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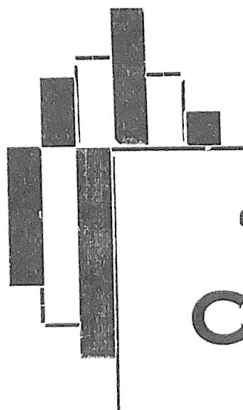


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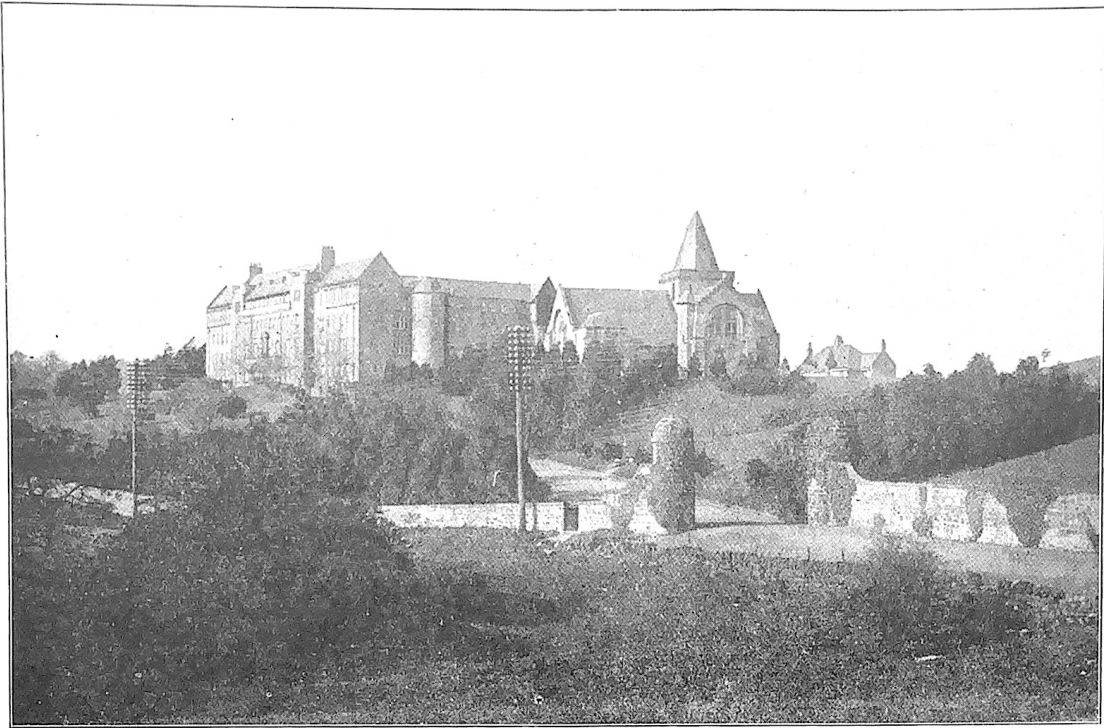
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Editorial.

THE new Editor has stood trembling in the wings for some months. Having received his cue he now stands before the footlights in full view of past and present subscribers, advertisers, and last, but not least, the rest of the caste.

(Enter the new Editor).

New Editor. "It is with great pleasure that I take over the Editorship of 'THE VICTORIAN.' A great responsibility rests on my shoulders. The maintenance of the high standard of the past is not a light task. I sincerely hope that this, my first effort, receives the sympathy and support of all who are interested in 'THE VICTORIAN.'

As this is the twenty-fifth year in the history of the School a special effort has been made to make this issue worthy of the occasion.

What do our supporters think of it?"

(Chorus of supporters, led by past Editors).
Chorus: (To be published in the next issue).

Notes of the Year.

The Staff changes foreshadowed in our last number have come to pass. Captain Lunt has gone to Chatham, and Captain Williams has succeeded him. Messrs Crunden and Reeder have gone to India, and Messrs Riglen and Brady have taken their place. To those who have gone we wish the best of good luck and pleasant memories of the past; to those who have donned their mantles, our greetings and loyal co-operation!

We are sorry that Sgt. Clarke is leaving us; we have enjoyed that calm imperturbability, somewhat contradicted by the twinkle in his eye; we wish him very well.

To C.S.M. Mitton, our new Physical Training Instructor, we extend our greetings, and hope he will help us to beat Nurmi.

Very regretfully we have parted with Mr Bourne, our Chief Engineer, who had been so long with us—since the opening of the School—as to have become almost a fixture on the Inventory Board! To Mrs Bourne and himself we wish long life and prosperity.

At the same time, we welcome his successor, Mr M'Evoy, from the Royal Engineers, and hope he will similarly take root among us and flourish exceedingly.

It is fitting that we should here record the marriage of Sergeant A. E. Stuart to Helen, daughter of our respected Q.M.S., Mr Milne. The ceremony took place in our own chapel, and was attended by a very large gathering, friends of both bride and bridegroom. May all their troubles be little ones!

We have now got a permanent time-table for both winter and summer, and feel much more settled in consequence. Permanent schemes for games and athletics are to follow, and these should be of great benefit to pupils and instructors alike. In addition, permanent syllabuses in each subject have been drawn up; and when these have been printed and bound together, the volume should be an invaluable guide to all the multifarious activities of this school.

Our ordinary programme of education is now supplemented by wireless talks throughout the year, and by lantern lectures in the winter evenings; in addition, the younger boys are encouraged in modelling, and the older boys in private study or in handicrafts. It is felt, too, that the new form of morning prayers fills a long-felt want.

On June 12th, the School listened-in to the King's speech inaugurating the World Economic and Monetary Conference. It is fitting here to record that the new crystal detector in the School wireless set has improved the audition amazingly.

We must draw attention to one of the most flourishing of the new activities, that of the Queen Victoria School Union, under the Presidency of our revered Commandant, Colonel Innes. Its origin is due to the inspiration of Captain Williams. Three very successful debates have been held already, and the last one, attended by Colonel Aubrey Smith, H.M.'s Inspector of Army Schools, was voted one of the most entertaining events of the year.

Colonel Aubrey Smith's presence was primarily due to the Annual War Office Inspection, but his visit happily coincided with that of the members of the A.E.C. in Scotland, who were assembled here for a two-day conference on education within the Command. This conference proved a great success. Mr Coutts Morrison, Director of Education for Stirlingshire, gave an illuminating explanation of the structure of the Scottish educational system, and of the methods employed. Captain Turner delivered an account of his stewardship, providing us with facts and figures for the past year; while Colonel Aubrey Smith, who presided, spoke wisely and trenchantly on various topics of great importance to instructors. On the second day, W.O. II. L. A. Morrison dealt with "The Teaching of the Elements of English."

But it was not all talk, for we played the Depot Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at cricket on the Friday afternoon, just managing to defeat them; W.O. Riglen held up his end for most of the match, while W.O. Lines wreaked havoc among the enemy's stumps. Saturday afternoon was the occasion of a very interesting innovation, a hockey match between the School and the visiting A.E.C. It is unfortunate that the visitors were not at full strength, for, under the brilliant leadership of W.O. Riglen, we defeated them rather too hand-

somely by 10 goals to 3. It would be invidious to single out any particular player for special mention, but we must make an exception in the case of Monitor M'Lean, whose cool, unfurried play, clever tactics and polished stick-work mark him down as something more than a "lad o' paitrs." The teams were: — A.E.C.—Capt. Nelson, W.O. Lines, Boy Dakers, Monitor Rosie, W.O. Andrews, Sgt. Pole, Sgt. Kinkaid, Sgt. Pride, Sgt. Hancock, Sgt. Lewis, Sgt. Kemp. School—Boy Sandilands, Mr Williams, Monitor Ramsay, Mr Masterson, W.O. Morrison, Monitor Macfarlane, Sgt. Stuart, Mr G. Dowling, W.O. Riglen, Monitor M'Lean, C.S.M. Mitton. The match was ably umpired by Pipe-Major Ross and W.O. Prentice, the latter an old boy of this school.

Speaking of hockey, we are sure that Old Boys are lifting their eyebrows in query. Yes, hockey has been introduced for the Senior Division as an extra game in winter and as an alternative summer game when ground or weather makes cricket unsuitable. The progress made, under the supervision of W.O. Morrison and Sgt. Stuart, has been wonderful; and it is noteworthy that some who do not shine in other games have excelled in this. We must take this occasion, too, to thank Mr Williams, the son of our new "Head," for his unstinted assistance in our matches.

While in the realm of sport, we must advertise one or two special feats in these general remarks. Monitor M'Lean was outstanding in the "Rugger" field, as well as top in the batting and bowling averages; while David Mackinlay has been of great assistance with the cricket ball, in addition to proving himself the best athlete of the school and the champion swimmer.

Our more distant readers will be delighted to hear that for the second time since the event was instituted, we have captured the Inter-Schools' Trophy from the D.Y.R.M.S. at Dover, beating the latter by 3 events to 2. Considering the size of our boys and the state of our running track, this reflects great credit on all concerned.

As we go to Press, we observe some 600 tons of cinders being unloaded on the playing field; we hear that the first sod is to be turned in September. When the work is finished, no longer will our Sports Field be waterlogged in winter. We are grateful to our Commissioners and the War Department for providing necessary funds for this long-delayed and much-needed improvement.

The sport of angling has received a notable increase in its adherents; but—mysteriously—Sgt. Oscroft still heads the lists of those who have landed monsters between sunset and day-break. He has not yet succeeded, however, in catching "Slippery Sam," the barking conger-eel, which has withstood all his wiles, whether in the shape of old boots, candlegrease, or other lethal lure. We understand that the Allan Water has been closed to anglers since Mr Riglen delivered it of a fine bouncing trout of 2 lbs. 5 ozs. While Mr Littlejohn, having given up hope of ever rivalling Mr Oscroft in fact, has taken to emulating him in fiction!

The Bands go from strength to strength, and numerous engagements testify to their

popularity. We think that their most ambitious, as well as their most enjoyable effort, was the concert they gave us before we departed on the Easter vacation.

Just before this, a visit of the germ of influenza had filled our hospital and one of the dormitories with youthful patients; but the remainder did not object, for, thanks to the Commissioners and the Commandant, they were equipped with skates, and spent every afternoon on the pond at Ashfield.

"A garden was not made," Kipling declared, "by sitting in the shade," and evidently our Commandant must have spent many hours in the sunshine, for nothing has been more attractive than the deep mauve primroses, the variegated polyanthus and the brilliant antirrhinums in front of the school. The wonderful weather we have had throughout the spring and summer of this year has deepened our appreciation of this floral splendour.

Concerning our prize scholars, we understand that Robert Linton, who was gazetted to the Royal Corps of Signals last January, is doing exceedingly well at Catterick; while Alfred Cruickshank was awarded a half-blue for boxing at Sandhurst. We hope, by the way, that he was not too active a participant in the recent college "rag" at Sandhurst that led to the removal of the big guns!

We must chronicle, too, the athletic successes of Willie Burke at Chepstow. He was Captain of his Wing "Rugger" and Cricket Teams, and is now in the School 1st Cricket XI., and the Cross-country team, and has won medals for boxing.

We continue to hear good of our Old Boys. One who recently visited us on leave from Egypt was Warrant Officer M'Gregor of the A.E.C. Another Old Boy, Warrant Officer W. F. Hawkins, A.E.C., has been awarded the M.B.E.

We were glad to have Major F. G. Harvey, M.B.E., T.D., A.E.C., with us for a fishing holiday. His troubles, we hope, were all big 'uns!

At the Perth Musical Festival this year we were awarded the first prize for Highland dancing and second prize for singing, a very gratifying result indeed to us all, but more especially to Pipe-Major Ross and Sgt. Pole.

By the kindness of the Commandant, 20 selected boys went to see a performance of the "Merchant of Venice" at Stirling during the Easter term.

In February, Sir Percy de V. Radcliffe demitted the office of G.O.C., Scottish Command, and his farewell message to the boys was transmitted through the Commandant. On 27th May, Sir Archibald Cameron, the new G.O.C., paid his initial visit, and we hope it will be the forerunner of many.

Our very heartiest congratulations must go to Monitors Crowe and M'Lean for their success in the R.A.F. Entrance Examination, Alec Crowe was 2nd, and Robert M'Lean 10th, out of 107 Service candidates.

Willie Macdonald is this year's "Primus," and David Mackinlay the "Victor Ludorum," and we congratulate both on the laurels that wreath their brows. Those Royal Highlanders must be proud!

May we again thank Mrs Stirling for the magnificent gift of strawberries which graced everyone's plate for both dinner and tea on Sports Day?

We forged another link with the "London Scottish" on Monday, the 17th July.

This famous Battalion disentrained at Stirling in the morning, and after a halt began their 140 mile march through the Highlands. From Colonel Dundas's place at Ochertyre our Pipe and Military Bands marched at the head of the column to Blair Drummond, where, to the accompaniment of a musical selection from the boys, the Battalion pitched camp. As we left, the famous regiment—the first Territorials in the Front Line—gave the bands three rousing cheers.

Lastly, our sincerest thanks to all those who have assisted our School in any way, and best wishes to all Old Boys at home or abroad.

Gifts to the School.

