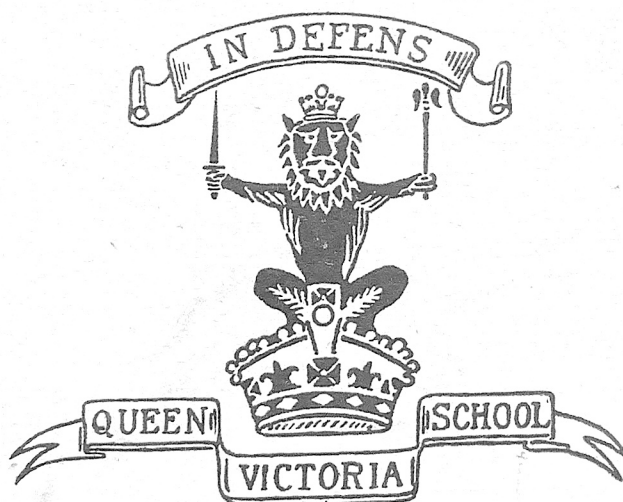


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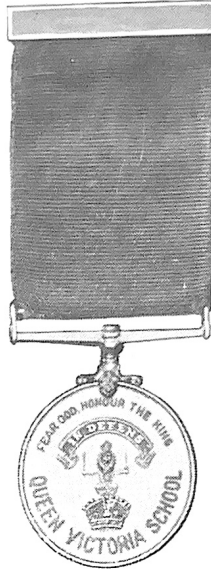
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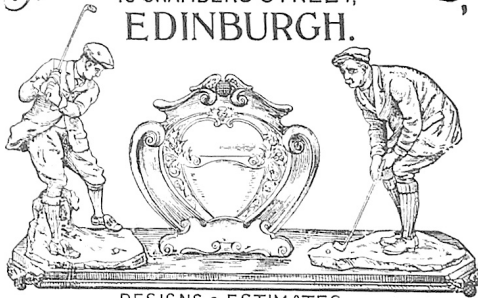
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EDITORIAL.

THE success which has attended our last two issues has confirmed the hopes expressed in our fifteenth issue of July, 1931. At last we have a small balance on the right side of our cash-book. It is true that it is small and insufficient to attract the attention of the great newspaper magnates, with a view to buying our goodwill. Nevertheless, we have crossed the Rubicon.

This is very largely due to the continued and increasing support which we are receiving from all Scottish units, to many good friends who forego the change on the day of the inspection, and in a very great measure to the excellent support which we receive from those individuals and firms who so kindly fill our advertisement pages.

We hope that all friends of the school will repay them for this assistance by patronising them where possible.

We have to record, not only a larger income, but also a much increased supply of material for this issue.

We still await "copy" from the old "old boys." Reminiscences of past confederacies, leagues of mischief would brighten our prosy pages and help to rejuvenate those who took part in those escapades. The next number will be issued in December, and we would appeal for material of this type so as to make it a real Christmas number.

The Treasurer has insisted on having the attention of all readers drawn to page 28 of this issue. If you are already clear on his books he requests that you will do your best to persuade your friends to become subscribers.

NOTES OF THE YEAR.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of Brigadier-General Stirling of Keir, who had been one of His Majesty's Commissioners for the school for over twenty years, during which period he was always keenly interested in the work of the school and gave much time to its development and organisation.

We extend to the Hon. Mrs Stirling and her children our deepest sympathy with them in their bereavement.

Since our last issue the following Commissioners have visited the school in the capacity of Visiting Commissioners: — Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. D. Bruce, in December; Vice-Admiral F. E. Whitehead, C.B., in February, and Brigadier-General Sir Norman Orr-Ewing, Bart., D.S.O., A.D.C., in April.

Another change, which was much appreciated by the Staff and Boys, has been the decision to hold one of the quarterly meetings of His Majesty's Commissioners at the school. This year the May meeting was held in the school, and the Commissioners spent three or four hours watching the boys at work both in school and at trades.

On behalf of the Staff and boys we should like to congratulate Brigadier-General Sir Norman Orr-Ewing, Bart., D.S.O., on his recent appointment as A.D.C. to His Majesty the King.

Turning now to the Staff, we are fortunate in having to record very few changes.

First of all George Denson, one of the oldest "old boys," has gone. Always cheery, an expert in the clearing of drains, and never ruffled by the regularity with which boys can succeed in choking drains, he has earned the respect and affection of both Staff and boys during his twenty-three years' service. We are

very pleased to say that he has obtained a post as caretaker of Doune Castle, so that he is still in the neighbourhood of the school, and we sincerely trust that he will come over as frequently as his duties permit, and so continue his interest in the school.

With him has gone Mrs Denson, for many years chief laundress. Only those who have paid a visit to the sewing room and seen the many and varied articles arriving from the laundry can realise the worry and responsibility of such a post.

Nearly three hundred boys, each with about ten articles of clothing—blankets, sheets, etc.—all of which have to be accounted for and delivered in time for the weekly change, is a big problem to deal with. We trust that she will long enjoy the more placid life in mediæval Doune Castle.

Next, we regret to announce the departure of Mr Currie, for ten years institution clerk. This is a most difficult post to fill, and requires a human encyclopædia in order to answer the many and varied questions which arise. He could tell you the number of any boy, his parents' address, and almost anything you wished to know about him without reference to any documents. He left to undertake an appointment concerned with the game of "gowf" on the East Coast, and we hope that Mrs Currie and he are now comfortably settled there.

"Old Boys" of the North side will miss a familiar figure in that C.S.M. "Jock" Forbes has departed. However, he has settled in the district, and visits us frequently, being a staunch supporter of "D" Company at all competitions.

Our woodwork instruction seems fated to be interrupted. Mr Merrilees, whom we welcomed twelve months ago, left us very suddenly in May, having secured an excellent appointment under the Royal Engineers at Newcastle. However, during his short stay with us he helped to break the back of the first serious attempt at this type of instruction, and we feel sure that his successor, when appointed, will feel the benefit of all that he did during the last year.

C.S.M. Lax, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, joined us in January as Bandmaster, and has belied his name. His diet would appear to consist of crotchets and quavers, as he only allows himself the minimum time for meals, and devotes every spare moment of the day to training the military band. He has been amply rewarded by the way in which the boys have rallied round him and given up their spare time in order to make the military band a fitting partner for the pipe band. The improvement is immense, and the greatest praise and grateful thanks of the school are due to Mr Lax for his unselfish application to the task which he set himself on taking up the appointment here.

From the "Borderers'" point of view this has been a record year in so far as they are now represented on the staff by three old Borderers. The second of them to arrive was Company-Sergeant-Major Watson, who has taken over Mr Forbes' post in charge of the North side. We extend a hearty welcome to him and Mrs Watson, and feel sure that he will be happy.

Mr Watson is also a qualified instructor in drumming and bugling, so that we now have a deputy in case our "G.O.M." should at any time be indisposed—a contingency we hope will not materialise.

The third of the Borderers to report for duty is Mr Plummer, who has taken over Mr Denson's appointment. In our last issue we paid tribute to the excellent work he did during the period between the departure of Mr Geoghegan and the arrival of Mr Lax, in training the Military Band.

He was so impressed with the School that he immediately asked to be registered for employment, and is now with us. He has been of great assistance already with the band, and very kindly consented to sit for "hours and hours and hours" behind a screen listening to and judging the efforts of the competitors in the Military Band Competition.

In Mr Currie's place we welcome Mr M'Robbie, late of the Black Watch. We extend a hearty welcome to him and Mrs M'Robbie. As he is a "gowfer," we have hopes of resuscitating the dormant golf team.

On the educational side we have had but one change, already referred to above. This has been very gratifying, as frequent changes are so destructive of continuity in instruction.

At the same time we fear that we are going to lose two valuable members of that side of the staff in the near future. However, we will postpone any further reference until the definite trooping orders are received.

A very interesting presentation was made at the General Meeting of the Old Victorians' Association on the first Sunday of May.

The Glasgow Branch presented Mr Scotland with a gold watch, and Mrs Scotland with an umbrella as a small tribute to them and in commemoration of twenty-one years' work in the school. We feel sure that all our readers who know the R.S.M. and Mrs Scotland will associate themselves with us in congratulating them on attaining their majority, and in wishing that they may long be spared to continue their good work at the school.

We are now anxiously awaiting the results of two examinations. First of all George Thomson, who left us for the "Shop" in January, 1930, has just completed his last term there, and taken his final examinations. We hope to welcome him shortly in the full glory of his first "pip," and as the first finished product of the Queen Victoria School Scholarship.

To keep the kettle boiling, Monitor Linton is following hard on Thomson's track, and we await the result of the recent entrance examination, wishing him the best of luck and a high place in the list.

A further tribute to the training received at Q.V.S. is given by the fact that George Thomson received his blue for soccer and a half-blue for cricket, being Captain of the Second Eleven.

As usual, the coming fortnight will be one hectic rush — sports, swimming, drill competition, rehearsals of trooping the colour (even the Guards require these), examinations, Duke of York's competition, in fact a whirl of excitement.

One interesting ceremony has been instituted in the form of a joint service once a month attended by the Church of Scotland and the Episcopal Church boys.

On this Sunday the School parades, and during inspection the bands play the usual Church parade music, and the Colours are marched on to parade and saluted. The service is taken by the ministers of the respective churches alternately, and the military band and organ supply the music.

After the service the School marches past, the salute being taken by the Commanding Officer or, as on one or two recent occasions, a visiting officer.

We would like to draw the attention of our readers to this ceremony, and to inform them that we welcome visitors, and feel sure they will enjoy the service and parade, despite the early hours of parade, 9.45; service, 10 a.m.

VISITORS.

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

Captain P. E. C. Honeyman, G.S.O. for P.T., Scottish Command.
Colonel J. A. L. Billingham, C.I.W., War Office.
Major E. K. B. Furze, D.S.O., M.C., A.E.C., War Office.
Mr G. W. N. Ramsay, The Black Watch.
Mr B. A. Innes, The Black Watch.
Major Henry J. Grierson and Mrs Grierson.
Brigadier-General P. P. E. de Berry, C.M.G.
Captain S. R. Unwin, A.E.C., H.Q., Scottish Command, and Mrs Unwin.
Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. Dundas, D.S.O.
Dr G. C. Cossar, M.C.
Major J. H. Barbor, M.C., R.A.S.C., H.Q., Highland Area.
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Mrs Stewart, Aultwharrie, Dunblane	5	0	0
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The following subscriptions towards the planting out of the flower beds in front of the School, were received—

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The Hon. Mrs Stirling of Keir	2	0	0
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FUNNY?

We are getting on in English. We have just learned that the plural of "stigma" is "stigmata."

From this it follows that the plural of "Toma" is "Tomatas," and the plural of "Pota" is "Potatas," and as "Dogma" is a female dog, then several canine animals of mixed gender would be called "Dogmatas."

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ANNUAL INSPECTION, 1931

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL

ANNUAL INSPECTION — 23rd JULY, 1931, at 2.45 p.m.

Inspecting Officer: Major-General Sir JAMES L. G. BURNETT of LEYS, Bart.,

C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 51st (Highland) Division and Highland Area

TIME.

2.45 p.m.

The boys are drawn up in line, under the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Monitors in front.

The School Colour is on the left, guarded by sentries.

GENERAL SALUTE
3.0 p.m.

The General Salute is sounded as the Inspecting Officer arrives on the ground.

After inspecting the Parade he returns to the Saluting Base.

TROOPING
THE COLOUR
3.10 p.m.

The Colour Escort, preceded by the band, pipes and drums, receives the Colour from the Colour Party, and the Escort salutes it.

The Colour is trooped down the line, the School saluting it.

MARCH PAST
3.30 p.m.

The School moves off and marches past in column and close column of Companies.

ADVANCE IN REVIEW
ORDER
3.40 p.m.

The School advances in line and salute.

PRESENTATION OF
PRIZES
3.45 p.m.

A hollow square is formed, and the Inspecting Officer presents the prizes and makes a short address to the boys.

TEA
4.0 p.m.

Tea will then be served in the marquees.

THE MILITARY BAND, PIPE BAND and HIGHLAND DANCERS will carry out the following programme:

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| 1. Military Band—
March—"The Jolly Smithies" Fucik | 5. Military Band—
(a) Cornet Solo—"The Rosary" Nevin
Soloist—Monitor I. Macfarlane.
(b) Baritone Solo—"Corsonian" M'Quaide
Soloist—Corporal H. Ryan. |
| 2. Pipe Band—
March—"Macdonald's awa' to the War."
Strathspey—"Braes o' Mar."
Reel—"The Kill is My Delight." | 6. Highland Dancers—Ceremonial Broadwords. |
| 3. Military Band—
Humoresque—"Who Killed Cock Robin?"
Trenchard | 7. Military Band—
Selection—"Songs Their Fathers Sang" arr. Lax |
| 4. Highland Dancers—Foursome Reels, | 8. Pipe Band—
March—"Invercauld House."
Strathspey—"M'Kenzie of Fairburn."
Reel—"Lads o' Mull."
"God Save the King." |

THE TROOPING OF THE COLOUR.

Historical Notes on the Ceremony.

1. The Troop.

The band and drums "troop" across the parade ground in slow time, returning to their original position in quick time.

