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The new Scoreboard looks impressive during our innings against Morpeth

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Editorial

THIS has undoubtedly been a good year for the School, perhaps—as the Headmaster has said—our best year so far. More of our sixth-formers are gaining admission to Oxford and Cambridge—and that is the acid test of a school's academic prowess—and our products are still continuing to impress those canny business men who award Industrial Scholarships. Highlights of the year on the games field were victories in cricket matches with Loretto and Edinburgh Academy, and our defeat of Fettes at hockey; the time is not far distant when successes such as these will cause us no particular excitement. Less spectacular, but probably of greater significance in the out-of-class life of the school, are the new playing fields and pitches which have been brought into use this year; we can now in fact justly feel proud of our grounds. The gymnasium reverberated to the surprisingly pleasant sounds of "Ruddigore" and the stage shook to the thud of a chorus which included a Bridesmaid who wore size 12 shoes. A great deal of hard work led to the Fête, which can only be described as a tremendous financial success. The cause of the Fête, and the cause of a less happy event in the year, was of course the building of our new Chapel; we still have not all the money we need, but the Governors were surely right in their bold decision to start work. This has, more regrettably, led to the felling of the great beech trees in the Chapel Drive: they had become dangerous, and their demolition has greatly lightened the north-west corner of the main building, but nonetheless one was sorry when such venerable relics of an earlier age were cut down.

The School's activities have become more diverse than ever, and innovations include a Science Society and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme; it is about these societies and activities that this Editorial feels obliged to comment. These societies have two main purposes: one is to provide instruction on subjects in which boys are interested, and the other—and more important—purpose is to give boys experience and practice in running things. The Company Director of tomorrow can gain an early taste of a Board Meeting through his membership of a Committee running a Debating Society or Young Farmers' Club, and, perhaps above all, the society official should learn

the meaning of responsibility. It has sometimes happened in the past that a school society has prospered for so long as a master has been able to give it active help, but has quickly faded away as soon as he has withdrawn into the background; where this has happened, it has shown up in an unfavourable light the reliability, sense of responsibility and powers of leadership of the boys holding official positions in that society.

We can all talk glibly about leadership, and, as often as not, the picture in the back of our minds is of issuing the appropriate words of command, and then charging the enemy trenches at the head of our company or battalion. When we think of leadership, we probably think too much about command, too little about responsibility, and perhaps never at all about reliability. The boy who can be relied upon to carry out his particular task in the running of a society, who can be relied upon to give of his best (no matter how poor it may be) on the games field, and who can be relied upon to work conscientiously and to hand in exercises punctually, has already gone far towards earning the respect of those around him, whether masters or other boys; and the acquisition of such respect is a major step towards obtaining powers of leadership which do not depend solely upon the shouted command.

Staff Notes

THE year was sadly marked by the departure of several senior members of the Staff. Mr. A. M. Appleby, for some years Housemaster of Ruthven, left the post of Head of the Modern Languages Department at Christmas to enter the business world; Mrs. Appleby, too, had served efficiently for four years as Headmaster's Secretary. Mr. R. Heron, Housemaster of Freeland, biologist, and ever-enthusiastic coach of rigger and athletics, has gone to Christ's College, Brecon, to undertake very similar responsibilities there. Mr. A. P. F. Alexander has taken his skill at languages, cricket and fencing, and his ebullient personality, to Clare School, Somerset, where he has become Headmaster of the Preparatory School. Finally, Mr. A. S. Gillespie, rich in experience, learning and wisdom, has retired after forty years of teaching biology, years which have won him many academic distinctions; but he was probably less proud of these distinctions than of the help he had been able to give to the less-bright boys in Strathallan and the other schools in which he had taught.

These gentlemen, in their different ways, have all contributed greatly to the progress which the school has made in recent years, and we are all grateful to them for their unsparing

labours on the school's behalf. They and their charming families take with them our good wishes for the future, and our sincere regrets at their departure.

Miss A. L. Newman has also left, after four years as Headmaster's Secretary. During this time she took a keen interest in all school activities, and won the universal respect and regard of the staff, not less by her delightful personality than by her unstintingly hard work on behalf of the school. To her, also, we wish good fortune.

During the year we have welcomed to the Staff five new masters. Mr. P. A. Barker was educated at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, and taught at Eton before coming to Strathallan to teach Chemistry; he has already gained a reputation as an organiser of foreign tours. Mr. R. E. Birley read History at Brasenose College, Oxford, and played for the O.U. Greyhounds Rigger team; his enthusiasm for strenuous out-door activities is perhaps natural for one who was commissioned in the R.M. "Commandos". Maj. T. C. G. Fairbairn was educated at Keble College, Oxford, and is now Head of Modern Languages as well as O/C of the C.C.F. Mr. G. Giles studied at Glasgow University, is now in charge of the Maths and Physics teaching in the school, and has taken over the supervision of the "Workshops". Mr. S. W. J. Penny read Modern Languages at Manchester University, has started the teaching of Russian at the school, and has already made a name for himself in Perth as a fine pianist and string-player.

Mr. R. N. Bain

THERE are perhaps few of us who had the privilege of knowing him intimately. For he was like that, a shy man. Yet most of us must remember the man himself as he went about with purposeful step overseeing the School's business. And most of us were known by him.

While we generations of Strathallians came and went between 1922 and 1955, he gave himself wholeheartedly to us and the School, and looked after expertly our beautiful buildings, grounds and playing fields.

He grew up with Strathallan from its infancy at Freeland House, through adolescence to the final bloom of manhood. He watched with the interest, pride and understanding of a wise parent.

Very few of us realise that he had the responsibility of planning and building the many new projects started and completed over a span of thirty years: gym, swimming pool, new dining room, Simpson House, cricket pavilion, new classrooms and many more. He cherished them all. Himself a craftsman, he loved good workmanship.

He was more than the trusted servant of our Founder Harry Riley: he was his confidant. When after the war a period of lean years overtook us, his loyalty and confidence remained unshaken and he stood as a pillar steadfast on its foundation. Many of us will remember thankfully the helpful advice he tendered when it was sought. Never hasty, never verbose, it came hesitantly, quietly but surely, with a cock of the head, blue eyes sparkling.

We remember with deep gratitude a man of unflinching courtesy, a fine gentleman, and a great friend, who toiled with a big heart unceasingly for the welfare of Strathallan.

Gilmour Leburn, M.P.

Mr. R. P. McGlynn

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. R. P. McGlynn, Hon. L.T.C.L. at the age of 87. He had taught the violin at Strathallan for over 30 years, in fact, ever since the earliest days of the School on the present site. He retired only at the end of the Summer term, 1959. No other member of the staff, past or present, can boast such long and loyal service. Despite the difficulty which he found in walking during his last years it was amazing the energy which he could still command for his teaching. His interest and enthusiasm he kept right up to the very end.

G.W.

Speech Day

THE School was honoured by the visit of Lord Cameron, Senator of the College of Justice, at the annual Speech Day and Prize-giving, held in the City Hall, Perth, on June 4th, 1960.

In his address, Lord Cameron emphasized the need for hard work, but warned us against too much early specialisation which might lead us to excessive narrowness of mind, and to a positively dangerous arrogance of intellect. Nonetheless, we should not attempt to learn too much: unlike Bacon, no man today could take all knowledge to be his province, since the last half-century had seen a vast expansion in human knowledge. Education, Lord Cameron continued, should not be limited to the passing of examinations: a cow could not be turned into a scientist by stamping B.Sc. on its haunches, and it was dangerous to pay more attention to a man's degrees than to his personal qualities.

The Headmaster, in his report, commented on the increasing interest in school activities and on the widening range of studies which boys were now able to pursue at Strathallan: it was now

possible, for instance, for boys to learn Russian. The Headmaster deplored the small time given by the average boy to good reading, as he felt that the impact of television and the growing habit of listening to "pop" records were reducing most boys' reading and that the ease of communication by telephone was diminishing the need for prose composition and letter-writing. Mr. Hoare concluded by calling for a concerted effort from boys, parents and schoolmasters to prevent the decline in reading and writing which threatened imminently to thin out the ranks of the literate to those who had a natural flair in that direction.

Mr. A. Fraser, Chairman of the Board of Governors, reported that, unlike many schools, Strathallan had not found it necessary to increase fees during the current year, and expressed his confidence that the School would continue to forge ahead, as it was the Governors' policy to improve the buildings and facilities for academic, cultural and sporting facilities. He announced that the building of the new Chapel would soon begin, although the total so far raised by the appeal was still some £10,000 below that required.

The speeches were followed by a short concert, in which the School Orchestra and Choir performed very creditably. Particularly commendable were the Choir's rendering of five Negro spirituals, and the Orchestra's performance of two pieces from "Carmen" and of the Overture to Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld".

During the afternoon, the laboratories and art rooms were on display, and Speech Day concluded when the Pipes and Drums beat Retreat.

Speech Day Prize Winners, 1960

The Smith Cup for the Captain of the School	M. R. Mitchell
Prize for the best all round achievement in work in the School	M. J. Bucher
Houston Prize for best all round merit	M. R. Mitchell
English	T. R. Taylor
Classics	A. T. Ross
French	R. B. Gray
Mathematics	P. G. Lawson and A. M. Pate
History	A. T. Ross
Biology	L. C. Lindsay
Physics	A. M. Pate
Chemistry	G. G. H. Gordon
German	R. B. Gray
Geography	R. E. Allcock
Music	H. G. Morton
Art	J. H. Brind

Other Prizes, 1959-60

Senior Dux of School, 1959	M. J. Bucher
Prize for best G.C.E. in IVA, 1959	R. H. Scott
Prize for best G.C.E. in VA, 1959	G. M. Watson
Prize for best G.C.E. in VB, 1959	R. E. Allcock

CUPS, 1959-60

Rugger Cup	Freeland
Melville Cricket Cup	Ruthven
Athletics Cup	Nicol
Hockey Cup	Simpson
Swimming Cup	Nicol
Tennis Cup	Simpson
Sailing Cup	Freeland
Shooting Cup	Ruthven
Music Cup	Simpson

FORM PRIZES

IVB—P. M. Fisher; IVC—H. J. Bosshardt; IIIA—J. G. Clement; IIIB—J. M. Prophet; IIIC—G. M. Thomson; IIA—R. D. Kyle; IIB—J. R. G. Mortimer; I—D. R. Hannay.

Tennis Championship	G. S. Caldwell
Senior Piping	G. C. MacEwen
Solo Drumming	R. W. McInnes
Junior Piping	P. M. Fisher
Shooting	P. M. Fisher
Cricket Prizes:	
Batting Prize	J. C. S. Rankin
Bowling Prize	J. J. W. Davidson
Fielding Prize	T. R. Taylor
Prize for 50 wickets	H. J. Harvey-Walker

The following successes were obtained in the G.C.E. "A" level Examination in July, 1960:

Brind, J. H.	Art
Caldwell, G. S.	Maths and Physics
Findlay, M. A.	Physics and Chemistry
Goodall, P. T.	Maths, Further Maths and Physics
Gordon, G. G. H.	Chemistry
Gray, J. B.	English and History
Gray, R. B.	French and English
Lawson, E. A.	French, German and English
Lawson, P. G.	Maths, Physics and Chemistry
Lindsay, L. C.	Chemistry
Pate, A. M.	Maths, Physics and Chemistry
Rankin, J. C. S.	History
Ross, A. T.	English and History
Sim, I. D. E.	Physics
Smith, P. J. G.	English and History
Taylor, T. R.	French and English
Thomson, J.	Physics and Biology

The following boys obtained five or more passes in the G.C.E. "O" level Examination in July, 1960:

Benson, C.; Birnie, G. W. V.; Bruce, J. A.; Clark, A.; Crabb, T. G.; Crawshaw, C. H.; Cree, I. S.; Duff, T. G.; Duffy, G.; Grant, I. D.; Grant, P. M.; Harrison, R. N.; Kidd, D. M.; Laidlaw, M. G. G.; Lindsay, N. D. M.; Linton, M. J.; Munro, D. W. M.; Nairn, A.; Nelson, E. A.; Porter, J. G.; Renton, S. M.; Reynolds, E. M. G.; Sangster, J. A. W.; Sinclair, N. G.; Sleaf, P. G. F.; Smith, R. B.; Stewart, D. M.; Stuart, B. G.; Thomson, N. A.; Turner, D. I.; Walker, J. W.; Wilkinson, A. P. D.; Wilson, K. R.; Wiseman, J. G. P.; Woolley, I. G.; Young, J. L.

Founder's Day

THE School were successful in the tennis, the relay race, the Fives, and as they had also won the rugby the previous term they regained the trophy from the Old Boys. The cricket match was again drawn which seems to underline the necessity to give more time to this match. The weather was delightful and everyone enjoyed the event although the Pipe Band were unable to perform because they were rehearsing for The Retreat in Edinburgh. The attendance was smaller than usual which was a pity in view of the interesting contests and the lovely weather but probably most of the Strathallians who were not present made a point of attending The Fête as their annual visit to the School.

The Fete

It is not the usual policy of this Magazine to praise lavishly those taking part in any School activity, but in this case such praise was certainly earned by parents, boys and Staff alike. Held on Saturday, 23rd July, between the hours of 2.15 and 5.30 p.m., the Fête, having been graciously opened by Lady Hutcheson, raised approximately £2300 in the course of the afternoon alone, and the final sum realised in aid of the Chapel Fund was £3160.

During a full year before the Fête took place, many parents and friends of the school were engaged in raising the vital sums required for working expenses beforehand, mainly through the holding of coffee mornings, but in many other ingenious ways as well. The gifts provided by parents and others for disposal at the Fête were very generous indeed, and emphasized how many enthusiastic supporters the School now has. In many cases the same generous donors then appeared at the Fête and spent lavishly throughout the afternoon. Others were working at full speed to ensure the smooth running of the many stalls,

which included Garden Produce, Cake and Candy, Woollen Goods, Tombola, Bottles, Parcels and Antiques.

Every boy in the School had his part to play in the Fête, whether in the many varied sideshows or in the very complicated work of preparing the area for these unusual activities. It would be invidious to mention any particular sideshow, but there was a fine all-round display of imagination and skill in conceiving and assembling about thirty of them. Posters and sign-boards painted entirely by the boys would have done credit to any fairground in the country!

A special word of praise is due to the thirty or so unfortunates who were unable to leave with parents after the Fête, but worked so well in clearing up afterwards that not a trace of litter remained by noon the next day.

All in all, it was a fine combined operation, and provided ample evidence that the School is on the crest of a wave at present.

R.A.L.B.

Chapel Preachers, 1959-60

The Headmaster, The Chaplain, Rev. G. A. F. Knight, Rev. R. B. Gorrie, Rev. E. S. Towill, Rev. J. G. Dey, Rev. Robert Dollar, Canon Derrick-Large, Rev. Prof. E. P. Dickie, Rev. James Mackie, Rev. Keith Arnold, Rev. J. F. McLuskey, Rev. J. H. Dutch, Rev. Dr. Adam Burnet, Rev. A. B. Robson, Rev. J. R. Gray, Dr. D. L. Farmer, Mr. M. Gray, Mr. C. P. Hewson, Mr. R. Heron, Mr. R. A. L. Burnet.

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The old beech-trees are with difficulty carried away . . .



. . . and leave a scene of desolation behind them

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Mrs. Jones (I.Q.)	T. Murdoch	J. Hall
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Our latest information, at the time of going to press (September 1960), is that a total of £23,700 has so far been subscribed to the Chapel Appeal.

SALVETE**New Boys, 1959-1960****September, 1959**

Anderson, R. D. (Ri); Beattie, J. S. (F); Bell, I. P. G. (R); Borland, B. M. S. (F); Bosshardt, J. C. (Ri); Bucher, A. R. (R); Clement, J. G. (S); Coubrough, C. M. (R); Cranston, D. A. (S); Donald, A. (S); Eadie, G. R. (Ri); Fitzpatrick, D. W. J. (S); Fleming, J. A. E. (Ri); Fletcher, I. M. (N); Franklin, D. (S); Gilmour, J. M. (N); Graham, D. C. P. (Ri); Greig, C. A. H. (Ri); Gunn, R. H. D. (S); Hannay, D. R. (Ri); Houston, A. G. (Ri); Keech, J. R. (F); Kjørnerod, E. (N); Lamb, R. A. (Ri); Manners-Wood, C. H. (F); Primrose, I. S. (Ri); Quarry, W. W. (F); Rentoul, T. S. (S); Reynolds, E. M. G. (S); Reynolds, P. M. G. (R); Robertson, B. A. A. (N); Slater, R. M. (Ri); Taylor, D. C. (Ri); Turner, R. M. (Ri); Turner, R. P. (N); Wilkie, R. (S); Wilkinson, A. W. (N).

January, 1960

Dawson, M. I. M. (R); Fawcett, T. R. (F); Fleming, H. A. (R); Kincaid, J. D. (N); McKeever, F. B. (F); MacLeod, A. H. S. (S); Moffat, R. E. K. (F); Murray, R. I. M. (Ri).

April, 1960

Alpine, G. (F); Currie, D. J. S. (S); Dunbar, J. A. (Ri); Lang, R. M. M. (Ri); Logan, R. G. (F); Lyburn, A. D. (Ri); Russell, R. T. M. (N); Wearmouth, C. C. (F); Wilson, J. (Ri); Wright, A. L. (F).

VALETE**Leavers, 1959-1960****December, 1959**

Baxter, R. F. ... Clairinch, Helensburgh.
 Blackburn, C. A. ... 32 Heaton Grove, Bradford, 9, Yorks.
 Campbell, A. D. K. ... c/o Starrbank House, Luthrie, Cupar.
 Carswell, R. A. ... 19 Calderwood Road, Newlands, Glasgow.
 Eason, P. A. ... 161 Ayr Road, Newton Mearns, Glasgow.
 Gray, W. ... Turnberry Lodge, Girvan, Ayrshire.
 Hayward, J. J. U. ... "Strathearn", Kilmacolm.
 Lyburn, R. ... 13 Wheatland Drive, Lanark.
 Wallace, P. G. ...
 Worsley, D. A. ... 385 Perth Road, Dundee.
 Hunter, S. R. ... 3 Me'ville Terrace, Stirling.

March, 1960

McMurray, B. A. ... 3 Evelyn Villas, Holehouse, Kilmarnock.
 Quarry, G. O. ... Anchor Hotel, Coldington, Berwickshire.
 Page, C. B. ... 63 Filsham Rd., St. Leonards on Sea, Sussex.

July, 1960

Annot, A. M. ... 37 Victoria Street, Alloa.
 Beattie, C. J. ... Crookston Farm, Brechin, Angus.
 Bremner, J. A. ...
 Brind, J. H. ... 48 Newlands Avenue, Radlett, Herts.
 Brown, A. H. ... Monkscroft, Auchterarder.
 Bucher, M. J. ... Netherwolds, South Cove, E. Yorks.
 Caldwell, G. S. ... 33 Welholme Road, Grimsby, Lincs.

Christie, R. S.	Craigpark, Thorntonhall, Glasgow.
Clark, A.	Auchencairn, 68 Union St., Hamilton.
Cook, A. S.	Merryhill, Thakeham, Pulborough, Sussex.
Cousins, A. E. G.	46 Chalkwell Avenue, Westcliff on Sea, Essex.
Davidson, H. J.	33 Redburn Av., Whitecraigs, Glasgow.
Davidson, W. A.	Fenwick Granary, Beal, Berwick on Tweed.
Duff, T. G.	11 Seaforth Av., Annan.
Duffy, G. H.	27 Dundas Street, Comrie, Crieff.
Findlay, M. A.	Croy, 137 Mearns Rd., Clarkston, Renfrewshire.
Gibbons, C. D. C.	The Spinneys, West Lane, E. Grinstead, Sussex.
Gloag, R. N.	Turfhills, Kinross.
Goodall, P. T.	Blairfindy Lodge, Glenlivet, Banffs.
Gordon, G. G. H.	8 Hatfield Drive, Glasgow, W.2.
Grant, I. D.	Thorn, Blairgowrie.
Gray, J. B.	97 Dundonald Rd., Kilmarnock.
Gray, R. B.	
Hutt, E. D.	
Jolly, J. P. G.	Fisherton, Gamrie, Banffshire.
Lawrie, J.	Clashbenny, Glencarse.
Leighton, J. G.	36 Mearns Road, Clarkston, Glasgow.
Lindsay, L. C.	18 Broomieknowe Road, Rutherglen.
Lusk, J.	Normanhurst, 56 Midton Rd., Ayr.
MacEwen, G. C.	2 Transy Place, Dunfermline.
McInnes, R. W.	Larksfield, 41 Bowfield Rd., W. Kilbride, Ayrshire.
McIntyre, N.	Logan Mains, Ardwell, Stranraer.
MacLennan, G. G. H.	
MacLeod, J. C.	Kilchearan, 25 Oswald Rd., Edinburgh.
Mathewson, K. M. R.	West Bank, Canniesburn Rd., Bearsden, Glasgow.
Miller, I. M.	3 Cluny Villas, Jordanhill, Glasgow, W.4.
Mitchell, M. R.	27 Bailie Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow.
Murdoch, W.	Dunira, Dullatur, nr. Glasgow.
Pate, I.	Appin Bank, Arbroath Road, Carnoustie.
Porter, J. G.	Sryne, Carnoustie.
Pottinger, H. T.	Greenland House, Castletown, Caithness.
Rankin, J. C. S.	Cross Keys, High St., Harpenden, Herts.
Reid, D. G.	Fordhouse of Dun, Montrose.
Reid, I. W.	8 Craignethan Rd., Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.
Roselle, S. R.	
Ross, A. T.	54 Herberton Park, Belfast.
Scott, J. R. A.	Clevans Hill, Bridge of Weir.
Shepherd, W. N.	40 The Drive, Tynemouth, Northumberland.
Sim, I. D. E.	
Sinclair, N. G.	Glendevon Farm, Perth.
Smith, I. M.	412 Didsbury Rd., Heaton Mersey, Stockport.
Smith, P. J. G.	Tillywhally, Milnathort.
Smith, R. B.	Dunnymuck, Girvan.
Smith, D. M.	Seafeld Lodge, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
Thomson, I. C.	Devonhall, Muckarts, Perthshire.
Thomson, J.	Pathhead, Dunbar, E. Lothian.
Young, J.	Boglea, Alyth.

The Question

When will Death come and how will we end?
Will it all end in a cold, damp grave,
In a wooden coffin six feet down?
Or will we go in a chariot
Of flame and fire high above the earth
To happiness in the Elysian fields?
When will Death come and how will we end?
Will it come tomorrow, the day after that?
We wander pathless through Time's endless streets,
Through the rough, unmetalled streets of years,
As in a maze, seeking our way,
The way to Life's end, an exit to Death.

When will Death come and how will we end?
Will there be a life after our death?
If so, where? In the dark of Orcus,
In the blistering heats of Hell-fire,
Or in blissful joy at God's right hand?
How can we know which till our end comes?

D. G. Linton.

"Home"

I'm dreaming of th' enchanted seas,
Of white sails, red in the sunset,
Of the wind, rustling in the trees,
Of a brilliant-hued sky;
And that is why I cry.
As on an invisible screen,
I see the shapes of those I love,
Now never again to be seen;
At least, not for a long time.
Sadly, I puzzle at this mime.
When I awake from my day-dream,
I think of that far-away land,
Tasting those fresh peaches and cream,
Flaming sarongs whirling;
Prayers to Allah blood-curdling.
I think of that cool mountain range,
With Noah's Ark on Ararat;
More . . . why does the picture change;
Into shadow slowly sink?
I wish I did not think.

D. M. Lawson.

When I sit in the Latin class
 My mind begins to wander,
 On learning verbs like "do" and "sum"
 I simply cannot ponder.
 I find it hard to concentrate
 On silly things like tenses,
 But when it comes to nouns and verbs,
 They nearly drive me senseless.
 Though I find Latin hard to learn,
 I simply have to say
 I find Maths twice as bad,
 It gets worse day by day.
 Now art's one of the subjects
 I really did adore,
 But now we've started drawing flowers
 I find it's just a bore.
 French, Maths and History,
 They all mean one thing: **WORK!**
 And though I hate admitting it
 That's one thing that I shirk.

A.J.F.

I'm bending on the study floor
 My painful fate to bear,
 Three strokes descend with mighty force
 I try hard not to swear.
 It's over now, I try to tell
 My crowding chums once more.
 It stung a bit, I'll say to them,
 But it's not really sore.

A.J.F.

Work

The summer term is here again,
 A term of much hard work and strain.
 Although I try with all my might,
 It seems to me to be in vain.
 You must work hard the masters say,
 You must work harder every day.
 A B.S. on your card must find,
 Unless you want a sore behind.
 At last exams are drawing near,
 The marks of which one dreads to hear.
 I've failed! Oh deary, deary me,
 Another year in old IIC.

R.J.M.

My Island in the West

The Isle I look upon is a beautiful Isle,
And I appreciate its beauty.
The Isle I look from is a beautiful Isle,
And I appreciate its beauty.
It lies Hebridean untouched, unscathed.
Few travellers, few natives,
But of those native few much can be said.
They are the few, the remaining few, the few of many.
Many were Macleod of Raasay.
Many were Macleod of Raasay, but now few;
Becoming fewer.

But I love the Isle I look from,
I love its quiet, its solitude.
No troubles . . .
Time obsolescent . . .
Just peace.

I would live here — but let me say — not
I repeat not for youth or manhood
But for vintage.
I would retire here, sit by my door in sunlight,
Smoke . . .
 smile . . .
 love . . .
 and die.

But what would death be to me?
My body would burn, be eaten,
But my soul — my mind
Yes my mind — that's what matters
Nothing else . . . Death? . . . Grave? . . .
Grave, what power do you possess
To make men, strong men, weak with fear?
I see no end to myself through you, because . . .
Because . . . Because I am at peace
I am at Raasay
And I appreciate its beauty.

R.F.R.

Glen Ey and the Lairig Ghru

Or, Per Ardua Ad Aviemore

THE four of us—R. S. Peters (the leader), C. T. M. Cornish, G. M. Watson and D. M. Lawson, candidates for the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Standard Award, had been given instructions for an Expedition which was to take us two and a half days and fifty miles. We had to walk from the Devil's Elbow at the top

of Glenshee, through the Lairig Ghru, and our instructions contained an order to bathe in a loch before 6 a.m. one morning! So, after lunch on Corps Day, Friday 20th May, having spent two days collecting and packing our food and equipment, we piled into Dr. Farmer's car and eventually reached the top of the Devil's Elbow.

Leaving the car, we started off straight up the mountainside on the west of the road and, after what seemed to us a gruelling and long climb, we reached the summit of Cairnwell (3,059 ft.). It must be remembered that we each had 45 lbs. of food and gear on our backs, which is why we found the going rather hard at first. From the summit of Cairnwell we had a magnificent view of the Glen, Glas Maol, and the whole range to the East. Unfortunately, though, the mist was coming down; otherwise we would have had an even better view. Leaving the summit, we descended to the N.W., with the going much easier, and passed near Loch Vrotachan. Rounding the ridge of a big corrie, we veered right round until we were heading almost due South.

So far we had been following a rough path, but we soon discovered that we were too far South. We struck off our original path, and headed to the N.W.: we rounded a hump called Carn a' Sac, crossed a long, level patch of heather, and contoured round Carn a' Gheoid to the South. Here it was that we made the mistake which took us miles out of our way and put hours on to our walking time. We read the map wrongly, and consequently we decided to descend the valley of Allt Aulich, which we thought was a valley further north. When we reached the end of the valley, we realised our mistake, and decided to climb the mountain on the north of the valley. Once on the top, we saw the valley we should have gone down, and also the valley in which ran the burn from the loch beside which our first camp was to be. Our descent to the correct glen was steeper and took longer than we had expected, and our boots took a beating on the loose scree.

