that one sometimes fails to find in productions by D'Oyly Carte, whose performances, though in most ways immaculate, seem automatic and without emotion. The lack of plot was amply compensated for by the great attention which had been paid during rehearsal to all the details of gesture and reaction that make an opera complete, and the "finished article" was obviously the result of much care and hard work. Altogether, the whole effect was pleasing and enjoyable.

To consider the principals in the order in which they appeared on the programme, Hair made an impressive Judge, and his somewhat throaty singing, whether intended or not, added to the effect. Heron, as the Plaintiff, looked becoming in the part, and sang with clarity, confidence and a very pleasant tone. Hellon, the Defendant, acted and sang with the poise and élan of a West-End actor. The Counsel for the Plaintiff, Benson, looked the part, but his intonation was a little shaky in places. Maguire carried out his duties as Usher with character and good effect. McLean, Walker and Miller did all that was expected of them in the small parts of Foreman, Associate and First Bridesmaid.

Finally, a word on behalf of the Bridesmaids, Gentlemen of the Jury and members of the Public, who, by their alertness and interest in the intricacies of the legal proceedings, provided a first-class background for the principals. Good costumes completed the décor of a chorus that sang well together; the trebles were to be noted for their clarity and good tone, but the tenors and basses were rough at times in diction and quality. Ten members of the School played creditably in the orchestra, and it is hoped that in future years we may be able to dispense with the assistance of outside players. A convincing finale brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

J.A.B.

CAST

The Learned Judge	E. B. R. Hair
The Plaintiff	N. L. Heron
The Defendant	R. Hellon
Counsel for the Plaintiff	R. M. Benson
Usher	N. F. Maguire
Foreman of the Jury	A. C. J. McLean
Associate	J. C. Walker
First Bridesmaid	R. A. C. Miller

Bridesmaids

J. A. Bruce, A. Clark, B. W. Hutton, A. G. Johnston, S. M. Renton,
R. M. Smith, R. C. Stark

Gentlemen of the Jury

R. J. Chalmers, T. M. Crosby, W. G. Dryborough, R. M. Gordon, I. C.
Hutton, J. M. Irvine, I. D. K. Mackinnon, M. R. Mitchell, T. Murdoch,
M. Pope, K. Wingate

Public

J. A. Bremner, R. C. Dow, G. H. Duffy, R. J. Dunn, M. A. Findlay,
E. A. Fraser, M. A. Geddes, J. J. U. Hayward, I. H. W. Jones, W. A. M.
Macfie, I. W. Menzies, P. A. Rhodes, A. T. Ross, J. R. Seath, I. K. R.
Smith, D. I. Turner, D. R. Wardhaugh

Scene: A Court of Justice

Producers: R. G. Hall, Esq., Mrs. R. A. L. Burnet. Conductor: G. West,
Esq., assisted by J. M. Fifer, Esq. Stage Manager: K. R. Hunter. Stage
Assistants: M. S. Jamieson, I. A. Marnoch, R. B. Gray. Electricians:
P. G. Wallace, B. Benson. Scenery: G. A. Burns, F. W. M. Priest.
Properties: J. C. MacDougall. Members of the Orchestra: A. B. Crerar
(trumpet), A. S. Dickie (violin), J. F. Dyet (trumpet), J. B. Gray (violin),
R. I. M. Kerr (clarinet), R. J. Kinvig (clarinet), J. M. O. Lang (oboe),
W. S. T. Pottinger (violin), I. D. E. Sim (percussion), J. M. Tennant
(trumpet). Make-up: J. M. Boxwell, H. Galt, P. T. Goodall, S. C.
Griffith, P. G. Lawson, W. R. Linn, R. C. Macgregor, J. G. M. McKinlay,
J. R. Peters, R. C. Robertson

Angling and Fly-tying

THIS year has been, for the Angling Club, extremely successful. The stocking of the pond has ceased to be a case of throwing good money after bad, and we are now receiving the rewards, or otherwise, of our labour. The fish are giving good sport and have grown so quickly that the size limit has now been raised to 11 inches for keepable fish.

Our loss will be great at the end of the term when Mr. Binnian leaves us, as he has taken such an interest in the club, and it was mainly through him that the pond was finally stocked. Not only has he often used his car to take us fishing, but he has proved to be equally proficient at wielding a spade, while knee-deep in water. We would all like to thank him for his many kindnesses to the club which he both founded and sustained.

At this year's Speech Day display it is hoped to show a few fish out of the School pond to give an indication of their size and good condition.

The only drawback to the School pond is the fact that one end of it is becoming steadily weed-bound, and the other appears to be in danger of following suit. Attempting to clear this weed is this term's task, but it must be admitted that we are, at the moment, making little or no headway.

Next year we hope to introduce some more fish into the pond, but this will only become reality if the funds allow it, as fish are far too expensive. (A six inch Loch Leven trout costs nearly two shillings.)

Finally, we wish to thank the various landowners of the area who allow the members of the Fishing Club to invade their grounds and waters.

N.F.M.

Dancing — Highland and Country

DURING the winter, Scottish Country Dancing was compulsory for boys in their first year in the Senior School. This was organised on a House basis each week, when the essential steps were taught first, followed by the better known dances. School country dancing was also held for those who wished to go on to a more advanced stage.

St. Andrew's night was again celebrated by having the usual grand country dance in the gym, which included a demonstration of the dance "Macdonald of Sleat". This was well performed and was met with general praise. It should be remembered that enthusiasm and accuracy do not automatically go one with the other where dancing is concerned, and the more people who know how to dance, the greater the general enjoyment.

For the summer, concentration is being focussed on Highland Dancing, in view of the coming School competition in Edinburgh. The standard of dancing in this field is steadily improving, thanks to our dancing instructor, who comes out from Perth every week. We hope this year to meet with greater success in the competition, in which two Strathallan teams are participating.

D.A.L.

The Radio Club

THIS year the club has been fortunate in obtaining new quarters, namely the Applied Maths. Lab., which is more spacious than the previous room. Also, since there is a plug, members may have both a radiator and the use of soldering irons on the premises. As a result the production of radio sets has been raised considerably. Both J. M. Tennant and A. S. Dickie have built loud speaker sets of long and medium wave lengths, while B. Benson and J. H. Lang-Rose have built one-valve earphone sets. J. L. Hallgren is making a "Sky Pixie" with a transistor, which will be a novelty to the club.

W.D.B.

The Aeromodellers' Club

THE advent of a mild spring enabled the aeromodellers to do a great deal of flying. The tendency is still towards rugged, home-made stunt and combat planes, and several such machines were built and flown with considerable success. In addition to this, one club member has entered into a hitherto seldom explored field, that of radio control, and has commenced building a diesel-powered, three-foot launch with a radio-controlled rudder. We have high hopes of this being completed by Speech Day.

W.G.D.

Sailing Club

FOR the past two terms we have been preparing for the sailing season. Our small fleet of Cadets has been industriously sand-papered and painted by many willing hands, who gave up their Sunday afternoons so that this could be done.

"The Lady Ann" also underwent a renovation, and she is now ready to enter the water, although much work has still to be done on the deck and inside. The engine has been removed and is being overhauled through the kindness of Mr. Jones, father of one of our members.

A Cadet was taken to Naval Camp last holidays and all members were able to enjoy a sail at one time or another, during a most enjoyable week. This term, as sailing is an official school game, it is hoped that all our members will have many carefree days of it.

R.M.B.

VI Form Society

ON Saturday, December 15, about thirty Sixth-formers attended a short talk by W. D. Blanche based on the substance of his letters which had recently been published in the National Press, maintaining that Britain, although still one of the great powers, was undeniably on the decline.

The talk proved to be interesting and the subject controversial, for discussion soon centred on deciding whether or not Britain was a second-rate power. W. D. Blanche was asked for and gave a competent definition of a first-rate power, and there were many pertinent remarks from the floor, notably by Mr. Breuer. Some useful comments were contributed by Mr. Young, A. B. Crerar, R. Hellon and I. R. A. MacMillan, but when the

meeting was closed the majority of those present were still undecided about Britain's status as a world power, although grave concern had undoubtedly been aroused over the increase of strikes and the generally low standard of workmanship in Britain.

N.W.H.M.

School Library

TWENTY-FOUR new volumes of the Encyclopædia Britannica have been recently added to the Library. Other new books include:

A History of the English Speaking People, by Churchill; Britain and the British People, by Barker; Puzzle of the Past, by Jessup; Periodical Essays of the 18th Century, by Stone; Man in Search of his Ancestor, by Senet; A Miniature History of the War, by Ensor; Cambridge Ancient History; Greece and Rome.

A History of French Literature: France, by Charuet; An Introduction to 18th Century France, by Laugh; R. L. Stevenson; Tennyson, by Burton; La Peste, by Cann; Arthur Stanley Eddington; Oxford Companion to English Literature; Budgetal Paradoxes, by Morgan; 15 vols. of the Cambridge History of English Literature.

Adventure of Space Travel, by Thompson; Your Trip into Space, by Poole; Golden Book of Astronomy, by Wyler and Ives; Thanks to Inventors, by Law; Book of Cricket, by Peter May; J. C. Smuts; British Masterpieces, the Daily Express. Things, Ideas, People, Places, by Grigson and Smith.

Britannica Home Study Guides in the following subjects: Religion; Mathematics; Interior Decoration; English.

Elementary Calculus, by Gaunt; Pure Mathematics, by Hardy; Shorter Intermediate Mechanics, by Tapping; Statics and Dynamics, by Ramsay; Electronics for Everyone; Calder Hall; Physical and Inorganic Chemistry; Modern Physics, by Andrane; Physics as a Career; Physical Chemistry made Plain; Radar Works Like This.

Oxford Companion to Classical Literature, by Harvey; Tragedy, by F. L. Lucas.

The Iliad of Homer; Greek Civilisation by André Bonnard; Ancient History, by Michael Grant; The Heritage of Early Britain, by Charlesworth; Plays of Aeschylus; The Plays of Euripides. Vols. 1 and 2; The Greek View of Life, by Dickinson.

A complete set of Waverley novels has also been recently added to the Library.

Lectures and Entertainments

THE first two lectures held during the winter concerned the war. In November, Mr. Bernard Newman gave a most interesting lecture on the methods and activities of spies, and made some quite surprising revelations. And then, in February, Mr. Howard Gee came to speak on his experiences in the Colditz prisoner of war camp. So varied were the activities he described that he almost convinced us we had missed something worth while by not having been there.