Mrs Wauchope of Niddrie, C.B.E.	£0	10	0
Scottish Union Jack Club Association	20	0	0
1st and 2nd Battalion The Seaforth Highlanders' Charitable Fund, per Lieut.-Colonel Chilton L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E.	3	3	0
1st Battalion The Black Watch	10	0	0
Royal Tournament Profits' Fund	137	0	0
Major W. Kirkpatrick, D.S.O.	0	10	0
John Spencer, Esq.	1	1	0
City of Glasgow Society of Social Service—Income Tax recovered	0	10	0
Dr and Mrs Burn Murdoch	1	0	0
Earl Haig Fund	100	0	0
Lady Mackie	2	0	0
The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)	25	0	0
1st Battalion Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)	2	2	0
Colonel G. H. Loder	5	0	0
E. M. M'Gregor, Esq.	1	0	0
E. M. Findlay, Esq.	3	3	0
D. A. Small, Esq., J.P.	1	1	0
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Miss Jane Murdoch	0	10	0
Major J. Collow Campbell	0	10	0
Lieut.-Colonel C. L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E., W.S.	0	10	6
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Miss Addison-Smith	0	10	6
Miss Annie Addison-Smith	0	10	6

Annual Inspection, 1933.

Thursday, 27th July,

At 2.45.

Inspecting Officer —Lieut -General Sir ARCHIBALD R. CAMERON, K.C.B.,
C.M.G., The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command.

2.45 p.m.

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

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

**General Salute
3 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, the Inspecting Officer presents the prizes and makes a short address to the boys.

5 p.m.

Tea for boys and their relatives in the Dining Hall.

5.30 p.m.

Tea for remainder of boys.

5.45 p.m.

Prize-giving in the Play Hall.

Arts and Crafts.

An Exhibition of Work done by boys and members of the School Staff is being held in one of the marquees on the ground.

An inspection and your patronage are solicited.

Orders may be given for work to be carried out next Term.

The Music.

The Military Band, the Pipe Band, Drummers, Buglers,
and Highland Dancers will carry out the following

Programme :

1.—Military Band

Overture "Lustpiel" Keler Bela

2.—Pipe Band

March, "Cameron Men."
Strathspey, "Market Place of Inverness."
Reel, "Grey Wife of Rassay."

3.—Massed Pipes, Band, Drummers and Buglers

"Brigade Day" Holloway
(Synopsis). — "Dress for Parade" heard in Barracks in the distance: approach of Regiments of the Brigade: Brigade Call is sounded, followed by "General Salute," on arrival of the General on the Parade Ground: Brigade Troops the Colours, to slow march, followed by Grand March by Brigade Massed Bands.

4.—Military Band

Vocal Foxtrot, "Auf Wiedersehen" Nelson
Trombone Solo, "The Joywheel" Sutton
(Soloist—L/Cpl. Arthur Burns.)

5.—Highland Dancers

(a) Ceremonial Broadwords.
(b) Threesome Reel.

6.—Military Band

Selection, "Chu Chin Chow" Norton

7.—Pipe Band

March, "Colonel Forbes."
Strathspey, "Highland Harry."
Reel, "The Little Kilt."

8.—Military Band

Hunting Scene, "John Peel" Greenwood

9.—Massed Pipes, Band, Drums and Bugles.

"Retreat."

Conductor—Bandmaster F. H. Lax.

Drums and Bugles—R.S.M. P. Scotland, D.C.M.

Pipers and Dancers—Pipe-Major F. F. Ross.

Prizewinners, 1933.

PRIMUS.

W. M'Donald.

REGIMENTAL PRIZES.

- The Scots Guards—W. Barron.
 The Royal Scots—J. Dakers, D. Aiton, J. Myles.
 The Royal Scots Fusiliers—W. Armstrong.
 The King's Own Scottish Borderers—W. Gilliland.
 The Cameronians (The Scottish Rifles)—R. Burke.
 The Black Watch—
 Wauchope Prize—W. J. M'Donald.
 Association Prize—G. Hutchison.
 The Highland Light Infantry—A. Sutherland.
 The Seaforth Highlanders—T. M'Ateer.
 The Gordon Highlanders—R. M'Kay.
 The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders—A. Bain, T. Davidson.
 The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—W. Long, D. Wicks.

THE SIR ROBERT CRANSTON MEMORIAL PRIZE.
 Monitor R. M'Lean.

School Prize-Winners, 1933.

Junior Division.

- Form I. Form Prize—A. Forsyth.
 English—W. Martin.
 Mathematics—C. Duncan.
 History and Geography—J. Rigg.
 Form II. Form Prize—P. Dunnigan.
 English—K. Quinn.
 Mathematics—E. Monaghan.
 History & Geography—P. Dunnigan.
 Form III. Form Prize—A. Pratt.
 English—I. Bell.
 Mathematics—T. Rennie.
 History and Geography—R. Simpson.

Senior Division.

- Form IV. Form Prize—A. Carruthers.
 English—M. Mooney.
 Mathematics—T. A. B. Smith.
 Geography, History and Map Reading—A. Carruthers.
 Science—A. Sutherland.
 Art and Technical Drawing — A. Sutherland.
 Woodwork—D. Hardy.
 Form V. Form Prize—T. M'Ateer.
 English—R. M'William.
 Mathematics—G. Hutchison.
 Geography, History and Map Reading—W. Gilliland.
 Science—W. Gilliland.
 Woodwork—T. M'Ateer.
 Art and Technical Drawing — G. Hutchison.
 Form VI. Form Prize—A. Graham.
 English—W. Hagan.
 Mathematics—V. Carroll.
 History, Geography and Map Reading—L. Hall.
 Science—A. Graham.

Art and Technical Drawing — R. Shore.
 Woodwork—M'D. Robinson.

Advanced Division.

English—Monitor A. Hogg.
 Mathematics—L.-Cpl. W. M'Donald.
 History, Geography and Map Reading—Monitor R. M'Lean.
 Science—Monitor A. Crowe.
 Art and Technical Drawing—Monitor I. M'Farlane.
 Woodwork—Monitor J. Ryan.

The Sir Robert Cranston Memorial Prize Essay, 1933.

Citizenship.

By R. M'LEAN.

Citizenship, like charity, begins in the home. It is essential that people, from a very early age, should be brought up to realise the importance of the duties of a citizen. This can only be done properly in a well-cared-for home. If the homes are unhealthy, the people are unhealthy. If they are unhealthy they cannot work, and thereby become a drag on the State.

Although citizenship should be taught from an early age, the greatest troubles and difficulties come with the responsibilities of parenthood. The parents are directly responsible for the whole upbringing of their children. The parents, by good example, can influence the child-mind in the right direction, for children are great copiers. But they also contract bad habits from people who are unguarded in their behaviour when children are near. The children must have a good education so that they may successfully compete with other people of the world after school years. They must be able to take their places in the great working of the Empire and do their bit in furthering its interests. If they are incapable of being useful, they are as drones in a huge, busy beehive, and like that creature may be ostracised for the discontent which they have caused.

Everyone in the world has been blessed with freewill, but this blessing must not be abused. Certainly all men may do as they like, but not if their actions will harm others. People must have some consideration for their neighbours, and it is to define the limits and bounds of freewill that laws have been made. The laws have been made by the citizens themselves, so that they should not be difficult to keep. People who have been brought up properly obey these laws naturally as the proper thing to do. Of course there are black sheep in every community, and these have to be punished and imprisoned to protect the other people.

The British Empire, like the Roman Empire, has been built by good citizenship. The Romans started from a small walled city of a few thousand inhabitants to build a mighty empire. The people were perfect, morally and physically. The family was the main tie in the city. The soldiers were well supported by the people at home. The rise of the British Empire has been like that of the Romans, except that it has risen more by kindness than conquest.

The British Empire started from a small group of islands which the Romans visited in 55 B.C. The Roman Empire fell through the moral decay of the Romans. The standard of physical fitness decreased by intermarriage with slaves. We must take a lesson from the Romans and learn to govern ourselves before we try to govern others.

In citizenship, it is the small things which count. The really big mistakes can be averted because they are obvious. The little mistakes, people think can only affect themselves; but no action in the world has a single result—it affects the life and being of people far away.

For lack of a nail the shoe was lost.
 For lack of a shoe the horse was lost.
 For lack of a horse the rider was lost.
 For lack of a rider the battle was lost.
 For lack of a battle the kingdom was lost.
 And all for the sake of a horse-shoe nail.

These small mistakes are like a small snow-ball rolling down a hill, growing and growing until it bursts and scatters snow all round.

The rights and privileges of a citizen may only be enjoyed by those who do their duty properly as a citizen.

From the Unofficial Handbook on Hockey.

1. The reason why the best runners are said to be the best Hockey players is because their legs take them out of their opponents' reach so rapidly.

2. There is certainly some truth in the suggestion that if you cannot hit the ball, then strike your opponent and say, "Sorry." It has the advantage of easing your temper and always livens up the game. (N.B.—Choose your opponent with care or always make sure of striking the ball.)

3. It is not necessary to be an international before you may give advice to your half back. Even beginners have been known to pick up sufficient in their first game to enable them to advise hockey-scarred heroes how they ought to play.

4. It is not essential that you should be on the winning side to enjoy a good game; strong sides (on paper) have often been humbled.

5. Always strike the ball with the lower end of the stick (the flat side only if the referee is looking); reserve the remainder for special occasions. (See 2).

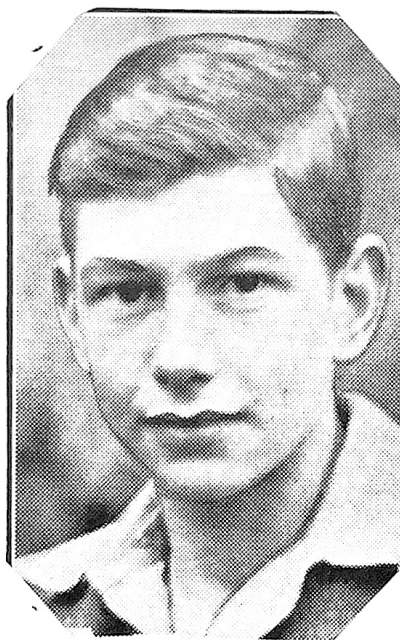
6. From reports it would appear that the coloured races turn out first-class hockey teams. I cannot say whether this accounts for most hockey injuries appearing to effect the heads of white players.

7. It is interesting, however, to know that Army Schoolmasters are generally good exponents of the game. Sorry, that is the wrong way about, or isn't it?

8. Always remember that you must get within the ring before you can strike the ball at the goalkeeper; by the way the goalkeeper is permitted to retaliate by picking up the ball and throwing it at you. Watch he doesn't catch you napping.

Plucky Rescue by an Old Victorian.

It is very pleasant to again be able to record the bravery of another Old Victorian, who has been able to save a human life. This time, it is Ian Ross, who left the School not so very long ago to continue special studies for a commercial career.



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From the newspapers it appears that Ian left his home in Inverurie on his way to enjoy a dip at a spot on the River Don known as Salmon Dykes.

His attention was called to something wrong in the river by the cries of several people. Mr A. Philip of Inverurie had got into serious difficulties, and he was carried under by the swift current. Ian quickly threw off his clothes and dived in. After rapid searching he eventually got his foot on the unfortunate man's body. He dived, grasped the man and dragged him to shallow water, where his companions carried him ashore.

M'Kay at once commenced to apply artificial respiration, and after about ten minutes' hard work, Philip showed signs of reviving. He was still insensible, and after half-an-hour's attention by the doctor he regained full consciousness.

We do not often trumpet our achievements, but we would like to say how proud we are of this Old Victorian, particularly in view of the fact that he learned to swim and apply artificial respiration in this School. That he put his knowledge to good use is the only reason why this young man is alive to-day. Every boy in the School is taught to swim, and all are encouraged to take part in life-saving practices.

Brief Biographies - No. 1.



GEORGE STIRRAT.

The first of this series, which we hope will continue for a considerable time in "The Victorian," is George Stirrat.

George Stirrat came to Queen Victoria School in 1909, and was given the School number of 43. He left the School to join the 1st Battalion The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders on the 15th September, 1913.

Here is a summary of his career and achievements:—

EDUCATION.

Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, 1909-13.
Royal Military College, Sandhurst, 1922-23.
Obtained Army 1st Class Certificate of Education, Rawal Pindi, 1921.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Awarded Army 1st Class Certificate of Physical Training (83.1 per cent.), Ambala, 1925.
Endorsed "Best all-round Athlete."
Awarded 1st Class Degrees of Knowledge and Ability to teach Athletics.

BOXING.

Winner, Heavies, R.M. College, Sandhurst, 1923.
Winner, Heavies, R.M.C., Sandhurst v. R.M.A., Woolwich, 1923. Awarded Boxing "Blue."
Runner-up, Officers' Heavy-weight, Rawal Pindi, 1925.
Winner, Heavies, Northern Counties, Sheffield, 1928.
Runner-up, Scottish Police Heavies, Glasgow, 1928.
Runner-up Scottish Police Heavies, Edinburgh, 1930.

SWIMMING.

Obtained "Award of Merit" of Royal Life Saving Society, Hamilton, 1932.
Awarded Instructor's Certificate of Royal Life-Saving Society, Hamilton, 1932.