From here we went up the valley we had seen from the top, following the burn, the Allt Easgaidh, N.W. up to Loch nan Eun. We were all feeling very tired, and our progress was very slow, but we reached our destination shortly after 9 p.m. We quickly pitched our two two-man tents, and started to cook our supper . . . Calamity of calamities! someone had forgotten the two tins of spaghetti, so we had to make do with fried sausages, Ryvita, butter and jam, and scalding tea. After this we went to bed—or rather crawled into our sleeping-bags—very thankfully, after a strenuously satisfactory first day.

The next morning we crawled out of our sleeping bags, not so thankfully, at 5.30 a.m., and plunged into the icy cold loch, as we had been instructed to do. In fifteen seconds we were out

of it, jumping up and down trying to restore our blood circulation! When we had recovered our breath, we cooked an excellent breakfast—never did a breakfast taste so good! After washing up, we struck camp and set off northwards round the loch in excellent spirits.

At the end of the loch, we turned off up a burn and climbed half-way up Beinn Iutharn Bheag. Only then did we come out of the mist, which had soaked our tents during the night. It had lifted for about five minutes while we were striking camp, giving us our first view of the whole loch, and allowing our photographer (Watson) to take some photographs. Having rounded the shoulder of the mountain, we reached the Ey burn, which runs down to join the Dee at Inverey. We followed the burn, and soon came to the ruined Altanour Lodge, which stands on its own in a small copse of Scots Pine, the majority of which have been blown down, or lean crazily against other trees. We entered the rather ghostly copse, in a silence broken only by an occasional bleat from a lamb looking for its mother, and rested outside the once fine-looking building.

It was still only 9 a.m. when we set off again, following a track leading away from the lodge down Glen Ey, which now broadened out into a flat valley with the burn meandering down the middle. For an hour and a half, we followed the track until we reached what the map called "The Colonel's Bed". We investigated this feature, and found a deep gorge with a narrow ledge alongside a very deep and swift-running pool. We found by experiment that because of a big over-hang, someone lying on the ledge could not be seen from above. The legend has it that, after the battle of Killiecrankie, the Black Colonel—John Farquharson of Inverey—hid there to avoid the searching government troops. We were also surprised to see a large number of salmon in the pool, waiting for the river to rise so they could go upstream. Unfortunately, our programme allowed no time for amateur poaching, and we had to press on quickly to Inverey, a small straggling Deeside village from which we telephoned back to Strathallan news of our safe progress, as we had been instructed to do.

We continued along the South Bank of the Dee, crossed it at Linn o' Dee, a beautiful gorge enhanced by a series of rapids and waterfalls, and doubled back on the North Bank until we came to the locked gate guarding the private road to Derry Lodge. We chose to follow the Lui burn to Derry Lodge, rather than the actual road, and then had lunch while we sketched the Lodge, which the Game Warden told us was used by the Cairngorm Mountaineering Club. We set up our tents to dry in the sun, after their soaking in the mist the previous night, and went on again after an hour or so.



Cairngorm prospect; a Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition



D. G. Reid wins the Senior 440 at Dunblane in 54.2 secs.

We soon reached the James Parker Memorial Bridge, erected in 1958 by the Cairngorm Club in recognition of his services to Scottish Mountaineering; we crossed the bridge, admiring the lovely pool beneath it, climbed to 2,000 ft., and struck a peaty, rocky path, which proved sore on the feet. We now had a good view of Glen Lui and Glen Derry back the way we had come, and ahead a panorama gradually unfolded as we rounded the shoulder of the mountain: straight ahead, Glen Geusachan showed a perfectly rounded "U", a good example of a glaciated valley, but we eventually descended into Glen Dee, at right angles to it. Still following the path, we approached the Devil's Point, rising straight up from the Glen to a spear-point. As we neared it, we saw the massive slabs of slippery rock which formed the sides, and noticed that the mountain was almost perfectly conical: it looked almost unclimbable. Soon we saw our objective—Corrour Bothy, below which we had decided to camp for the night. We descended from the path to the river, crossed it by an aluminium bridge, and picked a suitable spot for pitching camp. It was now 6.30, and the sun was going down behind Devil's Point. After a quick dip in the Dee, we had tea and watched the shadow of Devil's Point, cast by the setting sun on the mountain-side opposite, creep up to the top of the hill. Then, suddenly, everything was dark in the glen, although there was still a blue sky, flushed with the pink of the setting sun, above us. We soon turned in, as we were to have an early start in the morning.

We were up at 4 a.m., and one member of the party had a dip; then we all had breakfast, struck camp and set off up a path towards the summit of Cairn Toul. Our instructions permitted us to travel along the ridge of Cairn Toul and Braeriach — both over 4,000 ft. high — provided there was no mist. Unfortunately, we were forced to abandon this plan: when we had climbed up to the col between Devil's Point and Cairn Toul, at a height of 3,500 ft., we found that the last 700 ft. were completely hidden in mist. We waited hopefully for twenty minutes, but at that early hour there was no wind fresh enough to clear it away, and we decided very regretfully to descend again to the bottom of the pass.

As we walked along the Lairig Ghru, we had some magnificent views of the Garbh a' Choire, particularly of the tumbling cascade of one of the tributaries of the Dee, which falls sheer for some 500 ft. from Lochan Uaine, nestling in a corrie high up on Cairn Toul. Just before we reached the Pools of Dee, we noticed several pieces of aluminium alloy; we hazarded a guess that they might have been the remains of a crashed aircraft, but we were unable to verify this.

The actual Pools of Dee, at the summit of the Lairig itself, are extremely cold and clear, and are seemingly paved with flat stones, which look for all the world like crazy paving and give the impression that they are artificial. The whole Lairig or Pass is very bleak, rocky, and depressingly desolate, but forms the most important pass in the Cairngorms, being a great cleft in the middle of the highest mountains in the range. We had arrived at the summit of the Lairig at 9.30 a.m., and emerged at the beginning of the Rothiemurchus Forest at noon.

After traversing, with the aid of our map, the network of paths in the Forest, we reached a road at Coylum Bridge and eventually arrived at Aviemore. We left our kit at the Station, and were able to find a nearby tea-room open on the Sabbath. We soon caught our train, which was joined by another Strathallan party at Blair Atholl, and arrived back at Perth. As we should have had to wait two hours for a bus back to Forgandenny, we had been instructed to catch a bus to Bridge of Earn and then to walk back to Strathallan. Those last three weary miles were accordingly completed . . . never have I been so glad to see again the familiar school buildings!

D. M. Lawson.

Proverbs of Hong Kong

“Hong Kong is free country where a man can do just as his wife pleases”.

“Although there isn't much to see in small place like Hong Kong, what you hear makes up for it”.

“Wise man he know everything . . . smart man he know everybody”.

“Best reducing exercise is to move head slowly from side to side when offered second helping”.

“A curve he is straight line after three cocktails”.

“Some people's voices hard to extinguish over telephone”.

“Lawyer is person who helps you to get what's coming to him”

“Waitress is girl who thinks money grows on trays”.

“Smart man is he who thinks twice before saying nothing”.

“Proverb he is short sentence based on long experience”.

“Teenage is age between pigtails and cocktails”.

“One of the best tests of religion is to find yourself in church with nothing but a \$5 bill in your pocket”.

J.A.B.

Chemical Research Laboratory

Report on a new Element

Caution:—Highly explosive when in inexperienced hands.

WOMAN

Symbol:—WO.

Accepted Atomic Weight:—120.

Physical Properties:—Boils at nothing and may freeze at any minute. Melts when properly treated. Very bitter if maltreated.

Occurrence:—Found wherever man exists, seldom in the free state.

Chemical Properties:—Possesses great affinity for gold, silver, platinum and precious stones. Violent reaction when left alone. Dissolves easily into tears. Able to absorb great amounts of food matter. Turns green when placed beside a better-looking specimen.

Uses:—Highly ornamental. Useful as a tonic in acceleration of low spirits and as an equalizer of the distribution of wealth. Is probably the most effective income-reducing agent known.

I.D.E.S.

The Facts and Figures of Past 1st XIs

Most runs scored in a season:—In 1936 J. G. S. Forrest scored 673 runs in 12 innings.

Highest average:—In 1936 J. G. S. Forrest's average was 96.1 runs.

Most 100s in a season:—In 1936 J. G. S. Forrest scored 7 100s (2 were in house matches).

Highest individual score:—In 1936 R. Johnston scored 150 n.o. against Daniel Stewart's.

Most boundaries in an innings:—In 1936 R. Johnston scored 137 against Dollar which included 3 sixes and 24 fours.

Highest team score:—In 1936 296 runs were scored against Daniel Stewart's.

Most runs by a team in a season:—In 1936 2,221 runs were scored in 14 games.

Lowest score by an XI:—16 runs against Dupplin in 1938.

Highest opponents' score:—263 runs were scored by H. B. Rowan's XI in 1938.

Lowest opponents' score:—23 runs scored by Perth Academy in 1950.

Most catches in a season:—C. W. Lacey took 13 catches in 1929.

Best wicket keeping record:—In 1957 G. T. Hudson made 12 stumpings and took 11 catches.

Most wickets in a season:—In 1933 W. Watt took 66.

Best bowling average:—In 1949 J. A. Chalmers' average was 5.03 runs/wkt. He took 64 wkts. for 322 runs.

Most convincing wins:—In 1936 the XI beat Dollar by 205 runs. In 1959 the XI beat Morrison's by 10 wkts.

Best bowling analysis:—W. Watt took 9 for 21 against Aberdeen G.S. in 1933. M. S. Jamieson, 8 for 11 against Old Boys in 1957. A. J. Harvey-Walker, 7 for 10 against Daniel Stewart's in 1959.

Best partnerships:—

OPENING:—204 runs by G. M. Dobson and J. W. MacMillan against Hillhead H.S. in 1932.

1st Wkt.:—193 runs in 90 mins. by J. G. S. Forrest and R. Johnston against Dollar in 1936.

2nd Wkt.:—69 runs by W. C. Roy and A. Fleming against Daniel Stewart's in 1933.

3rd Wkt.:—73 runs by E. C. MacCrimmon and R. W. Gregory against Army XI in 1942.

4th Wkt.:—80 runs by N. A. Gillanders and W. W. Watt against India of Inchinnan in 1932.

7th Wkt.:—103 runs by N. Thomson and G. Sharp against Rowan's XI in 1932.

I.D.E.S.

School Library

It is a common complaint of most librarians that their public exercises no discretion, nor demonstrates any orderly trait in its character, once it has set foot within the sacred precincts of the Library. We are no exception to this rule. Our "public"—mainly sixth formers—leaves unmistakable examples of its handiwork behind it, torturing the Librarians' tidy minds, and perplexing them as to how anyone ever could put Vol. 23 of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* before Vol. 22. We are beginning to contract a persecution complex and to look upon no-doubt innocent school boys with loathing, as suspected book disturbers. However, until this moment we have suffered in silence; now we say, "Please put books back where you found them, and read the easily understandable instructions provided for your benefit".

Having got this off our chests, may we go on to state that almost one hundred new books have been added to the Library this year, including:—

The King's Peace (*Wedgewood*); The Oxford Atlas; Arabian Sands (*Thesiger*); South America (*Shanahan*); Voyages (*Hakluyt*); The Oxford Classical Dictionary; Science as History (*Garman*); The Glory that was Greece (*Stohart*); Come to the Opera (*Williams*); Collins Music Encyclopedia; The Skin of the Earth (*Miller*); Renaissance and Reformation (*Green*); Russia and Her Colonies (*Kolarz*); The Letters of Alex. Pope; The King's War (*Wedgewood*); Milton's Poetical Works (2 vols.); Hellas and Rome (*Zschietzschmann*); A History of Fortifications

(Toy); Aspects of British Art; A History of English Literature; Geography from the Air (*Walker*); China's Changing Map; A History of Spain and Portugal (*Atkinson*).

Our thanks go to Mrs. Manson, Rev. A. Cameron, Mr. R. E. Birley and S. R. Roselle for donating books.

R.E.A.

E.A.L.

A Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

After a highly successful sporting season has just closed, may I remind your readers that school life should consist of, in order of importance: work, games and activities. The first two appear to be flourishing at Strathallan, but the last is in a curiously lethargic state. This is not due to a lack of masters willing to support clubs and societies, but is due to an almost universal apathy among the senior members of the school to do anything more than is actually compulsory.

What is needed is a band of seniors who are willing to promote societies and train the more junior members of the school to be proficient not only in the activity which the society follows, but in the art of organising and maintaining interest within the society.

In previous years few seniors have responded to this challenge, and the little work that has been done has fallen entirely on the shoulders of the Staff, and a dedicated few whose labour has been forgotten after their departure into the outside world. This state of affairs should not be allowed to exist in the Strathallan of today. A concentrated effort should be made at the beginning of each school year to ensure a firm nucleus round which societies may be woven. Combined with this suitable space should be found for club activities; masters' support should be enrolled; an integrated activities timetable drawn up, and juniors should be discouraged from having more than one Silent Reading activity per week.

This programme would, I am sure, at least start to bring this last, but vital, aspect of Strathallan life up to the same high standard achieved by work and games.

Yours, etc.,

“A Voice in the Wilderness”

[It is hoped that the writer of this letter will endeavour to give a lead—Editor.]

Dramatic and Operatic Society

“Ruddigore”

ON 29th and 30th March, the School gave performances of “Ruddigore”. This was our most ambitious production to date, for even “The Mikado” had not required mass dancing on a tiny stage, the tricky business of bringing portraits to life, or complete changes of costume and make-up for the Second Act. To overcome these special difficulties, a really fine team spirit was necessary, and it was undoubtedly forthcoming.

Taking the Principals in their order of appearance, there was a very spirited performance from George as Dame Hannah, especially when threatening the wicked Sir Ruthven with a knife! His alto singing was both clear and powerful, a very difficult achievement for a boy, in this type of role.

Borland, as the very self-assured Rose Maybud, spoke the dialogue very intelligently and sang some difficult songs well. The duet with Robin (“I know a youth who loves a little maid”) was delightful, and the accompanying gestures and facial expressions were splendidly timed by both.

McKinlay, in his double role as Robin Oakapple and Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd, made a very effective transition from gauche youth to rasping Baronet, and backed up some good singing with very accomplished dancing.

In the small part of Robin’s faithful Servant, Bremner was quite adequate, for he not only looked, but also sounded, suitably ancient.

Galt was in fine voice as Richard Dauntless, and looked every inch the Victorian Jack Tar, especially when dancing a very spirited hornpipe. His performance was particularly valuable in holding together the slightly weaker First Act.

Each appearance of M. M. Miller as Mad Margaret was a highlight, and it was remarkable to find such a mature performance from a Riley boy. He struck up a fine partnership with Johnston, as Sir Despard Murgatroyd, when, both dressed in sober and penitent black, they performed the deliciously prim song and dance:

“I once was a very abandoned person—.”

Johnston was very effective from the moment of his first dramatic appearance as the wicked Baronet. He showed great presence of mind when, on losing the words of the “Patter” song on one occasion, he feigned a realistic huff and stumped off stage!



Act I: "Belay, Sir, I pray you!"



Act II: "Then is the ghosts' high-noon!"

Goodall, as Sir Roderick Murgatroyd, was given the opportunity of singing "The Ghosts' High Noon", which has been rightly described as: "worthy of grand opera at its best" Backed up by a chorus of Tenors and Basses who did very well throughout, he made this one of several highlights in the Second Act. Another was his Ballad with George towards the end of the play.

Both R. M. Smith and A. A. Macgregor did well as Professional Bridesmaids: but since the supply of good trebles has been rather low this year it was perhaps as well that the Chorus of Bridesmaids and Fishgirls had less to sing than in most of the other comic operas. They were certainly adequate, and, of course, made as fine a bevy of beauties as always.

The orchestra deserves special mention. Although its role in this type of production is a subservient one, it is of the greatest importance that it be carried out well. Required from each member of the orchestra is a high standard of concentration, and the ability to accompany the singers sufficiently quietly. Concentration is especially necessary for the wind instrument players, whose entries are widely spaced and who may therefore have much careful counting to do. On the whole, the orchestra fulfilled these requirements and, in the course of doing so, mastered a greater amount of music than had ever been necessary for a concert. They also had much less rehearsal. In addition, a fewer number of players from outside the school was called in than for any previous Gilbert and Sullivan production.

Credit must also be given to the stage-hands and painters, under Cornish, and to Lawson's hard-working band of make-up assistants; suffice it to say that there were no discernible flaws in their work.

The hired costumes were perhaps more successful than in previous productions requiring chorus girls, but were overshadowed by the brilliantly-attractive dresses made for Rose and Mad Margaret by Miss A. L. Newman. Her loss to the School will be felt not least by the Wardrobe department of the Dramatic Society.

The final impression left was that, by very good team-work, both on and off-stage, what might have been an ambitious failure was in fact an undoubted success.

R.A.L.B.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

SIR RUTHVEN MURGATROYD	J. G. M. McKinlay
<i>Disguised as Robin Oakapple, A Young Farmer</i>	
RICHARD DAUNTLESS	H. Galt
<i>His Foster-Brother</i>	

SIR DESPARD MURGATROYD of Ruddigore	A. G. Johnston
<i>A Wicked Baronet</i>	
OLD ADAM GOODHEART	J. A. Bremner
<i>Robin's Faithful Servant</i>	
SIR RODERICK MURGATROYD	P. T. Goodall
<i>The Twenty-First Baronet</i>	
ROSE MAYBUD	B. M. S. Borland
<i>A Village Maiden</i>	
MAD MARGARET	M. M. Miller
DAME HANNAH	A. I. George
<i>Rose's Aunt</i>	
ZORAH (} R. M. Smith
<i>Professional Bridesmaids</i>	
RUTH	A. A. Macgregor

CHORUS OF BRIDESMAIDS AND FISHER GIRLS

Trebles

I. W. L. Brown, A. A. Clark, A. J. Fleming, N. O. U. Hayward, M. H. P. Keith, R. D. Kyle, D. W. Logan, R. J. Macfarlane, W. A. Macmillan, C. H. Manners-Wood, K. A. L. Matthew, W. B. Melville, W. S. Robson, D. A. Smith, D. M. Smith

Altos

D. M. R. Bell, J. S. Donald, D. Franklin, R. M. Lyszkowski, D. W. Menzies, A. R. Thomson, P. M. Weatherston

CHORUS OF OFFICERS AND GHOSTS

Tenors

J. H. Brind, E. A. Fraser, I. S. Gray, D. G. Linton, I. D. E. Sim, B. A. Wingate

Basses

R. E. Allcock, R. N. Gloag, P. T. Goodall, E. A. Lawson, G. C. MacEwen, W. A. M. Macfie, I. M. Miller, R. C. Stark

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Violins:

Mr. S. W. J. Penny (leader)
R. C. Dow
F. R. Bell
J. M. Fletcher
J. B. Gray

Viola:

I. D. Grant

Double Bass:

M. A. Findlay

Flute:

A. Clark

Oboe:

J. M. O. Lang

Clarinet:

I. A. Gow
I. C. Thomson
D. W. E. Agnew

Bassoon:

Mr. D. A. R. Williams

French Horn:

B. W. Hutton

Trumpet:

D. R. Wardhaugh

Tympani and Percussion:

D. I. Turner
A. C. d'Angibau
N. L. Heron

Pianoforte: Mr. R. G. Hall

CONDUCTED BY Mr. G. West

Musical Director	Mr. G. West (assisted by Mr. S. W. J. Penny)
Producers	Mrs. R. A. L. Burnet Dr. D. L. Farmer
Stage Manager	C. M. T. Cornish
Electricians	R. E. Allcock, E. A. Lawson, C. Benson
Portraits	J. H. Brind (assisted by Mr. R. A. H. Craig)
Scenery	Mr. P. A. Barker, Dr. D. L. Farmer, G. M. Watson, R. C. Dow, R. S. Christie, R. J. Marks, R. A. Kenneth, D. W. E. Agnew, J. C. MacLeod, R. A. MacEwen, B. L. Gilmore, B. A. McMurray, M. P. Taitt, J. W. Linn (assisted by Mr. R. A. H. Craig)
Make-up Director	P. G. Lawson (assisted by Mrs. D. Bland)
Costumes for Rose, Hannah and Margaret	Miss A. L. Newman
Other costumes hired from	W. Mutrie & Son, Ltd., Edinburgh

Music Notes

It can be fairly said that in most respects this year has been, musically, a good year. The magnum opus was "Ruddigore" which was performed at the end of the Easter term. In it took part the greater part of the choir and orchestra. The report on the performance is given above.

The choir has been distinguished by the strength of its tenors. Never have so many produced so much. Last year, with a smaller number, they had more often to be restrained than encouraged and this year they have just had to be restrained. The basses also have been strong and have been producing a better tone quality than in past years. The altos have, on the whole, been good though rather light in weight due to lack of numbers. The trebles, however, have been disappointing, especially considering how many there have been of them; at the same time, they have acquitted themselves well on one or two occasions. The strength of the tenors and basses made it possible to form them into a "male-voice" chorus. As such, they sang some negro spirituals on Speech Day with considerable vigour. The appreciation of the audience was such that it was considered worth while to make a record of them (and some other items from the concert) and to sell the record at a profit at the Fête.

The orchestra has improved greatly this year, particularly in the string section which is now playing with much more verve. This is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Miller in the Winter Term and Mr. Penny in the last two terms. A much

larger number of boys are learning the violin in Riley now and this should lead to an increase in the size of the string section in future years. What is required, at present, is some more boys to learn the cello and one or two the double bass. At the beginning of the year the orchestra had lost many members but made a first class recovery. This year we shall again lose some valuable players. We shall particularly miss the pleasant tone quality of Clark's flute playing, the firm foundation from Findlay on the double bass and the important, but seldom heard solo, middle parts played by Grant on the viola.

On Speech Day, among other items, the orchestra played the Overture to "Orpheus in the Underworld". This was rather different from anything it had played before, full of changes of time and tune. Its difficulties, however, were all outweighed by the pleasures of playing the final "Can-can".

The pianists in the School are not often mentioned in these notes. It is a pity that playing the piano is largely a solitary occupation. Violinists can play together in large numbers and an orchestra can absorb quite a large number of wind instrument players but it is unfortunately not possible to have dozens of pianists in an orchestra. But pianists can accompany orchestral instruments playing solos and this is an activity which might profitably be undertaken more often. Also pianists can be useful in playing hymns for House Prayers in their own Houses. It is a great pity that more effort is not made in this direction, particularly among the senior boys.

We have had two recitals at the School this year. The first was a Lecture-Recital by James Blade on "The Instruments of Percussion". This was a first class lecture, illustrated most fully and in a most entertaining way. The second recital was given by the violinist, Frederick Grinke, in the Music Room. There was something in the programme for all tastes and it was greatly appreciated. Mr. Grinke played on the Stradivarius violin which has been loaned to him for his life-time by the Royal Academy of Music.

There have been a number of concerts in Perth by the Scottish National Orchestra, by the Perth Choral Society and by the Perth Symphony Orchestra which in its last concert was supported by Findlay on the double bass. Attendance at these concerts has been disappointing, apart from that at the annual performance of "Messiah". As a result, some well performed, but less familiar, music has been missed by many boys who would have enjoyed it.

Programmes of the concerts given at the School are given below:

INFORMAL CONCERT—16th DECEMBER, 1959

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| 1. Orchestra: | March from "Carmen" | <i>Bizet</i> |
| 2. Violin Solos:
(R. C. Dow) | Minuet from Quintet in E | <i>Boccherini</i> |
| | Melody in F | <i>Rubinstein</i> |
| 3. Wind Quintet:
A. Clark (Flute)
J. M. O. Lang (Oboe)
I. A. Gow (Clarinet)
B. W. Hutton (Horn)
Mr. D. A. R. Williams
(Bassoon) | Three movements from
Divertimento | <i>Haydn</i> |
| 4. Piano Duets:
(Mr. R. G. Hall,
Mr. G. West) | Slavonic Dance in F | <i>Dvorak</i> |
| | Marche Militaire | <i>Schubert</i> |
| 5. Flute Solos:
(A. Clark) | Cantabile from Sonatina in G | <i>Kuhlau</i> |
| | Serenade | <i>Haydn</i> |
| 6. Clarinet Solos:
(I. A. Gow) | Humoreske | <i>Dvorak</i> |
| | Waltz from "Nutteracker
Suite" | <i>Tschaikowsky</i> |
| 7. Violin Solo:
(Mr. W. J. Miller) | First movement from Concerto in
E major | <i>Bach</i> |
| 8. Orchestra: | Two excerpts from "Carmen" | <i>Bizet</i> |
| | (a) "Seguidillas"
(b) Aragonaise | |
| 9. Piano Solos:
(Mr. R. G. Hall) | Dances | <i>Schubert</i> |
| 10. Choir:
(Tenors, Basses) | Three Negro Spirituals
Captain Stratton's Fancy ... | <i>Peter Warlock</i> |
| 11. Orchestra: | Radetsky March | <i>Johann Strauss</i> |

VIOLIN RECITAL BY FREDERICK GRINKE

15th FEBRUARY, 1960

- A Purcell Suite (a) Prelude *arr. Goldsbrough*
 (b) Scotch Tune
 (c) Ground
 (d) Rondeau
- Passacaglia *Handel*
- Preludio) for solo
 Gavotte en Rondeau } violin *Bach*
- Adagio *Mozart*
- Polish Caprice for solo violin *Bacewicz*
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- Adagio *Kodaly*
- Caprice in B flat *Paganini-Kreisler*
- The Little Dancer *Gordon Jacob*
- Praeludium and Allegro *Kreisler*

SPEECH DAY CONCERT—4th JUNE, 1960

1. Orchestra: Two movements from
"Water Music" *Handel*
(a) Pomposa
(b) Air
2. Choir and Orchestra: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" *Bach*
(Solo oboe:
J. M. O. Lang)
3. Flute and Strings: Serenade *Haydn*
(Solo flute: A. Clark)
4. Clarinet and Piano: Slow movement from Pathétique
Sonata *Beethoven*
(I. A. Gow and
H. G. Morton) "Una voce poco fa" from
"The Barber of Seville" *Rossini*
5. Choir: "Sailors' Chorus" from
(Trebles and Altos) "The Flying Dutchman" *Wagner*
Jim, the Carter lad *Folk Song*
6. Orchestra: Pieces from "Carmen" *Bizet*
(a) Prelude to Act III
(b) March
7. Choir: Five Negro Spirituals
(Tenors and Basses) (a) I want to be ready
(b) Steal away
(c) Go down, Moses
(d) Standin' in de need of prayer
(e) Great day
8. Orchestra: Overture: "Orpheus in the
Underworld" *Offenbach*

The choir has performed the following anthems in Chapel during the year:

Thou visitest the earth (Greene); O Saviour of the World (Goss); Jesu, Lamb of God Redeemer (Mozart); Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach); Nunc Dimittis in B flat (Stanford); And the glory of the Lord (Handel); Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (Wesley); Brother James' Air; Laudate Nomen Domini (Tye); Eternal Father (Holst); Declare His honour (Purcell); Wash me thoroughly (Wesley); Let Thy merciful ears (Walker); God so loved the World (Goss); This joyful Easter tide (Carol); If we believe that Jesus died (Goss); The strife is o'er (Vulpis arr. Ley); Let my prayer come up (Purcell); Sanctus from Requiem (Mozart); Grant us Thy peace (Mendelssohn); Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell); Te Deum Laudamus in B flat (Stanford).

Carols sung by the choir at the Christmas Carol Service on 13th December, 1960, were:

The "Hereford" Carol (arr. by Vaughan Williams); Ding, dong! merrily on high; Gabriel's Message (Old Basque arr. Ratcliffe); O little one Sweet (Bach); The Infant King (Old Basque arr. Ratcliffe); The Three Kings (Cornelius); A great and mighty wonder (Praetorius).