Of a very different sort was the lecture given by Mr. Pitman on "Reading Failure", in which he examined the consequences of our English spelling and lettering, and made some controversial suggestions. Despite his unpromising subject, he appeared to have aroused considerable interest. There was also a lecture on the "Powers of the President of the U.S.A.", and, for the Sixth Forms only, another on "The Times", the latter proving especially interesting.

Of the films shown during the last two terms, "The Benny Goodman Story" and "Monsieur Hulot's Holiday" seem to have been the most popular.

The Photographic Society

DURING the past two terms the membership has greatly increased, and the society now has boys of all standards. The juniors are showing themselves to be quick learners, and most of them have had good results to show for their labours.

Last term the society had a very welcome visit from Dr. W. H. Findlay of the Perth Photographic Club. He showed us some very fine 35 mm. colour slides, and he also brought some 16" by 20" enlargements, which were greatly admired by all. This was Dr. Findlay's second visit to the School, and we are very much indebted to him for an extremely interesting evening.

During the first part of this term all the members were busy preparing for the Speech Day Exhibition, which proved to be very successful. Earlier it had been decided to have the majority of the exhibits mounted, as this gives a very much better appearance to the photograph.

This year we are very grateful to Mr. Norval for coming over to judge our competition, and for his encouraging and helpful comments, from which we have all benefited.

J.M.A.

Scripture Union

AFTER a lapse of a year, the Scripture Union was revived by Mr. Williams. At first membership was disappointing, but throughout the last term the number steadily rose until there are now approximately thirty regular members. Mr. R. B. Gorrie, the Secretary of the Scripture Union in Scotland, has visited us twice, and has shown slides taken at previous Scripture Union camps.

Another visitor was Dr. Anderson, a missionary in the Far East, who gave us a most interesting talk on the different religions of that region. This was punctuated with some amusing incidents of his life in the area.

This term, owing to the difficulty of finding a suitable time, Scripture Union activities will have to be restricted to two or three meetings. In the summer holidays several of our members will be attending the Public Schools' camp, which is being held on Royal Deeside this year.

N.R.K.

Winter Sports — Les Marecottes

WE arrived at Martigny feeling rather disgruntled, since no trace of snow had been seen all through Switzerland. At Martigny we boarded the mountain train for Les Marécottes, the journey being made through magnificent scenery. The proprietor of our hotel met us at the station, and thoughtfully provided a hand-cart for our luggage.

Although there was very little snow in Les Marécottes itself, Creusac, a mountain range, was covered, and it could be reached by the ski-lift, which ran daily. In the morning we could do as we pleased: there were two ice rinks close at hand and numerous nursery slopes half-way up the mountains. At first mix-ups were frequent, and the hard snow made falls very painful, although the casualties were to come later. Our instructors informed us that we were ski-ing in the worst possible conditions — very hard snow, with many holes and pockmarks.

Every afternoon we received ski instruction, the instructors constantly referring to "ma dictionnaire" to make a point clear. At first we remained on the nursery slopes, until we had managed to master them, and then we were promoted to the ski-run proper, where the instructors showed us how to turn and stop, the latter advice being particularly heeded.

At the terminus of the ski-lift the scenery was breathtaking. Down below clouds drifted lazily through a cleft in the hills and floated serenely up the Chamonix valley, which ended with

the majestic splendour of Mont Blanc. The snow-capped peaks were tinted with many colours by the rays of the sun, and these sights helped us to appreciate Alpine scenery to the full.

Each day we had different teachers, but all had the same cry: "N' ayez pas peur". These instructors must have had almost unlimited patience, for we made the same mistakes again and again, although at the end of the day we were proficient enough to earn praise. Near the middle of the holiday two members of the party became ill, and as a result were unable to ski for the remainder of their stay. During the holiday no snow fell, and it became increasingly difficult to make any impression with the skis.

The food was very good indeed, and we had more than enough to eat. The weather was always warm during the day, although it sometimes grew chilly in the evenings. For entertainment at night there was dancing or skating, and on Sundays especially the inhabitants of Les Marécottes crowded the cafés and made merry. All too soon our holiday came to an end, and it was somewhat ironic that we made our way down to the station in the midst of a blizzard.

M.B.S.

Shooting, 1956-57

IN the Staniforth Cup Competition the First Eight scored 757 out of 800, the same score as last year, and six points fewer than two years ago when we were placed 25th. On this occasion we were placed 30th out of 99, and the winning team, Elizabeth College, Guernsey, "B", scored 786.

Immediately after this we had to turn our attention to the Perthshire League, for which we had entered two teams of five, one in the Fifth Division and one in the Sixth Division. Both teams were successful in coming out on top of their division, the first team winning eighteen out of twenty matches and the second nineteen. This year a new target has been adopted for this competition — the "Olympic Target" — such as is used in international matches. The following table shows the averages of those who shot regularly for the School:

H. R. Brown	96.6	T. M. Crosby	93.5
N. W. H. Macleod	95.9	A. L. Pullar	93.4
J. N. Fleming	95.3	J. M. Boxwell	92.8
A. D. K. Campbell	95.0	N. F. Clark	92.5
S. W. Grierson	93.5	H. F. Wilson	92.3

H. R. Brown therefore won the cup for the best Strathallan average in the Perthshire League. The following were awarded one silver spoon each for scoring 100 out of 100: H. R. Brown, T. P. S. Robertson and H. F. Wilson. S. W. Grierson achieved this feat twice and was awarded two silver spoons; he had the

additional distinction of being the first person to score a possible in Division Six of the Perthshire League.

The R.A.F. Section shooting team, consisting of S. W. Grierson, A. D. K. Campbell, A. L. Pullar, M. S. Jamieson and N. F. Clark, also had a successful season and are to be congratulated on coming second in the Second Division of the R.A.F. Scottish League. Their best score was 480 out of 500, and had not one set of their targets been disallowed they would have won the Wyllie Cup. The R.A.F. Section also entered a team of twenty for the King George V Competition but no results have yet been received.

Two teams were entered for the Junior Winter and Junior Spring Competitions. In the Winter Competition shots were fired on the wrong targets by both teams, and the teams scored only 762 and 755 out of 800, being placed 34th and 38th out of 77 entries. In the Spring Competition the "B" team was placed 4th and the "A" team 8th out of 74 entries. Individual scores are shown below:

Strathallan School "B"				Strathallan School "A"			
S. W. Grierson	. .	99 98	197	N. W. H. Macleod	. .	99 98	197
T. P. S. Robertson	. .	99 97	196	J. N. Fleming	. .	100 97	197
J. M. Boxwell	. .	99 97	196	A. D. K. Campbell	. .	99 97	196
A. L. Pullar	. . .	98 97	195	T. M. Crosby	. .	99 93	192
TOTAL 784				TOTAL 782			

This competition is open to all schools and rifle clubs with members under 18, and although many of the major Public Schools do not enter teams for it, the standard of shooting is really higher than in the competition for the Staniforth Cup. The Junior Winter Competition was won by Blundell's with a score of 784 and the Junior Spring Competition by St. Lawrence College "A" with a score of 794

Last but not least, the results of the House Shooting Competition are shown below:

First		Ruthven		Second		Nicol	
J. M. Boxwell	. . . . .	97		J. N. Fleming	. . . . .	99	
N. W. H. Macleod	. . . . .	97		S. W. Grierson	. . . . .	97	
A. L. Pullar	. . . . .	97		R. B. Clark	. . . . .	95	
H. R. Brown	. . . . .	95		R. J. Chalmers	. . . . .	93	
TOTAL 386				TOTAL 384			
Third		Freeland		Fourth		Simpson	
M. S. Jamieson	. . . . .	99		A. D. K. Campbell	. . . . .	97	
H. F. Wilson	. . . . .	98		I. M. Aitken	. . . . .	96	
A. B. Pirrie	. . . . .	92		T. M. Crosby	. . . . .	91	
G. W. Sinclair	. . . . .	92		W. Robinson	. . . . .	91	
TOTAL 381				TOTAL 375			

Again, by a narrow margin, Ruthven won the cup.

P.R.S.

Pipes and Drums

AFTER being a member of the band for five years Sgt. Morgenthaller has left the School, and it is difficult to find anyone with anything like his imperturbable experience to replace him. He had become so much of an institution that his departure before the expected time has found the band somewhat unprepared. Alternative bass drummers are being tried, and with success, though the final choice will not be made for a week or two.

New pipers are coming into the band most satisfactorily. They do not all appreciate, however, that entry into the band is one thing and that staying in the band is quite another — the latter requires a steady improvement in standard of their piping, and this can only be achieved by consistent and regular practice. This term there has been instituted a practice after lunch every week-day and already an improvement in the standard of playing is noticeable.

The two Band Competitions take place on 14th and 28th June, at Glasgow and Edinburgh respectively. We always hope to do well, but this year — provided that every member of the band is prepared to put himself out to a certain extent — our chances are probably somewhat better than they were last time. It should be remembered, however, that every other school concerned can probably say the same.

Piper Macpherson is promoted sergeant w.e.f. 17 May 57.

M.H.

Combined Cadet Force

IT had been hoped that this would be the last of the years in which the annual intake has been greater than that of the year before, and many were heaving sighs of relief when it was noted that there were upwards of 60 Cadets who had passed Part II of Certificate A, and that the numbers of those sitting Certificate A in March were the same for both parts. Despite these encouraging signs however the strength of the Contingent was 214 in January and is about 220 at the present time, so that stability is still “just around the corner”.

The effect of the upward trend of the Contingent strength is not entirely adverse. It does mean that there is a continuing “unbalance” in the Army Section, with varying demands upon instructors, but at the same time it means that the two Service Sections can safely be allowed to expand to a certain extent without upsetting platoon strengths in the Army Section. Thus the Royal Naval Section is now 31 Cadets strong and the R.A.F. numbers 27.

It has been a good year on the whole, with continued progress on all sides. The R.A.F. has amassed quantities of specialised equipment, and is catching up with the Navy in this respect. Not to be outdone, the R.E. Troop can now challenge Naval supremacy on the pond, for there are two assault boats permanently in residence there, though only paddle-powered. Examination results have been good, with two exceptions — the Royal Naval Section results were excellent and the R.A.F. Section once again achieved a special letter of commendation from Group H.Q. for a remarkably fine performance marred only by two failures. On the other hand, although the Certificate A Part II results in July were excellent, those in March were disastrous and should not be permitted by the Contingent again.