2. Taking over the Colour.

This is the oldest and one of the most interesting parts of the ceremony, probably dating from medieval times. When the Standard was the rallying point of the army, it was entrusted to a specially selected officer with much display by the men-at-arms.

In the present ceremony the right-hand guard forms the escort to the Colour, and moves out to the tune of "The British Grenadiers." The right of the line has been the place of honour since early times; when men fought with shields. The right was the unguarded and therefore the vulnerable side. The senior regiment has a right to this position in the British Army, and eventually the Grenadier Company of the Guards was normally placed there, and in Trooping the Colour was the escort. It is for this reason that the two tunes, "The British Grenadiers" and "The Grenadiers' March," are used in the ceremony.

On arrival in position in front of the Colour, the escort halts, and the officer who is to carry the Colour receives it from the Regimental Sergeant-Major as the representative of the former men-at-arms. In the school parade, the colour corporals receive the Colour from the Colour Party. The escort presents, the sergeants on the outer flanks turning outwards and bringing their rifles to the "Port." Sergeants used to be armed with a halberd, or short pike with a cutting blade. "The 'Port'" is the first movement in pike drill for coming down from the shoulder for attack or defence. In this ceremony the escort salute, in the service the escort "present arms," in salute, and the significance of this movement is literally offering the weapon to a friend or stranger in token of trust. Consequently, while the escort is technically defenceless, the sergeants are protecting them from attack.

Thus the Colour is taken over with all due ceremony.

3. The Salute of the Colour.

The escort with the Colour now move to the right flank of the guards and march down their ranks. As the Colour approaches the guards all "present arms," and then slowly passes in front of them as they pay this tribute to the spirit of the regiment. On this parade, the boys on parade come to the salute. The band plays "The Grenadiers' March," an old tune which has been in use since the days of the Marlborough Wars.

4. The "March Past."

The escort, with the Colour in his keeping, resumes its original position. The guards are formed up in column, and before moving off to their duties they march past in slow and quick time, displaying to the spectators the symbol they hold in such high esteem.

Thus ends the ceremony, which is one of the most impressive in the service, and which is a relic that still survives to uphold the traditions of the past among those whose work it is to preserve them.

THE ROYAL TANK CORPS.

The Royal Tank Corps is very little advertised in the School as a recruiting regiment. Now for any boy who is keen on motors and sport it is an ideal corps to join, and the class of recruit is of a very good type indeed. Here are a few particulars of the training. And remember, in the Tank Corps you get trained to a trade and then you are paid at a higher rate afterwards.

The Recruits' Course lasts for 35 weeks, 22 of which are spent in the Bovington Camp Training Centre in the beautiful county of Dorset; another 10 weeks at Lulworth Cove for gunnery practice, and the remaining three weeks as a refresher course.

For the first five weeks the recruit is on the square. Then the most interesting part of his training begins.

Dressed in mechanic's overalls and surrounded by models of car engines and monster tank engines, the recruit is taught all there is to know about the internal combustion engine. During this period he is only doing two hours' drill per day. After the twelfth week he goes on to drive the Morris six-wheelers and Rolls-Royces for four hours a day, and drill only occupies five hours a week. The trainee goes over all the beautiful countryside and thoroughly enjoys himself.

After having passed as an efficient driver, the recruit proceeds to the Advanced Wing, where the theory and practical work is done on the actual ready-for-action tank. The sight of seeing one of the roaring monsters gliding out of the huge hangars for the first time is never to be forgotten.

Driving the small but speedy Carden-Lloyd tankettes over the moors, and swinging them round in their own lengths; climbing terrific gradients and making equally precipitous descents, are only a few of the thrills the average fellow experiences during his training.

The camp itself is more of a garden-city. It is situated on the edge of a bluff of moorland. Near at hand are the famous riviéras of Bournemouth, Weymouth and Swanage; and typically English hamlets embowered in greenery and white with blossom.

In the camp there are enough places of amusement for the income of a recruit—a "talkie" palace, the Y.M.C.A., the N.A.A.F.I., a dance hall, a billiard saloon and restaurant, and several good shops.

The principal sports are rugger, soccer, hockey, cricket, swimming and boxing, all of which are keenly fostered. In athletics the Tank

Corps have been Army Champions and runners-up, and in boxing, representatives of the Corps have not only been Army Champions, but Olympic winners as well. There are beautiful sports grounds and an excellent gymnasium.

Lastly, there are five Tank Battalions, one at Bovington, one at Catterick, one at Lydd in Kent, one near Tidworth, and eleven Armoured Car Companies overseas in Egypt and India.

For the schoolboy who is well-disciplined, well-educated and smart the Royal Tank Corps offers a future full of good prospects.

B. A.

(IM)PERTINENT.

First of all, the writer of this article remains anonymous. As he will refer chiefly to nicknames the reason for this anonymity will be obvious, but he wishes to point out that no malice is meant or offence intended.

Every school has its own nicknames. In the service, every soldier or sailor called Clark is invariably dubbed "Nobby." In this school there are many nicknames, and no doubt quite a number of them are local.

Recently a meeting was called by The Old Man and Kim. There were present Sammy, Paddy the Baker (who blows his whistle like the baker's man), Squeaky, John the Bun, The Man wi' the Hat, Pooph Harry, Daddy Bill, Wally, Baldie, Fils de Moira, Tomadella, Teddy (whose other name is Pansy), Lumbygo, Inkey, Stinks Scia, Felix, Pipey, Pung Gymy, Tubby, Tamma, Jock Seven-a-side, and the Landscape Artist.

Boys have a habit of corrupting or punning on surnames. Who would ever imagine that Sly Bacon referred to a fellow named Cunningham or that Blackbird was the sobriquet of Master Crowe? Facial appearance or size have dubbed two boys Jacko and Monkey. The great man with the drums is called Tom-tom or Dingo. Swan has become Duck, and Phillips has been abbreviated to Flaps. The characteristics of certain boys have also given rise to queer titles. Imagine being called The Cave Man Tommy nae Neck, Dozey, Jack Johnson, or Lunatic! Geographical titles are often obtained from the home location of the boy, occur in Donal Nairn and Buckie. The latter, however, has been further varied to Whelk, the product of the town of Buckie. Graham has been abbreviated into Gram, and finally reduced to Lightweight.

There was a pertinent enquiry the other day as to who had to open both doors of the Art Room before he could negotiate the passage into the Art Room. No prizes are offered for the answer.

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ANGLING ON THE ALLAN.

Let us transport ourselves to the banks of a crystal-clear stream. Let it be in the merry month of May. Around us are the masses of orange Celandine, the Iris in bold relief, the yellow spikes of flowers among the green leaves, while in the neighbouring copse are the Starwort, the Bluebell, Forget-me-Not, Anemone and Mignonette intertwined in a magic carpet.

Then there is the bird-life. Peewit, Redstart, Summer Snipe, Kingfisher, Sandmartin, and Gull all seem to select a stream as their favourite haunt, and add value to a day's trout-fishing by their presence.

Now let us to work. Sundry circles have appeared just below a small weed-bed, showing that some fish, at any rate, are beginning to move. Moreover there is a gentle wind blowing up-stream, therefore no forcing of fly will be necessary. The 10 ft. 6 in. rod has been made ready and the reel fixed, and a delicate cast attached to the line. What fly shall first be tried? We make our selection by noticing the insect life abounding near. An olive dun delicately fashioned is likely to attract. So on with it. It must be here observed that the trout of this river are carefully preserved, are large in size, and wonderfully educated as regards taking care of themselves. Therefore much caution must be observed in proceeding against them. So on our knees and keeping rod low and behind, we crawl a few yards towards the bend of the river where the first rise was noticed.

There! Your first cast was a little below him, and as you did not allow sufficiently for the swirl of the stream between the trout and yourself, the fly dragged and did not float properly. That's better—and sure enough, up he comes. You have him; and now mind what you are about! As I thought, he is off to bury himself among the weeds. Put whatever strain you dare on him, as if he reaches the haven, you will probably lament the loss of both fish and cast. In a few moments the danger has been overcome, the landing net is carefully slid under the trout, and a beauty of a pound and a half he is!

J. O.

Rank and name made Willie M'Lean,
Of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane.

L. D.

The ivory an elephant carries may vary enormously in weight; for example, the tusk in the Victoria and Albert Museum, which is 9 ft. long and has a diameter of 24 in., weighs 234 lbs., whereas one can often see the same measurements (which someone else has shot!) which only weigh 100-150 lbs. Very large and bulky elephants appear to carry very small tusks, the reason being that a tusk reaches a great length and big diameter in a comparatively short number of years, but is very hollow and weighs light. At this stage, the bearer is young and slim, therefore the tusks look large in proportion to his bulk.

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THE PIPE BAND AT OLYMPIA.

The visit to Olympia to perform at the world renowned "Bertram Mills' Circus" will remain fresh in the memories of the boys for many years to come. Educationally and otherwise, they learned quite a lot. They were treated right royally by Mr Mills. Their efforts were much appreciated by him and by all his Patrons, and the high praise accorded to them through the Press was well merited. Indeed, some newspapers went the length of saying that they were "Ambassadors from Scotland." Excellent health was maintained throughout the whole period, and their conduct was beyond reproach, reflecting credit on the school and those in charge. A brief resumé of the trip may not come amiss.



On Wednesday, 17th December, London was reached in dense fog. The following day, after a trip to Willesden Junction, the band made its formal bow to the London public, playing from Euston Station for a short distance into the main thoroughfare. Rehearsals until Saturday, finished with a full dress rehearsal before six thousand children from the poorer schools of London. On Sunday, 21st, the band attended Divine Service at St. Columba's, Pont Street, and what a charming welcome was given by Dr Fleming and other kind friends. In the afternoon a charabanc tour round the Metropolis was undertaken. Among other places pointed out, and in some cases visited, were the Albert Memorial and Hall, Imperial War Museum, London University, Colleges of Music, Art and Engineering, Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Scotland Yard (which interested the boys more than any other place!), Blackfriars Bridge, Tower Bridge, the Tower, the Mint, the Mansion House, St Paul's Cathedral, Fleet Street, Regent Street, Oxford Street, Whitehall, the Horse Guards and Downing Street.

On Monday, 22nd, the circus was formally opened by the Lord Mayor of London in State. The band paraded at the main entrance. Lord Lonsdale inspected the boys, and expressed his profound admiration at the turnout and appearance of the band. He remarked that he had never seen a parade of boys to equal that of the Q.V.S. drummers and pipers. The band then played the Lord Mayor and the High Sheriffs of London with the other members of the party to the luncheon hall to the tune of "Braw Lad." The tune befitted the occasion as the Lord Mayor looked very handsome with his feathers and full regalia. The succeeding days until Christmas Day were fully occupied with work and play, not forgetting baths at Hammer-smith. On Christmas Day the boys visited the Royal Caledonian Schools at Bushey on the invitation of Lord Blanesburgh. The journey was undertaken by bus, and on the way Wembley and Harrow School were passed. A

great welcome awaited the boys at Bushey and throughout the day many friendships were formed. Mr Macrae, the headmaster, introduced his boys en masse, and immediately thereafter an onslaught on roast turkey and plum pudding was made. There were crackers, fruit, and other jolly things galore, but, sad to relate, our boys were well beaten in the afternoon at football, the score being 5 goals to 2. However, no one seemed specially disappointed, and after pantomime in the evening and Christmas tree, games were indulged in. Sir William Noble, a Scotsman by the way and an Aberdonian too, footed the bill for the presents from the tree and for the Christmas treat. Mr William Will, head of the Allied Press, was instrumental in mapping out the day, but, of course, we had known Mr Corderey, the Secretary of the Schools, some years before. Boxing Day and the day following were very busy days. It is interesting to note that on the 27th Prince Arthur of Connaught and his son, Lord Macduff, attended one of the shows as also did the Duke of Gloucester. Many old boys from the Guards, the Royal Scots Fusiliers, Black Watch, Camerons, and other regiments on Christmas leave paid a visit in the passing. On the 28th the boys again attended Divine Service at St Columba's Church; then, after an excellent Christmas dinner provided by Mr Mills, they were motored to Windsor. On disembarkation at Windsor, a tour through the Castle Grounds was made. Unfortunately, through ignorance, sanctuary was broken and the reception accorded us by a Canon was on the "north side of friendly." Fortunately, the gentleman in question melted under the influence of smiling faces and a wily tongue and allowed a free passage, beaming the while on the thirty odd transgressors. What a wonderful place Windsor Castle is! The weather was ideal and many places of interest on the way were pointed out, particularly Eton College, Frogmore Mausoleum, and Runnymede, where Magna Charta was sealed by King John on 15th June, 1215.

During the remaining days of the week the boys were fully occupied with their work, swimming baths and football, and Sunday, January 4th, found the boys again attending St. Columba's. After mid-day dinner they were motored to Hampstead Heath, visiting the "Bull and Bush" and other familiar haunts of the famous Dick Turpin. In the evening, on the invitation of the Managing Director, they attended Madame Taussaud's Cinema. Another spell of hard work with schooling followed. On Sunday, 11th, the boys attended Divine Service held in the Circus Ring. A large congregation, including artistes and their friends, and comprising many peoples of different nationality, assembled, and after dinner the London Zoo was visited on Fellows' Tickets—the general public not being admitted on Sundays. The visit was most interesting and instructive; the boys seemed to enjoy the aquarium and reptile house best of all. In the evening the boys again attended Madame Taussaud's Cinema. Many more friends had been visiting the boys, including Major and Mrs White from Sandhurst.