The following have passed Associated Board Music Examinations:

Gow, I. A.	Grade V	Clarinet
Clark, A.	Grade IV	Flute
Miller, M. M.	Grade IV	Piano
Hutton, B. W.	Grade IV	Horn
Agnew, D. W. E.	Grade III	Clarinet
Wardhaugh, R. D.	Grade III	Trumpet

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION 1960**ORCHESTRAS**

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| 1. Nicol | Minuet and Trio from Divertimento
in D | <i>Mozart</i> |
| 2. Simpson | Arrangement of part of last movement of
Clarinet Quintet | <i>Mozart</i> |
| 3. Freeland | Minuet from "Berenice" | <i>Handel</i> |
| 4. Ruthven | St. Anthony's Chorale | <i>Haydn</i> |

CHOIRS

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| 1. Freeland | (a) Never weather-beaten sail.
(b) Battle Hymn of the Republic. |
| 2. Nicol | (a) The Handsome Butcher.
(b) Theme song from "Oklahoma". |
| 3. Ruthven | (a) The Handsome Butcher.
(b) Men of Harlech. |
| 4. Simpson | (a) Never weather-beaten sail.
(b) Shedrach, Meshach and Abednego. |

RESULTS

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| 1st Simpson | (17 points) |
| 2nd Ruthven | (16½ points) |
| 3rd Nicol | (10 points) |
| 4th Freeland | (8½ points) |

The Debating Society

THE first debate of the year took the form of a mock election. This was held about a week before the General Election, and, doubtless because of the topicality of the subject, a spirited meeting was enjoyed by the 150-odd boys who attended it. Of this number, 130 were swayed by a combination of M. R. Mitchell's eloquence and their own instincts into voting Conservative. The Labour, Liberal and Communist candidates between them were able to enlist the support of 27 voters. The Labour candidate in particular spent a hazardous half-hour defending the Labour cause (of which he had a very imperfect understanding), and subsequently defending himself personally. This debate was undoubtedly the greatest success of the society in recent years, but efforts to increase the popularity of debating with further meetings failed, possibly because the subjects (chosen in an effort to give interest to the wide variety of intellects patronising debates) were either too trivial or too difficult.

School Debating did, however, receive a stimulus from an outside source. A team of two, Mitchell and McKinlay, was entered for the inter-school Debating Competition sponsored by

the English-Speaking Union. Much to its own surprise and the disbelief of the rest of the school, the team won both rounds of the Perthshire contest. As Perthshire champions, the team progressed to the East of Scotland finals, but was there defeated, partly owing to an error in its interpretation of the subject "That Columbus went too far". As this was the first year in which we had entered for the competition, we were quite well satisfied.

J.G.M.M.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

DURING this last year, the School has joined the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and over thirty boys have been working for the tests in the Scheme.

There are three grades of Award, known as the First Series, Second (or Silver Standard) Series, and Third (or Gold Standard) Series. To gain an Award (normally the boy should start with the First Series and progress onwards to the Gold Standard), the boy has to pass a test in four different types of subject. He has to pass a test in Public Service, by gaining a recognised diploma in first-aid or life-saving, the test becoming progressively more advanced as the boy works through the three Series. He has to pursue actively a hobby for a number of months, and to pass a suitably graded test on his work. He has to complete an Expedition — fifteen miles for the First Series, thirty for the Second and fifty for the Third. Finally, he has to reach in physical fitness, the standard prescribed for that Series.

During the Autumn term, Sister Cooper ran a First - Aid Class for the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association's Junior Certificate, and we were very pleased when Dr. Findlay of Perth passed with good marks all the thirty-odd candidates who entered. It was a most impressive sight to see a form room filled with boys, from 4C up to the second-year sixth, lavishly swathed in slings and roller bandages!

The hobbies chosen by the boys reflected the wide range of interests in the School to-day, and ranged from fishing upwards to mountaineering, including in the ascent subjects such as reading, fencing and carpentry. We are grateful to the various masters who have arranged instruction and testing, particularly to those (not all of them in the peak of fitness) who have allowed themselves to be dragged along the Aonach Eagach ridge in Glencoe when conducting mountaineering tests!

For most of us the physical fitness test were fairly easy, although, since one has to qualify in three different types of

event, those not in the Scheme have sometimes been diverted by the sight of long-distance runners struggling with the javelin, or of shot-putters hopefully striving for a high-jump standard. Full marks, though, to those boys who gained swimming standards in an unheated pool in a burst of enthusiasm half-way through the Autumn term.

But the Expeditions have proved the most popular part of the Scheme, and parties have been out in the hills whenever the School programme has permitted it. In the Spring term, groups were sent on training courses in the Ochills, and gained experience in map reading and fire lighting; at the very end of the term a hardy party completed a hike back from Comrie to Strathallan across the hills. In the Summer term, a party led by Peters traversed the Cairngorms from Glenshee to Aviemore through the Lairig Ghru (an account of this trip appears elsewhere in the magazine), and this journey was later repeated by a group under Allcock. K. I. R. Ross led a party on a four-night tour of the Perthshire hills, and several other worth-while expeditions were made. All these journeys were made without accident or injury (though not without blisters), though one party of boys, senior enough to know better, caused temporary consternation by departing from the timetable for their hike. We are very grateful to Mrs. Waterston, the Housekeeper, for her hard work in supplying all the parties with the food which they thought they ought to take — and the groups who tried to cut down the weight of their packs have only themselves to blame!

The Award Scheme has got off to a good start, but it should be emphasized that it will depend for lasting success upon the efforts made by the boys in the Scheme, not on the encouragement provided by the masters helping with it. The Scheme is proving useful in schools and clubs all over the country in leading boys to develop their interests and their characters, and may be regarded as especially useful for those whose ability at games will not secure for them the prestige of a place in the XI or the XV — though sporting talent has not been lacked by many of those who have been in the Scheme during the last year, since the School Captains of rugby, cricket, athletics and fencing have been among our numbers.

The following boys have completed the Second Series (Silver Standard) of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (names are given in the order of completion of the tests): H. J. Lochore, C. M. T. Cornish, R. N. Harrison, G. M. Watson, R. S. Peters, D. M. Lawson, E. Pickard, G. MacDonald, K. Mathewson, C. C. K. Dunbar, I. S. Cree, I. C. Borland, R. J. Rankin and A. M. Houston.

The Photographic Society

THIS term has seen the completion of the alterations to the dark-room, which is now considered to be as up-to-date, and as fully equipped as one could wish for in any amateur society.

Unfortunately, it was not ready for use until a week before Speech Day, and no doubt this partly explained the extremely small number of photographs entered by members for the usual Speech Day exhibition, although it was widely felt that the major cause was due to apathy, or lack of enthusiasm amongst members. Our thanks, however, go to the masters and non-members who so kindly filled the gaps by their response to the request for photographs

The Italian tour was well represented in photographic and slide form, the latter being made possible by the loan of an illuminated slide stand from Perth Photographic Society. The many coloured exhibits seem to show the increasing popularity of this type of filming. Photographs of "Ruddigore" were also on show.

Our number of members remains around the thirty to forty mark—a most satisfactory figure for a voluntary organisation—but it is regrettable that such a small percentage of members take a keen or active interest in the running of the Society, as is shown by attendances at our few meetings.

The funds are now "out of the red" after the deficit caused by the purchase of the new enlarger and renovation of the darkroom.

All members are deeply indebted to Mr. Hewson, who has "rescued, guided, helped, and strengthened" us with continued interest during this last year.

M.A.F.

Young Farmers' Club

Chairman: J. Thomson. *Secretary,* I. M. Smith.

Treasurer: A. M. Pate.

THE Club has now been in existence for over three years and we are most grateful to Mr. Gillespie for the amount of time and energy he has given to the Club since its foundation. Present and past members of the Club wish him a long and happy retirement.

During the Winter term we held several meetings and several films were shown. As in past terms Mr. Marshall managed to attend one of our meetings and he gave us a very interesting talk on his visit to Russia, just after the war. Meetings in the

Spring term were few and far between, but we managed to go into Perth to see the bull sales, and were delighted when a bull shown by the father of one of our members was awarded the supreme championship.

Meetings in the Summer term are normally suspended and this year was no exception. A party of boys went to the Highland Show in Edinburgh and enjoyed their outing. Earlier in the term some boys had hoped to attend the Fife Show but we mixed up our dates and were thus unable to go. A second outing was held on July 9th and as in past years we entered two teams for the stock judging and one team for the athletics. The Club's stock judging team, comprising Pottinger, Grant and MacIntyre, came third, and the athletics team succeeded in winning the sports trophy, thereby gaining possession of a handsome shield.

H.T.P.

Ski-ing, Spring Term 1960

For the third year running it was decided to train and enter a team for the Tennant Trophy, an inter-district relay race competed for annually in Glenshee. The training was on a more highly organised level than before, thanks to the interest of Dr. McKenzie, under whose auspices the majority of the activities were carried out. At an early stage in the season he impressed on the skiers the paramount importance of good equipment, and of preliminary exercises before taking to the snow.

As ever, cheap transport for the eighty-mile return journey to Glenshee proved a difficulty, but a Bedford Brake was made available on a number of Sundays, and supplemented by private transport from ski-ing parents, old boys and masters, it solved all problems in that sphere.

Not everyone was able to go away as often as would have been desirable, owing to academic commitments, but the eight possibles, from whom the team of six was to be picked, managed to put in a fair amount of practice. At the mid-term week-end, Mr. Smith and Dr. McKenzie took a party of six to Aviemore, where they had the rare opportunity of taking instruction from an Austrian coach.

March 6th was the day of the race, and there was a record entry of twelve teams from the four major cities plus Perth, Stirling, Inverness, Glencoe, Trinity College, Glenalmond and ourselves, some of the cities entering two teams.

One problem we always encounter is the condition that each team shall comprise six men and two women. Our thanks to Miss Smith and Mrs. Mearns for ski-ing for us should be

recorded. The rest of the team was as follows: P. T. Goodall, M. J. Bucher, E. A. Lawson, R. M. Smith, H. J. Bosshardt and A. R. Bucher. We have been lucky in the past in that five of these six have been available for the past three years, and indeed four will be available again for next year's team.

The draw gave us as our first opponents, Dundee B team, who proved the superior skiers, despite a suspected timing error which had temporarily raised our hopes. We were therefore, eliminated in the first round, but it should be remembered that our opponents ski every weekend for four months or so of the year, whereas school commitments limit our available practice time. Nevertheless this was the most competent team we have yet entered, and we can reasonably hope to see this improvement continued in the near future.

Apart from these term activities it is on record that a dozen Strathallians were in Glenshee during New Year week, eight or so were in the Cairngorms at New Year and at Easter, and two were in Austria at Easter. Vive le ski!

E.A.L.

Fishing Club

THERE has been a gratifying increase in the number of boys in the school interested in fishing. This term sixteen new members were elected, bringing the total membership to twenty-six.

A large number of hours have been spent fishing on the pond with a reasonable amount of success, weights ranging between one and two and a half pounds, although of late the fish appear to have become somewhat wary and much unavailing effort has been used in whipping the waters to a foam, much to the amusement of less understanding members of the community.

There has been some talk of having the pond drained, cleaned and restocked, but nothing certain has been arranged yet. Some excitement, however, is occasionally caused when someone catches one of Mr. Gillespie's rainbow trout, introduced to the pond about two years ago.

We also hold two permits to fish on the River Earn, both of which have been frequently used, with a limited amount of success.

Members of the Club are also free to fish the Waters of May, which, although providing somewhat diminutive fish, gives a very pleasant afternoon's fishing.

I very much hope that this advance in the appreciation of the fisherman's art continues in future years, for, if this is so, more ambitious schemes, such as outings and competitions could be arranged.

P.T.G.

Philatelic Society

AFTER a lapse of five years this body was re-formed early in the Christmas term. Two dozen budding philatelists graced the inaugural meeting with their presence. At this first gathering a note was taken of each member's particular sphere of interest in the philatelic world, and of what catalogues, magazines and accessories members could make available to the club as a whole. Lists of both these items of information were soon posted in the meeting room. Exchange of stamps constituted the major part of activities, and from time to time advice was offered to the assembled company on various aspects of the hobby. Unfortunately, as time went on, attendance began to dwindle, and it became obvious that even the pursuit of their favourite hobby was not sufficiently compelling to induce people to trudge across to the club assembly point in Room 12, through darkness, rain, snow and as many varied combinations of the elements as there are stamps in the catalogue, burdened with duffle coat, gloves, torch and an armful of philatelic equipment. It is a disappointing feature of the school's cultural activities that many tend to meet similar untimely ends. The distance of the bare classrooms from the comfortable common-rooms, and the dearth of suitable storage space for private belongings have combined to dampen spirits considerably. Despite the fact that limited storage space was made available for personal treasures, and that two meeting times per week were arranged—Sunday and Tuesday activities—the cons in the end outweighed the pros, and the society again lapsed into dormancy towards the middle of the Easter term. There are, however, some factors in the garden which are rosy. The majority of these who did patronise the club were from the lower forms, and this may be a hint that a cultural wave is sweeping up the school—let us hope so indeed. Much learned and professional discussion was heard in the club room, and all would appear to have benefited to some extent. These were the makings of a good club: a club notice board, a pool of literature and accessories connected with the hobby, and an elected board of representatives from each house, to help the President in planning future club policy. Ideas of a Speech Day display were entertained, but never bore fruit.

E.A.L.

Highland Dancing

We dispensed with lessons during the Winter and Spring terms, in the hope that the break would raise the morale and enthusiasm of the "old faithfuls" who had comprised the dancing team for four years. The lack of practice was evident in the

East of Scotland Schools competition, in which we danced adequately to gain third position; but we lacked that final polish which, coupled with the addition of J. A. Bremner who had to step down with a sprained ankle at the last minute, could have gained us a higher place. R. B. Gray came third in the solo sword dance.

R.B.G.

Italy, April 1960

“WAS that the town with the black and white cathedral, or the one with the stall that sold flick-knives”? . . . So we brought a mixture of memories back from Italy.

Florence first, where we got used to the unfamiliar currency (and spent most of it), learning the more essential words of Italian, such as “Benissimo” and “Bellissima” and other words of appreciation.

We stopped the traffic with some piping and dancing—literally stopped it, since little Fiats and Vespas paused in mid-skid for the occupants and riders to come into the park to investigate these strange Northern activities.

On to Rome, where we stayed in a hostel with a Danish mixed school whose indiscipline was the envy of our boys and the headache of the Danish staff.

We “did the Vatican” (“Must we go in, Sir?”), the Forum, the Colloseum, *the* Fountain, and, most interesting of all, a church in which those of us who entered saw the Pope and a posse of cardinals in full procession at a few yards range.

On south to Naples, stopping at Solfatarra on the way. This is a pocket-sized volcano, bubbling away to itself, which you stand inside and rouse to furious activity by waving a lighted newspaper.

We stayed a few nights at an attractively placed cliff-top hotel on the Sorrento peninsula, and enjoyed the sun and sea-bathing. A half-day trip to Pompeii for all, and a trip up Vesuvius for some, was followed by a visit to the Naples Aquarium, where our lately-departed Biology master’s name got us free entry—Mr. Gillespie had been a student there before any member of our party had been born.

By now we were heading north again, with another night at Rome and a drive through the mountains of the Adriatic: Rimini, Ravenna and then Venice. I could have enjoyed a year in Venice, but some of us found the canals too pungent! Our hostel was rather scruffy too (this was the only accomodation on the whole tour that was below standard). The glass sellers of Venice found us much more broke, alas, than the dud-watch



Our Guide sets fire to a volcano at Solfatarra.



On the leaning Tower of Pisa.

sellers of Florence. Some of us were given free tickets to watch Wigan playing Rugby League, while most of us wandered round the city with maps before our faces to lead us through the complex of alleys and bridges.

So we arrived home exhausted and impoverished. I think everyone enjoyed it very much, though in different ways. Some of the party made the most of every minute, but we were a little disappointed to find half the party showing such unenterprising insularity. To these, Assisi was just a 'bus park with a café, Verona a 'bus park without one ("So let's stay in the 'bus, chaps"). We did not expect them to share our tastes in art, but we had hoped to find more of them less reluctant to spend the occasional things which Rome has that Calais, for example, has not.

Perhaps the trip was all too easy and comfortable—no worries, very little effort. And perhaps we three expected too much. There are many sides to Italy, and I think everyone found something to treasure and to return to another time.

D.E.Y.

The Science Society

THE first meeting of the Science Society was held at the beginning of the Winter Term. Mr. Breuer became the President, L. C. Lindsay was elected Chairman, and P. G. Lawson was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The Society met regularly on Sunday evenings throughout the Winter and Spring Terms. During the Winter Term, a series of films was shown, some scientific ones, and others of more general interest. A few members also gave some demonstrations to illustrate a film. These included chromatography and discharges through gases.

In the Spring Term, several lectures were arranged to supplement the films. These lectures included talks from Mr. Hall on Classical Science, Bucher on Graphs, Findlay on Parasites and Lindsay on Isotopes. We were also fortunate in receiving a lecture from Mr. Allcock, who is the Area Manager for Fife of the Electricity Board, on the Generation and Distribution of Electricity. After the lecture he very kindly offered to arrange a party to visit Kincardine Power Station. This resulted in a party of thirty members visiting the station, and provided a most interesting afternoon for all concerned. Most of us left with the impression that the subject of Mr. Allcock's lecture was not an easy one to carry out!

During the Summer Term, only five meetings were held owing to the G.C.E. exams. There was one very interesting lecture given by Mr. London, on the subject of glass-enamelling. Mr. London, who is in charge of the Balfour-Scott Laboratories at Leven, illustrated his talk with slides showing how the actual process is carried out at the works.

The membership of the club stood at forty-two by the end of the year. In eighteen meetings, we had 466 attendances, which is fairly good for a young society. It is hoped that the Society will expand next term, and make itself a prosperous club.

L.C.L.

Combined Cadet Force

THIS year is the centenary of the C.C.F., and although this contingent has a very long way to go before it is 100 years old, nevertheless we have shared in the celebrations. A short history of our contingent has its place in the Centenary Book, presented to the Queen on 22nd July at the parade in London. We were represented by P/O Watson, L/Cpl. Hardy and Cpl. Marsland on this occasion. Nearer home, the Band represented us in the Retreat played by the East of Scotland Schools on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle on 18th June. On that occasion a telegram was received from Her Majesty, which was read out to the parade.

All this, however, has not affected the individual cadet very much, and the first two terms of the year were spent largely preparing for Cert. A Exams., while the specialist sections continued Artillery, Signals and Engineer training. Assistance with the R.A. section still comes from Highland District; we have been affiliated to 242 Signals Squadron, Dreghorn, from which Signals specialists come only once a month, so we shall have to build up a corps of our own N.C.Os qualified in signalling. The Engineers built a small assault course in the valley, to which it is hoped to add gradually, and have had instruction from the R.E. in addition.

The Basic Test—Cert. A (I)—took place on 11th March when twenty-five out of thirty candidates passed, and the Army Proficiency Certificate (Part II) on 18th March when thirty-six were successful out of forty-five.

Camp took place at Cultybraggan from 22-29 April, when we aimed that cadets should have practical experience in fieldcraft and platoon exercises, in map reading and moving about the country in small and larger groups, by day and by night, and also that there should be some enjoyment. A cadet's impression



Cliff-climbing; ascent



Cliff-climbing; descent

of our success and failure in this appears elsewhere in the magazine. By and large, the camp was extremely successful and enjoyable, the main weaknesses being the slowness of many cadets to adapt themselves to living in camp conditions, and the lack of final polish in many of our activities, to make an exercise or other activity as near perfect as possible. The final scheme, however, was particularly successful. It is regretted that more cadets were not there.

Many cadets attended courses during the holidays, and we have three trying for the Joint Services Cadet Badge. U/O Mitchell is to be congratulated on getting the badge last year.

The Summer term was devoted to out-door training, and all cadets have had experience in cliff-climbing in a Marine fashion, which has yielded not even a scratch, though one or two may have been stung by bees.

The Inspection took place on 17th June, when Maj.-General F. C. C. Graham, C.B., D.S.O., was the visiting officer. He inspected the parade, took the salute at the march-past, made a tour of the training, and heard the Band beat Retreat. The Contingent looked extremely smart on parade and the turn-out was excellent. The Band was most praiseworthy. Our thanks go out to General Graham for his most welcome visit.

It is with great regret that we say good-bye to Capt. Alexander, who will be sadly missed in the C.C.F., and we give him our thanks for all his work and encouragement with the Corps and the Band, and wish him all the very best for the future.

T.C.G.F.

Senior N.C.O.s:

Senior Under Officer (R.N.): M. R. Mitchell.

Under Officer (Army): B. A. Wingate.

Pipe Major: G. C. MacEwan.

C.S.M.s: E. A. Lawson; J. Thomson.

C.Q.M.S.s: P. T. Goodall; M. W. Shaw.

Sgts.: I. C. Borland; H. Galt; J. M. O. Lang; A. T. Ross.

The East of Scotland Schools' Band Competition

THE E. S. S. Band Competition was held at Strathallan for the first time on 1st July, 1960. Big Acre provided a fine setting, and happily the rain held off until the last few minutes.

The following Schools took part. They are listed according to the age of the Contingent: Trinity College, Glenalmond;



The Pipe-Major plays his solo



R. B. Gray in the Highland Dancing Competition



The Strathallan Pipes and Drums play in the East of Scotland Schools Competition on Big Acre



The Schools' massed Pipes and Drums march past

Merchiston Castle School; Fettes College; George Watson's College; The Edinburgh Academy; George Heriot's School; Loretto School; The Royal High School; Daniel Stewart's College; Morrison's Academy; Strathallan School.

The individual events took place first, in which Sgt. Gray was third in Dancing and P/M MacEwan sixth in Piping. The Team Dancing took place on the Lawn beside Rothesay pier, and the Strathallan team was placed third.

The Band competition itself followed, and the final order was: 1, George Heriot's School; 2, Fettes College; 3, The Edinburgh Academy; 4, Strathallan School; 5, Trinity College, Glensalmond. The massed bands of about 180 cadets was a most impressive sight, as they played *Green Hills* and *Hielan' Laddie*.

Mrs. Hoare presented the prizes, and Major C. Chamberlin of Merchiston Castle School proposed votes of thanks, in his position as Chairman of the Schools C.C.F. Association.

Pipes and Drums

THIS past year has been a momentous one. The competition band, now with thirteen pipers and seven drummers, larger than any of its contemporaries, has played at many events and on many occasions.

For the first time we won the Glasgow Highland Pipe Band Schools' Contest on June 10th, and secured the attractive blue and silver decorated banner annually contested for. It was an honour for us to be invited to play at Edinburgh Castle on June 18th. As this was part of the celebration of the centenary of the C.C.F., a retreat was beaten on a crowded esplanade with a total of eight massed bands from School Cadet Forces. On June 25th the band played at Muirton Park, Perth, at a Jubilee Rally of the Perthshire Girl Guides, and, with a feminine light in their eyes, the band managed to play the necessary marches and an eightsome reel successfully.

The highlight of the year came on July 1st when the East of Scotland Schools Pipe Band Contest was held in our own grounds. It was run efficiently and smoothly. The individual events took place in the early afternoon, and our placings in these were good. On completion of the solos, the band competition began on Big Acre in front of our enthusiastic home audience. It was disappointing for us not to complete the "double", and we had to be content with fourth place. The prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. W. N. S. Hoare after the massed bands had played "*Green Hills*" and "*Hielan' Laddie*" surprisingly well.

In addition to these activities the band has played on Speech Day, on General Inspection Day, and at the Fête.

Our thanks for their invaluable assistance go to Capt. Alexander, who has taken a keen interest in piping throughout his time on the Staff, and to Pipe Major Sinclair. A new spirit has now been built up in the band which is bringing results, and furthermore there is talent standing in the back ranks of the band. With Mr. Henderson's help, the band looks forward to a bright future.

The winners of the School solo competitions were: Piping, G. C. MacEwen and P. M. Fisher; Drumming, R. W. McInnes, D. W. E. Agnew and J. M. Gilmour.

G.C.M.

Army Camp, 1960

AFTER three somewhat entertaining years in the Kames hinterland, the more conservative environment of Cultybraggan, Comrie, was once more patronised by the Army section this year. The dates of camp were April 22nd to 29th; the number present was 47—somewhat less than the figure scheduled to attend, but, nevertheless, cadets who attended were those who really wanted to go.

We were fortunate in that, although the camp can accommodate 2000, ours was the only party in residence for most of the time. Our quarters comprised six Nissen huts; one for the five senior N.C.O.s, the others arranged in order of seniority, with an N.C.O. in charge of each. These proved adequate and offered no scope for complaint.

After we had arrived by bus from Perth, the first day was spent settling in, bedding, crockery, battle-order and rifles were issued, and a short talk about the programme, the discipline, and about the purpose of camp, was delivered by the C.O.

The daily routine was 07.00 Reveille, 07.45 Breakfast Parade, 08.15 Hut Inspection, 08.30 Assault Course, 09.00 Training, 13.00 Lunch (if in camp), 17.30 Tea (Dinner if out for Lunch), 18.00 Rifle Cleaning (if they had been in use), 18.15 Dismiss, 19.30-20.30 Supper (tea and sandwiches), 22.00 Lights out. The food was ample and of a high quality. After rifle cleaning one was free until bed time and most, even after the most arduous day's training, would play football on the camp pitch, behind our huts. The assault course was a highly popular part of the programme. It was tackled hut by hut so that team-work could be developed throughout the week, and times were recorded every morning. The first attempt presented numerous difficulties, but by the last morning a satisfactorily high standard had been attained by all teams.

The first morning was spent near the camp, learning the rudiments of platoon in attack; in the afternoon .303's were fired at the miniature range followed by another short attack. After

tea the Royal Engineer detachment, which was to show us several aspects of their training in the course of the week, showed us a film about mines — their threat and their detection, after which cadets used detectors to find buried tins containing slight monetary rewards; this ended up in a lively but light-hearted scrum, when the detectors were found to be a slow, albeit more thorough method. Nevertheless, the practical experience was of interest and the technique was simple enough to be remembered, thus rendering the evening's training valuable.

Sunday comprised Church parade in Comrie. Furious cleaning and polishing on Saturday night and early Sunday morning resulted in a smart over-all turn-out. The party marched the mile and a half to the Church to the accompaniment of the band, for whom this constituted the first major showing of a busy term. The afternoon was passed playing soccer and a form of cricket, the officers having had the foresight to bring some games equipment from School.

Latish that evening it was suddenly realised that the collection of straps, buckles, etc., which had been collectively issued as "battle-order" would have to be worn the next morning, and scenes of frantic trial and error combinations and permutations ensued until the possibilities were exhausted and the jumble rendered wearable.

The next morning was spent under the auspices of the Engineers detachment, building an aerial runway over the River Artney, just behind the camp. This involved a good deal of practical work of an unusual nature for all and proved both interesting and enjoyable.

The afternoon consisted of an escape exercise in which eight groups of escapers were dropped at intervals along a stretch of road and had to reach a rendezvous some two to three miles away across country, without being caught by the eight enemy. This was intended to be a comparatively easy exercise because there was to be a night exercise a few hours later, and Operation "Blisters" the next day. However, some of the long detours taken to avoid the enemy, and some of the frantic chasing done under a blazing sun, followed by a three-mile march back to camp combined to make it quite strenuous after all. About half the escapers managed to reach their destination although some of their number were so intent on succeeding and took so long a detour, that they were officially "lost" for a while, but eventually arrived back in camp an hour after everyone else! This exercise was generally popular, but one lesson to be learnt is that, if spotted by one of the opposition, it is not advisable to dive into the nearest hollow and hope he will miss you — run like mad, for he has probably just been chasing someone else and will be discouraged if you set off at a hot pace.

For the night scheme, there were six sections, arranged in pairs. Each had a "camp" with a coloured flag, and the object was, under cover of night, to capture the other flag of the same colour from your opposite section's camp some half a mile away. Guards were left by each flag while the others crept off into the darkness. The officers, as ever, were watching with eagle eye to pick out faults, and to find chances to make things more testing for us — on this occasion by firing flares and letting off thunder-flashes from time to time. Several lessons were learnt here: first and foremost that sound travels a great distance on a still night, also that distances seem quite different by night, and that silhouettes are emphasised much more than by day if one is at all careless.