GAMES.

Played extensively at Rugby and Hockey in first-class circles.

AMBULANCE.

Awarded Certificate, Motherwell, 1928.
Awarded Bronze Medal, Motherwell, 1931.

MILITARY SERVICE.

Joined 1st Q.O. Cameron Highlanders, 15/9/13.
Appointed Lance-Corporal, France, 3/8/18.
Promoted Corporal, Germany, 12/2/19.
Promoted Sergeant, India, 8/8/19.
Transferred to Royal Military College, Sandhurst, August, 1922.
Gazetted 2nd Lieutenant, Q.O. Cameron Highlanders, 14/7/23.
Promoted Lieutenant, Q.O. Cameron Highlanders, 14/7/25.
Resigned, 17/12/27.

POLICE SERVICE.

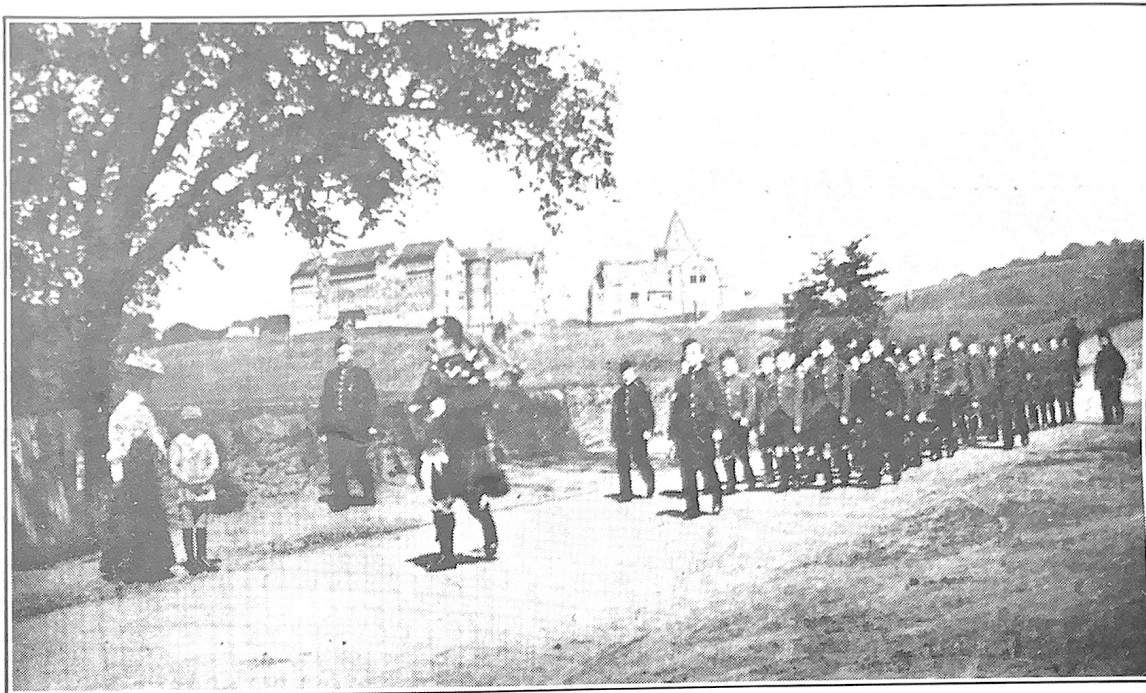
Joined Lanarkshire Constabulary, 20/8/28.
Appointed Instructor, 30/9/29.
Transferred to Glasgow City, 3/1/33.
Promoted Sergeant, 20/2/33.

ACTIVE SERVICE.

France and Belgium, 2 years 11 months.
Youngest member of original B.E. Force, August, 1914, age 14 10-12 years.

FOREIGN SERVICE.

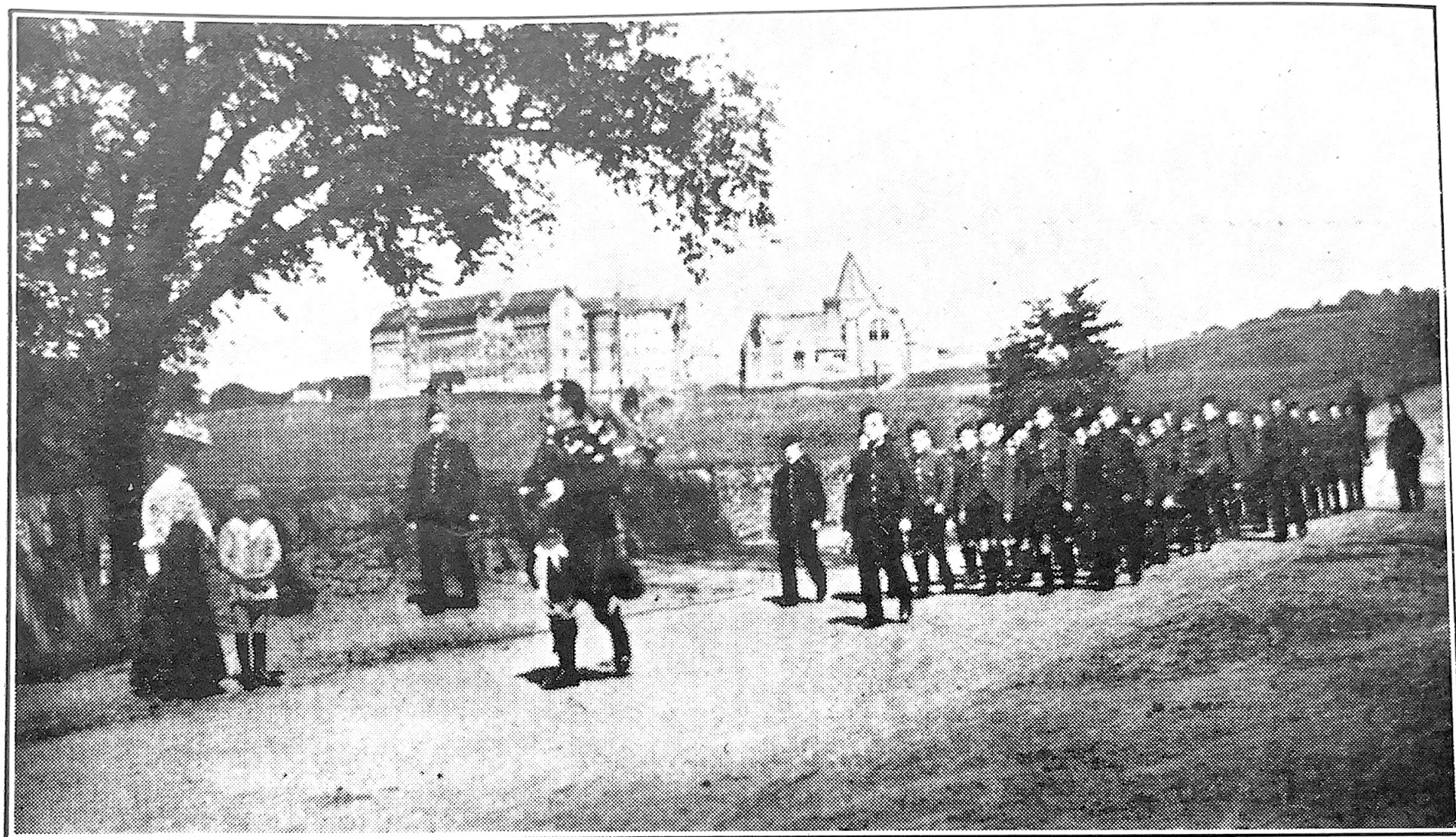
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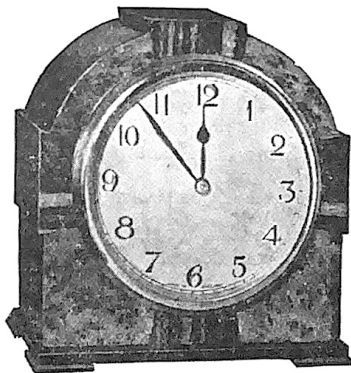
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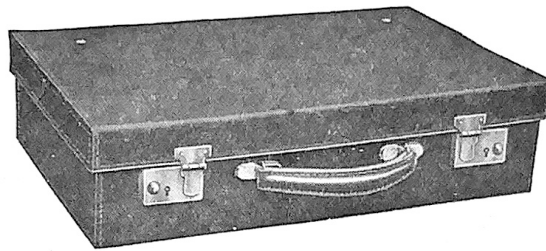
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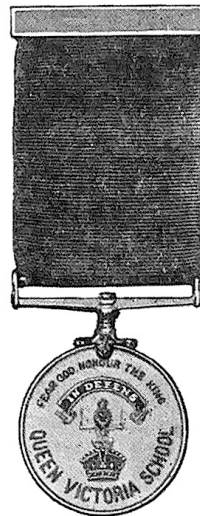
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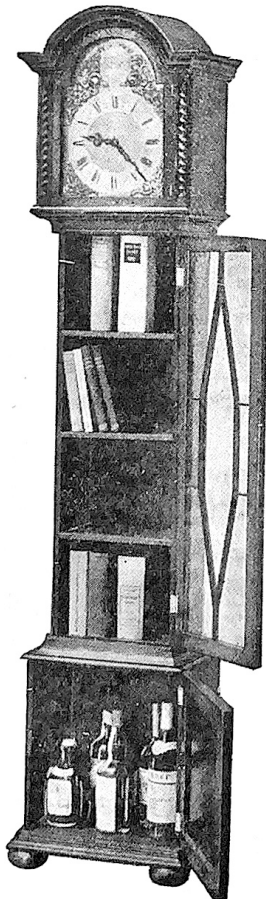
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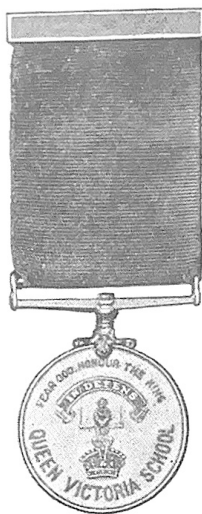
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RECORD OF PRIMUS SINCE 1910.

- 1910. A. W. M'Donald—W.O. Class I., Army Educational Corps.
- 1911. W. L. Crichton—Killed in Action.
- 1912. J. R. Thomson—Killed in Action.
- 1913. J. R. Pirie—R.Q.M.S., 1st Batt. The Royal Scots.
- 1914. P. B. Pirie—W.O. Class I., Army Educational Corps.
- 1915. E. V. C. Hayes—W.O. Class I., Army Educational Corps.
- 1916. E. V. C. Hayes.
- 1917. W. J. Ritchie—W.O. Class I., Army Educational Corps.
- 1918. A. M. Dodds—W.O. Class II., Army Educational Corps.
- 1918. A. C. M'Lauchlan—W.O. Class II., Army Educational Corps.
- 1919. John C. B. Shearer—Lieutenant, Royal Tank Corps.
- 1920. James D. Palmer—Lieutenant, Oxford and Bucks, L.I.
- 1921. M. W. Goldie—U.S.A.
- 1922. D. Watson—Sergeant-Instructor, Army Educational Corps.
- 1923. D. Farquharson—Staff-Sergeant, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

- 1924. James Craig—Royal Air Force (since invalided).
- 1925. James Black—S.C.W.S., Glasgow.
- 1926. George Thomson—Lieutenant, Royal Corps of Signals.
- 1927. Robert Linton—2nd-Lieutenant, Royal Corps of Signals.
- 1928. James D. Currie—Motor Mechanic.
- 1929. W. J. Broadbent—Occupation in civil life at present unknown.
- 1930. William Ramsay
- 1931. I. R. M'Farlane
- 1932. A. Crowe
- 1933. W. M'Donald

} Still in the School.

COMMISSIONS AND MILITARY DISTINCTIONS GAINED BY FORMER STUDENTS AND BOYS SERVING IN HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES.

- 1915. D. K. Overell—Royal Engineers.
- 1915. W. T. Pegrum—4 (Q.O.) Hussars.
- 1918. D. A. L. Mackenzie—Sandhurst and Indian Army.
- 1922. G. Stirrat—Sandhurst and Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.
- 1925. J. D. Palmer—Sandhurst and Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.
- 1926. J. C. Shearer—Sandhurst and Royal Tank Corps.
- 1926. D. M'Leay—Sandhurst and East Surrey Regiment.
- 1927. C. O'Grady—Cranwell and Royal Air Force.
- **1931. G. Thomson—Woolwich and Royal Signals.
- **1933. R. Linton—Woolwich & Royal Signals.

**Holder of the Queen Victoria School Scholarship.

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS GAINED BY FORMER STUDENTS AND BOYS.

- 1927. R. Bayne—B.Sc. (Hons.), St. Andrews University.
- 1927. M. M. Shearer—M.A. (Hons.), Glasgow University.

Queen Victoria School, Dunblane.

Commandants.