We are sorry that we shall lose Lieutenant Shuttleworth and Lieutenant Binnian at the end of this session. Mr. Binnian has exercised himself primarily in the necessary liaison work between the Gunner Section and the local R.A.H.Q. and it will be difficult to fill his place. Mr. Shuttleworth is entirely responsible for the flourishing state of the Royal Naval Section at the present date and leaves to Sub-Lieutenant P. T. McLellan a difficult task in the maintenance of the high standard that has been set in the three years of the section's existence. Mr. McLellan has arrived at a very opportune time for the Contingent and has already done much for both Army and Naval Sections.

Annual Camp, April, 1957

It is no exaggeration to say that this camp was quite successful. It was, for one thing, the first camp ever organised and run by the Contingent itself, and praise is due to all those who made it work. Sergeant-Major S. C. Keveren slaved at the running of the cookhouse, and spared neither himself nor his staff, while the senior ranks amongst the cadets did very good work for the most part. So far as can be judged there were virtually no losses of Government property, and letters received from landowners concerned and the Deputy Director of Cadets, from War Office, who visited the camp, have been full of praise for the behaviour of the Contingent as a whole.

The training itself was unusual in that it called for rather more physical effort from all individuals than is the normal practice at Cadet camps, and because it was a combined camp with the R.N. Section, without the aid of which the greater part of the training attempted could not have been achieved. However, Naval co-operation and perfect weather combined to make the week spent at Kames and Garelochhead a successful experiment, and the lessons learned will enable next year's camp to be of greater value to every individual present.

R.N. Section

The Section will miss Lieutenant Shuttleworth, who is leaving at the end of the Summer term, especially since it owes its origin to his enthusiasm and drive. We will, however, welcome Sub-Lieutenant McLellan as our commander next term, and under his guidance we look forward to a successful future.

The cruise this year was held in the Easter holidays, in conjunction with the Army Section, and a large part of the time was spent sailing an M.F.V. in the sea lochs adjoining the river Clyde. This camp was very successful, due to the close co-operation of the crew. There is to be another camp, at Dartmouth, for those Cadets who were unable to attend the Easter camp.

The section has welcomed six more recruits, namely: Brind, J. H.; Lawson, D. M.; McKinlay, J. G. M.; Miller, I. M.; Reid, D. G.; and Taylor, T. R. The following Cadets passed their Petty Officer's Exam. last term; Harrison, T. L.; Hallgren, J. L.; Linn, W. R.; and McLean, A. C. J. The exam. for Able Seaman was passed by Benson, B.; Bucher, M.; Dyet, J. F.; Harron, S. M. B.; Hayward, J.; and Mitchell.

As a mark of appreciation for the excellent co-operation of the ship's crew at camp, the following Cadets were rated: L.S. Benson, R. M., to P.O.; L.S. McLean, A. C. J., to P.O.; A.B. Linn, W. R., to L.S.; A.B. Harrison to L.S. P.O. McLean has since left.

The section is now thirty-one strong, having one Instructor Cadet, three Petty Officers, six Leading Seamen, fifteen Able Seamen and six Ordinary Seamen.

R.B.C.

Army Section

The results of the Part II examination, to which reference has already been made, were alarming indeed. It would be unfair to blame instructors or to seek excuses in the ages of the Cadets and so on. The results were poor because the examining board was sufficiently conscientious to make the test genuine, and while the instructing standard in the previous year was possibly no better or worse than that in previous years it was clearly below that which this board expected, and it must rise to the new level this coming session. Part I was quite good and resulted in a useful flow of some 10 Cadets into the two Service Sections, with 30 for the platoons. A start has been made in the institution of an instructor's cadre this session, and the second such cadre began this term. At the same time a beginning will be made in a new style of training, which can best be called "Commando", with the aim in view that every Cadet who has

passed Certificate A shall cover a syllabus designed to fit him for membership of a "Commando" platoon at annual camp. Some attention will probably be paid in this to physical fitness and aptitude at certain "standards".

R.A.F. Section

The Section is now larger than it has been during the past few years and contains five N.C.O.s and twenty-one Cadets. Congratulations go to S. W. Grierson on being promoted to sergeant, and subsequently to flight sergeant, and to R. I. M. Kerr on being promoted to corporal. This term five Cadets from the basic section joined us, and they will start training in September for the Proficiency Exam. next March. The first half of this term will be devoted to rehearsing for the Retreat on Speech Day and for the annual inspection. Later we hope to make use of the glider, Link trainer and our stock of engines, to which a Derwent Mk. I turbojet was recently added. Six Cadets are also being prepared for the Advanced Proficiency Exam. in July.

The results in the March Proficiency Exam. earned us the now familiar looking letter of congratulation from the Commandant for Air Cadets in Scotland. Of the seventeen Cadets who took the exam., fifteen passed, five with credit. The following were successful:

Credits: Clark, N. F.; Gibb, J.; Robertson, D. M.; Sim, I. D. E.; Wilcox, I. J.

Passes: Campbell, A. D. K.; Chapel, W.; Dickie, A. S.; Dryborough, W. T.; Griffith, S. C.; Jamieson, M. S.; Macgregor, R. C.; Marnoch, I. A.; Martin, J. C.; Rhodes, P. A.

During the Easter holidays Flt. Sgt. Grierson flew with six other Cadets from schools in Britain to Gibraltar, where they spent three days before returning to Britain.

Our camp this year was held at R.A.F. Kinloss, where four of the present members of the section attended camp two years ago. We arrived on the evening of Wednesday, 24th April, and spent what was left of the day getting our bearings and fitting eight Cadets with safety equipment for flying on the Thursday. The remainder of the section spent Thursday visiting parts of the station, with the exception of three members who, during camp, were given a course in Link instruction (starting with lessons on how to control it themselves), with the intention that their knowledge should be passed on to the others on the Link at School. Friday was entirely devoted to flying, but unfortunately some of the aircraft were found to be faulty, and certain people had only short flights.

On Saturday morning we paid a visit to the .303 range, where S. W. Grierson, W. T. Macpherson and W. Chapel were classed



R.A.F. Camp, Kinloss

as marksmen. From 12 o'clock on Saturday until Monday we were "off duty", except for a Church parade on Sunday morning, and most of the section made themselves familiar with at least one of the towns in the area. Monday was another day of flying, and this time none of the flights were cancelled, everyone being airborne for from two to seven hours in the Shackletons. On Tuesday we returned to School, so ending a most enjoyable camp, although some of the more adventurous members of the section are believed to be disappointed at not having had to bail out at any time!

R.I.M.K.

Rambles in Argyll

ALONG the sea road towards Dunoon Castle marched 'B' platoon in battle formation; it was an impressive sight to the holiday-makers on the sea-shore, and to the locals by the shops. The bulging rucksacks and cumbersome bivouacs were borne cheerfully by the cadets. On they marched under the bright sun, to the water-works, where they left the road and started to walk over an uneven track at the edge of the reservoir. They climbed gradually upwards, but when they left the track to follow the Balgie Burn, the going became more difficult. Sweat began to

ooze from the temples, rests became more and more frequent, and yet they kept going. As to their thoughts, it is perhaps best to remain ignorant.

Soon they left the Burn and climbed the steep watershed. The pace was agonisingly slow; each step was made with great effort. However, after about an hour and a half, the top was reached. But alas, in their haste they took the wrong valley, which meant they had an extra six or seven miles to walk to their objective, Finnart Point on Loch Striven. But, with what seemed a second life, they descended into the valley.

Night fell as the stragglers reached the road, but it was not until a quarter to one that the last cadet staggered into camp, and ate a delicious and satisfying meal of cold Treacle Pudding, straight from the tin. The platoon commander decided not to carry out his part of the night exercise, and so he sent two cadets to warn 'C' platoon not to come. They returned, however, with the ominous news that the route round the coast was impassable at night, and the path that they had been advised to take had ended in a precipice. Yet at about half-past two 'C' platoon arrived, and awoke the sleeping bodies in the bivouacs as they crawled in to try and get some sleep.

Everyone was awake before dawn. They huddled around the dying fire in order to benefit from its rapidly dwindling heat. No one spoke. They waited and waited for the never-rising sun. At last a faint tinge of orange appeared on the horizon, and soon it was light enough to break camp. Then, through the morning mist came the M.F.V., and breakfast. The spirits and morale of the cadets rose quickly, and they were soon enjoying a cruise around the Kyles of Bute in the enervating sunshine.

W.D.B.

A Visit to H.M.S. Gambia

ONE Thursday in May some of the Royal Naval section paid a visit to H.M.S. Gambia, a cruiser of the Fiji class. The ship was undergoing sea-trials on the Firth of Forth.

In order to reach Rosyth docks at seven o'clock the party had to rise at five in the morning. A light breakfast was taken at school, and this served to keep the party awake during their car journey to the docks. Once through the barrier at the entrance to the docks, the party was hurried on board H.M.S. Gambia, and fallen in on deck. They were then split up into two parts, and placed where they could see the activities taking place while the ship was leaving harbour. However, owing to the bitterly cold wind which was blowing, the party soon re-united around the funnel, which served effectively as a heater.

When the ship had left harbour, the party were taken below to the Royal Marines mess, where a first-class breakfast of cold herring and three boiled eggs per person was served. When the dishes had been washed and the mess tidied, the party went above again, to the ship's cinema. There they were given a lecture on damage control, this being the procedure to be followed by the crew in the event of any damage being done to the ship. After this they were led below by a Midshipman, and taken to the ship's wheel. When permission from the bridge had been granted, two or three cadets had a spell at the wheel, and then they were taken to the Communications centre, where some complicated computers and radar apparatus were shown to them.

The next item was a practical lesson on manoeuvring and firing 40 m.m. A.A. guns. There was, of course, no ammunition, but as the main attraction was the joy-stick control which turned and elevated the gun, this did not really matter. Before everybody had been on it, however, they had to go below for lunch, which included almost unlimited chicken, figs and custard. The party then returned to the ship's cinema, where they were given a talk on the part which the Navy had played during the Suez crisis. The lesson on the gun was then completed, and they were given a demonstration of the six inch gun by the ship's crew. There followed another spell on the wheel, and a visit to the boiler room.

At tea some cadets found a shop, where they procured refreshments. The party was then divided into two again, one half going to the ship's wheel, while the other watched a boat being hoisted overboard. By this time they were approaching the Forth Bridge, and once the ship had been moored to a buoy, they went ashore, and started the journey back.

Judging by the animated conversation at table back at school, the party had spent a most informative and enjoyable day.

K.W.