Hot soup on return to camp cheered up those who had been unfortunate enough to land in marshy ground in the dark, or who had suffered when "battle" was engaged. The exercise lasted from 22.30 to 00.30 hours.

After the assault course next morning, an apprehensive atmosphere settled over the assembled company as it was realised that Operation "Blisters" was upon us. Five groups, arranged roughly according to estimated walking ability, were to be deposited at intervals along the Loch Lubnaig - Callander road. The day was to be a test of map reading and walking proficiency; the cadets had to make their way by the most convenient route from the point they were dropped to a map reference at the head of Glen Artney, and thence back to camp. For the first part of the journey, the routes varied according to the potential of the sections, but altogether everyone walked an average of about fifteen miles.

Wednesday was devoted entirely to engineer training: while half of us did watermanship on Loch Earn in the morning the others learned about explosives at camp and the sections changed over in the afternoon. The former activity comprised learning to work the outboard motors on collapsible canvas assault craft, and also learning to manage the boat with paddles. As it was a clear, still, warm day, this proved highly enjoyable. The other part of the training consisted of a film about explosives, and in particular the threat of booby-traps. After handling simple explosives, seeing the speed at which different fuse wires for different purposes burn, learning about fuses and detonators, and setting off some small explosions on a waste area behind the camp, we went on to lay booby-traps in the various huts. Needless to say, explosives were not attached, only a short length of fuse wire which burned with a sharp crackle when the trap was sprung. Extractor, compression and release detonators offered a

fairly wide scope. When a hut had been done, those who had done it swapped with another group and tried to detect their traps.

The officers' mess was in the middle of being booby-trapped when they returned unexpectedly early from Loch Earn! No hard feelings, of course — all in the day's training!

Thursday, the last full day, was devoted to Operation "Spout", the name being taken from a spot on the map, around which the exercise was centred, named Spout Rolla. There were to be thirty "attackers" and seventeen "defenders". The leaders of each side were briefed separately the previous evening by the officers. The attackers were given the information: "In the square 7028 on your maps you will find enemy constructions of a sort unindicated on the map. You are to make drawings of them to illustrate their character, "destroy" them by capturing as many as possible of four coloured flags which will be prominently situated in the vicinity and, if possible, capture a prisoner, and rendezvous at the school at a given map reference after the exercise by 16.00 hours. You can organise your men as you think fit; you may have the use of four wireless sets if you want; you may use transport at your discretion as long as it is confined to 'A' class roads".

Now, square 7028 turned out to be in the upper reaches of Glen Lednock, which runs north-west from Comrie, and the nearest red road on the map to be at St. Fillans, some four miles across country from the target.

The "defenders'" object, incidentally, was simple enough: they were to be transported right to the spot, had four smaller wireless sets, and had to prevent the others from carrying out their threefold assignment. The attackers split themselves into four sections according to walking ability so that the area in question could be surrounded, the sections taking up their posts simultaneously, the fittest having walked the farthest. To their dismay they found quarrying operations, several new roads, a large dam and a loch, none of which appeared on the 1945 vintage maps, and all of which rendered impossible the original plan to surround the position, one section make diversionary tactics and another assault the enemy position, while the other two remained behind to help if necessary, complete the job or try again on their own. The ether was soon filled with frantic replanning messages and eventually a satisfactory course of action was agreed upon: with two sections on either side of the loch, those on one side advanced towards the dam and succeeded in occupying the majority of the enemy's attention while those on the other side captured an enemy patrol of four, took charge of their wireless, donned their distinctive armbands, captured

two flags, made several sketches of the establishment unmolested and made good their escape. On the far side in the meantime, three-quarters of their fellows were taken prisoner, but those who escaped managed to take another flag with them.

The outcome apart, the day provided a good deal of practical map reading and wireless work, initiative training in deciding how to use the people available, besides healthy exercise and tactical experience for all. It was generally considered a popular and successful day.

There are several general observations to be made about camp: many did not come — this was their own loss, both from the military and enjoyment points of view; the programme was extremely varied and as such was successful and popular; there was both Certificate A work and more varied, ambitious projects, including the engineering work; the human side had been well considered by the officers — the accommodation was comfortable, the food good, sports available, and the training was so arranged that tiring and easy days came alternately. All these factors, together with our having the camp to ourselves, the good weather and team spirit developed over the assault course combined to produce a predominantly satisfactory and co-operative attitude and atmosphere.

There were, however, one or two small clouds on the horizon — discipline in one or two huts was not observed as well as it should have been at all times, and punctuality also tended to be slack. Everyone must remember that school discipline starts at camp, so that the same relations can be maintained when the term begins.

Despite these faults then, it was, on the whole, a satisfactory week from most points of view, as was shown by the C.O.'s extensive list of promotions which appeared soon after the beginning of term, as a result of camp.

The attitude towards the corps grows better year by year, but progress is still too slow. Camps such as this must surely boost morale and we must hope for continued interest fostered by similar standards of organisation in future years.

E.A.L.

The C.C.F. Centenary Parade

THIS parade was held in the grounds of Buckingham Palace on Friday, 22nd July. Cadets from all sections of every C.C.F. contingent attended, as well as cadets from all A.C.F. contingents, and altogether there were present about fifteen hundred cadets.

We arrived at Woolwich Barracks at midday on the Thursday, and the remainder of the day was spent in cleaning kit, rehearsals and inspections. Reveille on Friday morning was at 5 a.m. We had breakfast and were then taken by buses, complete with police escort, to Wellington Barracks, where we formed up in preparation for the march to the Palace.

At 10.45 a.m. we set off, marching to music played by the band of the Royal Marines. We formed up on the lawn facing the Palace. When the Queen arrived on the dais there was a Royal Salute before the inspection.

After the inspection, Her Majesty was presented with the C.C.F. Commemoration Book, which contains the history of every contingent in the country. After the presentation, the March Past took place, the Queen taking the salute.

We then returned to Wellington Barracks where we were all supplied with packed lunches. In the afternoon we marched to Westminster Abbey where a Commemorative Service was held. After the Service we returned to Wellington Barracks and had tea, before dispersing to the main-line stations to return to our schools.

G.M.W.

An Aldershot P.T. Course

DURING the last Easter holidays, we two cadets from the army section underwent a week's P.T. course at Aldershot.

We were not only lectured in leadership — the main object of the course — but were also coached in such sports as basket ball, swimming and boxing. In the last of these, two very interesting and amusing demonstrations were shown to us.

We thought the most hazardous part of the course was the "Trainasium". This apparatus consisted of a box-like structure, rising over forty feet above the ground; when we looked downwards from the top, we thought it must be over a hundred feet high! We were told that it was designed to develop self-confidence — at first we thought differently! Just to show us how it was done, our P.T.I. stood on the top, hands calmly on hips, while we gingerly clambered up.

There was also a most terrifying "jungle assault course", which included "Burma" bridges, scrambling nets, a swinging rope for crossing a ditch, and all the other horrors of an assault course, including a fifteen foot wall. Fortunately, however, only a short time was allotted to these activities, most of the time being given to straight-forward P.T.

There was no-one on the course who did not find it well worth going to. Certainly we both learned a great deal.

J.C.M., C.C.K.D.

R.A.F. Benson

THE only disadvantage with this year's camp was its distance from Scotland, for several cadets had to leave home at 5 in the morning in order to arrive at camp punctually at 7 p.m. We congregated at Paddington and so travelled the last one and a half hours as a complete section.

As in past years Strathallan was not the only school represented, and this year we shared the station with Leeds Grammar School and Kelly College.

The activities of the instructional side can be summarized by pointing out that all cadets were lectured on electronics, armament and the ejection seat, air-sea rescue and ferrying, in which Benson plays a major part. They also visited the control tower, fire-fighting section, .303 and .22 ranges and, of course, the hangars, where they had the opportunity of looking over Swifts, Canberras, Hunters, Meteors, Valettas and Ansons. An interesting facet of the lectures was the willingness to demonstrate and the use of film, which had not been the case elsewhere.

Outside the lecture rooms the time was well spent; all cadets had a day's flying in Valettas and took part in a field exercise which called for a certain amount of map reading ability, common sense and stamina, for they were required to cover some ten to fifteen miles across country in approximately three hours.

The high-lights of the camp definitely came during the weekend, for on the Saturday we were taken on a conducted tour of the more famous of the Oxford colleges, after which we were free to spend some time in the city.

On Sunday we were taken to London Airport and shown over the B.O.A.C. buildings, during which we were allowed to make a thorough inspection of a Britannia, we also had the opportunity to have a close look at several other of the famous airliners which frequent the airport.

At camp the evenings were well spent in the recreation centres, which included a first class cinema, but it was far from uncommon to see cadets boating on the Thames at Wallingford, some four miles away.

At every Station the C.O. always welcomes the cadets with "Well, Chaps, you're here to have a holiday". This was without doubt the nearest we have got to that aim.

I.D.E.S.

R.N. Section

THE Royal Naval Section has a boat! The only snag is that there is hardly enough water in the pond to float it; even so,

it has been useful already for pulling practice and boat handling in the deeper parts, and we hope for a higher level of water next year. We have also acquired a large ship's bell, round which we plan to put the new quarterdeck.

Annual training at Easter was carried out at H.M.S. Sultan, Gosport. Having decided to do it as a complete unit for a change, we were most disappointed by the lack of training facilities and instructors, due to a leave period. However, for those interested in gastronomy, the messing was excellent. Nearly twenty cadets were also on courses during the summer, the most popular being naval aviation, though the keener cadets attended more useful ones.

At the end of the summer term Roselle, Harrison and Peters, by kind invitation of Captain P. Sime, C.O. of our parent establishment, joined the ship's company of H.M.S. Montrose on a week's cruise to Denmark, and a very excellent report on their ability and knowledge was made, which we take to be a reflection on the whole unit. Rankin was selected to attend a J.S.C.B. Leadership course during the summer, while Watson represented the section at the C.C.F. Centenary parade at Buckingham Palace at the end of July.

H.M.S. Unicorn again gave us a useful day's training in the autumn, and later on the section visited a German minesweeping squadron making a courtesy call to Dundee. It was also planned that twenty cadets would go to sea for a day in a submarine, thanks to some vigorous staffwork by a parent, Captain Mackenzie, R.N., but at the very last moment a change in sailing orders ruled this out, causing great disappointment.

We were honoured in June for the second successive year to have a visit from the Admiral Commanding Reserves, who met representatives from the ship's company, who were duly overawed by the amount of gold on his sleeve. A film and talk on the role of the navy in a possible atomic war, by Commander Samson, R.N., served to give an insight into the purpose of the naval side of our training, and was most instructive. Once again we are most grateful for the excellent training and advice of C.P.O. Jeffries of H.M.S. Unicorn, on many occasions.

Routine instruction was carried out for the greater part of the year. The exam results were, on the whole, satisfactory, although there is plenty of room for improvement from the junior members of the section. Twelve out of fifteen cadets passed the Advanced Proficiency exam, where a high standard of leadership, power of command, and practical and theoretical seamanship is demanded, so that now nearly half the section has passed this exam. The problem now is to provide useful

and interesting training for these cadets; the hope is that perhaps one of them will be able to replace our seamanship expert, Roselle, who has given outstanding service.

Section strength is forty-two, the greatest ever, but even so there is still a waiting list of volunteers. Certainly there is no shortage of competent instructors.

Rated during the year:

Under Officer: M. R. Mitchell.

Coxswain: M. J. Bucher, S. R. Roselle.

P.O. Instructor: R. J. Rankin, G. M. Watson.

L.S. Instructor: T. R. Taylor, D. M. Lawson, J. G. M. McKinlay, E. A. Nelson, R. S. Peters, R. N. Harrison, I. M. Robertson.

Leading Seaman: D. G. Reid, I. M. Miller.

Passed Advanced Proficiency:

Harrison, McKinlay, Nelson, Peters, Robertson; Brown A. H., d'Angibau, Davidson J. J. W., Dow, Gow, Heron, Young J. L.

M.J.B.

R.A.F. Section

DURING the autumn term, the section visited Turnhouse on Field Day, and every member of the section had a flight in a Chipmunk and a glider.

The section also paid a visit to R.A.F. Leuchars one Sunday, and it proved to be an interesting visit. Although poor weather somewhat hampered the flying, there was plenty to see, including a demonstration of rescue by helicopter.

U/O Campbell is to be congratulated on gaining an entry to the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, and we wish him success.

The Advanced and Ordinary Proficiency examination results were varied. All candidates passed the Ordinary test, but only Cpl. Lawson passed the Advanced exam in the winter term. The Easter Advanced Proficiency results, however, were more favourable, passes being gained by the following: Cdt. Marsland (Credit); Sgt. Gray; Cpls. Bremner, Findlay, Rankin, and Cdts. Kidd and Grant.

During the summer, the acquisition of three dinghies provided much fun on the school pond.

This year the section has welcomed P/O Wormald in the place of F/O Robinson.

Promotions during the year were as follows:

October:

Flt.-Sgt. Campbell to be Under Officer.

Sgt. Sim to be Flt.-Sgt.

Cpl. Wallace to be Sgt.

Cdts. Bremner, Findlay, Lawson and Rankin to be Cpls.

January:

Cpl. Gray to be Sgt.

May:

Cpl. Lawson to be Sgt.

Cdts. Grant, Marsland and Kidd to be Cpls.

P.G.L.

House Notes

FREELAND HOUSE REPORT, 1959-60

This year was saddened for us by the departure of Mr. Heron, whose genial presence has guided the House in recent years. His enthusiasm, his energy, his sympathetic understanding of our problems, perhaps above all his friendliness, make his departure to Christ's College, Brecon, a very real loss to the House, and previous generations of Freeland boys, as well as those still at the school, join in wishing him, Mrs. Heron and their family every happiness in their future lives.

Although at the beginning of the year, exactly one-third of the House consisted of sixth-formers, owing to the creditable "O" level results, Freeland, more than other houses, was considerably weakened by the large number of seniors who left at the end of the Christmas term. This included the House Captain, P. G. Wallace, who was however ably succeeded by R. B. Gray.

Once again, in sport our strength lay in the Middle School, but the determination of the Seniors and Juniors enabled us to maintain a favourable position in most of the major sports.

Our main achievement of the year was that our rugger team, fired by the enthusiasm of the Captain of Rugger, P. J. G. Smith, won all three cups, a feat which may not be equalled for many years to come. On the other hand, sadly lacking in natural ability, in both Swimming and Cricket our teams failed to distinguish themselves. Although most of the previous year's Hockey team had returned, they did not settle down, and did not manage to retain the cup.

The sailing team, by no means the most experienced, won the Cup which had recently been presented for the Inter-House Championship.

This year's successful pipe band contained a high proportion of members of the House: G. C. MacEwen (the Pipe-Major) and P. M. Fisher won the senior and junior piping cups respectively.

The commendable efforts put into Athletics and Cross-Country did not achieve any immediate success, but encourage us to hope for more positive rewards next year. In the House Cross-Country, I. C. Borland won the Study Holders' Run, and J. M. Donnan the Commoners'.

Several members of the House received the Silver Award of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

House Captains:

P. G. WALLACE (until Christmas), R. B. GRAY

School Prefects:

P. J. G. SMITH, J. C. S. RANKIN

House Prefects:

M. A. FINDLAY, R. J. RANKIN, I. C. BORLAND,
G. C. MACEWEN, G. G. H. GORDON

NICOL HOUSE REPORT, 1959-60

Last year there was an unusually small number of seniors in the House; and Middles and Juniors were called upon to take their place in the Senior teams. They gave such promising displays that we felt confident that in the following year we would meet with more success.

This confidence has been fully justified, for the whole House, efficiently led by the Seniors, has always given of its best throughout the year. We have added to the collection of gleaming silverware in the House by winning four cups during the course of the year; and in the competitions which we have not won, it is true to say that our teams at all levels have usually done as well as they could be expected to do, and have frequently done much better.

Though we had only one member of the 1st XV in the House, we have been fortunate in having eight boys who have played more or less regularly for the 2nd XV. The House XV did very much better than might have been expected, and we came 2nd to Freeland in the competition by virtue of beating Simpson and drawing with Ruthven. In the Junior Rugby Competition we tied with Simpson for 2nd place.

In the Fives competition, however, we were not so fortunate. Our only success was against Freeland.

The Cross-Country Competition was re-organised this year, and it was decided that each House should enter a team of eight for each of the three races. We were particularly strong in the

Senior race this year, and out of the first four runners home, Nicol was represented by I. M. Miller (1st), R. C. Dow (2nd) and D. G. Reid (4th). R. S. Chalmers won the Middle Cross-Country. After such a fine performance it is not surprising that the Cup is now residing in Nicol!

Although the standard of boxing in the House was quite good we were only able to come 2nd in the competition. It was apparent from the beginning of the Finals that Ruthven had won the Cup from us.

The Hockey XI, under H. Galt, gained 2nd place in the competition. Although we were heavily defeated by Simpson (4-0), we were able to gain a particularly thrilling victory over Ruthven (3-2) in the 2nd round, and in the 3rd round we held Freeland to a goalless draw. Our Juniors had the distinction of being the first House to win the newly-instituted Junior Knock-Out Competition.

The House has had a particularly successful Summer Term. In the Cricket Competition the Senior XI, in spite of containing only two members of the School 1st XI, did remarkably well. In the 1st round we defeated Freeland by 7 wickets, H. Galt scoring an aggressive 71 not out. The match with Simpson was drawn. If we had beaten Ruthven in the last round, we would have shared the Cup with them. In fact we lost both a thrilling race against the clock for the necessary runs, and the match: and so we tied with Simpson for 2nd place.

We have won the Swimming Cup for the third successive year, by the convincing margin of 48 points over the 2nd House. J. G. M. McKinlay became Senior Champion with J. M. O. Lang runner-up.

There has been a tremendous improvement in Athletics. Last year we came last in the Competition; but this year we easily won the Cup from Simpson. D. G. Reid was joint Senior Victor Ludorum with Sim (Simpson). Reid also came 2nd in the 880 yds. in the Scottish Schools Athletics Championships, and, when invited to run for the Scottish Schools against the Welsh Schools, he came in 1st over the same distance. I. M. Miller was Captain of House Athletics.

We find it particularly disappointing that this is the first year in which there has been no Flags Competition. If there had been, Nicol would now hold them.

Head of House:
P. T. GOODALL

School Prefects:
H. GALT, A. T. ROSS

House Prefects:
J. G. M. MCKINLAY, J. M. O. LANG, D. G. REID,
I. M. MILLER, H. T. POTTINGER

RUTHVEN HOUSE REPORT, 1959-60

This has been a year of change—Mr. Appleby and Mr. Haines have departed after many years of hard work, to be succeeded by Mr. MacLellan and Mr. Bland. Perhaps with them has also gone a little of the traditional house spirit—but not for long. Gone too is the rigger supremacy, all three teams having failed on the field due to lack of cohesion, and instead we are apparently now a cricket house, and the 1st, Colts, and 14½ XIs have each had five members from the House. It is not, therefore, surprising that both cricket cups were won easily. On the academic side M. J. Bucher is to be congratulated on an industrial scholarship plus entry to Cambridge, while none of the five Advanced Level candidates failed in a single subject.

Another change has been in the seniority of the House—the number of prefects almost outstripped the supply of fags, and studies, although crowded, have not been able to accommodate all those deserving them. With seven prefects returning next year, there will be many disappointed seniors and dismayed juniors. This will mean that we ought to be strong in senior teams, but rather weaker lower down.

The boxing competition brought out all the eligible juniors and middles and there was tremendous keenness. With eight finalists we were well set, and won by a very high margin of points. In Fives, cross-country, tennis and sailing we had a good year, but in each case failed narrowly in some vital contest and had to be content with second place. In Athletics and swimming there was a great deal of effort put in, and house captains organised the training well, but the material was not good enough and although there were many individual successes, we were outpointed; the spirit among the juniors, however, augurs very well for the future. The shooting team are again to be congratulated on winning the cup for the fifth year.

We were disappointed not to win the music competition, being in the lead until the final item, and it is encouraging that this side of house life is improving—there is a strong representation in both choir and orchestra. School Librarians have been E. A. Lawson and R. E. Allcock.

In the C.C.F. B. A. Wingate was Under Officer and E. A. Lawson C.S.M., while M. J. Bucher and S. R. Roselle were R. N. Coxswains—it is good to see leaders in the house holding senior positions in the Corps.

Head of House:
B. A. WINGATE

School Prefects:
M. J. BUCHER. S. R. ROSELLE

House Prefects:

E. A. LAWSON, R. E. ALLCOCK, A. H. HOLLOWAY,
J. H. BRIND, A. M. PATE, T. R. TAYLOR, R. S. PETERS

Captains:

Rugger: B. A. WINGATE	Fives: A. M. PATE
Cricket: T. R. TAYLOR	Music: H. G. MORTON
Hockey: A. M. PATE	Sailing: R. S. PETERS
Athletics: A. H. HOLLOWAY	Shooting: J. A. BRUCE
Boxing: B. A. WINGATE	Swimming: J. B. BLACKWOOD
Cross-country: E. A. LAWSON	Tennis: J. G. LEIGHTON

House Colours awarded to:

J. H. BRIND, T. R. TAYLOR, J. F. CARSWELL,
J. B. BLACKWOOD, E. A. LAWSON, A. S. COOK, D. MACKENZIE

SIMPSON HOUSE REPORT, 1959-60

This year the House has been led by the School Captain, M. R. Mitchell. A. D. K. Campbell, I. D. E. Sim and J. Thomson were also School prefects. Campbell left at Christmas, his determination to reach Cranwell rewarded. Mitchell got his entry to Brasenose College, Oxford.

Our rugger teams were not up to our usual standards. The effort was there, but the material was limited and a few ill-timed injuries lost us our best team. We started the next term by winning the Fives cup. Mitchell was the school captain of the sport and Sim, until his injury, was also a school colour. M. W. Shaw, the school hockey captain, later led us to victory in the Hockey Cup.

In the summer we came second in the senior cricket, in the Swimming and in the Athletics. In the last of these, Sim was again joint Victor Ludorum. We provided the individual champion in the fencing, R. F. Ridland, while another member of the house was said to have fenced in one school match "so badly that he defeated the Scottish Amateur Champion".

Indoors we won the Music Cup for the third year in succession. I. A. Gow, J. B. Gray and A. Clark set a high standard in the orchestra, while Sim accompanied it and conducted the Choir.

We have had a hand in running the School Science Society, with L. C. Lindsay as chairman and P. G. Lawson as Secretary and Treasurer. J. Thomson was President of the Young Farmers' Club with I. M. Smith the Secretary. Mitchell and Campbell were the two under-officers in the C.C.F. in the Christmas Term while Sim took over the R.A.F. Section when Campbell left. During the year four boys got the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award.

New boys during the last year included the brothers of P. M. Rentoul and D. A. Clement. We congratulate the older Clement on his recent marriage. Next year the house will be led by

M. W. Shaw, the youngest of the three Shaws, the oldest of whom is shortly to be married. Incidentally, I would like to mention in future house notes more of the marriages and new children of past members of the house, particularly those known to masters and boys still in the school. So please drop me a line or, better still, bring the family along.

D.E.Y.

Rugby Retrospect, 1959-60

ABOVE all, this was a year of contrasts. In spells we saw the 1st XV rise to magnificent heights, and at others to fall ignominiously to sides no stronger than our own. This situation was, unfortunately, prevalent throughout all the School Fifteens, and all pay far too much attention to the name of the opposing school and far too little to the intrinsic worth of the opposition. For a really successful year, all Fifteens must play with equal vigour and determination, whatever the opposition.

The School owes a debt of gratitude to all those members of the staff who have devoted to much of their time and patience in coaching the sides throughout the School. In particular, this year has had the sad distinction of witnessing the last season of the XV under the coaching of Mr. Heron, who has devoted so much of his energy to the bettering of Strathallan Rugby.

We nonetheless look forward next year to a successful season, as many members of this year's XV will be returning, more mature, in the autumn.

P. J. G. Smith (Captain, 1959-60).

1st XV Results

		Points	
		For	Against
Sept. 26	Perthshire Academicals (H)	0	29
Sept. 29	Perth Academy (A)	3	14
Oct. 7	Glasgow Academy (A)	3	13
Oct. 17	Edinburgh Academy (H)	6	9
Oct. 21	Panmure (H)	11	10
Oct. 28	Dollar Academy (H)	16	3
Oct. 31	Edinburgh Wanderers Colts (H)	6	9
Nov. 7	Morrison's Academy (H)	14	3
Nov. 14	West of Scotland Colts (H)	0	10
Nov. 21	Allan Glen's (A)	9	12
Nov. 25	Glasgow University "Wednesday" (H)	8	11
Nov. 28	Gordonstoun (A)	23	3
Dec. 5	Aberdeen Grammar School (H)	3	3
Dec. 12	Glenalmond (H)	0	0
Jan. 27	United Colleges, St. Andrews (H)	12	3
Jan. 30	Daniel Stewart's College (A)	0	9
Mar. 2	Strathallians (H)	3	0

Colours Awarded, 1959-60

Brind, Lochore, Rankin, Wingate, Sim, Carswell, Smith I. M., Scott J. R. A., Blackwood, Hutt, Galt, Smith P. J. G., Thomson, Holloway, Pate.

School v. Perthshire Academicals.

26th Sept. (H). Lost 0-29.

Team: Pottinger, Sim, Mitchell, Goodall, Wallace, Rankin, Wingate, Galt, Blackwood, Scott J. R. A., Ridland, Thomson, Hunter, Reid and Holloway.

School v. Perth Academy.

29th Sept. (A). Lost 3-14.

Team: Pate, Sim, Mitchell, Goodall, Wallace, Rankin, Wingate, Galt, Worsley, Scott J. R. A., Ridland, Thomson, Hunter, Reid, Holloway.

School v. Glasgow Academy

7th Oct. (A). Lost 13-3.

The XV were beaten by a goal, a drop goal, a try and a penalty goal to one penalty goal.

The Academy kicked off and the School appeared to settle readily. The home side however looked the more elusive and in spite of determined tackling succeeded in making more ground than the School, especially in the centre. Good tackling by Sim and Pate halted several promising runs.

The first score came when the Academy, scrumming 10 yards from the School goal line, yielded a quick heel which resulted in a good drop goal. The School made great efforts to find the essential unity and Wingate sparked off two or three attacks, the forwards meanwhile proving themselves to be agile and quick both in covering and in the loose scrums. A push over try very nearly rewarded the School pack but at half time, with the School still pressing, the score remained at 3-0 to the Academy.

Thereafter the School's sparkle diminished and although any orthodox attack was contained, the Academy, quicker to move the ball and change direction, pressed strongly. A clever wing try resulted. This was closely followed by a good attack from the Academy's own 25 yard line which swept out to the wing and back across the forward line for a try which was unconverted. The home side went further ahead, scoring a penalty goal; and Pate, in the closing minutes, replied in similar vein for the School.

Not, from the XV's point of view, a distinguished game.

Team: Wallace, Sim, Wingate, Lochore, Pate, Gray I. S., Shaw, Gray W., Fraser, Taylor, Scott J. R. A., Smith P. J. G., Hunter, Thomson and Maclennan.

School v. Edinburgh Academy

17th Oct. (H). Lost 9-6.

The School were defeated, after a hard and exciting game, by 9 pts. to 6.

They went off to a good start, the forwards being very mobile, and after a few minutes were 3 pts. up when Pate kicked a goal awarded for an offside infringement.

The School backs lay well up and tackled the opposition, who made little of the better and more frequent service from the scrum.

The Academy scored in the 25th minute from a push over well out which was not converted. A similar move minutes later resulted in a further try when the Academy scrum-half went over on the blind side. Again the conversion was unsuccessful. Just before half-time, and after renewed pressure from the School, another penalty was attempted. The ball rebounded and the ensuing tussle all but resulted in a try.

In the second half forwards continued to dominate in the loose where the wing forwards successfully contained the opposing half backs.

In the tight the heel was, however, infrequent and untidy. The opposing fly half dropped a goal immediately under the posts not long after the interval but the School soon reduced the lead when Pate succeeded with another penalty. The closing minutes were spent struggling on the opponent's line where three consecutive push overs were unsuccessful, as was a passing movement to the wing and a short penalty five yards from the Academy line and well out.