Colonel M. G. Wilkinson, K.O.S.B.	... ..	1908-14.
Lieut.-Colonel G. Gunn, Cameron Highlanders	... ..	1914-17-18.
Major G. S. Douglas, Cameronians	... ..	1914-16.
Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Churchill, Cameron Highlanders	... ..	1916-17.
Lieut.-Colonel P. Mitford, Cameron Highlanders	... ..	1918-22.
Major G. W. Smith, K.O.S.B.	... ..	1922-25.
V.C. Major A. C. T. White, A.E.C.	... ..	1925-29.
Colonel S. A. Innes, Black Watch	... ..	1930.

Adjutants.

Captain D. Mathers, R. Innis Fus.	... ..	1908-14.
Major J. J. Scott, A. & S. Highlanders	... ..	1914-19.
Major J. Mackie, Gordon Highlanders	... ..	1919-22.
Lieut.-Colonel J. C. Macrae, Seaforth Highlanders	... ..	1922-30.

Chief Instructors.

Lieut. W. L. B. White	... ..	1908-15.
Captain H. G. R. Stevens	... ..	1915-18.
Captain R. R. Reid	... ..	1918-22.
Captain A. F. Barnes, A.E.C.	... ..	1922-26.
Captain W. T. Lunt, A.E.C.	... ..	1926-32.
Captain W. H. Williams, A.E.C.	... ..	1933.

*“At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.”*



QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF
THE BOYS OF THIS SCHOOL WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919.

J. R. Thomson	Seaforth Highlanders.
J. F. R. Stevenson	K.R.R. Corps.
J. M. G. Pollock	Cameron Highlanders.
J. Wilson	A. & S. Highlanders.
G. W. Archer	Black Watch.
W. L. Crichton	Gordon Highlanders.
E. Brett	Black Watch.
J. W. Gibbon	Gordon Highlanders.
W. Tinlin	Royal Scots.
J. Y. Watt	Black Watch.
R. Mackenzie	Seaforth Highlanders.
O. Cassie	A. & S. Highlanders.
J. Kennedy	A. & S. Highlanders.
J. Muir	Machine Gun Corps.
P. D. Binnie	Cameron Highlanders.
H. G. Robinson	Highland Light Infantry.
D. Fraser	K.O.S. Borderers.

Sports Day, 1933.

On July 1st, the beginning of our heat wave, we held our Annual Sports. Commencing at 2 p.m., we completed the whole programme by 5 p.m. The reason for our early completion was that all the preliminary heats had been run off earlier in the week, thus leaving only the semi-finalists and finalists to compete. This arrangement also has an advantage in that it avoids competitors returning to the field after enjoying a large tea.

Very keen competition was displayed for the Victor Ludorum Trophy, and for a while it was difficult to decide whether D. M'Kinlay of "C" Company or A. Carruthers of "D" Company would be the finalist. The Trophy eventually went to D. M'Kinlay, A. Carruthers not taking part in any of the track events.

The Mystery Race, as usual, caused quite a sensation, and was entirely different to last year's success. This year the teams, one from each company were composed of a Master, a Company Maid, a Pioneer, and a boy from each Division. The competition was to set a table at a stipulated place on the track. The tables, knives, forks, spoons, tablecloths, cups, etc., were distributed round the 220 yards' track, and each competitor could only collect one article at a time. There has never been such activity in the School since it was opened. As one onlooker remarked "That's Jean, that was!" As soon as the table was laid it was judged and points were deducted for errors; it is interesting that even maids and mess orderlies sometimes lay knives and forks the wrong way! After this inspection, each article had to be returned separately to the place where it was originally got. Eventually "B" Company's Team won, and they deserved to! Personally I'd rather do the mile!

The Obstacle Race, although certainly as funny as in previous years, was not so complicated; perhaps the people concerned were a little more compassionate towards the poor competitors.

The Inter-Company Championship Cup was very keenly contested for, the eventual winners being "D" Company. The Hurdles' Cup again went to "D" Company, "B" Company being very close runners-up. The monitors' Race provided a great thrill for the boys, and it is very gratifying that Monitors are taking this event much more seriously than of old. Most of them changed into running gear, and the race was well worth watching. The youngest Monitor starts at scratch, and the remainder of the Monitors are handicapped by one yard for every three months they are older than the fellow on scratch. Crowe was therefore well to the front when the race started, but he only beat Monitor M'Lean by a very short lead at the winning tape; if it had been a race over twice the distance, the competition would have been between M'Lean and Ramsay. However, Crowe ran hard and fully deserved his win.

Instead of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Bronze Medal Relay being run on the Regimental Depot Ground at Stirling, it was this year included in the School programme. This was unavoidable as the Depot Argyll and

Sutherland Highlanders were holding their Annual Sports on the same day as ourselves. Three Teams, Highland, Lowland and other units competed, and a fine race was run, the Highland Regiments leading the Lowland Regiments to the tape.

In sports, as in several other competitive affairs, certificates are being awarded to winners in addition to the value of the prize money, which is credited to the Post Office Savings account of the individual boys. The scheme gives each boy something which he can either frame or keep, and which is tangible evidence of his success, and as such may be treasured for years.

Finally we have to thank Mrs Innes for kindly presenting the Trophies and Certificates to the successful competitors, and the various members of the staff for the large amount of labour they expended before, during, and after the sports.

Relay Race, Junior Division A.—1, "C" 2, "B"; 3, "A."

Relay Race, Senior Division.—1, "B"; 2, "A"; 3, "B."

Alarm Race, Junior Division B.—1, A. Sandilands, "B"; 2, R. Simpson, "A"; 3, J. Anderson, "C"; 4, R. Ross, "C."

Relay Race, Junior Division B.—1, "D"; 2, "A"; 3, "C."

High Jump, Junior Division A.—1, J. Roe, 3ft. 11ins.; 2, F. Morton; 3, A. Weddell.

440 Yards, Senior Division—1, D. M'Kinlay, 1 min. 2 4/5 secs.; 2, J. Dakers; 3, W. Long.

100 Yards, Junior Division B.—1, J. West, 13 secs.; 2, E. Coull; 3, J. Quinn.

Hurdles Relay, Senior Division—1, "D"; 2, "C"; 3, "B."

220 Yards, Junior Division A.—1, R. Hogg, 29 1/5 secs.; 2, D. Richford; 3, K. Roe.

Mystery Race—1, "D," Miss J. Orr, Mr Stuart, A.E.C.; 2, Mr W. Dowling, Boys J. Robertson, F. M'Goohan, J. Oliver (tied).

High Jump, Senior Division—1 (tied), D. M'Kinlay, A. Carruthers, T. M'Atter. Height, 4ft. 4 1/2ins.

Ladies' Race—1, Mrs Hunter; 2, Mrs Mitten. 100 Yards, Junior Division A.—1, R. Hogg, 13 secs.; 2, D. Richford; 3, W. Wilson.

High Jump, Junior Division B.—1, R. Quinn, 3ft. 9ins.; 2 (tied), J. West and J. Elrick.

100 Yards, Senior Division.—1, L. Smith, 12 1/2 secs.; 2, W. Long; 3, D. M'Kinlay.

Maids' Race.—1, Miss Hendry; 2, Miss Smith; 3, Miss Orr.

Monitors' 220 Yards Handicap.—1, Monitor Crowe; 2, Monitor M'Lean; 3, S/Monitor Ramsay.

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Bronze Medal Relay—1st Highland Regiments; 2, Lowland Regiments.

Sack Race, Junior Division B.—1, James Oliver; 2, J. Myles; 3, R. Simpson.

Obstacle Race, Junior Division B.—1, J. West; 2, E. Coull and G. Jones; 3, J. Ferrigan.

Obstacle Race, Junior Division A and Senior Division.—R. M'Kay, W. Gilliland, R. Perrie, J. Officer, J. Dakers.

Long Jump, Senior Division.—1, A. Carruthers; 2, R. Shore; 3, J. Bowler.

Long Jump, Junior Division A.—1, R. Hogg; 2, J. Roe; 3, C. Mitten.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Senior Division.—
1, R. M'Kay; 2, D. M'Kinlay; 3, G. Lloyd.
Throwing the Cricket Ball, Junior Division A.
—1, C. Mitten; 2, D. Benn; 3, B. Martell.

Inter-Company Championship. — 1, "D" Company, 33 points; 2, "C" Company, 29 points.

Victor Ludorum.—D. M'Kinlay, 8 points; runner-up, A. Carruthers.

Relay Cup.—"D" Company.

Hurdles Relay Cup.—"D" Company.

Monitors' Cup.—Monitor Crowe, "C" Company.

Rugby, 1932-33.



Unfavourable weather and an epidemic of influenza accounted for only three matches being played in the latter part of the season. Milligan left at Christmas, and except for this and positional changes the team was the same after the holidays as before.

DECEMBER 17th—VERSUS BELLAHOUSTON
ACADEMY 2nd XV., AT DUNBLANE.

The School team started well, and at half-time were leading 3-0. The points were scored by M'Lean dropping a penalty goal. The School maintained their pressure in the second half, but tired towards the end of the game, and then Bellahouston scored three tries in quick succession, one of which was converted. All the team played well, and it would be unfair to pick out any one for special commendation.

Lost 11-3.

MARCH 11th—VERSUS DOLLAR ACADEMY 3rd XV.,
AT DOLLAR.

The game was played on a very heavy pitch which hindered three-quarter play. It was mainly a forward game, extremely gruelling, but the thing we enjoy. Dollar scored an unconverted try early in the game, which was hard and well contested until half-time. Early in the second half Dollar scored another unconverted try. Towards the end of the game the School dominated the play, and when M'Lean scored with a penalty kick we were very hopeful of winning. M'Lean kicked another penalty goal, but one of our players was off-side. An easy chance to score was thoughtlessly thrown away. The fault was the time-honoured one of taking a "fly hack" at the ball. This game showed an improved School team. Our forwards were hard working and nippier than Dollar's, and with the aid of Ryan at scrum-half, combined well with the three-quarters.

Lost 6-3.

MARCH 25th—VERSUS NEWSTEAD SCHOOL
1st XV., AT DUNBLANE.

The team which played so well at Dollar was determined to beat Newstead. It seems to be an unwritten law that we must not lose to this School, but there is always just the possibility of something surprising happening. The School was definitely on top for the whole of the game. The tries, three of which were converted, were scored by M'Lean (3), Ramsay (2), and Hogg (1). This was a fine finish to a very disappointing season, and we must congratulate Newstead on their grit and fine spirit which enabled them to play a fine game to the end.

Won 24-0.

During the whole season many matches had been cancelled, and we were able to win only two games. The team was small, and we were nearly always handicapped by the great height and weight of our opponents.

In some of the games of this last season, we must confess that the team was not energetic or resourceful enough. This may be traced to a lack of ambition to play in the First XV. It should be the aim of every Senior Division boy to get his place in this team. Although comparatively young, we are twenty-five this year, we have already got a rugger tradition to uphold, and those Old Victorians who have secured creditable places in rugby teams, both in the Services and in civil life, would be extremely disappointed if they thought that the rugger spirit was dying out. Let's hope the depression is only temporary, and very temporary at that. Rugby has always been the GAME of the School, and it would be regrettable if it had to take second place. Remember many other Schools judge us by the game we play and how we play it. Let it be the ambition of every Senior Division boy to leave the School with his Rugger Blue or at least be able to say he made an honest effort to obtain it.

Rugby is often condemned as a rough game. It is not rough but robust and manly, and it fosters the team spirit more than any other game. It is the only game that still retains its honest amateur spirit; many Schools, which played soccer, have gone over to rugger during the last few years, particularly on account of this. The game develops self-control, quick perception, speed of eye, hand and foot and unselfishness. Rugby players give and take hard knocks without complaint, and they value the effort which is made more than the points gained—provided that the effort is whole-hearted. A good rugger player is always physically fit and a thorough sportsman. The Duke of Wellington said "the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton." This tag is about worn threadbare, but there is no reason why the foundation of some future success in life should not be laid upon the rugby field of Queen Victoria School.

Contrary to conventional ideas, the eight forwards of a rugby team should not be men whose sole asset is weight, but men with stamina and speed. The golden rule for forwards is "Be where the ball is." This means that forwards must play "all out" for the whole of the game and consequently they must

be fit. The fact that "union is strength" applies to rugby forwards; eight men in the scrum formation, with heads down and arms gripping one another tightly, take some stopping if they rush with the ball at their feet. Forwards must remember that they are the first line of defence as well as of attack. They must be able to tackle cleanly and hard. A passing movement among forwards is a very effective method of attack. Close attention should be paid to such points as the correct procedure in tight scrums and line-outs when they are being explained at practice. Every member of a rugby team should be able to give and take a pass while travelling at top speed. The three-quarters should aim at making the reception of passes as mechanical as possible. They should not be wondering whether the ball will reach them or whether they will catch it or not, but they should be deciding, and that very quickly, what they will do with the ball when they have got it.

All players should know the rules thoroughly. If they are not known many needless penalties are given away and the enjoyment of the game is lessened. Useful rugger actions should be made perfect until they become one's second nature. As in all things "PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT." The ideal rugby team is one in which each player is able to say "Well, the others know their job and I know mine, so it's all right." Compare this spirit with the uneasiness of a team with several weak spots and which knows them!

And now, having got that off our chests, may we look forward to the season 1933-34 with the hope that the depression will lift and we'll see some real rugger after the holidays.

A. S. H. and R. M'L.

Swimming, 1933.