A Week-end in Gibraltar

AFTER I, with five other Scottish cadets, had been chosen for the trip, the usual lack of information followed. Eventually, the day before I was due to leave, I received a travel warrant, and instructions to proceed to Lyneham, in Wiltshire.

I was met at Swindon Station by an Air Force bus, which took the other cadets and I to the R.A.F. transit camp at Clyffe Pypard, where I spent one of the coldest nights I have ever experienced. We were briefed that evening, and informed that we would take off at 0900 hrs. next morning.

Promptly at the set time our Hastings aircraft took off from Lyneham. We flew via Land's End and Cape Finisterre; then



Gibraltar monkey and friend

we went on over the olive plantations of Portugal, and round the Spanish coast on the last lap of our journey, where we had a fine view of the Atlas mountains, Tangier, and Tarifa, the most southerly point in Europe.

At 1410 hrs., right on schedule, we touched down on the Gibraltar runway, which protrudes for a considerable distance into the sea, rather like the deck of an aircraft carrier. After the usual Customs and Medical checks, we were driven to one of the two R.A.F. camps on the peninsula.

After a meal, with a typical Air Force menu of greasy chips and sausage, we went into the town of Gibraltar, to find out what the place was like. The narrow main street was packed with service-men in civilian clothes and swarthy Latin families out for their evening stroll. The shops, which were mostly Jewish-Indian bazaars, were packed with ridiculously cheap silks, carpets, and cigarette lighters, and other Oriental goods which cost a great deal in Britain, like ivory and damascene. Most of these goods are made in Japan, and a large number of them are smuggled into the peninsula.

We took a trip in a horse-drawn cab, a high, narrow machine, with filthy curtains and cushions. The horse had bells on its collar, so that our journey was accompanied by a great tinkling and jingling.

Next morning we went for a walk on the Rock. One has to stay on the road, and a large number of roads are only accessible with a special Army pass. We arrived at the den of the famous Barbary apes, the only ones of their type in the world. There are thirty-seven of them at present; they are maintained by the garrison, and accept, even steal, food from sightseers. They object strongly to being handled but are not averse to jumping on to one's shoulder to inspect one's head or to steal one's hat. We returned to the town by means of a short cut, down interminable steps and ramps through the native part of the town, where houses are built on a fantastically steep slope.

The natives of Gibraltar are a people apart: they are not Spanish, but they have a large proportion of Italian blood. They speak both English and Gibraltarian.

That afternoon, after our siesta, we were taken round the peninsula in an Air Force Rescue launch. All sorts of little Spanish fishing boats endeavoured, without success, to cadge a tow from us. We were given a fine view of the water-collecting area on the Eastern side of the Rock. Approximately a square mile of the rock face has been coated with concrete, and the rain-water falling on this is led to a vast reservoir inside the rock. This water is used for drinking, sea-water being used for washing.

On Sunday morning we visited the caverns on the North face of the Rock, in which numerous rooms have been carved to contain cannon, trained on the narrow, flat part of the peninsula near the Spanish border. The Rock falls away vertically below these chambers to sea-level. The military importance of this in the last century must have been tremendous. A mile away lay La Linea, which is probably the most sordid city in the Western hemisphere.

That afternoon we went swimming in the Mediterranean, at Catalan Beach, the best in the peninsula. The sea was as warm as the School swimming pond, when it is dirty! Next morning we left for Britain. Behind us Gibraltar stuck out like some sore thumb, guarding the Strait of Hercules as it has done from time immemorial.

S.W.G.

Benson Films

THE staff, I think, little realised at the time quite what making a film involved, when they heard that a film group had undertaken to make an 8 mm. colour film of the school. Despite the fact that it was carefully explained that we would need a lot of time and a correspondingly large amount of money, the general belief was that it was rather a fuss about nothing; after all, one only requires to know what one wants to take, to get a camera and take it. Actually it is rather more involved than this. When faced with

the prospect of making a twenty minute film about the school, we first of all had to decide what had to be left out, in other words what there would not be enough screen time to cover and it soon became clear that the simplest thing to do would be to trace a day at school, as seen through the eyes of a visitor. A script was hastily made out and then we had to decide what had to be cut out because it was technically impossible: because there was not enough light, angles too wide, and so on. This done, a final script was made out, and we started shooting. From then on no one was safe; cables and lighting equipment appeared at every corner of the school, people who unwisely wandered through the corridors on half-holidays were press-ganged into holding lighting batterns, and boys were asked to "look normal" while carrying out their activities under $3\frac{1}{2}$ kilowatt of light. Everywhere was invaded; the classrooms, the common rooms, the laboratories, the wash corridors, the school library, and even the dormitories. In all we took 275 ft. of film and every 10 ft. took about an hour to procure. Once the reels were back from processing began the long and weary task of editing. There were strips of film everywhere in the studies of those involved as the 90 shots of the shooting script were hacked down into some form of consecutive story. The finished article is 200 ft. long and at the moment awaits its taped commentary. The production staff are just starting to breathe again as the reek of film cement leaves the atmosphere, though the respite is short lived, as already more rushes are coming back from our latest feature production, "The Prisoner".

R.J.K.

Summer

Green branches softly swaying against the eternal blue,
Light leaves gently rustling, and a lonely cloud or two.
Unseen birds are twittering—their music shrill and clear,
And the air is full of promise with summer nearly here.

The breeze is quietly sighing. It disturbs the sleeping lake
Where majestic swans glide slowly, necks drooping, half-awake.
The languid trees are mirrored in a swimming, dreamlike way,
And the searing cold of winter is a million miles away.

The flowers are gay and happy and the tall trees are serene;
The scented air is heavy and the fresh-cut grass smells clean.
The sun is warm; the sky is blue — God's eye so clear and pale,
But in three short months this bliss will flee before an Autumn gale.

R.H.

The Noble Art

THE shining lure went singing out over the smooth waters of the reed-girt pond, and landed with a dull "plop!" in the middle. The reel purred softly, and line and bait came steadily in. Suddenly, unexpectedly, there was a sharp tug, and then a constant pulling, as a fighting, tearing pike tried wildly to free itself. The pliable rod bent over in a graceful arc, the line glistened in the sun as it held the almost unbearable strain, and then, inexorably, the line commenced to reel in again.

The weary, almost conquered fish came slowly within reach of the waiting landing net, and then, as its drooping body felt the cold metal encircling it, it exploded into action. Twisting and writhing into weird shapes, with one sharp, concentrated effort it bored away into the depths, leaving a frayed end hanging limply behind. A string of muffled curses followed "the one that got away".

N.W.H.M.

The Death of a Great Man

SLOWLY he raised the cup to his unwilling lips, when suddenly from below came the sound of running feet. He lowered the cup to listen. The running feet stopped at an authoritative command: there was a protest, and then silence fell again. It was the silence that unnerved him. He lowered the cup, knowing that with every moment of hesitation his resolution was fading. He made an effort to soothe his shattered nerves, but his mind began to wander. He thought of Socrates, the famous Greek philosopher, who had swallowed the draught of hemlock with icy calm, but who, he felt, would blench in face of this diabolical potion; and Katherine de Medici, the Borgias, Sir Richard of . . . An impatient sigh interrupted his reverie. His eyes flicked furtively up at the face above him, met the cold contemptuous stare, and fell submissively. But neither in the broken cup with its lethal contents nor in the cruel mouth and cold eyes did he find any encouragement. Then he decided, raising the cup to his lips. Even in the moment of decision he faltered and some of the liquid trickled down his chin on to the floor. He threw back his head, a look of agonising torment crossing his face as the liquid gurgled in the back of his throat. Bending down he spat out the offending mouthful. A pathetic smile crossed his face and he gazed proudly at his overseer. The latter, however, was not impressed.

"Gargle properly", he said.

I.R.A.M.

The Storm

The sea's a restless, hungry plain,
A heaving, rolling, fierce domain,
She battles on where man resigns,
Engulfs and conquers his designs.

As year by year she claims her ships,
And hauls them down with greedy lips,
Man learns to wage a constant war,
Upon the foam beyond the shore.

With scruples none she vengeance wreaks,
With tearing gales and spuming peaks,
On hardy ships who dare to roam,
Those fields of fury far from home.

J.G.M.M.

CANNIBALS?

Seen on Ruthven House notice-board, 3rd May, 1957: "Fags will not eat themselves whilst brewing for prefects."

DATES OF TERMS

Winter, 1957: 20th September — 20th December.

Easter, 1958: 17th January — 1st April.

Factory Visits

ON Tuesday, March 12th, the whole senior school had a day when eight parties of up to thirty boys in each visited various Factories and Works in the Glasgow area. There was also an expedition to Edinburgh Museum which about fifteen boys attended.

The visits were designed both as a general education and to give boys an idea of career prospects in certain industries. It is hoped that they may be continued in future years.

It was fortunate that the visits were able to take place at all, owing to the transport difficulties caused by petrol rationing. Eight parties finally travelled by train to Glasgow, where they were met by buses kindly provided by the firms. All reports indicate that the visits were thoroughly enjoyed and even the few boys who were looking for neither education nor a career considered the day a gastronomic success, for the meals provided by the firms were very good. We are grateful to them for all the trouble they took to make the day so enjoyable and instructive.

A few more detailed accounts of the visits are printed below.

Firms Visited

Bilsland Bros. — Bakery and biscuits.

The Glasgow Herald.

Babcock and Wilcox — Boilers and heavy engineering.

Colvilles — Steel.

India Tyre.

British Oil and Cake Mills — Animal feeding stuffs.

Glenfield and Kennedy — Hydraulic and heavy engineering.

Albion Motors.

Stoddards — Carpets.

Stoddart's Carpet Factory

Our party consisted of one master and twenty-six boys, and on our arrival at Elderslie we were met by the Personnel Manager who conducted us to the canteen, where an excellent lunch was served. After lunch we were given an outline of carpet manufacture and in the company of trained guides we followed the process, from the time the wool passes through the dyeing plant until it reaches the large looms on which the carpets are woven. The carpets are then carefully inspected for flaws, the edges are bound and the bases treated with an adhesive compound. The finished articles are then despatched direct to the various wholesale and retail depots.

After tea we returned to Buchanan Street Station and thence back to School. Our thanks are due to all who made the arrangements for this most successful visit.

K.R.H.

Glenfield & Kennedy

Before our arrival at Glenfield and Kennedy the Training Manager, Mr. Livesay, gave us a brief outline of the background and development of the firm, and explained the problems which arise in the business. During the half-hour between our arrival at the Factory and our excellent lunch, we were introduced to our guides, Mr. Fergusson, Mr. Ross and Mr. Paul. We were then quickly conducted around the Western Engineering Department, where the work consisted mainly of completing various parts of valves and sluice-gates.