The School played with fire and determination but was lacking in try-scoring potential.

Team: Brind, Sim, Bucher, Pate, Wallace, Scott R. H., Wingate, Scott J. R. A., Fraser, Maclennan, Smith P. J. G., Ridland, Galt, Thomson, Holloway.

School v. Pannmure

21st Oct. (H). Won, 11-10.

The XV gained a narrow but well deserved win. Playing with more fire than hitherto, the School went ahead when Pate, already having seen an early penalty rebound from the post, kicked a good goal.

A better combination at half-back made use of the improved heeling of the School pack, who collectively impressed both in the loose and in the line-out.

After a high up-and-under kick by Wallace, who earlier had come up from full back and made a good run, the visitors intercepted a poor pass in mid field and a good try resulted. The conversion put the visitors ahead.

Pannmure, now looking more dangerous, went further ahead shortly afterwards. Cutting through on a bouncing ball from a line-out, play was forced inside the School 25 yard line. A short penalty turned into a diagonal punt was well gathered and the visitors swept over for a try which was well converted.

The School, stung to respond and somewhat rattled after their earlier successes, came back into the game, and from a good heel Wingate got the ball well away to Bucher who sent Sim away to score; Pate converted.

Minutes later, Wingate, similarly well served, sent out a blind side pass which was snapped up by Sim, who went over the line to gain the winning score.

Team: Brind, Sim, Bucher, Pate, Wallace, Rankin, Wingate, Scott J. R. A., Blackwood, Galt, Smith P. J. G., Ridland, Holloway, Thomson, Maclennan.

School v. Dollar Academy

28th Oct. (H). Won 16-3.

The XV, after being held to a 3 points draw at half-time, went on to defeat the Academy by 16 points to 3.

In the opening minutes Dollar missed a penalty goal and both sides looked lively in attack. Smith worked well in the loose and with Galt and Ridland gaining an early advantage in the line-outs the School backs were sent away on a number of sorties. Pate and Lochore came close to scoring and Scott at stand-off made one particularly good break but the final pass went astray. The pressure was sustained and from a short penalty Smith was nearly over on the blind side.

The first score came from a shove-over try under the posts. Pate's attempt to convert resulted in a rebound from the post. Dollar rallied and a dangerous attacking diagonal kick was cleared by Wallace. Shortly before half-time Dollar kicked their penalty goal to equalise.

The pack, lively and rumbustious, were collectively causing considerable havoc in the loose, and after a rush Galt gathered the ball and sent Smith over well out. Wallace kicked well to convert.

Dollar were unfortunate to lose their right winger for a short time, but played spiritedly and were always in the game.

Another good loose rush started by Smith opened up a move which resulted in Lochore scoring on the right.

The final score came when Holloway, reaping the benefit of a sound game at wing forward, snapped up a dropped pass to send Scott over for a good try; Wallace converted.

Team: Wallace, Sim, Bucher, Pate, Lochore, Scott R. H., Wingate, Scott J. R. A., Blackwood, Galt, Ridland, Smith P. J. G., Holloway, Thomson, Rankin.

School v. Edinburgh Wanderers' Colts. 31st Oct. (H). Lost 12-9.

The School XV, playing at times with zest and intelligence, were unfortunate not to win.

The play began briskly when Wanderers initiated a rush which, unstopped, brought them up to the School posts before they were halted. Wallace at full back opened up an attack carried on by Sim who served the ball back inside to Pate, who in turn was brought down just short of the line. From an ensuing scrum the ball was sent back to Wallace who opened the scoring with a well balanced drop goal.

Pate increased the lead with a good penalty goal, but the Wanderers reduced the lead before half-time with a similar effort.

The equalising score came shortly after the game restarted when, from a scrum near the line, Wanderers gained possession for the blind side wing to go over.

Weak passing was the feature of several dismal efforts by the School backs and just when hope was dying Lochore, on the right wing, took to his heels and scored in the corner. The School's lead was to be short lived; the Wanderers, breaking up from a loose maul, went over -- studiously neglected by at least four defenders.

The final, and winning, score was a well kicked penalty to Wanderers. At this stage in the XV's season it is clear that a closer bond between the half-backs, and sounder passing in mid field, are essentials. Also it is clear that in spite of an agility at forward, a good all-round defence and improved line-out jumping, possession is too often relinquished and clean heeling remains a hope for the future.

Team: Wallace, Sim, Bucher, Pate, Lochore, Carswell, Wingate, Scott J. R. A., Blackwood, Galt, Smith P. J. G., Ridland, Holloway, Thomson, Rankin.

School v. Morrison's Academy Nov. 7th (H). Won 14-3.

The School, kicking off into the sun, proceeded from a poor beginning to defeat the Academy by 14 points to 3 (one goal and three tries). The visitors were first to score when, from a line-out, a good foot rush took the ball from the halfway line for a score in the corner.

After this the School settled down and from a crisp heel the ball moved out to Sim who ran well to score under the posts; Pate converted. Shortly after Pate kicked a good penalty to put the School further ahead. The forwards, notably Thomson, Galt and Smith, foraged well and in the loose and in the line-out began to take the initiative. The Academy were unfortunate to lose their scrum half, who had to leave the field injured.

The score at half-time remained at 8 points to 3.

Thereafter the XV began to look the better side and a noticeable awakening produced a spell of good football. Sim slipped away again to score well out. The School went further ahead when Wingate, now better served by the back row, opened up a blind side movement, Pate sending Sim off on his third successful run. There was no further score but a further accident only minutes from the end reduced an already handicapped Academy side to thirteen men.

Team: Wallace, Sim, Pate, Carswell, Lochore, Caldwell, Wingate, Taylor, Blackwood, Scott J. R. A., Smith P. J. G., Galt, Gray W., Thomson, Rankin.

School v. West of Scotland Colts

14th Nov. (H). Lost 10-0.

On the gloomiest and wettest day to date the School XV were defeated by two goals to nil by an agile West of Scotland side containing, we were pleased to see, seven old Strathallians.

Better served at half back the visitors looked the more likely side and they were quick to take advantage of the School's weak handling, particularly in midfield. Early on, Irvine, for the visitors, almost turned one such mistake into a good score but was brought down short of the line.

Apart from the poor three-quarter handling already mentioned there was little evidence of intelligence from the pack in the scrummages where possession was often lost by holding the ball in the back row far too long. Irvine, proving difficult to contain, went over again and the conversion brought the scoring to an end.

Late on Sim was given one slender chance and for a fleeting moment it was felt that the lead might have been reduced, but he was well tackled into touch close to the line.

This was not one of the School's better games, and a number of lessons should have been learned.

Team: Wallace, Sim, Pate, Scott R. H., Lochore, Carswell, Wingate, Scott J. R. A., Blackwood, Taylor, Galt, Smith P. J. G., Holloway, Thomson, Rankin.

School v. Allan Glen's

21st Nov. (A). Lost 12-9.

The XV were defeated by three tries and a penalty goal to one try and two penalty goals. The score was a true reflection of the home side's slight superiority in and round the base of the scrum where play was really centred. In the forwards, Galt, Smith and Thomson were the equal of any of their opponents, and in the backs Carswell, playing steadily, and Sim, dangerous in attack and invaluable in defence, stood out from a School side which looked indecisive and hesitant.

Wallace put the School ahead in the fourth minute with a well kicked penalty goal. At once Allan Glen's forced play into the School 25 and were disallowed a try owing to a knock-on over the line, but shortly afterwards the home side kicked a penalty goal to equalise.

Before half-time, and after the School had "mistaken" a short penalty which ought to have led to a try under the posts, a long, hacking, dribbling run by Allan Glen's weaved its way towards the goal and, unstopped, produced what was to be the first of three similar tries. Half-time came with the School down by 6 points to 3.

Scarcely had play resumed when from a loose move near the line the home side forced their way over for an unconverted try. Wallace narrowly missed with a longish drop kick, but minutes later kicked a penalty from the 25 yard line.

The School drew level when Lochore fielded a misclearance by the home full back and went hard for the corner. Wallace's attempt at conversion fell only feet short of the bar.

The disappointing features of the School's game were on the one hand the lack of commonsense shown by too much wrestling and not enough opening up of the game, and on the other the poor falling-on when under pressure. The winning try was to come in the last minutes when Allan Glen's, from a heaving loose maul, emerged, ball at foot. An attacking hand was first there and the bouncing ball was grounded for a good try.

Team: Wallace, Sim, Pate, Scott R. H., Lochore, Carswell, Wingate, Scott J. R. A., Blackwood, Taylor, Galt, Smith P. J. G., Holloway, Thomson, Rankin.

School v. Glasgow Univ. Wednesday Club Nov. 25th (H). Lost 8-11.

The School were defeated by a goal and two tries to a goal and one try. Early exchanges were even. The School forwards forced the pace from the start and jolted the visitors into an immediate awareness of their usefulness.

We were pleased to welcome back G. A. Burns at scrum-half for the visitors. He was very good value for the University and early on in the game made the first of a number of forceful breaks. His kick ahead was fumbled badly and the loose ball was dribbled over for a score. The try was well converted to give the visitors an early lead. Not, however, for long, for the forwards—after a heaving, bucking, loose maul—broke away, Smith, Holloway and Scott in the fore. Holloway produced the try which was well converted by Wallace.

Just before half-time the visitors went ahead from a line-out scramble, the attempt at conversion failing.

In the second half the threequarters had more opportunity, and open play brought bright hopes of a win. Lochore picked up well from a diagonal kick and went over in the corner to once more even the scores.

It was from a sad lapse that the University took the lead when, after a hasty and dangerous kick back while defending, the loose ball was seized upon by the visitors, who deserved this final score. On the whole this was a good game, much of it played with fire and speed in what were reasonable conditions for November.

Team: Wallace, Sim, Wingate, Rankin, Lochore, Carswell, Smith I. M., Scott J. R. A., Lawson, Taylor, Galt, Smith P. J. G., Holloway, Thomson, Pate.

School v. Gordonstoun Nov. 28th (A). Won 23-3.

Both sides started well and there were two bright movements which almost produced early scores. Firstly Sim, after a period of robust forward play, was brought down short of the line, and then Gordonstoun retaliated with an attack ended only on the line by a clearance from Wallace.

The pack were well together and began to assume an ascendancy they were to retain throughout the game. Wingate broke through in the centre and his jinking run was ended only feet from the line by a sound tackle. From the resulting scrum the ball sped out to Lochore who scored in the corner.

Galt, proving difficult to contain in the line-out, produced the second score near to half-time when he gathered well and increased the School's lead.

After half-time, with Smith and Holloway outstanding in the loose and Pate tackling well at wing forward, the scores came steadily. Smith broke away from a line-out, the ball was taken on by Pate who set Wingate away. Sim took the pass and cut inside to score.

Shortly afterwards Sim, tackled by the Gordonstoun full-back, gave the ball inside to Wingate who ran hard to score. Pate kicked the conversion and shortly afterwards increased the score with a good penalty goal. After a series of good forward rushes, with Thomson in the vanguard, Smith crashed over to score again.

At this point Gordonstoun, always playing well but under pressure, opened up a movement which ended, after a clever side slip and a clear-as-crystal break in midfield, produced a sparking try.

The spate of scoring ended with a try for the School when Lochore, backing up from the other wing, made the extra man.

Determined and by no means as outplayed as the score will suggest, Gordonstoun went under to a School side rarely as "in-gear" as on this occasion.

Team: Wallace, Sim, Rankin, Wingate, Lochore, Carswell, Smith I. M., Scott J. R. A., Blackwood, Taylor, Smith P. J. G., Galt, Pate, Thomson, Holloway.

School v. Aberdeen Grammar School 5th Dec. (H). Drew 3-3.

Strathallan opened well with a number of forward rushes in which Pate and Hutt were prominent. Good play by the visiting full-back and the failure of the home half-backs to combine well prevented any score. Aberdeen gradually came more into the game due largely to bad, or non-existent, attempts to fall on the ball, but two very dangerous moves were completely checked by perfect tackles by Gray in the centre. However, the pressure was rewarded when a Strathallan wing-forward was offside following a wheel and the resulting penalty was converted. This reverse spurred the home team into renewed effort and some good threequarter movements were only just smothered.

After the interval Strathallan again opened with good forward rushes and kept play in the visitors' "25" until Pate levelled the scores with a penalty goal. The home team returned to the attack and were soon awarded another penalty in the same position but a short kick was taken and the ensuing movement petered out. Strathallan continued to dominate and just failed to score on a number of occasions, one from an attempted shove-over and the others following good pressing moves which were frustrated sometimes by good defence and sometimes by a badly delivered final pass. Whenever Aberdeen looked like breaking away they found Wallace in great form at full-back. Despite the continued pressure the visitors' defence held out and they almost snatched a victory in the last minute with a penalty following a combined dribble.

Team: Wallace, Sim, Rankin, Wingate, Lochore, Carswell, Smith I. M., Scott J. R. A., Blackwood, Hutt, Smith P. J. G., Galt, Pate, Thomson, Holloway.

School v. Glenalmond Dec. 12th (H). Drew 0-0.

It would be wrong to suppose from a glance at the score that there was little thrust or enterprise on view during this cold and damp encounter on Little Acre. It would be equally wrong to say this was a dull and lifeless game — far from it. There was a great deal of exciting open rugby, and the defence and the fire of both XV's earned the praise of the very large crowd. Certainly those members of the touring Cambridge XV who were on the touchline considered there was much good

rugby—and so there was. Having said this, one should in fairness make mention of one or two weaknesses. Threequarters, first class in defence, lacked at times the vital imagination here and there in attack. A dummy pass, a properly timed pass, a kick over, a blind side pass, a cross kick, which might well have turned an excellent movement into a beautiful score. The forwards were taking the ball just too far, just too often.

The School began very well, the pack contained any loose mauls and in general here, as throughout much of the game, gained a marked territorial advantage.

Glenalmond, even under pressure, were quick to deflate the expanding attack and at all times were able to turn despairing movements into safety. The School narrowly missed several penalties. Close to half-time a good foot run took the ball into the visitor's "25" where, from a good heel, I. M. Smith got the ball well away, Gray cut back in from the open side and linked up with Sim on the wing, who failed to gather the difficult pass. Half-time came with the School still pressing.

If the first half went slightly in the School's favour, the second half might be given just as narrowly to Glenalmond. Their forwards were not as impressive as the School pack for whom Holloway and Smith were outstanding, but their threequarters—bigger, and here and there faster than Strathallan's—made ground. Two factors, however, prevented their success: there were spells of unhappy passing and there was the resolute defence by the School.

Still mostly in the visitor's half, the game ended in a blaze of effort. Wallace came up to fly-half but had his drop goal attempt charged down. Holloway picked up and opened up an attack which ended with Sim on the wing being brought down at full speed.

In fact, a fair score and a very good game, made all the more attractive by the excellent refereeing.

Team: Wallace, Sim, Rankin, Wingate, Lochore, Carswell, Smith I. M., Scott J. R. A., Blackwood, Hutt, Smith P. J. G., Galt, Pate, Thomson, Holloway.

School v. Daniel Stewart's College

Jan. 30th (A). Lost 9-0.

On the bitterly cold, snow-swept old international field at Inverleith the School XV conceded three tries to the home side.

The game, in spite of the wintry conditions, remained very much alive throughout and the handling of both teams was remarkably good. Beginning promisingly the School narrowly missed an early lead when P. Smith attempted to kick a long penalty, and shortly afterwards a diagonal kick from Carswell fell just out of reach. Blackwood was hooking very well and the pack were quick to take advantage of the loose ball.

The tide, however, was turning, Stewart's making very intelligent use of the strong wind behind them and kicking high and well. After a period of sustained pressure, Brind at full-back was eventually caught in possession. A loose rush took the ball to the School goal line where a most imprudent pat back led to a score. The home side led then by 3 points to nil at half-time. One felt this to be a modest lead and it seemed reasonable to hope for a fierce reply by the School, now greatly aided by the increasing wind and snow showers from behind.

From a fly hack in the loose, quickly snapped up, Stewart's increased their lead with a try under the posts; the attempted conversion failed in the face of the wind. The School failed to use the wind and were contained for long spells in their own half, and after a quick heel and a midfield break, a controlled diagonal grub kick was gathered by the Stewart's wing for a corner score.

The home side deserved their win, using ably the proper tactics for a wet and wild afternoon.

One felt, sorrowfully, that the School XV, working strenuously and with fire and determination, had chosen the hard way to make ground; that more would have been gained effortlessly, time and time again, by a more mature guiding influence behind the scrum.

Team: Brind, Gray I. S., Rankin, Wingate, Lochore, Carswell, Smith I. M., Taylor, Blackwood, Hutt, Galt, Smith P. J. G., Holloway, Ridland and Pate.

School v. United Colleges, St. Andrews 27th Jan. (H). Won 12-3.

For the first few minutes play remained about the centre of the field, but Strathallan then gained a decided territorial advantage, and very good work by the forwards was nearly rewarded on several occasions. The best attacking move came when Wingate gathered a St. Andrews kick ahead and let the ball out quickly. Lochore, backed up by Holloway, was almost clear, and the movement gained about fifty yards. Then, just on half-time, Galt dribbled the ball clear from a line-out about ten yards out, gathered the ball near the line when it struck a defender and dropped over for a good individual try. Pate failed to convert the heavy ball from halfway out.

In the second half Strathallan pressed very strongly from the start and they were rewarded by a push-over try touched down by Pate. The same player was just short with a kick from halfway out. St. Andrews rallied briefly and Hellon, who had made several good breaks from stand-off, burst through, kicked ahead, and an unconverted try resulted. The Strathallan pack was now very much in command, and when baulked of another push-over try they heeled very quickly to enable Smith to trip round for a well taken try. Once again the ball was too heavy for Pate to convert from halfway out. The scoring was completed when Galt snapped up the ball in the loose, passed quickly to Pate who sent a beautiful little kick to the corner flag. Lochore followed up very quickly and scored a try which was not converted.

The entire School side played well, with Pate and Galt outstanding.

Team: Brind, Gray I. S., Rankin, Wingate, Lochore, Carswell, Smith I. M., Taylor, Blackwood, Hutt, Galt, Smith P. J. G., Holloway, Ridland and Pate.

School v. Old Strathallians. March 2nd (H). Won 3-0.

The School were very fortunate to defeat this very enterprising and welcome Old Boys team.

In view of the heavy and wet conditions there was much entertaining football from both sides. Lochtie and Arneil proved to be a safe and agile combination at half-back for the visitors and their quickness did much to open up the game. Sloan looked dangerous in midfield, and it is to the credit of the School defence that one or two dangerous runs were surely ended.

Macfie, playing his first game at full back, cleared well and was reliable. Rankin and Carswell kicked to advantage for the School, and one notable movement just before half-time ended when Sim was tackled heading for the Old Boys' line.

At forward the School held to their advantage throughout and in lines-out and scrummages gave rather more than they got.

In the second half the visitors were clearly the aggressors and only good covering in defence prevented two certain tries. Shortly after an

attempted push-over try by the School, which failed. Smith broke away from a loose scrum to send I. M. Smith over on the blind side. This last minute score was unconverted.

Team: Macfie, Lochore, Rankin, Wingate, Sim, Carswell, Smith I. M., Taylor, Blackwood, Hutt, Smith P. J. G., Galt, Holloway, Ridland and Harrison.

Strathallan 2nd XV Results

Opponents	F.	A.	Opponents	F.	A.
Perth Academy (H)	34	0	Morrison's Academy (A)...	28	11
Dollar Academy (A)	19	0	Allan Glen's (A)	9	3
Glasgow Academy (H) ...	5	8	Gordonstoun (A)	28	0
Fettes (A)	3	8	Aberdeen Grammar (H) ...	10	11
Scotus Academy (H).....	6	10	Glenalmond (A)	11	3
Loretto (A)	3	8	Daniel Stewart's (A)	0	6

Strathallan 3rd XV Results

Opponents	F.	A.	Opponents	F.	A.
Glasgow Academy (A) ...	3	21	Loretto (A)	3	6
Fettes (A)	18	8	Morrison's Academy (H)	28	0
Q.V. 1st XV (H)	9	13	Glenalmond (A)	0	10
Dollar Academy (A).....	8	3			

Strathallan 4th XV Results

Opponents	F.	A.
Perth Academy 3rd XV (H)	30	0
Dollar Academy (A)	10	0
Glenalmond (H)	6	6

UNDER 15½ RUGBY, 1959-60

The season opened with a fine game against Fettes, in which we saw some hard and open rugby, but unfortunately this standard was not maintained in subsequent matches. Victories against Loretto, Morrison's and Aberdeen were not as decisive as they should have been, while Merchiston thoroughly trounced a lethargic and placid team. To some extent we redeemed ourselves with a good game against Glenalmond, which was narrowly lost. Scott was outstanding amongst the backs, who lacked determination, and Sleaf at scrum-half always threw out a good service. The pack rarely combined well together, though Bosshardt developed into an intelligent attacking No. 8, and Johnston was always at his elbow. In general the will to score tries was absent, and the side took a long time to work up steam.

The team: Barron; Beattie C., Scott, Macgregor, Nairn; Duncan, Sleaf; Cousins, Fisher, Young J., Dunbar, Hendrie, Macdonald, Bosshardt, Johnston. Also played: Pickard, Roy, Halliday and Benson.

R.E.B.

Strathallan Under 15½s XV Results

Opponents	F.	A.	Opponents	F.	A.
Fettes (H)	3	3	Merchiston Castle (A)	0	20
Loretto (H)	6	3	Glenalmond (A)	0	9
Morrison's Academy (A)...	13	0	Aberdeen Grammar (A) ...	8	5

Strathallan Under 14½s XV Results

Opponents	F.	A.	Opponents	F.	A.
Perth Academy (A)	3	10	Loretto (H)	3	0
Glasgow Academy (H)	0	20	Morrison's Academy (H) ..	22	0
Fettes (H)	6	3	Merchiston Castle (A)	3	18
Queen Victoria School (H) ..	30	0	Glenalmond (A)	6	18
Dollar Academy (H)	12	6	Aberdeen Grammar (H)	20	0

Strathallan Under 13½s XV Results

Played 7; Won 3; Lost 3; Drawn 1; For 85; Against 45.

Cricket, 1960

WE may look back to the season with some degree of satisfaction, and we may look forward to next year with optimism. The School, as a whole, has won 25 matches and lost 9, with 11 drawn. We are the only school to have beaten the Edinburgh Academy and Loretto this year, and we are one of the very few sides who have never been bowled out for less than 100.

The development of the 1st XI has been apparent throughout the year, not so much in technique but in their ability to fight back and show determination. The victory against Loretto was indicative of this determination, and the whole school should profit by it. All the players deserve credit, none more so than Rankin, who proved an excellent Captain with a sound tactical mind and firm control. He also finished head of the batting averages, took most catches and was always a good example to the side. It has made a great difference to the side to have Tom Lodge as our professional coach; there is no one we would rather have.

Davidson and Harvey-Walker were our best bowlers, with Fleming a close third. Davidson's bowling was unfortunately a late development, but he made up for it more than adequately. He and Harvey-Walker were admirably steady bowlers, steadiness being what we most lacked early in the season. Fleming did extremely well in his first season and took some vital wickets. Taylor was the best of the batsmen, playing some excellent innings, particularly against Fettes and Glenalmond. Rankin, Smith, Pate, Galt, Mackenzie and Brind all contributed valuable innings at one time or another.

The fielding and catching was unfortunately not up to the same standard; concentration and decision were lacking, and that is where improvement must be made if we are to justify our present expectations.

A.P.F.A.

Cricket 1960

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI	17	6	3	8
2nd XI	9	5	3	2
Colts XI	8	5	2	1
Under 14½s	5	4	1	—
Under 13½s	6	5	1	—

1st XI MATCHES

School v. Masters' XI. At Forgandenny.

The School was fortunate this year in having Tom Lodge as the professional coach, although they were probably not so glad to see him playing for the Masters' XI. The Masters won the toss and chose to bat on a good wicket. Lodge and Mr. Hewson gave the masters a good start, and they were able to declare at tea-time with 179 for 6 wickets on the board. Good innings by Galt and Cook put the School in a strong position but, with their departure, the rate of scoring dropped, and it became a matter of securing a draw, which the School did at 159 for 8 wickets.

Masters		School	
Lodge	87	I. M. Smith	0
C. P. Hewson	18	A. S. Cook	43
A. P. F. Alexander	32	H. Galt	59
W. N. S. Hoare	18	T. R. Taylor	21
R. E. Birley	1	I. D. E. Sim	8
D. A. R. Williams	1	A. G. Johnston	12
D. Bland	11	J. C. S. Rankin	1
S. W. J. Penny	0	D. Mackenzie	11
D. E. Young	8	A. M. Pate	1
		A. J. Harvey-Walker	1

Total for 6 wickets 179

R. A. L. Burnet and E. Wormald did not bat.

Harvey-Walker 3 for 26; Taylor 3 for 82.

Total for 8 wickets 159

H. J. Davidson did not bat. Williams 3 for 52; Bland 3 for 60.

School v. Crieff C.C. At Forgandenny.

Rankin won the toss and chose to bat on a firm, fastish wicket. Smith and Cook took advantage of some loose bowling and played splendidly to put 139 on the board before the first wicket fell. Unfortunately the rest of the side did not follow their example, but Rankin was able to declare with 7 wickets down, and set Crieff to score 178 in two hours and ten minutes. The School bowling was poor, but Crieff obliged by getting themselves out to some very bad balls. Their last wicket fell just after 7 o'clock with 99 runs on the board.

School		Crieff C.C.	
I. M. Smith	69	R. Hay	4
A. S. Cook	68	A. Douglas	0
H. Galt	0	S. Black	30
T. R. Taylor	1	L. Singer	2
I. D. E. Sim	4	H. Laing	6
A. G. Johnston	4	A. Lorimer	16
J. C. S. Rankin	7	A. W. Sinclair	8
D. Mackenzie	10	J. Ryan	22
		D. Dron	0
		G. Ewing	0
		I. Pollock	6

Total for 7 wickets 177

A. M. Pate, A. J. Harvey-Walker and H. J. Davidson did not bat. Sinclair 5 for 39; Hay 2 for 25.

Total 99

Harvey-Walker 5 for 29; Davidson 2 for 4.

School v. Merchiston Castle. At Colinton.

This was an excellent game of cricket and the 1st XI's performance was very creditable. Merchiston won the toss and put us into bat. Their opening bowling was excellent: fast, lively and well controlled. After

the early loss of Cook, Smith and Taylor batted excellently and put on 51 for the partnership. Rankin, Galt and Brind also played well, particularly Rankin, who declared at 122 for 7, leaving Merchiston 85 minutes to get the runs. This they did off the fourth ball of the last over, amidst great excitement, after a distinguished innings by Morton. Our bowling was steady without being penetrative; Taylor was unlucky not to take more wickets than he did.

School		Merchiston Castle	
I. M. Smith	30	J. H. Rigg	5
A. S. Cook	0	A. G. Wilkinson	29
T. R. Taylor	23	R. H. Lamb	8
I. D. E. Sim	3	D. R. C. Morton	53
H. Galt	20	J. P. Jackson	12
J. H. Brind	7	R. L. Scott	0
J. C. S. Rankin	28	R. D. Gray	8
A. J. Harvey-Walker	8	J. W. Ness	4
D. Mackenzie	1		
		Total for 6 wickets	123
	Total for 7 wickets		122

A. M. Pate and P. Marsland did not bat. P. G. Houston, J. H. W. Walker and C. J. Storey did not bat.
Ness 3 for 39; Morton 2 for 32. Rankin 2 for 10; Taylor 1 for 30.

School v. The Edinburgh Academy. At Forgandenny.

After very heavy rain the wicket was slow and upset many batsmen after the hard wickets of the previous two weeks. The match started at noon, Rankin choosing to bat. Only Smith really got the pace of the wicket, and almost all our batsmen were out to hard-wicket shots. As so often before, Smith gave invaluable service; Brind did a good job steadying the side during a difficult period, and Rankin played with commendable determination and commonsense. Our last wicket fell at 4.25, and the Academy were left 2 hours and 40 minutes to get 126 runs. This was plenty of time, but it proved to have been a good toss to win, for the wicket under the strong sun was now taking spin and becoming faster, and we had the bowlers to exploit the conditions. Rankin wisely began with Harvey-Walker, who bowled throughout the innings with great control, turning the ball a considerable amount. Mackenzie took two quick wickets and Marsland took one. A sharp shower quietened the wicket and the bowling with a wet ball was very steady. Rankin bowled with more control than anyone so far and deserved better results than he actually achieved. Sands batted splendidly for the Academy but no one else was able to master the bowlers at all. We held all our catches; Smith, Cook and Rankin all took really excellent catches.

School		The Edinburgh Academy	
I. M. Smith	16	R. Kemp	5
A. S. Cook	4	D. L. Stewart	1
T. R. Taylor	12	N. C. D. Keunssberg	3
I. D. E. Sim	0	J. F. N. Sands	8
H. Galt	9	I. D. G. Munro	1
J. H. Brind	11	J. F. Sands	32
J. C. S. Rankin	33	J. Pauling	14
A. J. Harvey-Walker	4	I. S. Reid	4
D. Mackenzie	14	R. J. A. Bateman	1
A. M. Pate	13	C. E. S. Cairns	6
P. L. Marsland	0	S. A. Cruickshank	0
	Total		Total
	125		82

Reid 5 for 22; Kemp 4 for 49. Harvey-Walker 5 for 27; Mackenzie 2 for 5.

School v. The Glasgow Academy. At Anniesland.

The Academy won the toss and chose to bat. Our bowling was not very steady and the first three batsmen played well. Wickets fell fast, however, after the score had reached 40; Harvey-Walker was not as consistent as usual but he got a lot of turn out of the wicket. The Academy was extremely steady and we did poorly until Galt came in to hit the ball hard and straight. Brind backed him up well and we won by 5 wickets.

The Glasgow Academy		School	
P. S. Larkman	16	I. M. Smith	12
B. A. Lockhart	19	A. S. Cook	0
W. A. Watson	21	T. R. Taylor	2
S. M. Ross	0	I. D. E. Sim	2
D. M. Gibson	6	H. Galt	39
A. R. A. Scott	7	J. C. S. Rankin	4
G. B. L. Campbell	0	J. H. Brind	9
G. T. G. Young	0		
I. D. T. Valence	0		
G. H. Auld	0		
M. M. Kennedy	0		
Total	71	Total for 5 wickets	73

Harvey-Walker 6 for 34; Rankin 3 for 22. Kennedy 3 for 19; Scott 1 for 13.

School v. Morrison's Academy. At Forgandenny.

Rankin lost the toss but, after a good start, Morrison's were out for 73. Neither our bowling nor our fielding deserved this success. Our batting, however, was better; a good innings from Cook and a patient one from Taylor against some very steady bowling ensured victory by 7 wickets.

Morrison's Academy		School	
D. A. Macmillan	1	I. M. Smith	2
N. A. MacEwan	25	A. S. Cook	45
A. J. Ferguson	16	T. R. Taylor	18
J. W. Graham	4	H. Galt	3
J. B. Gilruth	12	I. D. E. Sim	6
T. D. Mason	4		
R. T. Henderson	0	Total for 3 wickets	75
G. F. Clark	0		
A. F. Clush	0		
R. I. Dixon	2	J. H. Brind, J. C. S. Rankin, D.	
J. G. Phillips	5	Mackenzie, A. J. Harvey-Walker,	
Total	73	A. M. Pate and P. L. Marsland did	
		not bat.	

Harvey-Walker 4 for 33; Rankin 3 for 21. Henderson 1 for 8; Gilruth 1 for 12.

School v. Daniel Stewart's College. At Forgandenny.

Rankin won the toss and chose to bat against what turned out to be a very accurate bowling side. This, combined with some indeterminate batting and two silly run-outs, resulted in our scoring no more

than 142. We in our turn bowled inaccurately and Stewart's batted ably to win deservedly by 5 wickets, Henderson playing a very good knock of 53.

School		Daniel Stewart's College	
I. M. Smith	15	B. G. Ballantine	0
A. S. Cook	7	L. W. Clerihew	31
T. R. Taylor	32	G. S. Y. Henderson	53
A. M. Pate	41	J. H. Steele	9
H. Galt	4	P. A. B. Mitchell	31
J. H. Brind	19	J. M. M. Low	10
J. C. S. Rankin	13	B. R. Donalson	5
A. G. Johnston	2		
D. Mackenzie	3		
J. J. W. Davidson	0		
A. J. Harvey-Walker	0		
Total	142	Total for 5 wickets	144

G. B. R. Shannon, H. A. McPherson, D. D. Anderson and B. N. Porteous did not bat.

Clerihew 4 for 40; Porteous 2 for 37.

Harvey-Walker 2 for 48; Taylor 2 for 50.

School v. Fettes. At Forgandenny.

Fettes won the toss and chose to go in first on an excellent batting wicket. Our bowling was a little inaccurate at first but later tightened up, and both Taylor and Harvey-Walker bowled well. The Fettes 10 and 11 batted as soundly as any of their side and added 35 valuable runs to leave Fettes with 214 runs on the board. We made a poor start and were 5 wickets down for only 47 runs. There followed splendid innings by Taylor and Mackenzie, but ten minutes before "stumps" we were all out for 157. This score was reached, however, without really going for the runs, and was largely the result of only two good innings. It served to show that with a little more determination we could well have won, and certainly have drawn, the match.

Fettes College		School	
M. J. Souter	4	I. M. Smith	27
P. Snodgrass	17	A. S. Cook	2
R. A. Lind	8	H. Galt	4
R. A. S. Graham	62	A. M. Pate	0
A. R. Middleton	11	J. H. Brind	6
M. M. Lacey	29	T. R. Taylor	50
J. H. Henderson	10	I. D. E. Sim	16
J. D. Templeton	11	J. C. S. Rankin	4
D. F. H. Jaboor	8	A. G. Johnston	4
I. M. Kerr	12	D. Mackenzie	26
J. D. Affleck	19	A. J. Harvey-Walker	0
Total	214	Total	157

Rankin 3 for 31; Taylor 3 for 71. Kerr 5 for 42; Lacey 2 for 21.

School "A" XI v. King Edward VI Grammar School, Morpeth.

At Forgandenny.

There was some excellent batting by Smith and Taylor in this match, and our 215 runs took us only 127 minutes, the last 100 coming in 40

minutes. The opposition defended sternly, however, and were 146 for 7 at the close. We dropped seven catches and therefore did not deserve to win. Fleming bowled well in this match.

School "A" XI	
I. M. Smith	68
D. J. S. Currie	13
T. R. Taylor	98
H. Galt	28
Total for 3 wickets	215

I. D. E. Sim, D. Mackenzie, A. M. Pate, A. G. Johnston, J. J. W. Davidson, A. J. Harvey-Walker and A. J. Fleming did not bat.

Douglas 2 for 47; Earle 1 for 35.

Morpeth	
P. Douglas	49
D. Crozier	8
D. Earle	10
G. Hewitt	53
D. Mack	4
B. C. Scott	5
G. Malloy	0
C. Messenger	0
I. Lawson	0

Total for 7 wickets 146

E. Hope and R. Holmes did not bat.

Harvey-Walker 2 for 31; Taylor 2 for 43.

School v. Perthshire C.C. At Forgandenny.

With a very strong team against us, Rankin was rightly determined not to be too generous with his declaration, and he left Perthshire 45 minutes to get 112 runs. A spirited effort by Perthshire was very nearly successful. Once again our rather unsteady bowling was in evidence; apart from this, Taylor and Smith batted well.

School	
I. M. Smith	27
I. D. E. Sim	1
T. R. Taylor	41
H. Galt	13
A. M. Pate	7
D. Mackenzie	1
J. C. S. Rankin	13

Total for 6 wickets 112

A. G. Johnston, A. J. Harvey-Walker and A. J. Fleming did not bat.

Stewart 2 for 5; Alexander 1 for 9.

Perthshire C.C.	
J. Arnott	11
T. S. Gardiner	35
H. A. Bowman	38
J. Campbell	11

Total for 2 wickets 95

Stewart, Grierson, Ross, Dewar, Williams, Brown and Alexander did not bat.

Fleming 1 for 23; Harvey-Walker 1 for 23.

School v. Strathallian Club. At Forgandenny.

The School scored 121 for 6, during which Smith and Taylor played good innings, Pate performing well as an opener in Cook's absence. Duncan bowled well for the Old Boys, as did Jamieson. Harvey-Walker bowled well against the Old Boys who nonetheless narrowly managed to force a draw, finishing at 96 for 9.

School		Strathallian Club	
I. M. Smith	29	P. G. Wallace	16
A. M. Pate	8	A. W. Beattie	17
T. R. Taylor	17	D. C. Duncan	0
H. Galt	11	R. S. Eason	7
I. D. E. Sim	0	G. W. Balfour	23
J. C. S. Rankin	10	M. S. Jamieson	12
D. Mackenzie	18	D. I. Muir	3
J. H. Brind	15	J. W. Dinsmore	0
		T. P. S. Robertson	6
		J. W. McInnes	7
		I. Q. Jones	1
Total for 6 wickets	121		
		Total for 9 wickets	96

A. G. Johnston, A. J. Harvey-Walker and A. J. Fleming did not bat.

Duncan 4 for 39; Jamieson 2 for 33.

Harvey-Walker 5 for 25; Fleming 2 for 26.

School v. Perth Academy. At Forgandenny.

The Academy innings was notable for a courageous innings of 60 from their Captain, some good bowling from Fleming, and three lamentable dropped catches. We should have won the match more decisively. Fleming swung the ball in late and when he pitched it up it was very difficult to play. We were not off to a very good start, but Galt chose this moment to play an innings of which he has frequently shown himself capable, but seldom actually fulfilled. He had a little luck, but his 82 runs were well and quickly made, and we won by 6 wickets.

Perth Academy		School	
D. C. Duigan	60	I. M. Smith	14
S. I. MacGregor	8	A. S. Cook	4
J. S. Pritchard	0	T. R. Taylor	4
T. S. Ferguson	0	H. Galt	82
J. B. Rawlinson	21	D. Mackenzie	18
J. M. Allan	7	D. M. Stewart	10
A. N. Scott	0		
T. I. McPherson	25		
A. M. Webster	0		
L. M. D. Buchanan	2		
P. W. S. Fleming	2		
		Total for 4 wickets	134
Total	133		

Fleming 7 for 43; Harvey-Walker 2 for 25.

A. M. Pate, J. H. Brind, R. W. Armstrong, A. J. Harvey-Walker and A. J. Fleming did not bat.

Fleming 2 for 14; Pritchard 2 for 21.

School v. Forfarshire C.C. At Forgandenny.

The game was played in the evening from 6 to 9.30, and at no period was it light enough to refuse an appeal against the light, had such an appeal been made. Indeed, the people most likely to appeal were the umpires, whose only effective function towards the end lay in counting the six balls of each over. Nevertheless a very enjoyable game

was played. After a poor start, Rankin and Davidson batted very well, and Rankin declared at 137 for 9, and left the opposition 70 minutes in the dark to make the runs. It then began to rain, and it became very difficult to bowl and field. Batting with great vigour and, apparently, cats' eyes, Forfarshire were only 10 runs off victory at the close.

School		Forfarshire C.C.	
I. M. Smith	4	D. J. Robertson	8
A. M. Pate	14	A. C. Thompson	56
T. R. Taylor	6	I. C. Reoch	6
H. Galt	14	E. C. Reoch	26
D. M. Stewart	8	C. W. R. Bartels	24
J. H. Brind	2		
J. C. S. Rankin	39		
R. W. Armstrong	6		
J. J. W. Davidson	38	Total for 3 wickets	128
A. J. Harvey-Walker	0		
A. J. Fleming	1	C. E. Allardyce, J. P. Allardyce, A. Stelle, R. L. Foreman, J. D. Henderson and G. A. Main did not bat.	
Total	137		

Reoch 4 for 35; Henderson 3 for 21.

Harvey-Walker 1 for 17; Fleming 1 for 34.

School v. Ayrshire Wanderers. At Forgandenny.

Rankin won the toss and chose to bat on an easy-paced wicket. There was some steady batting and we were able to declare at 152 for 4 wickets, Galt and Pate playing well for us. The opposition got off to a good start, but accurate bowling by Davidson and Harvey-Walker tied them down. Wickets then began to fall and they had to call off their attempt to go for the runs, and finished at 110 for 7.

School		Ayrshire Wanderers C.C.	
I. M. Smith	13	J. G. C. Watson	57
A. M. Pate	39	B. A. Lockhart	9
T. R. Taylor	26	I. W. L. Reid	21
H. Galt	38	J. B. Houston	0
A. S. Cook	15	J. A. Hunter	18
J. C. S. Rankin	0	G. T. G. Young	1
		J. M. McCall	0
Total for 4 wickets	152	H. M. Hunter	2
		R. K. McLeod	1

D. Mackenzie, J. J. W. Davidson, R. W. Armstrong, A. J. Harvey-Walker and A. J. Fleming did not bat.

Total for 7 wickets 110

Hunter 2 for 24; Houston 1 for 38.

H. Cochrane and W. Kelly did not bat. Harvey-Walker 6 for 31; Davidson 1 for 4.

School v. Forgandenny. At Forgandenny.

The School batted first and put 142 on the board for the loss of 5 wickets, Rankin making a good 50 not out. The village batted in the semi-dark, which grew worse as the match progressed, but managed to hang on to earn an honourable draw. Towards the end the fielders were more anxious to appeal against the light than the batsmen.

School		Forgandenny	
I. M. Smith	16	D. Mackie	9
A. M. Pate	24	D. A. R. Williams	9
J. J. W. Davidson	16	J. Robertson	1
A. S. Cook	3	A. P. F. Alexander	29
J. C. S. Rankin	50	N. Smith	0
R. W. Armstrong	26	A. Peter	10
D. Mackenzie	1	P. Hamilton	0
		D. Kemp	19
		A. Boag	5
Total for 5 wickets	142		

T. R. Taylor, R. W. Armstrong,
A. J. Harvey-Walker and A. J.
Fleming did not bat.
Alexander 2 for 28; Williams 1
for 20.

Total for 7 wickets 84

A. Kemp and Young did not bat.
Davidson 3 for 10 Harvey-Walker
2 for 6.

School v. Trinity College, Glenalmond. At Glenalmond.

This was a rather disappointing match because Glenalmond batted first and, being much better equipped for run-chasing than Strathallan, would have made a better job of batting second than we did. We bowled well in the morning but fielded very poorly — four catches were dropped. Despite losing five wickets — three to Fleming, who bowled very well — Glenalmond scored fast and were 127 at lunch. In the afternoon we again bowled steadily, but Hardie played a good innings of 89 and Fairbairn was able to declare just about on half-time, leaving us to make 232 to win. Our start was very, very slow and we never looked like scoring the runs. The Glenalmond fielding and field placing were good and their bowling steady. Although we were eight wickets down at the close we never really looked like getting out, Mackenzie again playing a sound defensive knock. Taylor's innings was his best this year — sound and very mature.

Glenalmond		School	
J. F. B. Gunnery	12	I. M. Smith	10
S. B. MacDonald	51	A. M. Pate	7
I. M. Kennedy	0	T. R. Taylor	50
M. K. Fairbairn	14	J. C. S. Rankin	7
D. B. S. Hardie	89	H. Galt	5
R. C. J. McVicar	3	A. S. Cook	9
A. R. Hurray	22	R. W. Armstrong	4
P. L. Mudie	19	J. J. W. Davidson	17
R. Briggs	0	D. Mackenzie	8
D. F. Desmond	0	A. J. Harvey-Walker	0
Total for 8 wickets	231	Total for 8 wickets	122

J. C. C. Jeffrey did not bat.
Fleming 4 for 46; Davidson 2 for
40; Harvey-Walker 2 for 43.

A. J. Fleming did not bat.
Mudie 5 for 22; Jeffrey 1 for 22.

School v. Loretto. At Forgandenny.

Rankin won the toss and chose to bat on a wicket that was rather slow at 11.30, but which quickened as the day went on. We had a good start from Smith, Rankin and Pate, and were quite pleased to go in to lunch at 93 for 3. Disaster struck us after lunch and 7 wickets fell for only 12 runs; we were all out for 105. The Loretto quick bowlers bowled fast and straight to an attacking field, and we obligingly either missed the ball or placed it in the fielders' hands. It was an inept display, and the only thing to be said for it was that it placed the 1st XI in the right

frame of mind to make up for this by their display in the field. Rankin attacked the Loretto batsmen from the start. Fleming bowled well, if sometimes over-pitched, and always attacked the stumps: he took the first Loretto wicket when the score was 26 and the outlook bleak for us. At the other end Davidson bowled throughout the innings quite excellently; he was admirably steady and moved the ball in the air and off the ground nearly all the time. At tea Loretto were 45 for 5, and the game nicely balanced. After tea Harvey-Walker replaced Fleming and bowled until the end of the match. Although he only took one wicket, making his total for the season 50, he bowled as well as Davidson—which is saying a great deal. With two good catches and a run-out by Rankin, a good leg-side stumping by Pate, and this admirable bowling, Loretto played too defensively and were out for 73. This was our first victory over Loretto at cricket and made an excellent end to the season.

School		Loretto	
I. M. Smith	9	R. D. Paterson	12
A. M. Pate	23	D. Nichol	14
J. C. S. Rankin	36	D. R. McCreath	20
T. R. Taylor	12	B. J. S. Lang	2
H. Galt	3	P. W. J. Greenhough	0
D. M. Stewart	0	D. E. Barker	4
D. Mackenzie	4	G. S. Morrison	10
J. J. W. Davidson	0	M. J. C. I. Smith	3
R. W. Armstrong	2	G. H. A. Mellis	0
A. J. Harvey-Walker	0	H. M. J. Ritchie	3
A. J. Fleming	0	D. MacPhail	0
Total	105	Total	72

Barker 5 for 17; Mellis 4 for 30. Davidson 6 for 32; Fleming 2 for 23.

**Combined Glenalmond and Strathallan XI v.
Oxford University Authentics, At Glenalmond.**

This biennial match was very nearly won by the Schools, but the clock cheated them of victory. Our five representatives in the Schools team—Rankin, Taylor, Davidson, Mackenzie and Harvey-Walker—played only a minor part in this near-success, as most of the runs were made by the Glenalmond batsmen Fairbairn, Gunnery and McVicar, and most of the Authentics' wickets taken by the Glenalmond bowler Mudie. The Authentics, set to score 194 in 110 minutes, seldom looked like reaching that total, especially after the dismissal of their opening batsmen, but deserved credit for making an effort, despite the rapid fall of wickets after the first hour.

Glenalmond and Strathallan

S. F. B. Gunnery (G)	44
E. B. McDonald (G)	6
T. R. Taylor (S)	12
M. K. Fairbairn (G)	64
D. B. S. Hardie (G)	7
J. C. S. Rankin (S)	12
R. C. J. McVicar (G)	40

Total for 5 wickets 193

J. J. W. Davidson (S), P. L. Mudie (G), D. Mackenzie (S) and A. J. Harvey-Walker (S) did not bat.

Bewsher 3 for 74; Leask 1 for 24.

O. U. Authentics

D. C. L. Prior	53
R. H. C. Waters	21
R. A. McCullagh	40
P. B. Donson	28
A. P. S. Brennan	5
W. Bewsher	0
R. K. Whiley	0
C. M. G. Hunter	5
P. R. Prenter	0
M. W. Innes	0
L. S. Leask	0

Total for 9 wickets 164

Mudie 5 for 30; Taylor 1 for 7; Davidson 1 for 12.

1st XI Averages**Batting**

	Innings	Times Not Out	Highest Score	Runs	Average
Rankin	14	5	50*	245	27.2
Taylor	16	0	98	413	25.8
Galt	16	3	82*	332	25.5
Smith	18	0	69	361	20.02
Cook	12	2	68	200	20.0
Pate	11	2	39	177	19.7
Davidson	5	1	38*	71	17.75
Mackenzie	12	5	26	115	16.4
Brind	8	2	19	74	12.3
Armstrong	4	0	26	38	9.75

* Signifies not out

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Davidson	58	26	12	92	7.7
Harvey-Walker ...	243	73	50	543	10.8
Fleming	108	22	20	276	13.8
Rankin	97	22	16	282	17.6
Taylor	80	17	17	501	30.0
Mackenzie	85	19	4	217	54.25

Catching

Wicket-Keeper—Pate: Caught 8; Stamped 10
 Rankin 8; Smith 6; Cook 5; Taylor 5; Harvey-Walker 4;
 Sim 2; Brind 2; Davidson 2; Armstrong 2, Mackenzie 1.

SECOND ELEVEN

THIS was a very successful year for the 2nd XI. The fielding and bowling frequently left a lot to be desired, but almost invariably one or two batsmen distinguished themselves, and the bowlers—although giving away runs—were always doing enough with the ball to get wickets. Both Davidsons bowled well and there were good innings from Johnston, Sim, Cook, both Davidsons, as well as a century from Stewart. But, as with the 1st XI, the fielding must be improved.

Results

1. Strathallan 82; United Colleges, St. Andrews 83 for 3. Match lost.
2. Glasgow Academy 119 (H. J. Davidson 4 for 21; J. J. W. Davidson 5 for 46); Strathallan 69 for 6. Match drawn.
3. Strathallan 139 for 5 (Johnston 51; Dundee High School 75 for 8. Match drawn.
4. Perth Depot, The Black Watch 118 (J. Davidson 8 for 34); Strathallan 123 for 6 (J. Davidson 61). Match won.
5. Strathallan 112 for 3 (Sim 53); Daniel Stewart's College 85 (Leask 5 for 23; Sim 4 for 26). Match won.
6. Strathallan 135 for 6 (H. Davidson 52 not out); Perth Depot, The Black Watch 136 for 3. Match lost.
7. Strathallan 115 for 6 (Lang 43 not out); Perth Academy 54 (Leask 5 for 15). Match won.
8. Strathallan 178 for 1 (Stewart 102 not out); Glenalmond 3rd XI 139 (Linton 4 for 26). Match won.
9. Strathallan 161 for 6 (Cook 56, Johnston 44); Loretto 153 (Linton 4 for 30). Match won.

COLTS (Under 15½) XI

THE Colts enjoyed another good season, winning most of their matches. The highlights were a resounding win over Fettes, and a thrilling final game in which Glenalmond just got home. D. I. Turner led the side with ability and enthusiasm and set a fine example. He was well assisted by D. N. Strachan, the vice-captain, who displayed great agility behind the stumps. A. J. Fleming proved himself a splendidly hostile bowler and earned promotion to the 1st XI, while W. C. Roy, W. S. Pate and D. J. S. Currie all turned in good all-round performances.

The following played: D. I. Turner, D. N. Strachan, W. C. Roy, A. J. Fleming, W. S. Pate, D. J. S. Currie, D. R. Anderson, A. Shanks, C. A. L. Hardwick, M. J. Linton, P. G. F. Sleaf, J. C. C. Blake, R. E. K. Moffat.

Results

1. Merchiston Castle 143 for 5; Colts 96. Match lost.
2. Glasgow Academy 93; Colts 94 for 4 (Pate 33). Match won.
3. Colts 147 for 2 (Currie 88); Morrison's Academy 19 (Fleming 5 for 6, Currie 5 for 6). Match won.
4. Colts 138 for 5 (Pate 39 not out); Fettes 70 (Pate 5 for 5). Match won.
5. Colts 129 for 7 (Turner 56, Roy 40); Dollar Academy 95 for 8. Match drawn.
6. Colts 122 for 8 (Turner 35); Q.V.S., Dunblane, 39 (Currie 6 for 18). Match won.
7. Perth Academy 68 (Currie 6 for 21); Colts 72 for 2 (Turner 36 not out). Match won.
8. Colts 74; Glenalmond 76 for 8. Match lost.

UNDER 14½s XI

WITH the exception of Glenalmond, the opposition was extremely weak this year, and, if we had not batted first on each occasion, we would not have had much match practice. Against Glenalmond, an inexplicable batting collapse sealed our doom, though a spirited second innings brought the match to life again. Glenalmond were left 25 minutes to hit 53 runs, and in their haste tumbled to 47 for 8. For the record, Strathallan bowled 15 overs in those 25 minutes, having previously scored their 98 at a rate of over two runs a minute. No wonder we drew some spectators from the sombre 1st XI match on the neighbouring ground!

Bucher has been an able captain, and his example with both bat and ball augurs well for the future. Batsmen Moffat, Donald and Johnston, though never making any great scores, look very promising, whilst Cranston, McKeever and Dawson bowled intelligently and with success.

Results

1. Under 14½s, 156 for 6 (Bucher 78 not out); Glasgow Academy 31 (Cranston 3 for 9, Dawson 3 for 8). Match won.
2. Under 14½s, 114 for 9 (Moffat 28); Dundee High School 38 (Dawson 3 for 1). Match won.

3. Under 14½s, 133 for 6 (Fitzpatrick 38); Q.V.S. Dunblane 2nd XI 65 (Bucher 5 for 25, Cranston 3 for 13). Match won.
4. Under 14½s, 153 for 7 (Bucher 70); Perth Academy 31 (Bucher 3 for 3, McKeever 3 for 9). Match won.
5. Under 14½s, 55 and 98 for 5 (Bucher 55); Glenalmond 103 (Cranston 5 for 16) and 47 for 8 (Bucher 5 for 16). Lost on first innings.

UNDER 13½ XI

Matches were played against:

- Dollar Academy (H). Won by 80 runs. Strathallan 114 for 2 dec. (J. P. Cappon 37 not out, I. W. L. Brown 57 not out). Dollar 34 (S. L. Mackenzie 5 for 12, D. D. Shanks 3 for 14).
- Belmont House (H). Won by 78 runs. Strathallan 126 for 3 dec. (I. W. L. Brown 65 not out, T. Gibson 31 not out). Belmont 48 (D. D. Shanks 5 for 18, S. L. Mackenzie 3 for 5).
- Croftinloan (A). Won by 63 runs. Strathallan 120 for 6 dec. (D. D. Shanks 47, C. D. Ferguson 23 not out). Croftinloan 57 (W. B. Melville 5 for 7).
- Craigflower (A). Lost by 11 runs. Strathallan 38 (I. W. L. Brown 23). Craigflower 49 (W. B. Melville 3 for 5, S. L. Mackenzie 4 for 18, D. D. Shanks 3 for 16).
- Dalhousie (A). Won by 63 runs. Strathallan 94 (T. Gibson 31; S. L. Mackenzie 22). Dalhousie 31 (S. L. Mackenzie 7 for 6).
- Ardvreck (H). Won by 60 runs. Strathallan 91 (T. Gibson 24 not out, Ardvreck 31 (D. D. Shanks 4 for 8, S. L. Mackenzie 2 for 2).

Summary

Played 6. Won 5. Lost 1. Drawn, nil. Runs for: 583 for 38 wkts, at 15.34 runs per wkt. Runs against: 250 for 60 wkts, at 4.17 runs per wkt.

The team took 34 catches and 5 stumpings in the six matches.

Hockey, 1960

Spring Term

THE start of our first season on the new "Garden" pitch was marred by hard ground, and we sent an unpracticed team to the sandy pitches of Aberdeen Grammar. Slow reactions and over-hitting were our main faults, and these—coupled with lack of penetration from the forwards—resulted in a 3-0 win for Aberdeen, the more polished side for having started their season in September.

Fettes, our next opponents, were slow to acclimatise themselves to our conditions, and two finely angled shots by Patc put Strathallan 2-0 in the lead at half-time. Although Fettes retaliated with a goal in the second half, it was evident that our steady speed and dexterity forward would hold them. When the whistle went for time snow had begun to fall, and the match arranged against J. F. Dyet's XI for the next day had to be cancelled.

The School did not play well against Perth Academy, who beat us on their own ground 2-1. The Masters' match was played in a somewhat lighter vein and the School triumphed 5-0 over the Staff.

The under 15½ side had a good season and for the first year it was possible to have two under 15½ games instead of one. Riley House played as much Hockey as conditions allowed, and there are several players of great promise in the junior teams.

Colours were awarded to A. M. Pate and H. Galt.

Summary of Results

- 1st XI v. Aberdeen Grammar (Away). Lost 3-0.
v. Fettes College (Home). Won 2-1.
v. Perth Academy (Away). Lost 2-1.
v. Masters XI (Home). Won 5-0.
2nd XI v. Aberdeen Grammar School (Away). Won 2-1.
Under 15½ XI v. Fettes College (Home). Draw 1-1.
v. Naemoor 1st XI (Home). Won 2-1.
Under 15½ 3rd XI v. Rannoch School 1st XI (Home). Draw 1-1.
Under 14½ XI v. Rannoch School 2nd XI (Home). Won 15-0.
Under 13½ XI v. Croftinloan (Home). Won 6-1.

Inter-House Competition

This was keenly contested, with a high standard of hockey from every house. Result: 1, Simpson; 2, Nicol; 3, Ruthven; 4, Freeland.

Summer Term

The summer 1st XI played extremely well to win all three matches. R. B. Gray worked hard at inside forward, and R. F. Ridland was sound in defence. The 2nd XI showed great promise in beating Edinburgh Academy 2nd XI.

Colours were awarded to R. F. Ridland and R. J. Rankin.

Summary of Results

- 1st XI v. Edinburgh Academy (Away). Won 4-2.
v. Edinburgh Academy (Home). Won 2-0.
v. Trinity College, Glenalmond (Home). Won 6-3.
2nd XI v. Edinburgh Academy (Home). Won 1-0.

M.W.S.

Cross Country, 1960

THE main features of the season were amendments to all three courses and to the system of organisation. The re-routing had the dual purpose of making the courses longer, and of rendering them more worthy of the name "cross-country" courses.

The starting-point remained the same as before, just above Big Acre, but instead of heading towards Little Acre and on to the East Drive, one headed straight for the S.E. corner of the Mud-Flats. The seniors then joined the drive and made for

Mount Stuart as before, while the others turned left, between a marker and the fence, and ran towards the N.E. corner of the field. Here the Middles turned right, later to join Freeland Farm hill as before, and the Juniors turned left towards the pond, following the path until it joins the Freeland Farm-Tattersall's road half-way along its length. After Tattersall's the Juniors followed the road along the bottom of Thorny-shades until they joined with the other two groups again at the N.W. Corner. Thence the course lay diagonally across Thorny-shades to the gate at the top, across the road and into the valley. One had to find one's own way from there through the birches to the bridge behind the Pavillion, but the most economical path soon became clearly marked by much use, so that everyone went the same way. The route then lay past the range into Scout Wood. Again one was free to take what one considered the best route to a marker at the far end, by the East Drive, behind Little Acre, but again everyone decided on the same route before long. Eighty yards on the East Drive, followed by a lap of Little Acre completed the courses. As was hoped, the last stretch through the Valley and Scout Wood proved more testing than the previous finish, even though without the notorious water jump.

The system of running the Inter-House Competition which had been in force heretofore, came in for a deal of adverse criticism at the beginning of the season. It had been the case that everyone in each age group ran off together, and the first six runners home from each house counted towards the Cross-Country Cup. In addition, everyone home within three minutes of the winner gained one standard point, which counted towards the Athletics Cup in the Summer Term. The objections to this system were, that the merit of gaining a standard could vary so greatly from year to year according to the weather and the ability of the winner, it provided little incentive for training throughout the term except for those few in the school team, or for great effort on the day, and lastly, it was unlike any other known accepted system.

Pretty extensive, and sometimes even heated, argument was engaged before it was decided to experiment provisionally for a year with a more rational arrangement: three weeks or so before the end of term, houses would run their own championships; from then until the final, at the end of term, they would train their teams with a view to entering a maximum of eight (six to count) in each age group.

This was satisfactory in so far as a great deal of spirit was fostered in the house training groups, and there was the prospect of being picked for the house team, rather than having to wait until the finish to see who qualified for that honour. It was thought that this would eliminate the necessity of everyone

undergoing purgatory together on the day, and that those in the teams would be those who liked the sport. This was not, in fact, so; despite the fact that it meant being in a house team, there were those who disliked it nevertheless, and those who went slowly in the trials so as to avoid selection. There is also the question of those people who cannot perhaps play rugger, fives or hockey particularly well, and who therefore spend a good deal of the two winter terms doing cross-country; if it is to be hoped that they are to derive any enjoyment from doing that, and are to do their runs conscientiously, then they must be given the chance to run against everyone in their own age group, and show what they have been doing. On the other hand, if the house trials are given sufficient publicity, and made as much of an "occasion" as possible, with all the times published, then the same effect will be achieved anyway.

In many of the old-established English public schools it is the custom to run off everybody together, and they have certainly had longer to study the question. On the other hand, club and national competitions are run on the basis of eight runners with six to count. Cross-country is a problem in itself; one cannot draw comparisons with other sports. People tend to dislike cross-country on principle: it is tough, no-one will attempt to deny that; it can also be unpleasant, but it teaches one something of its own which no other sport can do. Because of this it can safely be said that, while doing few any harm, it can do a lot of people a lot of good.

The extent to which attitude is affected by approach, is shown by the ways in which different houses tackled the training under the trial system: some stuck to the old policy of sending everyone round their respective courses every day — the policy which has prejudiced most people here against the sport; others provided as varied a programme as possible—and it is surprising how varied a cross-country training programme can be made — and managed to establish a far greater enthusiasm than would otherwise have been the case. The two houses which adopted the latter method came first and second in the placings for the cup. Thus, it is fairly certain that a new approach to the sport in general would boost the already rising standard of performance.

As regards School matches, that with Gordonstoun was cancelled due to the opposition being in quarantine and consequently unable to come: the match with Glenalmond was run at Trinity College this year, and proved a tough proposition. We found their course to be far more "cross-country" in the true sense of the words, including numerous fences, heather up to one's knees with ruts and bumps underneath it, two entirely muddy fields, one pretty average marsh, muddy farm lanes, a section of short-cropped, slippery golf course, a quarter of a mile

at the start through woods and bushes, a ditch and, five to six hundred yards before the finish, a hill about equal in length to our Thorny Shade — but twice as steep — which one had first to negotiate one's way down at an awkward diagonal angle, round a marker at the foot by the river Almond, then climb again, only to find a fence and a ploughed field before the 200 yard sprint up a cinder track to the finish! It made our own courses seem like a Sunday afternoon walk. It was about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length and was modified in part to provide a 3-mile course for the juniors. We surprised ourselves by forcing a very close finish in spite of our earlier trepidations. The results were as follows:

Seniors

1, T.C.G.; 2, T.C.G.; 3, T.C.G.; 4, Dow; 5, Borland; 6, Miller; 7, Reid; 8, T.C.G.; 9, Lawson; 10, T.C.G.; 11, Shepherd; 12, Harrison; 13, Heron; 14, T.C.G.; 15, T.C.G.; 16, T.C.G.

Juniors

1, T.C.G.; 2, Donnan; 3, Benson; 4, Nelson-Cole; 5, T.C.G.; 6, T.C.G.; 7, Chalmers; 8, T.C.G.; 9, Fisher; 10, T.C.G.; 11, T.C.G.; 12, T.C.G.; 13, Young; 14, T.C.G.; 15, Garden; 16, George.

Thus we scored 42-38 in the seniors and 38-41 in the juniors, giving one race each and an overall win by one point for the opposition. This result, coupled with our lack of knowledge of the course and the fact that it was an overcast, misty, drizzly day, was highly satisfactory, especially when it is recalled that last year, on our own course, they beat us by maximum points.

It is a pity that we cannot have more regular matches, for this would certainly help boost enthusiasm and interest.

The results of the Inter-House Competition, run on the Monday before the end of term, were as follows:

Seniors 1. Miller (N), time 26 min. 49 secs.
2. Dow (N).
3. Borland (F).

1st, Nicol, total 33 (8 pts.); 2nd, Ruthven, total 68 (5 pts.); 3rd, Freeland, total 106 (3 pts.); 4th, Simpson, total 122.

Middles 1. Chalmers (N), time 24 min. 53 secs.
2. Donnan (F).
3. Nelson-Cole (N).

1st (jointly) Freeland and Nicol, total 59 (4 points); 3rd, Ruthven, total 70 (2 points); 4th, Simpson, total 121.

Juniors 1. Pate (R), time 14 min. 46 secs.
2. Johnston (R).
3. Garvie (N).

1st, Ruthven, total 49 (3 pts.); 2nd, Nicol, total 80 (2 pts.); 3rd, Simpson, total 86 (1 pt.); 4th, Freeland, total 103.

Altogether, Nicol won the cup with 14 pts., followed by Ruthven (10), Freeland (7) and Simpson (1). Since these championships were the first races over the new courses, the winning times stand as records.

We extend our thanks to Mr. Bland for having taken over so ably from Mr. Robinson, and hope for further success under his guidance.

E.A.L.

Athletics

ATHLETICS have occupied the games-time of a large number of boys throughout this term as a regular sport. As can be seen from the results of the Championships a high standard has been reached by a few and we feel that throughout the age groups the general standard has improved. The results of the House Competition were as follows: 1st, Nicol, 305; 2nd, Simpson, 275; 3rd, Freeland, 271½; 4th, Ruthven, 255½. Particular credit should be given to Ridland for his new records in the Discus and Shot events.

Strathallan v. Fettes and Glenalmond

This was a friendly match so there was no system of scoring

100 yards ...	1, Collins (F); 2, Lacey (F); 3, McNair (S)	10.5 secs.
220 yards ...	1, Collins (F); 2, Lacey (F); 3, McNair (S)	24.0 secs.
440 yards ...	1, Tom (F); 2, Smith (F); 3, Holloway (S)	54 secs.
880 yards ...	1, Reid (S); 2, McGregor (G); 3, Borland (S)...	2m. 0.8s.
1 mile ...	1, Miller (S); 2, McDonald (G); 3, Lees (F)...	4m. 38.8s.
High Jump ...	1, Salvesen (F); 2, Holgate (G); 3, Bucher (S)	5' 5"
Long Jump ...	1, Collins (F); 2, Arnot (S); 3, Birkmeyer (G) ...	18' 7"
Shot ...	1, Ridland (S); 2, Bennett (F); 3, Smith (S)	40' 10"
Discus ...	1, Sim (F); 2, Ridland* (S); 3, Birrell (G)	124' 5"
Javelin ...	1, Birkmeyer (G); 2, Smith (S); 3, Tucker (F) ...	154' 2"

* New School record. Ridland threw 120' 4"

Athletics Match...at...Dunblane

The final result was in the following order:

1. Dunfermline High School; 2. Perth Academy; 3. Strathallan;
4. Glenalmond; 5. Queen Victoria School, Dunblane.

The School gained the following first places:

Senior Long Jump—Sim, 18' 6"
 Senior 440 yards: Reid, 54.2 secs.
 Senior Discus—Ridland, 127' 6"
 Middle Long Jump—Arnot, 18' "
 Middle 880 yards—Borland, 2min. 4.4 secs.

The School gained the following second places:

Senior 100 yds., Sim. Senior 220 yds., Holloway. Senior Shot, Ridland. Middle 220 yds., McNair. Middle Javelin, Bosshardt. Junior High Jump, Strachan.

Strathallan was represented at the **Scottish Schools' Championships** by the following:

Senior 880 yards—Reid, D. G. (2nd)
 Senior Mile—Miller (final)
 Senior Steeplechase—Bremner
 Senior Discus—Ridland (3rd, standard)
 Senior Shot—Ridland
 Middle 100 yards—Lochore
 Middle 220 yards—McNair (reached semi-finals)
 Middle 880 yards—Borland (3rd, standard)
 Middle Mile—Donnan (4th)
 Middle High Jump—Beattie, C. J.
 Junior 880 yards—Garvie
 Junior High Jump—Strachan

Owing to examinations the Athletics match against Trinity College, Glenalmond, was cancelled.

D. G. Reid is congratulated on winning the Half Mile race at Goldenacre for the Scottish Schoolboys against the Welsh Schoolboys.
I.C.B.

Strathallan School Sports, 1960

Senior

Event	First	Time or Distance
100 yards ...	Sim, I. D. E. (S)	10.6 secs.
220 yards ...	Sim, I. D. E. (S)	24.3 secs.
440 yards ...	Reid, D. G. (N)	53.2 secs.
880 yards ...	Reid, D. G. (N)	2 min, 4.4 secs.
Mile ...	Reid, D. G. (N)	4 min, 35 secs.
High Jump ...	Shaw, M. W. (S)	5' 3"
Long Jump ...	Sim, I. D. E. (S)	19' 5"
Javelin ...	Smith, P. J. G. (F)	127' 5"
Discus ...	Ridland, R. F. (S)	New record: 126' 5"
Putting the Shot	Ridland, R. F. (S)	New record: 42' 9½"
Hurdles ...	Arnot, A. M. (F)	11.9 secs.

Middle

Event	First	Time or Distance
100 yards ...	McNair, G. (N)	10.6 secs.
220 yards ...	Duncan, W. R. (R)	26.0 secs.
440 yards ...	Duncan, W. R. (R)	55.2 secs.
880 yards ...	Nelson-Cole, A. A. (N)	2 min, 14.3 secs.
Mile ...	Donnan, J. G. M. (F) ...	New record: 4 min, 59.6 secs.
High Jump ...	Beattie, C. J. (F)	New record: 5' 4"
Long Jump ...	Scott, R. H. (F)	16' 7"
Putting the Shot	Scott, R. H. (F)	37' 3"
Javelin ...	Bosshardt, H. J. (F)	128' 0"
Discus ...	Beattie, C. J. (F)	123' 11"
Hurdles ...	Beattie, C. J. (F)	11.9 secs.

Junior

Event	First	Time or Distance
100 yards ...	Strachan, D. N. (S)	11.8 secs.
220 yards ...	Strachan, D. N. (S)	26.7 secs.
440 yards ...	Hitching, A. V. (N)	58.9 secs.
880 yards ...	Garvie, I. J. (N)	New record: 2 min, 18.4 secs.
High Jump ...	Strachan, D. N. (S)	4' 10"
Long Jump ...	Keech, J. R. N. (F)	15' 8"
Javelin ...	Anderson, D. R. (F)	111' 2"
Discus ...	Clement, J. G. (S)	74' 7½"
Putting the Shot	McKeever, F. B. (F)	33' 4"
Hurdles ...	Strachan, D. N. (S)	12.3 sec.

Relay

Senior: Simpson	48.4 secs.	Junior: Simpson	52 secs.
Middle: Nicol	50.4 secs.	Riley: Drumfin.	
Victor Ludorum — Senior: I. D. E. Sim			
Junior: C. J. Beattie			

House Championship

1st. Nicol, 305 pts.	2nd, Simpson, 275 pts.	3rd, Freeland, 271½ pts.	4th, Ruthven, 255½ pts.
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Swimming, 1960

THIS year swimming has been under the care of Mr. Henderson. Despite a scourge of athlete's foot which forbade all those afflicted by it to enter the pool, swimming has been as popular as ever. The finals were swum off during the last week of term and were decisively won by Nicol. In these finals five school records were broken — three of them by K. A. L. Matthew. Latterly Matthew's opponents entered the pond with a spirit of resignation, for this man-sized junior believed in breaking records in a convincing manner. Mr. T. L. Harrison, last year's captain of Nicol House, presented the cup to his old house.

The complete results are listed below :

Breast Stroke

Junior (50 yards): 1, Matthew (F), 39.8 secs.* 2, Peacock (S). 3, Wilkinson, A. W. (N) 4, Wilkie (S).
 Middle (75 yards): 1, Woolley (N), 1 min. 3.8 secs. 2, Wilkinson, A. P. (N). 3, Pickard (S). 4, Jenkins (S).
 Senior (100 yards): 1, Young (N), 1 min. 29.4 secs. 2, Linton (F). 3, Cornish (S). 4, Lawson (R).

Back Stroke

Junior (25 yds.): 1, Keith (N), 16.7 secs. 2, Kjonnerod (N). 3, Wilkinson, A. W. (N). 4, Anderson (F).
 Middle (50 yards): 1, Benny (R), 37.8 secs.* 2, McEwan (N). 3, Duff (N). 4, Nairn (F).
 Senior (75 yards): 1, McKinlay (N), 58.9 secs.* 2, Ridland (S), 59.0 secs.† 3, Macfie (S). 4, McLennan (F).

Free Style

Junior (50 yards): 1, Cranston (S), 30.8 secs. 2, Matthew (F) (Matthew's time in his heat was 30.2 secs.*). 3, Wilkinson, A. W. (N). 4, Wilkie (S).
 Middle (75 yards): 1, MacGregor (R), 51.2 secs. 2, Benny (R). 3, Crawshaw (F). 4, Kilgour (N).
 Senior (100 yards): 1, Lang (N), 1m. 9.4 secs. 2, McKinlay (N). 3, Macfie (S). 4, Bucher (R).

Long Distance Free Style

Junior (100 yards): 1, Matthew (F), 70.6 secs.* 2, Wilkinson, A. W. (N). 3, Cranston (S). 4, Keith (N).
 Middle (200 yards): 1, MacGregor (R), 2m. 55.6 secs. 2, Woolley (N). 3, Benny (R). 4, Dunbar (F).
 Senior (400 yards): 1, Lang (N), 6 min. 31.5 secs. 2, McKinlay (N). 3, Macfie (S). 4, Mathewson (R).

Final Results: 1, Nicol, 111 pts. 2, Simpson, 63 pts.
 3, Ruthven, 44 pts. 4, Freeland, 40 pts.

Relays

Junior: 1, Simpson. 2, Nicol. 3, Freeland. 4, Ruthven. (1m. 57.2 secs.).
 Middle: 1, Nicol. 2, Ruthven. 3, Freeland. 4, Simpson. (3m. 5.5 secs.).
 Senior: 1, Simpson. 2, Nicol. 3, Freeland. 4, Ruthven. (4m. 29.6 secs.).

Individual Championship

Junior: 1, Matthew, 11 pts. 2, Wilkinson, A. W., 8 pts.
 Middle: 1 (equal), Benny, 12 pts.; MacGregor, 12 pts.
 Senior: 1, McKinlay, 20 pts. 2, Lang, 16 pts.

* New Record

† Broke old School Record

J.G.M.M.

Boxing

AS is usual boxing, which is restricted to those under 15½ years of age, began early in the Winter term this year.

Since the number of entrants per house affects the result of the competition considerably, house boxing captains have been obliged to make the sport virtually compulsory. This, however, was not such a bad thing, since it increased the importance of the event and allowed almost every junior to be instructed in the rudiments of self defence. It does mean, however, that the number of competitors is very large (the total this year being the highest yet) and the great problem is where and when to coach them, since the gym. will not cater for over a hundred boys, and when the contest is in its initial stages the gym. is seldom free during activities.

With few exceptions the eliminating bouts were boxed with determination, and many of those who did not reach the finals deserve credit for their efforts.

Unfortunately the atmosphere for the finals of the boxing cup, which were held on the night of February 26th, was somewhat dampened, partly due to the refusal of the extensive lighting framework, which had been hastily constructed for the occasion, to operate; but mainly because it was virtually impossible for any other house to overtake the high total of points already run up by Ruthven in the eliminating rounds. The results of the contest are as follows:

CLASS	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
Fly-weight:	C. D. Ferguson (Riley)	D. R. Wardhaugh (R)
Feather-weight:	N. D. M. Lindsay (S)	A. Shanks (R)
Light-weight:	W. S. Pate (R)	M. P. Taitt (R)
Light Welter-weight:	G. A. R. Carver (S)	T. I. Gray (N)
Welter-weight:	I. P. G. Bell (R)	R. S. Chalmers (N)
Light Middle-weight:	A. B. Colquhoun (R)	M. H. R. Keith (N)
Middle-weight:	W. C. Roy (N)	J. R. Keech (F)
Light Cruiser-weight:	J. Young (R)	C. Benson (R)
Cruiser-weight:	I. G. Woolley (N)	J. M. Prophet (S)
Light Heavy-weight:	J. MacGregor (R)	W. D. Halliday (S)
Heavy-weight:	R. H. Scott (F)	J. S. Hendrie (F)

Results of the House Competition

Ruthven 85 pts.; Nicol 54 pts.; Simpson 37 pts; Freeland 31 pts.

Once again we owe our thanks to Mr. Mayne from Ardvreck for refereeing the contests. He was assisted by Mr. McLellan and Mr. Heron.

B.A.W.

Sailing Report

AFTER spending much of our spare time scraping and painting during the winter months, we succeeded in having our fleet of eight dinghies ready for the water at the beginning of the Summer term.



Sailing preparations at Lairwell



Gusty winds add excitement to the Inter-House Sailing Competition

This year Perth Sailing Club provided us with sailing quarters of our own down at the Tay. It was, however, necessary for us to redecorate the building, and many industrious hours were put into painting it before we could make full use of our new facilities.

The School was represented in the Loch Earn Schools Races by R. S. Peters and G. C. Brown, who successfully out-sailed the five other Scottish schools to win the trophy. In the race against Fettes, which was held on the Tay, our four crews, two in Enterprises and two in Cadets, succeeded in defeating the Fettes team, although we won only by a small points margin.

In the sailing match against Trinity College, Glenalmond, at Loch Freuchie, Strathallan lost in both races. Unfortunately the winds were light and as a result the racing was much less exciting.

The winds were almost gale force on the day of the Inter-House Competition and in spite of the fact that all the dinghies were well reefed down, two crews capsized. Freeland, having three firsts and a last, won the competition with Ruthven second, Nicol third and Simpson fourth.

We would like to thank Mr. MacLellan for his efficient organisation of the Club and also Mr. Gray for his active interest in sailing this term.

R.S.P.

Fencing

THE number of fixtures was greatly increased this year, and a higher standard was obtained by all. Credit goes to R. F. Ridland, who fought skilfully throughout the matches, whilst Cornish and Parker gave the team solid support. Professor Feathers visited the school three times and valuable coaching was obtained from him. We are sorry to lose our coach and founder, Mr. Alexander, whose considerable enthusiasm and patience never failed us. His capable presidency will be greatly missed, but we are pleased to welcome Mr. D. B. Henderson who has taken over duties as our coach.

The results of the various matches are as follows:

School v. Merchiston Castle School

Foil (Max. 3 wins): Rankin 2; Ridland 2; Cornish 0.

Sabre (Max. 3 wins): Rankin 1; Ridland 2; Cornish 0.

Result: Lost 11-7.

School v. St. Andrews University

Foil (Max. 4 wins): Rankin 0; Ridland 0; Cornish 1; Wilkinson 0.
Result: Lost 15-1.

School v. Bridge of Earn

Foil (Max. 4 wins): Rankin 2; Ridland 3; Cornish 1; Wilkinson 0.
Result: Lost 10-6.

School v. Scottish Command

Foil (Max. 3 wins): Rankin 1; Ridland 3; Cornish 0.
Sabre (Max. 3 wins): Rankin 1; Ridland 3; Cornish 2.
Result: Won 10-8

School v. Scottish Command, at Redford Barracks

Foil (Max. 3 wins): Rankin 1; Ridland 2; Parker 1.
Sabre (Max. 3 wins): Rankin 2; Ridland 3; Parker 2.
Result: Won 11-7

School "A" v. Thistle Club Junior

Foil (Max. 4 wins): Wilkinson 2; Cree 3; Hardwick 2; MacLeod 2.
Result: Won 9-7

School "A" v. Dollar Academy

Foil (Max. 5 wins): Wilkinson 4; Cree 2; Parker 3; Hardwick 4;
MacLeod 2. Result: Won 15-10.

School Competition

Senior Foil: 1, R. F. Ridland; 2, R. J. Rankin; 3, J. L. W. Parker.
Senior Sabre: 1, R. F. Ridland; 2, R. J. Rankin; 3, J. L. W. Parker.
Junior Foil: 1, C. A. L. Hardwick; 2, J. C. MacLeod; 3, M. P. Taitt.

R.J.R.

Shooting Report, 1959-60

At the beginning of the season prospects looked bright, with only one place from last year's team to be filled. Once again, under the Captainship of A. D. K. Campbell, we started off the season well with a revenge of our defeat in the previous year by Cheltenham College. Shooting for Strathallan were: I. D. Grant 99, D. M. Kidd 99, R. N. Harrison 98, P. M. Fisher 98, A. D. K. Campbell 97, A. T. Ross 97, H. G. Morton 97 and J. A. Bruce 96. Total 781. Cheltenham scored 779, giving us a narrow win by a margin of two points.

However, in the Staniforth Cup the team shot well below its best and this was an example of things to come. Too many good shoots were spoiled by laziness and careless aiming by boys who

should score 99-98 regularly. This fault was present right through the team and undoubtedly was the cause of our failure to fulfil our early promise.

In the Perthshire League we were second in the 5th Division and third in the 6th Division. The "A" team should have won the 5th Division but a bad shoot against Strathardle, whose score of 470 we should have bettered, instead of answering with a meagre 460. Essentially we lacked concentration, and by looking at the averages it is clear that the team members' averages were not as high as in previous years. However, many of the members are still young and we can only hope that next year this fault will be remedied.

Averages for the season were as follows: Campbell 97.2; Fisher 95.3; Morton 94.9; Ross 94.1; Kidd 93.1; Bremner 93; Grant 92.7; Harrison 91.3; Leighton 91.2; Bruce 91; Hardy 87.6.

The number of averages in the low 90s emphasizes the presence of poor shooting.

Campbell's average of 97.2, which led the 5th Division, is the best ever averaged by a member of the School shooting team, beating the previous best of 96.6 by H. R. Brown in the season 1956-57. Unfortunately as he did not complete the season but left at the end of the Christmas term, he was ineligible to win the cup for the highest average which consequently goes to Fisher.

We took part in the Junior Winter with insignificant results. In the Junior Spring we did much better, scoring 782 out of a possible 800, which placed us 14th equal. This score is only two less than our previous best in 1957 when we were placed 4th. This shows that the standard of small-bore shooting continues to improve throughout the country.

Representing the School were: A. T. Ross 100 and 99, J. A. Bremner 97 and 98, P. M. Fisher 98 and 96, H. G. Morton 98 and 95.

A Minor team was also entered, made up of J. G. Clement, R. Wilkie, D. F. Garden and W. W. Quarry. With a score of 720 they were 23rd equal, which gives hope for the future. In the Junior Summer Contest, which we have just shot, the score was bad and although the results are not yet out there is not much chance of Strathallan being near the top. The Minors also shot, bettering their previous score, as far as can be judged by rough scoring, by at least one—if not two—points.

In the House Competition Ruthven were once more supreme with the laudable score of 385, Freeland were a close second with 384, while Simpson (382) were very much in the picture. Nicol trailed at 376. One cannot help feeling that much more importance was attached to this than some school matches, but with the end of flag points one hopes that more sense of proportion will prevail.

In the Highland District competition the School was represented by P. M. Fisher, J. A. Bremner, D. M. Kidd, I. D. Grant, M. Hardy, H. G. Morton, R. N. Harrison, J. A. Bruce, J. Leighton and A. T. Ross. We were 5th in the open event with a creditable total of 1,919 out of a possible 2,000 and first once again in the class for cadet units, though as in 1959, we were the only unit competing.

Much of this term has been spent shooting the "King George Vth", and this gives an opportunity to comment upon the patience and help given by Mr. Spurgin, who once again has been in charge of shooting, and the R.S.M., who has spent many evenings at the range with young goys who have shot everything except the target (and the R.S.M.!). Results for the 1958 King George Vth competition are as follows: The R.A.F. section was 22nd in the Empire out of 1,699 competing teams and 10th in Great Britain out of 169 teams, with an average of 94.0 They also gained three bronze medals. The Naval section were 48th in the Empire and 18th in Great Britain with an average of 88.066, while the Army section was 66th in the Empire and 23rd in the British Isles with an average of 86.65; however it bettered the other section in its haul of medals, of which it had four silver and two bronze.

There is a rumour of heating for the range, but as progress is already four months late in even starting, no-one can tell when it will be finally installed. It is certainly a long overdue necessity, for in the dead of winter the cold can drastically affect scores in critical shoots of the Perthshire League. This should also make it possible to enter individuals for the Scottish Junior Short-Range Championship, which takes place in the winter term.

Two light rifles have been purchased during the year for Rileigh House and some creditable scores have been obtained.

A.T.R.



Our President

John Turner Johnston, Esq., C.A.

Strathallian Club

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Our President

JOHN TURNER JOHNSTON, C.A., was unanimously elected President of the Club for the current year at the Annual General Meeting on 5th December, 1959. Always a keen supporter of the Club, he well deserves the honour of becoming its President. He is the elder brother of a past President who is now a Governor of the School.

At Strathallan from 1926 to 1931, Turner Johnston became captain of Freeland House and vice-captain of the school. A keen sportsman, he was captain of swimming, vice-captain of cricket and attained his First XV rugby colours.

Having attained his Senior Cambridge Certificate with honours, Turner took up accountancy on leaving school and joined Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company as an apprentice in 1932. He subsequently joined the family business of engineers' merchants, Messrs. W. T. Johnston & Co. (Glasgow) Ltd. in 1937 and qualified as a chartered accountant the following year. He is now chairman and managing director of the family firm. Turner has always given of his time in works of benevolence, and after serving as treasurer of the Iron, Steel and Ironmongery Benevolent Association of Scotland, was elected its president in 1954. He has also interests in the Trades House of Glasgow.

Turner Johnston maintained his interest in sport on leaving school and played for Glasgow High School F.P. Rugby Club from 1933 to 1937. A keen golfer, he was champion of Pollok Golf Club in 1947 and 1948 — no mean achievement — and captain of that club in 1953-54. He is an enthusiastic supporter of the Strathallian Club Golf Section and can be relied on to turn out at all meetings and be in or about the prize list. The Johnston Trophy, presented by the two brothers, is played for annually. He is also a keen curler and a member of Pollok Curling Club and Queens Park Football Club Curling Section. An obvious choice to start a curling section of the Strathallian Club, he has already arranged a number of games and gathered a body of enthusiasts round him.

Turner served in the Royal Air Force from 1941 to 1946 and saw service in India and Burma where he was attached to the 14th Army.

Despite his enthusiasm for sport and membership of so many sporting associations, Turner is happily married and has two daughters. This, no doubt, excuses him from domestic chores and enables him to devote more time to sport!

The affairs of the Club are in good hands, and we wish Turner a successful year as President.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

THE twenty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 5th December, 1959, with the President, Mr. G. C. Turner, LL.B., in the Chair. There was a good turnout of members at the meeting and the formal business was speedily transacted. The only matter on the agenda which gave rise to comment from the meeting was "The place and date of the next Annual General Meeting and Dinner". Mr. L. S. Scott felt that the next Dinner should again be held in Perth. The Annual Dinner Dance is always held in Glasgow and members from the east cannot reasonably be expected to attend. They do, however, support the Dinner in Perth with a good representation. The Council had endeavoured to attract younger members of the Club to the dinner by offering free transport by bus but no advantage had been taken of this, the only person who had applied to travel by bus having been brought by car. Mr. Corbishley, who along with several others had travelled

from Manchester, considered that the Club was well received in Perth and pointed out that the cost of staying overnight was much less than in Glasgow. The Meeting unanimously recommended to the Council that the next Meeting and Dinner be held in Perth.

The Dinner which followed was well attended despite the poor turnout of the younger members. The hotel once again provided a magnificent meal, and Mr. L. S. Scott and his committee are to be congratulated on the perfect organisation and arrangements.

The guest of honour was Mr. John C. Neil, LL.B., a prominent Glasgow solicitor, who is Adviser of Studies at Glasgow University and Lecturer in Public International Law.

Mr. Neil delivered a most entertaining speech combining the appropriate serious references with many humorous remarks. He accused the Governors of taking him across the bridge to the classrooms — which is considered unsafe — in the hope that he might give them free advice as to their liability to trespassers! He had also been taken round the school marches to prove that the School owns half of Perthshire! Mr. Neil said that he had been studying the School motto and had realised why there was so much depression after the election. On a more serious note, he considered the combination of the Club and the School in one toast, an indication of the unity which existed between the two. There was no sign of hostilities and enmities.

The President, in replying for the Club thanked Mr. Neil for his delightful toast and for his kind references to the Old Boys and the Club. He referred to the late Oliver Melrose, the Club's first President, whose laugh was legendary. In his death, the Club had suffered a grievous loss. Oliver's last act at a Club gathering had been to propose the health of the Founder, from whose hands he had received the Club's Chain of Office. The President thanked the Club's office bearers and those who spent so much time and energy looking after the branches and the sports sections of the Club. He asked the members to support the various activities of the Club, and suggested that the golf section should consider having mixed foursomes on the afternoon of the summer golf tournament.

The Headmaster then spoke and thanked Mr. Neil for proposing the School. He gave a brief resumé of the

School's year and dealt with the various activities now carried on so successfully. He also referred to improvements in the School buildings. As is always the case, his speech was deeply appreciated by those present and all were encouraged by his account of the progress at Strathallan. Mr. Hoare then spoke of two masters, Mr. Appleby and Mr. Heron, who were leaving the School to take up senior positions elsewhere. Both had played a substantial part in building up Strathallan and both would be missed at School.

Mr. A. M. Appleby also spoke on behalf of the School. He considered that the School had found its feet again and the flourishing Old Boys Club was only one indication of this. The high standard of games and examination results was an indication of the present standing of the School. On the other hand, he felt that too few boys wanted to remain at school after the age of 18. Having a proportion of senior boys is an important factor, particularly in a boarding school where their influence plays an important part in character building. He concluded by saying how much he had enjoyed his years at "Strath" and on behalf of all the staff, he thanked the Club for their support and interest and he particularly thanked the Governors, in whom he felt that Strathallan was extremely fortunate.

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed in an amusing speech by G. S. A. Corbishley, B.Sc., A.T.I., the secretary of the North of England branch of the Club. The reply to this toast by Mr. W. Leggat Smith, M.C., B.A., LL.B., was a fitting conclusion to a most enjoyable evening. Brilliantly witty, he had the gathering helpless with laughter on many occasions.

The Dinner concluded in traditional manner with the investiture of the new President, John Turner Johnston, C.A., and following custom. Mr. Johnston then presented an Ex-President's medal to Mr. George C. Turner, LL.B., the retiring President.

Branch Reports

Midlands and North of England Branch

THIS Branch has now been in existence since December 1957. It has held three successful Annual Dinners but the attendance of members of the Branch at these Dinners has been disappointing. There is a large number of Strathallians in the Branch area,

including many life members of the parent club, and it is a pity that there is not more support amongst these members for the Annual Dinners. These functions provide an opportunity to meet old school friends and to make new ones amongst Strathallians of different generations. They also provide a link with the parent club, and the Branch is most grateful to the three Presidents who have attended the Dinners during their respective terms of office. The Headmaster attended the first Dinner and, unable to attend the other two, was represented at them by Mr. Heron and Mr. Hewson. The Club Secretary has attended two of the Dinners, and at the first Dinner we had the support of six parent club members from Glasgow. At the second Dinner we had two London Branch members with us and hope that there will continue to be a happy liason between the two Branches.

The support we have had from outside the Branch shows the interest which the parent club, the School and the London Branch take in our Branch.

The request for the formation of a Branch Club originally came from the senior boys at Strathallan but it is sad to relate that only a very few of them have supported the Branch since leaving school. This, we feel, is most regrettable and is a serious handicap to those who have worked so hard to make the Branch a success. We think that if the younger members get up their school friendships at the Branch Dinners and it became known that these functions were well supported, more of the older members would rally round and support the Branch too. This Branch has been formed for the benefit of Old Strathallians in the Midlands and North of England, and it can only be a success if we get the support of a large number of Strathallians. The undersigned have attended all the functions and feel justified in making this appeal to you for your support and attendance at the Branch Dinners. The more support we get, the more pleasure we shall be able to offer. Do not put off coming along till next year or the year after — we want you now.

J. H. Young.

G. S.A. Corbishley.

G. Burns.

J. B. Rowan.

D. S. McCallum.

R. D. Linton.

W. C. Smith.

Despite the poor support of the Branch members, the third Dinner was a most successful and enjoyable function and was held in the Bull and Royal Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, 2nd

April, 1960. The Club President, Mr. Turner Johnston, C.A., attended the Dinner, as did Mr. Hewson from the School.

D. S. McCallum has been elected captain of Manchester University Rugby XV for 1960-61.

London Branch

THE third Annual Dinner of the Branch was held in the Criterion Restaurant on Friday, 12th February. This was, unfortunately, the day following the parent club's Annual Dinner-Dance in Glasgow, and as a result the stalwarts from Glasgow whom it had been hoped would attend the Dinner were unable to be present. Mr. Hoare was in London in connection with other matters and the Branch was, therefore, lucky enough to have his company at its Dinner. Despite the rather poor turn-out of Branch members, the Dinner was most enjoyable and the Criterion Restaurant maintained its high standard. It is proposed to hold the next Dinner on the eve of the Scotland-England rugby international, and a large contingent from Glasgow is expected.

At the Annual Meeting preceding the Dinner, the following office-bearers were elected: Chairman: E. Sinclair, Esq., 7 Gill's Hill, Radlett, Herts.; Vice-Chairman: T. R. L. Fraser, Esq., 88 Holland Park, W.1; Hon. Secretary: M. D. Dawson, Esq., The Crane Works, Station Approach, Long Lane, Hillingdon, Middx.; Hon. Treasurer: M. R. McLellan, Esq., Cherrot House, Finchampstead Ridges, Crowthorne, Berks.; Committee Members: T. Harrison, Esq., 86 Broom Rd., Teddington, Middx. and W. T. Macpherson, Esq., 51 Sloan St., London, S.W.1.

Dance Report

FLUSHED with the success of the 1959 Dance in the Central Hotel, the Council arranged that this year's Dance should be held there also on 11th February. The Dance Committee, under the leadership of John Hall, put in a great deal of hard work, with the result that the Dance was again a tremendous success, with the attendance the same as last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoare were, unfortunately, unable to be present this year but we hope that they will manage to join us at the next Dance.

Golf Section

THE Golf Section continues to flourish, and since our last issue the following competitions have taken place: 1959 Autumn Meeting at Barry on Sunday, 18th October, 1959, for the Johnston Trophy. This was won by Richard Walker with a score of 79 less 17=62. The Scratch Prize went to G. S. Lowden with a very fine score of 69. The 1960 Spring Meeting was held at Western Gailes on Friday, 27th May, when the Reid Salver was won by Russell Thomas after a play-off with Ian MacEwen, who had tied with scores of 73 nett. The 1960 Summer Meeting took place at Gleneagles, the day after Founder's Day, on Sunday, 19th June, when the Bogie Trophy was won by I. Q. Jones with a very good score of 78 less 9=69. There was a triple tie for the Scratch Prize with R. H. Patterson, H. E. Walker and G. S. Lowden with scores of 74.

New members will be made very welcome to the Section, and should contact the Secretary, Ian MacEwen, 1 Melville Terrace, Stirling.

Angling Section

Captain: G. C. Turner. Vice Captain: J. S. Grosset

Hon. Secretary: J. Hall

THE avowed object of the Section is to "promote the interest of the members in the art of angling", and if catches this year have not always satisfied, ever increasing attendance at outings would indicate that the object is being achieved.

The week-end competitions on Lochs Tay and Awe continue to be the most popular and this season's results should ensure their inclusion in next year's list of engagements. Out from Ardeonaig, on a cold but glorious January day, Willie Nairn and George Turner killed salmon of 18½ lbs. and 18 lbs. respectively, and in April Ian Henderson had a fine basket of trout to win the Loch Awe competition.

In spite of the weather, fish were caught on Loch Leven and Loch Vennachar, but for the competition with the Phoenix Angling Club, which was held on Loch Lomond, conditions of flat calm and bright sunshine throughout the day resulted in all

boats coming in clean. Jim Park won the Loch Vennachar competition and Iain Headrick, who won the Grosset Cup for the heaviest aggregate of brown trout in the season, had the best basket at Loch Leven.

During the year members, on their own initiative, arranged to fish other lochs as well as rivers and it may be that favourable reports will produce a more varied list of outings next season. Strathallians, whether or not they have had a rod in their hands, are assured a warm welcome if they feel disposed to cast a fly.

Curling

THE Curling Section has not progressed as well as was anticipated. Many of our Glasgow members are indeed keen to take part in this enjoyable recreation. Unfortunately, the "ice" available to the Club is at a time of day unsuitable to most of us.

Last season ice was granted to us at Crossmyloof on ten occasions, all but one at 4.20 p.m., and only on one of these occasions were eight Strathallians able to take advantage. Application has again been made to the authorities at Crossmyloof with the request for at least one evening session per month. If this request is granted, there should be much less difficulty in getting rinks arranged.

On the few occasions we managed a rink last year, those taking part enjoyed the game and the opportunity of meeting fellow Strathallians. A match was again arranged against a team from Kirkcaldy, which, captained by Alex. Fraser, won the match by a large margin, reversing the result of the previous year. The two teams dined together later and arrangements will certainly be made to have a further game during the coming season in the east.

Those members who have already indicated their desire to play will be contacted when the dates and times of reservation of ice are known. It is hoped that some new names may be added to this list and if any Strathallians are interested, a letter to the Secretary, J. Turner Johnston, 273 Eglinton St., Glasgow, C.5, would certainly assist in arranging rinks.

Student Abroad

ZURICH, whose population is about 600,000, is a beautiful city situated at the head of a long lake in the western foot-hills of the Jura mountains. It is a modern city, clean and open; a city whose international atmosphere is strengthened by the fact that everyone seems to know at least two languages. It was there, in late October last year, with the warm weather fading, the town filling with loudly dressed, darkly tanned winter sports tourists, and the brown leaves falling from the trees, that I started work at a school where I was to learn German on a five-month course.

I had been told before I left England that it might be quite possible that there would be a few people from other nations attending the same school, and so, as I entered the classroom on the first day of the course, I was more than Britishly curious to see what these "other people" would look like and how they would act, when seen at close quarters. I was very disappointed! Apart from the two Japanese girls sitting by themselves in the corner, there seemed to me nothing intriguingly oriental or romantically continental about any of them. We all seemed to be alike.

It was not until I, as the last person, came to sign the list, stating where I came from and what language I spoke, that I realised what a mixed group we actually were. We had come from all over the world: from Tokio, Quito, Rio de Janeiro, San Salvador, Los Angeles, Izmir and Jerusalem; from Rome, Stockholm, London, Paris and Friburg in the French speaking part of Switzerland. A miniature U.N.O. someone had called us, but however you like to compare us, we certainly made an interesting group, we fourteen.

Through learning German and having it as our common problem, we were able to discuss freely the difficulties of the language, and were thus able to have a talking point from which to break the ice and form friendships. As the months progressed we came to know each other much better and were able not only to recognise each other's peculiar problems as regards differences of languages, but were also able to get to know something of the way of life, religion and politics of these widely scattered countries. To study one's neighbour, to notice his different temperament and to experience his different sense of humour, all

added spice to the hard job of learning German in a country where the people speak such a radically changed dialect of German that it is almost a different language.

When we eventually came to say our sorrowful farewells, and take our various ways, it was with a sense of great achievement that I set out for home. Not only had I managed to master a good working knowledge of German, but I had also met and worked with a number of very interesting people who had, for me, made the past five months an experience which I shall never forget.

C. F. Baur.

LETTER FROM AN OLD BOY

I have now settled down well and am enjoying the work in North India. Our garden is situated not far from Darjeeling and Kalingpong in the plains (Dooars) at the base of the Himalayas and is the largest here, having an area of about 2,000 acres. On arrival I was put in charge of a division (400 acres) and left to get on with it and, except for the language, picked things up pretty quickly. However, I am now in charge of the factory where the actual tea is made and although it is not quite so pleasant, it is more interesting and technical. There is one manager and four of us assistants, the other three being Indians, but all good chaps with whom I get on well, each being in charge of a separate division. I have a huge bungalow, a car, six servants and seven dogs and manage to live quite well. It is not as desolate as W. Africa and the social side is taken care of by clubs for each district, but even these aren't very far apart. Unfortunately the social life has little to offer me as my European neighbours are Scots to a man — engineers, and as bawdy and hard drinking as one is likely to find anywhere in the world. However I have made one or two good friends with ex public school types and we stick very much to ourselves. Fortunately each club has a golf course and we play all the year. We make a huge effort to play rugby but soccer is more popular; however, we played in the All-India Tournament in Calcutta recently, without much success. It is interesting having so much attention focused on this part of the world and I was fortunate to witness part of the Dalai Lama's dramatic escape. At present there is a scare of Chinese and troops are being mobilised in large numbers, and on the borders of Sikkim and Bhutan there has been considerable infiltration.

D. M. Anderson.

Trophies won by the late P/O H. Willcox, No. 5 Flying Training School, R.A.F., Oakington:

The Cup of Honour. This Cup was originated by No. 5 F.T.S. It is awarded to the student who obtains the highest aggregate of marks for flying, leadership and ground subjects.

The de Havilland Flying Trophy. This Trophy was presented by the de Havilland Aircraft Company. It is awarded to the student who shows the greatest proficiency in general flying.

The Aerobatic Trophy. This Trophy was presented by the instructors of No. 5 F.T.S. when the School was located at Thornhill, Southern Rhodesia, from 1946 onwards.

Old Boys' News

I. M. AITKEN (1953-58) is entering his third year of a B. Sc. (Science Honours) course at Glasgow University, and played rugger last season for the Mudlarks XV.

J. Harry Allen, T.D. (1928-33) is to be congratulated on his election as President of the Society of Master Printers of Scotland. Harry, who has been Vice-President of the Society for the past two years, is managing director of his family business, Allen Lithographic Co. Ltd., Kirkcaldy. In this position he has succeeded his father and grandfather.

J. Anderson, F.R.C.S. Edinburgh and England (1940-46) was until recently Senior Registrar at Hammersmith Hospital, Post-graduate Medical School of London. He is taking up a new appointment from September 1960 as Research Fellow in Surgery at Harvard University Medical School, Boston, Mass., U.S.A., to study new methods of treating cancer and the transplantation of organs.

Dr. George W. Balfour, M.B., Ch.B. (1926-34) is to be congratulated on his re-election as President of the Jedforest Rugby Football Club for season 1960-61 and Vice-President of Jedburgh Cricket Club. He sent us a cutting from the newspapers in connection with his club's 75th Anniversary game against a Select XV. From the cutting we observed that Rob. Galbraith (1952-57) turned out as a guest for the Jedforest team and was one of the stars of the match, scoring a brilliant try for his team.

C. Baur (1956-59) is studying German and has completed a course in Zurich. Notes on his impressions of Zurich appear elsewhere.

Ian R. Birss, B. Sc., Ph.D., A. Inst. P. (1946-49) is to be congratulated on his appointment as Senior Scientific Officer with Atomic Energy Authority, Dounreay.

Douglas S. C. Brown (1946-51) is at present completing his National Service as a Medical Officer in the R.A.F. at Tobruk, Libya.

Kenneth A. C. Brown, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H. (1946-50) is at present completing his hospital residencies and will be moving down to a general practice in the Hampton Court area of London in August.

Arthur D. J. Budge (1955-58) has completed his first year of the Diploma Course at the West of Scotland Agricultural College and spent an idle summer in Zanzibar.

Kent M. Crawford (1952-55), who is now doing National Service, was commissioned last year in the R.A.S.C. He is at present First Officer of a Tank Landing Craft of 76 Squadron R.A.S.C. (L.C.T.) operating in Scottish waters.

Michael Dawson (1950-53) is now in his second year as Secretary of our London Branch. He informs us that this has been a quiet year for the Club and expects that the next Branch dinner will be another success. We extend to him our congratulations on his recent marriage.

Thomas J. Dodd (1935-39) is to be congratulated on his promotion to Major, U.S. Army, in October 1959. He was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, and went to Fort Benning, Georgia, on a special course. He has overseas orders for France in October 1960. He can be contacted at his mailing address: 286 Sienna Vista, Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A.

James Nicholson Fleming (1952-58) is at present at The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. He has gained his colours for golf and is a member of the "100" Club.

T. R. L. Fraser, M.A., B.Sc. (Agriculture) (1944-46) has been appointed editor of the "Farming News".

Robert Wylie Gregory, M.A. (Cantab.), Ph.D. (Dunelm) (1933-42) is lecturing in Engineering at Cambridge University.

T. L. Harrison (1954-59) has completed his first year of a Bachelor of Dental Surgery course at Guy's Hospital Medical School, London University.

K. R. Hunter, B.A. (1952-57) has completed the first part of his Medical Course at St. John's College, Cambridge, and begins his clinical studies in October at University College Hospital, London. During his last year at Cambridge he was Chairman of the College Medical Society and rowed in the "Medics" eight in the May Races.

David A. Laird, B.Sc. (Hons. Civil Engineering) (1950-55) graduated from Glasgow University in April 1959. He is at present under three-year contract to the Trinidad Government (in the Water Department) as an Engineer.

A. Morrison, M.B., Ch.B. (1925-30) is to be congratulated on his recent appointment as President of the Tees-side Branch of the British Medical Association.

Ian A. McBride (1929-34) receives our congratulations on being appointed managing director of George F. Huggins & Co., Ltd., Trinidad.

Donald McColl, B.Sc. (Pure Science), M.B., Ch.B. (1930-35) was, in June 1959, appointed Chairman of the Association of Industrial Medical Officers (Scottish Group) for the next two years.

I. D. K. MacKinnon (1953-57) joined the staff of Lazard Brothers & Co. Ltd., merchant bankers, Old Broad Street, London, in 1959.

M. R. McLellan (1953-59) is now 2nd Lieut., R.A. He went out to Hong Kong on 27th June, 1960.

P. McLellan was demobbed from the Army after being in Cyprus as 2nd Lieut., R.A. He is now in the Chartered Bank, London.

Stewart McLennan, C.A. (1941-47) joined the American Machine and Foundry Overseas Company (U.K. Organisation) as accountant on 27th June, 1960. He can be contacted at 88 Holland Park, London, W.11, or at 4-6 Savile Row, London, W.1.

Hugh A. MacMillan (1948-54) has recently become engaged to be married. He has been appointed an inspector with the Northern Assurance Group, his area being North Glasgow.

Ian R. A. MacMillan, M.A. (1953-57) is entering his first year of a Bachelor of Laws course at Aberdeen University, and

is a member of the University Rugby Club 1st XV and Tennis Club 2nd VI. We hear from him that W. R. Galbraith, A. B. Pirie, J. M. McInnes, I. C. Caldwell, D. I. C. Crabb, G. I. J. Anderson and W. T. Macpherson all attended his twenty-first birthday party in Aberdeen recently.

A. R. Pate, M.B., Ch.B. (1939-47) is now working at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

McNeil Paterson (1942-46) is returning, with his wife, from his job as District Forest Officer, Kikuyu, Kenya (P.O. Box 74) for a course at Oxford in September.

J. R. M. Philip, M.A., B.Sc., S.M. (1943-49) has been appointed Industrial Consultant—Staff Member, Operations Research Group, Arthur D. Little Inc., Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.

J. C. F. Ritchie (1932-37) was, in April 1959, admitted to the Livery of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators. In November 1959 he was elected to the Court of the Guild. In December 1959 he was appointed Deputy Flight Navigation Officer of B.O.A.C.'s Boeing 707 Flight, and on 27th May 1960 he navigated B.O.A.C.'s first Boeing 707 passenger service to New York.

J. Birkmyre Rowan, T.D. (1922-26). We offer our congratulations on his recent election as a J.P.

E. J. E. Smith (1950-52) is now a Flight Lieut. in the R.A.F., flying Swifts (low level recce.) in Germany, stationed at R.A.F. Gutersloh.

Dr. L. Stuart Scott, Ch.M., F.R.C.S., Ed., F.R.C.S., G. (1935-1938) graduated M.D. with commendation at Glasgow University in July 1960 and was recently appointed Consultant Urological Surgeon to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Ian W. Smith (1946-50) is due to complete his National Service in November 1960, having been commissioned in the Royal Engineers.

Hugh L. Stuart, B.Sc. (1948-53) is at present at P. O. Box 45, Zomba, Nyasaland, C. Africa, on Colonial service.

Iain W. G. Taylor (1950-53) is employed as a fire loss adjuster with Messrs. Walter Hume & Co., 16-17 College Green, Dublin, Eire, and will be pleased to hear from any other Strathallians in the area.

Iain R. White (1954-59), we hear, is now tea planting in Ceylon.

ENGAGEMENTS

FITZPATRICK—Alan J. (1949-54), 21 Newlands Road, Glasgow, S.3, to Miss June Walker of Addiscombe, Surrey.

HARLE—Bruce I. (1948-51), 2 Craneswater Avenue, Whitley Bay, Northumberland, to Miss Jacqueline Petrie, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs. R. Petrie, of Grange Villas, Sunderland.

MACMILLAN—Hugh A. (1948-54), 2 Belmont Avenue, Uddingston, to Miss Norma Brown.

MARRIAGES

CARLAW—Alan (1945-48) to Miss Audrey Shuker at Pollokshields East Church, Glasgow, on 28th June, 1960.

FITZPATRICK—H. I. B. (1947-52) to Miss Mary Maureen Scott Park at Portland Church, Troon, on 11th June, 1960.

FRASER—Iain (1940-46) to Miss Elizabeth Pamela Simon at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Nottingham, on 6th June, 1959.

INNES—J. Alasdair (1942-49) to Miss Sally M. Markley at Laramie Cathedral, Wyoming, on 29th August, 1959.

McGREGOR—A. J. (1934-37) to Miss Angela Joyce Buchanan, at Christ Church, Edinburgh, on 8th January, 1960.

McLENNAN—Stewart (1941-47) to Miss Dinah Clare Munroe on 22nd October, 1960.

YATES—David (1943-47) to Miss Margaret Tanny Stewart Gray on 2nd June, 1960.

BIRTHS

BROWN (1946-50)—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. C. Brown in April 1960, a son, Ian.

DODD (1935-39)—At Fort Hood, Texas, on 29th June, 1959, to Captain and Mrs. T. J. Dodd, a daughter, Marcie Jean.

FRASER (1940-46)—At Ayrshire Central Hospital, Irvine, on 13th April, 1960, to Mr. and Mrs. Iain Fraser, a son.

GREGORY (1933-42)—On 8th December, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gregory, a daughter, Alison Jean.

HART—(1945-48)—On 20th May, 1960, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. M. Hart, a daughter, Caroline Marion Stewart.

LEWIS (1936-38)—On 24th November, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis, a daughter, Susan Elizabeth.

NAIRN (1943-47)—At 45 Kingshill Drive, Glasgow, on 21st March, 1960, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nairn, a daughter (a sister for Robin).

SANDEMAN (1940-45)—On 23rd December, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Graeme Sandeman, a daughter.

SMITH (1950-52)—On 12th March, 1960, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. E. Smith, a daughter.

SMITH (1946-50)—On 11th May, 1960, to Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Smith, a son, Paul Richard.

STEWART (1945-51)—At 32 Silverknowes Grove, Edinburgh, on 22nd March, 1960, to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Stewart, a daughter.

STUART (1948-53)—On 5th May, 1960, to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stuart, a son, David Hugh Logan.

DEATH

YATES, Michael (1947-51). Killed in a motor accident on 22nd March, 1959. He went to Glasgow Agricultural College after leaving School and gained his S.D.A. and N.D.A. Diplomas in Agriculture. He then sat and passed his S.D.D. and N.D.D. Diplomas in Dairying. Latterly he was in Tanganyika in the Colonial Service for three years.