The Swimming Competition was held on 12th July, 1933:—

Senior Division, Relay—"D" Company. Time, 3 mins. 44 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs. Twelve lengths.

Junior Division A—"C" Company. Time, 2 mins. 33 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs. Eight lengths.

Junior Division B—"B" Company. Time, 1 min. 10 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs. Four lengths.

Senior Division, Individual—1, D. M'Kinlay, time, 1 min. 7 secs.; 2, A. Burns, time, 1 min. 10 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.; 3, R. M'Kay. Four lengths.

Junior Division A, Individual—1, J. Forbes, time, 58 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.; 2, D. Benn, time, 59 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs. Three lengths.

Junior Division B, Individual—1, I. Bell, time, 36 secs.; 2, W. Lloyd, time, 36 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs. Two lengths.

Novices—1, J. More; 2, J. Rigg; 3, N. M'Leod. One length.

Diving, Senior Division—1, L. Hall, 29 ft. 10 ins.; 2, A. Burns, 29 ft. 9 ins.; 3, S. Carruthers.

Diving, Junior A—1, D. Beaton, 30 ft. 5 ins.; 2, P. Ewen, 27 ft. 10 ins.

There was as usual very keen competition for the Swimming Trophy. "D" Company was first with 9 points, "C" Company with 8 points, and "B" and "A" with 7 and 6 points respectively.

The Individual Trophy, "The Fish," was won by D. M'Kinlay of "C" Company; this is the second time that M'Kinlay has won this trophy, winning it last year while he was in "B" Company.

May we remind our readers that the length of our baths is sixty-two feet.

Swimming Certificates, 1933.

Swimming Certificates have been awarded to the following:—

"A" COMPANY.

J. Robertson, W. Munro, A. M. Smith, R. Simpson, F. Aitken, D. Currie, P. Robertson, H. Robinson, W. Thomson.

"B" COMPANY.

A. Loats, N. M'Leod, W. Lloyd, I. Bell, W. Rennie, M. M'Millan, C. Mitten, G. Jones, J. More, P. Wilson, W. Chandler, G. Mason, G. Broadbent, D. Moore.

"C" COMPANY.

J. Anderson, C. Hayward, F. Morton, H. Arnold, G. Morrison, W. Martin, G. Arnold, D. Fisher, C. Duncan.

"D" COMPANY.

A. Forsyth, R. M'Geechan, G. Long, W. Hagan, P. Rutherford, J. Rigg, J. M'Dermid, K. Quinn, A. Honeyman, J. MacPherson, P. Gass, R. Hogg.

Inter-Schools' Competition.

During the presence of the Chief Inspector of Educational Training we took the opportunity to run off and complete the five athletic events in connection with the Inter-Schools' Competition.

From the tabulated results below it will be seen that we were successful, securing the trophy by winning three events to the Duke of York's Military School's two events.

The results were very close, particularly in the flat events, when fifths of a second made the decision. In view of this, we are going to be prepared for a keen contest next year, for this is the second time that the cup has come north over the Border, and no Q-Vic. is ready to believe that the Dukies like this!

	D.Y.R.M.S.	Q.V.S.
Long Jump	45ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	46ft. 6ins.
High Jump	12ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	12ft. 10ins.
440 Yards Relay	57 1 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.	57 3 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
880 Yards Relay	1min. 54 4 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.	1min. 55secs.
Throwing the Cricket Ball	208yds. 2ft. 5ins.	212yds. 2ft. 8ins.

Well done Dukies and here's to next year's Competition.

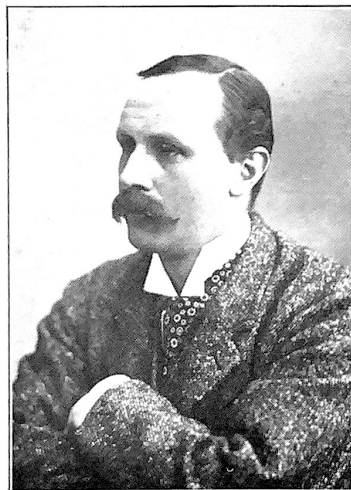
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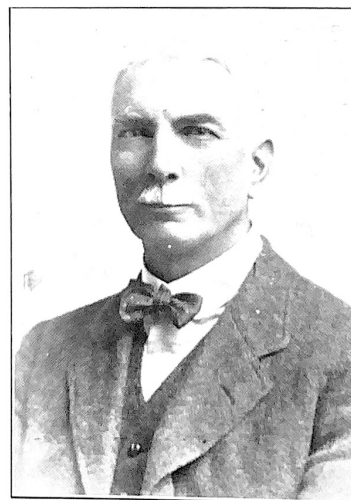
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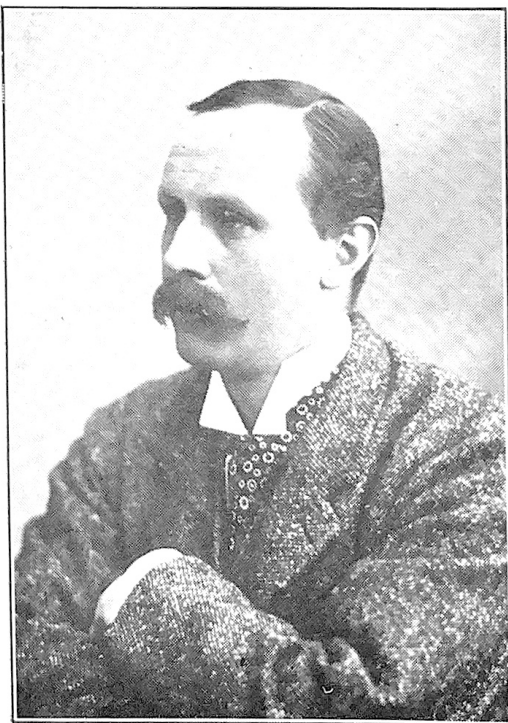
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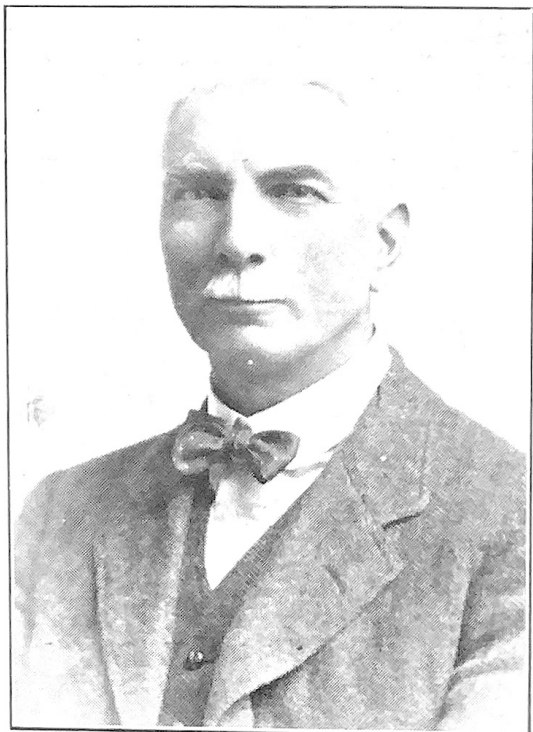
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Drummers, Pipers and Highland Dancers.

Drum-Major Alexander Fraser left at the Easter Term, and his successor, Andrew Bain, formerly of B Company, has filled the post with much acceptance. Apart from engagements and the usual routine there is very little to report. Since the Christmas leave the following engagements have been undertaken:—



March 18—English Rugby International Match at Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

May 27—Glasgow Junior Cup Final at Firhill Park.

June 3—M'Laren High School, Callander—Sports' Day.

June 10—Children's Gala Day at Menstrie.

June 17—Children's Gala Day at Blackburn, West Lothian.

Further engagements are booked for the Midsummer Festival and Coronation of the School Queen at Bo'ness on 14th July; Dunblane Cattle Show on the day following, and the Stirling Cattle Show on the 22nd. In addition, dancing engagements were fulfilled for the Stirling Caledonian Strathspey and Reel Society on 22nd March, Ayr Cattle Show on 26th and 27th April, and for a Garden Fete at Touch House, near Stirling, on 24th May.

The Drumming, Bugling, Piping and Dancing Competitions were held on Monday, 19th June. The following were the prizewinners:—

DRUMMING (Side Drum).

Seniors—1, Drum-Major A. Bain, "A" Coy.; 2, Cpl. R. Hunter, "D" Coy.; 3, Cpl. N. M'Kinnon, "B" Coy.

Juniors—1, Boy T. Davidson; 2 (equal), Boys G. Adamson and P. Strachan, both of "A" Coy.

BUGLING.

Seniors—1, L.-Cpl. J. D. Palmer, "A" Coy.; 2, Cpl. W. Swan, "A" Coy.; 3, Drum-Major A. Bain, "A" Coy.

Juniors—1, Boy D. T. Mackenzie, "C" Coy.; 2, Boy D. Aiton, "A" Coy.

HIGHLAND DANCING.

Class A.

1. Highland Fling.—1, Cpl. A. Queen, "B" Coy.; 2, Cpl. W. Macdonald, "C" Coy.; 3, Col.-Cpl. D. A. Mackenzie, "C" Coy.; 4, Pipe-Major R. Mackay, "B" Coy.

2. Swords.—1, Pipe-Major R. Mackay, "B" Coy.; 2, Cpl. A. M'Neill, "A" Coy.; 3, Cpl. D. A. Mackenzie, "C" Coy.; 4, Cpl. A. Queen, "B" Coy.

3. Sean Truibhas.—1, Cpl. A. Queen, "B" Coy.; 2, Col.-Cpl. D. A. Mackenzie, "C" Coy.; 3, Cpl. A. Graham, "C" Coy.

Class B.

1. Highland Fling.—1, Boy N. M'Leod, "B" Coy.; 2, Cpl. R. Shore, "A" Coy.; 3, Boy D. Macdonald, "A" Coy.

2. Swords.—1, Boy R. Saunders, "B" Coy.; 2, Boy G. Hutchison, "C" Coy.; 3, Cpl. R. Shore, "A" Coy.

PIPING.

Class A.

1. Marches.—1, Pipe-Major R. Mackay, "B" Coy.; 2, Cpl. W. Macdonald, "C" Coy.; 3, Col.-Cpl. P. Ewen, "A" Coy.; 4, Boy J. Forbes, "C" Coy.

2. Slow Marches.—1, Pipe-Major R. M'Kay, "B" Coy.; 2, Col.-Cpl. P. Ewen, "A" Coy.; 3, Cpl. W. Macdonald, "C" Coy.; 4, Boy J. Forbes, "C" Coy.

3. Strathspeys and Reels.—1, Cpl. W. Macdonald, "C" Coy.; 2, Col.-Cpl. P. Ewen, "A" Coy.; 3, Pipe-Major R. Mackay, "B" Coy.

Class B.

1. Marches.—1, Boy R. Smith, "C" Coy.; 2, Cpl. R. Shore, "A" Coy.; 3, Boy A. Marr, "D" Coy.

2. Slow Marches.—1, Boy R. Smith, "C" Coy.; 2, Boy A. Marr, "D" Coy.; 3, Cpl. R. Shore, "A" Coy.

The new system of competition for places in the short leet to perform before the Judges proved most interesting. As a result, the finals were keenly fought out. Our appreciative thanks are accorded to Pipe-Major Leckie-Ewing, late H.L.I., and Pipe-Major Geddes, of the A. and S. Highlanders' Depot, for their judging of the piping; to Colonel A. Stirling of Garden, D.L., and Major Leckie-Ewing, for their judging of the dancing, and to Sergeant R. Willerton, A. and S.H., for the judging of the drumming and bugling. Other unofficial competitions for bass and tenor drum and C. Class Piping and Dancing have also been held.

PIPE PRESS.

Company Notes.

"A" COMPANY.

At the time of writing these notes "A" Company is engaged in a close tussle with "D" Company for the Championship Shield, which "D" Company holds. We are proud to say that the drill cup remains on the Company trophies' shelf for another year, despite the fact that we didn't have a Monitor to command us on the eventful day.

I am afraid that our Company's ability to secure such trophies as the Victor Ludorum, Primus or Individual Swimming is not. At present, sport is a very lean subject, but we can vouch for excellent tradesmen and workers in the classroom who will add many points to our aggregate. It is on all round good work that we shall gain our successes. In dancing we were moderately successful, gaining third place in the competition.

Despite gloomy skies, we are plodding along.

Next season we may be again called upon to provide the players for the First Rugger Fifteen. Last season we supplied no less than seven of these players. We are still without a worthy successor to Milligan, who left after Christmas. Who is willing to organise such funny concerts as he used to get up? Drum-Major Fraser left us after Easter, and we believe he is mentioned in the Chatham notes as being the best recruit in his party. Well done, Barrel!

To Drum-Major, who was transferred as Drum-Major from "B," we extend a welcome; his rugby prowess will be needed.

Since writing the above notes, the Sports Day has come and gone, and we can congratulate ourselves on not having fared so badly. We have discovered some "dark horses" in Ewen and Peter Dakers, and our prospects for next year look better than ever.

"B" COMPANY.

We are still keeping the old flag flying in "B" Company.

