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OYEZ! Oyez! Oyez! May you all spend a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Make it one of your New Year Resolutions also to SPEND two shillings annually as a subscription to "The Victorian."

Thanks to improved support generally, we succeeded in getting out of Queer Street financially, BUT if we are to keep clear of that disreputable locality we require your further and continued support.

We have made yet another change in our official chronicle by altering its size and shape. We have long considered that the size was too diminutive to be considered worthy of serious consideration, and have therefore increased our size to that of the usual regimental or school magazine.

We still lack material from regiments or isolated old boys, and would very much appreciate articles from them, particularly illustrated articles. We also appeal for much greater support in filling our advertisement pages.

In this issue we have published several unaided efforts from boys now in the School. We hope readers will understand that more than half our issue is sold to boys, and pardon any childish errors which may occur.

NOTES OF THE YEAR.

With the twice yearly publication of the Magazine we have not to tax our memories unduly in reporting the main items of interest during the preceding six months.

Fortunately we have been able to carry on without many changes in the Staff. This is certainly a matter for congratulation, as frequent changes disorganise the work very much.

Since our last issue we have lost two members of the staff. Miss Shepherd Fraser, the Hospital Matron, left us during the summer, and was succeeded by Mrs Kelt, not a newcomer to the School, as she held the appointment before Miss Fraser. We hope she will enjoy her return to the school, and we welcome her on behalf of the staff and boys.

Mr Geoghegan, the Bandmaster, left us in November to take up a post in the Musical Department at Stowe School. His successor has not yet joined us, but we understand that he is C.S.M. Lax of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. As he will join us in the New Year, we extend a hearty welcome to him, and feel sure that he will find his stay here both interesting and congenial.

In the interim, the band has carried on under the able direction of Corporal Plummer, also of the K.O.S.B.'s. We are very much indebted to Lieut.-Colonel Davies and the regiment for sending such an excellent instructor to carry us over the gap between the two bandmasters.

During September we had a very welcome visitor, Brigadier-General M. Grant Wilkinson, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., the first Commandant of the school. Naturally he found many changes, some for the good and others otherwise. At the same time it was very obvious that he was pleased to return to the scene of a very happy period in his career, if only for a few brief moments.

Grand Day also induced another former Commandant — Major G. W. Smith — to pay us a visit. We were very pleased to see him, and many old memories were recalled in conversation with members of the Staff who were in the school with Major Smith.

We understand that Major Smith has very kindly offered to present a trophy for swimming, and wish to thank him very much on behalf of the Staff and boys.

Great excitement prevailed when it was known that Admiral of the Fleet, the Earl Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., LL.D., was to visit the school on the 3rd October. Everybody was keen to meet such a distinguished personage, whose work during the Great War as Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet, and latterly as the head of the British Legion, has made him so famous. Accompanied by Lady Jellicoe, he made a brief tour of the school, finishing in the dining hall, where the boys were at tea. In a short speech the Admiral impressed on the boys the excellent training which they were receiving, and also the duties they as citizens would owe to the State when they left school, no matter what vocation in life they chose.

Major-General Sir Archibald Ritchie, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., visited the school in the capacity of Visiting Commissioner on the 11th September. After his tour of inspection he presented the Primus Medal.

This year the annual conference of the Army Educational Corps in the Scottish Command was held at the school. It afforded members of the school staff a good opportunity of meeting their opposite numbers in depots and units, and was of great value to all concerned in the exchange of ideas (and reminiscences). The Sergeants' Mess very kindly arranged a dance for the Friday evening of their visit, and all the visiting members of the Army Educational Corps very much appreciated the efforts of the whole Staff to make the visit a social as well as an educational success.

During this term efforts have been made to secure the official blessing of the Scottish Educational Department on the school work. It has been realised that many boys, through physical disability, cannot enter the Services, and until now no educational certificate accepted by civil authorities has been issued to such boys. Hence the Scottish Department were asked to allow boys of this school to sit for the usual examinations held by the Department for boys in the day schools of Scotland.

Mr Millar, the Chief Inspector for Perthshire, accompanied by Mr Lambie, the Inspector of Technical Education for the Western Division of Scotland, visited the school on the 5th December, and expressed their satisfaction with the standard attained.

It is hoped, therefore, that when the necessary minor alterations in the technical instruction have been made, boys will be allowed to sit for the Day School Certificates.

The first candidates will probably sit at the end of 1931. Our thanks are due to the two inspectors for the excellent advice they gave us, from which we intend to profit.

We await the result of the recent Army Entrance Examination, at which Leading Monitor Linton was a candidate. We wish him the best of luck, and hope for an excellent result.

As will be seen from the Pipe Band Notes, we have taken on a big engagement for the Xmas season. We shall give a full and detailed account of the doings of the Pipe Band at Olympia, in our next issue.

Finally, with the Americans, we cry "Whoopie"—at last we have succeeded in defeating our friends and enemies, "the Dukies."

For one whole year the Inter-School Trophy rests on a shelf in the Q.V.S. Look to it, Victorians, that you renew the lease next summer. A recent visit to "the Dukies" revealed the fact that they are going to do their utmost to recover it as early as possible. The actual results of the competition were as follow:—

Duke of York's R.M. School v. Q.V.S., Dunblane.

440 yards relay race—Duke of York's School, 58 2-5 secs.; Queen Victoria School, 57 4-5 secs.
Throwing the cricket ball — Duke of York's School, 649ft. 11in.; Queen Victoria School, 584ft. 10½in.

High jump — Duke of York's School, 13ft. 1in.; Queen Victoria School, 12ft. 11½ins.

Long jump — Duke of York's School, 42ft. 1in.; Queen Victoria School, 46ft. 10½ins.

880 yards relay—Duke of York's School, 1min. 58½secs.; Queen Victoria School, 1min. 56 3-5 secs.

Result: — Queen Victoria School, 3 events; Duke of York's School, 2 events.

VISITORS.

The signatures of the following appear in the Visitors' Book for the first time:—

Admiral of the Fleet, the Earl Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., LL.D., Commander-in-Chief, Grand Fleet, European War.

Lady Jellicoe.
Captain Bertram D. Mills.
Colonel P. H. Henderson, D.S.O., Director of Hygiene, War Office.
Colonel J. Mackenzie, D.D.M.S., Scottish Command.
Brigadier M. R. Walsh, C.M.G., M.C.
A. D. Millar, Esq., Chief Inspector (Scottish Education Department), for Perthshire.
Mrs Millar.
J. Lambie, Esq., Divisional Inspector (Scottish Education Department).
We were also very pleased to renew acquaintanceship with Brigadier-General M. Grant-Wilkinson, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., who was the first Commandant of this School, and also Major G. N. Smith, O.B.E., the sixth Commandant.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL.

Colonel Ewing R. Crawford, D.L., of Auchentroig	£3	3	0
Charles A. Buchanan, Esq., Touch, Stirling	1	1	0
Alan M'Culloch, Esq., Dunblane	2	2	0
Mrs Buntine, Stirling	3	0	0
Brig-General J. D. Heriot Maitland, C.M.G., D.S.O., Errol Park, Errol	5	0	0
Major J. L. Pullar, O.B.E., Dunblane	5	5	0
Sir H. J. Purves Russell Montgomery, Bart., of Hattonburn, Milnathort	1	0	0
Mrs Murray, Polmaise Castle, Stirling	1	0	0
Jas. S. Spencer, Esq., Kippenross, Dunblane	5	5	0
Sir A. K. Muir, Bart., Blair Drummond	2	2	0
Lt.-Colonel T. W. S. Graham of Duchray	2	0	0
J. F. Muir, Esq., Braco Castle	3	0	0
G. Burn Murdoch, Esq., F.R.C.P.E., Doune	0	10	0
Lt.-Colonel J. J. C. Davidson, of Cally	1	0	0
Mrs Isabel Cameron, 15 Murrayfield Gardens, Edinburgh	1	1	0
Macfarlane, Lang & Co., Glasgow	2	2	0
Mrs Stewart, Aultwharrie, Dunblane	2	2	0
Edward Fullarton Carnegie, Esq., Aytoun Hill	3	0	0
Captain Colin F. S. Neish, of Tannadice	10	10	0
Wm. Anderson & Sons, Ltd., Edinburgh	1	1	0
Caledonian Association, Prosperine, Queensland, Australia	1	0	0
W. P. Stewart, South Park, Monkton	1	18	9
Officers' Association, Edinburgh, final instalment towards Scholarship Fund	50	0	0
Mann, Judd, Gordon & Co., Glasgow	1	11	0
John Urie, Esq., 17 Winton Drive, Glasgow	1	11	0
Lt.-Col. C. L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E., W.S.—Series of Photographs of Grand Day, 1930.			
J. M'Leod, Esq., Reproduction of Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Colours in Silk; Photograph, Old Victorians.			
M. Anderson, Esq., Photograph of Old Victorians.			

GRAND DAY, 1930.

Grand Day, 1930, will probably be looked back on as the greatest Grand Day in the history of the school. The weather was perfect, despite a shower or two which threatened during the afternoon, and the various ceremonies went off with a vigour and success that has not been achieved before. A great deal of this success is due to the organisation in the various departments, and the healthy spirit of co-operation by the staff. The parade ground was completely enclosed, pavilions were provided for the guests, enclosures carefully planned and laid out, and even a car park with the attendants was organised.

The ceremony of the Trooping of the Colour was carried out by the boys. The occasion was the first inspection by the new General Officer Commander in Chief, Scottish Command, Sir Percy P. de Radcliffe, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O. After the presentation of the Regimental Prizes and the Championship Shield to "C" Company, the inspecting officer addressed the boys. He congratulated them on their smart turnout and bearing on parade, and in the course of his speech emphasised three points. First, the excellent start in life that they got at Dunblane. They were brought up amongst beautiful surroundings, and the training and education they received gave them the best possible chance of making good afterwards. Secondly, he wished them to remember that they owed this start to the fine work that their fathers had done in the Army for their King and Country; and, thirdly, to realise that it was up to them to repay this debt by becoming good citizens, no matter what walk of life they went into, and by leading lives which would be valuable to the community and honourable to themselves.

During tea, which was served in the pavilions, the Military and Pipe Bands rendered a programme of music, and the runners-up and winners of the dancing shield gave a display of Highland dancing.

The catering arrangements for the relatives and friends of the boys and guests of the Staff were well carried out by the caterers, and we feel that we must thank the general public who greatly assisted the Staff by their ready obedience to the directions of the stewards.

THE PRIMUS MEDAL.

An innovation of 1930 has been the award of a medal to the Primus of the School; previously a framed etching was presented to the Primus, and it was felt that something ought to be done to bring the honour of this position before the remainder of the School at all times.

Major Kennedy Mitchell, of the Royal Scots, generously gave the money for the die, and Colonel R. A. Bulloch, The Black Watch, presented this year's medal.

During his visit as Visiting Commissioner, Major-General Sir A. B. Ritchie, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., presented the medal for Primus 1930 to Monitor William Ramsay.

A Primus Medal will be presented each year, and is worn with Review Order.

EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh has many places of great interest, such as the Castle, St. Margaret's Chapel, and the National Shrine.

In the Castle you can see the ancient crown jewels of Scotland together with the old chest in which they were kept in the olden days. Probably the oldest building in Edinburgh is St. Margaret's Chapel in the Castle. The row of guns at the Castle is called the Half-moon Battery, the middle gun of which fires at one o'clock every day, except Sunday, which is the day of peace. In the Castle there is also the prison where the Duke of Argyll spent his last night before being executed at Bonnyrigg Castle. A guide will show you the window from which James VI. of Scotland, who later became James I. of England, was lowered in order that he might be baptised by an English minister. On the Parade Ground of the Castle stand many statues to famous men of Scotland.

Not far away is Allan Ramsay's house, where he wrote his first poem, "The Gentle Shepherd." In Princes Street Gardens you can see the Flower Clock, which shows the correct time. Over the road from the Flower Clock are the National Art Galleries of Scotland, where there are many paintings of Mary Queen of Scots and the people of her time. Beyond the Art Galleries is the national memorial to Sir Walter Scott; one can ascend this monument, which is one hundred and seventy-two feet high, on paying twopence. From the top you obtain a splendid view of Edinburgh.

Holyrood Palace is some little distance away, and near it are the ruins of Queen Mary's Bath Room.

In the King's Park are two lochs, St. Margaret's and St. John's, and near by is St. Margaret's Well and the towering crags of Arthur's Seat.

Not far from Edinburgh Infirmary is Greyfriars Churchyard, where the Covenanters signed their names in blood on the Covenant.

The oldest college in Edinburgh is George Heriot's College, which is over 300 years old. There are 500 hundred windows in the College, and no two of them are alike.

D. ARTHUR, Form III.

IN THE CLAN COUNTRY.

The village of Killin, my home town, is at the southern end of Loch Tay, twenty-two miles from Callander and thirty-four from Dunblane. Situated amongst romantic and grand Highland scenery, the village is approached through the valley of the Dochart, which rises in the mountains of Argyllshire. In the village, the river is crossed by a bridge built by General Wade in his subjection of the Highlands. North of the bridge is the Black Hole, so-called because of the large number of rooks which nest in the dark Scotch firs. The Dochart is a foaming river falling in a series of broad cascades around the Black Isle, making this view one of the most beautiful in Scotland.

South of the bridge there is another island, on

which is the burial-place of the Clan M'Nab. This historical cemetery is approached through singularly deep and yellow moss. A high stone wall surrounds the cemetery, but unfortunately the epitaphs are defaced. Those of the chieftain and his sons, however, may be distinguished by their size and central position. The Clan M'Nab was exterminated in a clan fight with the "wild sons of the mist," the MacGregor Clan, outlaws and freebooters. The scene of this bloody affray was the hillside behind Killin.

We leave the village through the valley of Lochay and along the banks of Loch Tay. The Falls of Lochay, though not high, are charmingly surrounded. Shortly afterwards the traveller passes through the grim Pass of the Coilig. Near Benhallum, a mountain on which a great deal of white quartz is found, there is the ruin of a Clan M'Naughton stronghold which was erected against the attacks of the MacDonalds of Argyllshire.

The ruins of a castle built by a Campbell chieftain, Black Duncan with the Cowl, is situated on the banks of the Lochay, near the village. Black Duncan, though he derived his name from a monk's cowl which he wore, was a singularly cruel and warlike man. As though to prove this, only the execution pit and the dungeons are now intact. This castle was an outpost of the great one at Kenmore, fifteen miles away, which Black Duncan reached by galleys.

Ben Lawers, according to local legend, an extinct volcano, is situated on the northern side of the loch. It has been called "a botanist's and geologist's paradise," and Alpine flora and a lake at the top are novel features. To attain the height of 4000 feet the mountain was crowned by the villagers with a sixteen-foot cairn.

A Druidical Circle in a field outside the village and the grave of the giant Fingal are smaller points of historical interest. Besides the figures of Black Duncan and Rob Roy, the famed chieftain of the MacGregors, the handsome Marquis of Montrose passed through the village on a march through the Highlands.

Killin is fully symbolical of "Bonnie Scotland."

ALLAN HOGG, VI.

AT HALTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

The Royal Air Force Apprentices' Training Centre is situated at Halton in the charming English valley of Wendover. The following account of the routine there is presented by two Old Victorians, who were successful in negotiating the Entrance Examination, and are now undergoing the course of instruction, which lasts three years.

Reveill  at 6.30 a.m. heralds the beginning of a new day, and after making up our beds and performing our ablutions, we make for the Central Dining Hall for breakfast. It is hardly necessary to say that the food supplied to the forces is equal to most and better than many of the breakfasts that the average young man of to-day sits down to. The "Sick, Lame and

Lazy" parade to see the Medical Officer at 7.30 a.m. The big hospital is reputed to be the best equipped hospital in the service, and contains every surgical and medical comfort that it is possible to devise for the healing of one's ills.

The first parade of the day is at 7.45 a.m., and at 8 a.m. the Colours are hoisted; this is a solemn ceremony, and a prayer is offered for guidance in the day's routine of all concerned.

The apprentices are divided into three groups, two of which are busy in the workshops, while the other group "stews" in school. The workshops open at 8.15 a.m. and work continues until 12 a.m. After dinner, at 12.30 p.m., those for workshops carry on from 1.30 p.m. to 5. The remainder of the day is spent in doing any workshop or school work that has to be completed by the following day; otherwise the evening can be spent as the apprentice wishes, until lights out at 9.30 p.m.

Everyone attends school for eight hours each week, where English, Mathematics and Mechanics, Science (mainly connected with 'planes and engines) and Machine Drawing are taught.

"All work and no play," etc., is appreciated at Halton, and Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons are devoted to voluntary sport. Ample opportunity is given to develop into experts at any of the following games, rugby, soccer, hockey, cross-country running, swimming, golf and cricket. Even the budding Lindrums are catered for in billiards at three-pence per hour!

On Saturday mornings there is the usual room inspection, an hour's drill on the square, and then the physical training experts get their chance of tying one into knots for an hour.

The Sunday morning church parade is the big parade of the week, and all attend their own denominational churches.

Five definite trades are taught at Halton, fitters who specialise in the engine of the aeroplane, metal riggers, copper smiths, armourer fitters, and fitters who deal with the engine of the transports used by the land section of the R.A.F. Those who deal with the engine of the 'plane have the opportunity of studying the 12-cylindere, water-cooled Napier Lion, the 9-cylindere air-cooled Jupiter engine, and the air-cooled Jaguar and Lynx engines of 14 and 7 cylinders respectively. The metal riggers are concerned with the construction and development of the air frame and study the peculiarities of the Siskin, the Gloster Grebe, the Avro and the Bristol Fighter, which are the planes used by the R.A.F. Those who are keen on motor cars ponder over the 'innards' of the Morris, Leyland and Crossley engines. The armourers' task calls for a tremendous amount of practical skill, for they deal with the armament of the aeroplane, while the copper-smiths particular branch of work is concerned with the sheet-metal work that forms part of modern aeroplane construction.

Besides this, expert training in a particular branch all apprentices study the science of metallurgy and take a practical course in blacksmith's and machine shop practice.

All this may sound confusing to the average layman, but it is all possible in the three years'

course, at the end of which it is possible to take the final examination and pass out at the following grades:—

Leading Air Craftsman (L.A.C.) 80% marks.

Air Craftsman, 1st Class (A.C. 1) 60% marks.

Air Craftsman, 2nd Class (A.C. 2) 40% marks.

In addition, apprentices who have completed the course and done well are given favourable consideration when the question of promotion arises. This is only natural, for apprentices trained by the R.A.F. for three years, should be more skilled than the recruit who has done probably less than half this training.

Speaking from practical experience the life is the best possible for a boy who is keen on aviation; the work, sport, food, and pay cannot be equalled in civil life. BUT any one who comes to Halton MUST BE PREPARED TO WORK HARD.

J.B. & W.J.

ARMISTICE DAY, 1930.

A ceremony to commemorate Armistice Day was held on Sunday, 9th November. It commenced with a full-dress parade of all the School with the Military Band and the Pipe Band in attendance. With the bands playing alternately, the boys marched to the Cathedral Square, where they were joined by the ex-servicemen, who were summoned by the Buglers sounding "Fall In." From the Square, the parade marched to the Memorial opposite St. Mary's Church. The two bands were placed on the right of the Cenotaph, the Boy Scouts behind, the Girl Guides on the left, and the ministers together with the Commandant and the Chief Instructor of the School in front.

The service was opened by the Military Band leading the singing of the second paraphrase, "O God of Bethel." The hymn was followed by a prayer by the Presbyterian minister and a Scripture reading by the Episcopalian chaplain. An emotional prayer by the minister of the United Free Church of Scotland preceded the impressive lament, "The Flowers o' the Forest," played by the pipers with muffled drum roll. "The Last Post" was sounded, wreaths were laid in silence, and the notes of "The Reveille" were heard from a distance. The service was concluded by the Military Band playing the National Anthem.

After the service, the parade marched past. Colonel Graham took the salute.

The service was a series of eloquent symbols, but the most eloquent of all was the silence between the tributes to those "Who went but returned not." The black robes of the ministers, along with the dark suits of the townspeople, were symbols of mourning. The white surplice of the chaplain was a sign of the clear cause which took away the manhood of the land. The Scripture closed with the encouraging words, "Behold, he that believeth in Me, shall not perish but shall have eternal life." The lowering of the Girl Guides' Colours during the playing of the lament impressed that duty is not finished until death, while the Flanders' poppies symbolised the place and the sacrifice of victory.

A. S. HOGG, VI.

LOVELY KASHMIR.

There is a country away in the far north of India, to which every boy worth his salt should turn his eyes; and—later—his steps. It is separated from the great flat plains of Hindustan by quite a low mountain wall; yet, when you look over that wall, you see a country lovelier than any other region on earth. It is the principality of Kashmir; a dreamland of beauty, dappled and colourful and enchanting.

Here is what you will see in Kashmir.

First of all, the northern skyline is serrated with the saw-toothed edge of the loftiest mountain ranges in the world—needle-like peaks more than four miles high. Day-long these peaks protrude above the haze that hangs over the valleys, their crystallised whiteness reflecting the dazzling sunlight. At night these tremendous spires glitter coldly against a steel-blue sky. It is from this ring of mountains—the eaves of the world—that the water flows which irrigates the valleys of Kashmir.

Now the valleys of Kashmir are lush and verdant with meadows and orchards, terraced to hold the ice-cold waters. In springtime these gardens are coloured and perfumed with blossom: apple-blossom, pear-blossom, peach-blossom. In summer the fields are emerald with rice or golden with maize; and the pomegranates gleam scarlet in their dark olive homes. Beautiful birds—the oriole, bulbul, hoopoe and minivet—are naturally attracted by the sweet waters and the sweeter fruits of this luscious Eden, and make it a cradle of song. No wonder Kashmir was the happy hunting-ground of the Afghans; no wonder such a cool and sylvan caravanserai attracted the Sikhs from the hot and dusty Punjab!

The upland meadows are carpeted with yellow wild-flowers and odorous with honey. They are called *mergs*, or *margs*—the golden *mergs* of Gulmarg, Sonamarg, and so on. And higher still, the great forests of fir and deodar form a sombre setting for so much ripe and profuse colour. Once I entered a valley which was filled from end to end with white roses.

Srinagar (pronounced *siri-nugger*), is the capital, and here is the mirror-like Dal Lake, and the house-boats moored on the river, and the isle of tents, and the Maharajah's palace, and the centre of silken apparel and gossip. Here many Englishmen who have spent their working lives in the service of India have retired to pass the rest of their days in peace and loveliness, "far from the madding crowd"—and the income-tax collectors!

When you get into the wilder parts of the north-east, beneath the giant massif, you see some amazing scenes. Terrifying precipices above the rivers, with crazy foot-wide paths cut in the sheer sides, and supported here and there by narrow wooden galleries along the rock-face; stupendous waterfalls and giddy whirlpools; swaying rope-bridges suspended from awful heights. Occasionally, when the rivers are low, you can cross them sprawling on the backs of inflated buffalo-skins, and taking advantage of cross-currents in the stream. The people who live by the river are wonderful swimmers. I once saw a whole

family of seven—from the father aged sixty to a tiny nipper aged six—performing aquatic feats below the surface of a raging, frothing torrent.

If you visit Kashmir you must be prepared to live on the land—unless you take cases of canned goods with you, and then you will need many coolies to carry them. But you can get wheaten flour, rice, salt, sugar, potatoes, eggs, milk, and poultry en route, with fruit in season. If you want mutton you will have to buy a whole lamb—but you will get one for about six shillings! You can't get—and you mustn't take—any pork or ham or sausages, for the pig is considered an unclean animal by the Mohamedans who form the majority. Cigarettes are cheap but nasty; tobacco is harmless—but horrible.

The Kashmiri peasants are tall and supple, with curly raven tresses. They are timid and kind, although afflicted in the centres of civilization—Srinagar and Jammu—with a sort of low cunning. The women folk work hard; it is their job to fetch water from the river, and morning and evening you pass a picturesque procession of them gracefully balancing earthenware urns on their heads, as they did in Biblical times in the Holy Land. This is a universal custom in Islam, from the Hellespont to the Indus.

When the rice-fields have been slaked with water, the peasants transplant the young rice-shoots into the rich brown mud. In September they cut off the creamy maize-cobs and spread them out on the flat roofs of their huts to ripen and redden in the sunshine.

Up in the hills, the men-folk are gujars (shepherds); they lie out on the hills all day long watching over their cows and sheep and goats. At eventide they drive their herds homeward, calling musically across the valleys one to another, or singing their lovesongs in a high and plaintive falsetto. The gujars have a shining mahogany complexion from constant exposure to the sun's rays in those high altitudes.

It is when you get into the great forests that the beauty and peace of Kashmir sink into you. Here and there you come to a clearing ringed round by the smooth-trunked sentinels. Always, in your ears, sounds the muffled roar of many waters, mingled with the music of the wind as it surges through the tree-tops. It is thrilling to pitch your tent between the aisles of the trees. You seem to be in the gloom of a great cathedral. Here, hundreds of miles from the nearest white man, you light your fire and fry your mutton chops and bake your chapatties (flat cakes made of flour and water) in the glowing embers. And here you sit afterwards, in the great forest, as night swiftly descends, and the stars rush out, and the earth breathes gently. And as you lie on your bed of pine-needles you hear the denizens of the forest about their tasks, rustling and scurrying through the undergrowth. And the raucous cackle of the hyena is the last sound that disturbs you before you drop off to sleep.

L. A. M.

IN THE COMPANIES.

"A" Company.

We are very sorry to lose Monitor Anderson, who left us in September to join the Tank Corps. We wish him the best of luck and quick promotion. Knowing his great keenness for the "innards" of motor bicycles and motor cars, we hope he has enjoyed delving into the mysteries of the lumbering tank! Probably we may see him one of these days mounted on or in a solo tank and competing at Edinburgh Dirt Track.

Whilst our Rugby team is not so strong as in former years, our Soccer team shows some improvement. We lost all our trophies this year, but the Commandant has very kindly given the Inter-Schools Trophy into our keeping. We hope the School keeps it for some years now, and that "A" Company will have something to share the shelf with it in 1931.

We have now settled down with our new C.S.M., and got into "his method of working."

J. Y.

"B" Company.

Once again we have to account for the doings of "B" Company in the last term, a term which has passed very quickly, judging by the noise and hilarity that heralds the approaching Christmas holidays.

Our first job is to cheer those boys who have left us. The departure of Willy Smith was regretted by all of us; he was our crack marksman, the best sprinter in the School, and a good all-round sportsman. James has gone, and we are looking for a new humorist, and for a new goalkeeper to take the place of "Dozey" Patterson. We wish them all the best of luck.

We must heartily congratulate "C" Company on winning the Company Championship Shield. We were the runners-up in this and the Cricket Shield. In the latter we tied with "C" Company on points, but they had the better average. Our shelf in the dining-room, however, is not devoid of ornament, for we have the Hurdling and Relay Cups.

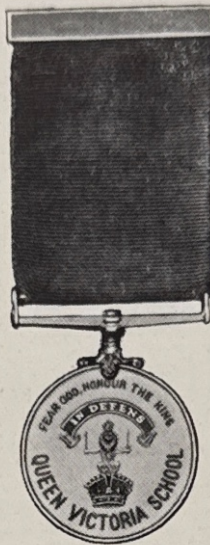
In conclusion, may it be whispered that we believe we have discovered a successor to Willie Smith in N. Montgomery who helped to win the Relay Cup.

D. V. and R. M'L.

"C" Company.

As the Champion Company we believe we have the privilege of "blowing our own trumpet." Old "C" Company boys will be pleased to hear that in addition to securing the Company Championship Shield, we hold the Shields for Rugby, Cricket, Soccer and Dancing, and the Cups for Drill, Swimming, Shooting and Sports. With moderate luck and our present instructors we hope to repeat the achievement this year. At present we have five representatives in the First Rugger XV., and four in the 1st Soccer XI.—very satisfactory for one Company where there are four to choose from.

During the term A/Monitor W. Ramsay had the honour of being presented with the first Primus Medal by Major-General Sir Archibald



PRIMUS MEDAL.



GENERAL RADCLIFFE MAKING HIS INSPECTION.



THE PRIZE-GIVING.

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THE MARCH PAST IN QUARTER-COLUMN.

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B. Ritchie, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., one of His Majesty's Commissioners for the School.

Senior Monitor R. Linton is, at the time of writing these notes, in "The Capital" negotiating the Entrance Examination to Woolwich. He is the second Victorian to have this great opportunity. Everyone will join with us in wishing him success in his career to "brass-hat."

By the way, we would be glad to hear from any old members of "C" Company. News is scarce these days, and a letter is always welcome.

A. G. C.

"D" Company.

We lost several good boys on the sports field this term, particularly T. Edwards, who won the Victor Ludorum Trophy. We tied with "B" Company as runners-up in the Inter-Company Championship, the winning Company only finishing up with a lead of two points. Our Rugger and Soccer teams are doing quite well, but we had the misfortune to temporarily lose our Captain, George Chisholm, who has gone into "dock" with a broken collar-bone. We wish him a quick recovery and early return to the north side.

"C" Company may crow about their victories outside the School, but with "B" Company we have been winning points on kit inspections! The usual scene at kit inspections still occurs:—

C.S.M.—"Where's your button-stick?"

Boy—"In my box, sir."

C.S.M.—"Where's your toothbrush?"

Boy—"In my box, sir."

(So is his shoehorn, tooth paste, etc.)

We have just had a 2nd Class Certificate Examination. The examination was considered easy, but the simplicity of the papers appears to have cost several candidates many marks; at least so rumour has it.

A. P. and F. M.

BARRY CAMP.

The Annual Camp for those boys who did not proceed home for the summer holidays was again held at Barry during August.

C.S.M. McCubbin was in charge of the Advance Party, which left for Barry immediately after breakfast but did not arrive until dinner-time. They had dinner in the Soldiers' Home. As the tents and equipment had not arrived, the boys afterwards watched the artillery firing for the King's Cup. This was a very impressive sight, and the boom of the gun and the whining of the shells certainly stirred our blood. By this time the tents had arrived, and they were got up just in time for the arrival of the main party.

The restrictions placed on the campers were few but essential — no bathing was allowed because of the dangerous currents; and the sand-dunes were placed "out of bounds." We were, however, allowed to bathe later under the supervision of one of the Staff who was a capable swimmer.

We had not made any arrangements with the controller of the weather before we went away, and consequently cannot blame him for the several showers and the terrific thunderstorm

which he sent us! On the whole, however, we fared quite well.

We had a variety of entertainments. Mr Shield took us to the pictures several times, the putting green was monopolised by Q.V. boys, and Monitor Scobie and G. Sandilands showed us their masterly strokes. The caves at Carnoustie were more than interesting, for we all hoped to discover smuggler's treasure which had been overlooked by its owners! (The smugglers must have been natives of Caledonia, for we found nothing!)

The great event of the Camp was the Sports Day arranged by our ubiquitous Mr Shield. Medals were awarded as prizes to the most successful competitors, and the competition was great. "Mick" Edwards won the caber-tossing event after Mr Strathdee had graciously consented to give an exhibition throw!

The Pierrots must have made a fat fortune from the support that we gave them! They were the most popular show in Barry. On one afternoon there was a concert at which the audience were invited to perform, prizes being awarded by the amount of applause each performer received. Harry Stevenson with his customary—well, we'd better not say it lest we be had up for libel—competed with his club-swinging act and carried off the first prize. John Roe got the third prize. What his dancing instructor said when he was told that Roe won it for dancing the Highland Fling cannot be repeated here. Nevertheless the results show that our boys are not afraid to tackle anything.

Monitor Scobie got us a cricket fixture with an eleven from Carnoustie, and the School managed to uphold its honour. The score was:—Carnoustie 46 runs against our 53, Scobie, of course, securing 17 and W. McPherson 11 of our score.

We must thank the Dundee ex-Service Men's Club for a very pleasant outing to Glencarse. Races and games were arranged, and we endeavoured to show our appreciation by the piping of H. Stevenson and I. Alexander.

We had many visitors to the Camp, our Commandant, Colonel Innes, and Captain Lunt looked us up several times to see that we were comfortable and enjoying ourselves.

Many photographs were taken, but the only one really worthy of preservation is that of the Master-Cook "wi' a wee windy in his e'e."

For one of the best Summer Camps we have yet had we have to thank many people; everyone of the Staff did his best to give us a good time; Mr Shield could not have done more for us, and our Commandant must have spent a lot of time in preparing for our comfort and wellbeing. We thank them all, and really do hope that the next camp won't be too long in coming round!

W. RAMSAY.

SKATING AT ASHFIELD.

We started off in our platoons to run to Ashfield ponds, where the ice was reported to be bearing. This was the first time that the ice had been sufficiently thick to bear skaters, so there was naturally a little excitement. R.S.M. Scotland and several of the Staff accompanied us to help in case of emergency.

Check if they has already been written up.

As we approached the ponds the more eager we became to get on the ice. Very quickly those who had skates put them on and commenced to find their balance. They were very quickly disillusioned about the thickness of the ice, for in as many minutes half-a-dozen had fallen through after being warned by several ominous cracks from under their feet. Still not satisfied that the ice was not good enough many others advanced, stopped, attempted to return to the shore, and fell in, much to the glee of the observers on dry land. Very soon there was a string of boys running towards the School to change.

Fortunately the ponds are very shallow, and it was not until the last slide became a wreck that skating or sliding was given up as hopeless. Very regretfully we fell in and marched back to the School. However, there is plenty of time yet for skating, and we are looking forward to some happy afternoons on the ice.

G. D. R.

SLEDGING.

We were busy in the Geography Room concentrating or at least attempting to concentrate on the torrid desert of Central Australia. One boy apparently not too interested in the Aborigine glanced out of the window; it was snowing, and by "classroom wireless" all interest in the lesson evaporated, and I am afraid many minds turned to the prospects of the snow lying long enough to let us go sledging.

Immediately after dinner we lined up for the issue of the Company sledges. I secured my old favourite, "Auld Reekie," and with the three boys who shared it set off for the hill in Lairdie's field. The snow had stopped falling, and although it was a little thick on the ground, it seemed quite all right. As we whizzed downhill on the first run several snowballs were thrown at us, but the aim was poor, and we escaped. So we went on, dragging our sledge uphill and whizzing down until cookhouse called us to tea. The time had gone all too quickly, but it was not long before we were back again.

G. D. R.

PIPE BAND NOTES.

We regret that, owing to pressure of his other activities, our usual correspondent has not been able to find time to contribute his periodical account of the doings of the Pipe Band. We promise our readers that he will make good this deficiency in the next issue.

Meantime, readers must be content with the following short account of the Band during the last six months.

Only two engagements have been fulfilled, the first being at Callander Palace Hotel on Saturday, September 15th. On this occasion the dancing team

under Pipe-Major Ross played and danced in

the ballroom to the evident enjoyment of all the guests and management, the latter being represented by two of the directors.

Despite the handicap of an excellent meal provided for them, the boys gave an excellent second performance, in response to the determined requests of their audience.

We very much regret that owing to a prior engagement we were not able to accept engagements at Callander Palace Hotel for Christmas Eve and Hogmanay.

Our other engagement was the annual dinner of the 51st (Highland) Division, held at Gleneagles Hotel on November 15th. This year the programme was varied slightly, and the pipers played whilst the ladies were dining. They were encored many times throughout the evening, and were heartily congratulated on their performance by the General Officer Commanding in Chief, Scottish Command, and many other officers.

To the organisers of both of these functions we would like to express the thanks of the Pipe Band in general and the performers in particular for the excellent reception they gave the Band. Although we have only had two engagements, we are making up for this by a super-engagement at the end of this term.

The Pipe Band is to perform at Olympia, London, from December 22nd to January 23rd, under the auspices of Capt. Bertram W. Mills' famous circus.

The circus has a great international reputation, and is attended by thousands of people from all parts of the country. The Band will therefore be a living advertisement of the School, which will be judged by the performances, general turnout, and behaviour of those boys who are fortunate enough to be selected for this engagement.

We know we can rely on them to add further laurels and good reports such as we always expect about "Victorians."

In case any of our readers should wonder how the usual programme of the Band fits in with a circus, we would like to inform them that they are to appear in an act comprising Scottish National Music and Dances, and actually will play and dance Highland Dances.

We have not yet started a "Trade" which aims at producing jugglers, clowns or trick-riders.

No doubt the boys' usual powers of mimicry will result in a few new acts being supplied for school entertainments, but for these we must wait and see.

There is always the need of a corrective after a surfeit of good things. In this case the prescription is that of one of the educational staff, who will proceed to Olympia for the latter half of the engagement, and all boys will attend school during the mornings in order that they shall not fall behind their less lucky school-fellows who will be back at work at Dunblane.

This engagement will be rounded off by the Band playing at the Rugby Union International between Scotland and France on Saturday, January 24th.

As they will travel from London to Edinburgh on the night of the 23rd January by "sleeper," it is perhaps as well to warn them that the sleepers which run over sleepers are provided for sleepers.



NOTES FROM THE BAND ROOM.

We are sorry to record that Mr Geoghegan has left us to take up a post in Buckinghamshire. We need hardly say how much we miss him, and can only wish him the very best of luck in his new post, and hope that both Mrs Geoghegan and he will find themselves in as happy surroundings in their new home as they did here.

We welcome our new Band Sergeant, Mr Plummer, although we fear that his stay with us is only temporary. He is already making his presence felt, and his new methods are arousing a great keenness in the Band. He may be sure that we are going to do our best to help him.

Amongst the engagements which we fulfilled this summer were those at Lord Younger's at Leckie, and at Dunblane and at Stirling Cattle Shows. We also played at the Special Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph at Dunblane on Armistice Day.

Would it be impertinence to remark that our performance of The Stein Song was so well appreciated that a certain lady, keenly interested in the School, danced to our efforts!

I. M'F.

SNIPS FROM THE TAILORS' SHOP.

Since summer little has happened, beyond plenty of work, of course, and we all still labouring on under the "wooden rule" of Mr Wright.

The eight senior and the twelve junior tailors are making good progress, particularly Officer Tracey and Morrison; even Flett is beginning to move with the times.

In L/Cpl. Duncan we lost one of our best tailors, but we have made a discovery in Boy Ingles, who shows considerable progress.

J. R. and R. M'L.

COBBLERS' TACKETS.

Work goes on as ever. We continue to tap the hour away, and have lost count of how many tackets we have put into boys' boots this term.

Our new Commandant has made many improvements; we have got many new tools, and each of us is gradually acquiring a good working kit. He visits us every week, and it is a long time since the cobblers have had so much interest taken in them.

In the last competition Patterson, James and Perrie took the first three places in the senior division, and M'Kay, M'Intyre and Hatton in the junior division.

We would like to know the meaning of the word "stale" that a certain cobbler applies to every remark that is passed in the shop.

J. R.

RUGBY.

Whilst we commenced the season quite well, our results appear very disappointing. By Christmas we will have lost eight of our last season's players, and the team will be more or less a completely new team.



While it is no pleasure to anyone to see one's team lose, and remembering that we endeavour to play the game for the game's sake, it is very disappointing to see players who can play when they are on the winning side, lose heart and make a poor show when the odds are against them. It is not the Q.V. spirit, and is no credit to the memory of those players and coaches who in the past made the School team a combination worth being associated with. Within the last four years there have been many games which were won in the second half by a team which, up against a big score, stuck to its guns and by sheer stamina and the will and determination to win, carried on and secured victory. After all, games in a public school are training for the battles of life, and only the determined ever won through after big reverses.

During the term Anderson left for the Tank Corps; as a stand-off-half during the last two seasons he has done good work for the team. We wish him the best of luck, and hope to hear of his prowess in a R.T.C. XV.

By Christmas, Linton will have gone; we hope to the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, and there will be a vacancy in the forward line. We hope that he will carry with him many happy memories of the "mad five minutes" of practice matches!

By the New Year the Royal Army Ordnance Corps will have gained a Rugby and Soccer player with probably the best shooting boots of all the School fifteens and elevens in Scotland. Scobie's place will be hard to fill, and it is hoped that he will leave to his successor the necessary details which will ensure that such a successor is able to put the ball over the crossbar and between the sticks.

Four years ago, when "Teefy" Friend, "Bunt" Watson, and "Tozer" Cosgrave left, it was foretold that the team would never be the same. The results of the last four years belie this, and we only hope that a new generation of Rugby players is now preparing to carry on the tradition. They will have to work harder, tackle better, and run faster, but the material is there if it can be developed.

Morrison's Academy 2nd XV., at Crieff, on September 27th.

This was our first match of the season. We had lost Craig, M'Kenna, Jamieson and Ballantine, and remembering our defeat of the previous season, we were not too hopeful of a win. Morrison's fielded a heavier side, our biggest players being Linton, Scobie, Anderson and Cruickshank. It was upon these that most of the work fell—the remainder of the team will

have to go a long way yet to come up to them for tactics and tackling. The result was most gratifying, Q.V.S. winning by a margin of 4 points.

Dollar Academy 3rd XV., at Dollar, on October 4th.

This was an excellent game, the sides being very evenly balanced. Scobie was on the sick-list, and no one aspired to his boots, for no tries were secured to provide the necessary lifting of the ball to convert. Two seasons ago it was prophesied that Johnstone, small though he is, would develop into a useful forward, and this match justified the optimism of this suggestion, for he played exceedingly well. A draw was the result of the hardest and best contested match of this term.

Stirling High School 1st XV., at Dunblane, on October 11th.

It is not known at what age boys leave Stirling High School, but judging by the size of the team which played us it would appear that they leave Stirling High to play in the Internationals. They were a considerably bigger and heavier team than ours, their smallest player being no less than our average, and their heaviest about the size of the present captain of Grahamston XV. (J. K. for those who recognise the initials). Linton could not get away, and it was left to the three-quarters, particularly Rennie and Chisholm, to serve Scobie, who did the scoring for us. Robertson played well but, like Linton, was well marked. Stirling High led the scoring, but by very hard work we nearly equalised, losing only by three points.

Glenalmond 3rd XV., at Glenalmond, on 25th October.

Last season we drew with Glenalmond, but this year's game was disastrous. Outclassed by a heavier and more experienced team, we received a severe licking. Anderson had gone to the Tank Corps, and except for the very few stalwarts left in our team, there was no concerted attempt to keep our opponents' score down. The threes were disappointingly weak, and appeared to have lost all heart.

Kelvinside 2nd XV., at Glasgow, on November 8th.

Like the Glenalmond match, the game was very disappointing. Apart from the seasoned players, the only outstanding work done was that of M'Pherson as back.

D. S.

SWIMMING.

The following Swimming Certificates have been granted during the past six months:—

"A" Company—P. Beaton, R. Hendry, G. Munro, H. M. Robinson.

"B" Company—R. Saunders, J. Phillips, F. Pearson.

"C" Company—D. Craig, W. Morton, Duncan Mackenzie, T. Scott, J. E. Wright.

"D" Company—A. Burns.

That mild epidemic, known as "Pink-eye," which caused us considerable inconvenience last season, has not troubled us much this year, and the Swimming Bath was in use right up to the end of November.

OLD VICTORIANS' ASSOCIATION.

Edinburgh Branch.

The Edinburgh Branch is moving along on much the same lines as before, prospects being just fair.

We held a dance in the Plaza, Morningside, on Friday, 24th October, there being a company of 110. Socially, as usual, it was a great success, and we are pleased to say that for once we managed to prevent the usual financial deficit.

Our main interest just now is centred in the football team, which is a member of the Lothian Amateur Association, Third Division. We have got together quite a useful side, and are making quite a good impression for our first season, considering that we are about the youngest team in the League. We were very fortunate in securing a pitch at Redford Barracks, and all our home games are played there. If results go for anything, and we continue to play as well as we are doing, we should not be so very far away from the head of the table at the end of the season.

The Camerons left Redford for Aldershot on the 14th November, and we are now looking for a successor to Billy Tofts, who has played centre-forward for us in all games except one. Billy has proved himself a first-class centre, and during his stay with us he certainly found the net many times. With the departure of the Camerons we lost many Old Boys; we wish them the best of luck in their new station. The Argylls who take over from the Camerons are new to us, but we understand that the number of Old Victorians in the regiment is equal to the Camerons, so we are looking forward to making and renewing acquaintances.

Branch news is rather at a discount, as the only thing to report at present is that the Edinburgh Branch has resolved to discontinue the membership fee and revert to voluntary subscription.

Glasgow very kindly sent us an invitation to their dance held at Berkeley Street on the 31st October. Unfortunately no member of this Branch could get away. We are, however, glad to know that this function was a great success, socially and financially.

In conclusion, we hope to be represented at the December meeting, and earnestly hope for its success.

Edinburgh Victorian Former Pupils Football Team:—Played 9, won 4, lost 3, drawn 2, goals for 31, goals against 17, points 10.

J. R.

NOTES FROM GLASGOW OLD VICTORIANS.

The Glasgow Branch continues to progress, financially and numerically. The Branch now meets at 7.30 p.m., on the first Thursday of each month, at the Club Rooms of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, in Lynedoch Place,

Charing Cross. Our readers may imagine that we are constantly "fitting," but we would say that we have always met with assistance from the Service organisations in the city. The new meeting-place is more central, and we thank the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Club for their great kindness in providing us with such excellent accommodation. We owe much to the beneficence of our Clubs in Glasgow, and they may be sure of our real appreciation.

During the past year we have increased our strength by Messrs W. Tucker, C. Davis, W. Gourlay, J. Grindlay, H. Brown, W. Quinn and J. Burns. We hope they enjoy our society as well as we do theirs. We have, however, had to say "good-bye" to W. Tofts, now of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders; A. Dewar, of the H.L.I., and I. Molloy, now of the Royal Navy. We wish them the best of luck in their respective services, and hope that they will visit us when in Glasgow again.

The social event of the season was our grand Hallowe'en dance. Despite the fact that several of our friends from the School were unavoidably unable to get over, seventy-five couples graced the floor to the beautiful strains of a first-class dance band. The dance lasted until the sma' hours, and after "Auld Lang Syne" we parted, tired but happy that our first social event of this season had been a success.

Edinburgh may crow about their Soccer team, but we have got a Swimming Club which foregathers every Friday night. Probably some day we'll swim through to Edinburgh via the Canal and see how this famous Edinburgh team wins these wondrous victories!

A NEWSPAPER IN THE MAKING.

On the evening of Friday, the 20th June, the Glasgow Branch of the Old Victorians' Association visited the "Evening Times" Office, and twenty-five members had the opportunity of watching the printing of a newspaper. We began in the etching room, and were interested and partly surprised to find that the making of pictures was largely a chemical process. Drawings in black and white follow the method of ordinary photography until the print is made on zinc instead of paper. The printed lines or shading which appear in the finished newspaper are protected against the corrosive action of the acid by a substance which resists the acid.

Telegraphy experts would be interested in the Creed transmitter, which we inspected in another department. The Creed Telegraphic Transmitter is worked by a keyboard somewhat like a typewriter keyboard. The message is tapped out on the keys, transmitted by morse through the telegraph line which may stretch between London and Glasgow, and reproduced at the other end by a machine which inverts the process. I believe a machine like this was on view at the Edinburgh Radio Exhibition. It is capable of transmitting and receiving as many as 160 words a minute.

Probably the largest room of all is that containing the linotype machines. These machines are of massive construction, some having a range of 540 words, others 750 words. The linotype is

the machine that the compositor uses to set up the type which prints the words that appear in the newspaper. It is worked like the keyboard of the typewriter, and as each line is filled with the necessary number of words, the words are spaced so that they do not overlap the margin. It is a wonderful testimony to the inventive genius of the modern age.

The process block printing department is like a big photographer's printing room, only instead of preparing plates or films for printing from, the worker prepares the zinc block negative which is fitted in the correct place amongst the type to illustrate the article or news column.

Finally we came to the printing press, where we saw a rotary printing machine turning out 36,000 copies of the "Bulletin" in an hour! The machine looked like a hungry monster, noisily devouring reel after reel of blank paper and churning out copies of the newspaper all ready for distribution to the news vans which carry the papers to the newsagents and also to the railway stations, to be sent to all parts of the British Isles.

It was a new experience and most interesting to watch the production of a newspaper. We thank our friends most sincerely for their kindness in providing us with the opportunity of seeing all those complicated processes involved in keeping us well informed about current events.

R. S.

Q.V.S. versus GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND OLD VICTORIANS.

Glasgow Old Victorians were represented by Lonie, M'Leod and Skelton, E. Quinn, Craig and Cumming, Anderson, Centre, Mackie, Brown, and A. Quinn.

Referee:—Mr L. A. Morrison, A.E.C.

Before describing the game a few remarks on the personalities engaged in the conflict would not be out of place. First, we must mention Mr Morrison, who is making a habit of either refereeing or umpiring our tussles at the School, and making a rattling good job of them. We were glad to have a tussle with Jim Kelt and Victor Fennessey who were playing for the School eleven for the game. Regarding our own team, it was pleasant to have Ernie Mackie performing as centre-forward again, and, of course, Alister captained the side. We are wondering when our Branch Secretary is going to turn out for us; it is rumoured that his spare time is occupied in writing minutes of the monthly meetings and sending letters to R.S.M. Scotland!

The weather conditions were ideal, except that the heat was tropical, or it might have been the pace of the game that suggested the temperature. The School won the toss, and Ernie Mackie set the game in motion shortly after 2 p.m.

We attacked right away, and within five minutes were one up, Brown giving Fennessey no chance from close in — an inspiring start. The School made one or two attacks on our goal,

but the half-backs kept a good grip on the School forwards, particularly Jim Kelt. Messrs Craig, Centre and Mackie gave a fine exhibition of combination, but the School defence was giving nothing away. After some hefty work on the left among Scobie, Linton and Cumming the first half ended with Jim Kelt registering some heavy howitzer shots on Lonie, but with no luck. So the first half score remained 1-0 for the Old Victorians.

The resolutions of the monitors' meeting at half-time appeared to be carried unanimously, and the second forty-five commenced with sleeves up and determined visages. Within five minutes a nice movement by the left wing ended with Archie Quinn passing to Ernie Mackie, who made no mistake. Jim Kelt was beginning to warm up to his work now, and although Alister was proving an efficient check-mate the School scored through G. Chisholm, thus making the game more interesting for the spectators. Excitement then became great, and when Alister Craig waded through the School defence to crash the ball between the sticks, Fennessey found the leather before it got past. There's many a slip, etc. Indeed, there is many a slip, for our defence became entangled with the ball, and the School centre had no difficulty in placing it in an empty goal. The School deserved the success, for they had worked hard. They were doing all the pressing, and when Jim Kelt dazzled Lonie with a "whizz-bang," making the scores equal, both sides were beginning to show signs of weariness.—Very soon after this the whistle blew, and a strenuous ninety minutes of football came to an end.

Our thanks are due to Mr Morrison and Mr Lamont who were mainly responsible for the carrying out of the fixture, and we are all looking forward to another tussle with the School, when we hope to prove our superiority (?).

G. C.

OLD BOY JOTTINGS.

At the Conference of Army Educational Corps personnel in the Scottish Command, held at the School on the 31st October and 1st November, we had an old boy visitor in W.O. Instructor G. C. Prentice, A.E.C., now stationed at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh. He was one of the first boys in the School, and recalled many incidents of the "good old days."

Our congratulations to Lance-Corporal J. Nealon who carried off the Sanford Medal in the Blenheim Squad at the Depot, Royal Scots. He is showing great prowess in the boxing ring. With less than five months' service he has already got a stripe up; at this rate he should be a sergeant-major within five years!

It is always pleasant to hear of an Old Victorian's prowess on the Rugby field, and we now eagerly watch the matches of the Grahamston XV., which is captained by Jim Kelt. We may say that he carries his battle honours well, and if black eyes are criterion of good play, he will feature in the internationals ere long.

At the R.A.F. Apprentices H.Q. at Halton, Jamieson has secured his place in the Junior Wing Team, and it is expected that Ballantine will get his place as stand-off half when the present stand-off half, who is captain, relinquishes his place on completing his apprenticeship.

Rumour has it that Kenneth M'Kay has now obtained the giddy height of full corporal in the K.O.S.B.'s.

May we offer our delayed, but none the less hearty congratulations to "Dick" Perrie of the Royal Scots on his promotion to R.Q.M.S. of the Royal Scots, and our best wishes on his becoming a family man?

Allan Cameron (36), late of "C" Company, made a plucky effort to save G. Phillips, a Glasgow camper, who lost his life while bathing in the Caledonian Canal, Inverness, on the 26th July, 1930.

Ex-Monitor Ben Anderson has already become a "crew-leader" of his squad in the Tank Corps Depot at Bovington, and is expected to pass out in "accelerated" fashion on the square. He has apparently attracted attention among the "nuts and bolts."

Gentleman-Cadet George Thompson (Geordie) has been granted his "Blue" for Soccer at the Royal Military Academy. Incidentally he scored the first goal in the annual match between the R.M.A. and the Royal Military College. We congratulate him on his success.

May all Old Victorians be reminded that there is a standing invitation to attend social functions at the School? There is a dance on the last Friday of each month, and all Old Boys are sure of a hearty welcome.

OLD BOY VISITORS.

O/R.Q.M.S. W. Tucker, 2nd Batt. The Cameronians (S.R.), Maryhill.

Gordon M. Cumming, 27 White Street, Glasgow.
Alexander Center, 36 Riverford Road, Glasgow.

George B. Vallance (981), 26 Kelvinside Avenue, Glasgow.

George H. Maitland, 71 Port Street, Glasgow.
Charles Taylor (517), R.A.O.C., Abbassia, Cairo, Egypt.

James E. Bell (22), c/o Dr. Johnston, 36 Esslemont Road, Edinburgh.

George Stirrat (43), Lanarkshire Constabulary, Hamilton.

Allan M. Kirkpatrick, 3 Couper Place, Glasgow.
Frank Kirkpatrick (236), 31 Ronald Street, Glasgow.

Archibald B. Quinn (420), 11 Couper Place, Glasgow.

George E. Prentice (60), A.E.C., Garrison School, Redford Barracks, Edinburgh.

VALETE.

To the Services.

Cameronians—G. Sandilands.
 Seaforth Highlanders—C. Bootland, R. Current.
 Royal Engineers—T. Edwards, F. James, L. Monaghan, R. More, D. Liddel.
 R.A.O.C.—E. Prentice.
 Boys' Technical School—D. Duncan.
 Royal Air Force—J. Ballantine, W. Jameson.

To Civil Employment or Home.

Edinburgh—T. Lockhart, C. Wilson, W. Robertson, G. Spence, R. Rodham, F. Laughlin, T. M'Kay, W. Smith, D. Officer.
 Glasgow—W. Allan, T. Grindlay.
 London—A. Fairbairn, R. Bowell, D. M'Bride.
 Hurlford—P. M'Enhill.
 Perth—W. Paterson.

Boys Who Have Joined the Service After Leaving the School.

H.L.I.—A. Dewar (861).
 Cameron Highlanders—G. Appleby (664).
 R.A.—W. Skelton (524).

Boys Who Have Joined the School.

Royal Navy—W. Sinton.
 Royal Scots Greys—F. L. Hamilton.
 Royal Artillery—W. Munro.
 Scots Guards—J. R. West, A. Ferguson.
 The Royal Scots—D. Aiton, D. Adamson, J. Myles, R. Laird.
 K.O.S.B.—M. Tracey, M. Rutherford.
 The Black Watch—P. Dunnigan, P. Gas, E. Jones, F. Morton, D. M'Kenzie, T. Monaghan, F. M'Goohan, G. Hutchison.
 H.L.I.—A. Sutherland.
 Seaforth Highlanders—J. Forbes, W. M'Farlane, A. Weddell, I. Sharp.
 Gordon Highlanders—J. D. Palmer, B. Martell.
 Cameron Highlanders—J. More, P. Griffiths, M. M'Millan, L. Verlander.
 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—R. M'Geechan.

Promotions.

To Acting Monitor—Sgt. W. Ramsay, Sgt. A. Hogg, Colour-Corporal G. Robertson.
 To Sergeant—Colour-Cpls. J. Young, T. Crookston, Cpls. T. Rennie, F. Muir, A. Broadbent, A. Pegg, L. Degnan, S. Miller, J. Craig. Sgt. H. Stevenson to Pipe-Major.
 To Colour-Corporal—Cpls. J. Douglas, B. Currie, L/Cpls R. M'Lean, R. Kelly.
 To Corporal—L/Cpls. J. Ryan, L. Georgeson, V. Rosie, D. Verlander, A. Crowe. Boys J. Carmichael, G. Chisholm, H. Bunch, A. Shand, J. Fairbairn, G. Johnstone, P. Henderson, A. M'Mullins, W. Wood, R. Hitchcock, W. West, R. Grant, G. Ronald, J. Perrie.
 Appointments to Lance-Corporal—Boys M. Martin, R. Chalmers, J. Hunter, N. Anderson, G. Bulloch, S. Robertson, W. M'Quarrie, J. Phillips, C. Milligan, D. M'Lean.

Certificates of Education.

The following Army Educational Certificates have been gained during the past six months:—

ARMY SPECIAL CERTIFICATES—

Monitor B. Anderson passed in English, Paper "C."
 Monitor D. Scobie passed in English, Paper "C," and Mathematics, Paper "B."
 Monitor A. G. Cruickshank passed in Mathematics, Paper "B."

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATES—

Monitor D. Scobie, A/Monitor G. Robertson, and A/Monitor W. Ramsay obtained their Certificates.

SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATES—

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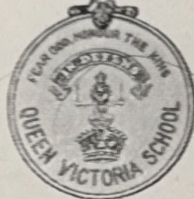
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