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School Notes and Notices

IT is now over a year ago since Strathallan was left to mourn the death of its Founder and first Headmaster, Mr. Harry Riley, and during that year, under the generous and sagacious provisions of Mr. Riley's Will, much has been done to establish the Constitution of the School as he desired. Finality would have been achieved had it not been that the war prevented a full meeting of the School Trustees. As it is, the business of the School is being organised on a non-profit sharing basis by a Board of Directors working as a limited company, and the Board consists of Major D. J. Bogie, Major J. B. Maitland Cowan (both Old Strathallians), Mr. W. B. Sievwright of Perth, Mr. A. A. Wighton of Edinburgh, and Mr. W. E. Ward, the Headmaster. In the near future or, at latest, immediately after the cessation of the war, the Company will voluntarily dissolve itself and hand over the affairs of the School to a Board of Governors who will function, it is hoped, as an educational trust. It was Mr. Riley's desire that the Board should consist of comparatively few members, principally Old Strathallians, together with representatives from the Scottish Universities and other educational institutions of the nation; the members of the Board will undertake office as governors and trustees of the School and will thus ensure the future well-being of Strathallan as Mr. Riley intended. We have missed Mr. Riley greatly during those twelve months and immediately after the end of the war Strathallians—both past and present—will desire to erect at School some memorial worthy of him. This is neither the time nor the place to suggest

the nature of the memorial; it is so difficult in war-time for a representative meeting of Old Strathallians to be held that we are reluctantly compelled to postpone the project until peace has been declared.

We are very sorry to report that Major J. B. Maitland Cowan of the Airborne Division has been wounded. At the time of going to press we have few details but we have been informed that he is gradually recovering from internal injuries. Major Cowan, as Secretary of the Old Boys' Club and as School Director, has been intimately connected with our welfare and we hope that it will not be long before he is able to take his usual place at School functions.

Since our last issue there are several events of interest to record. During the Christmas holidays the Headmaster and Mrs. Ward took up residence in the School House, while Mr. Shaw, now Senior Master, moved into the Lodge. We welcome two new members of the science staff, Mr. J. P. Robb who is in charge of the Physics, and Mr. S. W. Hughes who is in charge of the Chemistry of the School. Both gentlemen have had wide experience in teaching their respective subjects. Mr. Robb has taken over command of the Strathallan A.T.C. Flight which has had a very successful season. We are indebted to Mr. H. A. Nimmo of Perth (another Old Strathallian) for his most interesting and instructive lectures on aircraft recognition. Mr. Nimmo is a recognised authority on this subject and we feel it is largely due to his efforts that the Strathallan Flight had the honour of winning the A.T.C. Shield awarded to the

best flight or squadron of Dundee district in aircraft recognition. Cadet A. J. O. Bennie's performance at the contest at Tealing was phenomenal. He obtained 196 points out of a possible 200, and his almost uncanny knowledge of the subject gained him the winning prize for the best individual performance at Tealing. With Cadet Bennie and Cadet D. B. Fraser available for the competition in 1944 we confidently look forward to the A.T.C. Shield having a long sojourn at Strathallan.

We are pleased, too, to record the formation of an Army Cadet Corps unit at Strathallan. This is under the command of Lt. A. J. Shaw (our Senior Master) and has made a successful beginning. It is probable that ultimately it will graduate to the title of J.T.C., although at present the Government and the War Office do not sanction new units of the Junior Training Corps. The cadets have already taken the first part of the examination for the War Office Certificate A and 24 out of 25 cadets passed. The Corps had a marvellous week at camp at Murthly near the foothills of the Grampians and are looking forward to increased membership and further successes in the coming season.

The minimum age for joining the A.T.C. or A.C.F. units is 15 years and 3 months, and boys under this age are encouraged to enrol in the Strathallan School Scout Troop which, under Mr. Shaw's able direction, has been revived during the past session and embraces practically the whole of Junior School. There has been much activity in the Scout Wood during recent months and we hope that the few boys of Junior School still outside the organisation will join in the Christmas Term.

On the sports side the 1942-43 session has been a good one on the whole. The 1st Rugby XV fielded one of our best teams, being strong in forward and back divisions. The team owed much of its success to its Captain, G. A. W. Marshall, and it is unfortunate that the long list of successes gained did not include one to lay the Heriot bogey. The Cricket team was of average ability but augurs well for next season since the majority of the members

are returning to School. Sports Day saw, as usual, many spirited contests, a full account of which is given elsewhere, while the juniors enjoyed the sack and obstacle races which were introduced for the first time for a number of years.

Turning now to the more serious work of the class-room, the Senior Class has not perhaps acquitted itself quite so well as those of the last few years but the results of the Leaving School Certificate Examination have been good, and we offer our congratulations to the successful candidates, many of whom are proceeding to universities. Hugh A. Woods has gained great distinction for, as a result of his work in mathematics and science in the Leaving Certificate Examination, he was offered State Bursaries by both the Scottish Education Department—tenable at Edinburgh University, and by the Ulster Authority—tenable at Queen's College, Belfast. This is a great honour for Woods and we extend our best wishes for continued success when he takes up electrical engineering at Queen's. We also offer our congratulations to Andrew J. S. Anderson and James C. Paterson who were Senior and Junior Dux respectively for the session 1942-43, and to I. B. Petrie, the School Captain, who was awarded the Houston Medal. We have also to congratulate M. S. Madan on passing Grade V Piano of the Royal Schools of Music Associated Board examination.

The Easter Term will be remembered, among other things, for the visit of Captain C. W. R. Knight, who came to see us complete with his incomparable films, his golden eagle Ramshaw, his undoubted "gift of the gab" and his consummate showmanship. We know Captain Knight too well to doubt that he will be anything but delighted at this candid description of his equipment. From the beginning to the end of his lecture he held his audience alternately enthralled and roaring with laughter, and we have here to record that in spite of Ramshaw's reputed aversion to red-headed boys (and teachers) there were no casualties to report.

Another red-letter day in the Easter Term was that on which the Perth

Repertory Theatre Company held the stage in Strathallan. On that occasion we had the opportunity of seeing an extremely able performance of Sheridan's "The Rivals." The stage-managers of our Dramatic Society felt no small satisfaction at being chosen to lend a hand behind the scenes where they gained valuable experience in the art of quick scene-changing. We cannot vouch for the accuracy of the rumour that many a senior boy lost his heart to the charming and talented heroine, but we do know that the Perth Repertory Theatre Company had a very appreciative audience that day and that the School is looking forward to seeing them again.

Once again we start the session with high hopes for success in both the academic and sports world. We welcome the following new members of the staff—Messrs. Birtwhistle, Finn and Walsh who are filling temporary posts in Geography,

English and Latin. Mr. Walsh, who is a rugby player of no mean ability, will have the task of blending together our new rugby XV's. Mr. Batt, after an absence of twelve months spent in Edinburgh, has taken up his old post as biology master. The School Authority, perhaps more youthful than in pre-war years, will, we feel sure, rise to their responsibilities of office. They are:

School Captain: G. S. Lowden.

Vice-Captain and Captain of Ruthven:

A. M. Nicol.

Rugby Captain and Captain of Nicol:

J. Hall.

Captain of Simpson: J. B. Clark.

Captain of Freeland: H. W. Mann.

Prefect: S. M. Ritchie.

House Prefects: J. A. McIntyre, W. N.

Armour, G. T. Lamond, J. Thomson.

Sub-Prefects: A. J. S. Anderson, M. G.

W. White, I. W. W. Hendry, E. S.

Dawson, I. N. Stubbs.

Roll of Honour

"These died that we may live."

ANDERSON, Peter Gordon, Pilot Officer,
R.A.F.V.R.

CRAIG, James Wilson, Pilot Officer,
R.A.F.V.R.

DON, Charles, Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.A.

FORREST, John Gordon Scott, Lieut.,
R.N.V.R.A.

KIRKLAND, David, R.A.F.V.R.

MACKAY, Edward Bruce, Sub-Lieut.,
R.N.V.R.

McDONALD, Ian Leslie, Sergeant/Pilot,
R.A.F.V.R.

McLACHLAN, William Allison, Lieut.,
R.N.V.R.

MELVILLE, Andrew Macdougall, Pilot
Officer, R.A.F.V.R.

MITCHELL, Matthew, Capt., A. & S.H.

MOODIE, Arthur M., L/Cpl., A.I.F.

SMITH, Norman J. W., Merchant Navy.

THOMSON, Derek, R.A.F.V.R.

WILSON, Ian A. D., Lieut., R.N.V.R.

WOOD, David, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.

Missing

HUNTER, William Richard, Lieut., Indian
Army.

MACNAUGHTON, Douglas Henry, Pilot
Officer, R.A.F.V.R.

LUKE, Ronald Vivian, Capt., R.A.

We have to record with deep regret the death of another Dunkirk hero. It is some years since Ronald was at Strathallan which he left to take up a position with the Linen Thread Company. He was Imperial Services Heavyweight Boxing Champion for five years running and was Scottish Amateur Heavyweight Boxing Champion. We would like to extend our very sincere sympathy to his relatives.

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ORR, J. Ronald, Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R.

Ronald was reported missing after operations over Germany during the Spring of 1943 and we are deeply sorry to say that there is no further news about him. He left School in July, 1938, and after serving in the mills at Tillicoultry he joined the R.A.F. and qualified as wireless operator. About a month before the tragic trip over Germany, he visited Strathallan on one of his leaves and told us stories of his career in the R.A.F., of lively experiences in the "Happy Valley" (Ruhr), of quieter times when he was on ferry duty, and of his trip to this country from Cairo

via Durban and Capetown. It is a tragedy that so many young lives must be sacrificed and we wish to express our sincere sympathy to his parents who live in Alloa.

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PAUL, R. Lamont, Paymaster Lieut., R.N.V.R.

Lamont was reported missing at sea after only a few weeks afloat, and we deeply regret that he must be presumed drowned. Lamont was at School from 1930 to 1934 and was a great favourite with everybody. He took a keen interest in Scouting, and in spite of his slight build he proved a very useful player on the football field. On leaving School he joined his father's business as an accountant in which profession he passed his examinations without difficulty. For the three years prior to 1943 he was paymaster in the Naval Office, Glasgow, and it was only in the last issue of the magazine that we recorded his marriage. We sympathise most sincerely with Mrs. Paul, and to his parents and his brother Morrison (now in Ceylon) we also tender our sympathy.

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WHITE, S. K., Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.

Peter, as he was familiarly known, was killed in a flying accident in this country on 2nd June, 1943. Strathallians of his time will have pleasant recollections of both Peter and his brother Billy. At the outbreak of war Peter volunteered for service and joined the R.A.F. in December, 1941. He received his wings and his com-

mission in January, 1943, and was attached to a Canadian intruder squadron of Fighter Command. His career in the R.A.F. was all too short and we desire to express our sympathy to his mother and to his brother Billy.

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WILSON, John Dalton, Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.

Jock was killed in an aircraft accident on 3rd July, 1943. He was at Strathallan from 1933 to 1937 and was one of the most friendly boys one could meet. He and his younger brother George came from Trinidad and, since they spent their holidays at School, were very well known and extremely popular with everyone. Jock went back home in 1937 where he joined the police with the intention of following in his father's footsteps. In 1939, however, he threw up a "safe" job and returned to this country to volunteer for army service. He received his commission within six months and was posted to garrison duty in Africa. Dissatisfied with the tedious life of garrison duty, he resigned his commission and joined the R.A.F. Here he quickly gained promotion and it is an irony of fate that he died without knowing that he was shortly to be promoted to the rank of flight commander. Jock was "Mentioned in Despatches" for valuable and courageous photographic work just prior to the Alamein offensive. To his sorrowing parents and to his brother George we extend our deepest sympathy.

Home Guard

WE regret that lack of space does not permit of a fuller account of the Home Guard activities. The Strathallan contingent continued training under Lt. Tattersall, ably assisted by Sergeant McGregor and the P.S.I.'s who came out regularly from Perth and devoted themselves whole-heartedly to making our lads efficient. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those in charge for we appreciate that it is due in no small measure to their efforts that the School

was able to show 100% passes in the Proficiency Badge and Certificate tests which were taken at the end of the Summer Term.

At the time of writing the fate of the School unit is in the balance. The A.C.F. has absorbed practically all the boys in khaki so that with the possibility of the cadets retaining their membership until they are eighteen years of age the Home Guard may well cease to function as a separate entity.

The Musical Society

Chairman: Dr. W. R. Pasfield.

Committee: G. W. Pate (Secretary and Treasurer), D. R. C. Mackenzie, J. Thomson, J. Wyllie, M. S. Madan, I. J. Kingan, L. M. Barrett.

THE youngest Strathallan organisation has now completed the second year of its activities and the Committee has gradually been taking complete control of the organisation since a society should, as far as possible, be run by the members themselves.

Membership is at a total strength of 35 and it is hoped that newcomers will join next session.

In all there have been just over a dozen meetings this year at which there has been an excellent attendance. The programmes have been varied and interesting and the School gramophone has been extensively used. New records have been purchased and these include Handel's "Water Music" and Ravel's "Bolero." These, along with records previously bought and

some kindly lent by Dr. Pasfield and members of the Society, have been greatly enjoyed. The session's activities included a debate on musical subjects, a concert at which some of the younger members took part, a novelty musical quiz with community singing, and two song recitals when Mr. A. J. Shaw gave some delightful renderings, notably of Schubert's "Erl-King."