First we must bewail our losses. The bright spark of the Company has gone in the form of Douglas Smaile. Though no great and mighty man in the realms of sport or learning, he plodded his way and enlivened our lives with his weird and wonderful experiments. "Professor" Smaile's stink bombs were good and effective (sometimes). We hear that he has started in a bus garage; if he arrives hurriedly through the air, we'll know he's been experimenting with the explosion temperature of petrol! Anyway, the best of luck to him in his new occupation.

We extend a hearty welcome to all the new boys to our Company—Charlie Mitten, D. Paxton, T. Deans, Albert Queen, Willie Lloyd, A. Pratt, Ian Bell, D. Moore, and G. Broadbent. Already they are proving themselves worthy successors to previous "B"-conians in sports. Mitten has a great aptitude for any branch of athletics, Bell is an expert swimmer, and Broadbent and Lloyd both show they know something about football and cricket.

In sports and other inter-company competitions the Company has done well. We lost, by only one point, the Dancing Shield, but on the same day A. Queen and R. M'Kay respectively put up the best performances in dancing and piping. We lost only one cricket match and won the Cricket Shield; we must congratulate our First Eleven on not losing a single game.

Finally, we are still the best kit inspection company in the School.

"C" COMPANY.

These notes are being composed in the midst of practising for the impending Sports Day, when we hope to carry off several of the trophies.

The Cricket League finished in mid-June, and we did much better than we anticipated.

The Dancing Shield was welcomed to our shelf; the "fairies" amongst our pipers certainly did it in style. In optimistic fervour we visualise the Victor Ludorum, "Fish" and Primus falling to our lot. (Since these notes were written, the vision has proved reality.)

The Easter Term was interrupted by an influenza scare (we nearly said epidemic, but

that would be flattering the vile germ). A couple of the dormitories were turned into temporary wards, and there seemed to be too much competition to enter these places than is usually warranted in a sick bay. However, all recovered, possibly because the remainder of the School spent most of their time on the ice, trying out their tricks on the large supply of skates the Commandant obtained for us.

We are particularly proud of ex-Senior Monitor Bobby Linton, who has passed out of Woolwich and has been gazetted Lieutenant in the Royal Corps of Signals. He is to be specially congratulated on being elected Vice-Captain of the 1st XV. Another ex-monitor who is making his mark, in boxing this time, is Cruickshank. We are also proud to see recorded in another part of "The Victorian," a description of a gallant rescue from drowning effected by an old "C" Company boy, Ian Ross. "A Victorian" at every seaside resort should be our aim. Our number of Swimming Certificate holders has greatly increased, but if they are confronted with danger we are afraid that they might be the rescued instead of the rescuers! However they'll do well with practice and won't fail us in emergency.

"D" COMPANY.

To all "D" Company admirers we extend a hearty invitation to listen to our tale of triumph. As a Company, we have been for the last two years persistent "pot hunters," and this year is going to eclipse all our previous successes, for the Company Championship Shield dangles just within our reach!

We have won the Soccer and Rugger Shields, the Sports, Relay, Hurdles, and Boxing Cups. And what is there left to win?

Archie Carruthers, our Senior Division Cricket Eleven, figured regularly in the School First Team, and was runner-up for the Victor Ludorum Cup.

We lost a fine fellow when Willie West left for the Service, and we wish him the best of luck in his new career.

In newcomers to the Company we welcome J. Burley and Long, who will, we trust, eventually become company stalwarts in their day. What Burley lacks in inches he makes up for in spirit, and he should be a credit to us.

Monitors' Room.

The summer term has seen the beginning of a physical training squad of the Monitors, which turns out at that chilly hour of 6 a.m., one whole hour before the remainder of the children are roused from their cherubic slumbers.

We are under the supervision of C.S.M. Mitten, who was appointed to the School as Instructor in Physical Training at Easter. Already we can feel the benefit of this extra hour, and we are looking forward to the rugby season when strength and stamina will count. If the First Fifteen don't pull their weight, we're contemplating petitioning the authorities to have them up in the morning to join us.

If successful in the recent Royal Air Force examination, M'Lean and Crowe will soon be leaving us for Halton. We wish them the best

of success in their examination and all luck possible in their career. We will look forward to seeing them follow in the steps of their predecessors, Jamieson and Ballantine, featuring in the rugger scrum. Some time ago Halton asked for more of the rugger ilk from Dunblane, and here's our answer.

Since the New Year we have been making sure that we had no holes in our pockets by which odd "threepennies" could lose themselves. As a result of our gallant effort and by the generosity of the Commandant, we have been able to have our billiard table recovered. In addition we have had mats provided round the table where the tread of intent players tends to remove the Brussels, and a couple of extra cues and a cue-tipping machine have arrived. We would like to express our thanks to the Commandant for his very kind assistance in this matter.

Last, but not least, we would like to welcome our new Headmaster, Captain Williams. As seniors amongst the boys may we say how happy we are to have him, now that we know him; and may we assure him that if he gets as much pleasure out of his stay here as we get out of his enthusiasm, he is going to have a jolly fine time indeed.

S.O.S. Is the late Senior Monitor Cruickshank still alive or has he been knocked across the Styx by some disguised Carnera? If anyone sees a trig, point with something under it will they please remove the said conventional sign and smack the budding topographical expert until he, like the aforementioned Cruickshank, remembers that we would like a letter?

(The Editorial Committee endorses the latter paragraph.)

Tackets from the Cobblers' Shop.

We are still rivetting away in the old shop, day in and day out, with never a halt.

Our great drawer, Willie West, has gone to the B.T.S. at Chepstow. (By drawer, our correspondent means artist. West did some clever reproductions in line and in colour of British Army Uniforms during his last year here.—Ed.)

Our task may be humble, repairing shoes is, but what a lot we can learn from the way people wear out boots and shoes. Cobblers have the finest opportunity in the world of sizing up a person's character. Apart from the fact that cheap, flashy goods suggest a shallow character full of vanity, while good solid hand-sewn goods denote commonsense, different people wear their footwear in a different number of ways.

The Cobbler in "Chu, Chin Chow" was right when he sang—

"Shoes worn thick,

"Shoes worn thin,

* * * *

"There's food for thought in a cobbler's skin."

So if you see a cobbler who appears to be wrapped in thought, think first, "Are your shoes in for repair"? you never know, he may be preparing a psychological analysis of somebody!

W. B. M'K.

Band Notes.

The outbreak of influenza retarded our progress during the winter, but this we soon made up by extra practice. At Ayr Show we were well received, and through the efforts of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, we enjoyed both the engagement and the visit. We have to thank them specially for the kindness and attention which we received during our stay.

Our first appearance at Glasgow was on the occasion of the Junior Cup final at Firhill. Here again we were well received, and Burns' solo, "The Joywheel," caused quite a sensation. The crowd was especially interested in "Brigade Day," in which the pipes, band, drums and bugles featured. At the interval we played "Retreat," after which the Lord Provost of Glasgow inspected us.

At Dundee we were engaged by the Scottish "Daily Express" to play before 15,000 people. On the programme we were introduced as the "Best Boys' Band in Scotland," so we have quite a reputation to keep up.

We are looking forward to Perth where we were well received last time.

We have the honour of being taken to Crathie Castle, the residence of Major-General Sir James L. G. Burnett of Leys, Bart., C.M.G., D.S.O. This is the result of the General hearing us play at one of his visits to the School.

We have been playing quite a variety of pieces this term, including Overture, "Lustspiel," by Keler Bela; Selections, "The Maid of the Mountains" and "Chu, Chin Chow," and a Hunting Scene, "John Peel."

We have lost Ryan, and M'Lean has taken his place as Band-Sergeant. Ryan proceeded to the 2nd Battalion of the Staffordshire Regiment. The Bandmaster being an old boy, Mr Johnston has taken a particular interest in him. We hope to hear soon that Ryan is on a pupil's course at Kneller Hall. Mr Johnston has written to say how pleased he was with Ryan, and that he intends to send him to Kneller Hall.

Mr Jarvis, Bandmaster of the K.O.S.B., and Mr Rhodes, Bandmaster of the Royal Scots, visited us this term, and were pleased with what they saw and heard. We hope that many other Bandmasters will find the time and convenience to visit us in the near future.

VERDUN ROSIE.

Military Band Competition, 1933.

BEST PROGRESS.—1st, G. MacDonald; 2nd, D. Hickey.

APPLICATION.—1st, R. Burke; 2nd, J. Wright; 3rd, V. Carroll; 4th, D. Potter; 5th, G. M'Donald; 6th, M'D. Robinson.

INSTRUMENTATION.—Grade I.—1st, R. Burke; 2nd, H. M'Callum; 3rd, I. Dunn; 4th, J. Stewart. Grade II.—1st, D. Potter; 2nd, G. M'Donald; 3rd, A. Burns; 4th, F. Winchester. Grade III.—1st, F. Morton; 2nd, J. G. Jones; 3rd, J. Myles; 4th, N. Douglas. Junior—1st, A. Meechan; 2nd, H. Arnold; 3rd, A. Kirk; 4th, A. Forsyth.

How Some Scottish Surnames Came to be Acquired.

By "INCOC."

(Continued).

The Church with its various offices originated quite a number of names. The names of Church and Kirk would no doubt be derived from men living there. Clerk or Clark are so named from their learning. Bishop, Parson, Friar and Monk indicate derivation from patronage. Jore—Dewar and Deuchar—suggest those who had the care or keeping of church relics, and Singer, Sangster and Sang obviously came from the choir. Proctor means the beadle or church officer. In the Highlands Gille—Christus—the well known name Gilchrist—really means the servant of Christ: Gilmour or Gilmory is the equivalent for the servant of Mary (the Blessed Virgin). Gilcalum and Malcolm mean the servants of Columba: Gil-michael the servant of St. Michael, and Gillespie or Gillescop the servant of the Bishop.

Travelling and resident merchants supply names such as Mercer (also known as Messer), Merchant, Seller, Scales, Chapman—whose mantle has now fallen on the ordinary pedlar—Cheape, Monypenny and many others.

The medical profession give several names. Barber, who it will be recollected in the old days performed surgical operations; Leech, and Leechman.

Quite a number of names came from the riverside. Among others are the names of Miller, Mill, Multerer (which afterwards became Mutter). In connection with the last name it would be well to explain that in the olden days lands were thirled to a particular mill for the grinding of grain, with the burden of allowing a proportion of grain to the miller for the grinding of the whole corn or grain. This proportion was called a Multure. Walkers are so named, not from any pedestrian feat but from the waulking of cloth. Fulling of the cloth also affords the name Fuller. In the Highlands the waulking of the cloth in the old days was made the occasion for a gathering of the neighbours who all helped. The waulking of the cloth was proceeded with to the accompaniment of Gaelic songs, and the proceedings wound up with a Highland Reel. Men who put fish in barrels for exportation were known as Cooper; the man who hooped the barrel was called Girdwood, and the man who stamped or printed the barrel was called Brander (Brand for shortness). Those employed in the curing and dressing of skins were called Skinner, Barker, Currier or Currie, and Tanner.

Butchart or Butchard come from butcher. Brewster is from the brewer, Webster from the weaver, Litster from the dyer, Suter (now known as Souter) from the shoemaker, Baxter from the baker. Workers in wood are called Cartwrights, Sievewrights, Joiners, Sawers, Wrights. Other trades give the names of Plummer, Sclater, Mason, and many more enduring and respectable names are to be

found in those of Turner, Taylor, Sadler, Lorimer (meaning a bridle maker), Glover, Cook, Kitchen or Ketchen, and Kitchener. The maker of bows was called Bowyer or Bowmaker, and the arrowmaker was called Fletcher. The name Smith, immortalised in Longfellow's fine poem, requires no explanation, but the family is a large one. The name assumes many forms of spelling, as well as the shape. The equivalent in Gaelic is Gow and probably Cowan. Many people seeking surnames naturally called themselves by the name of the place where they had been born. There are many Hills, Craigs, Glens, Forrests and Woods, also Muir—from the moor. The keeper of the wardrobe gives the name of Wardroper or Wardrop, and the keeper of the napery took the name of Naperer, Naper or Napier.

Surnames adopted from animals may be intentional or accidental. There are the names of Hare and Dog (commonly written as Doig), Brock (which is the Scottish word for badger), Eagle, Heron, Crow and Peacock. The family name of the Earls of Strathmore is Lyon. One can scarcely imagine, however, that lions abounded in Scotland. Probably the family name was derived from their coat armour, or they may have exhibited a lion over the gates of their castle in the County of Angus.

The names Bard and Harper are derived from Minstrelsy, and the names of Bell and Lamb are derived from signs or symbols. The name of Sheriff was no higher than that of Dempster—the latter being the organ for pronouncing the sentence of the Court, while the former was, and still is, a high officer of the Crown. The office of chamberlain gives rise to the names Chambers, Chalmers and Chamberlain. Constable is not a high name in Scotland, but Baillie has acquired respect for many reasons. Mr Laird is no more dignified than Mr Tennent, and Mr Gentleman is no more dignified than Mr Knight or Mr Barron.