Captain Lunt also came along on Saturday, the 17th. On Sunday, 18th January, the boys again attended St Columba's Church in the morning, and from there proceeded for a run into Bucks., motoring by way of Uxbridge to Beaconsfield, Chalfont St Peter and Chalfont St Giles. Pollards Wood, the country residence of Mr Bertram Mills, was visited. The boys were entertained there by Mr Mills, and thereafter they proceeded to Chequers, permission having been granted for the charabanc to stop in the grounds. The Prime Minister, Mr Ramsay MacDonald, adjourned a conference on Indian affairs in order to have a talk with the boys. He expressed himself as being surprised with their fine fresh, rosy complexions, and stated that he was very proud to meet them, adding that he hoped they were brought up on the slipper! High Wycombe was reached about 5.30 p.m., where tea was provided in the Red Lion Hotel, one of the old hunting hotels in the South of England, almost midway between Oxford and London. On the Thursday following, Madame Taussaud's Wax Works and Chamber of Horrors were visited again on the kind invitation of the Managing Director. This visit was most entertaining and highly instructive. On Friday night, good-byes were said, and the boys entrained in sleeping carriages for Edinburgh, Princes Street, which was reached next morning about 8 a.m. On Saturday, 24th, after performing at the Rugby match at Murrayfield, the boys entrained for Dunblane, tired but happy, bringing with them credit to the school.

“PIPE PRESS.”

HOWLERS.

Cinnamon comes from the cinema.

A subordinate conjunction is a conjunction underground.

The Ottoman comes from Ottawa.

The Mussulman is a native of Musselburgh.

One who is versed in logic is called a lodger.

“Aisle” means “what is wrong.”

A “chronic” was clinging to the conscience of the judge while he was sitting in a stuffy court.

Chicago supplies us with tinned meat such as sardines.

The North-West Passage was the route by which the Sikhs made several attempts to enter India.

Ludwig van Beethoven, the world's greatest pianist, was Poland's first President.

Sarawak is one of the United States of America.

Michelangelo Buonarroti is the new Prime Minister of France.

Speaking of the Spanish Armada, one boy stated that the battle raged all night, and the deacons on the hills gave enough light to fight!

Tea is a mineral taken by all British people.

Galileo Galilei was a man of science who invented many useful things which people use to-day, namely, the gramophone, wireless, and gunpowder.

W. G. Grace was the daughter of a lighthouse-keeper.

“The Boy stood on the Burning Deck” was written by Casabianca.

Hamlet, by Charles Dickens, was originally acted in Glasgow.

W. G. Grace, an experienced cricketer, scored 300 runs against Australia in 1926 and 200 runs in 1929.

OUR FLOOD.

Like Noah, we had a flood all to ourselves on the second Sunday of June; perhaps it was a coincidence that it was also the thirteenth day of the month.

It had been raining most of the day, and all the drains had been choked. About eight o'clock in the evening it rained still harder, and the burn began to rise. Eventually it burst its banks and the cricket pitch was even flooded. The gardens of the boys were near the burn, and disconsolate gardeners could be heard crying, “My poor garden! I won't have any radishes left!” The sports field was covered as far as the cricket pitch, and in some places the water was nearly a foot deep.

Next morning all the amateur gardeners went down to their gardens and laboriously drained off the flood water that had been left after the burn had subsided. The field was covered with a layer of mud, and even the Drill Shed had been flooded and was unfit for gyms.

We learned from the Staff that the railway embankment near the north signal-box at Dunblane Station had been washed away, and that the Aberdeen express had only been signalled in time to avert a disaster.

I. R.

IN THE ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.

In continuance of the series of articles on prospective careers in the Service, the writer is only too pleased to give an account of what is expected of a boy who joins the Royal Army Ordnance Corps with the intention of making his career in the Corps which, although new in title, yet is as old as the British Army, and can even account for the activities of its members in the days of Julius Caesar.

Boys are accepted in the Corps for training as Armourers or Buglers, the latter being additionally trained as clerks or storemen. Those for training as Armourers are obtained from successful candidates at the periodical Army Entrance Examinations, and must be under the age of 14-12 years. Boys are accepted up to the age of 16 years for training as Buglers, and are obtained from a register of candidates maintained by O.C. R.A.O.C. Records.

They do a short course of six weeks on the square, where they learn the intricacies of infantry drill. After this they commence their training in whichever branch they have enlisted and for which they have been approved. Until they are 18, they study their trade, attend school, taking the usual Army Certificates of Education, keeping fit by the physical training

that is part of the curriculum of all boys in the Army. At the Depot of the R.A.O.C. both soccer and rugby are played, as well as hockey. (This early training has often brought out exceptional qualities, and the better players graduate to the Corps team, and sometimes gain their Army International cap.

When the boy comes on man's service at 18 years of age, he is posted to the ranks as a clerk, a storeman or an armourer's apprentice.

The "plum" of the Corps jobs is that of the Armourer. The appointment is one calling for both brains and brawn. The armourer does a course of training lasting for approximately five years. After successfully qualifying he is posted to an out-station. Until recently, qualified armourers were immediately promoted to Staff-Sergeant, but now this has been discontinued, and time promotion to intermediate ranks instituted, vide Re-W.O. Still the armourer section possesses many advantages, and a qualified armourer receives promotion at regularly known intervals.

The writer joined the R.A.O.C. at 18 years of age, and not having a trade was given the choice of qualifying either as a clerk or as a storeman. Having no liking for clerical work, the storeman's branch was selected. For the first few months all training is done on the square. Infantry drill and rifle drill was duly completed, together with the requirements of the physical training instructor, and then the squad was "passed off" the square.

The storeman's course is taken by both storeman and clerk, and lasts for two months. The course deals particularly with the administration of the R.A.O.C. and all the different procedures laid down by the authorities, store accounting and for dealing with the despatch of stores to, and receipt of stores from, units which have transactions with the Ordnance Depots.

In order that storemen or clerks may be able to assist in the event of the vehicle carrying stores breaking down, both classes of tradesmen take a ten days' mechanical transport course. Although ten days may seem a short time for the acquisition of such technical knowledge, it is found to be sufficient. Probably this is due to the mechanical mind that most boys acquire during their school days.

After this the storeman is posted to an out-station to take up the actual duties of a storeman. The clerks continue for another three weeks on a special clerks' course. After this they are allowed into offices to play havoc with weak ink, blunt pencils, and non-absorbent blotting paper.

Scotsmen are accused of being financially minded, and it might be well to say that a clerk's pay on enlistment is 19/3 per week, and that of a storeman 14/-. After finishing their respective courses, however, their pay is the same.

Skilled men coming into the Corps, and who are tradesmen in civil life, are given a test. If they qualify they are rated as artisans, with pay according to their qualifications and grading.

For those who definitely decide to make the Service their career, and accordingly join up to serve 12 years with the Colours with the probability of their extending to complete 21 years

in the Service, there are exceptional opportunities for qualifying as armament artificers or armourers.

The armament artificer section deals specially with the repair of guns and mounting, vehicles, etc. and such delicate instruments as range-finders and other intricate apparatus requiring the attention of highly skilled men. As the range of technical stores used in a modern highly mechanised army is so extensive, there are two classes of tradesmen in this group. The fitters, who are specially trained at the Artillery College of Science, Woolwich, are specially selected for this training, very often before enlistment into the R.A.O.C. Men of the Royal Artillery, R.A.O.C., etc., who have qualified as fitters are sometimes selected for further training at the Artillery College of Science, and then, if successful, transferred to the R.A.O.C. as armament artificer (fitters). Range-finding artificers are selected watch or instrument makers; they are specially trained at the Artillery College of Science after being enlisted. This class can hardly be called a class open to the ordinary recruit or enlisted boy, as each of the sections demands a knowledge that can only be obtained whilst serving an apprenticeship in civil life.

A section of the R.A.O.C. that will appeal mostly to boys who wish to enlist at the age of 14½ is that of the armourers. This section consists of men specially trained for the repair of small arms, machine guns and bicycles. They are generally enlisted as boys and trained at the R.A.O.C. School of Instruction at Hilsea. When they have completed their training they are transferred from the store section to the armourer section as vacancies occur.

To give details of the multifarious duties of the R.A.O.C. would require much more space than the "Victorian" could probably spare, but to any boy with a mechanical leaning, who possesses a desire to tinker with the "innards" of cars and intricate instruments, the R.A.O.C. must appeal. To those with ambition, there is no reason why they should not gradually work their way up the non-commissioned ranks until they reach the warrant rank of sub-conductor, and later full conductor, eventually gaining commissions. It may be a long road to travel, but it's well worth while.

There is always plenty of sport in any Army station, and the R.A.O.C., although a scattered unit, can show many successes which would be a credit to any regiment of the line with its centralised unit.

The writer hopes that these few notes will give the boys of the old school a good idea of their opportunities in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He feels sure that any Victorian who joins the Corps will be taking a step in the right direction if he follows in the footsteps of

D. S.

Heard in the mathematics room:—

Master — What is the brain space in your head?

Boy (abstractedly)—Outside dimension minus inside dimension equals thickness of wood.

V. R.

The Disappearance of the Double-Headed Cabbage,

or

FOUL PLAY IN THE ALLOTMENTS.

I.

There was no doubt about it. It had gone.

Gone! The news spread through the school as a prairie fire spreads through the forests; it spread as weeds spread in Mr Morrison's garden; as loud-speakers multiply at the magic touch of Mr Mark,—yea, even as rumours arise mushroom-like in the married quarters.

Gone! The disappearance was spoken of with bated breath. Groups of monitors discussed it in awed whispers, while groups of "fags" stood round in fear and trembling, not knowing upon whose shoulder the heavy tread of the law would fall.

Gone! All sorts of comings and goings, visits and embassies, landfalls and departures were linked up to the mystery and added to the atmosphere of doubt, fear, suspicion and terror. The Matron was seen to telephone without interval for ten minutes; Mr Blackwood came panting down the hill in greater haste than usual; and the gardening squad, fearlessly driven by Mr MacNiven, disappeared at the double with rakes at the slope.

That night Mr M'Cubbin issued a special stop-press edition of his News Bulletin.

II.

At prayers next morning the tension was snapped.

In the midst of a silence that could be felt, Mr Scotland spoke. Some felon, he announced in grave tones, had absconded in cold blood with the double-headed cabbage of Oxo Bulloch.

"Has anyone," he asked, "seen Oxo Bulloch's cabbage?"

Then the hubbub broke forth. The worst was known, but no one had realised how bad it was. Who could have done the dastardly deed? Who could have perpetrated so callous an outrage? Cheeks blanched, knees knocked, and hair stood to attention at the thought of it.

To think that—out of all the cabbages in the cabbage world—the solitary double-headed specimen blooming alone in Oxo's garden should have been the victim of foul play was almost beyond belief. After that, anything might happen.

III.

Immediately, too, the clouds of suspicion appeared in the clear sky above Dunblane, and the atmosphere thickened until it was as solid and resistant as currant dough.

By nightfall the police had interviewed the following suspects — Willie MacDonald, Bonzo Currie, David Hardie and Jackie Wright — and finally arrested Winkie M'Pherson, who had two cabbages flourishing in a neighbouring allotment.

The garden was placed under lock and key, with everything left as it had been — the two cigarette cards denoting the places where two seeds had been planted, Mr Sinton's spade, one dead rat, three tackets, one hole in the ground in the shape of a truncated cone, several

splashes of ink, an empty jam tin, and—a footprint.

Ah! a footprint!

IV.

A sample of the soil was taken and despatched to Professor Hancock. The measurements of the ground were made by Professor Stewart, and the other exhibits were photographed by Mr Oscanoff, of "The Studio," Married Quarters (from whom enlargements can be obtained, price one penny each or two for threepence).

The tackets were identified by Mr Hatton, who stated that they were among those he had loaned to Chick O'Neill.

Chick O'Neill — interviewed by our own reporter—deposed that he had given the tackets to Chicken Johnstone to keep his soles together, and that he had never been near Oxo's garden except to water the prize cabbage.

Meantime, the footprint had been fitted to all the boots in the school, and it exactly coincided with "Angel" Rosie's.

Consternation reigned supreme. Angel Rosie! Who would ever have thought of Angel as a vegetarian ghoul, a murderer of defenceless cabbages?

The representative of Scotland Yard, Mr Hal (Hallelujah) Burns, arrived next day, and had an interview with our local superintendent, "Dinger" Degnan.

Then things began to hum (including the dead rat).

The deceased rodent was identified by Mr Lamont as one he had been training for the Derby, when he had hoped to win the blue riband of the turf. Pithecanthropus Pearson admitted the paternity of the splashes of ink, but couldn't understand how they arrived at the garden. He must have mislaid them. Duncan M'Pherson declared he was the original owner of the cigarette cards which were family heirlooms, while Mr Strathdee produced receipts for the aforesaid jam-tin.

But the cabbage had disappeared entirely.

It had been seen by Pansy Crookston on the night of the 28th of May, waving happily in the evening breeze, and nodding its head to him as he passed it by with a cheery greeting. Polly Chalmers had seen it too, and tucked the earth about it to keep it warm. Oxo himself had gone down to it at bedtime to bid it good-night.

It was never seen again!

V.

The inquiry was narrowed down to the night of the 28th-29th May. Who had crept abroad on that fateful night with cold murder in his heart and an empty jam-tin in his hand? Who, indeed?

Of course it was Angel Rosie's footprint, but Mr Blackwood testified that Angel had slept peacefully and dreamlessly the whole night through, merely muttering a confused jumble of verbal hieroglyphics which he (Mr Blackwood) identified as the Theorem of Pythagoras diluted by the Staff Notation.

The report from Professor Hancock stated the soil had a strong alkaline content, probably caused by the heavy dew on the night in question.

Mr Oseroff's enlargements showed conclusively that the rat had succumbed in getting away from the jam-pot, and that the tackets had been placed with fell intent and feet upturned.

And there—unsolved—the mystery remained. Messrs Hal Burns and Dinger Degnan admitted they were nonplussed or somewhat minus.

Suddenly, the limelight was turned upon someone who had hitherto evaded all publicity. Cave-man Stewart became ill, and the doctor diagnosed pomade-poisoning.

Cave-man Stewart! Prehistoric John!

Sez you?

(What had happened to Caveman? Who took the Jam-tin? Who was feloniously abroad on that fateful night? For these and other surprising matters see our next number. Meanwhile, a reward is offered to any one who can bring back the cabbage, dead or alive).

L. A. M.

USEFUL HINTS ON SWIMMING.

Don't walk into the water; dive in. For a beginner, I suggest a dive of 12 feet into 2 inches of water. If you arrive safely in the water start swimming.

If you can't swim roll gently over on your back and life your feet in the air and you should float. If you hear a rushing noise in your ears and feel yourself going down, you'll know that something has gone wrong, and that you are not floating.

Providing you don't drown, try to master the breast stroke. All you have to do is to imitate the graceful movement of the hippopotamus and you will find yourself swimming like a duck.

One last tip to swimmers; if you don't want to get wet, KEEP OUT OF THE WATER.

W. M'P.

THESPIANS.

In connection with our studies, some of the senior forms have had two delightful experiences. First, the three senior forms went to a light opera at Stirling, "The Gondoliers." The Commandant very kindly assisted us financially. We were under the care of Mr Morrison. The play was full of colour and humorous singing. The Duke of Plaza Toro was the best. His weird dress and antics always raised a laugh.

Form Six and Special went to the Theatre Royal in Glasgow to see "Hamlet." This is the play we are studying. Sir Frank Benson was the star of the evening. It is a wonderful play, and the acting was superb. The only drawback was that the ghost did not say "Swear" ghostly enough for our liking! We had a glorious time, though it did make a hole in our finances. About 1 a.m. we arrived back at Dunblane Station, but I'm sure we broke the speed record in coming up to the school. We acted "Hamlet" all the way up to the school. Even Benson would have been jealous!

A. C.

MONGOOSE versus COBRA.

In a hole in the side of a bund a mongoose mothered her young ones. The animal was away when a cobra appeared in the vicinity of the hole, probably in search of the youngsters, for no love is lost between the reptile and the mongoose: the one is an implacable enemy of the other.

While the cobra was moving about the hole the mongoose returned; and catching sight of its enemy made a rush at it, whereupon the latter rose up with its expanded hood ready to strike.

The cobra, on the lookout for an escape, quietly climbed down from its "striking" position and made off. The mongoose then ran to a clump of dried plants and straw, and brought some of the debris to the mouth of the hole, where it built a screen.

Unaware of the mongoose's camouflage, the cobra returned to the hole. As soon as it neared the nest the mongoose sprang forward while the reptile rose up ready to strike with its fangs.

The second encounter was an earnest one. The mongoose had now got itself so close to the snake that it had its nose touching the front part of the neck, making it impossible for the cobra to strike over the head and mane of the mongoose, whose quills sufficiently protected it. At the same time the animal stood stock-still, rivetting its gaze on the enemy. This went on for about five minutes, when the snake settled down, apparently tired. But the mongoose would not allow its enemy to get away, and kept harassing it.

The exasperated cobra resumed its "striking" position, and again the mongoose managed to get its nose under the neck of the snake. At last the cobra climbed down, as it were, through sheer exhaustion. The mongoose, aware of the condition of its foe, was on the alert. Just as its opponent relapsed and deflated its evil hood, the mongoose flew at its head and crunched it in three or four vicious bites. The cobra fell to the ground writhing in the last throes of death.

Sniffing the body all over until satisfied it was lifeless, the mongoose ran a few yards away, scooped up a quantity of earth, and rolled in it for some time. Then it scampered off to a tree underneath where were some little mounds of earth. Out of these mounds it scraped a few earthworms, and biting the liquid matter out of them, licked the substance thoroughly.

After this it shook itself, removed all the earth adhering to its hair, and returned to its young.

From science laboratory.

Boy to Science Master—Sir, you should make things interesting like Mr M—.

Master—All right. Come out here and I'll make it "interesting" by giving you a "reminder"!

(The boy has since changed his mind, and now prefers the Science Master's methods to Mr M's reminding ways!)

A. O.

RADIO ACTIVITIES.

This last term has seen a great advance in the wireless amenities of the school.

The receiver has been remodelled and brought right up-to-date by the inclusion of screened-grid high frequency amplification. The old choke-coupled L.F. amplifier which has done yeoman service for so many years has been dismantled and replaced by a modern transformer-coupled amplifier. The receiver is located on the second floor in the front of the school building, and extension wires in the school run to the two mathematics, English and geography rooms. The science room and the play hall are also wired for reception. In addition, loud-speakers have been installed in the company recreation rooms. The Monitors entreated an extension to add to the amenities of their "billiard room," and were successful in their petition.

The Staff Mess, of course, asked to be linked up at their own expense, and even the sewing-room staff now ply the needle to the fox-trots of Jack Payne.

The longest extension is to the hospital. For many years the patients have been amused (?) by the raucous bellowing of a couple of pre-historic gramophones. Now they have been presented with an excellent new gramophone and records in addition to the entertainment by radio. The hospital extension entailed taking a lead across or around the Square. Eventually it was found that an extension from "C" Company bootroom, via the Church Tower, to the Hospital was most practicable.

Wireless enthusiasts who wish to make similar extensions over a great distance, may be interested to know that the output of the receiver is choke-coupled. A single line from the three micro-farad condenser in series with the plate of the power valve makes connection with one terminal of each of the loud speakers. The other terminal of the speakers is earthed, thus making use of the earth return to the receiver. This circuit works well, the quality is hardly impaired; there is extremely little cut off of the lowest frequencies, and the volume is more than sufficient even with a load of nine speakers.

Several of the special "Talks for Schools" are taken by some of the classes, and certainly provide extra interesting material not found in ordinary text-books.

The old saying that the proof of the pudding is in the eating has been varied. It is now, the proof of the statement is in the hearing. After hearing a lesson on the problem of time and longitude, to hear the chimes in New York sound 2 o'clock while the school time says 7 p.m. is more than satisfying to the most dubious mind. The American relays have been coming through very well, W2XAD and W2XAF coming through at excellent volume and with very little fading on account of the distance, 4000 miles.

The school broadcasting studio, call letters QVS, has been very busy in putting its own programme over the lines.

A microphone and a gramophone pick-up are real aids to local broadcasting, particularly when the atmospheric conditions of June render reception unsatisfactory. Here is a programme of an hour's broadcast from our own studio:—

1. "When the Guards are on Parade"
Debroy Somers and his Band.
2. "Go Home and Tell Your Mother"
Miss Gracie Fields.
3. Serenade (Heykens)
Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.
4. "Swanee River" Vocal Quartette.

THE WEATHER FORECAST AND GENERAL NEWS.

Unfortunately the weather forecast has not been received from the Observatory at Kinbuck and we have prevailed on our local expert to forecast for the remainder of the term's weather.

His forecast is as follows—Rain, more rain, and still more rain with bright intervals. The intervals will, however, be very brief, not more than five minutes at a time.

A deep depression reigns over the northern side of the school as it is reported that M. B. failed to secure his minimum in the Geography Room to-day. The latest report is to the effect that a ridge of high pressure is appearing over the lower portion of his anatomy and is likely to spread to-morrow when the history period arrives.

NEWS.

There was a dense fog in the Master's Room to-day. A collision occurred between two moving objects, but no serious injuries are reported. The fog is said to have been occasioned by the abnormal consumption of Camel and Hayseed Twist, the particles of carbon in the air, retaining the surplus moisture exuded by passing traffic.

Professor Scio is conducting his researches and we hope to broadcast the result of his enquiries at a later date.

From the Sports Field it is reported that repeated observations have proved that, under favourable circumstances, Boris Murns can augment his speed to the extent of several paces. The necessary stimulus is being applied for, as it is reported that a local farmer possesses a particularly virulent mad bull which was used to train last year's Marathon Champion.

Several flattering listeners, no doubt looking for a job in the QVS studio, have passed kind (and otherwise) remarks on the chief announcer's voice. The chief announcer wishes to state that he uses no other throat lubrication than Baw-oids, guaranteed to prevent any speaker from choking when announcing a raid by the sheep on the staff gardens or the imminent death of X's goats after their gently butting a member of the staff. He would, however, be glad if the listener who supplied — would repeat his or her kind gift (he will return the container if he gets anything on it!)

This next term it is hoped to enliven the hospital patients with relays from the play hall during the concerts, and to broadcast the musical accompaniment to the cinema every fortnight. This of course will be an experiment, but the Studio QVS is not receiving any offers from aspiring broadcast artists at the moment.

QUAVERS FROM THE BAND ROOM.

Since the last issue of "The Victorian" we have welcomed our new Bandmaster, Mr F. A. Lax, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. His arrival has aroused new enthusiasm in the band, and with the co-operation of the Commandant and the Chief Instructor as well as the great interest taken in us by the rest of the school, we feel that now we can do great things.

We are particularly grateful to the Commandant for thirteen new instruments, including cornets, clarinets, basses, etc.; the provision of these instruments has aided us considerably in our practices. The enthusiasm of the boys is so great that many hours of voluntary extra practice are put in every week. That we have progressed is apparent from the many excellent reports received.

We played special programmes on the occasion of the Old Victorians' Annual Meeting, and also on Sunday, 7th June, when Glasgow Old Victorians and friends had an outing to the School.

On the 17th June we played at Dundee at the Public School Sports, when 500 girls danced to our accompaniment. The three numbers played for the dancers were, "London is a Fine Town," "Torryburn Lassies," and "Gathering Peascods." The programme of music is reproduced:—

1. March Romola Hazel.
2. Waltz Fairview Williams.
3. Foxtrot Amy Nicholls.
4. Gavotte Mayflower Beyer.
5. Humoresque Cock Robin Trenchard.
6. Scottish Songs—(a) Annie Laurie.
- (b) Loch Lomond.
- arr. by Hartman.
7. Selection ... Songs their Fathers Sang ... arr. Lax.
8. One Step Stein Song Fenstard.
9. Serenade Moonlight Lewis.
10. March Slaunch and True Greenwood.
- School March Scotland the Brave.

Our future engagements included the Boy Scouts' Rally at Stirling on the 21st June, and Auchterarder with the Pipe Band.

MILITARY BAND COMPETITION, 1931.

Seniors.

Grade "A"—1st, Boy Jones B.; 2nd, Cpl. Byrnes J.; 3rd, Band-Sgt. R. Sinton; 4th, Cpl. H. Ryan.

Grade "B"—1st, Band-Cpl. V. Rosie; 2nd, Cpl. D. Verlander; 3rd, Cpl. J. Phillips; 4th, Boy W. McAllister.

Grade "C"—1st, Boy R. Burke; 2nd, Boy W. Mitchell; 3rd, Boy R. Robinson; 4th, Boy A. Burns.

Application—1st, Band-Sgt. R. Sinton; 2nd, Cpl. D. Verlander; 3rd, L/Cpl. J. Wright; 4th, B/Cpl. V. Rosie; 5th, Cpl. D. McLean; 6th, Boy T. Smith.

Juniors.

Grade "A"—Boy I. Dunn.

Grade "B"—Boy F. Winchester and Boy W. McCabe.

Grade "C"—Boy G. McDonald and Boy W. Douglas.

Best Progress—Boy A. Burns and Boy F. Winchester.

THE DRUMS.

We regret to say that we have lost our big drummer, John Craig. He was an all-round drummer. He had won prizes for drumming,

bugling and trumpeting, and finished up as big drummer. He left last month for the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, and his place has been taken by Stanley Miller. Harmsworth, our tenor drummer, went to the Guards, and Kelly left for civil life. Fortunately many of our young drummers are coming on finely, and it will not be long before they are in the Pipe Band. They have all made a big improvement since R.S.M. Scotland took them in hand. So far, we have filled three engagements with the Pipe Band this term — at the Rangers versus Dunblane Rovers' match at Dunblane, and at Menstrie and at the Highland Show at Edinburgh. J. D.

FROM THE SICK BAY.

We have again been blessed with very little sickness, and no epidemics have harassed the staff of the hospital. Very few cases have been transferred to Edinburgh, and all have returned much better for their stay in the Military Hospital at Edinburgh Castle.

It may interest parents to know that the Schick Test and Immunization System is applied to every boy admitted to the School. The purpose is to discover those boys who are not resistant and by treatment bring up the resistance of their blood stream so that in the event of an epidemic of diphtheria breaking out in the district there is no danger of it spreading to the School. Since the inception of the system in the School we have not had a single case of diphtheria in a boy who has had the benefit of the treatment.

We have to thank Dr G. C. Cossar, M.C., for the gift of a gramophone and many records. These greatly help to relieve the monotony of the wards.

We are also grateful to our Commandant for having a loud-speaker installed and connected up to the school wireless receiver. Boys who are not permitted to read and the younger boys find that the gramophone and the wireless help the long hours to pass much more quickly than of old.

We are all hoping that we will be able to show a "clean sheet" on the 25th of July, and that we will all be able to go away for a short respite from our duties.

IN THE MONITORS' ROOM.

The majority of readers will have already read of Mr Bertram W. Mills who engaged the Pipe Band at Olympia last Christmas. Through the generosity of Mr Mills and the collaboration of our Commandant, a three-quarter size billiard table has been installed in our room.

The renovation of our room, together with the provision of a three-piece suite, has been very greatly appreciated. In addition, Mr Mark-oni has wired up the room to the school radio received and installed a loud-speaker. Thus we have little to wish for now.

We fully appreciate the kindness and generosity of all concerned who have made the room so comfortable and such a success.

This is the first time we have been invited to contribute Monitors' Room Notes, and we hope

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that we will find a permanent corner in "The Victorian."

Our congratulations to Ian MacFarlane on his attaining the giddy height of junior Monitor; we wish him the joys of extra pay!

Our Senior Monitor is expected to be successful in his coming examination. The Staff of the Woolwich Academy will surely be astounded at the intellect of Queen Victoria School! Hail, Calculus! Incidentally we hope to be able to enjoy a few games at billiards after Monitor Linton's departure; one sees little of the table when he starts his 45 breaks.

Geordie Thomson, our ex-Senior Monitor, is now in his last term, and we wish him the best of luck when he dons his first "pip" as Second Lieutenant.

Is there any truth in the rumour that the School Commissioners on their last visit ended their tour at the Monitors' Room?

Is it that Mr Mills' gift was a welcome addition to more people than the Monitors? There is no record of who scored the highest break on that occasion.

Sports Day has not come round at the time of writing these notes, but the Monitors are all looking forward with very mixed feelings to the Monitors' Race. Any way, the writer will challenge anyone, Monitor L. excepted, to a hundred up as soon as Monitor L. departs to other spheres of activity. H. G. C.

CRICKET.

Many school critics bewailed our prospects before the season, but—results differ from forecasts.



With the assistance of Robert Linton as Captain, and an example, we have confounded all these critics.

Batting has been our success, and the following have been the mainstay of our team: Linton, Crookston, Cruickshank, Degnan, Fairbairn, Burke and Johnstone. Linton, the run-getter, and Crookston the perfect stone-waller and and bowler's dread, our opening pair. Among the younger members, Sharp, M'Kinlay and M'Lean have shown their qualities.

Our bowling has been fairly brilliant, Degnan having taken twenty-eight wickets. Sharp and Byrnes are turning out very efficient bowlers, and Ramsay and Johnstone have been serviceable behind the stumps.

Our fielding (we wish we did not have to acknowledge it) was very weak; our team seems too lazy to exert itself. More cricket matches are won by excellent fielding than by any other means. Only the excellent work of the old hands prevented the scores of our opponents mounting up to colossal figures.

The averages up to the end of June are:—

Batting—Linton, 21.5; Burke, 14.3; Fairbairn, 11.35; Degnan, 9.89; Cruickshank, 5.66; Johnstone, 4.8.

Bowling—Degnan, 6.08 (34 wickets); Byrnes, 7.78 (9 wickets); Fairbairn, 9.45 (13 wickets); Linton, 15.9 (14 wickets).

Versus Morrison's Academy at Crieff—won.

Our team played extremely well and won a creditable victory. Morrison's Academy, 93; Q.V.S., 118. Burke, 28; Fairbairn, 27; Cruickshank, 25; Degnan, 6 for 18.

Versus Newstead School, at Deans — Won. The weather was very disappointing but the rain cleared up to permit play on a very wet wicket. Newstead, 35; Q.V.S., 57. Burke, 29; Degnan, 6 for 11.

Versus Alva Academy, at Dunblane—Won. The weather was perfect but our fielding in this match was at its worst. Alva, 66; Q.V.S., 88. Linton, 65; Byrnes, 4 for 7; Degnan, 4 for 19.

Versus Stenhousemuir III., at Stenhousemuir—Lost. The wicket on a County Ground certainly does not suit schoolboys, the results prove this. Stenhousemuir III., 98 for 6; Q.V.S., 32. Linton, 13. Our fielding was shocking and showed up very badly against that of Stenhousemuir.

Versus Bridge of Allan II., at Dunblane—Won. The School, mindful of their victory of 1930, administered another defeat against the team put out by Mr Ingledew. Bridge of Allan II., 44; Q.V.S., 98. Degnan, 24; Degnan, 5 for 12.

Versus St. Andrew's School, Larbert, at Larbert—Won. The weather was perfect and Q.V.S. made an excellent display. St. Andrew's School, 60; Q.V.S., 108. Degnan, 25; Fairbairn, 21; Degnan, 6 for 17. Sharp, our newest recruit to the team, was tried out and showed great signs of promise at both batting and bowling.

Versus Old Victorians, at Dunblane—Lost. Our players seemed awed by the score of our opponents who batted first and batted very feebly. Old Victorians, 95; Q.V.S., 39. Linton, 4 for 35.

Versus Newstead School, at Dunblane—Draw. The condition of the ground was vile and consequently little real cricket was played by either side. Newstead, 55 for 6; Q.V.S., 66. Burke, 19; Byrnes, 3 for 18.

Versus Stirling County III., at Stirling—Draw. Like our previous game, this was played in a thin "Scotch Mist," and was a disheartening match. Stirling County III., 75 for 4; Q.V.S., 115 for 9, declared. Linton, 35; Burke, 27. Linton, 3 for 18.

Versus Kelvinside Academy, at Glasgow — Lost. Kelvinside, 158 for 7; Q.V.S., 28 all out. Again our failure was due to poor fielding and increasing despondency at the sign of our opponents' mighty score. Degnan, 10 N.O.; Fairbairn, 3 for 27.

Versus Old Victorians (Edinburgh), at Edinburgh—Lost. Old Victorians, 111; Q.V.S., 79. We were handicapped owing to the absence of our Captain, but we certainly gave our opponents a better game than at Dunblane. Fairbairn, 19. Degnan, 8 for 43.

RUGBY.

Returning from our Christmas holidays we were without our two stalwarts, Linton and Scobie, Linton playing for Bridge of Allan, and Scobie joining the Service.

The weather was against us, and we were unable to fulfil one fixture at Dunblane.

Our great task was to build a new team, and in the absence of our previous players, several youngsters showed themselves capable of defending the School's name on the Rugby field. Cruickshank being the only "blue" left, it was quite an open question for places. Broadbent succeeded very well at stand-off, and Ramsay, Robertson and Hogg show promise as efficient forwards.

We have confirmed two new fixtures, Alloa Academy and Newstead School; our fixtures for the next season are to be found under "Forthcoming Events."

Rugby "blues" have been awarded to the following:—W. Ramsay, G. Robertson, A. Hogg, G. Johnstone, G. Chisholm, L. Degnan, W. M'Pherson, R. M'Lean, J. Craig, A. M'Dermid and A. Harmsworth.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The weather, causing us to abandon so much rugger, made us turn our attention more to soccer. At the finish of the season the results stood as follows:—Played 5, won 3, lost 2, goals for 23, against 14. This was a fairly successful season considering the difference in ages of all our opponents and ourselves. The best of the team were Cruickshank, Broadbent, M'Lean, Johnstone, Turbine and Robertson. M'Lean had eight goals to his credit.

In our last game versus Stirling Scouts, our team developed an abnormal amount of footwork with combination. We found a player in Perrie, and we expect something from him next season.

Versus Stirling Scouts—Won 8-2. A fine combination between the defence and the attack made victory certain. M'Lean, 3 goals.

Versus No. 2 Company, Stirling Boys' Brigade—Lost 4-7. Owing to the absence of several players who were fulfilling an engagement with the Pipe Band we fielded a scratch team. It was an excellent game and the half-backs in particular played well. M'Lean and Johnstone each scored 2 goals.

Versus No. 9 Company, Falkirk Boys' Brigade—Won 9-2. We swamped our opponents through superior and more pressing tactics; the dribbling of the forwards was very clever. Johnstone, 3 goals.

Versus No. 9 Company, Falkirk Boys' Brigade (Seniors)—Won 2-1. This game was commenced in a typical January snowstorm. The ground was coated with ice and the game had to be abandoned after twenty minutes play.

Versus No. 2 Company, Stirling Boys' Brigade—Lost 1-2. The match was played after tea, in poor light, and on a frozen ground. Our opponents were a heavier team but the margin of victory was extremely small.

"Soccer" blues have been awarded to the following:—G. Robertson, W. Ramsay, R. M'Lean, G. Johnstone, G. Chisholm, L. Degnan, A. M'Dermid, J. Turbine, A. Broadbent.

A. G. C.

SNIPS FROM THE TAILORS' SHOP.

This is our busiest term. We have lost count of the number of patches that have been sewn on to trouser seats; either Q.V.S. boys have been doing a lot of sitting down or else they have not yet acquired the art of leaping barbed wire fences when chased by irate gamekeepers.

We congratulate ourselves on the workmanship displayed in sewing the new braid to the drummers' uniforms, for it has resulted in getting many new engagements!

In addition to the wooden rule of Mr Wright, we now possess a unique system of correction

for the lazy, weary and too-talkative. A blank sheet of paper is displayed. It is intended for those who need correction, and when their name is posted on it they know that they have received the honour or otherwise of doing a few days' defaulters. There is no competition to be on this roll!

We lose our best tailor, R. M'Lean, who goes to the Boys' Technical School after the holidays. We wish him good luck.

M. B. and I. C.

Result of the Tailors' Competition:—

Seniors—R. M'Lean, I. Cunningham, J. Ryan.

Juniors—G. Morrison, J. Tracey, J. Officer.

GARDENING.

A certain boy (he shall be nameless, Ed.), keen on gardening, started a garden by the burn. Then the craze caught on, and there was an immediate rush to stake claims until no spare ground remained. Work was started at once, tools were scraped together by ingenious wangling and at great risk. After the first night some people found that it was hard work, and so some gardens were forsaken and forgotten. But the plucky (or foolish, as opinion goes), held on until all was ready for planting. Here arose a difficulty for some of the younger boys; where were they to get the seeds? They soon solved this problem; they collected bits of tin, white pebbles, and many miscellaneous oddments, and with these they decorated their gardens. These novice gardeners then gave it up as a bad job.

Then a fresh craze broke out among the few remaining gardeners. They planted their cress seeds in their initials, and these grew up, giving a visible means of recognising the owner of each plot.

The Headmaster has offered prizes for the three best gardens, but the writer is afraid that he has set himself a difficult task to decide which is the best of all the wrecks. (The writer is, of course, not a gardening enthusiast!)

R. M'L.

BOXING, 1931.

The finals in the annual boxing competition were held in the Gymnasium on the 1st July, 1931.

Captain H. A. Campbell of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and Captain H. F. K. Wedderburn of the Black Watch acted as judges, and Mr G. Stirrat, an old Victorian, refereed.

The winners of the finals were as follows:—

- Class I. (under 60 lbs.), J. Officer, "C" Company.
- Class II. (60-65 lbs.), W. M'Quarrie, "D" Company.
- Class III. (66-70 lbs.), A. M'Mullins, "B" Company.
- Class IV. (71-75 lbs.), B. Gillan, "A" Company.
- Class V. (76-80 lbs.), D. Arthur, "B" Company.
- Class VI. (81-85 lbs.), W. West, "A" Company.
- Class VII. (86-90 lbs.), W. Macpherson, "A" Company.
- Class VIII. (91-98 lbs.), G. Johnstone, "C" Company.
- Class IX. (99-116 lbs.), A. M'Dermid, "D" Company.

The Inter-Company Cup for Boxing was won by "C" Company with 78 points; "D" Company scored 74 points; "B" Company, 72; and "A" Company, 61 points.

In presenting the cup to G. Johnstone of "C" Company, Mrs Wedderburn congratulated the Company on their success.

We are exceedingly grateful to Mr Stirrat for bringing with him Johnny Brown, Middle-weight Champion of Scotland, 1924-25, and Johnny Paterson of Hamilton, who gave a very instructive three rounds sparring during the interval. The boys were exceedingly interested in the display by professionals and learned much of the science of guard and defence. It is a pity that they do not live nearer when we might be able to coax them to give us a little more instruction in the use of the gloves.

DRUMMERS, PIPERS and HIGHLAND DANCERS.

The annual piping and dancing competitions were judged on Monday, 15th June, by Mr Ramsay of the Second Battalion the Black Watch and Pipe-Major Ackroyd from the Depot. Mr Innes also assisted in judging the dancing competition. As formerly, the competition for the shield for dancing, competed for by teams from the different Companies, created much enthusiasm. The principal results are as follows:—

PIPING COMPETITION.

Marches—1, Robertson, S., C. Co.; 2, Ewen, P., A. Co.; 3, Grant, R., D. Co.

Slow Marches—1, Robertson, S., C. Co.; 2, Crookston, T., C. Co.; 3, McDerimid, A., D. Co.

Class B.

Marches—1, Ewen, P., A. Co.; 2, Queen, A., B. Co.; 3, Mackenzie, J., A. Co.

Slow Marches—1, Hendry, R., A. Co.; 2, McKinlay, D., C. Co.; 3, Queen, A., B. Co.

STRATHSPEYS AND REELS.

Open to Prize Winners.

1, Grant, R., B. Co.; 2, Crookston, T., C. Co.

BEST PIPERS.

Grant and Crookston equal.

DANCING COMPETITION.

Class A.

(1) Highland Fling—1, McKinlay, D., C. Co.; 2, Grant, R., B. Co.; 3, McPherson, D., D. Co.

(2) Swords—1, Grant, R., B. Co.; 2, McKinlay, D., C. Co.; and Georgeson, L., D. Co., equal.

Class B.

(1) Highland Fling—1, Queen, A., B. Co.; 2, Fisher, D., C. Co.; 3, Sandilands, P., B. Co.

(2) Swords—1, McDonald, W., C. Co.; 2, Graham, A., C. Co.; 3, McNeill, A., A. Co.

Class C.

HIGHLAND FLING.

1, Smith, R., C. Co.; 2, Freeman, D., B. Co.; 3, Fisher, D., C. Co.

SEAN TRUBHAS (open to Prize Winners).

1, McKinlay, D., C. Co.; 2, Grant, R., B. Co.; 3, McQuarrie, W., D. Co.

BEST DANCERS.

1, McKinlay, D., C. Co.; 2, Grant, R., B. Co.

BEST COMPANY PIPER AND DANCER.

"A" Co.—"B" Co.—Grant, R.; "C" Co.—Robertson, S.; "D" Co.—McPherson, D.

COMPANY SHIELD AND MEDAL COMPETITION.

		Points C. Swords.	Points Reels.	Total Points.
1st.	C. Co.	15	10	25
2nd.	B. Co.	12	8	20
3rd.	D. Co.	13	6	19
4th.	A. Co.	10	0	10

The drumming and bugling competitions held two days later were judged by Mr Rutherford, the Bandmaster of Perth Town Band. In his opinion the boys in both competitions attained a higher standard than last year. The results are as follows:—

BUGLING.

Juniors—1st, Douglas, J., C. Co.; 2nd, Swan, W., A. Co.

Seniors—1st, Arthur, D., B. Co.; 2nd, Shand, G., A. Co.

DRUMMING.

Juniors—1st, Watt, D., C. Co.; 2nd, Milligan, C., A. Co.

Seniors—1st, Shand, G., A. Co.; 2nd, Degnan, L., A. Co.

In addition to minor engagements at Glen-eagles and Callander, etc., the following important engagements have been fulfilled:—

December 17, 1930, to January 23, 1931—Mr Bertram W. Mills' Circus at The Olympia, London.

January 24—Rugby International Match at Edinburgh—France v. Scotland.

March 21—Rugby International Match at Edinburgh—England v. Scotland.

June 13—Co-operative Society's Gala at Menstrie.

June 24, 25 and 26—Highland and Agricultural Society's Show at Edinburgh.

Other engagements pending include visits to Bo'ness for a Gala; Auchterarder for Highland Games (resuscitated this year); Springfield, Cupar; and Douglas, Isle of Man, for the Highland Games there.

" A " COMPANY.

It is now a year since we lost our Company Sergeant-Major, Mr W. Price; we hope to see him on Grand Day, and trust that he will find we have carried on our traditions under C.S.M. M'Cubbin. We are practising hard for the drill competition, and anticipate that Monitor Cruickshank, our Commander for the Competition, will place the trophy on our shelf in the dining room. Fairbairn and Degnan have distinguished themselves on the cricket field, both in school matches and in the 1st Division League. Ewen and M'Kenzie have played well in 3rd Division matches and show considerable promise already.

It is rumoured that a boy from "A" Company is going to lift the Victor Ludorum Cup this year.

We feel flattered that Lyndoch Dormitory was given the honour of laying kits for the inspection by the Commissioners, who expressed surprise at the excellent kits laid by boys.

We are now looking forward to the Swimming Competition, when we hope another "dark horse" from "A" Company will carry off the prizes.

C. M. and A. O'N.

" B " COMPANY.

Since Christmas, Mr Forbes has left us, and we now have Mr Watson as Company Sergeant-Major of "B" and "D" Companies. Naturally we find Mr Watson's ways different from those of Mr Forbes, but we are now settling into his routine.

In sport, "B" Company has been keeping its end up very well. Our first division went through the matches in the soccer league without a single defeat, and with the aid of the second and third divisions we secured the soccer cup. Although our first division only lost one match in the rugger league, our second and third leagues could not help sufficiently to make certain of the winning of the rugby shield. Consequently, "C" Company still retain this trophy.

We have started the cricket season well, only losing one match out of eight played. In the dancing competition we were runners-up.

Our unbeatable champion of last year, Willie Smith, paid us a visit during the Easter Term. He seems to have started growing, for people could hardly recognise the tall youth as Wee Willie Smith of last year's sports.

The Moore Dormitory had an exciting Sunday when the central heating system was damaged and water poured from a broken pipe. The Dormitory was swamped and the water, soaking through to the dormitory below, caused the ceiling to collapse.

The old central library has been done away with, and now we have a reading room and a games room on the third floor. A loud speaker has been installed in the games room, and now we listen to the B.B.C. programmes and those of the National Broadcasting Company of America as well as the broadcast of local talent through the Q.V.S. studio.

S. M.

" C " COMPANY.

"Wae is me!" Misfortune has again affected "C" Company; we have lost several of our seniors, and how are we to retain the Company Championship?

However, we have been able to maintain our standard in the band and piping competitions, and we hope to fare well on Sports Day.

We desire to thank our C.S.M. for fitting up the new reading and games rooms, and I am sure that everyone is grateful to our Mr Markoni for installing the wireless for our pleasure.

Our Senior Monitor, Robert Linton, has sat his examinations, and we are now looking forward to hearing of his success. We will miss him for it is to him that "C" Company owes much of its success. Our best wishes will go with him when he departs for Woolwich.

" D " COMPANY.

"D" Company has improved vastly under Mr Watson. The struggle to win the prize for the best dormitory is proving very exciting. It is rumoured that a wooden spoon is to be presented to the dormitory with the lowest points. The prize for the best dormitory is a smart looking clock, and is now in the possession of the Napier dormitory. The award for the second best dormitory is a cup, and the Cochrane dormitory now has it.

The drill competition comes off shortly, and we are hoping to see Monitor Robertson collect the drill cup for "D" Company's shelf.

G. C.

TACKETS FROM THE SHOEMAKERS' SHOP.

The "snobs" had a fine time for five weeks. We had nothing to do and all day to do it in. It appears that our supply of leather, tackets, and rivets went astray, so we couldn't do any work. We used up all the old boots for repairs, and our Dixon Hawkes and Sexton Blakes searched every corner of the shop for stray tackets. In reply to many inquiries as to the date of the arrival of the new materials we were told that "The stuff's coming up on the boat!" and then it was rumoured "The boat's sunk!"

The machine has broken down and all stitching has to be done by hand. To our cost, we find that stitching by hand is not so easy! You have to be an expert to make the thread, and a thorough control of one's temper is required when one sticks the awl in one's finger.

Several new boys have joined us and are making very satisfactory progress. Our competition comes off in June, and we hope to be able to announce the winners before the magazine goes to press.

J. R.

1931 COMPETITION.

Seniors—1st, J. Perrie; 2nd, J. Robinson.
Juniors—1st, J. Bowler; 2nd, W. M'Kay.

THE OLD VICTORIANS' ASSOCIATION.

GLASGOW BRANCH NOTES.

Hon. Secretary, Mr R. J. Skelton, c/o Dewar, 301 St Vincent Street, Glasgow.

The Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch of the Old Victorians' Association still continues to progress, having during the past year added to its membership, and also substantially increased its finances. The Branch meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m. in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Memorial Club Rooms at 9 Lynedoch Place, Glasgow (and in this connection we will always thank the Executive Committee of that Association). Any person interested in the School or the Old Victorians' will always be made very welcome at our meetings. Any information can be had from the Secretary, Mr R. J. Skelton, c/o Dewar, 301 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, or from Mr E. Quinn, 51 Coltmuir Street, Glasgow, N. During the past year the Branch held various social and educative events, and rounded off with a charabanc run to the School, taking a party of well near the 100 mark.

GLASGOW BRANCH EXCURSION TO Q.V.S.

June 7th, 1931.

At a meeting in the month of March, one of our energetic Committee members proposed that we take our many Glasgow friends to Q.V.S. for a day's outing in the summer time.

Having decided to do so, we made our preparations, and on Sunday, 7th June, one hundred and thirty happy individuals met in the city eager to start for Q.V.S.

Five motor coaches conveyed us, and soon covered the short distance to Dunblane and the School. I may mention at this point that cameras and sun parasols were not of much use, as King Sol failed to appear, and there was a definite likelihood of rain. Nevertheless, we were in the best of spirits when we drove up to the main door, where the R.S.M. greeted us.

The first item on the programme was lunch, which proved, as always, a very popular item; and I'm sure that all enjoyed it as I did, which is saying a lot.

Now feeling content and at peace with the world, we moved to the playroom, where the Military Band and the Pipe Band with dancers, entertained us for nearly two hours; and what a glorious couple of hours! The boys with their smart uniforms and their excellent music won the heart of everyone present, and the Cereemonial Broadsword Dance was much appreciated. The applause reminded me of a Kriesler concert held in the St Andrew's Hall, and the boys deserved every bit of it.

I then set my friends off on a tour of the building. They were delighted with the sleeping quarters, and were interested in the nomination plates and the descriptive cards. A number of them were half way through the life of Lord Lynedoch (we were in Lynedoch dormitory), when I diverted them to the chapel. I showed them the beautiful interior, and described the service; not forgetting to show them where and how I read the New Testament

in days past. From there, we visited the hospital, and many were the words of admiration. The visitors' book was in great demand that day.

I remained silent when in the swimming bath, for these people did not know that I was the "biggest funk" of swimming that the school ever knew, and that I held the rank of sergeant before shame compelled me to learn. I hope that none of them reads this.

The married ladies of the party, and a number of others, showed their athletic prowess when racing the length of the "gym." with eggs and spoons, and it finished with the more athletic being presented with chocolates.

A number of old Vic's and some of the boys staged a novelty cricket match on the small square; the tool shed being wickets, keeper, slips, and other things all in one. A piece of wood, probably taken on loan from someone's garden gate, and a small rubber ball, served our other requirements. The contestants seemed to support the "Brighter Cricket" movement, and the spectators became highly excited.

During afternoon tea, it was announced that an informal dance was being arranged in the gymnasium. An old Vic., with his saxophone, and a pianist, supplied the music. The boys, who were spectating, saw a form of the eight-some reel which they had never seen before, and one or two made an endeavour to foxtrot and waltz, being more successful than I ever was.

Those who did not favour the dancing became interested elsewhere, and the late afternoon passed all too quickly, so that we had soon to prepare to leave.

Here, thanks are due to Colonel Innes and Captain Lunt, whose kindness we appreciate. R.S.M. Scotland and the many others need no telling of how we appreciated their constructive help, and the way in which they assisted to fill our programme.

Our many dance patrons and friends in the City of Glasgow now realise why the spirit of the Old Victorians' Association is so strong, and our members rejoice in knowing that every one of them enjoyed his day at Q.V.S.

ARGESS.

EDINBURGH BRANCH NOTES.

Honorary Secretary—

Mr J. ROBERTSON, 23 Grove Street, Edinburgh.

During the past six months the Edinburgh Branch has continued to flourish and extend its activities. We have reason to thank ourselves for our optimistic outlook of a year or more ago, for our perseverance is now being rewarded.

The starting of the football team has proved a great stimulus to the members in keeping them in touch with each other during the winter and has gone a long way to adding to the general interest in the Branch. Our usual monthly meeting used to be a very dull affair, but during recent months it has been a very difficult task to finish the business of the evening by 10 p.m., when the Club in which we have our rooms is closed.

To keep the ball rolling, we started our cricket fixtures shortly after the football season closed. Our fixture card is large enough to keep us playing all season; unfortunately, if the bad weather of May and June continues, we will lose many fixtures, as the alternative dates with visiting clubs are unsuitable.

The most outstanding event in the year was the annual general meeting in May, 1931, at the School at Dunblane. It was one of the best attended meetings of the last few years, and both Glasgow and Edinburgh Branch turned out in strong numbers.

We would like to thank Glasgow for the game of football and the swimming race during the week-end. Both events were entered into with the best spirit and proved most exciting and enjoyable.

Our annual dinner has been postponed and now takes place on the first Friday in October. During the latter part of the year we hope to have both a dance and a whist drive.

We would like to thank the school for turning out the Military and Pipe Bands for us. The playing, as far as the Old Victorians were able to judge, was of a very high standard, and who but Old Victorians should be in a better position to say so?

Special mention must be made of our first cricket fixture with the School XI. at Dunblane on Saturday, May 30th. Our team put in a specially good afternoon's work and won this fixture for the first time, about which we are quite delighted.

During the month of March, H. Clayton returned to Edinburgh from Australia, and has taken up a wireless course with a view to obtaining a post as a "Wireless Spark." We wish him every success.

Many of the Old Boys of the School played at the opening of the Great Exhibition at Buenos Ayres. Amongst the members of the Camerons Pipe and Military Bands were:—Pipe-Sergeant D. Wright, Pipers G. Wright, J. Severn, J. McPherson, Drummer J. Anderson, Band Corpl. J. Claugher, Band Lance-Corporal E. Claugher, Bandsmen H. Claugher, G. Claugher, and J. Tofts, all Old Victorians. For this information we must thank J. Hamilton, formerly of the Cameron Highlanders, and now resident in Edinburgh.

THE VICTORIANS' ASSOCIATION.

The Seventh Annual General Meeting of The Victorians' Association was held at the School on Sunday, May 3rd, 1931.

The following are the Minutes of the Meeting:—

1. The Commandant, Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O., welcomed the members of the Association and expressed his pleasure at the large numbers present. He gave the meeting a short account of the changes in the staff which had taken place during the year, and also referred to new arrangements for indoor recreation.

2. The Minutes of the Sixth Annual Meeting were read, approved, and signed.

3. Mr Anderson, Edinburgh Branch, and Mr Quinn, Glasgow Branch, read the annual reports of their respective branches.

The balances of the headquarters and the branches were presented, and showed a balance credit of:—

Headquarters	£7 11 4
Edinburgh	£23 19 4
Glasgow	£28 9 2½

4. Mr G. Stirrat, Glasgow Branch, proposed that entertainments should be organised by Old Boys, with the assistance of the Press, to raise sufficient funds to tile the swimming bath and instal a diving board, at an estimated cost of £270. Mr Quinn of Glasgow seconded the proposal, which was agreed to *nem. con.*

It was decided to defer taking action until the approval, or otherwise, of Major Pullar and the Commissioners had been first obtained.

If approval of the scheme should be accorded, a Committee to be formed with Mr H. S. Shield as President and two members, one from the Edinburgh and Glasgow Branches respectively, to carry it out.

5. In response to a query by Mr McLeod, the editor of "The Victorian," explained the normal procedure before accepting copy for printing in that magazine.

6. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

With reference to Minute 4, we are now pleased to state that neither Major Pullar nor the Commissioners raise any objection to the proposal, which they consider an excellent one.

OLD BOY JOTTINGS.

We deeply regret to record the death of an Old Victorian, John Robert Anderson, Edinburgh, on the 19th April, whilst on special leave from India. Bombardier Artificer Anderson was an old "C" Company Boy, No. 343. The Edinburgh Branch of the Old Victorians were represented at the funeral. We desire to take the opportunity of extending our deepest sympathies to his family and friends in Edinburgh.

Our congratulations to all those Old Boys who have been distinguishing themselves in the various unit and inter-unit events in the Services.

A. Chaddock was in the 2nd Battalion, The Scots Guards Boys' Boxing Team, which was the champion team of the 1st Guards Brigade League.

John McLean (Bruiser) won the Boys' Welter Weight of the Household Brigade Boxing.

J. McGraw, G. Boyle, P. Davie, J. Fraser represented the School in the Boys' Boxing Team of the Black Watch.

At the Enfield Athletic Club Meeting, A. W. Spiers, late "D" Company, won the following events:—Championship, 100 yards, 1st; handicaps, 100 yards 3rd, 220 yards 3rd, 440 yards 3rd; long jump, 1st; standard bronze for 220 yards, 1st.

The wedding bells have been ringing in Edinburgh and Cupid has again been successful. Our congratulations to Neil Cameron on the recent happy event. We hope that Mr and Mrs Cameron will find much happiness in store for them.

Amongst several Old Victorians who have been taking part in the Aldershot Tattoo, we hear that Eddie Anderson has been disporting himself in the dress of a Roman; no doubt he did not find much difference between wearing a nightshirt (Roman toga) and a nursing orderly's overall!

We hear that long Jim Kelt was successful in securing a post in the region of Dumfries; we hope that some day soon we may see him chief inspector of all things in our own district.

At the W.O. School of Education, Shorncliffe, John Nealon was successful in gaining a "Distinction" at the end of his course of instruction. It is interesting to note that the three Royal Scots who have gained this final mark are all Old Victorians; the other two were R.Q.M.S. Dick Pirie and Corporal Peter Taylor. It is rumoured that our late Pipe-Major, Harry Stevenson, who joined the Royal Scots, is to be fitted out with a special size pipes as the standard size are too big for him. There is no truth in the rumour that he hasn't got wind to fill the bag.

G. Ronald, who left the school at Easter to join the Grenadier Guards, is doing excellently. We received a letter from his Commanding Officer, saying that he was settling down and working very well. It is extremely gratifying to know that the Grenadiers consider that he is the best boy they have had for years, and that they hope they will get some more like him. Well done, Ronald!

OLD BOY VISITORS.

Edward Quinn (286), 51 Collmuir Street, Glasgow.
 Gordon M. Cumming (722), 71 White Street, Glasgow.
 Albert J. Currier (535), 83 Earliston Avenue, Glasgow.
 George Cameron (76), c/o Messrs H. Simon Ltd., Engineers, Grose Street, Glebe, Sydney, Australia.
 R. J. Rennie (464), Royal Tank Corps.
 H. G. Clayton (496), 9 Eyre Crescent, Edinburgh.
 John H. Slorance (648), 11 Abbey Road Place, Stirling.
 Archd. B. Quinn (420), 11 Coupar Place, Glasgow.
 Edward Coleman (444), c/o Corbett, 81 Cathcart Road, Glasgow.
 Robert Stewart (495), 14 Inchlee Street, Whiteinch, Glasgow.
 James M. McLeod (373), 167 Houslon Street, Glasgow, C.5.
 A. G. Mackie (207), 113 Renfrew Street, Glasgow.
 G. Wilson (83), 138 Hawthorn Street, Glasgow.
 Alexander F. Center (100), 20 Morrin Square, Glasgow.
 Matthew Anderson (687), 102 Friarscourt Avenue, Knightswood, Glasgow.
 James Black (804), 114 Kestrel Road, Knightswood, Glasgow.
 William H. Brown (1120), 5 Ard Street, Tollcross, Glasgow.
 James Chalmers (75), Soldiers' Home Lodge, Colinton, Edinburgh.
 George Stirrat (43), H.Q., Lanarkshire Constabulary, Hamilton.
 Thomas Tunnah (631), 9A Fettes Row, Edinburgh.
 David McKay (1034), 53 St. Patrick's Square, Edinburgh.
 G. Malloy (545), 16 Roxburgh Place, Edinburgh.
 L. G. Burns (589), 161 Fountain Bridge, Edinburgh.
 James Mitchell (909), 8 Ferrier Street, Leith.
 W. C. Smith (1112), 11 Henry Street, Edinburgh.
 D. J. Wilson (881), 5 Chessers Gardens, Edinburgh.
 A. G. Bulloch (761), 23 Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh.

W. N. Bulloch (771), 23 Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh.
 A. C. C. Craig (674), 74 Harmony Row, Govan, Glasgow.
 N. L. Cameron (305), New Club, Edinburgh.
 John Robertson (397), 23 Grove Street, Edinburgh.
 Hal Burns (948), 25 Stanmore Road, Glasgow.
 Robert Jamieson (477), 1089 Dumbarton Road, Glasgow.
 Jock Kean (275), Glasgow Constabulary.
 Dick Kean (390), 1 Northfield Farm Road, Edinburgh.

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In June we despatched the following appeal to all Scottish Regiments:—

"May I draw your attention to 'The Victorian,' the Queen Victoria School magazine, and ask that you become a regular subscriber.

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We are pleased to record that the support of the Regiments has been very gratifying. On the 1st of July our list of Regimental Subscribers was as below. We hope to record all Scottish Units in the Christmas number.

P.R.I., 1st Bn. The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.
 P.R.I., 2nd Bn. The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.
 P.R.I., Depot, The Black Watch.
 President, Sergeants' Mess, Depot, The Black Watch.
 P.R.I., 2nd Bn. The Black Watch.
 P.R.I., 2nd Bn. The Cameron Highlanders.
 P.R.I., Depot, The Cameronians.
 President, Sergeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Cameronians.
 President, Sergeants' Mess, Depot, The Gordon Highlanders.
 P.R.I., 2nd Bn. The Gordon Highlanders.
 President, Sergeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Gordon Highlanders.
 President, The Corporals' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Gordon Highlanders.
 P.R.I., Depot, The Highland Light Infantry.
 President, Sergeants' Mess, Depot, The Highland Light Infantry.
 P.R.I., Depot, The King's Own Scottish Borderers.
 P.R.I., 1st Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers.
 President, Sergeants' Mess, Depot, The Royal Scots.
 P.M.C., 1st Bn. The Royal Scots.
 P.R.I., 1st Bn. The Royal Scots.
 President, Sergeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Royal Scots.
 P.R.I., Depot, The Royal Scots Fusiliers.
 P.R.I., 1st Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers.
 P.R.I., The Royal Scots Greys.
 President, Sergeants' Mess, The Royal Scots Greys.
 Regimental Adjutant, Regimental Association, The Scots Guards.
 O.C., "K" Company, The Scots Guards.
 The Honorary Treasurer, The Seaforth Highlanders' Association.
 P.R.I., Depot, The Seaforth Highlanders.
 President, The Sergeants' Mess, Depot, The Seaforth Highlanders.
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Royal Scots—Pipe-Major H. Stevenson.
Cameronians—H. Gemmell.
The Black Watch—A. Winchester.
H.L.I.—A. Broadbent, J. Turbine.
Cameron Highlanders—J. Dorward.
R.A.O.C.—Monitor D. Scobie, J. Craig.
Royal Tank Corps—Monitor B. Anderson.
Boys' Technical School—A. Pegg, T. Rennie, F. Muir.

To Civil Employment or Home.

Edinburgh—D. Leitch.
Glasgow—J. Nicol, J. Carmichael.
Stirling—J. Martin.
St. Andrews—B. Currie.
Berwick-on-Tweed—W. Wood.
Greenock—G. Kelly.
Glasgow for Canada—J. Young.

Boys Who Have Joined the Service Since Leaving the School.

Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders—A. Rodham.

Ave.

Scots Guards—C. Barron, A. D. Fraser.
Royal Scots—J. Dakers, P. Dakers, F. Aitken, J. P. Walker, J. B. Robertson, P. F. Robertson.
K.O.S.B.—D. Honeyman, D. H. Ferguson, A. Marr.
Black Watch—L. Anderson.
Seaforth Highlanders—P. Love.
Gordon Highlanders—J. W. Young, R. Quinn, L. Quinn.
Cameron Highlanders—W. R. Chandler.
Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders—R. Finlay, J. Oliver, A. W. Kirk, J. C. Robertson, J. M'Dermid.
Royal Artillery—W. Forler, J. Jones, W. M'Lachlan, A. Meechan.
Royal Navy—C. Hayward, J. R. Macpherson.
R.A.S.C.—K. Roe, R. G. Ross.
R.A.O.C.—P. Watt, D. Watt.

Promotions.

To Monitor—G. Robertson, I. MacFarlane.
To Sergeant—I. Alexander, J. Douglas, J. Robinson, W. Burke, J. Ryan, A. Shand.
To Band Sergeant—R. Sinton.
To Colour-Corporal—R. Chalmers, E. Bunt, A. Crowe, L. Georgeson.
To Corporal—A. O'Neill, J. Hunter, G. Bulloch, N. Anderson, J. Phillips, D. C. McLean, W. McQuarrie, H. Ryan, C. Milligan, J. Brittan, L. Hall, W. McLean, D. H. Watt, A. M'Dermid.
Appointed Lance-Corporal—A. Mutter, A. Reid, J. Perrie, R. Brown, A. Fraser, J. Davidson, W. Palmer, J. Wright, J. Currie, C. McKenzie.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

1931.

July 25th—Summer Holidays commence.
Sept. 11th—Christmas Term commences.
Sept. 26th—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Morrison's Academy 2nd XV., at Crieff.
Sept. 28th—Foundation Day. General Holiday.
Oct. 3rd—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Alloa Academy 1st XV., at Dunblane.

Oct. 24th—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Newstead School 1st XV., at Deanston.
Oct. 31st—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Dollar Academy 3rd at Dunblane.
Nov. 7th—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Stirling High School 1st XV., at Dunblane.
Nov. 14th—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Glasgow Academy 3rd XV., at Glasgow.
Nov. 30th—St. Andrew's Day. General Holiday.
Dec. 19th—Christmas Holidays commence.

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Jan. 8th—Easter Term commences.
Jan. 23rd—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Alloa Academy 1st XV., at Alloa.
Feb. 13th—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Dollar Academy 3rd XV., at Dollar.
Feb. 20th—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Glasgow Academy 3rd XV., at Dunblane.
Feb. 27th—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Morrison's Academy 2nd XV., at Dunblane.
Mar. 5th—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Kelvinside Academy 2nd XV., at Dunblane.
Mar. 12th—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Stirling High School 1st XV., at Stirling.
Mar. 19th—Q.V.S. 1st XV. versus Newstead School 1st XV., at Dunblane.

The Rugby Fixtures of the Second XV. have not yet been received, but it is hoped to arrange several matches for this team. Soccer games are not arranged until the beginning of the Christmas Term after all the Rugby Fixtures are in, so that these are not available.

SPORTS DAY, 1931.

Victorians are born optimists! Who else would have held their annual sports on St. Swithen's Day? Not that we originally intended holding them on such an important day; we had to postpone them from Saturday, the 11th July, the weather made the ground impossible, and the morning of the Saturday was none too promising. However, we very nearly beat the fellow Jupiter Pluvius, he only brought out his reinforcements of thunder, lightning and rain after tea. Before tea the weather was glorious, and eighteen of the twenty-five events were run off. The two obstacle races were run in the rain, but that did not matter to the competitors, they got soaked in the burn before they had completed a quarter of the course!

Although no records were broken, the ground was not in a condition to encourage this, the competition in all the events was very keen, and the Victor Ludorum was won by R. McLean, who beat A. M'Dermid by only one point.

The trophies and prizes were presented by Mrs Innes in the Play Hall.

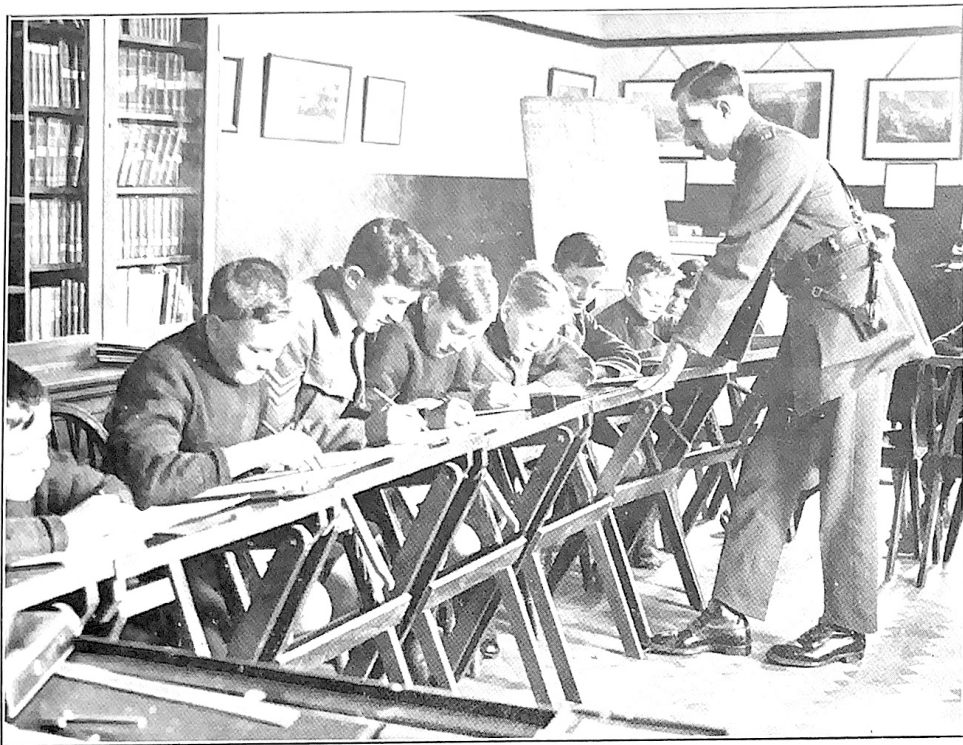
Throwing the Cricket Ball (1st Division) — 1st, L. Degnan; 2nd, A. M'Dermid; 3rd, N. Anderson. Distance, 215 ft. 3 ins.
Throwing the Cricket Ball (2nd Division)—1st, C. Kane; 2nd, G. Lloyd. Distance, 157 ft. 4½ ins.
Monitors' Race—1st, Mon. G. Robertson; 2nd, Mon. W. Ramsay.
Alarm Race—1st D. Potter; 2nd W. McLaughlin; 3rd, W. Douglas; 4th, E. Jones; 5th, F. McGoohan.
High Jump (1st Division)—1st, A. M'Dermid; 2nd, J. Byrnes; 3rd, A. Crowe. Height, 4 ft. 4 ins.



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IN THE SCIENCE LABORATORY.

High Jump (2nd Division)—1st, C. Kane and A. Carruthers; 3rd, T. McAteer. Height, 3 ft. 11 ins.

High Jump (3rd Division)—1st, W. Hagan; 2nd, R. Hogg; 3rd, A. Loats and W. Wilson. Height, 3 ft. 6 ins.

440 Yards (1st Division)—1st, R. McLean; 2nd, A. Crowe; 3rd, J. Byrnes. Time, 1 min. 10 secs.

220 Yards (2nd Division)—1st, J. Chisholm; 2nd, A. Carruthers; 3rd, N. Montgomery. Time, 32½ secs.

100 Yards (1st Division)—1st, R. McLean; 2nd, A. McDermod; 3rd, A. Crowe. Time, 13 secs.

100 Yards (2nd Division)—1st, J. Chisholm; 2nd, A. Carruthers; 3rd, J. Roe. Time, 13.4/5 secs.

80 Yards (3rd Division)—1st, R. Hogg; 2nd, J. Palmer; 3rd, J. West. Time, 12.4/5 secs.

Sack Race (2nd Division)—1st, W. Gilliland; 2nd, J. I. Brown; 3rd, R. Small.

Sack Race (3rd Division)—1st, J. Forbes; 2nd, A. Smith; 3rd, F. Strachan.

Obstacle Race (Divisions 1 and 2)—1st, B. Jones; 2nd, J. Perrie; 3rd, G. Johnstone; 4th, D. Arthur; 5th, R. Sharp.

Obstacle Race (3rd Division)—1st, J. Forbes; 2nd, J. West; 3rd, G. Goodall.

Ladies' Race—1st, Miss Oseroff and Mr Oseroff; 2nd, Mrs Monaghan and Mr Hancock.

Long Jump (1st Division)—1st, R. McLean; 2nd, A. Reid; 3rd, A. McDermod. Distance, 13 ft. 8 ins.

Long Jump (2nd Division)—1st, A. Carruthers; 2nd, G. Lloyd; 3rd, J. Chisholm. Distance, 11ft. 9 ins.

Mystery Race—1st, "C" Company Team, W. McCabe, D. McKenzie, J. Brittain, Mr Oseroff, Mr W. Dowling, Miss Kennedy. 2nd, "D" Company Team, T. Rutherford, N. Ryan, R. Sharp, Mr Stuart, Mr Dowling, Miss Pryde.

Inter-Company Championship Cup—"D" Company, 42 points; "A" and "B" Companies with 23 points; "C" Company, 22 points.

Hurdles Cup—"D" Company, "A," "B," and "C."

Relay Cup—"D" Company, "A," "C," and "B."

Victor Ludorum—R. McLean, "D" Company, 9 points; beat A. McDermod, "D" Company, with 8 points.

Special mention must be made of the "Mystery" Race. A member of the civil staff carried a boy pick-a-back, then two boys ran a three-legged race, and finally one of the domestic staff led one of the military staff, who was blindfolded. The race was novel and well appreciated. (It is suggested that next year the blindfolded runner should also be placed in a sack!)

SWIMMING.

The annual swimming competition took place on the 8th July. Major N. M'icking, D.S.O., M.C., and R.S.M. L. Dunn, M.M., of the Black Watch, very kindly acted as judges. The contest for the swimming trophy was keenly contested by "C" and "D" Companies, the latter Company eventually carrying off the prize.

The Individual Trophy, presented by Major G. W. Smith, O.B.E., was won by W. Burke. This trophy is very appropriate in design, consisting of a fish in Lalique Glass, on a plinth. Major Smith is one of our previous Commandants and an old friend of the school, and we are very

pleased to receive this token that his interest in us still continues.

Division 1—Relay—"C" Company. Time, 3 min. 32 secs. for 12 lengths.

Division 2—Relay—"D" Company. Time, 2 min. 29 secs. for 8 lengths.

Division 3—Relay—"D" Company. Time, 2 min. 1 sec. for 4 lengths.

Division 1—Individual—1st, W. Burke; 2nd, L. Degnan; 3rd, R. McLean; 4th, G. Johnstone. Time, 1 min. 6 secs.—4 lengths.

Division 2 — Individual — 1st, A. Burns; 2nd, A. Carruthers; 3rd, R. Burke; 4th, C. Kane. Time, 1 min. 57 secs.—3 lengths.

Division 3—Individual—1st, J. Forbes; 2nd, D. Benn; 3rd, R. Finlay. Time, 21.3/5 secs.—1 length.

Backstroke—1st, T. Crookston; 2nd, D. McPherson; 3rd, A. Carruthers. Time, 40 secs.—2 lengths.

1st Division—Diving—1st, D. Arthur; 2nd, D. McPherson; 3rd, W. Burke.

2nd Division — Diving — 1st, D. Beaton; 2nd, A. Carruthers; 3rd, R. Burke.

Novices—1st, J. Forbes; 2nd, J. Thomson; 3rd, D. Benn. Time, 20 secs.—1 length.

Stop Press.

REV. ALEX. RITCHIE, D.D.

We regret to record the death of the Rev. Alexander Ritchie, D.D., minister-emeritus of Dunblane Cathedral, who was for eight years Senior Chaplain of the School.

Old Victorians will remember Dr Ritchie, who was at the opening of the School and later took part in the Consecration Service at the School Chapel. A Memorial Service took place at Dunblane Cathedral on Sunday, 5th July, and was attended by representatives of the School.

PRIZE-WINNERS, 1931.

PRIMUS, 1931—Ian McFarlane.

REGIMENTAL PRIZES.

Royal Scots Greys—R. Chalmers.
 Scots Guards—H. Ryan.
 Royal Scots—A. O'Neil, A. Smith.
 Royal Scots Fusiliers—C. Milligan.
 King's Own Scottish Borderers—T. Smith.
 The Cameronians—W. Burke.
 The Black Watch—A. Crowe, D. C. McLean.
 Highland Light Infantry—W. McPherson.
 The Seaforth Highlanders—J. Alexander.
 The Gordon Highlanders—G. Johnstone.
 The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders—D. Verlander, A. Fraser.
 The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—A. H. McDermod, W. E. Hagan.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

Preparatory Form—1st, M. Tracey; 2nd, J. Elrick; 3rd, R. McGeehan. Progress—D. Honeyman and J. Anderson.
 Form Ib.—1st, H. Myles; 2nd, P. Gass; 3rd, D. McKenzie. Progress—D. Ayton.
 History and Geography—P. F. Strachan.

Form Ia.—1st, D. Thomson; 2nd, J. Jackson; 3rd, J. More. English—J. Holmes. Progress—A. Kirk.

Form IIb.—1st, J. Palmer; 2nd, W. Rennie; 3rd, G. Hutchison. Progress—W. Bain and J. Forbes.

Form IIa.—1st, T. T. Scott; 2nd, D. C. Bunch; 3rd, A. Ferguson. Progress—G. A. MacDonald. English—N. M. M'Millan. Mathematics—T. T. Scott.

Form III.—1st, W. M'Donald; 2nd, V. Carroll; 3rd, W. Hagan. Art and Technical Drawing—W. West. History and Geography—W. Hagan.

Form IV.—1st, I. Ross; 2nd, J. Brittan; 3rd, G. Munro. History, Geography, and Map Reading—I. Ross. English—J. Brittan. Mathematics—J. Brittan. Science—I. Ross. French—W. M'Quarrie. Art and Technical Drawing—J. Currie. Progress—G. Munro.

Form V.—1st, R. M'Lean; 2nd, J. Robinson; 3rd, J. Wright. Mathematics—J. Robinson. English—R. M'Lean. History, Geography and Map Reading—R. M'Lean. Art and Technical Drawing—D. Verlander. Science—V. Rosie. French—R. M'Lean.

Form VI.—1st, I. M'Farlane; 2nd, R. Sinton; 3rd, A. Hogg. Mathematics—I. M'Farlane. English—A. Hogg. Science—I. M'Farlane and A. Crowe. French—R. Sinton. Art, Technical Drawing and Handwork—R. Sinton. History, Geography and Map Reading—A. Hogg.

Special Form—Science—W. Ramsay. English—A. Cruickshank. Mathematics—G. Robertson.

SHOOTING COMPETITION, 1931.

The winners of the 1931 Shooting Competition were "B" Company with 158. "C" Company came second with 144, and "D" and "A" third and fourth with 114 and 78 points respectively.

The best shot was J. Byrnes, who scored 42 out of a possible 45. Good shooting!

"THISTLE AND TAMARISK."

We would like to draw the attention of our readers to "Thistle and Tamarisk," a collection of essays by W.O.H. L. A. Morrison, of the School staff. Prominent reviewers have given it a very good reception, and we strongly endorse their opinions. (See page 6).

Q.V.S. SCHOLARSHIP.

We understand that George Thomson has been notified that he will be gazetted to the Royal Corps of Signals.

We congratulate him most heartily on the successful issue of his course at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and wish him continued success in his military career.

To the Editor,

"The Victorian,"

Queen Victoria School,

Dunblane, Perthshire.

Dear Sir,

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