On three separate occasions the Society has visited the North Church, Perth, where Dr. Pasfield provided some very enjoyable organ recitals. At two of the recitals Miss Dorothy Smith, of the Church choir, rendered vocal solos which included a much-admired song "The Birds" composed by Dr. Pasfield. We are much indebted to Dr. Pasfield and to Miss Smith for their most enjoyable performances.

The Society has enjoyed a successful season and the Committee hope that our activities will continue to prosper.

G. W. P.

The Debating Society

President: Mr. A. J. Shaw.

Chairman: F. F. Robb.

Secretary: G. S. Lowden.

Committee: J. B. Clark, A. D. Turnbull, E. C. McCracken.

THIS year the Society did not function quite so successfully as in former sessions owing to the fact that most of the members were preparing for the Leaving Certificate Examination. However, in the one full debate which took place there was no lack of speakers. The motion "That if a second front is to be opened it must be done now" was proposed by E. C. McCracken who held the floor for twenty minutes, and it was chiefly due to his power of eloquence that the motion was carried by 28 votes to 12. In opposing, A. D. Turnbull was nothing like so loquacious although he put forward his views precisely and concisely.

In co-operation with the Dramatic Society we presented two Mock Trials. The plot in the first trial was much too

complicated and the evening could not be considered a success. The second attempt, however, had for its keynote a murder committed in the School, and although at times the evidence presented was inclined to be confusing, an enjoyable time was had by everyone present.

A Brains Trust was formed which consisted of Mr. Shaw, Dr. Pasfield and four of the boys. The Trust, in spite of the fact that they were not always in full agreement amongst themselves, answered the various questions very ably, and continued to engage in heated argument long after the session was over.

In addition, the Society ran a Quiz Contest at which Mr. Shaw was question-master. A team was selected from each House: Simpson provided the victorious side.

Amongst the new speakers we must comment on the able performances of R. Semple.

G. S. I.

The Dramatic Society

President: Mr. A. J. Shaw.

Chairman: A. D. Turnbull.

Secretary: G. S. Lowden.

Treasurer: J. B. Clark.

Stage Managers: F. F. Robb, A. Ramsay.

Committee: E. S. Dawson, E. I.

Macnaughton, J. S. Mitchell, A. M.

Nicol, G. R. Spence, S. M. Ritchie.

THE Society has had a most successful year and the membership has risen to 82. In view of the fact that many of the members were taking examinations at the end of the Easter Term, the attendance at every meeting has been excellent.

For the first time the Society has felt the effect of the war. In past years we could always rely on the School painter and joiner for our scenery, but this year members of the Society had to take over the job. This however, did not prove an insurmountable difficulty for we discovered we had an artist in our midst in the person of the chairman, A. D. Turnbull. In fact, his excellent work will be useful to the Society for many years to come. There will always be others willing to help and in this connection we must especially thank E. I. Macnaughton, J. S. Mitchell, A. M. Nicol and A. Ramsay.

Amongst the plays produced during the Christmas Term were "Sentence of Death," "The Scarlet Thread," "The Nineteenth Hole," "Double Dealing," and one or two others. These plays enabled us to find actors for "Cottage to Let" which was staged at the end of the Easter Term. Peter Lawrence, A. K. Findlay and I. W. Fingland were amongst our "discoveries." During the Easter Term practically all the time available was devoted to rehearsals of "Cottage to Let," and the Society had rather a lean time as far as general meetings were concerned. The members, however, had no complaint and considered that the success of the annual show justified the committee's policy. As usual, the Society presented a one-act play at the Christmas concert. This session's effort was "The Seventh Man" by Michael Redgrave. The

Dramatic Society is now firmly established as providing one of the School's favourite leisure time activities and with our knowledge of the coming year's programme we have no doubt that it will prove to be even more popular than in the past.

G. S. L.

"Cottage to Let"

Presented by the Dramatic Society, 29th March, 1943.

THE distant memories of evacuation schemes in September '39, the possibilities of spies in our midst, and the urgency of "doing something" provided the basis of the play presented by the Dramatic Society. The whole performance was a stirring one and will stand out as one of the best efforts seen on the stage in the Gym. There were unforeseen difficulties—there always are—and there were discrepancies and defects, but the difficulties were overcome with the usual Strathallan resourcefulness and the defects were not of such magnitude as to detract from the undoubted success of the team work and of the individual brilliance in many quarters. The main difficulty was the enforced absence of E. I. Macnaughton, one of the Society's most able performers, who unfortunately suffered an injury on the rugby field on the Saturday previous to the presentation of the play. The Society was lucky, however, in being able to call on the services of the president and producer, Mr. A. J. Shaw, who gave a most capable interpretation of Evans, the butler. Lack of time had made it impossible to rehearse certain scenes with the new Evans, and it is to the credit of all the members of the cast that they "put it across" without a hitch.

It is difficult to single out THE outstanding performance but the free-and-easy erratic scientist of A. D. Turnbull, and the very individualist evacuee of A. K. Findlay who played the schoolboy amateur sleuth, must deservedly rank highest. There was just the right blend of "madness akin to cleverness" in the

scientist, with the amusing side of his human weaknesses and child-like enthusiasm, to make Turnbull's acting such a magnificent success. Findlay showed great promise in his interpretation of the city lad in unaccustomed surroundings who quickly finds his bearings to suit himself and gets away with it. This part was portrayed by Findlay in a delightfully natural and entertaining way for the simple reason that he lived the part. On this performance Findlay must be counted upon as a very valuable asset to the future activities of the Dramatic Society.

The Charles Dimble of G. S. Lowden was very well carried through in the first two acts, although his portrayal fell away somewhat in the third act—a defect common to one or two others. James Wyllie as Sir Ernest Mountforrest, the Home Office representative, gave a good account of himself although he was, perhaps, a little too restrained. He should have been more forceful in impressing his opinions in order to overshadow the forthrightness of A. M. Nicol's Chief Constable. The latter was quite convincing and, if fault must be found, was possibly not quite restrained enough.

The female parts, three in all, were amply depicted. The fussiness of the village lady taking her part in every organisation, doing her bit as housewife and A.R.P. warden, was portrayed by Peter Lawrence. His performance as Helen Barrington was at times almost outstanding. J. A. Davidson's Miss Fernery was just right—praise indeed; whilst E. S. Dawson as Marguerite suffered only by an inability to speak on a pitch higher than his normal tone.

Trently was soundly portrayed by J. S. Mitchell who managed to convey exactly how this weak personality was moulded by the more forceful Dimble. I. W. W. Fingland and A. J. S. Anderson as the two "tough guys" were not sufficiently violent in their toughness: Anderson was too "jittery" and Fingland could have improved the general effect by cultivating a gruffer tone of voice. A. N. Jordan, as the airman, did not always quite hit it off. His part in the first act brought down the

house but his final speech in Act 3 did not sound convincing enough. The several parts of Butler and Police completed the cast. J. D. S. Gardner, E. C. McCracken, J. B. Clark and M. M. Milne filled the police parts satisfactorily, although Milne was rather overshadowed by the Chief Constable (Nicol), and Clark had not acquired the poker face and stolid expression usually associated with a village constable. David Shannon as Butler No. 1 was a forceful element and played his part admirably.

Much of the success of the play was due to the well planned and well constructed scenery. The bungalow scene on the coast presented difficulties but the stage effects in this and other scenes were sound and were a credit to the versatility of the boys concerned.

The production staff, under the capable directorship of Mr. A. J. Shaw, deserved the well-merited applause from the audience which was unanimous in its appreciation of good work well done.

J. P. R.

ACTUALLY

"Sheer vandalism" is his cry;

Experiment has gone awry.

"Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Theta."

Any other Grecian letter.

"Tiddley Winks" and "Fiddlesticks."

He will show some little tricks

With scale pan and bits of string

He can do most anything.

"Mech. Advantage" is his pride.

It makes him tilt his head on side,

And, looking into space, he'll say,

"You've made a hash of it to-day!"

Hurrah! Hurrah! for A.T.C.

"Velocity Ratio" the C. in C.

"Atten-shun!" so he will shout.

"Hey! Why are you messing about?"

"I don't want to see one more yawning
cavity;

Now let us get back to Specific Gravity."

If you don't know who this represents,
you should,

Although this poem is not very good.

J. A. S. C.

Sports Day, 1943

ANOTHER wartime Sports Day was held this session without visitors, pomp or medals but not without the usual excitement and enthusiasm. Nor was there any curtailment of programme or falling off in actual performance; in fact, two new events were added, viz., putting the shot and the one mile race, while the hurdles were once more brought out after an absence of several years.

One other development of no small interest to Old Boys and present pupils alike is that the School has now become affiliated to the S.A.A.A., so that in future our athletes and the School they represent will have all the advantages which such affiliation confers.

Below we list the winners and runners-up of the several events.

Open Events.

- One mile—1. I. B. Petrie; 2. J. A. McIntyre.
 880 Yards—1. N. Sanderson; 2. T. L. G. Lacey.
 440 Yards—1. I. B. Petrie; 2. J. A. McIntyre.
 220 Yards—1. I. B. Petrie; 2. D. B. Murdoch.
 100 Yards—1. I. B. Petrie; 2. G. W. McHarg.
 High Jump—
 1. J. A. McIntyre; 2. J. P. Alexander.
 Long Jump—1. I. B. Petrie; 2. D. B. Murdoch.
 Hurdles—1. J. A. McIntyre.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—
 1. J. P. Alexander; 2. K. M. Anderson.
 Putting the Shot—
 1. J. K. McGregor; 2. G. W. McHarg.

Under 16 Events.

- 880 Yards—1. J. Hall; 2. I. W. M. Hendry.
 440 Yards—1. D. K. Common; 2. D. G. Lyle.
 220 Yards—1. J. Hall; 2. G. T. Lamond.
 100 Yards—1. J. Hall; 2. G. T. Lamond.
 High Jump—1. F. C. Kelly; 2. I. W. M. Hendry.
 Long Jump—1. J. Hall; 2. I. W. M. Hendry.
 Hurdles—1. J. Hall.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—
 1. M. G. W. White; 2. I. W. M. Hendry.

Under 14 Events.

- 220 Yards—1. E. B. Fairlie; 2. D. C. Thomson.
 100 Yards—1. E. B. Fairlie; 2. D. C. Thomson.
 High Jump—1. D. C. Thomson; 2. S. McLennan.
 Long Jump—
 1. J. R. H. Meikle; 2. D. C. Thomson.

Under 12 Events.

- 80 Yards—1. R. H. H. Gibson.
 High Jump—1. R. H. H. Gibson.
 Long Jump—1. R. H. H. Gibson.

In the obstacle race which was run for the Under 14's, prizes were won by D. A.

Biggart, J. R. H. Meikle and J. C. Shaw, and in the sack race for the Under 12's, J. C. Shaw and R. H. H. Gibson carried off the honours and half-a-crown each.

This year's Senior champion, I. B. Petrie (25 points) is one of the best athletes and all-round sportsmen Strathallan has produced. In some cases, however, Petrie had to strive hard to wrest the honours from J. A. McIntyre, the runner-up, who scored 14 points.

The Junior championship fell to J. Hall (18 points) who had a comfortable lead over his most dangerous competitor, I. W. M. Hendry (8 points).

With Simpson winning both the Relay Race from Freeland and the Tug o' War from Ruthven, the House points for all the athletic events stood at: Nicol 95, Simpson 94, Ruthven 81, Freeland 68; but when Nicol ran away with the Cricket as well as the Senior and Junior Rugby, leaving second place in each case to Ruthven, the results of the inter-house competitions were settled in no uncertain manner.

Final results: Nicol 170, Ruthven 121, Simpson 94, Freeland 68.

Consequently, the blue flags in the dining hall have not changed places and on the last night of the Summer Term the cup was shown round the School by J. K. McGregor, the captain of the now thrice-victorious Nicol house.

VINCENT VAN GOGH

(An Epigram)

Unhappy painter of the turquoise cloud,
 The pallid field,
 The gaudy-petalled flower;
 Painter of men, unhappy men with spades,
 Or the toil of the mines on their backs
 bent;
 Whirling through chill voids
 Of solitary madness,
 Would you have smiled to know,
 In prescience, yourself,
 Lifeless in life, in death, deathless?

A. B.

Strathallan A.T.C. No. 1517

THE second year of the Strathallan A.T.C. has seen the high standards of the previous twelve months upheld with commendable success; and although many changes have taken place in the personnel of officers, instructors and cadets, the well-founded organisation has passed through the period of transition without loss of efficiency. The range of work is primarily set for those who intend to enter the R.A.F. for Air Crew or for Ground Wireless duties, and has entailed much concentrated study of Morse, Navigation, Aircraft Recognition, Mathematics and Armaments, in conjunction with considerable attention to Drill and P.T. with good results.

At a time when other units report some decrease in members it is refreshing to find that No. 1517 continues to increase steadily. From an initial roll of 28 cadets the present numbers have risen to 43 cadets, and the enthusiasm of the earlier members has certainly been communicated to the present personnel which has an insatiable thirst for more and still more knowledge of R.A.F. activities. This strong "air-mindedness" has had to contend with unfortunate weather conditions on all recent visits to R.A.F. or R.N. Stations: and although the cadets felt considerable disappointment at the weather clerk's scurvy tricks, they made the fullest use of all the other opportunities provided on these stations and they look forward to a full share of flying at an early date.

One outstanding success to the credit of the Unit came from the efforts of our Aircraft Recognition experts. Two cadets were chosen to compete in the Central Area Competition in Aircraft Recognition. This team gave of its best and returned successfully as winner of the St. Andrew's Challenge Shield. Further, Cadet Bennie won the first prize for the best initial score in the competition. The Unit is rightly proud of this high achievement and will do all it can to repeat the success in the next competition.

Many of our former N.C.O.'s and Cadets have entered university air squadrons or have been accepted for service with the R.A.F., and to all these Strathallan A.T.C. sends its best wishes.

The second year has ended with further additions to the previous high record of efficient and proficient cadets. Strathallan A.T.C. is assuredly a healthy and vigorous two-year-old.

J. P. R.

Flight Camp

THE third week of July found the Strathallan Flight in camp at an aerodrome "somewhere in Scotland." We had been looking forward to this event from round about half term and the weeks slipped gradually past until the long-awaited Monday arrived and 23 cadets set off to catch the 8.13 a.m. train from Forgardenny en route to camp. On our arrival at the 'drome we were instructed to wait at the entrance until our O/C made enquiries about our billets. There was a cold wind blowing and very soon it began to rain and then the miracle happened—we all wished we were back at Strathallan! By evening, however, the sun came out and our spirits were cheered by a visit to the ciné show in the N.A.A.F.I. During the week we were also entertained by E.N.S.A. and each cadet was allowed one pass into a neighbouring town. Work in the camp finished at 1 p.m. and after that we did much as we pleased although not allowed to leave the station. Afternoons were usually spent on the range, in the hangars and workshops, or doing P.T.

However, there was plenty of work to be got through and mornings were spent in lecture rooms and workshops. Our first lecture was very depressing for we had to listen to seventeen pages on a boring subject, i.e., discipline, and although it was given by a very efficient squadron-leader, it was read in a voice which sounded not unlike Mr. Middleton and made us very pessimistic as to what was to follow. Happily our fears were unfounded for we

had most interesting and instructive lectures on such subjects as Aerodrome Defence, Beam Approach, Communications, Engines, Armaments, etc.

What proved the Strathallan contingent's greatest difficulty was the matter of early rising. We had to get up at 6.30 a.m. and wash in water drawn from a stream in which marine and insect life was abundant.

The most popular spot in the camp was the N.A.A.F.I. canteen, for here we could have hot meals in the evening with plenty of cakes, buns, etc., at reasonable prices. During the day we could obtain liquid refreshment in the guise of aerated water, lemon squash or just water according to the state of our finances.

Unfortunately, on account of weather conditions and the lack of a serviceable machine of the right type, we did not get an opportunity to fly. We were, however, taken to Corporation swimming baths at a nearby town where we had Dinghy Drill. Along with the Kinross Flight we had the baths to ourselves and spent about an hour

listening first of all to instructions from a flight-sergeant on what to do when forced to bale out of a plane over the sea, and then the rest of the time was spent trying out instructions for ourselves in the dinghies which we brought with us. If all dinghies stand up to the treatment ours got, they could weather any storm.

How quickly and pleasantly these six days passed and how sorry we were when the last day came. We were inspected by the C/O Group Captain Pinkerton, D.F.C., who also addressed us and remarked that he had enjoyed having us on the station. His remarks should have been reversed for the pleasure was all ours and we found it a privilege to be on that particular station along with the men and women of the R.A.F., and the writer knows that he is speaking for the whole Flight when he voices his appreciation of all the people who helped to make such a pleasant camp—especially a certain corporal whom we hope by now has got his third stripe.

A. J. S. ANDERSON.

The Headmaster

A LITTLE over a year ago Strathallan sustained a severe blow in the passing of its beloved Headmaster and Founder, Mr. Harry Riley. Those of us who had known him for so many years feared that the gap caused by his death would be difficult to fill, but our anxiety was immediately allayed when Mr. William Evan Ward, B.Sc., the Senior Master of the School, was appointed to the headship. The new Headmaster needs no introduction to Strathallians, past or present, and his appointment brought much pleasure and satisfaction to everyone connected with the School.

Mr. Ward came to Forgandenny twenty-one years ago from Teddington where he had been engaged for a number of years as research assistant in the Metrology Section of the Engineering Department in the National Physical Laboratory. He is a graduate of Birmingham University

where he was Prizeman in Mathematics and Honourman in Physics and Mathematics. Allied to his research work at Teddington and at Birmingham, his practical experience in teaching has added to the richness of his qualifications. Possessed of kindness, sympathy and understanding, he has a wonderful capacity for friendship—qualities so essential in the headmaster of a public school. Generous of spirit, but determined in his own mind of certain immutable values, Mr. Ward has already won the loyalty of pupils, parents and staff.

Here at Strathallan in our own microcosm we are indeed fortunate to have as our Head a man so ably qualified to carry on the traditions of the School; and we know that in his own quiet and thorough way Mr. Ward will enhance the School's contribution to Scottish education.

The Concert

OWING to the much increased demand on the time of the teaching staff the annual Christmas Concert, although again sponsored by our two veterans, Mr. A. J. Shaw and Dr. W. R. Pasfield, had to be left to the initiative of the boys themselves. This was true not only of the advance work of casting, rehearsing, etc., but consequently of the actual "running" of the show. This policy, necessitated in any case by existing conditions, was vindicated to some extent by the enthusiasm with which our youthful organisers handled the job and the laudable spirit of enterprise shown in many quarters. On the other hand—and the proof of the pudding is in the eating—the performance itself revealed at times a certain lack of discrimination in the selection of items as well as an occasional lack of polish in the execution. One could not but feel at times that the boys were simply "out for a lark." One lesson that the impatient young critics of former concerts may have learned is that a non-stop show is no desideratum if the non-stop be achieved merely by filling the normal pauses between items with "clowning" before the curtain; Strathallan does not possess a revolving stage.

Possibly the best of the small sketches was "The Traitor" presented by the "Authority" who managed to grip their audience and keep them guessing. "Three Feet to Fortune," written by H. A. Woods, betrayed the author's predilection for the macabre; with a liberal sprinkling of corpses and a ghost in the background, the staging was in the best Woods tradition and was one to thrill the romantic-minded audience—which it did. "Kelynside Interview," written, presented and produced by Peter Lawrence and W. R. Caldwell, with a huge cast of young ruffians, was hilariously funny at times and entertaining throughout. We shall long cherish the memory of Esslemont, posed on the Kelvin-side 'sadeboard' in the attitude of a winged victory. "Bennie wasn't there," created by J. M. Macharg, had the making of a splendid little character comedy with an

unexpected denouement. The actors, many of them quite inexperienced, just failed however to "put it across." That is the way experience must be bought, so better luck next time! The Grubroom's only possible excuse for presenting "The Kiss"—a home-made concoction—was the perfectly gorgeous "rammy" with which it reached its somewhat long-delayed climax. As for "Society Scandal," we would only say that we sincerely admire the courage of those who acted and their unswerving loyalty to its young, enthusiastic and sophisticated author.

The most ambitious item on the dramatic side of the programme was "The Seventh Man" by Michael Redgrave, a one-act play presented by members of the Dramatic Society under the direction of Mr. A. J. Shaw, who was most ably assisted by A. D. Turnbull. A word of praise must go to the stage-managers who materially contributed to the effect and who, by their setting, helped the actors to capture the atmosphere of this not too easy play. We have not the space to give a detailed criticism nor the desire or ability to single out individual performers for praise. E. I. Macnaughton had some difficulty in keeping monotony out of his long speeches and in distributing light and shade. With this small reservation we would say that all acquitted themselves extremely well and deserved the spontaneous applause which rewarded their efforts. Those who took part were: The Gaffer played by E. I. Macnaughton, Dan Cooney by C. D. Bone, Long Ede played by E. S. Dawson, Snipe by A. D. Turnbull, Tom by A. M. Nicol, and Lashman by G. S. Lowden.

With the musical side of the concert we could find only one fault—there was too little of it. The various piano solos, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach (M. S. Madan), "Minuet in G" by Bach (Jas. Wyllie), selections from Tchaikowski (D. L. Mason) were all charmingly executed, as were also the two duets "Woodland Sketches" with which the brothers Pate delighted us. The School Choir gave a good account of itself in the

rendering of "Orpheus with his Lute" by Vaughan Williams, but found greater scope and the chance to excel when it turned to a selection from Gilbert & Sullivan. Under the musical direction of Dr. W. R. Pasfield and staged by Mr. A. J. Shaw, the Choir's concluding number, "Scenes from The Pirates of Penzance" must be voted the best and most popular item on the programme. It was delightful to listen to and lovely to look at, and we must congratulate the young stars who provided themselves with all kinds of ingenious pirate costumes. A special word of praise must be paid to A. D. Turnbull and his many assistants who designed and painted a delightful set of most-burglarable houses.

We have kept for the end our very special and grateful thanks to Mr. R. P. McGlynn, our visiting violin teacher, who gave up his evening to entertain us with Scottish selections and the charming "Serenade" by Heykins, which he played with his more advanced pupils J. Thomson and I. J. Kingan, with Dr. W. R. Pasfield at the piano.

With a parting word of thanks to the many willing contributors we leave, looking forward to the next Concert, for in the life of the School, concert day remains a red-letter day long worked for, eagerly awaited, and always enjoyed.

A. J. S.

A.C.F.

AS soon as Strathallan was apprised of the War Office policy to discontinue the formation of J.T.C. units for the duration of the war, we applied for a unit of the A.C.F. which was immediately granted. Incidentally, the "ceiling" of thirty, which was originally set for our establishment and which was immediately reached by the School, has now been raised to fifty. This will give the Strathallan A.C.F. greater scope.

Mr. A. J. Shaw, who was already an officer with the School contingent of the Home Guard, was granted a cadet commission and given command after which he attended an officers' training course in Aberdeen during the Easter vacation.

Since many cadets had previously trained with the Home Guard and were not without experience, promotions were rapid and the unit was soon organised in three sections with J. A. McIntyre, D. R. C. Mackenzie and G. S. Lowden as corporals, and John Hall, J. N. Armour and I. W. M. Hendry as lance-corporals. Subsequently, J. A. McIntyre was promoted to the rank of sergeant and A. L. Campbell filled the vacancy in the N.C.O.'s as lance-corporal.

Immediately after the Easter holidays the A.C.F. settled down to map reading, field intelligence, squad drill, the rifle, etc., and by mid-term they were ready to sit

Part I of Certificate A. Out of the 22 cadets who presented themselves for this examination, 21 were successful, and it is hoped to complete part II early in the Christmas term.

Two of the outstanding events in this session's activities remain to be recorded. Firstly, the cadets' visit to Perth when they took part in the parade of the Perthshire A.C.F. and were inspected by the Earl of Airlie. After the parade they went out to Queen's Barracks where they had two unforgettable experiences—the playing of "Retreat" by the pipe band of The Black Watch, and the consuming of a meal fit for a king in peacetime. Secondly, the summer camp in Delvine Park which took place immediately School broke up in July. Our readers will remember that this past summer consisted of the second fortnight of July and we were most fortunate in having perfect weather for our holiday under canvas. We enjoyed the mixed programme of work and play. Among other things we classified as work the passing of the various physical endurance tests which are required for Cert. A, the peeling of potatoes and guard-duty, and under play we included the nightly cinema shows, the visits to Blairgowrie, the Sunday concert organised by the local Home Guard and, generally speaking, life in camp.

J. A. M.

Scout Notes

AFTER a lapse of nearly two years the Strathallan Scout Troop was re-suscitated at the commencement of the Easter Term. Ever since the old troop had ceased to function a want had been felt in this direction, and the demand for Scouting can be gauged by the fact that the numbers have risen from 70 to almost 100.

With Mr. A. J. Shaw as Scoutmaster, I. B. Petrie as A.S.M., and a small nucleus

spent in hut-building and path-making, after which signalling, axemanship and other subjects formed part of the programme.

Field Day took place on Saturday, 19th January. The packing of haversacks, tightening of straps, and the clattering of "billies" all helped to give a feeling of camping, of long marches and heavy packs. At the end of the day the rain fell and damped the Scouts' fires but not the



of P.L.'s the troop was reborn on Saturday, 16th January, 1943. During the ensuing weeks enthusiasm ran high. The Hut was repaired, lights installed, and in the Scout Wood paths and steps got under way. I. B. Petrie, the School Captain and A.S.M., gave invaluable assistance in this out-of-door work and also in the encouragement he gave to the youngsters in passing tests and gaining badges. On wet days the Gym. was used for games when points were awarded to the winning patrols. It was also in the Gym. that, three weeks after the commencement of activities, the investiture of about fifty Tenderfeet took place. The following four weeks were

Scouts' spirits. Shelter was found in an old ruin where the walls almost shook with the singing of choruses. Although on the return everyone was wet and tired, the day was voted a huge success. Thanks are due to all who gave assistance and—where did all the food come from? Since that day the troop has gone steadily forward; that it will continue to flourish there is no doubt; that the boys will continue to enjoy Scouting is also certain. It now remains to thank all those who have passed badges and tests and helped us in a hundred and one ways, and to look forward to an even more successful year, so **BE PREPARED.** J. T.

The Library

Chairman: I. B. Petrie.

Treasurer: J. B. Clark.

Secretary: S. M. Ritchie.

Librarians: F. F. Robb, I. N. Stubbs,
G. H. R. Vernon, H. A. Woods,
G. S. Murray, and J. Mackintosh.

THROUGHOUT last session the library enjoyed its usual popularity, especially with the Junior school. Many new books were added at the Christmas Term and, to allow for further expansion, the shelves were cleared of all unnecessary duplicates and also of books which were in such a condition that they were more of a hindrance than an asset.

During the Easter Term it was found necessary to revise the library lists and,

as this operation took some considerable time to complete, it was not until the beginning of the Summer Term that the new lists appeared. It was also found desirable to form a new reference section. Many new reference books and text books were added and the committee would like to thank Mr. Ward and the staff for their invaluable help in this direction. It is therefore hoped that the School will make greater use of this section and help to increase the stock of books.

Finally, the Committee wish to acknowledge with thanks the many books which have been donated to the library by present and former pupils.

S. M. R.

A Morning in the Life of a Potato Picker

- 8.20—Breakfast. Announcements including "Ah! course! Potato lifting for S5 this morning!" Well, it might be better than "Och, my Gott!", "Actually," or "Polonius and all that!" Feeling low in spirits. No bacon and chips.
- 8.40—Depart to stripping rooms feeling blue and looking it. Change into red, white and blue and try to look patriotic. Leave for potato field.
- 8.45—Start PICKING.
- 9.45—Still Picking.
- 10.45—Still picking.
- 11.00—Decide to have a sleep.
- 11.02—Dug out of sleep by digger. Commence picking again.
- 11.30—Ghastly sore back. Long for morning coffee (joke!). Gaffer comes round; says I am definitely worst on field. Not surprised but decide to beat up gaffer.
- 11.31—Practically laid out having been beaten up by gaffer.
- 11.35—Cloud of dust observed on main road, apparently Headmaster.
- 11.35½—Definitely identified. That's the Headmaster that was. One of his wizard disappearing tricks.
- 11.40—Decide best policy is to knock off.
- 11.41—Knock off.
- 11.42—Gaffer again objectionable. Find myself picking potatoes.
- 11.59—Last drill; general and utter confusion.
- 12.00—Find everyone else has gone with the wind. Left alone to complete drill.
- 12.0½—Drill finished.
- 12.01—Depart.
- 12.02—Arrive in stripping room. Worn to shreds.
- 12.20—Gradually regaining consciousness. Decide to have bath. Divest myself of patriotic red, white and blue.
- 12.21—Dive into bath. Hit the bottom with amazing results. Find water is actually 5 inches deep. Now most unpatriotic black and blue.
- 1.00—Back in dining room. Desire lunch; feel like anything from rugger boots to cork mats.
- 1.11—Have bones instead.
- 1.15—Announcement: "S6 for potatoes." S6! Am I laughing? For the first time that morning.

P. L.

Interlude at 2 a.m.

IT was just past two o'clock a.m. when the almost palpable darkness of Bedroom B was broken by the silver beam of a torch.

"Right, boys," a voice said softly, "it's time now."

Scarcely had the words been uttered when there was a creaking of springs from all sides of the room, a few sighs, and then the dull pad of bare feet. Gradually the room became lighter as the number of torches increased, and even to a casual observer it would have been obvious what was being prepared. Food appeared as if by magic—from under beds, from drawers, from the "fug bag," and even from a trap-door in the floor; it came in tins, packets, bags and bottles, and one boy—who had possibly arranged the feast—tenderly extracted a cooked chicken from an outside tin. This he deftly and quickly cut up and distributed on the various plates as they were passed along to him. The boy next in line adroitly put a few leaves of lettuce on the plates on the return journey to their owners, everything, naturally, being done as silently as possible. Soon all that could be heard was the steady munch of boys chewing, with an occasional "glug-glug" as liquid refreshment helped the solid on its way.

Suddenly, however, this not altogether harmonious sound was interrupted by a voice which whispered, "Any more chicken left?"

"Don't be greedy," was the sharp reply. "You've had enough to do two!"

"Okay, okay," came the sullen retort, "no need to get peeved about it."

"Who said I was getting peeved?"

"Me," said the first voice again, "any objection?"

"Sure!" said the other, and with that he flung the can which had formerly contained the chicken in the direction of the offender. Fortunately for the latter it missed, but unfortunately for the bedroom it struck the floor with a resounding crash.

Immediately all was silent: as though controlled by one switch the torches were extinguished and plates and knives were thrust hurriedly under the bedclothes.

Everyone nestled down in his bed and soon nothing could be heard but the discordant sound of snoring. In a minute or two a faint rustling could be heard outside the door which opened silently. A face peered in and the glare from a torch swung carelessly over the recumbent forms. Fortunately the inspection was perfunctory and apparently satisfied the master for the door was carefully closed.

After allowing a reasonable time to elapse after this incident signs of life again began to appear from the various miscreants; sighs of relief were heard and someone in an authoritative voice whispered: "Phew! that was a near one—we'll need to go canny, boys, if we don't want to be nicked."

"Sure thing!" a chorus assented.

Thus the interrupted feast was resumed and it was not long before everyone was calling for a second course.

"Bring up your tins, then," said one, "I've got an opener."

At this there was a swift scuffling of feet and, when all the tins had been opened, barter commenced. Soon, every boy had a fair variety of tinned fruit on his plate and when this had been despatched cakes and biscuits appeared on the scene.

"Has anyone got any lemonade left?" a voice asked. "I'm as dry as a bone."

"Yes, I've got some—but I'm going to quiz it as there'll be more than you short" whispered a comrade. "Numbers up to ten—you first M—."

"Five" replied M.

"No" was the disappointing reply. "Next!"

And so it went on, everyone guessing a number until the lucky person won.

When the biscuits and cakes had all been eaten the feast was terminated with the passing round of a tin of condensed milk. This sweet liquid was quickly supped and on the stroke of three its container was thrown aside.

Swiftly the lights were extinguished, and after a few grunts and snores from various corners of the room, all was left silent.

F. C. L.

War in the Jungle

CONDITIONS in the Far Eastern theatre of war are graphically described in the following extract from a letter written by the late L/Cpl. A. M. Moodie shortly before his death.

"This is the first opportunity I've had for some considerable time to write any letters, but the mails are so erratic in any case that I don't suppose you'll notice the difference.

At the moment of going to press I'm 'somewhere in the Owen Stanley range' helping to run a medical post. I won't bore you with the tale of how I got up here, because it's the story of days of foot-slogging along a native track through dank, green, gloomy jungle, of climbing up endless rough steps in the mountain sides, and down over the top of knife-edged ridges into dark valleys where the sun never seems to penetrate, of mud, mud, mud, and rain and mists, of aching legs and a thumping heart, of clothes perpetually wet with sweat and rain, of a belt being tightened every couple of days, and of exhaustion. It wasn't much fun.

Two and a half days' hard slogging out from the end of the road we had climbed three ridges, worn ourselves to a frazzle and covered about seven or eight miles as the crow flies—which just goes to show the advantage of being a crow.

We had a couple of days establishing a medical post before it was taken over by some more of our lads and we moved on again. In the meantime we had our first experience of the 'bully-beef bombers.' I don't know if this campaign receives much notice in the papers at home, but in case you don't know very much about it I might explain that this country is all mountain and jungle with nothing but native tracks leading from place to place, and these 'places' being mere clearings in the jungle with perhaps a few native huts in them. The tracks are too steep for mules, so all supplies have to be transported by native carriers, or by the troops themselves. Recently, however, since we attained air supremacy, planes have been

dropping supplies in these clearings. The system is this: the plane sweeps down to the clearing with its side door open, and a pile of biscuits, bully-beef, tea, rice, and so on, stacked ready: everyone within miles of the place dives for cover behind the largest available tree: the bloke in the plane gives the rations a push when he thinks he's about the right spot: and the bully-beef etc. lands in the jungle, the river, or even, occasionally, in the clearing. It's rather exciting to be caught near the clearing, especially when five or six planes are dropping stuff.

However, to return to my tale. After the medical post had been taken over from us, a captain and five of us pushed on for another two and a half days, during which we climbed over four more ridges and got drenched with rain about the usual number of times.

Now we're running a medical post on a site which fortunately is reasonably clear of jungle, so that we get a bit of sunshine. There's not much to tell. As our troops advance the pressure on us eases, and now we are only holding a dozen or so sick chaps. Soon, I expect, we'll be packing up and moving on.

This letter will be carried back over all those ranges by native carrier, then sent to Australia by air, and thence to you by Heaven knows how, so I'm afraid it will be too late to wish you a merry Christmas."

NAPOLEON I AT BOULOGNE

The eagle is a dove
 Nor at his coming will he slay his enemy,
 For his sword is an olive branch;
 His battlecry, a song:
 Even as a lover will he come,
 Softly,
 Out of the world's darkness;
 Will fold his foe-friend in his arms,
 Weeping,
 Calling him: Brother,
 And casting him in chains.

A. B.

Sports Notes

RUGBY, 1942-43

THE season 1942-43 will always be remembered as one of the most successful seasons the School has ever had. The 1st XV was undoubtedly among the best ever produced and on an average had the best record in the history of the School. We were fortunate with regard to weather conditions, there being only four cancellations, three of which were due to epidemics. Our casualty list was a small one with the pleasing result that the same team was fielded each week. At the start of the season we were extremely upset by the departure of Mr. R. O. Cole whose services to the School in the sphere of Rugby football were invaluable. This, of course, left us without a games master and the problem of refereeing became serious. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Drummond Hay—an Old Boy—who at very short notice came up to School on several occasions and so willingly refereed matches which otherwise would have been cancelled.

The team was well balanced and exceptionally strong in both forward and back play. Success was mainly due to good team work rather than to outstanding individual play, there being a complete understanding between the forwards and the backs and, with a dry ball, Strathallan's chances of victory were almost assured. The Captain of Rugby would like to thank all members of the School for the fine co-operation they gave him throughout the whole season.

G. A. W. M.

Summary of Season's Play

1st XV—Played 10, won 8, lost 2, drawn 0, points for 270, points against 53.

2nd XV—Played 5, won 5, lost 0, drawn 0, points for 70, points against 10.

Team Criticisms

G. A. W. Marshall, the Captain, had a good season. Himself a strong forward, he was conspicuous in the field of action in every game both in the tight and loose. He has a splendid tactical knowledge of rugby football which he uses to advantage

both before and during the game. His positional play is excellent. As captain he proved a source of inspiration to the XV and possessed the leadership and ability necessary to obtain the best from the team members. The thanks of the 1st XV, and indeed of the whole School, are due for his efforts in the Easter Term in coaching his side, in refereeing games and in the organisation of rugby matches during the period when, owing to wartime conditions, we were without a sports master.

I. B. Petrie had a brilliant season on the left wing and was one of the team's chief scorers. When given room in which to move Petrie is extremely dangerous, making full use of his tremendous speed. He has developed a very useful hand-off, takes his passes well, has a reliable tackle, and proved to be the side's most dangerous outside. 1st XV Cap awarded 1941-42-43.

N. H. Stewart is a hefty wing forward who used his weight to good effect and who is always in the thick of the fray. His play is in the top class, being very consistent throughout the whole season. He goes all out from start to finish and gives his full weight in the tight. He has led many dangerous rushes and was always up with the ball ready to take a pass. 1st XV Cap awarded 1942-43.

N. Sanderson. Apart from a bad patch at the beginning of the season, this member played at scrum-half exceedingly well and very seldom failed to get the ball out quickly and accurately. He is very nippy on the field and has a useful break-away, although on occasion he holds on to the ball too long. His play could be improved by tackling low and by showing greater willingness to go down to forward rushes. 1st XV Cap awarded 1942-43.

A. S. Headrick is a very sound player and at left inside he had a very successful season. He could always be relied on both in attack and defence. He is a fast elusive runner who draws his man every time and who takes and gives his passes well. He has cultivated a very useful swerve. 1st XV Cap awarded 1942-43.

R. A. Hunter, although inexperienced as a hooker, backed well for his side. He is very speedy and a splendid forward in the open but has a weakness for hanging too long on to the ball. He worked tremendously hard in every match and proved always a constant source of danger in the loose.

J. Hall hardly settled at stand-off half until the end of the season. He is a fine tactician and has plenty of pluck but sadly lacks weight and speed. He is an excellent handler and his tackling has improved, although he still requires to go hard for his man. He should be first class next season when he is heavier, faster, and has more confidence.

J. A. McIntyre. Although this player did not have the same number of chances as Petrie, he played some good games. He is a fine runner but must learn to run all out for the line. He has a very safe tackle and seldom misses his man. A little more dash would improve his game.

I. W. M. Hendry has a good knowledge of the game and more than justified his position at full back. Although he had never much to do he could always be depended upon to get his man. He is a good fielder, and has a powerful kick of which he should make more use. His tackling is devastating and he never fails to get down to a forward rush. His positional play, however, is not good and he is often too slow in gathering a loose ball.

A. M. Nicol proved himself an admirable second row forward who did more than his share in the tight. Although somewhat slow, he is always well up in forward rushes and works with tireless energy in every game. With more experience next year he should be one of the mainstays of the team.

E. I. Macnaughton makes full use of his weight in the line-outs and was always conspicuous in getting the ball back cleanly. He pushes hard in the set scrums but is never particularly brilliant in the loose.

W. R. Ferguson filled the position of centre three-quarter remarkably well for the limited amount of experience he had. He has a useful turn of speed but often fails to get his man by not going hard

enough and low enough. He played some good games but never showed real thrust in attack, probably due to lack of confidence in himself. His poor passing and handling often resulted in tries being missed.

J. P. Alexander is a light but clever forward who has developed into a successful back row man. Although not heavy enough for strenuous scrummages, he gives his full weight in all games. He does his job well by binding the second row, is always prominent and up with the ball in the loose, and does useful spoiling work.

J. K. McGregor is one of the heaviest and biggest forwards and played well within his capabilities. He rarely makes adequate use of his weight in the line-outs and in the tight he is usually guilty of obstruction. In the loose he is too fond of hanging about outside the scrums instead of packing round.

J. Wyllie is a hard worker who gives his full weight in the tight and backs up well in the line-outs. He would have been of greater value had he played with more intelligence.

A. D. Turnbull falls into the same category as McGregor. In the loose he is never conspicuous and his repeated failure to give his full weight in the tight often caused a complete unbalancing of the pack.

H. W. Mann and **G. S. Lowden** have also played for the 1st XV during the season.

Strathallan v. The Leys School. Home.
10th October.

Conditions were favourable for the School's opening game, although Strathallan lost the toss and were forced to face a slight breeze. At the start play became confined to midfield but it quickly became evident that the English side was completely outclassed both in forward and back play. From a quick heel Petrie had a brilliant run up the touch line to score too far out for conversion. Another try followed by a quick break-away by Marshall which he himself converted. Continuing to press, the School forwards took the ball well up the field and from a clean heel Headrick sold a dummy and went over to score under the posts,

Marshall kicking an easy goal. The forwards provided the threes with plenty of the ball and just before the interval Hall went over for an unconverted try.

After a "breather" the visitors had more of the game and took full advantage of the only two chances they got and scored twice, one of which was converted. Still, however, Strathallan held the upper hand. From different scrums the ball went cleanly out to Petrie and he scored four brilliant tries, only one of which was converted. Shortly before the final whistle blew, Headrick sold another obvious dummy and scored not too far out. Again the kick failed. The only fault to be found with the School's side was its inability to kick goals.

Result: Strathallan, 28 points; The Leys School, 8 points.

Strathallan v. The Leys School. Away.
24th October.

The return match revealed the School still completely off form. Strathallan lost the toss and played down hill during the first half. The home side opened the scoring with a dropped goal and two unconverted tries soon followed. Strathallan then took up the offensive and, although obtaining a fair share of the ball from the tight and loose, the three-quarters could do nothing with it. They simply could not get going and did everything but score. The ball went out cleanly to McIntyre on two occasions and this should have resulted in two sure tries but, instead of running all out for the line, McIntyre tried to "cut in" and was grassed.

On the resumption Strathallan was still pressing but the backs failed to do anything with the ball. It was not until a few minutes before the final whistle that Strathallan obtained their only score. A forward rush brought our forwards well up the field and the ball went out to the threes. Suddenly Hendry appeared from nowhere and went over not far out for Marshall to kick an easy goal. When the whistle blew Strathallan were still attacking but no further scoring had taken place.

Result: Strathallan, 5 points; The Leys School, 10 points.

Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School. Away.
7th November.

It was evident from the start that Strathallan's pack was heavier and the backs faster. The School lost the toss and kicked off bringing the play into Glen's half. From a knock-on Strathallan heeled the ball and Headrick was tackled. Unfortunately the home side's captain had to go off at this stage with a broken wrist. The School pressed from the start and Petrie broke through their forwards to score between the posts; Marshall kicked an easy goal. Play was continually being stopped on account of injuries on Glen's side and at one time they played with only 12 men. Strathallan forwards were completely on top of Glen's and the backs got plenty of chances. Soon Headrick broke through for an unconverted try. Strathallan continued to press and McIntyre went over at the corner too far out for conversion.

After resumption, Glen's lost hope and a series of tries followed by Sanderson, Petrie and Headrick, Marshall converting one of these.

Result: Strathallan, 24 points; Allan Glen's, nil.

Strathallan v. Old Boys. Home. 14th
November.

The game opened at a tremendous pace. The visitors were perhaps not as fast behind the scrums but they had the heavier pack. After the kick-off, several scrums in midfield followed where both packs struggled to back the ball. When the Old Boys succeeded in backing the ball, their scrum half tried hard to get his backs moving but the close attention of the School's forwards made his task a difficult one. After about eight minutes the ball went out to Petrie from a quick heel and he had a brilliant run and scored between the posts for Marshall to convert. The superior training of the boys soon began to tell and the School quickly had the game in hand. Good hooking by the forwards gave the backs plenty of opportunities to increase the lead. Petrie had four more fine runs, three between the posts which Marshall converted, and one

far out from which the kick failed. Further tries came through Headrick who scored twice by two beautiful movements; Marshall converted both.

Result: Strathallan, 33 points; Old Boys, nil.

Strathallan v. George Heriot's. Home. 21st November.

The School played very badly in this game and, finding their opponents on top of their form, were completely outplayed. The pack held its own in the tight but in line-out play the forwards would not "pack round" with the result that the Edinburgh boys took the ball up the field and, finding the School badly out of position, had a quick heel and many an easy try resulted. The threes were completely outclassed both in attack and defence. Ferguson and Hall repeatedly failed to get their man and left Hendry with too many opponents to tackle. When Petrie did break away all the School side stopped to watch him instead of "backing up," and when he was pinned down there was no one to carry on the movement. Heriot's scored six tries, converting only two. Strathallan's only scoring was in the second half from a try by McIntyre which was too far out for conversion, and a penalty goal from Marshall.

Result: Strathallan, 6 points; George Heriot's, 22 points.

Strathallan v. Glasgow High School. Home. 23rd January.

Strathallan started off in promising style and forced the High School into their own half and within a few minutes Stewart went over from a nice line-out movement: the kick failed. Strathallan did most of the attacking and another three-quarter run by Strathallan resulted in Petrie cutting through for an unconverted try.

After the interval Strathallan got more of the ball. However, when High School did get the ball out to the wings and a try seemed inevitable, they lacked speed and Petrie and McIntyre had no difficulty in grounding them. Strathallan continued to press and Hall broke away, backed up by Marshall who went over for an unconverted try. Strathallan now held the

upper hand and a series of tries resulted by Marshall, Headrick, McIntyre, Nicol and Ferguson. Stewart converted two of these.

Result: Strathallan, 28 points; Glasgow High School, nil.

Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy. Away. 20th February.

With Marshall absent, Petrie captained the side. Strathallan settled down to good team work immediately and by smart tactics in the line-out from touch Stewart secured a try which he himself converted. The forwards were superior in all respects although in the tight the home team got a fair share of the ball. In the threes we were vastly superior although Ferguson's handling was the cause of two or three tries being lost. The ball came cleanly out to Petrie from a quick heel and he had a brilliant run and touched down at the corner: the kick failed.

On resuming, Strathallan continued to press the backs. Working like clockwork, the forwards continued to back the ball cleanly and gave the three-quarters adequate opportunities. Once or twice the Academy were all but crossing our line but Petrie saved the situation and broke away, scoring two magnificent tries. Hall did well to convert one of these as they were both well out. McIntyre had two fine runs on the other wing, one of which Stewart converted. Headrick and Sanderson added two more from which Stewart managed to obtain full points. The final whistle blew without Morrison's crossing our line. Strathallan worked like a well-oiled machine and there was a complete understanding between forwards and backs.

Result: Strathallan, 36 pts.; Morrison's Academy, nil.

Strathallan v. Morgan Academy. Away. 27th February.

Strathallan kicked off and it took some time for the School to settle down to the home side's ground. Petrie opened the scoring by touching down between the posts for Stewart to convert. The pitch was hardly broad enough for the School's threes and our wingers were forced into

touch on several occasions. It was not long before Headrick "cut in" to go over under the posts. Stewart kicked another easy goal.

After the interval the game became a bit scrappy but Strathallan continued to press and McIntyre went over at the corner. This try was followed by another run by McIntyre but this time he was brought down near the line. However, a slick pass to Ferguson who backed up well resulted in a score again too far out for conversion. The School got most of the ball from the line-outs and in the tight, but in the loose the forwards were too slow in "packing round." Petrie scored another two beautiful tries of which Stewart converted one. Towards the end of the game Strathallan slacked off and Morgan were rewarded by a converted try from a forward rush.

Result: Strathallan, 24 points; Morgan Academy, 5 points.

Strathallan v. Perth Academy. Away. 10th March.

This re-arranged fixture added another victory to a long run. For this match Marshall came into the centre, and Lowden played at the base of the scrum to take the place of Ferguson and Sanderson who were both off with 'flu. Shortly after the kick-off, as Hall had to retire from play on account of injury, Hendry came up to stand-off. He played a good game and opened the scoring with a dropped goal which proved to be the only one of the season. The forwards played well and backed the ball every time from the scrums. In the threes Petrie was outstanding and scored six tries in succession, of which Stewart converted three. The backs ran straight and gave the wings plenty of room in which to move. Here Petrie's speed completely overcame any opposition. Shortly before the interval Hunter broke away in the loose and secured a try near the posts for Stewart to convert.

On resumption, play was confined to the forwards although the Perth backs saw more of the ball and, on several occasions, were all but over the Strathallan line. They adopted the tactic of kicking ahead

and, as Strathallan had no full back, Perth scored twice, converting one. Shortly before the final whistle, McGregor went over from a forward rush for an unconverted try.

Result: Strathallan, 36 points; Perth Academy, 8 points.

Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School. Home. 17th March.

Glen's came up to Forgardenny to find the School on top of their form. The visitors were completely outplayed in all respects and only once neared the School's line; a sound tackle by Hendry saved the situation. This being the last game of schoolboy rugby for many of the team, everyone played hard from start to finish. The team work was splendid and Strathallan did not waste much time in making a large score. Tries were scored by Petrie (4), Headrick (4), McIntyre (2), McGregor (2), Sanderson and Stewart. Stewart converted four and McIntyre one. Macnaughton received a knee injury shortly before full time and had to be taken off.

Result: Strathallan, 50 points; Allan Glen's School, nil.

The Second Fifteen

Like the senior side, the Second XV were successful in all their five games. They played, however, rather as individuals than as a team—a fault common to second fifteens. In the tight the forwards pushed hard but in the loose H. W. Mann and A. N. Jordan were the only members who showed any dash in their play. As for the backs, A. L. Campbell (captain) played splendidly at stand-off at the beginning but deteriorated towards the close of the season; he received useful support from Lowden at scrum-half. The remainder of the three-quarters periodically played well but each one lacked thrust in attacks.

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Second XV caps were awarded to the following: R. A. Hunter, J. Hall, J. A. McIntyre, I. W. M. Hendry, A. M. Nicol, E. I. Macnaughton, W. R. Ferguson, J. P. Alexander, J. K. McGregor, J. Wyllie, A. D. Turnbull and A. L. Campbell.

Owing to wartime conditions only a short account of each game is available.

The School opened with a victory of 8 points to nil at Pitlochry against Leys. A. L. Campbell and G. W. McHarg scored a try each, one of which G. T. Lamond converted.

The following game produced an easy win for Strathallan by 25 points to nil against Allan Glen's at Glasgow. Tries were scored by G. S. Lowden (2), J. N. Armour (2), A. N. Jordan, D. L. Young and G. W. McHarg. The last-named converted two of these.

In the next match the School side beat Morrison's Academy by 12 points to nil. This game was played at Forgardenny and G. S. Lowden, J. N. Armour, G. R. Spence and J. S. Mitchell had a try apiece.

Against Morgan Academy at home the following week the School side continued their long line of successes. It was, however, an exceedingly poor game, the science of rugby being conspicuous by its absence. The scorers were T. L. G. Lacey (2), G. R. Spence, J. S. Mitchell, D. L. Young and G. S. Murray. Not one of these was converted.

In the final game of the season the Strathallan 2nd had to fight hard at Glasgow against Allan Glen's and were somewhat fortunate to win by a single point. A. L. Campbell dropped a goal and G. S. Murray went over for an unconverted try. The final score was 7 points to 6 points.

House Matches.

As usual, the House matches aroused tremendous enthusiasm. Owing to lack of time, they were played on the knock-out system. Nicol won both Senior and Junior events thus retaining the Dow Cup for the second year in succession. They deserved their success but in the Sevens they owed it mainly to Petrie who proved himself the match-winner we all expected him to be.

In their first tie against Freeland, Nicol quickly established a ten point lead through Petrie who scored twice under the posts for Hall to convert.

The other preliminary bout proved to be the most interesting contest of all. With

two men off, Ruthven took the field with a comparatively weak side and fought valiantly against Simpson whom they managed to defeat after extra time. Simpson were leading at half time from an unconverted try by McIntyre and it looked as though they would retain the lead. However, just before no side was blown Lamond broke through the Simpson forwards but went over too far out for conversion. After extra time both sides fought hard, the ball seldom coming out of the forwards and after twenty minutes of continual battling Ruthven gradually drove Simpson into their own twenty-five and, from a line out, Nicol broke through to win the game for Ruthven.

The final was a very one-sided affair with Nicol threes dominating. Petrie opened the score and Ruthven made a vain effort to equalise, but further tries by Petrie (2), Ferguson (2) and Hall put Nicol too far ahead. Hall converted three tries making the final score 24 points to nil—a record score in Inter-House Sevens.

The display by the Juniors was rather ragged, everyone being too excited to get down to it. However, some good rugby was played and especially must we compliment the Juniors on the fine spirit in which the games were contested.

Nicol earned their right by putting out Freeland in the first round by 11 points to 0. The scorers were Yates and White.

The Simpson v. Ruthven game was as exciting as the Senior one. A feature of the game was a drop kick by D. Sword which proved to be the only score.

In the final Ruthven again fought well against a superior team. Nicol pressed from the start and Petrie went over for an unconverted try. Ruthven retaliated and D. Sword sent over a lovely drop kick putting them one point in the lead. Nicol continued to press and tries followed by Petrie (2) and Ferguson. The final score was 24 points to 0. For the winners Yates, White and Burnett were conspicuous, while D. Sword played exceptionally well for the losers, his picking up being outstanding.

A. Pate, James, W. Law, Lyle, Hammerton and Crichton were other

Juniors who caught the eye as showing promise for the future.

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1st XV Rugby Fixtures, 1943-44.

Sept. 25	Morgan Academy	-	-	-	Home
Oct. 2	Old Boys	-	-	-	Home
.. 9	The Leys School	-	-	-	Away
.. 16	Hillhead High School	-	-	-	Away
.. 23	The Black Watch	-	-	-	Home
Nov. 13	Perth Academy	-	-	-	Away
.. 20	George Heriot's School	-	-	-	Away
.. 27	The Leys School	-	-	-	Home
Dec. 4	Melville College	-	-	-	Home
.. 11	Morrison's Academy	-	-	-	Home
Jan. 15	R.A.F. XV	-	-	-	Home
.. 22	Glasgow High School	-	-	-	Home
.. 29	Melville College	-	-	-	Away
Feb. 5	Army XV	-	-	-	Home
.. 12	Allan Glen's School	-	-	-	Away
.. 19	Morrison's Academy	-	-	-	Away
.. 26	Morgan Academy	-	-	-	Away
Mar. 4	Perth Academy	-	-	-	Home
.. 11	Hillhead High School	-	-	-	Home

CRICKET, 1943

Although the 1st XI for the 1943 season suffered from the disadvantages of only possessing two members of last year's team, namely G. S. Lowden and J. Hall, and of only having eight fixtures, yet the season on the whole has not been too disappointing. The main difficulty has been lack of steadiness in the batting, K. M. Anderson and M. M. Milne being the only two who maintained form throughout the season. It is a pity that M. M. Milne is of such slight physique as his batting is extremely good and only lacks punch in his strokes. Both W. W. Law and V. G. Milne were disappointing in batting as they just failed to put into practice an excellent knowledge of the game. The last fixture of the season against an R.A.F. team saw the School XI at its best. A score of 192 for nine was reached, N. H. Stewart being the only player to pass the half-century this season with 69 not out, while a newcomer, J. G. Bushe, added 34.

The bowling, which was supposed to be the weakest part of the team, seldom let us down. G. S. Lowden bowled extremely well and J. Hall relatively well throughout the season, with K. M. Anderson a

useful first change. N. H. Stewart usually came on as second change, followed by J. K. McGregor in an emergency.

On the whole the fielding was sound with J. P. Alexander, at point, being conspicuous.

Details of the fixtures are as follows:

Strathallan v. George Heriot's. Home. 15th May.

Heriot's won the toss and batted first in marvellous cricket weather. The first two wickets, which were Lowden's, fell cheaply and after a long stand by Coyle (11) and Whittaker (30), the wickets again began to fall quickly. With a score of 65 for 8 Heriot's did not appear to be any too safe, but with a good innings by Porter (28) the next wicket did not fall until the opponents were 104. Apart from G. S. Lowden's 6 for 73, Strathallan's bowling was extremely weak. Our opening pair, W. W. Law and M. M. Milne, were soon dismissed for one run each. K. M. Anderson then went in with J. Hall and he appeared to be the only batsman able to stand up to the excellent leg-breaks of Whittaker. Runs were then scored more freely—Anderson (2), Stewart (12) and Lowden (9), but after the first six wickets were down, Strathallan collapsed completely and were dismissed for 69.

Result: Heriot's, 114; Strathallan, 69.

Strathallan v. Hillhead High School. Home. 29th May.

Strathallan lost the toss and were sent in to bat. Our first five wickets fell for 62. K. M. Anderson being again steady with 17 to his credit. J. K. McGregor, although missed on three occasions, had a very short but sweet innings of 35 before he was finally caught. J. Hall (20), who was definitely on form in both batting and bowling, was the only other good scorer. The School was finally dismissed for 105.

Hillhead's opening pair batted extremely well, but with Strathallan's good, swift fielding and the steady bowling of G. S. Lowden and J. Hall, they were unable to score quickly. After the fall of the first three wickets, Hillhead completely collapsed and were ultimately dismissed for 30 runs. K. M. Anderson with 3 for 5

turned out to have the best average, although Lowden with 3 for 10 and Hall with 2 for 7 bowled well throughout the game. Strathallan had an easy victory.

Result: Strathallan, 105; Hillhead High School, 30.

Strathallan v. Glasgow High School.
Away, 12th June.

This was Strathallan's first away game and it showed the 1st XI at its worst. With the sun out and a dry wicket Glasgow batted first. Both the fielding and bowling of Strathallan were, on the whole, poor. T. Baxter, the High School captain, had a very comfortable innings and had hard luck on being caught by McGregor off Stewart when he had only 19. Anderson was changed with Hall after six overs and, although his length was erratic, he managed to keep down the runs and secured three wickets for 17 runs to his credit. McGregor, who was always a standby for the bowling, was put on at the opposite end. Although he was far from being the best bowler of the match he was lucky in getting four for 4. The last five batsmen of the High School fell without adding much to their total which in the end was 74.

Just as Law and Lowden went in to bat the rain came on and, throughout the innings, it rained frequently. Strathallan's batting once more let the team down, and again K. M. Anderson was the only steady bat with 11 runs. The scoring was slow throughout the game. While trying to open out, G. S. Lowden was caught magnificently by Douglas in the slips. J. G. Bushe batted steadily for his first game with the 1st XI, but at no time was Strathallan on top of the bowling which was helped considerably by the wet wicket. The opponents' fielding was good and both Stewart and Hall were caught while trying to quicken the scoring. Finally Strathallan was dismissed for 27. It was a poor show!

Result: Glasgow High School, 74; Strathallan, 27.

Strathallan v. R.A.S.C. Home, 19th June.

The Army side batted first but four wickets had fallen before the batsmen began to get the better of the bowling. Both

Hall and Lowden were bowling reasonably well, Lowden getting the wickets at the expense of a good few runs, and Hall keeping the runs down but failing to get wickets. The fielding was exceptionally good and two wickets were taken by balls thrown in from Anderson which enabled M. M. Milne to run them out. Presently Hall gave his end up to Anderson who was not long in getting his first wicket with a very well pitched ball. Finally the R.A.S.C. were dismissed for 46 (Lowden three for 27, Anderson two for 5).

Our two opening batsmen, M. M. Milne and G. S. Lowden, commenced by good, hard hitting, the latter especially so. The R.A.S.C.'s score was soon passed without the fall of a wicket but Lowden was becoming erratic with his hitting and was finally bowled for 44. M. M. Milne was 28 not out.

Result: Strathallan, 73 for 1; R.A.S.C., 46.

Strathallan v. The Leys School. Away,
24th June.

This was the only midweek game on the 1st XI's programme and it proved very disappointing. The Leys batsmen, accustomed to their matted wicket, were quite at home with our bowling. Lowden and Hall again opened the bowling but neither of them appeared comfortable on the strange wicket. The English side soon started hitting hard and the score was 53 before V. G. Milne caught Dunning from a badly pitched ball off Anderson. This was the only wicket taken and Leys declared with 140 for 1 upon the board. Their captain, J. Dunkerley, had a magnificent innings of 96 not out.

Strathallan's batting was again weak and wickets fell quickly to the fast bowling of Dunkerley. M. M. Milne appeared to be the only player who could deal with it. With seven wickets for 8 runs Strathallan seemed to be in complete collapse but, for once, the tail of the team wagged—albeit somewhat feebly—and W. W. Law and W. R. Ferguson managed to score 10 runs between them. Law was showing signs of doing well but when the fast bowling came on he was dismissed rapidly for 5. Strathallan managed, with a terrific

struggle, to reach a total of 31, Alexander being the top scorer with 6.

Result: Strathallan, 31; The Leys School, 140 for 1 wicket.

Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy. Away. 26th June.

This game offered a great contrast to the match two days previously. Strathallan were on top of their form with the bowling, Hall especially being outstanding. It was just as well that the two opening bowlers were finding the wicket to their liking since K. M. Anderson, Strathallan's first change bowler, was absent. After the first three wickets were down for 18, Morrison's began to collapse. As in the match against R.A.S.C., Lowden was procuring wickets although not very cheaply, while Hall had many maidens to his credit but few wickets. Morrison's were finally dismissed for 42, Hall having three for 8, Stewart two for 7, and Lowden five for 27.

Strathallan had an appalling start and only scored 28 for four wickets during the first 20 minutes. G. S. Lowden, J. Thomson and W. W. Law were all dismissed without having made a run. McGregor was still in when Stewart went on to the field but, although he was making the runs, he was far from connecting as he did against Hillhead. He was caught for 24 with a badly timed swipe. Alexander then came in and quickly hit a 4 and a 6. The 42 was passed and Strathallan declared at 45 for 5, Alexander (14) and Stewart (2), both being not out.

Result: Strathallan, 45 for 5; Morrison's Academy, 42.

Strathallan v. No. 8 I.T.C. (The Black Watch). Home. 3rd July.

The Army won the toss and, on account of the dry wicket, decided to bat first. They were a strong batting side and, in spite of the Strathallan bowlers being on form, they soon hit up a large score. Strathallan's fielding was good but still the runs mounted up. Morris, a County player, was bowled with a beautiful ball from Hall. Lumsden had a quick and rather unsteady 73 not out. The team's score was 179 for 8 (Stewart 2 for 27, Lowden 2 for 41).

M. M. Milne and Lowden did not last long, but K. M. Anderson (17) and J. P. Alexander (19) brought the score up to 39 for 5. It was obvious that Alexander had gained the confidence which he lacked during the first part of the season. Apart from McGregor (10) and Hall (15), the remainder of Strathallan team put up a poor show, but the final score of 77 was not a bad performance against a team of the calibre of No. 8 I.T.C.

Result: Strathallan, 77; Army, 179 for eight.

Strathallan v. R.A.F. Home. 10th July.

This was the last game of the season and it saw Strathallan at its best. Both the bowling and the batting were extremely good, although Hall never quite found his length until towards the end of the game. The visitors batted first with Lowden bowling in first rate fashion. The fielding was once again up to standard and, altogether, six of the visitors were caught. After they had reached 65 for six, wickets began to fall quickly and the side were all out for 79. Lowden worked hard throughout the game and had an average of two for 12, bowling eleven overs; Stewart had three for 6, Anderson three for 27, and Hall two for 34.

A newcomer, J. G. Bushe, then opened with M. M. Milne after tea and, for a while, it looked as if they were going to pass the visitors' score without the fall of either of their wickets. Bushe was having some very fine leg strokes from which he got most of his runs. Milne was playing his usual steady game and had a good score to his credit when Bushe left him at 52 with an excellent innings of 34. Anderson then went in and, for the first time this season, he disappointed and was back in the pavilion with only 5. Stewart was not long in when he started hitting and, with Milne at the other end, they passed the visitors' score. Milne was then caught, having scored 24, when trying to quicken the pace. The remaining part of the team did very well, W. R. Ferguson getting 14, V. G. Milne 13, and J. Hall 12. Stewart reached his half-century—the only

one which was scored this season, and remained not out with 69.

Result: Strathallan, 192 for nine; R.A.F., 79.

Team Criticism

N. H. Stewart has proved a good captain of a rather youthful 1st XI. At the commencement of the season his responsibilities appeared to weigh somewhat heavily on his shoulders and his anxiety to fill the breach made by the opening batsmen's failure to master the bowling was the principal reason of his own mediocre scoring efforts. Towards the end of the season with these anxieties removed he was able to do greater justice to his natural abilities as a batsman and he has completed the season worthily at the top of the batting averages. He has had a good season, too, as first change bowler. As captain he has handled the team with discretion and foresight, and his enthusiasm for his team's welfare has perhaps been greater than they have sometimes deserved.

G. S. Lowden, vice-captain, is Strathallan's best bowler and has borne the brunt of the attack. His bowling has usually kept a good length although, on occasion, he has procured a wicket with a loose ball. As a batsman he has a repertoire of strokes and at the beginning of the season did extremely well in this connection but fell off latterly. His fielding is inconsistent. 1st XI colours awarded 1943.

K. M. Anderson could generally be relied upon to make a useful score. His batting is sound but he is apt to be a little too impatient. As a fielder one could not find his equal, his throwing-in being accurate and the cause of many run-outs. His bowling is erratic but when he keeps a good length it is difficult to play. 1st XI colours awarded 1943.

J. Hall has not maintained last year's standard. As a bowler he is, perhaps, steadier than Lowden but is apt to fire after the first ten overs. With more experience he should settle down and be a good bat, but at present appears to have the same fault as Anderson in that he is apt to be impatient. His fielding is on a high standard.

M. M. Milne, although new to the position, filled the place of wicket-keeper extremely well. He was steady behind the stumps throughout the season; his one fault lies in the fact that he stands too far back from the wicket. As a bat, he is the steadiest in the team and always opened for the XI. He should secure better scores in future seasons although his hitting power is weak.

J. K. McGregor proved himself a straightforward slogger but, like most of his kind, is by no means steady. At the commencement of the season he tried to play according to the book but this was not a success. He is a useful change bowler in an emergency. His fielding was sound throughout the season.

J. P. Alexander, owing to lack of confidence, was disappointing as a batsman at the start of the season. Latterly, however, he proved himself a hard hitter with a good eye. His fielding was of a high standard.

W. R. Ferguson was disappointing as a batsman. He is capable of scoring rapidly once his eye is in but shows too great impetuosity in starting. His fielding was good and he was always available when Strathallan required a spin bowler.

V. G. Milne is a steady left-handed bat with many good strokes. Owing to his lack of stature he has no powerful shots in his repertoire but probably he has not had the best of luck. We look for improved form next year.

W. W. Law possesses a very sound defence but is lacking in forceful scoring strokes which can only be acquired with increased confidence. His fielding is steady and he should prove an ideal opening bat next season.

J. B. Clark was in and out of the team during the season. He is a steady bat but is apt to play back to every ball. His fielding leaves much to be desired.

The following were awarded 2nd XI colours: M. M. Milne, J. K. McGregor, J. P. Alexander and W. R. Ferguson.

1st XI played 8, won 4, lost 4.

Average runs per wicket: For 9.5; against 10.2.

Batting Averages

	Innings	No. times not out.	Highest Score	Total Runs.	Average.	Catches
N. H. Stewart	7	2	69*	87	17.4	5
K. M. Anderson	6	0	23	73	12.16	1
M. M. Milne	7	1	28*	70	11.66	5
J. P. Alexander	6	2	19	44	11.0	2
J. K. McGregor	7	0	35	71	10.14	4
J. Hall	6	0	20	51	8.5	2
G. S. Lowden	8	0	44	67	8.37	2
W. R. Ferguson	6	2	14	24	6.0	1
V. G. Milne	5	0	13	25	5.0	2
J. B. Clark	5	3	5	8	4.0	1
W. W. Law	7	0	7	23	3.28	2

*Not Out.

J. G. Bushe, J. Thomson and I. W. Fingland played occasionally to fill vacancies.

Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr. runs per wkt.
G. S. Lowden	88	18	200	22	9.09
K. M. Anderson	48	11	159	15	10.6
N. H. Stewart	25	4	99	9	11.0
J. Hall	74	19	188	12	15.66
J. K. McGregor	10	4	34	5	6.8

Second Eleven

The Second Eleven were unfortunate in that they had only three games during the season, but they have not proved a good side in either batting or bowling.

J. Wyllie and J. G. Bushe have proved the two best batsmen, and the team's two main bowlers were T. L. G. Lacey and F. C. Kelly, but only the last named appeared to be able to procure the wickets, Lacey's length being erratic. I. W. W. Fingland, E. S. Dawson and H. F. Bushe are promising batsmen and should be useful next season. Results of the matches are as follows:—

15th May at Goldenacre—Strathallan, 21; Heriot's, 25 for no wicket.

24th May at Forgandenny—Morrison's, 52 for six (Kelly 5 for 28); Strathallan, 54 for 7 (J. Wyllie 18, J. G. Bushe 14).

10th July at Forgandenny—Leys, 76 (Lacey five for 21, Kelly four for 23); Strathallan, 31.

House Cricket

Nicol, once again, had the best team on paper although both Ruthven and Simpson were reputedly fairly strong. Freeland was exceedingly weak and had the misfortune of having J. P. Alexander and James Wyllie absent. Nicol had the luck in drawing Freeland and beat them easily. Freeland made 14 all out, A. R. Pate being the only player who could stand up to the bowling of Anderson and Hall. Nicol made 21 for one wicket.

On the lawn Simpson batted first and their opening pair, H. F. and J. G. Bushe made a grand stand. The latter was then caught off J. S. Mitchell for 24. The rest of Simpson, apart from T. L. G. Lacey who had a quick 21 including two 6's, did not do extremely well. H. F. Bushe held the team together excellently and was not out for 71 when Simpson's overs were up. They had reached a very comfortable score of 132 (Mitchell five for 20). Ruthven's opening pair, M. M. Milne and J. B. Clark, did well with 5 and 37 respectively. V. G. Milne, who had proved disappointing in other matches, had a good innings of 27 before being caught. N. H. Stewart then went in and started to hit out. However, the score went up slowly, and, finally, to win 10 runs an over were required. G. T. Lamond eventually hit the winning run in the last over of an extremely thrilling game. Stewart made 30 not out. Lowden's bowling was not up to standard but T. James appears to be a promising good-length bowler for next season.

Nicol batted first in the final against Ruthven whose bowling was, on this occasion, good. K. M. Anderson and J. Hall both fell very quickly and, apart from W. R. Ferguson (18), Nicol put up a poor show in batting and were all out for 72, leaving Ruthven nine extra overs. Both Stewart (four for 35) and Clark (four for 33) were on top of their form. Ruthven then batted and with Stewart and Mitchell in at 7 for 44 things were looking quite favourable for Ruthven. It was hard luck for Ruthven that the rain came on and stopped play until the following day when the Nicol bowlers were again

fresh. Too much depended on Stewart who did not last long on the second day, being bowled by Anderson for 10. Ruthven were finally dismissed for 52 giving Nicol the cricket cup for the second year in succession.

N. H. S.

TENNIS

Looking to the prevailing conditions, tennis went off very well this season and the courts were invariably in great demand. Indeed, more time seemed to be devoted to tennis this season than in its forerunners.

The Individual Tennis Championship started soon after the commencement of the term and some excellent tennis was seen in these tournaments. G. S. Lowden and M. M. Milne qualified for the Senior, and J. G. Sandeman and A. R. Pate for the Junior Finals which were played off at the end of term. G. S. Lowden won the senior title in a rather uneventful final, while the junior title was won by J. G. Sandeman after a hard fight in an excellent game.

A. R. Pate and J. G. Sandeman, together with some of the other juniors, should be of great worth to the School if tennis matches with outside teams take place next year. Unfortunately, there were no such matches in the past season but the play throughout in the School tournaments was such that, had opportunity offered for taking part in outside matches, we would have been able to put forward a first class team.

I. B. P.

SWIMMING

One of the most popular pastimes in the School is swimming, and "pond" periods are eagerly awaited. New rules for obtaining the School Badge are as follows:

1. Dive from top board.
2. Surface dive and bring up weight from bottom (deep end) using both hands.
3. Swim 50 yards on back, arms folded, using life-saving stroke.
4. Swim 50 yards with clothes on, then undress in water.
5. Swim 100 yards in two minutes, using one style stroke only.
6. Swim 150 yards, each fifty yards a different stroke.

These are not too hard and not too easy, but make the badge something worth having because the items are chosen to be of all round usefulness and no one who has passed the complete test need hesitate at any time to enter the water in case of accident or emergency. The keenness to obtain the badge may be judged by the fact that about fifty boys are already trying for it, six having obtained it under the new conditions. All events need not be passed at one and the same time but every item must be gained before the badges are awarded. Each boy who wins a badge obtains three points for his house.

S. W. H.

MARRIAGES.

HOUSTON—CAMPBELL.—At Cathcart Old Church, Glasgow, on 20th October, 1943, by the Rev. J. A. C. Mackellar, D.D., assisted by the Rev. J. S. Lawson, Robert Archibald Houston, M.B., Ch.B., son of the late Mr. Alexander Houston and of Mrs. Houston, Machrie Bay, Arran, to Marjory Patricia Murray, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murdo Campbell, 28 Linn Terrace, Muirend, Glasgow.

JOHNSTON—GRAHAM.—At Trinity Church, Pollokshields, Glasgow, on 21st August, 1943, by the Rev. Dr. Geddes McGregor, B.D., assisted by the Rev. George Scott, M.A., Robert Smith, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnston, 21 Carlaverock Road, Newlands, Glasgow, to Joan, elder daughter of Major and Mrs. A. G. Graham, 57 Fotheringay Road, Pollokshields, Glasgow.

LYLE-THOMSON—POLSON.—At St. John's Church, Newport, Monmouthshire, on the 24th May, 1943, John Nigel, Lt., R.A.S.C., eldest son of the late Mr. C. Lyle-Thomson, stockbroker, to Ruby Marion, daughter of the late Captain H. G. Polson and of Mrs. Polson, 1 Tennyson Road, Newport, Mon.

MELVILLE—SCOTT.—At Morningside Church, Edinburgh, on 25th June, 1943, Captain Henry Balfour, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Melville, 92 High Street, Kirkealdy, to Irene Kennedy, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James T. Scott, late of 12 Park Avenue, Portobello.

PEACOCK—GERRARD.—At St. Cuthbert's Parish Church on 12th November, 1943, Robert Anderson Peacock, Lt., R.N.V.R., only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Peacock, Calderwood Lodge, Calderwood Road, Newlands, Glasgow, to Nina Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerrard, 134 Newhaven Road, Edinburgh.

WILKIE—NISBET.—At St. Serf's Church, Goldenacre, Edinburgh, on 2nd April, 1943, Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilkie, Craigielea, Grangemouth, to Elizabeth Murray, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nisbet, of Leith.

Old Boys' News

IT was with pride and pleasure that we heard of the award of the Military Cross to Captain Alexander Fraser, R.C.S., of Kirkcaldy. Before the war he was employed as a master builder in Kirkcaldy, and was a Territorial. During the war he has seen service with the 51st Division at El Alamein and elsewhere in North Africa. When at School, Captain Fraser was a keen rugby and cricket player, and previous to joining up was a playing member of Kirkcaldy Rugby Club. He also played for Raith Tennis Club. We notice that his brother, Mr. R. Ritchie Fraser, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Managers of Kirkcaldy Hospital, a high honour for so young a man.

We are very pleased to have news of T. Mure Hart who was one of the Under Secretaries in the British Legation in Malay. After being reported missing for a considerable time, word recently came through that he has been interned by the Japs. Another O.S. who was missing in Malay for some time is G. Douglas Muir who had a teaching appointment in Malacca. In July last his mother received a postcard from him to say that he is fit and comfortable.

Strathallan appears to be well represented in the realm of sport at the various Universities for the following were awarded University rugger colours at Glasgow for 1942-43: R. A. Houston, Kilpatrick Jack, W. M. Sandeman, A. N. Low, and L. Stuart Scott. J. D. Molison and J. T. Paton are in the St. Andrews Rugby XV, and we notice that Eric Donaldson is still the star golfer at Edinburgh University.

Quite a number of Old Boys were seen amongst the spectators at the Old Boys rugby match in October; we were also pleased to have a visit during the week following from Dr. D. McColl who has just qualified and is at present house physician at Paisley Infirmary. Accompanying Dr. McColl was Sub-Lieut. W. A. Macalister who was on leave from his destroyer and who provided the car and the petrol for the journey. They also had with them

J. Leslie Steven whose brother, Dr. W. R. Steven, is resident surgeon at Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Another O.S. who is doing well in the medical world is Dr. J. M. Dunlop who has received an appointment as assistant to Dr. Adam Barr, the famous gynaecologist at Stobhill, Glasgow.

David J. Whitton, of Alexandria, Egypt, is a corporal in the R.A.F., having joined up on leaving Strathallan a year ago. By means of what we gather to be sheer persistence and a good bit of wangling, he has contrived to be posted to quarters which are only a matter of six miles from his home. Already, he has met quite a number of Old Boys on occasions when their ships docked at Alexandria, and we heard from Douglas N. Campbell, of Dumbarton, that he spent a couple of days with David in the Spring.

We are sorry to report that, a few days after landing in the Middle East, Captain David Irons of The Black Watch was involved in a bomb explosion which necessitated the amputation of two fingers of his left hand.

Robert C. Miller, of Dundee, who left School in July, 1941, has just been commissioned in the 9th Ghurkha Rifles. His regiment is stationed at Dehra Dun, India.

Flight Lieut. John Dawson, who has been in Burma for some time, unfortunately contracted smallpox, but we understand he has made a complete recovery.

We do not get so many letters from South America as in peacetime and we were therefore all the more delighted to hear from G. A. Dickinson who is now a family man. George would have been in the Old Country along with the other volunteers had it not been that the medical board turned him down on the strength of a "rugger" knee. It is very gratifying to know that the number of volunteers who have already left the Argentine is over two thousand, which is not at all bad when one considers that they come from a British community in a foreign country.

We had a letter from Tom Docherty who was doing a sapper's course in the R.E. south of London at the beginning of the year, and we are looking forward to his promised visit to his old school.

A. J. Milroy, who is a private in the R.A.S.C., saw service in France and took part in the evacuation at Dunkirk. After a short leave in this country, he was sent out to Egypt and is now in Cyprus. He had rather a lucky escape this year when travelling along a hard road at 30 m.p.h. on top of an ammunition lorry: a bomb landed near the lorry and blew Sandy off the top on to the road. With typical Milroy luck he walked off with a shaking and a few bruises. Long may his luck last!

We were delighted to see A. Ronald MacLeod and David Mason at Forgan-denny near the end of the Summer Term. They were enjoying a respite from business worries and spent most of their time watching the cricket.

We are sorry to hear that W. G. Leburn sustained serious leg injuries at El Alamein in April, but we trust that his convalescence in South Africa will be speedy and complete.

Another casualty reported to us is David A. A. Fulton, of Burnside, who broke both his legs in an air crash. Apparently one of his engines suddenly stopped when he was a thousand feet up. We are glad to hear that he is making satisfactory progress.

Paymaster Sub-Lieut. R. A. (Mory) Wilson has been on board a cruiser for almost three years, and we hope that when he gets his well-earned and rather overdue leave he will find time to pay a visit to Strathallan.

We are always pleased to get news of the brothers Sim who came to Forgan-denny from Manchuria, and we are looking forward to seeing the elder brother, James, in the uniform of the Royal Canadian Air Force when he is drafted to this country.

Another correspondent from whom we were delighted to hear was Lieut. S. Dow of the R.A. who has been stationed in Malta since 1941. Lieut. Dow was loud

in praise of the 8th Army who brought relief to the gallant little island last November. Another O.S. stationed on the island is Dr. Ian Chalmers who did magnificent work as a dietetic expert during the food shortage.

Lieut. J. (Peter) McGregor, of Ayr, is now serving with the Royal Engineers in India. After doing his sapper's training in Elgin he received his commission and was immediately drafted for service overseas. Before joining up he was employed as a fitter in a reserved occupation at a Clyde shipyard.

Lieut. J. H. Steel, of the 2nd Bn. The Durham Light Infantry, is also in India where he appears to be enjoying both the work and the climate in this part of the globe. He tells us that the only O.S. he has met so far in India is Dr. Ian Henderson from whom he received medical treatment while in hospital.

It is interesting to note that Captain Harry Allan, who is in the Royal Artillery, has been maintaining his interest in music for whilst at Buxton he played regularly in the Spa Orchestra under the direction of Kneale Kellay.

Captain W. Pringle, who left School in 1937, was with the South Notts. Hussars and took part in the siege at Tobruk. He was taken prisoner at Knightsbridge and his last address was c/o a prison camp near Naples.

News has also reached us that W. J. Waldie, of Cupar, Fife, is a prisoner of war in Italy. He joined up when war broke out and, after obtaining his commission, was immediately sent out to the Middle East, first to Cyprus and then to Libya where he was captured in June, 1942, when on patrol duty.

We offer our best wishes for success to G. M. Pettigrew who has commenced practice as a veterinary surgeon at Ruddle House, Newnham-on-Severn, Gloucestershire.

Lieut. Arthur Craven, who is one of the masters serving with the 1/5 West Yorks. Regiment, wrote us some time ago saying that he had come across two Old Strathallians in the persons of J. M. Kelly and

Harry B. Rowan. Actually we had an airgraph from the latter who is with the 3rd Survey Regiment, R.A., asking for information of any Old Boys whom we knew to be stationed in Egypt. Our reply, containing a number of addresses, reached him just one day before going on leave, and Harry was delighted to be able to have a chat over old times with at least two fellows who had been at Strathallan.

Douglas W. Lewis, of Clarkston, Glasgow, has been seconded to the King's African Rifles in which he holds a commission. Our latest news of him was that he was somewhere in Uganda roughly 25 miles from the Equator and at a height of 3000 feet.

C. Oswald Stewart, of Greenock, started his army career in the A. & S.H. and was drafted to France in April, 1940, in time to make the return journey. He transferred to the R.A.F. in which he is now a pilot officer. He has been acting as flying instructor and has been responsible for some quite marvellous aerobatic displays over the School policies recently.

An Old Boy of Bridge of Allan days, A. S. Thomson of the firm of James Scott & Company, the Scottish electrical engineers, occasionally visits Strathallan and recently told us of a meeting he had in Dundee with A. M. Clark who carries on a successful fruit business. "Midge" is married and has a small family. Major D. K. Thomson, a brother of A. S., was taken prisoner at St. Valery with the 51st Division. He is at Oflag V11B in Bavaria and, in a recent letter, he mentioned that he had been enjoying his summer holiday which consisted of relief from his duties as messing officer—a pleasant change in an otherwise uneventful routine.

Major D. A. S. Martin, of the Army Dental Corps, who has seen service in the Mediterranean theatre of war as well as in Iraq and Syria, is now on duty in Perth. Major Martin is married and his wife, who has been practising as a dentist in the South, hopes to join him in the Fair City. We hope to have a visit from them in the immediate future. R. A. Sneddon, who is a relative of Major Martin, is one of Perth's prominent lawyers.

J. B. Milne finished his fourth year engineering at Aberdeen in the summer of 1942 and has since been training as a pilot with the R.A.F.

Derek S. Stevens is now on foreign service with the Leicestershire Regiment in which he holds a commission.

Leonard Galloway and Spencer G. Dryden, both Old Boys from Dundee, are pilot officers in the R.A.F.

We had not heard of the brothers Scroggie of Newport for some time but regret to state that Markham is a prisoner of war in Poland. Duncan is a fitter in the R.A.O.C.

Lieut. Grant Carrie of the Seaforth Highlanders has been in the North African campaign since the beginning. Shortly before going abroad he was married and now has a baby daughter.

Captain W. A. L. Anderson, of the Engineers' Section of the P.A.I.F., writes us from India to say that when in Haifa he met James Highet and later, when in Egypt, he ran into Ian Turner and Gordon Watt. He also gives us news of Bobby Anderson who was in Moulmein when the Japs arrived, but got out safely and is now in the Intelligence Corps.

Lt. R. S. McColl has just passed out of Sandhurst and is with the Northants Yeomanry.

A frequent visitor at Forgandenny is Tom M. Nicol who expects to pass out of Sandhurst at the beginning of 1943. We are always delighted to see him on his leaves and to keep check on the rapid growth of his military-looking moustache.

The engagement is also announced between R. Ingram Brown, A.A.F., of Glasgow, and Miss Margaret Gardiner Nicoll, M.A. Congratulations!

We also offer our congratulations to Sergeant and Mrs. C. A. Lyle on the birth of a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Johnston who were married in August last and who have taken up residence in Edinburgh we offer our best wishes.

Another O.S. to join the benedicts is Dr. R. A. Houston whose wedding took place in Glasgow in October, and we wish him and his good lady every happiness.

List of Members—continued

No.	Dates of attendance at Strathallan.		No.	Dates of attendance at Strathallan.	
35.	1922/28	Dow, J. F., Ruberslaw, Elphinstone Road, Whitecraigs, Glasgow.	258.	1936/41	Haddow, S. A. Haig, Craigend of Capelrig, Newton Mearns.
23.	1921/25	Dow, S., 22 Davieland Road, Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.	132.	1929/34	Hamilton, Hugh B., jr., P.O. Box 664, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.
120.	1929/34	Drummond, John, Harlesden, Major's Loan, Falkirk.	283.	1934/37	Hargrove, Donald, 42 Seafield Rd., Broughtly Ferry, Dundee.
69.	1928/31	Dunlop, Q., Greenan, Ayr.	282.	1933/35	Hargrove, Ian, 42 Seafield Road, Broughtly Ferry, Dundee.
139.	1929/34	Dunlop, R. W., Greenan, Ayr.	182.	1927/32	Harley, E. C., 1 Hillpark Terrace, Wormit, Fife.
151.	1930/35	Dunlop, Wm. A. M., Greenan Farm, Ayr.	44.	1925/28	Hart, E., 115 St. Andrew's Drive, Pollokshields, Glasgow.
142.	1924/27	Easterbrook, A. A. F., Arnprior, Gorebridge, Midlothian.	159.	1931/35	Hay, Drummond, Glenearn, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire.
286.	1938/43	Ferguson, Wm. R., Morsgail, Kilmacollm.	19.	1920/23	Hays, D., c/o Dunlop Rubber Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
185.		Ferguson, S. S., c/o Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., Jamshed Katrak Chambers, Machi Miani, Karachi, India.	267.	1939/42	Headrick, Iain A., 48 Corroure Rd., Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.
61.	1916/17	Ferguson, T., Port Commission, Rangoon.	55.	1926/30	Henderson, I. D., 6 Newton Place, Charing Cross, Glasgow.
153.	1929/35	Fergusson, George, Alexandra House, Kirkcaldy.	210.	1920/22	Hepburn, J. Harley, Coniston, Boglily Road, Kirkcaldy.
48.	1926/30	Fraser, S., c/o Hudson Bay Company, 100 McGill Street, Montreal (Deceased).	62.	1920/25	Hird, Walter J., c/o Fabrica Argentina de Alpagatas, Patricious 1053, Buenos Aires.
177.	1933/36	Forbes, A. G., 12 Lyndhurst Gardens, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.	121.	1927/29	Holmes, John, jr., Drumharrow, Luncarty, Perth.
176.	1932/36	Forrest, John G. S., Arden, Eastwoodmains Road, W., Giffnock, Renfrewshire (Deceased).	247.	1933/39	Hood, D. Ruthven, 28 Prestwick Road, Ayr.
60.	1917/19	Forrest, J. H., c/o Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, Beaver Hall Buildings, Montreal.	154.	1932/35	Hood, W. R., 18 Portland Road, Kilmarnock.
179.	1922/24	Fraser, Alex., jun., Priorybank, W. Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy.	196.	1932/37	Houston, R. A., 8 Maisonhouse Road, North Mount Vernon, Glasgow.
181.	1925/27	Fraser, Henry, Priorybank, W. Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy.	71.	1927/31	Howie, A., Craigielea, Kilmacollm.
180.	1922/25	Fraser, R. Ritchie, 8 Bennoch Avenue, Kirkcaldy.	165.	1921/24	Huie, J. C., c/o Messrs. Hewat, Bridson & Newly, P.O.B. 71, Alexandria, Egypt.
195.	1932/37	Fulton, D., 15 Douglas Avenue, Burnside.	46.	1929/30	Hunter, D., 34 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.
117.	1920/24	Galloway, Leonard, 15 Nairn Street, Dundee.	168.	1933/36	Innes, R. A., 47 Hamilton Drive, Hillhead, Glasgow, W.2.
115.	1920/24	Galloway, Wilfred, 9 Binsted Avenue, Dundee.	163.	1930/36	Irons, David M., Lochbank House, Forfar.
106.	1929/33	Gardner, D. S., 86 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock.	36.	1922/26	Irvine, T., 16 Windsor Avenue, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire.
253.	1934/40	Geddes, Ian C., 143 Market Street, St. Andrews, Fife.	246.	1932/39	Jack, Kilpatrick, 51 Woodend Drive, Jordanhill, Glasgow, W.3.
257.	1937/41	George, Bryan H., 14 Craignethan Road, Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.	250.	1934/39	Jackson, D. Olive, 77 Eastwoodmains Road, Clarkston, Glasgow.
204.	1935/37	Gjertsen, R. R. B., Craigholm, Leven, Fife.	73.	1926/31	Johnston, J. T., 21 Carlarock Road, Newlands, Glasgow.
270.	1937/41	Glen, J. Douglas, 3 Hamilton Avenue, Glasgow, S.1.	174.	1930/36	Johnston, R. S., 21 Carlarock Road, Newlands, Glasgow.
264.	1937/41	Goodbrand, Edward H., 7 Rubislaw Den North, Aberdeen.	255.	1936/41	Keighley, J. T., Woodville, Colston Drive, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow.
166.	1925/30	Grant, F. W., Montague House, Marshfield, Chippenham, Wilts.	288.	1940/43	Kingan, Ian J., "Ashcroft," New Abbey, Dumfries.
233.	1927/29	Grant, G. Mitchell, Rose Cottage, Leven, Fife.	167.	1930/34	Kirkland, Robert, Aldersyde, Ayr.
228.	1937/38	Grant, Wm. J. M., 3 Balmuildy Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow.	152.	1924/27	Lambie, W. A. C., 241 Nithsdale Rd., Pollokshields, Glasgow.
149.	1930/35	Gray, A. G. R., 88 Picton Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad.	242.	1928/32	Lang, T. M. O., Rasagalla, Balangoda, Ceylon.
272.	1933/42	Gregory, R. Wylie, 3 Mulberry Road, Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.	41.	1925/29	Lauderdale, L. C., 19 Thorncliffe Road, Norwood Green, Southall, Middlesex.
			156.	1928/33	Lawson, Ian K., 1 Argyle Street, Dundee.

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