Rural occupations give the names of Farmer, Grieve, Shepherd and Shearer, Harrower, Carter, Thrasher, Tasker and Bowman—the last-named being the man in charge of the cattle. Husband cultivated the soil and Granger looked after the grange or homestead of a farm. Rural pursuits supply the names of Fisher, Fowler, Falconer, Hunter and Tod. Fullerton comes from Fowler, Parker from Park-keeper, and Warrener or Warrender from the office in charge of the warren. The caretaker of the forest took many shapes of name, Forrester, Foster, Forster, Forrest and Forret. The names of Archer, Stalker and Spearman speak for themselves.

(To be continued.)

Shoemakers' Competition, 1933.

Seniors—1, I. Sharp; 2, W. McKay; 3, M. Mooney.

Juniors—1, D. Gemmell; 2, F. Hamilton; 3, C. Hayward.

My Visit to the Queen Victoria School.

The following is an extract from "The Tiger and Sphinx," which we are publishing to show Old Boys that the present generation is still carrying on the tradition.

On July 28th, at the invitation of a friend in the Regiment, who has a son a pupil at the Queen Victoria School, I went there to watch the display by the boys on what is termed "Grand Day."

"Grand Day" appears to be so named because it is the day before the school breaks up for the summer holidays. A most appropriate name, I should imagine, from the boys' point of view.

The boys, in full dress, were paraded on the Sports Field, and were inspected by the G.O.C.-in-C., Scottish Command, who, after watching the Trooping of the Colour, delivered a speech complimenting them on their display.

The dress worn was black cap, red tunic, kilt, etc., and it looked very well indeed.

The drill of the boys was excellent, and did them credit. Many a Regimental Sergeant-Major would have been envious of their precision in movement.

Both the Pipe and Brass Bands played the usual music for such occasions, and these bands should not lack private engagements if their present musical standard is maintained.

After the dismissal of the parade, there was a display of Highland dancing, and the Brass Band played a programme through.

General Sir James Burnett was present in his capacity as G.O.C., Highland Area.

Although I understand there were many more things for the spectator, I had to return to town, so am unable to give any further details.

In conclusion, let me say that I was most impressed by all I saw at the Queen Victoria School, and if I am fortunate enough to be on leave when "Grand Day" is on again, I will not lose the opportunity of seeing what I consider a real first-rate show.

R. M.

A Knight of the Thistle.

Between two trains during the War, a stranger had an hour to wait at a small Fifeshire station. She wandered down some steps to the road below; stopped, and stood looking round her. Suddenly she became aware of a small group of children at her side. In the centre was a boy holding the hand of a little lady. They were eating nuts.

The boy looked at the stranger, and suddenly his hand dived into his breastpocket and out came a nut, which was held out to her with a gesture, as if he said, "It is my joy to give to you." A nut! and the stranger's veil was all tightly pinned down. They stood looking at each

other: the small son of six years old, in decent looking little coat bound round with braid, and his neat collar and ribbon tie: she, rolling the nut between her finger and thumb. Then the inspiration came. "Will you allow me to give this nut to your little lady friend?" she asked. The little lady and the stranger exchanged smiles. The nut was taken, but the boy's eyes never moved. Those steady, seeking, understanding eyes; quick as a thought the hand went back into his pocket, another nut was placed on the stone, and the shell crushed to pieces with his tiny foot, the broken pieces cleared away, and the clean kernel handed in the palm of his hand to the stranger. She picked him up, wrapped her arms round him, and then kissed him. What else could she do. "My little Knight," she said.

Then she walked off down the road and sat on a heap of sand in the middle of a waste piece of ground. Presently she heard the shout, "A Hare! A Hare!" and the animal came springing through the waste ground pursued by the entire village school shouting and gesticulating. It was a joyous crowd. The fun was great. Then slowly into view came the Knight and his little lady hand-in-hand, also pursuing through the patches of thistles as tall as themselves, across a sandy sunk ditch across which he might have sprung, but the little lady had to be handed down one side and helped up the other.

The sand had to be wiped off the pinny before she followed the crowd, which had by now disappeared into the wood at the end, and only their joyous cries on the summer air left as a guide to those who followed.

So she, the Stranger, left them, but for long, long after something eluded her. "What," she thought, "was it in the boy's eyes that gave to his face its extraordinary dignity?" What? Fearlessness? Moral rectitude? Sincerity? Intelligence? Fidelity? No—there was a mixture of them all in his calm blue eyes—but none was **THE** look. Then the day, years after, as if someone had said it to her, "Truth, of course, stupid." "Yes, of course," she said aloud, "those steady truthful eyes that had nothing to hide, nothing to fear."

Then the Stranger's heart groaned a little. She thought, "My little Knight, what have the years made of you . . . has your soul reeled back at the crooked ways of men . . . it were better a millstone . . . you whose strong, clean hands brushed the soil from the garments of those you protected . . . you who waited in the midst of fun, for feet slower than your own . . . and forgot you waited . . . God send you conquered . . . and to the end . . . Little Knight of the Thistle."

CONUNDRUM.

There was a man of Adam's race,
Who had a certain dwelling-place,
It was neither in Heaven, or Earth or Hell,
So tell me where did that man dwell.

NOTE.—For the answer, please apply to the boy in "A" Coy. with the nickname "Jonah."

The Ter-centenary of the Royal Scots.



H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ROYAL, COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, THE ROYAL SCOTS,
AND THE SONS OF ROYAL SCOTS AT EDINBURGH.

The Royal Scots, sometimes known as The Royal Regiment, owns the honours of several ancient bodies of Scottish troops which were acquired in service in Flanders, France, Sweden, Poland and other States.

This famous Regiment was raised by John Hepburn, a young soldier of the fifteenth century. The Royals have therefore the unique distinction of being the most ancient both of the Lowland and the Highland Regiments. John Hepburn was born of a Catholic family at Athelstaneford on East Lothian. He was created a Marshal of France, and served under the distinguished soldier, Gustavus of Sweden. A brilliant career was cut short, when he was killed at the early age of thirty-six.

When the Regiment returned from Tangier in 1684, and a detachment formed the bodyguard of the Duchess of York at Tunbridge Wells, it was there that Charles II. titled it "The Royal Regiment of Foot."

This year the Regiment is celebrating its three-hundredth birthday, which is called a ter-centenary. By the kindness of the Royal Scots Club in Edinburgh, all the boys of Queen

Victoria School, whose fathers had served in "The First of Foot," were invited to Edinburgh to take part in the celebrations.

On the Saturday we attended the parade at Glencorse, the Depot of the Regiment, where every boy had the honour of shaking hands with the Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, H.R.H. Princess Mary. Princess Mary shook hands with each of us, and inquired in which battalion our fathers had served. Afterwards we were allowed to go and talk with the soldiers, and meet our friends and relations.

On Sunday, 24th June, we attended the big parade in King's Park, Edinburgh, and took part in the March Past with past and present members of the Royal Scots.

After parade we went to the Club for tea. We showed our appreciation of the honour paid us by H.R.H. Princess Mary and the kindness of the Club by giving our extra-special Q.V.S. cheers.

I do not think that any of us who went to Edinburgh to take part in the tercentenary celebrations of the Royal Scots will forget this great occasion.

J. E. DAKERS.

From the Order Board.

Salvete.

The Gordon Highlanders—H. Robinson.
 The Black Watch—A. Pratt.
 The Royal Engineers—T. Deans.
 The Highland Light Infantry—G. Broadbent,
 A. M. Queen.
 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—I. Bell,
 G. Long, J. R. Bowes, J. Burley.
 The Scots Guards—D. Paxton.
 The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders—W.
 Lloyd.
 The King's Own Scottish Borderers—D. Moore.
 The Royal Scots—C. Mitten.

Valete.

TO THE SERVICES.

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders—V.
 Dunn.
 The Boys' Technical School—C. Millgiam, G.
 Carruthers, J. Currie, W. West.

The Royal Engineers—A. Fraser.
 The North Staffordshire Regiment—H. Ryan.
 The Gordon Highlanders—J. Parley.

TO CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

Glasgow—F. Pearson.
 Edinburgh—G. Munro, R. Laird.
 Selkirk—D. Smail.
 Dalbeattie—J. Thompson.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

To be Drum-Major—Cpl. A. Bain.
 To Sergeant—M. Robinson.
 To Corporal—L.-Cpls. G. Lloyd, A. McNeill, R.
 Hunter, A. Phillips, D. Jackson.
 To Colour Corporal—Cpl. A. Carruthers.
 To Lance-Corporal—Boys W. Barron, P.
 Georgeson, J. L. Brown, A. Queen.
 To Band Sergeant—Sgt. W. McLean.

Old Victorian Association.

Membership.—All Old Boys who have passed through the School are eligible for membership.

Subscription.—The Headquarters Subscription is 2s annually, which entitles the member to "The Victorian" (the School Magazine) free. Particulars as to Branch Subscriptions may be obtained from Branch Secretaries whose addresses are given below.

Badge and Tie.—Members are entitled to wear the badge and tie of the Association. The tie may be obtained from Messrs The Waverley Tailoring Co., 44 Earl Grey Street, Edinburgh (price 2s 6d), and the badge from the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the School (price 2s).

Branches.—There are branches in Edinburgh and Glasgow for members in those areas. Members resident elsewhere, and all serving Service members are affiliated to Headquarters at Dunblane.

Annual General Meeting. — The Annual General Meeting is held at the School on the first Sunday in May, when reports and financial statements from Headquarters and Branches are presented.

Objects.—(1) To continue the comradeship and fellowship formed during School life; (2) to assist boys leaving the School to find employment; (3) to make known the School, its aims and objects, and encourage Scottish soldiers, sailors, and airmen to send their boys to it; (4) to uphold the good name of the School, and, should occasion arise, the good name of any present or past member of it.

How to Join.—Apply to the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Queen Victoria School, stating full name, number, year you left the School, and your address. Or, if resident in or near Edinburgh, apply to the Secretary, Edinburgh Branch, Mr J. Robertson, 4 Meadowbank Crescent, Edinburgh, giving the above particulars. If resident in or near Glasgow, apply to the Secretary, Glasgow Branch, Mr E. Quinn,

51 Coltnuir Street, Parkhead, Glasgow, giving the above particulars.

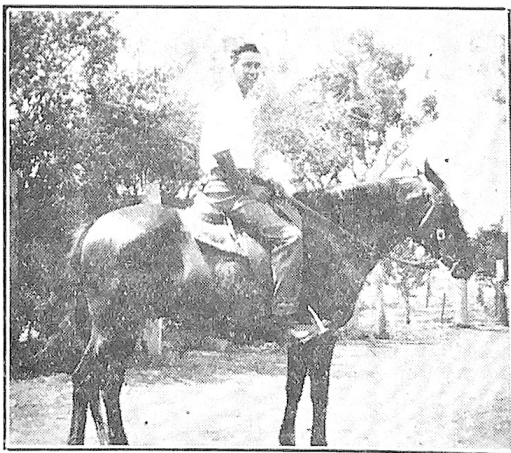


Here's a snap just received from the Camerons in India. There's no prize offered if you recognise Old Boys in the group. This is the sort of thing we like to publish. Send us your snaps, and if they're sharp enough for printing, we'll try and fit them into "The Victorian."

OLD BOY VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL.

- 649 Ross W. Smith, Milnathort.
- 1177. Boy Norman Anderson, The Queen's Own
Cameron Highlanders, Aldershot.
- 1186 J. Douglas, St. Andrews.
- 1235 B. Currie, St. Andrews.
- 373 J. M. McLeod, 155 Houston Street, Glas-
gow, C.5.
- 286 E. Quinn, 51 Coltnuir Street, Springburn,
Glasgow.

- 252 W. B. Robertson, 2 Springvalley Gardens, Edinburgh.
 182 D. A. Bowler, 11 Bedford Street, Edinburgh.
 305 Neil L. Cameron, 6 Balcarres Street, Edinburgh.
 330 A. M. Kirkpatrick, 3 Coupar Place, Glasgow, C.4.
 1034 D. M'Kay, 86 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh.
 495 Robert Stewart, 14 Inchlee Street, Whiteinch, Glasgow.
 735 B. R. Ward, 14 Bristol Street, Edinburgh.
 576 W. Learmonth, 11 Lower View, Craig Row, Edinburgh.
 545 G. Malloy, 3 Niddrie Mains Drive, Craig-mellor.
 589 L. Burns, 161 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh.
 1057 A. Kidd, 16 Salisbury Street, Edinburgh.
 881 David J. Wilson, 17 Westfield Road, Edinburgh.
 631 T. Tunnat, 9 Fettes Row, Edinburgh.
 958 James C. Scott, 15 Scott Street, Stirling.
 854 Eric Fennessey, 15 Carnarvon Street, Glasgow, C.4.
 1183 George M. Bulloch, 18 Westhall Gardens, Edinburgh.
 420 Archibald B. Quinn, 11 Couper Place, Glasgow, C.4.
 29 J. Edmunds, 60 Ogilvie Terrace, Edinburgh.
 397 J. Robertson, 4 Meadowbank Crescent, Edinburgh.
 553 J. Baggart, 148 Morrison Street, Edinburgh.
 902 D. Anderson, 12 Murdoch Place, Edinburgh.
 43 G. Stirrat, Police Headquarters, Glasgow.
 E. Hall, Perth.



Do any of you recognise 789 George A. R. Snaddon? He'll be pleased to hear from old School chums, and here's his address:—c/o T. Brown, Esq., Gladstone, Lower McLeay River, New South Wales, Australia.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH— OLD VICTORIANS' ASSOCIATION.

During the past half year there has not been any outstanding matter of general interest to note.

The membership of the Branch still remains about 40—there being no new members during that time.

The usual monthly meetings have been held in the Club Rooms of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at 9 Lynedoch Place, Glasgow.

These meetings will be resumed on the first Thursday of August at the same address at 7.30 p.m., and should this intimation catch the eye of any old boy who would like to visit the Branch, he will be made very welcome.

A series of socials and a bus outing filled the social side of the Branch, and were very successful.

We must not forget to draw attention to the visit of Pipe and Military Bands of the School to Glasgow. The reception they received from the public was exceptional, and was spoken about days afterwards. Every old boy who had at some time or another connected himself with the Glasgow Branch appeared to have made it a point of getting to Firhill that day, and never had the Committee a better chance to have a record meeting. However, it is good to see them turn out to welcome the present boys, even if they cannot turn out to the Branch meetings. Every one was very proud of the smart and efficient way the boys paraded, also with the excellent music provided. Thanks is due to our very good friend Mr Currie, of the Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association, for making the boys' visit possible, and it is hoped that they will catch the eye of the Glasgow public more frequently. (We hear that Peter, Pipey, and Bandy had a terrible time meeting old friends, and no longer envy Royalty.)

Recently, while the Argylls' Pipe Band were playing in the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, one of our members, who was present, was so impressed at the neatness of the dancers that he mentally bet himself that they were ex-Q.V.S., and on making enquiry found that he was correct with at least two. He had a few words with them. As the reception they received so impressed him he passed on their names with no little pride.

1188 L. Georgeson.

1192 G. White.

We are optimistically looking forward to the coming winter months, and hope that we may be able to better our position both financially and numerically.

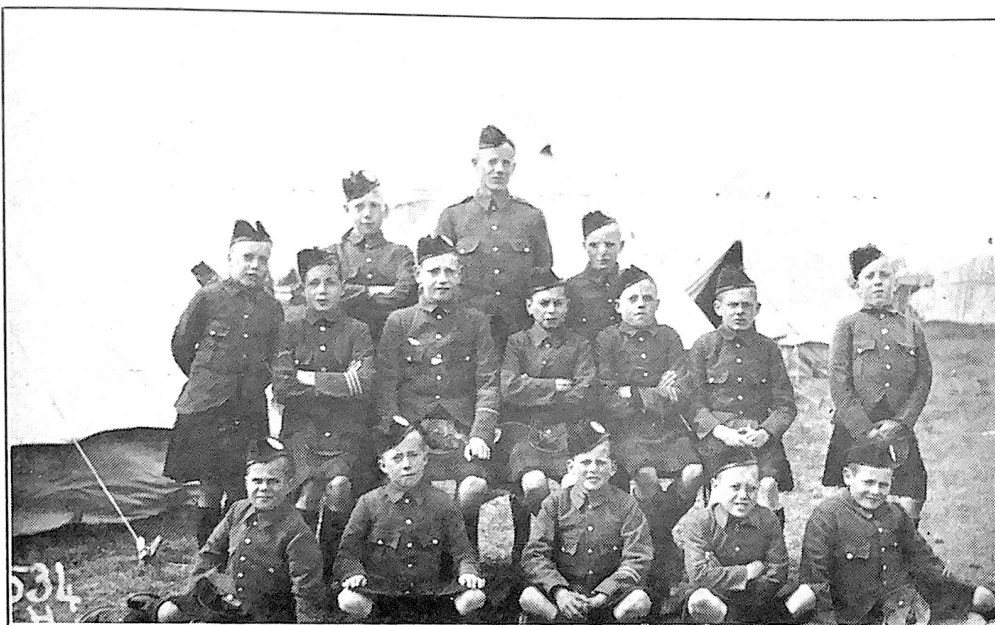
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17th May, 1933.

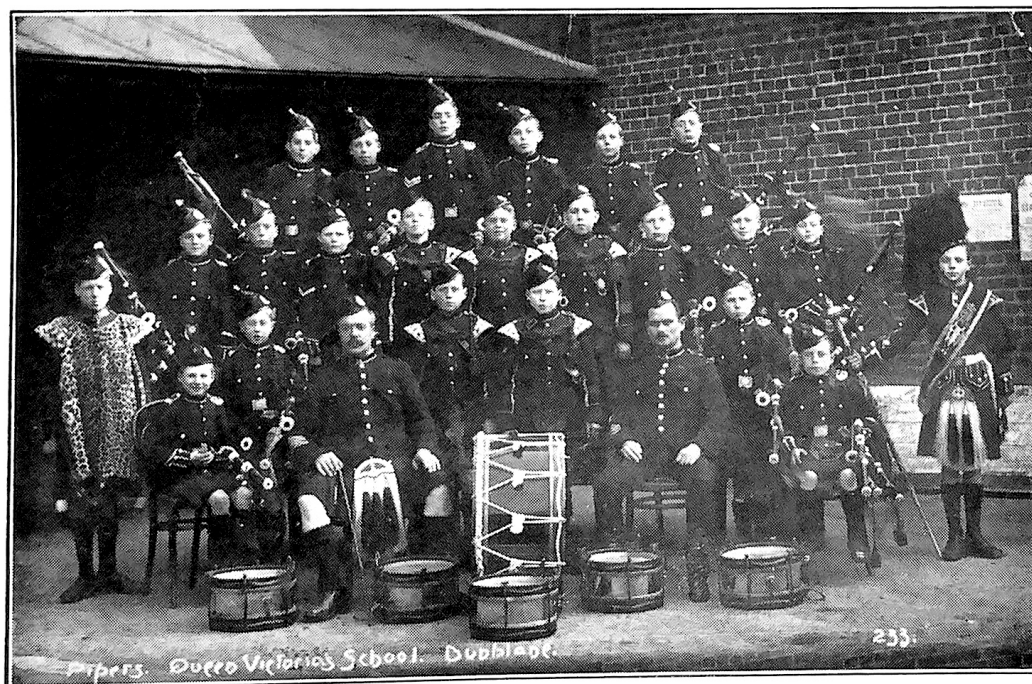
Sir,

As an Old Boy I would like to have a wee corner in "The Victorian." To-day I received a School Badge from Dunblane, and I can assure you it did my heart good to see it; in fact I didn't remember what it was like as it is such



AT BARRY CAMP, 1912.

Back Row—E. G. Coutts, Stevenson, D. A. Gibson.
 Centre— — R. Swan, Chalmers, — M'Kenzie, — Guthrie.
 Sitting— — — M'Donald, — A. Binnie.



THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT, OLYMPIA, 1914.

Back Row—M'Lachlan, Price, Rennie, Herries, M'Lauchlan, Ballantyne.
 Centre— — Guthrie, Pringle, Scott, Kean, — Watt, Walker, Cosgrove.
 Front—Stewart, Cosgrove, — — Marshall, Gibson, Munro, Henderson.
 Pipe-Major J. Wilson. Drum-Major Hetherington.

a long time since I had last worn it. Once I had got it out of the package everything came back to me.

I was one of the first to arrive in the School, my number being 48. I left in 1910 to join the 21st Royal Scots Fusiliers as a drummer, served in France, and was discharged from His Majesty's Forces in 1919.

I was one of the boys who attended Balmoral to receive the Colours from the hands of the late



King Edward VII. I was also the first bass drummer in the Pipe Band; and believe me, it was a band! "Drummie" Hetherington had his work cut out with that gang of drummers, or should I say "greenhorns?" Anyway we were pretty good before we went on the street for the first time, which, if I remember rightly, was at a Cattle Show held in King's Park, Stirling.

Another outing we had was in the Albert Hall at Stirling. The Commandant had arranged a Concert there, using all the School talent (?). Well I remember Colonel Wilkinson singing "God Bless You, Tommy Atkins," and the Boy Drum-Major, James Cooper, singing "Allan Water." We also had a drill team of boys.

Colour-Sergeant Martin was in charge of my Company, and I remember him for the fine man that he was; he was a fine "auld sodger."

Since those days, I have been around the world a bit; I am sorry to say that I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting any of the first fifty. In France I did meet a few of the boys, including Roddie Martin. George Martin, as well as R.S.M. Scotland and Charlie Orr. Speaking of Mr Scotland reminds me of when I first joined the School, I was full of vim and vigour and enjoyed nothing better than a good fight. One night Mr Scotland told me to put on the gloves; I did, and when I took them off after taking a well-earned "pasting" from

him, I had lost quite a little of my original "pep." He taught me a lot of things about physical fitness, and when I met him in France we had a long talk about Q.V.S. days.

It is a long time since I left the School, and I have been what one would call a rolling stone, but at last I have come to rest. I have been ten years in America and I really think I am now here for good. I am Drum-Instructor to a number of American Legion Bands who are all very anxious to drum "French style" and beat the Bass and Tenor "Scotch style" as the Yankees call it. We have a number of Pipe Bands here in Philadelphia, and I have the pleasurable task of taking care of the drummers. I also do a lot of orchestra and dance work and, of course, the radio. I had the honour of posing for the drummers you see on that wonderful Scots American War Memorial in Edinburgh. The sculptor, Dr Tait M'Kenzie is from Canada, but he holds a position in the University of Philadelphia. That, I think, is the greatest honour ever I had, and I am all the more proud when I can say that the honour was given to a Q.V.S. old boy.

In closing, may I pass on a word to the present boys. Work hard, take advantage of the excellent teaching and instruction offered you, and when you leave, remember that you represent the School, never let it down for it will certainly never let you down.

THOMAS LORIMER,
Q.V.S. (No. 48).

P.S.—If Drum-Major Hetherington or R.S.M. Peter Scotland happen to read this, I hope that they will note my address and drop me a line.

CHATHAM.

Queen Victoria School is well represented in this area, the total number of "Old Victorians," so far identified, being one officer and eleven other ranks. Captain Lunt having spent the same number of years in the School as the ordinary boy considers that he is entitled to be included in the term "Old Victorian."

The names of the Old Boys are:—

Sapper S. Monaghan
Sapper J. B. Holland

in the ranks of the Training Battalion, and

Boy/Sgt. T. Edwards
L/Cpl. T. Crookston
L/Cpl. A. M'Dermind
A/T. L. Monaghan
S. Miller
J. James
R. More
R. Sinton
A. D. Fraser

—all in the Boys' Company Depot Battalion, Royal Engineers.

Every effort is being made to keep up to the standard of Dunblane, and the Officers of the Depot Battalion say that the boys from Q.V.S. are their best recruits, both on the square and on the athletic field.

Boy/Sgt. "Tommy" Edwards has done a great deal towards this. In addition to being selected for the appointment of Boy/Sgt., the senior rank in the Boys' Company, he also gained the Boys' Athletic Championship, and

carried off several prizes in the Battalion and Station Sports. Also in open competition at the Kent County Athletic Championships he not only won the pole vault, but at the same time broke the county record with a vault of 10 feet 6 inches. He plays both rugger and cricket in the Battalion side, and represented the boys at boxing in their annual match with the boys at Chepstow. This is a very fine record, and he has fully maintained his early promise as a "Victor Ludorum" of Q.V.S.

Both Crookston and M'Dermid were also in the boxing team at Chepstow. In addition, Crookston plays cricket for the Depot Battalion, and M'Dermid was goalkeeper for the boys' side, which got as far as the semi-final in the Army Boys' Cup.

Sinton continues to believe that "Music hath charms, etc." and is one of the leading performers in the Fife and Drum Band.

Our latest recruit, "Barrel" Fraser, has also distinguished himself by gaining the medal awarded to the best recruit of his party.

All are very fit and doing their best to maintain a high standard in both work and play.

We conclude by wishing "The Victorian" every success in this auspicious number, which celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the School.

1st BATTALION, THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS.

Redford Barracks, Edinburgh.

- 569 Corporal A. M'Dine.
- 521 Corporal C. Noble.
- 1188 Boy L. Georgeson.
- 1071 Boy A. Rodham.
- 1277 Boy E. Bunt.
- *180 Sergeant D. S. M'Dougall.
- 341 Bandsman A. Hetherington.
- 743 Bandsman J. M'Gillivray.
- 1192 Boy G. Whyte.

Always anticipating the recording of a few of our number getting their heads past the post for the "Matrimonial Stakes," I am keenly disappointed; extensive training has been taking place in this line, but there appears to be a shyness to carry the resultant penalising weight!

Bandsman Millis (ex "C" Coy.), who left us some months ago, has now taken up the roll of policeman. Apparently he doesn't believe Messrs Gilbert & Sullivan—"A policeman's lot is not a happy one." The best of luck to him.

Boys Georgeson and Whyte have been very much to the fore in their solo dances in public, both in Edinburgh and in Glasgow.

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Extract from May, 1933, issue of "The Wire"—Sport. F Company, Training Battalion, Catterick. Rugger—Colts versus Ampleforth Colts." Verlander D., tackled well throughout, the latter playing an excellent game at back.

BOYS' TECHNICAL SCHOOL, