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THE Summer Term has passed pleasantly enough, favoured, on the whole, with fine warm weather. Oral examinations of the Scottish Leaving Certificate and subsequent inspections were taken as a matter of course, the former holding few terrors after the examiners' opening remarks of congratulation upon the result of the written examination. An outbreak of chickenpox in the closing weeks gave some concern, but never reached the epidemic stage, though isolated cases persisted well into the vacation.

Outdoor pastimes have been in great demand. Unfortunately, the cricket teams gave us little to enthuse over: perhaps we had been thoroughly spoiled last season and failed to appreciate the qualities revealed; but there could be no failure to notice the pooriness of the fielding and a lack of consistency with the bat. The bowling in both teams has been consistently good, not to say great-hearted, for nothing is more heart-breaking to a bowler than to see chances missed through lackadaisical methods in the field. A pleasing feature of the term has been the return to form of W. Leburn with both bat and ball. Still largely a defensive player, he has begun to hit hard upon occasion, and he has been the most successful of the spin bowlers, and indeed, claimed more victims than anyone

else during the season, though in point of statistics proved somewhat more costly than Taylor for the overs bowled. Only four players passed the hundred mark in aggregate runs, of which N. Thomson alone topped the second century. One can only conclude that cricket in Scotland is below standard this year, for only two games were lost against School sides. Against Senior sides, the weakness became more apparent, only one game being won. It is some years, for instance, since the School has done so badly against H. B. Rowan's XI; and the Staff had little difficulty in avenging last year's defeat.

Sports Day was a very successful function, and a large gathering of parents and friends saw an interesting afternoon's sport. Competition was far keener than of recent years, four boys, I. Smith, G. Sharp, T. Macfarlane and J. Peden finishing the day with eight points each. The Victor Ludorum Cup was awarded by adding points for participation in finals, G. Sharp being thus acclaimed the winner. We congratulate him upon his success, and A. Watt on his winning of the Junior Cup with five firsts. We also congratulate Nicol House upon winning the House Championship for the fifth year in succession after what must have been the closest fight for many years: a tussle

between two houses is not uncommon, but this year Ruthven and Freeland ran neck and neck as very strong challengers.

Commemoration Day, June 26th, was another glorious day—how fortunate we seem in this direction—and the only cloud on the School's horizon was the fact that they were forced to surrender the Cup to the Old Boys, whose victory in the cricket really gave them the victory. The School's successes were the Relay, the Fives and the Tug-of-War, the last a really meritorious win. How far the injury to R. Taylor in the opening over affected the result of the cricket match, and incidentally the destination of the cup, is a matter of great conjecture. In a way, however, the School had only themselves to blame for their defeat, and we congratulate the F.P.'s, who were not perhaps as strongly represented as might have been possible, upon pressing home their advantage.

During the term and even more during the vacation, further progress has been made with the amenities at Strath. Each term we think the School has all that could be desired, and each term Mr. Riley seems to think of something new. Substantial progress has been made with the first of the new rugby pitches below the changing rooms, and while it is not anticipated that it will be in use this year, ample opportunity will be given for the ground to settle and for any unforeseen contingency to be met with before next year. Further the new cricket square below the changing rooms has been enlarged to twice its size and this will be available for the next cricket season.

Nor is that all. The Chemistry Lab. has been equipped with pipe for a supply of Butane to replace the old burners, the bane of Mr. Cole's existence; and if the experiment proves the success that is anticipated, the Physics and Biology Labs. will be similarly equipped in the near future.

Finally, the new bath rooms are an accomplished fact. Several of the F.P.'s have remarked that Strath. is a hydro.—not a school, and if there is anything that

would justify this remark it is the ten tiled bath rooms which have replaced the old ones—they must be seen to be believed. We are sure that the boys will appreciate this added luxury.

Arrangements have already been made for two lectures during the coming session, and others are in the course of negotiation. Lt.-Colonel Haddick will speak on the many sides of cinema production in a lecture on Nov. 22nd called "The Make Believe World," and on Feb. 8th Dr. Habberton Lulham will present "Rustic Life and Humour."

Indoor activities have, of course, been at a discount during the Summer, but both the Dramatic and Debating Societies view the resumption of activity with few misgivings, for the younger members of the latter had begun to open out and make useful contributions to debates at the close of last session, while the former, with its stage equipment almost complete, and its undoubtedly enthusiastic membership, hopes to surpass even last year's success.

Unfortunately, many of the seniors who helped with these social activities have passed on into the wider theatre. Rather too many of them leave us this term for us to mention them all individually; we can do little more than thank them collectively for their services and mention but one or two by name. J. MacBride concludes his year's captaincy, during which he has played his part in all school activities and goes up to Cambridge to study medicine. With him go "Bobby" Houston and Ian Smith. The former had the somewhat unenviable task of following Forrest as Rugby and Cricket Captain, and he has acquitted himself well, better perhaps than many realise who have allowed themselves to live in the memories of the immediate past. He has also filled the offices of Secretary and Treasurer to the Dramatic Society and acted as Chairman of the Debating Society. The latter's worth to the School was fittingly rewarded when on Sports Day he was the somewhat surprised recipient of a medal. This was but a token of a gift made by Mr. Houston,

by whose generosity an annual award will be made to the boy who in the opinion of a committee of Mr. Riley, the house masters and the various authorities, has shown the best example and service to the School. A popular prefect, who yet knew how and when to exert his authority to the limit, Ian was nothing if not dependable: if he undertook anything, no matter how small or how large, it was done. Thus he ran the Debating Society for two years in his capacity of Secretary and never failed—how remains a secret—to provide speakers and subjects of unflinching interest. He also acted as Chairman in the Dramatic Society and Captain of Fives and the 2nd XV, and in all these spheres he displayed his customary enthusiasm.

W. Steel and J. Donaldson also move on to the Scottish Universities for medical studies. Both served the School on the sports field and socially over several years. Last of the prefects was R. Gillanders, who passes on to a life of engineering, for which he is admirably suited, for he was the handy man of the company. He has run the Ciné Club for several years and was one of the original "tuck shop" proprietors, while his interest and enthusiasm with the lighting of the new school stage will long be gratefully remembered. We wish these and all others who leave this term "good luck" in their new spheres.

The following promotions were made at the end of term for the Authority for the coming year:—

School Captain: R. A. Peacock.

Vice Captain, Captain of Rugby and Captain of Freeland House: T. Macfarlane.

Captain of Simpson House: F. Anderson.

Captain of Ruthven House: N. Thomson.

Captain of Nicol House: J. Steel.

House Prefects: G. Carrie, A. Milroy, S. Scott, W. G. Leburn.

Sub-Prefects: H. Scott, J. Kelly, E. Nicholson, O. Stewart, M. Gordon, W. McAllister.

Dramatic Society

IT is anticipated that some five of last season's executive will be available for participation in next season's activities and this should prove a great advantage in the end of term production, where, in addition to the above five, a further five members will have had a baptism of fire across the footlights. We look for big things at Christmas.

Owing to the non-arrival of accounts in connection with the equipment of the stage, we have published no statement of the Society's financial position since last Christmas. We now give below the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the 1936-37 session, in which, it will be observed, expenditure has been almost exclusively confined to the Christmas term.

INCOME.

By Balance, Easter, 1936—				
At French's ...	£2	3	7	
At Bank ...		7	9	10
Reserved by Mr. Riley	7	8	0	
				£17 1 5
„ Subscriptions, reserved by Mr. Riley—				
Christmas Term ...				6 10 0
Easter Term ...				8 2 0
„ Collection—Christmas Social				4 8 2
				<u>£36 1 7</u>

EXPENDITURE.

To Samuel French, Ltd.				£2 0 0
„ Stage Equipment—				
Electrical Fittings	£6	14	6	
Timber ...		5	19	9
Curtain Rail ...		7	14	0
Smith work ...		0	15	0
Canvas ...		2	17	2
				24 0 5
„ Expenses of Dramatic Production—				
Hire of Costumes ...	£1	10	0	
Hire of Wigs ...		0	9	0
Cigarettes ...		0	7	6
Programmes ...		0	2	9
Grease Paint ...		0	3	1
Carriage on Costumes		0	3	4
Sundries ...		0	2	8
				2 18 4
„ Balance—				
With S. French, Ltd.	£2	6	5	
Reserved by Mr. Riley	0	16	9	
At Bank ...		3	19	8
				7 2 10
				<u>£36 1 7</u>

R. HOUSTON, *Hon. Treas.*

Sports Day

THE School Sports were held this year on Wednesday, 9th June, and were favoured by ideal conditions, if one may forget the short shower which elected to fall during the last two events. Few people anticipated that records would be broken during the course of the afternoon; indeed, after Forrest's smashing of records last year, it was thought that years might elapse before his feats were equalled. Actually his absence provided a greater incentive to the competitors, and close finishes were the order of the day. Barely a yard separated the six finalists in the hundred yards; and little more than two in the furlong, in which Macfarlane won at a time, $24 \frac{1}{5}$ sec., equal to R. Kirkland's record set up in 1934. Then in the quarter-mile, R. Peacock all but lowered Forrest's record, being two-fifths of a second outside his time, in a close finish with I. Smith. The excellent running was not only confined to the Open events: Nicholson lowered the Junior quarter-mile by $1 \frac{1}{5}$ seconds to $58 \frac{4}{5}$, I. Geddes ran a splendid half-mile to knock five seconds off the record, and A. Watt set up a new record of over five feet in the High Jump. Here is indeed excellent material in the making.

A. Watt easily won the Allan Anderson Cup as Junior Champion, which he shared with J. Waterston twelve months ago. With firsts in the 100 yards, 220 yards hurdles, and the two jumps, he was twelve points ahead of his nearest competitor, H. Thomson, who had four seconds to his credit. In the open events, competition was much closer and at the end of the day I. Smith, G. Sharp, J. Peden and T. Macfarlane were equal with a first and a second each (eight points).