Our first stop in the afternoon was at the Frame shop, where we saw the frames and moulds being made for the eventual manufacture of valves. We were then led to the Foundry, where most of the heavy work, such as filling the ready-made moulds with molten metal, is done. I think that of all the processes through which valves go, this was the most interesting. The Smith's shop was where we were next taken, and here we saw workmen skilfully shaping red-hot iron bars. From here the bars are sent to be shaped into screws. It must be emphasized that skill is of supreme importance throughout the whole process.

C.F.B.

Albion Motors

After a pleasant half-an-hour's journey from Buchanan Street Station in the Works coach, we arrived at our destination. After having had our photographs taken in two vintage cars, we were split up into groups of six, each with a guide, and we then started on a tour of the factory.

The first part of the morning was taken up in seeing round the assembly lines for gearboxes, engines and chassis. We then proceeded to the engine-testing room, where engines are run under varying loads and stresses. We also saw their experimental department, where there were instruments which measure faults accurately to one twenty-thousandth of an inch, and which find minute cracks in metal. After seeing a film on the road testing of a lorry in rough conditions, a very pleasant morning was rounded off by a look at the research laboratories and at the modern First Aid post.

After a very good lunch in the canteen, we were taken downstairs to the main entrance, where the vintage cars were put at our disposal for half-an-hour. We were then transported to the Yoker works, about one and a half miles away. Here we saw the Albion products being packed, before being sent abroad; we saw also the large workshops where old Albion motors are re-conditioned, and the extensive playing fields for the employees.

When we returned to the main works at Scotstoun we were each given various pamphlets and a photograph of each of us seated in one of the old cars. When we had finished a very pleasant tea, we were driven back to Buchanan Street Station, after an extremely interesting and enjoyable day.

T.L.H. and P.T.G.

Rugby Retrospect, 1956-57

IN most things, and Rugby is no exception, memories fade, and while the fleeting moments of triumph and the tactical mutations of the day remain in the minds of few, figures alone remain imperishable. Although by no means the only standard by which success or failure of a XV or a season may be measured, they remain the most obvious essential of any retrospect.

The 1st XV, captained by D. S. MacCallum, won three, lost seven and drew two of their twelve School games. In other matches they were beaten by stronger Perthshire and Panmure sides but defeated the Glasgow University Wednesday Club and H.M.S. "Temeraire".

At the end of the Christmas term the XV travelled over the border to St. Bees in Cumberland, losing by two tries to one try and two penalty goals.

The forwards were mobile, hard working and fit, but both too light and too young. It is of interest to record that at the beginning of the season their average age was only a week over 17 while their average weight was 10 stones and 3 pounds. For all this they were generally able to cope with and contain the opposing packs and only a very good Edinburgh Academy scrum really mastered them.

In spite of occasional lapses the three-quarters generally presented a reliable defence; individually they were faster than their immediate predecessors, but they lacked the fluency and confidence which would have resulted from a greater supply of the ball. Again re-emphasised was the fact that the scoring potential of any side largely depends on an ascendancy at forward, and thereafter on the possession of players in the pivotal positions of half back, able and mature enough to find gaps, using their heads rather than their boot. In this respect one hopes that the experience gained by those returning will be of value next season.

It is comforting at least that the defeats were generally by very narrow margins, and a greater number of injuries than usual further handicapped a side from which we could ill afford to lose any. It is remarkable to note that on only two occasions was the School able to field a complete side.

The Second XV had on the whole a good season, defeating Glasgow Academy, Morrison's, George Watson's, Alan Glen's, Aberdeen Grammar and Daniel Stewart's.

The Third XV scored only 33 points against 91, but *en route* defeated Glasgow Academy, Dollar and Loretto.

A Fourth XV which played only two games, winning both against Queen Victoria School Second XV and Glenalmond, scored 50 points as opposed to 8 against.

The 15½ side results were quite good but the team was disappointly erratic at times, particularly in the backs. Of their eight games they won five, drew one and lost two, and probably their best Rugby was played in defeating Merchiston.

The Junior XV scored 75 points against 49, defeating Glasgow Academy and drawing with Fettes College; they ended their season with an encouraging win against Aberdeen Grammar School.

The youngest sides in the School, the 13½ XVs, produced statistically the best results, and in winning eight of their eleven games the 1st under 13½'s earned 166 points as opposed to 23. Their reserve XV played two games, winning both and conceding no points.

HOUSE RUGBY

In addition to the Senior and Junior Leagues a Minor League was begun, the sides being restricted to twelve players. Houses were allowed to select any Junior not eligible for the Junior fifteens. House Seniors ably coached their respective teams, and the games were played with spirit and enthusiasm, so that the Minor League is now a part of the general fabric of House rugby.

The Senior League was won by Ruthven who, coming 3rd in the Junior League and winning the Minor League, earned the Rugby Cup. Nicol and Simpson shared the Junior Cup.

Finally, and once again, thanks are due to the coaching members of the Staff for their continued efforts and interest.

R.H.

Senior League Rugby

Nicol 6; Simpson 3	Ruthven 5; Nicol 0
Simpson 3; Freeland 0	Ruthven 3; Freeland 0
Nicol 6; Freeland 3	Ruthven 5; Simpson 0
1st, Ruthven; 2nd, Nicol; 3rd, Simpson	

Junior League

Two rounds were played:

Simpson 13; Nicol 11	Simpson 9; Freeland 0
Nicol 8; Ruthven 0	Ruthven 14; Freeland 0
Nicol 25; Freeland 0	Simpson 11; Ruthven 3
Nicol 6; Simpson 0	Simpson 9; Freeland 0
Nicol 6; Ruthven 3	Freeland 5; Ruthven 0
Nicol 14; Freeland 0	Ruthven 5; Simpson 3
1st, Simpson and Nicol; 3rd, Ruthven	

Minor League

Two rounds were played:

Nicol 25; Freeland 0	Simpson 15; Freeland 0
Ruthven 9; Nicol 0	Ruthven 9; Freeland 0
Simpson 12; Nicol 3	Ruthven 3; Simpson 0
Nicol 15; Freeland 0	Simpson 33; Freeland 0
Nicol 3; Ruthven 3	Ruthven 24; Freeland 0
Nicol 9; Simpson 3	Ruthven 25; Simpson 0
1st, Ruthven; 2nd, Nicol; 3rd, Simpson	

School v. Glasgow Academy. At Strathallan on October 3rd. Lost 0-9.

The School began well, settling down to gain much of the ball in both set scrums and in the loose. Several good movements were produced in the first fifteen minutes, Brown and Kilpatrick making much of the running. The ball moved out to the wings readily enough in the first half, but in these days of close marking and lying up, scores seldom result unless it comes back in to the insides and forwards.

The Glasgow half-backs proved to be the more enterprising, and all three tries came from the base of the scrum.



Back Row: P. McLellan, A. B. Pirrie, C. P. Roselle, J. C. MacDougall, M. J. Morganthaler, A. D. Budge, J. M. Irvine, A. L. Pullar. *Middle Row (Seated):* H. R. Brown, W. P. Kilpatrick, D. S. MacCallum (Captain),

School v. Edinburgh Academy. At Edinburgh on October 13th. Lost 36-3.

From start to finish, and despite every effort, the School were unable to contend with this very strong side. At forward, too much weight and maturity were lacking; and when, after ten minutes, Dinsmore was injured and left the field, the result was in no doubt.

School v. Dollar Academy. At Dollar on October 24th. Lost 6-0.

On the very wet pitch little open rugby was produced, and play in the first half was both unproductive and scrappy. Duncan, playing his first game at fly-half, took the ball well, but conditions for back play continued to deteriorate, and although the forwards earned their fair share in the set, and Budge and McCallum jumped well in the line-out to gain possession more often than not, a sound Dollar defence held several good runs by Irvine and Galbraith. A quick heel by Dollar resulted in a try in the corner and a penalty completed the scoring.

School v. Morrison's Academy. At Crieff on October 27th. Lost 6-0.

The XV were defeated by a penalty goal and a try. The former was awarded as a result of an offside infringement and the latter score was the result of a defensive lapse at half back, the danger of coming up too quickly in defence being re-emphasised. Apart from these two failings the struggle was an equal one and both sets of forwards shared the credit for a bright and open game.

School v. George Watson's. At Myreside on November 7th. Drew 3-3.

From start to finish this was far and away the best game to date. For long periods in the first half the School had territorial advantage and played with increasing confidence. A defensive error by Roselle allowed the only Watson's score, which was unconverted. Renewed efforts by the forwards turned the play at once in the School's favour again. Both McLellan and McCallum played a noticeable part in line-outs. In the second half Brown broke away dangerously twice, to be pulled down short of the line, and the School remained three points behind until, after a short wheel, Burns, at scrum half, slipped away to dive over in the corner. The last twenty minutes were played without Morgenthaler, whose earlier work, particularly in the loose, had been most valuable; yet, in the closing minutes, after gathering a loose ball in the School's twenty-five, Lilley raced away, to be bundled into touch only yards short of the line.

School v. Allan Glen's. At Strathallan on November 17th. Won 3-0.

Disappointingly, neither side produced their best until the game was some twenty minutes old, and much scratching about fatigued the players and spectators. However Allan Glen's were first to open an attack and twice within several minutes their halves were sent away, but brought down by first Irvine and then Duncan. This effected an awakening and the forwards asserted themselves, particularly in the loose and in the line-out. The only score of the game resulted from a determined breakaway from the line-out, and it was MacCallum — generally in the van — who crossed the line.

School v. Gordonstoun. At Strathallan on November 24th. Won 11-3.

The game quickly blossomed into quite a pleasant display of hard running and open rugby by both sides despite ground conditions which, because of frost beneath and a slippery surface, were not conducive to either. The School opened the scoring when Brown slipped away, to send Galbraith off on a long run which resulted in a try in the corner. Shortly afterwards Brown went off on his own and side-stepped the full-back to

score a good try which was well converted by Hudson. The Gordons-toun score came from a good shove in the only set scrum in the School twenty-five. The ball quickly came back and a quick burst by the open wing forward after a short dribble produced a good try. The forwards had a slight ascendancy in all phases and much credit goes to the good Gordons-toun defence. Towards the end Irvine threw the promise of a pass to Chalmers on the blind side before going off on his own to touch down far out.

School v. Aberdeen Grammar School.

At Aberdeen on December 1st. Lost 10-3.

The XV travelled to Aberdeen by train for the first time. On a firm and sandy pitch the game began promisingly enough when Galbraith converted a penalty goal. This was to be the sum total of the School's scoring, and in the face of stronger and heavier opposition much of the fire slipped away. The three-quarters, frequently out of position, left too much to the covering forwards, and the first Aberdeen try was soon to come as a result. This was converted. I. R. A. McMillan played confidently in his first game in the back row, and covered particularly well. In the second half there was a noticeable rally, but several thrusts were countered and the Aberdeen defence remained sound. The second goal resulted from a complete lapse in defence following a quick change of direction, and Roselle, covering at full back, was caught on the wrong foot.

School v. Glenalmond. At Glenalmond on December 8th. Lost 13-0.

In conditions worthy or more stirring rugby the School conceded all thirteen points in the first half. Although the forwards began well a lethargy seemed to envelope the side, only to be broken when Glenalmond rounded off a very good movement with a try which was converted. The forwards responded at once and worked well, particularly in the tight and in the line-outs, where they contrived to reach a parity in spite of stronger opposition. Hellon, playing for the first time at fly-half, ran well himself, but generally failed to set the attack going quickly enough, and as a result handling broke down and generally there were no signs of danger from the School backs. A penalty goal and a goal completed the Glenalmond score. In the second half the School came together and the standard of play so improved that territorially the advantage was held for long periods, an able defence preventing any score.

School v. St. Bees. At St. Bees on December 12th. Lost 9-6.

The first half was played in very wet conditions in the teeth of quite a remarkable gale, which persisted throughout the game. Kicking became quite impossible for either side. The School began confidently, and after ten minutes Galbraith broke through to run the length of the field. A conversion was out of the question. St. Bees were awarded two penalties for offside infringements by first Brown and then Pullar. Both were well and truly converted. At half-time the School were losing by six points to three. After half-time, and playing with the gale, the School conceded exactly the same try that Galbraith had earlier scored. The St. Bees centre slipped through and ran into the wind to score, the kick failing. In the closing minutes Pirrie gathered a well directed cross kick from Galbraith to touch down in the corner.

School v. Daniel Stewart's. At Strathallan on January 26th. Won 14-3.

This was the first game after the Christmas holiday. The XV played with confidence and Hellon's kick-off was successfully followed up by the forwards, who were to set the pace of what became a hard and open game. The good binding and resulting service gave the half-backs more of the ball, and fifteen minutes later Hellon burst through to score, converting

his own try. This put new life into the side, and most of the first half play centred between the Stewart's line and the twenty-five yard line. The next score came when the ball was sent out to Higginson, playing his first game on the wing. Roselle at full back came into the line, to cross-kick for MacCallum to gather on the run and touch down. Minutes later Hellon scored, taking a quick pass from Burns, who had slipped away from the scrum base. During the second half Stewart's rallied, and no score resulted until in the twenty-fifth minute I. R. A. McMillan came up fast to tackle an opponent on the line. Burns played and gathered the loose ball to score. In reply Stewart's scored in the closing minutes.

School v. Kelvinside Academy. At Glasgow on February 9th. Drew 0-0.

In a last and far from disappointing game neither side scored. Both sides defended well, and were in fact evenly matched. The most noticeable feature of the game was the covering defences of both the wings and the forwards. Several golden opportunities were lost through a moment's hesitation by three-quarters, and by pointless shoving by a tiring pack. Yet all in all this was a pleasant enough game with which to end the season's school games.

Summary of Results

			Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XV	-	-	16	5	9	2	84	163
2nd XV	-	-	10	6	4	0	101	84
3rd XV	-	-	8	3	4	1	33	91
4th XV	-	-	2	2	0	0	50	8
15½ XV	-	-	8	5	2	1	76	46
14½ XV	-	-	8	3	4	1	49	75
A 13½ XV	-	-	11	8	3	0	166	23
B 13½ XV	-	-	2	2	0	0	24	0
							583	490

Hockey

MAINLY owing to the poor weather experienced over the greater part of last term, the hockey retrospect of 1956-57 is of a somewhat depressing nature. As a result of excessive rain our already limited number of pitches soon became veritable quagmires, and the regular practice needed to weld a new team together proved impossible. Three of the 1st XI's fixtures: against Gordonstoun, R. W. W. Paterson's XI and The Masters' XI, had to be cancelled. Also two regular 1st XI members, W. T. Macpherson and A. L. Pullar, were unable to play in two of the remaining three matches on account of injuries.

Unfortunately, bad luck seems to have followed through into this term, as a game against R. W. W. Paterson's XI has again had to be called off, in addition to this year's 6-a-side tournament at Dunfermline.

The picture is not as dismal as it may appear, however. The season has by no means been fruitless; good hockey appeared in every match held last term and, most encouraging of all, several players, notably M. R. McLellan, have made evident

progress in stick-work and control. But there is one major fault still to be fully remedied, which has cost Strathallan dear — the inability to shoot quickly in the opponent's goal area. At the present rate of improvement this summer, we will have a powerful attack in G. A. Burns and C. J. Marsland for the forthcoming fixtures with Glenalmond and Edinburgh Academy.

Taking everything into consideration, especially the lack of practice, the hockey teams played well last term.

Old colours: Macpherson, W. T.; Burns, G. A.; Pullar, A. L.

New colours, awarded March, 1957: Pirrie, A. B.;

McLellan, M. R.

Strathallan v. Murray Royal, at Perth

Result: Strathallan 1; Murray Royal 3.

This game was played in ideal weather conditions and on an excellent pitch. Strathallan were as usual a little slow in settling down, and Royal came close to scoring in the opening moments of the match. Strathallan moves seemed reluctant to start, and the defence was unsteady in its covering, so that Royal scored first after fifteen minutes' play. After this Strathallan started to improve with some useful movements started between the half-backs and the right wing, and the equalising goal came when Macpherson scored off a good centre from Pullar.

Clever play was concentrated on the right in the second half, but Pullar's centres were intercepted with annoying frequency by the solid Royal defence, with the result that Strathallan movements were never completed. The Royal team were now playing attractive hockey by clever interpassing, and their attack, led by a good centre forward, proved too strong for Strathallan halves and backs. Owing to muddling in our defence, the home team scored two goals after many near misses, so bringing the final score to 3-1 in their favour.

The following played for the School: Beattie, A. W.; Burns, G. A.; Galbraith, W. R.; Irvine, J. M.; MacCallum, D. S.; Macpherson, W. T. (Capt.); McLellan, M. R.; McLellan P.; Pirrie, A. B.; Pullar, A. L. and Willcox, I. J.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar, at Forgandenny

Result: Strathallan 0; Aberdeen 1.

Although the game started off with speed and skill, the game soon slowed down as the condition of the pitch deteriorated. Play alternated from one end of the ground to the other, during which Strathallan halves were slow back in defence, but Aberdeen, as well as Strathallan, failed to put any good movements into action. Near the end of the first half, however, Aberdeen placed a powerful shot into the net from a corner, to make the score 1-0 at half time.

The remainder of the match proved unspectacular; play was hindered by the increasing area of muddy patches, and long passes never reached their men. Strathallan came near to scoring several times, but although they tried hard to equalise, the result remained at 1-0 for the visiting team.

Strathallan 2nd XI v. Aberdeen Grammar 2nd XI, at Forgandenny.

Result: Strathallan 4; Aberdeen 0.

Conditions were even worse for this game, but several members of the home team played very well, nevertheless. Constructive movements were not as effective as individual dribbling, and united team skill consisted of

evading the three-foot pool of water in the centre of the pitch. The three goals scored before half time were made by Lilley, Shaw and Marsland. The Aberdeen half-backs started some good movements but they were effectively broken up by the solid defence of Morganthaler and Galt.

Early in the second half Lilley scored another goal from the left wing. Strathallan were frequently in their opponent's circle but the score was still 4-0 at the end of the match.

Strathallan v. Fettes College "A" XI, at Fettes

Result: Strathallan 1; Fettes 3.

Conditions were cold and wet with a slippery pitch underfoot. The game started with some uninteresting play, but quickly improved as both teams settled down. It was apparent that the Fettes forward line was stronger than Strathallan's, so that our own defence was constantly being tested. Following a movement from the left wing, Fettes scored a good goal in the middle of the first half.

Strathallan started the second half with a skilful dribbling movement between Galbraith and Burns, which produced an equalising goal from Galbraith. From then on, although moves were started by the Strathallan half-backs, the visiting team failed to score, mainly because of poor finishing. Fettes scored their second goal after a desperate scuffle in the Strathallan circle. Soon after a very good save by goalkeeper MacCallum, Fettes pushed in another goal, due to poor covering by Strathallan. The final result was 3-1 for Fettes.

Strathallan Under 15½ XI v. Fettes College Under 15½ XI, at Fettes

Result: Strathallan 1; Fettes 3.

It was not until the second half that any scoring was done; up till then both teams played equally well, with Fettes sporting a faster and more experienced side. They kept the game open with clever passing between the half-backs and the wings, and although dangerous at shooting in the circle and scoring off corners, the Fettes covering in defence was shaky. Fettes scored their three goals in succession from good attacking movements. Strathallan pushed the ball into the net just before the end, and their failure to win or equalise can be attributed to slow shooting in the circle and off the corners.

W.T.M.

Cross-Country

THERE has been a definite improvement in the standard of cross-country running this year. This is probably due to the fact that this is the first year that it has been taken up as a full time sport. Quite a varied programme has been carried out. Last term there were several runs over the hills surrounding the School. The longest one, undertaken by only a small party, was a ten mile circular run to Glen Farg and back. It is hoped that this run will become an annual event.

Last term D. I. C. Crabb, J. Thorburn and R. J. Chalmers ran in the junior teams of the Strathay Harriers, which entered for the inter-club relay match. The course was one and a half miles per leg of the relay: D. I. C. Crabb was one of the three

runners who, together with the Strathtay senior team, won the inter-club cup.

Later in the term two junior teams, each of three boys, ran in the inter-association race in Perth. The age limit for this race, which was run over two miles along the banks of the Tay, was sixteen and a half years old. The School "A" team came first, occupying the first three places, and thus winning the cup, while the "B" team came second, and received plaques. J. Thorburn was the individual winner, whilst K. D. Ballantyne came second and J. D. McKinlay third, this giving the "A" team "possible" score. Fourth home was D. G. Reid, the first in the "B" team, followed in fifth place by A. D. K. Campbell and in seventh place by B. A. Wingate.

These races in Perth were, however, only steps up to the climax of the School cross-country race, which took place at the end of the Spring term. On the day the weather was most disappointing. It poured all the time during the race, which made the ground very slippery and filled the water jump to such an extent that some runners were immersed up to their necks. As far as the seniors were concerned the results were almost as expected, with D. I. C. Crabb first, K. Wingate second and G. A. Burns third.

The middle age group results were: First, J. Thorburn; second, D. G. Reid; and third, J. D. McKinlay.

The first three juniors were: I. M. Miller, B. A. Wingate and D. M. Lawson.

When the totals for each House were calculated, it was found that Ruthven had won, followed by Freeland, Nicol and Simpson.

K.W.

Fives

THIS season has seen a further increase in keenness, and a general rise in average standard: the lower pairs are relatively much stronger. Our toughest fixtures each year are our matches against Merchiston. We lost the home match 86-115, a closer margin than in previous years. F. C. Lilley and C. P. Roselle played well to defeat their second pair. In the away match, with four pairs instead of three, we lost by 110-170, our third pair, A. B. Pirrie and D. S. MacCallum, being the most successful. We must learn to adapt our game more quickly to the faster courts we meet in our away matches. This season, the more thoughtful and cunning fives which the team played in practices, too often gave way to an ill-directed slogging contest in the excitement of a match, and this does not pay in a fast court. This fault also affected our match against Fettes College, who avenged last year's defeat, and won by twenty-two points. We defeated Glasgow

University by 125-55 and Glenalmond 135-71 (though the latter normally play only Winchester fives and naturally found our courts unfamiliar).

P. McLellan made an enthusiastic captain and played a steady game himself. He and Pirrie had their fives colours from last term, while Lilley, Roselle, T. W. Higginson and MacCallum were awarded theirs this season. W. R. Galbraith, T. M. Crosby and M. B. Shiels also played for the School.

Eight boys went to fives championships in the holidays: four to the Scottish open and four to the Public Schools championships in London. No-one got through more than one round, but the high standard there will have improved their game.

The house fives was won by Simpson House, who won eight out of nine of their matches. The other three houses were equal second. The standard of the Colts pairs was a great deal better than recently, and there are prospects of a strong team in a year or two.

D.E.Y.

School v. Merchiston Castle School (Home)

First Pair: P. McLellan and T. W. Higginson, 10-15; 4-15; 2-15.
 Second Pair: F. J. C. Lilley and C. P. Roselle, 15-10; 15-7; 15-7.
 Third Pair: D. S. MacCallum and M. B. Shiels, 4-15; 14-16; 7-15.

Lost by 29 points.

School v. Merchiston Castle School (Away)

P. McLellan and T. W. Higginson 5-15; 6-15; 7-15
 F. J. C. Lilley and C. P. Roselle 15-13; 3-15; 9-15
 A. B. Pirrie and D. S. MacCallum ... 16-14; 15-13; 15-10
 W. R. Galbraith and T. M. Crosby 4-15; 9-15; 6-15

Lost by 60 points.

School v. Trinity College, Glenalmond (Home)

P. McLellan and C. P. Roselle 15-8; 15-5; 15-10
 W. R. Galbraith and T. M. Crosby ... 15-8; 15-10; 15-10
 Strathallan 1st v. Glenalmond 2nd 15-2; 15-6
 Strathallan 2nd v. Glenalmond 1st 15-12

Won by 135 points to 71.

School v. Fettes College (Away)

F. J. C. Lilley and C. P. Roselle 14-16; 13-15; 6-15
 P. McLellan and T. W. Higginson 12-15; 14-16
 A. B. Pirrie and D. S. MacCallum ... 15-12; 11-15; 12-15
 Fettes 1st v. Strathallan 2nd 15-9
 Fettes 2nd v. Strathallan 1st 9-15

Lost by 121 points to 143.

School v. Glasgow University

P. McLellan and F. J. C. Lilley	15-13; 11-15; 9-15
A. B. Pirrie and D. S. MacCallum	15-2; 15-3; 15-4
W. R. Galbraith and T. M. Crosby	15-3; 15-0; 15-0

Won by 125 points to 55.

Boxing

THE individual and inter-House boxing championships were once more held during the Winter and Easter terms, and they were run on the same basis as last year. As before, much enthusiasm was shown, and 146 boys entered — a considerable increase on last year's total entry of 98.

This year Nicol won the cup by a clear margin, followed by Ruthven, Simpson and Freeland. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Mayne and Major Douglas who kindly came over from Ardvreck to assist Captain Williams and Mr. Heron in judging the contests. An interesting feature of the championships was the filming of the finals by R. M. Benson and R. J. Kinvig, who must be thanked for adding an extremely professional touch to the lighting.

The great majority of the fights were closely contested.

The results of the finals were :

Weight	Winner	Runner-up
5st. 7lbs. - - -	N. D. M. Lindsay (Riley)	T. I. Grey (Riley)
6st. - - - - -	R. J. Dunn (N)	I. S. Cree (Riley)
6st. 7lbs. - - -	I. M. Miller (N)	I. S. Gray (N)
7st. - - - - -	D. Mackenzie (Riley)	J. G. Leighton (R)
7st. 7lbs. - - -	G. C. MacEwan (F)	A. S. Cook (Riley)
Fly-weight - - -	J. D. McKinlay (R)	W. Chapel (N)
Bantam-weight -	M. R. McLellan (S)	B. A. Wingate (R)
Feather-weight -	J. L. Hallgren (S)	K. D. Ballantyne (F)
Light-weight - -	R. T. W. Stocker (N)	D. J. Mackenzie (R)
Welter-weight - -	P. McLellan (S)	W. S. Buchanan (S)
Light Middle-weight	R. J. Chalmers (N)	T. M. Crosby (S)
Middle-weight - -	A. D. J. Budge (N)	A. B. Pirrie (F)
Light Heavyweight -	J. W. Dinsmore (N)	H. Galt (N)

Inter-House Championships Results:

Nicol	58 points
Ruthven	36 points
Simpson	32 points
Freeland	21 points

P. McL.

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Editorial Board: W. W. Watt (c).

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Golf: I. Macewan (c).

Dinner: A. B. Bryce (c), W. G. Rowan, A. A. Arneil.

Dance: J. Hall (c), R. A. Paterson, J. D. Glen.

Our President for 1956-57

ROBERT SMITH JOHNSTON, Q.C. (Bobby to all who wear the crest of Strathallan) was elected President at the Annual General Meeting on 8th December, 1956. Everyone will agree that no one is better suited in character, example and spirit to guide the affairs of the Club as it approaches its twenty-fifth year of existence.

One of our younger Presidents Bobby carries his thirty-eight years with the air of perennial youth despite his numerous activities in academic and sporting spheres. At school in the pre-war days of 1930-36 when games were more restricted than today, he was an outstanding member of successful rugby and cricket teams in some of the vintage years. Captain of Freeland House when winning the Rugby Cup he also represented the School at swimming for four years and water polo for three years. 1st XI cricket colours 1934/35/36 and 1st XV rugby colours 1935-36 were awarded to him. In an age when records last but a short time his innings of 150 not out against Stewart's College in 1936 still stands supreme not to mention his three other centuries for the School.

It appears that during his tenure as school wicket keeper Bobby quickly learnt to differentiate between a cover drive and a slice. He has been a stalwart member of the Club golf team in the Queen Elizabeth Trophy at Barnton during the last three years. Last year he went round Elie in 68 strokes to become joint record holder of that course.

Upon leaving School our President went up to St. John's College, Cambridge, to begin his distinguished career in law. He still found time to play rugby and was awarded his College colours. He took his honours degree in 1939 and graduated LL.B. with distinction at Glasgow University in 1942 in which year he was also admitted a member of the Faculty of Advocates. Since then his progress at the Bar has been one of conspicuous success, all of which has been met with a modesty characteristic of the man. After being Extra Advocate Depute for a period he was Advocate Depute from 1953-55, an appointment which terminated when he took silk in March, 1955.



R. S. Johnston

Our President is married with two children and has a son, Graham, at Strathallan now. His main interests apart from his devotion to his charming family are the pursuit of his profession and of the golf ball. He has the good fortune to be of a calm disposition with limitless charm and his interest in people makes it seem natural that they should work for the purpose he seeks. His conception of leadership is much more than the gift of pleasing. The Club is fortunate to have him at the head of its affairs this year and he carries the good wishes of everyone for a very successful year.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

THE twenty-third Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Central Hotel, Glasgow, on 8th December, 1956, under the Chairmanship of the President, Mr. Douglas W. Lewis. The Meeting was well attended and the usual formal business was transacted expeditiously. Towards the close of the Meeting, however, discussion waxed strongly on a number of subjects varying from a suggestion for the formation of Branches of the Club in the Midlands of England and in London (exploratory steps towards which are now going forward) to the formation of a separate Golf Section (which has since been established) and the establishment of a Benevolent Fund to be applied for the benefit of Old Boys in financial difficulties, which is still under consideration by the Council. Space does not permit mention of all the varied topics which came under discussion, but the words of the Chairman when he declared the Meeting closed may well be used to terminate these notes—constructive suggestions and lively discussion are a true sign of a profound interest in the well-being of the Club and the objects for which it was founded.

In the past it has been the practice to report on the proceedings at the Annual Dinner at some length but the report of the 1956 Annual Dinner has been handicapped by the unfortunate loss of the notes which were taken at the time. It was an enjoyable function, attended by approximately ninety Old Boys and their guests and Mr. David C. Fulton and his committee are to be congratulated on the arrangements.

The guest of honour, Mr. J. Percival Agnew, D.L., C.A., a former Deacon Convenor of the Trades House of Glasgow was already well known to many members and as had been anticipated, he proposed the toast of "The Club" very excellently. Mr. Agnew is an accomplished raconteur and his many humorous touches, some of which were at the expense of the President and other members, all made for a most delightful speech.

The President's task in replying to this toast is always a difficult one but Mr. Lewis very capably discharged his task with the same forthrightness and sincerity with which he discharged all his duties as an office-bearer of the Club.

Sheriff H. W. Pirie who proposed the toast of "The School" was also no stranger to members as he had already attended more than one Annual Dinner of the Club as a private guest. He was not long in pointing out that he suspected he had now been asked to sing for his supper and those who were present will doubtless agree that the theme of his song was very much to the point.

The Headmaster in replying to Sheriff Pirie gave what he has been known to refer to as his "Annual Report". Although he is not aware of it, this is an item which is keenly anticipated and much enjoyed by the members. As always there was much

interest in the account of the School's achievements and the glimpses of the future which he gave.

Mr. J. Douglas Glen handled the toast of "The Guests" in a light and humorous manner and paved the way for the reply in like vein by Mr. Robert Heron, B.A., who needed little introduction. If, as Mr. Heron maintained, that was his first after dinner speech then we can predict with confidence that it will not be his last.

The evening concluded with the investiture of the new President, Mr. R. S. Johnston, Q.C., and the presentation to his predecessor of an Ex-President's Medal.

Annual Dance

THE Annual Dance was held in the Marlborough House on Wednesday, 27th February, 1957 and was attended by 152 Members and their guests. The President, Mr. R. S. Johnston, Q.C., and Mrs. Johnston received the guests and perhaps the only flaw in the otherwise excellent arrangements was that owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding with the caterers, the reception had to take place in an ante-room which was not designed to hold the numbers present on this occasion. That apart, however, the function went like clockwork and the Dance Committee are to be congratulated on the hard work which they did to make the evening so enjoyable. The Members themselves are to be congratulated, firstly, on turning out in such numbers (although the perseverance of the Committee was again put to the test chasing up doubtful starters) and secondly, in responding so heartily, as they did, old and young alike, to the very full programme of dances which endured for an hour longer than usual.

It was nice to have Mr. and Mrs. Hoare with us as guests once again and to see their obvious pleasure at meeting so many of what they were heard to describe as "our boys".

Golf Section Notes

THE first Meeting of the newly formed Golf Section took place at Prestwick on Thursday, 2nd May, 1957 when 16 Members were present. The Honorary Secretary of the Section, Mr. Ian MacEwen, is to be congratulated on the excellence of the arrangements, which along with the ideal weather, contributed to a very enjoyable afternoon.

The Meeting took the form of a Bogey Competition and the Captain's prize was won by M. D. Dawson (5 up). Dr. I. Henderson (1 up) was second and G. C. Turner (square) third. The next Meeting is the summer one at Gleneagles on Sunday,

16th June, when the annual competition for the Bogie Trophy will be played. It is hoped that by then, however, the Section will have taken part in its first match fixture, against Edinburgh Academicals, which has been tentatively arranged for Friday, 7th June, at Luffness, East Lothian.

News from the Universities

ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY

Now that the two main events of this term's calendar, Kate Kennedy Day and Charities Week are over, Strathallians, like most other students, are having to spend a large proportion of their time studying in preparation for this year's Degree examinations. At present there are five Old Boys at St. Salvator's College.

R. G. M. Philip (1948-53) is in his 4th year Medicine and has started to take some classes over in Dundee.

J. W. McInnes (1952-55) 2nd year Science, is the editor of "Quorum" and captain of the College 2nd cricket team besides being a member of the Air Squadron.

R. G. F. Walker (1951-55) 2nd year Arts, is in the O.T.C. and is sometimes seen on the links.

R. J. M. Philip (1951-56) 1st year Science, in his now seemingly few leisure hours, forsakes a seat at the desk for one in the saddle of one of the Riding Club horses.

E. A. Davidson (1950-56) 1st year Arts, confines his activities to work and athletics.

Very little is known about Strathallians across the water where it is thought that C. Raitt reads Law and A. Clayton is in his 5th year Medicine at Queens College, Dundee.

D. C. Rossie is occasionally seen in St. Andrews. He is stationed in the R.A.F., Leuchars.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY

EVERYONE is evidently working so hard here that no notes have been compiled—an omission which will be made good at December with interest.

Old Boys' News

ALAN J. FITZPATRICK (1949-54) is still pursuing his studies at Paisley Technical College for his Engineering Degree. He plays rugby for Craigielea.

John B. Balfour reports from the Argentine that the local Strathallian Club intend to have another reunion in July when Allan Grant makes his second visit there to judge Aberdeen

Angus cattle at Palermo Show. All Strathallians in this hemisphere are advised to communicate with Robert M. Fraser, Patricios 1053, Buenos Aires, the Secretary, who has kindly undertaken once again the organising of what we know will be another very successful function. Lang may your lum reek in the Argentine!

Dr. Ian Martin-Scott, V.R.D., M.D. (1928-31) who is Consultant Dermatologist to several hospitals in the N. W. Metropolitan Region of Hertfordshire has resigned his R.N.V.R. commission after 20 years of service. He has had lunch once or twice recently with W. G. Leburn, M.P., who continues to be kept very busy with politics. If the filibustering in the Scottish Grand Committee ever gets under Gil's skin—which we doubt—he will know where to get expert attention.

We believe David S. Edgar (1950-54) has recently completed National Service with the R.A.F. He has now commenced a five years apprenticeship with the de Havilland Aircraft Co. Ltd. at Hatfield.

David A. Laird (1950-55) has completed his second year Civil Engineering Course at Glasgow University. He is Scottish representative on the National Industrial Committee of the Student Christian Movement of Great Britain.

Robin W. W. Paterson (1951-56) has passed the first half of his first year Medical exams at Glasgow University. He plays hockey for the 'Varsity 1st XI.

Ian R. Birss (1946-49), who graduated B.Sc. at St. Andrew's University with first class honours in Physics, has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in the Natural Philosophy Department of Glasgow University.

A. Ronald MacLeod (1938-41) is President of the Scottish Association of Manufacturers' Agents this year.

Ronald S. Barrie (1936-41) has been appointed manager of Gestetner Ltd., for Edinburgh and district, the Borders and Fife.

D. M. Anderson (1952-56) is at present at the Officers Cadet School, Eaton Hall, Chester, and hopes to be commissioned at the end of July in the Black Watch. He has played in the Rugger XV which won the Western District Championships.

John Frederick Stewart (1923-25) is now a Director of Dundee High School.

George K. Chalmers (1928-32) has just returned from a six-month holiday in South Africa. We are not sure whether he indulged in big game hunting. He is still a bachelor and he saw one of the recent test matches.

We congratulate Dr. George W. Balfour (1926-34) of Jedburgh on his recent appointment as Chairman of the South Eastern Counties Division of the British Medical Association. In

his spare time he is Chairman of the selectors of Jedforest Rugby Football Club and was the Club's coach during 1956-57, which was their most successful season—they were Border League Champions and Joint Scottish Champions.

Norman J. Allison (1918-22) writes from Edmonton, Alberta, where he is married, with one son and one daughter. He is Assistant Divisional Manager of the Interprovincial Pipe Line Company.

Dr. W. S. Linton (1930-32) writing from Transvaal says that he cannot remember seeing a single Strathallian tie during the thirteen years he has lived near Johannesburg. He offers a cordial welcome to any Old Boys, particularly doctors, who would like to see over Gilchorn Sanatorium, which is run by the gold mining industry for silicosis and tuberculosis.

H. Willcox (1952-56) is now a Pilot Officer in the R.A.F., stationed at Officers' Mess, R.A.F. Finningly, nr. Doncaster, Yorkshire.

It is regretted that the items for insertion in this column are so sparse. We particularly welcome news from foreign parts. Can we have a bumper edition of these notes for the December magazine, please.

BIRTHS

AULD—On 27th November, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Auld, 19 Rowallan Drive, Kilmarnock, a son.

BALFOUR—At Buenos Aires on 15th December, 1956, to Cecilia, wife of John B. Balfour (1928-34), a daughter.

HASTINGS—On 20th March, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Hastings, Stoneykirr Road, Stranraer, twin sons.

HEADRICK—On 20th January, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. Iain A. Headrick, 8 Cavendish Drive, Newton Mearns, a son.

HOWIE—On 12th April, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howie, "Charnwood", West Kilbride, Ayrshire, a son.

LEWIS—At Giffnock on 19th May, 1957, to Muriel, wife of Douglas W. Lewis (1936-38) a son.

MURRAY—At Deniliquin, New South Wales, on 3rd February, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. George Sanderson Murray, a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

BANNERMAN-JONES — E. W. Bannerman to Miss Jean M. Jones, "Maesmor", Merioneth.

CRICHTON-WATSON — John D. Crichton (1940-45) to Miss Helen M. Watson, Esher, Surrey.

FITZPATRICK-PARK — On 5th April, 1957, H. I. B. Fitzpatrick to Miss Maureen Park, South Beach, Troon.

MILNE-MUNRO—Norman M. Milne (1945-51) to Miss Sheila M. Munro.

MARRIAGES

ALLAM, F. P. (1941-49), to Miss Stella M. Inkster on 1st August, 1955, at Perth, Scotland.

HINSHAW, D. O. (1943-50), to Miss Marlena Via Pree at Collessie Parish Church on 6th March, 1957.

STUART, A. (1944-49), to Miss Doreen K. Simpson at Orchardhill Church, Giffnock, Renfrewshire, on 3rd May, 1957.

DEATHS

HAMILTON, Alan L. (1943-48), aged 26. On 8th April, 1957, in the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, after an operation for appendicitis.

McGREGOR, Ian (1922-24). Suddenly at his home "Branxton", Kilmacollm, on 15th February, 1957.

The School would like to express its sympathy to the families of these two old boys in their bereavement.

PALMER, David A. B. (Ruthven, 1950-56) died as a result of a road accident on 7th December, 1956. He was a very pleasant and well liked member of his House, where during his last year he was a prefect and sergeant in the army section of the C.C.F. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Palmer of Brackley, Northamptonshire, to whom the School would like to express its deep sympathy.

SALVETE**Spring Term, 1957:**

Borland, I. C.; Caldwell, G. S.; Carswell, J. F.; Gloag, R. N.; Kidd, D. M.; Walker, J. W.

Summer Term, 1957:

Arnot, A. M.; Brown, A. H.; Davidson, J. J. W.; Gibb, D. J.; Johnston, I. F.; Lawrie, J.; Lochore, H. J.; Munro, D. W. M.; Nelson, E. A.; Pate, W. S.; Paton, N. D.; Reid, I. W.; Robertson, I. M.; Witsenburg, C. A.

VALETE**Winter Term, 1956:**

Crabb, K. F. H.; Innes, R. A.; Kay, J. M.; Mactaggart, A. D. L. 3rd XV Rugby.

Spring Term, 1957:

Morganthaler, M. J., 1st XV Rugby, Sergeant (Army), Pipe Band; McLean, A. C. J., 3rd XV Rugby, Swimming Team, P.O. (Navy).