The House Competition was the keenest for many years, with Ruthven and Freeland the favourites. Actually, Nicol (48) started the day one point ahead of Ruthven and five ahead of Freeland, but this lead had been lost by the end of the sprints, had been recaptured by the completion of the high jump, thanks to an excellent effort by D. McColl, after which they proceeded to draw slowly ahead, while by the interval Ruthven had lost second place to Freeland. The hurdles enabled

Nicol to draw still further away, and though Ruthven once more took second place, they came very near losing it right at the tape, for in the house relay, Ruthven were disqualified from the second place for a wrong change-over, and with Freeland winning this event and the tug-of-war, the final placings were: 1, Nicol (110 points); 2, Ruthven (84 points); 3, Freeland (82 points); 4, Simpson (25 points).

The prizes were presented by J. B. Maitland Cowan, Esq., Secretary of the Old Boys' Club and second Trustee of the School, who replied to Mr. Riley's review of the School year and introduction with an amusing yet inspiring speech, in which full and fitting tribute was paid to Mr. Riley.

The full list of prize-winners and other awards made on this occasion was:

Open Events.

100 yards—1, G. Sharp; 2, T. Macfarlane.
 220 yards—1, T. Macfarlane; 2, F. Waterston.
 440 yards—1, R. Peacock; 2, I. Smith.
 880 yards—1, I. Smith; 2, F. Waterston.
 Hurdles—1, M. Binnie; 2, E. Watt.
 High Jump—1, D. McColl; 2, J. Peden.
 Long Jump—1, J. Peden; 2, G. Sharp.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—1, W. Steel;
 2, J. Mackie.

Under 16 Events.

100 yards—1, A. Watt; 2, H. Thomson.
 220 yards—1, A. Watt; 2, H. Thomson.
 440 yards—1, E. Nicholson; 2, H. Thomson.
 880 yards—1, I. Geddes; 2, N. Brown.
 High Jump—1, A. Watt; 2, H. Thomson.
 Long Jump—1, A. Watt; 2, D. Lewis.
 Hurdles—1, A. Watt; 2, J. Shanks.

Under 14 Events.

90 yards—1, F. Edmonds; 2, R. W. Gregory.
 220 yards—1, D. Robinson; 2, F. Edmonds.
 High Jump—1, J. Marshall; 2, R. W. Gregory.
 Long Jump—1, R. W. Gregory; 2, D. Robinson.

Under 12 Events.

80 yards—1, I. Petrie; 2, A. Turnbull.
 High Jump—1, I. Petrie; 2, A. Turnbull.

Other Events.

Three-legged Race—1, M. Thomson and H. Buchanan; 2, G. Wilson and D. Scroggie.
 Obstacle Race—1, M. Wightman; 2, L. Steven.
 Tilting the Bucket—1, R. Houston and I. Smith;
 2, M. Binnie and D. Lewis.
 House Relay—1, Freeland; 2, Nicol and Simpson.
 House Tug-of-War—1, Freeland; 2, Nicol.

Other Awards.

School Captain's Cup—J. Macbride.
 Senior Dux—H. Scott.
 Junior Dux—S. Brown and T. Philp (equal).
 Scout Medal—B. Johnstone.
 Junior Scout Medal—M. North.
 Medal for boy showing best example and service to School, 1936-37—I. Smith.

Commemoration Day

ONCE more the annual reunion of Past and Present was favoured by fine, sunny weather, and the several tests of sporting prowess were very evenly contested; much more so, indeed, than many of us dared to hope.

More than thirty-five Old Boys were present at the Chapel Service with which the Day opened at 2.15. Here, Mr. Alastair Lambie, President of the Strathallian Club, read, in accordance with custom, the lesson for the day, Psalms 23 and 24; and in the address which followed, Mr. Riley spoke of the "green pastures" of Strathallan, which had been a source of inspiration to him in time of difficulty, and he suggested that in the beautiful surroundings of the school were the springs of the indomitable spirit which characterised the Strathallian. As this would be the last occasion he would address them as owner of these properties, Mr. Riley called upon past and present pupils to make the preservation of the beauties of the School precincts intact and unspoiled for future generations, a sacred trust.

An adjournment was then made to the open air where, with the number of visitors ever increasing, the contest began. Most of the events are recorded under the several headings of the Sports Notes; but a recapitulation of the course of the duel here may not be unfitting.

Once more the School recorded a victory in the Relay, though the race was a close one, G. Sharp and J. Waterston no more than holding their own in the first two relays, but Macfarlane drew away to give Peacock a few yards lead for the final quarter, which he doubled before the end of the race, despite the fine effort by R. D. Dunlop, who kept him all out and certainly ran the best quarter of a mile for the Old Boys since its initiation. The event remains, however, the monopoly of the School, and the Old Boys should make an effort next year to turn the tables, particularly as this is the only event not won

by both sides in the course of the competition.

Disaster befel the School at Cricket, for in the opening over Taylor played a full toss into his eye and took no further part in the game. The remaining players were scarcely convincing against bowling which gained no assistance from the pitch, and after Leburn's departure it was left to the tail to bring the total up to 119. Taylor's absence proved a big disadvantage when the Old Boys batted, however, for the School attack lacked variety without him to hold down one end, and although the School did well up to a point, a not out 57 by W. Frew, who ironically enough should have been out first ball, enabled the Old Boys to win with four wickets in hand. This, with their customary win by three games to love in the Tennis, gave them a convincing lead.

The Fives, however, enabled the School to pull up to within five points of their opponents, and really good pulling by the School eight in the Tug-of-War gave them the victory there for the second year in succession and enabled them to draw level when the Swimming events began.

Here, experience turned the scale against a youthful team who, however, acquitted themselves very well indeed, and showed considerable promise. They were beaten by the touch in the relay race, and the result might well have been reversed had Macnaughton kept a straight course in the third lap, for he lost valuable seconds in straightening after nearly fouling his opposite number. With this result the School hopes faded, for no one anticipated a victory in the Water Polo in view of the School's lack of practice and inexperience. The display they gave was very heartening for their defence was very sound, and it was only by superior tactics, Lambie sending in powerful shots from inside his own half into the deep end goal during the first half, that enabled the Old Boys to cross over with a three goal lead. In the second

half the School fought back gallantly and Macfarlane reduced the lead.

At the conclusion of these events, Mr. Lambie received the Cup from Mr. Riley, the Club having well won by 25 points to 15; and in return he handed over, with

considerable glee, the wooden spoon into the custody of R. Houston, who was deputising for J. Macbride, with which proceedings and three cheers for Mr. Riley, a most pleasant and entertaining day was brought to a close.

Behind the Screen

MOST of us, at some time or another, have played with a cinematograph, and all of us have spent a good proportion of our leisure in a cinema; but few of us have thought of the work entailed to present the show enjoyed so much by the audience.

I was fortunate enough last March to be given the opportunity of seeing behind the scenes at a large cinema, and was amazed at the work entailed.

In the projection room at a modern cinema we find a staff of seven or eight working in shifts. Duties start at 10 a.m., and the first to arrive are the spool boys. Their duties—they are youths of fifteen or sixteen—consist of sweeping and cleaning the projection room and the rewind and switch room which adjoin it, clean the projection windows, and tidy up generally.

They are just warming up to their work when the "Second" and two assistants arrive. One of the assistants, with the help of a spool boy, cleans the projectors and arc lamps. The other assistant takes the other spool boy with him to inspect the lights of the cinema itself, including those outside which serve to make the theatre attractive. The "Second" is responsible for the maintenance of the power plant and electrical installation.

About half past ten the Chief arrives. On his shoulders rests the whole responsibility of "putting over" a good show. He literally brims with mechanics, dynamics, heat, light and sound, etc., etc.; so much so that even Mr. Ward might think him a white man, while in the eyes of the spool boys he is a dictator and a veritable mine of information regarding projection equipment, electrical installation, and everything mechanical. His morning occupation is inspecting the sound system and checking up on his staff.

Approximately at one o'clock the projectionists are relieved by those taking the matinee performance. The hall lights are switched on, the gramophone is connected to the microphone, and the projectors are run in and oiled.

The first reel is then threaded on to No. 1 projector, the arc lights behind are switched on, and the hall lights dimmed. The curtain in front of the screen is drawn back merely by depressing a switch in the control room; and the projector is set in motion and the sound adjusted. The metal sheet is pushed off the lens, and we may see before us the craftiness of Charlie Chan or the glamour of Deitrich.

Meanwhile the spool boy is putting the next reel on No. 2 projector in readiness for the change-over. When the first reel is almost finished, the arc light of No. 2 projector is switched on, and at some special cue or action the second projector comes into action and the first is stopped. It requires careful and continued practice to accomplish the change-over without a pause being noticeable, but it speaks much for the skill attained that it is only in the smaller theatres that any appreciable break is observed nowadays. The first reel is taken off the projector and taken to the winding room where it is examined for tears, and rewound on a special machine. Meanwhile, reel three has taken its place on No. 1 projector.

And so the performance goes on; rewind, thread-up and change-over until about six o'clock when the projectionists are relieved by those responsible for the evening performance. There must be a certain monotony about this job which not even the opportunity to see all the films shown can entirely dissipate.

J. M. K.

Naval Picture

FEW of us realise when we see a battleship lying in dry dock, or steaming majestically past us to the open sea, the years of research and inventive genius that have gone together in the producing of that big grey ship's defensive weapons.

One of the first things that we look for in a battleship is her guns. They immediately attract attention. Big stern muzzles they are, as they point in some far off direction, as though searching the distant horizon for some dangers that threaten our shores and trade routes. Most of Britain's battleships and battle cruisers are armed with 15 inch guns in their main batteries, but even larger guns are in existence in the British navy, the battleships of the "Rodney" class being armed with 16 inch weapons, these latter being the largest and most powerful ever constructed.

A battleship's gun turret is, roughly speaking, made up of three parts, viz., the guns, the current, and the barbette.

The guns themselves are triumphs of mechanical construction. They are built up of a number of solid drawn steel tubes, forced one over the other; while over certain of the tubes are wound thousands of turns of steel wire. This wire is not unlike steel tape, being about a quarter of an inch in width and quite thin. Its purpose round the tubes of the barrel is to put the interior tubes into a state of compression, so as to permit higher stresses when firing.

Some idea of the size of a 15 inch gun can be obtained when one appreciates that its length is roughly 60 feet and the weight of the barrel alone about 85 tons, or as heavy as an average railway locomotive and its tender; while the complete weight of a gun, its mountings, turret and barbette is just under 1000 tons. When we realise that modern battleships carry four such turrets, the enormous weight of the main armament can be readily appreciated.

The turret in which the guns are housed is a small fort, so constructed that it cannot sustain a direct hit from an enemy shell. This is accomplished by giving its

sides as many angular faces as possible, in order that a shell will ricochet without doing serious damage.

The heaviest parts of the turret are its roof and front wall, which are approximately 14 inches thick.

The only entrance to this thick steel fort is a small manhole in the floor just beside the back wall, and during an action the gun's crew are locked inside the turret.

The turret, which sits on its barbette or foundation, is divided into two sections, a 15 inch gun being housed in each section.

The entire machinery for raising and lowering the guns, bringing up the shell and ramming it home, is driven by hydraulic pressure. Britain, unlike America, adopts hydraulic machinery throughout, in contrast with the all-electric system used in the U.S. navy. In practice, one can safely say that the British system has the advantage of instantaneous working.

The two guns themselves are mounted on cradles and recoil against hydraulic rams which take up the backward force of the explosion.

The procedure in the turret during a naval battle might be described as follows: After firing, the guns, which work entirely separate from one another, are lowered to a horizontal position and are cleaned by means of a blast of compressed air. The breach is swung open by machinery, being a heavy door of steel hinged to the barrel of the gun and weighing approximately 5 tons. This door, when the shell is in position, is locked by means of a series of teeth like the safe door of a modern bank. Immediately the breach is open, the shell is brought up on a hoist from the magazine and comes to rest on a cradle just opposite the mouth of the gun, being forced home into the barrel of the gun by a hydraulic ram. The shell is then followed by a large silk bag of cordite. This bag is packed well home and the breach closed once more.

In the centre of the breach block or "safe door" is a small firing cartridge which is exploded by an electric current.

This cartridge is connected by wires with the main control towers of the ship from whence all guns of the main battery are fired.

Immediately the breach block is closed, the gun's crew are given the angle of elevation, range, direction, etc., and the gun is again laid to the correct angle. After which, a member of the crew telegraphs to the control towers that all is ready. The men in the turret then receive the order to stand by and await the actual firing, which is regulated, as said before, from the control towers of the ship. The entire proceedings take the marvellously short time of 28 seconds.

This feat is even more notable when one realises fully what has to be accomplished in that short period.

The gun barrel weighing 85 tons is dropped to a horizontal position, a blast of air passed through its bore, a 5 ton breach block unlocked and swung open; a 1 ton shell brought up from the bottom of the ship, placed in the gun and followed by a charge of explosives; the breach block replaced and locked; a new firing cartridge placed in position and coupled to the control towers and the gun then trained to the required angle of elevation.

This record surely takes some beating.
T. B. D.

Copper Mines

THE extraction of copper requires a great deal of practical skill, as well as manual labour. Some copper beds lie between seven hundred and twelve hundred feet below the surface, and are sandwiched, in the Rio Tinto district, between beds of clay and hard flint known as silica.

When the copper is located, shafts are let down to the bottom of the copper bed, that is to say, down on to the silica. Then a series of eleven metre tunnels are made along the whole length of the copper bed and pierced at intervals by shafts. No supports are needed since the flint is hard enough to withstand the strain of the hollowing. These tunnels are then divided into a series of rows of four, two and a half metres high. These run right through the copper to the clay, where shafts are immediately run to the surface. Here wooden supports are used to support the roof, since wood shows signs of splitting before it actually breaks, and thus the prop can be replaced before any damage occurs.

The shafts on the clay side of the seam are fitted with huge suction fans and are only used for ventilation purposes. Fresh air comes into the shafts on the silica side and the foul air, impregnated with the sulphur fumes common to the copper mine, is drawn out from the clay shafts.

Mineral taken out of smaller passages is tipped by shutes into trucks drawn by electric motors in the eleven metre tunnels. These run to the shafts, up which they are taken to the surface in huge cages.

Digging is done on both sides of the two and a half metre tunnels until the diggers meet those working from a parallel shaft. Immediately this happens, the copper being exhausted, the hollow space is filled up with flint lest there should be a cave-in owing to the strain being put upon the clay. Finally the small tunnels are themselves filled up, but this time a small space is left at the top to enable the air circulation to be maintained. Moreover, occasional columns of the copper itself are left to prevent undue sinking as the pressure compresses the comparatively loose flint. Only when the pressure has been taken by the flint are the copper columns removed, flint being again substituted.

Small hand trucks are employed in the smaller tunnels to carry the minerals to the shutes. In these tunnels, however, canals are cut to collect the copper sulphate and other salts formed by the rain water as it percolates through the soil. This liquid is allowed to run down to the bottom of the tunnel, whence it is pumped to the surface. There scrap iron is dipped in it and copper bars are formed in place of the iron.

J. F. W.

Sports Notes

CRICKET

THE 1937 season was a pleasant one, but only moderately successful. In the early part of the term experiments were made, but it was soon evident that there was a surprising lack of talent among the seniors. Each year Macfarlane is given a trial in the hope that he will strike form, but again he was disappointing; and Reid's bowling ability was not good enough to offset his deficiencies in fielding.

The chief failing has been in batting, and the averages show how low a standard this was. Thomson and Leburn have been the most consistent scorers, but of the others it can only be said that some of them have made one good score. In spite of this weakness, we won five out of eight matches against school teams. Chief credit for this must go to the bowlers, since they dismissed the opposition frequently for low scores. Taylor and Leburn bore the brunt of the attack, and stuck to their task well. The bowlers might have been even more successful had they been supported by keener fielding.

This part of the game has been of a very low standard, and there is nothing which shows up a team in a poor light as slack fielding. It is essential to be prepared the whole time, particularly against strong club sides, who do not offer many chances.

Another criticism of the team in general is that far too many appeals are made for l.b.w., when it is quite obvious that the batsman is not out. Such appeals show a lack of understanding of the game, and pay a very poor compliment to the intelligence of the umpire.

First Eleven Criticism

R. Houston (1st XI Cap 1936-7) as Captain, was handicapped by having an unsettled team for half the season, and the material at his disposal not being very good: but on occasions he failed to handle his bowling to the best advantage when we had a good chance of victory. Nevertheless, he proved a popular captain, and his

fielding at point was good, although it is thought to be of scarcely so high a standard as of yore. As a batsman he started the season well, but later on was most unsuccessful. His faults are impetuosity and the habit of putting his legs in front of straight balls.

R. Taylor (1st XI Cap 1936-7) was the steadiest bowler in the team and could be relied upon to keep the batsmen quiet by bowling a good length even when he was not taking wickets. He was a very safe fielder and rarely missed a catch. He also made runs towards the end of the innings, and proved himself one of the most useful members of the team, skipping the side very well during Houston's absence.

G. W. Leburn (1st XI Cap 1937) has provided most of the real cricket we have seen from the team this season. He is a very careful batsman and plays some good shots; but at times he is too cautious, since he treats some loose balls with too much respect. His leg-break bowling, too, has been successful and he has taken wickets against club batsmen as well as against school teams. If he would concentrate the whole time in the field, he would be an excellent slip fielder.

N. Thomson (1st XI Cap 1937) has some of the shots of a good batsman and he has a sound defence. He could be relied on to stay in for some time, but his scoring powers were limited due to faulty timing of the ball. He has been, however, one of the most consistent batsmen. He is a safe catch, but his ground work is not so good. His efforts with the ball have, unfortunately, proved disastrous.

F. Anderson (1st XI Cap 1937) was included in the side for his wicket-keeping. His displays behind the stumps have been good and bad, but there has been a noticeable improvement in his form. He has proved a useful batsman and has managed to score runs. He plays some good shots at times, but he is inclined to retreat to square leg instead of standing up to the bowling. He scores most of his runs by

means of his favourite stroke to the leg boundary.

J. Mitchell has not been as successful a bowler as he promised to be last year. His left arm bowling was steady enough, but the ball came off the pitch too slowly to be dangerous. He should also bowl more leg breaks than he does, since they are more dangerous than a left hander's off breaks. His fielding has improved, and on occasions he has made a few useful runs, but he has really no claims to be called a batsman.

J. M. Peden. Early on he showed distinct possibilities as a batsman, since he attempted to make the correct shots. He was moderately successful; he is not afraid to face up to the bowling and hit the bad balls. He also has a good defence, but should learn to combine this with his aggressiveness. He can stop practically anything in the field with some part of his body, and has taken some good catches.

W. Steel has not made many runs due to lack of shots. He is really a hitter, but strangely enough he is unable to hit half volleys. His only scoring stroke is the pull which he uses to anything short. He developed into a steady medium-paced bowler, but he has been lucky to get some of his wickets with bad balls. He is a neat fielder, but too spectacular to be sound.

G. Sharp, a batsman who was expected to make many runs, has been a great disappointment. He has a sound defence but lacks patience and cannot pick out the right ball to hit. His fielding left much to be desired.

J. Ritchie, a "slogger," included for his hitting powers, retained his place by means of the reputation gained by his innings against the Staff, which was unfortunately not repeated. He was slow and clumsy in the field.

E. Watt, a most unorthodox batsman, who managed to make runs in his own peculiar way. He has a good eye and can hit the ball hard, being particularly successful with forcing back shots, although his bat was usually well away

from his body. When he was in the mood, his quickness in the field was an asset.

First Eleven.

Played 12, Won 6, Lost 4, Drawn 2.

Average Runs per Wicket.

In all matches - For 12.4; Against 13.2
In School matches For 13.1; Against 10.9

Batting Averages.

	Innings.	No. times not out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.	Catches.
N. Thomson	- 11	1	56	202	20.2	2
W. Leburn	- 11	1	59*	169	16.9	0
E. Watt	- 6	2	27	63	16.2	3
F. Anderson	- 10	1	41*	132	14.6	2
R. Taylor	- 7	2	27*	63	12.6	5
J. Peden	- 8	2	15*	72	12.1	2
G. Sharp	- 11	0	69	114	10.3	2
W. Steel	- 8	0	21	65	8.1	2
R. Houston	- 9	1	41	60	7.5	8
J. Mitchell	- 7	3	10	20	5.0	0
J. Ritchie	- 8	1	12	34	4.8	1

*Not out.

Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr. runs per wkt.
W. Steel	- 40	10	93	11	8.45
W. Leburn	- 100	9	343	33	10.39
R. Taylor	- 147	43	284	27	10.51
W. Reid	- 27	3	62	3	20.6
J. Mitchell	- 85	11	304	13	23.38

Strathallan v. R. Gordon's College, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 8th May.

The visitors batted first, and wickets fell steadily before the steady bowling of Taylor (three for 17) and Leburn (seven for 56). The latter's figures were rather flattering, since some of his victims were out to really bad balls. Anderson had an excellent day behind the stumps and did not concede a single bye in the total of 99. He was indeed an exception, for the fielding as a whole was much below the usual School standard.

The School innings opened in a most unpromising manner, four wickets falling for 27, but a promising partnership between Houston and Anderson carried the score to 84. The former was top scorer with 41, and he hit the ball hard and made some

good hook shots. Anderson was somewhat lucky, for there were many streaky shots in his 19. Eventually the visitors' total was passed with three wickets in hand, but the remaining wickets could only take the score to 109.

Result: Strathallan, 109; Gordon's College, 99.

Strathallan v. Dan Stewart's College, played at Forgandenny on Monday, 17th May.

The School batted first and made a poor start, four wickets being down for a mere 23. The position was retrieved, however, by Thomson who played a chanceless innings of 56, including a six and ten fours. He found good support in Anderson (17), W. Steel (21), although their efforts were more venturesome, and Taylor (27 not out); and the total of 150 was quite satisfactory.

Unfortunately, the bowling proved ineffective, and not a little of its inefficiency was due to some very poor fielding. Several catches were missed because the fielders were not on their toes the whole time, and in such circumstances the ball always comes at the wrong moment. When Taylor strained his shoulder, possibilities of defeat loomed larger for he was the most effective of the seven bowlers tried. Actually the visitors, thanks largely to a not out 78 by their opening bat, passed the School total for six wickets, and thus recorded their first victory on record.

Result: Strathallan, 150; Stewart's College, 151 for six wickets.

Strathallan v. The Masters, played at Forgandenny on 22nd May.

This match was played after the uncertain weather, which had led to the cancellation of the Heriot's game, had given place to a brilliantly fine afternoon. The Staff batted first and scored 133 for five wickets before declaring. Mr. Langstaff played a dour innings of 44 not out, while Mr. Hallett scored 23 in quick time, including two sixes and two fours.

The efforts of the School to play the spin bowling of Mr. Cole and Vickerstaff were

lamentable, and they lost seven wickets in scoring 20. At this stage Peden and Ritchie came together and scored freely before the latter was bowled for 51, an effective if not classic innings. Peden's display was more correct, and his 33 fully justified his inclusion. Mr. Cole claimed five wickets for 32 (including the hat trick), while Vickerstaff had three for 30.

Result: Strathallan, 105; The Masters, 133 for 5 wickets (innings declared).

Strathallan v. Stirling County, played at Forgandenny on Wednesday, 26th May.

This game had to be abandoned owing to rain at the end of the County's innings. Two Old Strathallians, W. G. Leburn and I. MacEwen, played our bowling with great confidence and put on a hundred runs before the former was caught off his brother's bowling for 63. A collapse followed, for Leburn took four wickets for a run in seven balls, and included the hat trick. In this he was indebted to Anderson's smart work behind the stumps, for all three were stumped. He bowled better than he has ever done before, however, not being afraid to pitch his slow spinners well up to the batsmen, and his analysis of six wickets for 49 was a highly creditable performance. The later batsmen offered more resistance, and the innings was declared closed at 203 for nine wickets.

Result: Stirling County, 203 for nine wickets (innings declared). Match abandoned.

Strathallan v. Dollar Academy, played at Dollar on Wednesday, 2nd June.

This game resulted in a rather tame, if even, draw. The wicket was dead and gave no assistance to the bowlers. The School had first lease of the wicket and were chiefly indebted to Leburn and E. Watt for their total of 126 for six wickets, at which point the innings was closed. Leburn revealed his true form and was not out 59 at the close. Watt scored 27 and did well enough to justify his selection.

The Academy scored 67 for three wickets in the time at their disposal and the most

pleasing feature of the innings was the bowling of W. Steel who, keeping a good length, proved his usefulness as a bowler by taking two of the wickets in five overs for 12 runs.

Result: Strathallan, 126 for six wickets (innings declared); Dollar Academy, 67 for three wickets.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen G.S., played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 5th June.

The visitors batted first, but failed to make very much of the opportunity in the face of steady bowling, only two batsmen reaching double figures in a total of 104. Taylor bowled magnificently, taking five wickets for 18 runs. His figures are even more impressive when it is remembered that in the first fifteen of his twenty overs he had twelve maidens, four wickets, and only three runs scored off him. Steel had three wickets for 20.

Leburn and Sharp opened confidently for the School and saw 74 runs on the board before the former was caught for 27. Sharp went on to make 69, by which time the game was won. He reached the boundary twelve times, and the match ended with the score at 117 for three wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 117 for three wickets; Aberdeen G.S., 104.

Strathallan v. Glasgow Academy, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 12th June.

The School batted first, but with three exceptions, failed badly against some good bowling. Leburn maintained his good form, and was the only member of the side to show real confidence. His 23 came slowly, but he played the right game for the circumstances. Anderson made his usual sweeps at the ball and collected 21 rapidly, and Sharp was the only other batsman to reach double figures; and the whole side was out for a mere 89.

The Academy made light of this task. Taylor and Mitchell bowled steadily, but were never dangerous, and the fielding was worse than usual, showing a general lack of enthusiasm. The School total was passed for the loss of one wicket, and the

game closed with the total at 96 for two wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 89; Glasgow Academy, 96 for two wickets.

Strathallan v. Hillhead H.S., played in Glasgow on Tuesday, 15th June.

The home side batted first and fared poorly against an attack well varied by Taylor, who captained the side in Houston's absence. With the exception of the fourth wicket partnership of 33, the batsmen offered little beyond defence, having scored but 66 for nine wickets at the declaration, leaving Strath. little less than an hour to get the runs. After losing four wickets in obtaining 41, the School was carried to victory by Anderson and Peden who took the score to 90 by the time stumps were drawn. Anderson, who carried his bat for 41, took full toll of the many balls presented on his leg side, and hit a six and seven fours. Peden was not out 15.

Result: Strathallan, 90 for four wickets; Hillhead H.S., 66 for nine wickets (innings declared).

Strathallan v. H. B. Rowan's XI, played at Forgandenny on Thursday, 17th June.

This was a game of fluctuating fortunes, and ended in the most crushing defeat Mr. Rowan's team has inflicted on the School for many years. Houston was again absent, C. L. Roy taking his place under the captaincy of Taylor who again earned full marks for his management of the bowling and for his example in the field. The School made a promising start against a strong batting side, claiming the first four wickets for a mere 38 runs. A stand by J. M. McIndoe and W. S. Tennant, however, carried the score to 101, and though wickets thereafter fell regularly, an instructive exhibition of batting by Wass, the Golhill professional (51 not out), enabled the visitors to declare at 192 for eight wickets. Taylor again showed how steady a bowler he is by bowling nineteen overs for a mere 36 runs, and taking three wickets.

The School never looked like making a fight of the match. Thomson played a very

good innings for 30; but only Peden (15) and Taylor (16 not out) of the other batsmen could reach double figures, and the innings closed for 88.

Result: H. B. Rowan's XI, 192 for eight wickets (innings declared); Strathallan, 88.

Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School, played at Glasgow on Saturday, 19th June.

The home side batted first but could make nothing of the bowling of Taylor and Leburn, who ran through the side in sixteen overs at a cost of 25 runs, the former claiming four victims for ten runs, the latter five for 13. But Strath.'s showing with the bat was little better than Allan Glen's, and six wickets were down for 17 runs, only Thomson showing any real defence. He and Peden (11) saw the game won, the innings closing at 33 for seven wickets. Thomson had then scored 7.

Result: Allan Glen's School, 25; Strathallan, 33 for seven wickets.

Strathallan v. Dunfermline H.S., played at Dunfermline on Wednesday, 23rd June.

Strath. batted first, and again the batting at the start was deplorable, half the side being out for only three runs. Peden (10) and Thomson again led the recovery, and thanks to Steel (18) and Watt (21 not out), with a useful 10 from Mitchell, the score reached 73.

The home side, however, were all at sea against the School's bowling, only one player reaching double figures. Taylor had four wickets for 19, Steel four for 7, and Leburn two for 0.

Result: Strathallan, 73; Dunfermline H.S., 33.

Strathallan v. Old Strathallians, played at Forgardenny on Saturday, 26th June.

The School batted first, and off the first ball he received Taylor was hit near the eye. This unfortunately meant that he took no further part in the game. Our batting was sounder than of late, but no one was outstanding. Watt (17 not out) was top scorer, and five others were in their

'teens. Thanks to material assistance from Mr. Extras (21), the School's total reached 119.

The Old Boys made a good start, and R. Johnston reminded us of his high scores last year, but when he was smartly stumped for 32, third out with the score at 63, some smart work in the field saw wickets begin to tumble. It was W. Frew who carried the Old Boys to victory. Badly missed, caught and stumped, off his first ball, he went on to hit fiercely to score 57 not out and see the School's total passed with only seven wickets down. Houston was handicapped by the loss of Taylor, but he would have had a very good chance of winning the match had he not persevered with his slow bowlers, but used Steel in short spells from either end.

Result: Strathallan, 119; Old Strathallians, 122 for seven wickets.

Strathallan v. D. Murray's XI, played at Forgardenny on Saturday, 3rd July.

The visitors batted first and opened well, Mr. Alty and Murray scoring 42 for the first wicket. It was strange to see Murray, no longer dour, hitting a six and three fours in his 21. Then came a collapse and half the side was out for 61, Mr. Alty contributing 28. Then Roy and I. Wood added 46 for the sixth wicket, after which the bowlers again got on top and the innings was closed for 112.

After Taylor had gone early, Leburn and Thomson gave the School an excellent start in reply, and 88 runs were on the board before Leburn was beaten for 30. Wickets then began to fall rapidly, and when Thomson was bowled by Roy for 55, with the score at 94, a real collapse started, in the main due to the batsmen's attempt to finish off the game as quickly as possible and get out of the rain, which, intermittent during the early afternoon, had by this time become a steady downpour. Eventually the game was won with one wicket to spare, and the disappointing season came to a very dismal end.

Result: Strathallan, 113 for nine wickets; D. Murray's XI, 112.

Second Eleven

The Second Eleven, like the first, was subject to constant changes in the personnel, in part owing to promotions to the senior side, in part owing to a desire to foster promising talent which might so easily be better than the material to hand. The faults of the side were much the same as those of the First. The bowling was, as a rule, quite adequate for the opposition, only Glasgow Academy exceeding the hundred (177 for nine wickets). In reply the School could muster only 63. The batting was weak, though J. Smith and V. Lowden were outstanding in their promise for the future. The former's 33 was largely responsible for the defeat of Dollar Academy 68 to 48, and remained top score in the averages. E. Watt won his promotion to the First by a good 43 against Morgan's Academy 1st XI, which enabled the School to win by two runs (82 to 80). In the opening game against Heriot's, in which they rather flattered to deceive, the School dismissed their opponents for 55 and then scored 61 for four wickets. If the batting was weak, the fielding was on occasion deplorable. In the Aberdeen G.S. game many chances were missed, and yet the home side was dismissed for 36. In reply, the School could only score 33, thanks to some really brilliant work in the field. Gordon's College also won at Aberdeen by 87 to 69; while at Stirling the School could muster but 33 against the High School 1st XI's 62.

W. Reid headed the batting average with 18, but this was because he was but once out in six innings. J. Smith was second with 6.71, followed by Shanks (6.57) and Lowden (5.33); while J. Macbride headed the bowling analysis with 5.9 for eleven wickets, followed by J. Wilson (6.5 for ten wickets) and Reid (6.8 for thirty-one wickets).

Second XI Caps were awarded to E. Watt, J. Peden, J. Ritchie, J. Steel, J. Macbride, J. Smith, and J. Wilson.

House Matches

The House Matches were played off on Saturday, 22nd May, and, to the surprise of everyone, resulted in a win for Nicol.

In the first tie Simpson were quickly dismissed by Freeland for 19, J. Mitchell claiming six wickets for seven runs. Freeland passed this score for the loss of four wickets. Nicol defeated Ruthven. They scored 98 for eight wickets and then, thanks to W. Steel, who claimed five wickets for 23, put Ruthven out for 76.

The Final saw Nicol score 117, mainly thanks to A. Watt (46), V. Lowden (19) and K. Jack (13), who had seen four wickets fall for 24. J. Macbride had seven wickets for 45. Though Steel met with an early success, Freeland looked well on top at 28 for two, 41 for three. There were only 54 runs on the board for six, however, but Carrie and Macfarlane took the score to 90 for the next wicket. Then Steel finished off the innings with only six added, claiming in all seven for 36, and giving his side a well deserved victory.

TENNIS

Weather conditions and the courts themselves were hardly ideal for tennis this term. Nevertheless, the tennis played was greatly enjoyed.

The first match played was against the F.P.'s, and a weakened side consisting of W. Macalister and M. Paul, T. Macfarlane and S. Scott, and J. Mackie and J. D. Paton, of which only the first named was a normal member of the team, was badly outclassed by the visitors, W. Smith and L. Paul, N. Cuthbert and W. Wills, and W. McKenna and G. Ferguson.

The next match was against the Staff. Here, rain began to fall soon after the start, but the match was continued with interruptions until nearly nine o'clock, when the "Scotch mist" developed into a deluge. By that time but four matches had been completed, the School winning three. W. Leburn and E. Watt beat a very strong pair in Mr. Hallet and Mr. Alty; R. Houston and W. Macalister beat Mr. Cole and C. Roy; R. Taylor and F. Anderson lost to Mr. Langstaff and Mr. Norton; Leburn and Watt defeated Mr. Norton and Mr. Langstaff, who played well together, with the loss of one set; but the high light of the evening was a marathon match between Houston and Macalister

and Mr. Hallet and Mr. Alty, the first set being won by the boys at 15-13 before play was concluded. We thank the masters for the game.

The Championships provided the usual thrills, and Frame is to be congratulated on his fine performance. The Junior event was won by J. D. Paton, who defeated G. Carrie by two sets to one. The Senior Championship was won by W. Leburn, whose steadiness wore down E. Watt's brilliancy to win by two sets to one.

W. J. S.

FIVES

The incompleted Championship was an early consideration this term, and Leburn and Mackie, who met last year in the semi-final, reached the last round. Here Mackie avenged his defeat last year in a convincing manner.

The House Fives competition saw a tie which ensured a closely contested final. Nicol defeated Simpson by four games to love, conceding only seven in all, while Ruthven's defeat of Freeland was only less decisive. In the final it soon became apparent that while Nicol held the strongest pair, Mackie and McColl, the Ruthven four was a better all-round combination; so that their second string, Scott and Peden, levelled the score by defeating Fulton and Binnie in a close match, 15-12, which seemed so to exhaust the latter that they offered little resistance to Smith and Leburn, and this victory (15-3) enabled Ruthven to win the Championship on points, since Scott and Peden fought back valiantly against the Nicol first pair, and during a lapse on their part drew up from 13-4 to 13-10 before Nicol won.

The game against the Old Boys went to the School, as usual. The School was represented by Mackie, Leburn, Peden and I. Smith, and the Old Boys by W. Smith, G. Harrington, J. Wilson and A. Dow. Only three of the games were played, but in each the School won by a comfortable margin.

I. M. S.

SWIMMING

The chief interest in the Pond this term has centred in the meeting with the Old Boys and the Championships.

It was an extremely youthful and inexperienced team which met the Old Boys on Commemoration Day, and though both events went to the Old Boys, the School teams were by no means disgraced; indeed, their showing was so good that next year might easily see a reversal of fortune. J. A. Smith gave the School a fine start against W. A. C. Lambie in the relay, whom he held to a dead heat. Macfarlane and Macnaughton held their own well but could not give J. Wilson a real lead, and though the latter made up a little ground, he was beaten by the touch by N. Gillanders.

In the polo match, the Old Boys, attacking the deep end in the first half, attacked continuously, the School being unable to get the ball away; at the same time the defence was good and it was left to Lambie to score three times from long shots. Even when defending the shallow end, the Old Boys held the upper hand territorially, but Peden was safe in goal. Half way through the second half, Macfarlane, emulating Lambie, scored the School's only goal. The School team was Peden; Stewart, MacNaughton; Macfarlane; J. Wilson, Peacock, H. Thomson.

There were forty-one entrants for the Junior Championship and fourteen for the Senior event. The Finalists in the former were G. S. Wilson, J. Smith, H. Thomson and D. Macnaughton, of whom Smith won comfortably by a fast sprint on the last lap from H. Thomson. J. Macbride, J. Wilson, R. Alexander and N. Macleod were senior finalists, but the race was always between the first two, Wilson winning by a third of a length.

During the term two tests for swimming badges saw awards made to A. Ross, K. Grant, D. Macnaughton, R. Alexander, E. C. Davison, T. Blair, W. Kerr, W. Hunter.

J. McB.

RUGBY PROSPECTS

T. Macfarlane, who has been elected captain of the First XV, is fortunate in being able to call upon five of last season's players, but since the 1936-37 side was by no means outstanding, in the building up of a team he will have largely to depend upon new material, largely recruited from

last season's Second XV, where four or more "caps" are available. H. Thomson and F. Waterston, of these, may easily find a place in the first three-quarter line and give it additional thrust. Carrie and Kelly, already with a baptism in the senior side, should find places in the pack, of which R. Peacock, last year's Vice-Captain, will be the sole "veteran."

F. Anderson and D. Macnaughton are again available at half and should have profited by a season's co-operation. The remainder of the back division will require some experiments before a final composition can be arrived at. A. Milroy, with full back experience, may be called on to defend the last line, failing a more worthy discovery during the experimental stages. He has also played in the centre, where

J. Steel will strive to regain a place he lost at the end of last season. N. Thomson and Macfarlane served on the wings last season, and should continue there providing strength can be found for the centre positions. Individuals do not make a team in any case, and it is to be hoped that Macfarlane will be able to keep alive, and even foster the team spirit shown last year. That and Strath. determination should see the side triumph over many of the obstacles lying in the way of a young side.

A good fixture list has been arranged for both First and Second Fifteens, the only addition to the usual features being a renewed fixture with Glasgow Academy for the First XV, and a game against Harris Academy First XV for the second team.

Modern Dance Bands

MANY people are of the opinion that being leader of a modern dance orchestra is an easy means of livelihood. This is most erroneous. Some short personal experience of the life, or even first hand knowledge of the way in which a day is spent by such a band would soon correct this impression.

True, early rising is not essential, for rehearsals at theatres, night clubs or Broadcasting House seldom begin before ten in the morning; but it should be remembered that most dance band combinations have to keep late hours at night. From ten o'clock till lunch time, however, is fully occupied with the rehearsal of established numbers in the band's repertoire, and the acquiring of new ones.

The afternoon may be taken up with more rehearsals. Sometimes, however, and particularly if the band be a well-known one, the afternoon is occupied with recording for one of the big record companies; and many orchestras employed at a dance hall find themselves playing at an afternoon session.

The evening session runs on till midnight or later at restaurants, night clubs and dance halls, and further, many of the bigger bands broadcast once a week—this

being a big undertaking in itself. Therefore, it is easy to see that a dance musician faces a long and hard day's work when he rises in the morning; for to blow a trumpet from ten in the morning till midnight is no light task, and the musician well earns his wages.

The leader of the bigger orchestras has other duties to perform. He may find himself booked for a tour of the British Isles, at music halls in the various big towns, and while such touring is easier than a permanent post since it usually entails only morning rehearsals and leaves the afternoons free, it adds further to the expenses of the combination by reason of the travelling entailed, and stage performances require a special technique in presentation. The band requires to develop personality and to give its best the whole time in order to attract the audiences. To a degree this is attained by the special orchestrations of popular tunes, and this work not only takes up much time but also requires considerable skill.

The well known bands have many engagements, and the leader can almost name his own price, so that on the whole a comfortable existence is assured. But until this position of eminence is attained, life is very hard and precarious. N. T.

Scout Notes

IT is gratifying to record that this term has been a most successful one from the Scouting point of view. A varied programme has been undertaken successfully with good results. One criticism alone need be made: the older members of the Troop, occupied as many of them are on Saturday mornings with cricket matches and similar activities, are apt to make only too infrequent their visits to the Hut. While their presence has been sadly missed, their absence has to some extent been counter-balanced by the obvious enjoyment and enthusiasm of those younger members who have been very loyal in their attendance and have made remarkable progress with their 2nd and 1st Class Badge work. Next year, when we shall be without the services of many of the present Patrol Leaders and Seconds, these younger members will undoubtedly be appointed to positions of leadership, where their enthusiasm should be given new scope for development.

The most outstanding event of the term was Field Day, held on Saturday, 19th June. Again the Troop visited Drum Finn, and again the universal opinion was that it would have been impossible to choose a better place. Unfortunately, the day was misty and damp. We left Forgandenny, complete with multifarious cooking utensils and materials, in a drizzle, spent the afternoon in a mist, and had to make a somewhat hasty curtailment of tea because of the rain. But the elements could damp neither the spirits of the Troop, nor the fires, which blazed merrily away throughout the day and which were the scenes of some truly remarkable culinary preparations. We are grateful to Mr. Ward for his visit during the afternoon, and also to Miss Riley and the Staff for the preparations made for us.

Investiture was held midway through the afternoon, when the following Tenderfeet were made Scouts: T. E. Campbell, J. B. Clark, J. D. Glen, G. S. Lowden, I. Macdonald, W. D. Ramsay and J. E. Sim. The S.M. emphasised that it was difficult to imagine a better place for an investiture than Drum Finn, as it was in entire keeping with the free open air spirit which is the essential of Scouting.

The Medals, kindly presented by Mr. Riley to the best senior and junior Scouts in the Troop were won by B. R. Johnstone (Owls Patrol) and M. North (Eagles Patrol) respectively, and were handed to them on Sports' Day.

The end of term Competition for the Scout Trophies were unusually closely contested, and Mr. Angwin, who kindly judged the work done and the various exhibits had a thoroughly unenviable task. The awards were as follows:

Cup for the Best Individual Exhibit:

(Scarf) by E. C. MacCrimmon (Seals).

Cup for best Corner Work: Owls Patrol.

Shield for the Most Improved Patrol: Otters Patrol.

Trophy for the Best Patrol: Lions Patrol with 70 points, the Owls being second with 69 points, and the Otters third with 66 points.

The Summer term always sees the Troop losing many of its most loyal members. This term we are especially unfortunate. R. Gillanders (Quartermaster), P.-L. D. Fulton (Lions), P.-L. M. Paul (Hawks), P.-L. H. B. Rowan (Otters), P.-L. J. Wilson (Rattlesnakes), and P.-L. G. Knox (Wolves) have given their services unstintingly to the Troop during their long association with it, and their places will be difficult to fill. The officials of the Troop for the coming year will be:

A.S.M.: T. Macfarlane.

Troop Leader: R. A. Peacock.

P.-L. Eagles Patrol: L. S. Scott; 2nd, V. Chapelle.

P.-L. Hawks Patrol: D. W. Lewis; 2nd, S. S. Brown.

P.-L. Lions Patrol: D. Stevens; 2nd, J. Stark.

P.-L. Otters Patrol: B. R. Johnstone; 2nd, R. W. Gregory.

P.-L. Owls Patrol: G. W. Leburn; 2nd, N. Brown.

P.-L. Rattlesnakes Patrol: O. C. Stewart; 2nd, I. Gray.

P.-L. Seals Patrol: J. Kelly; 2nd, J. M. McGregor.

P.-L. Swifts Patrol: D. McColl; 2nd, D. Jackson.

P.-L. Wolves Patrol: E. H. Nicholson; 2nd, H. Thomson. L. P. W.

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IT is with great pleasure that we note that Mr. A. J. Cruickshank has gained further advancement with his company, The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. Until recently he was manager of their branch in Aberdeen and he has been promoted District Manager for the counties of Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln and territory stretching right down to Huntingdon. He arrived in Aberdeen in 1933 and in a remarkably short time became a prominent figure in city life. He founded several Round Table clubs in the North of Scotland and more recently entered the Aberdeen Town Council. All who know Mr. Cruickshank realise that he is a live wire and believe that his recent promotion is merely one step nearer a much higher goal. The Club's heartiest congratulations.

We hear that Dr. Ian R. Scott may be taking a voyage to India in one of the boats of the City Line leaving this October. He is going in his professional capacity and Strathallians resident in any of the ports touched by these steamers will doubtless be prepared to give him a welcome.

We congratulate Dr. Heber Brook on completing his medical degrees at the University of Cambridge. He was also successful in the examinations of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, giving him a dual right to practice. His full title to degrees is B.A. (Hons.), M.B., B.S. (Cantab), L.R.C.P. & S. (Lond.). Formidable undoubtedly.

We are pleased to note that two Strathallians were presented to H.M. The King at the levée held at the Palace of Holyroodhouse during the first week of July last. They were Mr. George Smith, an ex-president of the Club, who is a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, and Mr.

David J. Bogie, the vice-president of the Club, who is a lieutenant in the Royal Corps of Signals (T.A.).

Edinburgh University has now another Strathallian on its teaching staff, for we learn that Mr. Bogie, in addition to his normal work as a practising Chartered Accountant, is now lecturing on accounting and business methods.

Strathallians of many generations will learn with very great regret that Mrs. Guthrie, the mother of three Strathallians, passed away quite recently. There are many who have partaken of her generous hospitality. We would like to extend our sympathy to Mr. Guthrie and his three sons.

We hear that Mr. Pat Dewar, of Craigdhu, Stirling, has received his commission in the territorial army, thus adding one more to the large number of Strathallians who are giving their services in this direction to their country.

We received a very interesting letter from Mr. Gaston Bonthron, who is stationed at Kaur on the Attock Oilfield in India. This field now seems to be in the producing stage proper: "My job on the field is first and foremost production. That means that all producing wells are my responsibility. I have to ensure that all is working well, which is much more complicated than it sounds. As the pump in an oil well is at the bottom of the well, you have to think twice before you start pulling it out to make an inspection of the plunger, cups and valves, as it takes a good deal of time and labour, and the latter is very scarce. Arrangements have to be made for taking over wells from the drilling department and getting them pumping with the least possible delay. We have also a vast network of pumps

and tanks and pipe lines to be looked after, so that you can guess that I am kept pretty busy. Besides all this, I have my office work and general routine to attend to." This sounds like a real man's job with plenty of responsibility attached to it. From odd remarks in Mr. Bonthrone's letter, we gather that Mr. Willie Anderson must be occupying quite a senior position in this company.

The other day two or three Old Boys took a tour round the School for the first time for several years and expressed admiration for all the improvements they had seen. One member of the party who had quite a useful nuisance value in his schooldays was intrigued with the new gas plant in the laboratories. Everyone will remember the troubles and excitement that were caused, many times purposely, with the old petrol burners, and the anxiety and bewilderment of Mr. Crawford, and latterly Mr. Cole, under circumstances which were sometimes very funny but from their point of view, undoubtedly trying. Our friend examined the gas plant very critically and tried the new burners which functioned beautifully. They lit at once, the flame was regulated with the greatest of ease, and all attempts to coax a wicked spirit out of it failed entirely. His face was a study, but on looking up he exclaimed, "Why, you have taken all the fun out of the labs. I wonder what the fellows will have to do now?" Mr. Cole, our Chemistry Master, on hearing this, remarked with promptitude and very evident relish, "Chemistry." While on the subject of improvements, it might be well to record that we have completed a new cricket ground where over 1000 square yards of turf has been laid in the best professional manner by Vickerstaff. This ground is just below the changing rooms, and although the outfield is not all that can be desired, yet it will provide an excellent playing pitch for the 3rd XI. At the moment we have two rucker grounds under construction, one of which should be ready for play next season. More than three-quarters of the turf is already put down, but problems of drainage have yet to be faced together with the provision of accommodation for spectators, for it is the

intention that this ground should be used only for matches. It, too, is quite close to the rucker stripping rooms and will be a great boon to the players in inclement weather.

The old days of three inches of hot water in the bath carefully measured by a ruler, and ten baths per night, have long since passed. The new boiler system gives an unlimited hot water supply, whilst the pipe lines from the springs and hills have been increased from fifteen to twenty times the old capacity, and the latest improvement has taken the form of a reconstruction of the bathroom. The room was gutted and the walls all tiled, and new baths of the latest built-in type enclosed in teak cabinets were put in. One can honestly say that it is a bathroom de luxe.

Someone sent along a copy of one of the Trinidad newspapers, and on looking through it we found a photograph of an Old Strathallian with two of his friends and a fish which must have been nearly six feet long. One is always sceptical of fishing stories, but the evidence here is first class. Mr. Sandy Gray and his companions, who had been out fishing in the Caribbean Sea off the coast of Venezuela, succeeded in landing the first large sailing fish caught in these waters this season. Mr. Gray is with Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Graham & Co., C.A., Trinidad.

By the way, here is a piece of news which Old Strathallians will have difficulty in swallowing, but it is true. A present pupil, aged ten years, went down to the River Earn during these last holidays and hooked and landed a pike weighing nearly five pounds. He had to kill it with a stone and brought it back to School for inspection. This latter act showed that he too had some appreciation of the sceptical way in which the world looks upon fishing stories. He produced his evidence—the 5 lb. pike, a badly damaged line, and a really wet and grubby suit. Yes, he is a real Isaac Walton (jun.), and he has his philosophy too.

Many Old Boys remember the long holidays at school with a certain amount of envy when they think of their own ten days or a fortnight per year, but in this case Messrs. John and Willie Anderson are on a holiday trip lasting several months to

Vancouver. They are engaged in the fruit trade and will no doubt be making use of their time in taking note of the handling of the fruit produced in that district in preparation for export to this country. They sailed to the Pacific Coast from Belfast in the Knutsen Line, in one of their newest boats taking twelve passengers each having a separate cabin with beds and private bath room. This is really luxury travel which undoubtedly forms the basis in every sense of the word of a first rate holiday. We believe there are one or two Old Strathallians engaged in fruit growing and exporting in the Oregon region.

We hear that Mr. T. Lang has now been able to settle down in a bungalow of his own, which is probably another way of stating that he has been promoted. His address is Rasagalla, Balangoda, and he is employed with Messrs. James Findlay & Company on one of their tea estates.

Dr. R. B. Lumsden, the Edinburgh ear, throat and nose specialist, an Old Strathallian of the Bridge of Allan days, notifies us that he has changed his address to 5 Moray Place, Edinburgh.

We hear that Mr. Harry Fraser, of Priorybank, Kirkcaldy, has become engaged to Miss Margaret Shoulbred, of Luton, England. It will be remembered that a few years ago Mr. Fraser served his apprenticeship with the Vauxhall Works in Luton. At the present moment he is engaged as a salesman with one of the motor companies in Kirkcaldy.

Mr. David Shanks, of Falkland Wood, Falkland, has become engaged to Miss Jo Beveridge, of Kinross. Miss Beveridge is the sister of Messrs. John and Douglas Beveridge, both of whom were at Strathallan a few years ago and who are now engaged with their father in the production of mushrooms.

An announcement of another engagement which has come to our notice is that of Mr. Thomas Irvine, of 3 Blythswood Avenue, Renfrew, to Miss Ella Napier, of Nairn. Mr. Irvine is at present engaged as a furniture salesman in the business of his uncle, Provost McGregor of Renfrew.

Mr. Gilmour Leburn informs us that he received an interesting letter from Mr. Willie Macmillan, who is employed by the

Surora Valley Tea Co. Ltd., Silloah Division, South Sylhet, India, as an engineer in their tea garden, who, *inter alia* reports that he had a pleasant meeting and a "Strath." dinner in Calcutta with Mr. David (Johnny) Walker and Mr. "Polly" Sturrock, when all three met by chance. Mr. Macmillan served his apprenticeship with the Riley Motor Company at Coventry, whilst Mr. Walker—who is an old Strathallan captain—is with the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company in Calcutta, a post to which he was appointed after serving an apprenticeship with the company in Dundee. Mr. Sturrock is an electrical engineer holding the Honours Degree of B.Sc. Engineering from the University of Edinburgh.

At a recent meeting of Council, it was unanimously agreed to make a presentation to Nurse McGuffie for her kindness to all members of the Club while they were at School. The President and Secretary were delegated to choose the present. They purchased a fitted dressing case which has been sent to Nurse McGuffie who is at present in Golspie, her home town, where she is doing emergency private nursing.

We learn that Mr. John A. Bell, C.A., has secured an important post in London, and we wish him every success. Mr. Bell served his apprenticeship with Messrs. Henderson & Loggie, C.A., Dundee, and latterly was employed in their Cupar office.

We occasionally have a paragraph in the "London Gazette" recording promotion of an Old Strathallian, and we notice in a recent issue that Lieutenant R. D. Linton has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the 7th Battalion H.L.I. In civil life Mr. Linton is engaged with Messrs. David Colville & Company, the well known steel manufacturers in Central Scotland.

The Forfarshire Cricket side at times during this last season certainly had a Strathallan look about it, for the names of Messrs. W. S. Scott, J. McFadyen, and G. K. Chalmers were often in evidence. Mr. Willie Scott is home on leave from India, whilst Mr. McFadyen, who has recently returned from that country, is evidently going to be located in the Dundee district for some time. Mr. G. K. Chalmers

is taking an active part in his father's boot and shoe business.

The troubles out East have a definite personal interest for at least one Strathallian, who has passed his examinations with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and is awaiting an opportunity to be posted to a station abroad. This is Mr. George Aitkenhead, who has recently completed his probationary period with the bank and passed the requisite examinations.

His brother, Mr. Bobby Aitkenhead, wearing his O.S. tie, was challenged during his journey in a train between London and Glasgow by an Old Strathallian ten years his senior, Mr. J. G. Walls. The usual pow-wow followed, and Mr. Walls sent his regards to all at School, together with his London telephone number which Mr. Aitkenhead omitted to pass on. Perhaps one or other of these gentlemen will rectify this.

The writer has had one or two requests recently for a revival of the London dinner and, although it is impossible to do this in its old form, it is quite possible that an informal evening may be arranged provided a sufficient number of Old Strathallians in the London area intimate to Mr. Riley at School their desire to be present if such an arrangement comes to fruition. The 8th or 9th of January—a Saturday or a Sunday evening—is being suggested. It must be clearly understood that this in no way is a Club dinner. In fact there may be no dinner served at all, but it certainly would afford an opportunity for Old Strathallians in the Metropolis a chance of meeting together in congenial surroundings. Would those interested parties please write direct to Mr. Riley before the 1st of December.

Mr. George Dickinson, of Buenos Aires, sends us a most interesting letter, and perhaps one cannot do better than quote from it: "We had the pleasure of a visit from a British rugger team last year, the only snag being that the team sent out was much too strong, including as it did no less than eleven international players. I played against them in my old position as wing-forward and found myself again marking Wilson Shaw after an interval of some seven years, the last time being at

Strathallan in 1930. As the Tourists' scrum-half happened to be B. C. Gadney, you will understand that I spent a busy afternoon chasing the pair. I am at present the only Old Strathallian playing out here and suppose this will be my last year, at any rate in first division rugby. The game as played out here is very much faster than at home owing to the almost invariably bone-dry ground, and the heavy, solid forward does not get very far. The concrete surfaces, however, eventually get your knees as the touring team soon found, for within a fortnight eight of their number were down with knee injuries." So much for rugger, but Mr. Dickinson continues to give us an idea of the state of affairs out in the Argentine and continuing he says: "The Argentine is at present on the crest of a wave of unexampled prosperity and the way money is being thrown about with no thought for the possibly less prosperous future is rather terrifying. The value of the favourable trade balance for the first six months of this year is one hundred per cent. greater than last, and importers of motor cars and other luxury articles cannot keep pace with the demand." Mr. Dickinson, who is engaged in the brokerage trade, has taken on the representation of a London firm of dairy produce distributors, and in the course of his letter says, "Were the Argentine to go in for dairying seriously the Dominions and other exporters to the United Kingdom would stand a poor chance indeed, that is so long as preferential tariffs were done away with. At present we have to pay a 15 per cent. duty on all dairy products shipped to the U.K., and yet can make it pay. One day the present slipshod methods of production will be done away with, butter production will be standardised, and if new markets can be discovered there is a great future for this trade." Later he gives us some news of other old Strathallians: "Bob Balfour dropped in some time last week. Said he was in from the camp to see his people home. He appears to be getting on well and liking his job. Bill Lacey is still working on the Pacific Railway and is at present stationed somewhere in the Province of Santa Fe. He seldom comes

in to town, and it is practically a year since I last saw him. Tom Docherty is also stationed out of town in some village on the Southern Railway." Very many thanks, Mr. Dickinson! This is the kind of letter that is much appreciated.

The School has always been able to produce wing-forwards, for at no time have these been lacking. A scrutiny of the Ayr 1st XV the other day showed Messrs. Billy Paton and Murdoch Robertson figuring in this position. Both were very good at School, and no doubt opposing stand-off halves would be willing to testify to their prowess. An old School wing three-quarter who played quite a good game, Mr. Stephen Dobbie, is now figuring as full back for the Ayr Second XV.

Mr. Eric Smith, who is advertising specialist for Messrs. M'Gill & Smith, Grain and Seed Merchants, Ayr, has shown that at least he is up to date, in fact up to to-morrow in his methods. His firm acts as agent for a German chemical fertiliser, and Mr. Smith has had a film taken from the air showing the results of various fertilisers on crop production. The differences shown are so marked and the price of the fertiliser so reasonable that one has only to see the film to become an immediate customer.

Strathallan has been very strongly represented this year among the tourists in Germany. A party from School ventured even beyond into Italy, while Messrs. Bogie and Fraser of Kirkcaldy, and Messrs. Eric Smith and Findlay Wilson were all touring in Germany at one time or another. One and all seem to have come back with the same impression that Britain has still some things to learn. Nevertheless, we think they would all endorse the following slogan, "Britain for me, especially Scotland."

We hear that an attempt is being made by several people in the West, among whom figures prominently Mr. W. Wills of Ayr, to form a sports club on the latest English and Continental lines. They are ambitious and are aiming at a 3000 club membership. Many who have been abroad realise how much better Continental countries, especially Germany and Italy, are at these

things than we in this country, so we wish much power to their efforts.

Satisfactory reports are forthcoming about Old Strathallians at the Dental College in Glasgow. Mr. Ramsay Steven passed his examinations in Anatomy and Physiology. Messrs. Mitchell and Frost will tackle these subjects at the March examinations, while Mr. Stephen Dobbie is due to present himself in the same subjects probably next June. One and all are enjoying the work in Dental Mechanics, while Mr. Mitchell is commencing his classes in Dental and General Surgery. Although the Dental College has a rugged side, Strathallians there generally are to be found in the ranks of other clubs.

From our Cambridge University Correspondent.

We welcome this term six newcomers from School, Messrs. I. R. Galbraith and H. B. Rowan, who are taking a combined Economics and Law tripos, and Messrs. R. Houston, I. Smith and L. Steven, who are taking the Medical course, while Mr. J. McBride is seeking a degree in Agriculture. Messrs. McBride, Houston and Steven are in St. Catherine's, whilst the other three are in St. John's. We congratulate Mr. Sandy Carswell who obtained a very high Second Class in part 1 of the Law tripos, and Mr. Alastair Dow and Mr. James Wilson who got through the Economics and Natural Sciences Triposes respectively. Mr. J. G. S. Forrest will no doubt again figure in the Cambridge Rugger XV, and Mr. James Smith is expected to take quite a prominent part in the polo activities. Several fellows were up during the long vac. term, but none of them were sitting any of the Tripos examinations, so that next year there should be quite a good crop of examination results to report.

From our Edinburgh University Correspondent.

Mr. J. Drummond has now completed his second professional examination in Medicine, while Messrs. Balfour and Breckenridge completed the third professional examination. I have not come in

contact with Mr. James Grossett who completed his M.A. a little while ago, but I believe he is doing apprentice work in the city and taking certain law classes at the 'Varsity. Mr. Waterston, who is taking the combined course of Medicine and Dentistry, is engaged in taking part of his final examinations, but I have not yet seen any results posted on the notice board. There is one success which I have to record which will please a great number of Strathallians, and that is the success that Mr. J. Breckenridge gained at the end of last session when he was awarded Sir John Fraser's clinical surgery medal. He had not less than ninety per cent marks, which was very good indeed. Mr. George Balfour, who for the last three years has been resident in Cowan House, has now after completing his three years' term of residence to take up lodgings in the town, and he has now taken up residence with Dr. Dryerre at 8 Scotland Street. Owing to the increasing demands of study upon his time he has forsaken Jedforest and is turning out for the 'Varsity rugby side. At the 'Varsity here, Strathallan has always been well to the fore at tennis, and Mr. J. Breckenridge was successful in winning the Cowan House singles tennis cup. I hear that we are to receive two new students from School, Messrs. Ritchie and Donaldson, and if they will please make themselves known to any Old Strathallians at present in the 'Varsity they will receive any advice and help in which they may stand in need.

From our Glasgow University Correspondent.

At the time of writing these notes the University generally is in a state of excitement over the forthcoming rectorial election. As a rule, Strathallians play rather a prominent part, even those who normally are very sedate, so perhaps in my next contribution there may be one or two little stories to tell. Mr. Alec Fleming, who is in his final year in Medicine, is now President of the Royal Technical College Students' Representative Council, as well as President of the Union,

and I am sure all his friends among the Old Strathallians will join me in offering him hearty congratulations. I am not going to engage in what amounts to congratulation of the School, but I do think that with Mr. W. B. McKenna as Captain of the Rugger XV at the 'Varsity, to say nothing of responsible positions held by Mr. O. T. Brown and Mr. A. R. Scott, there must be something in the atmosphere or training up at Forgandenny that does fit fellows to take on responsibility and even leadership. One of the best performances in academic circles at the 'Varsity this year has been that of Mr. Bobby Auld who gained three distinctions out of a possible four in his first year in Medicine. This is really an excellent feat. Mr. Gordon Harrington completed his first year and Mr. Hugh Fleming was successful in getting his second professional, while Messrs. O. T. Brown and W. B. McKenna are in their fourth year. There are only two Old Strathallians, Messrs. W. Harrington and R. Taylor who are in their final year for I notice that Mr. Walter Linton is now qualified and is a houseman at the Royal Infirmary. We are very glad to welcome Messrs. Donald McColl and T. Dishington who are taking a science course, and Mr. W. Steel who is in his first year medicine. Mr. A. R. Scott is very closely associated with the bringing out of the G.U.M. handbook, and perhaps he might be persuaded to provide a short article for the Magazine on all that goes on behind the scenes with regard to its production. It is not the tame affair that many people would think.

From our St. Andrews University Correspondent.

This year we have not a strong representation of the School at St. Andrews. As far as I have been able to find out I think there are just five of us, all taking up Medicine. Mr. Lyall Fleming is doing his final year's work, while Messrs. A. S. Fraser and D. M. Rae are in their fourth year, and Messrs. H. E. Walker and W. C. Smith are taking the third year course.

BIRTH.

M'GREGOR.—At Craighead, Lugton, Ayrshire, on 20th June, 1937, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller M'Gregor, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BLAIR-HILL—MARCH.—At St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Uddingston, on 3rd September, 1937, by the Rev. E. Beresford Cook, Roy Stewart Blair, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Blair-Hill, Trichinopoly, South India, to Doris Hjordis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. March, 32 Kyle Park Crescent, Uddingston.

DOUGLAS—LINDSAY.—At the Royal British Hotel, Perth, on 17th August, 1937, by the Rev. Walter E. Lee, D.D., Norman, son of Mrs. Reid, Sunnybower, Perth, to Constance, daughter of Mr. D. G. Lindsay, Evelyn Terrace, Perth.

MACKAY—LEITCH.—At Emmanuel Church, Hunter's Quay, on 14th September, 1937, by the Rev. A. R. R. Reid, assisted by the Rev. W. J. Nichol Service, Edward Bruce, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mackay, Dungallon, Greenock, to Sheila Graham, only daughter of the late Captain Eoin Leitch and Mrs. Peter Simpson, 17 Fox Street, Greenock.

RITCHIE—DAVIES.—At Dundee on 9th September, 1937, George F. Ritchie, 7 Dudhope Terrace, Dundee, to Miss J. Davies, Dundee.

RODGER—DUFF.—At Ayr on 11th September, 1937, John Rodger, The Croft, Chapel Park Road, Ayr, to Miss Aileen Duff, Ayr.

DEATH.

On 23rd September, 1937, at Dundee Royal Infirmary, Forbes Dalgleish, late of Perth.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

The Annual Rugby Match between the Club and the School will take place at Forgandenny on Saturday, 6th November, 1937, at 2.30 p.m. Members desiring to play might please apply to W. Wills, Esq., 9 Montgomerie Terrace, Ayr; W. G. Leburn, Esq., Edenshead, Gateside, Fife; or R. D. Linton, Esq., 1 Thorn Drive, Burnside, Glasgow, NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1937.

The Council trust that Non-playing Members will endeavour to be present at the match and support the Club.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held in St. Enoch Station Hotel, Glasgow, on 18th December next. Circulars regarding same will be sent out in due course.

The Annual Dance will be held in the Burlington House on 4th February, 1938. Circulars regarding this function will be sent out in due course.

LIGHTS OUT

"Ten fifteen; time to shut up."

These six words, often repeated, need little introduction to the majority of readers. What they convey to the various bedrooms is a matter of considerable inquiry; their effect in one bedroom is known only too well to the writer.

Victor Emanuel, for the umpteenth time, is dramatically reciting the famous opening chorus of "Henry V"—"O, for a Muse of Fire," when he suddenly realises the time is ten fifteen.

"Ten fifteen, you chaps," he says. "You have been warned."

Ben Mussolini, who has been having a very uninteresting golfing chat with the motor crank, Aurelius, remarks, very meaningfully, "Yes, it is about time you piped down."

Thus rebuked, Victor, with his tail between his legs, flings himself on to his bed and tries to sleep. This, however, is impossible because of the increasing din, and he shrieks at his bedroom, "I'm only a —." But he is rudely interrupted by a voice saying loudly and unnecessarily rudely, "We've heard that one before."

By this time the nominal head of the bedroom can only try to sleep, and hope, with diabolic hope, that something will happen to the remainder of its occupants. He lies quietly, catching snatches of various conversations, until he realises that Mussolini's golfing yarns have become vastly interesting, and eventually he voices his enthusiasm with "But what happens when—"

It is at this precise moment that something does happen. A death-like silence falls upon the room; and after a due pause a voice is heard from the door, "I'll see the talkers in the morning."

With feline-like quietness the prowler leaves the room, and poor Victor, nominal head, swears with great feeling, "That means an argument or a week to bed with the plebs."

H. B. R.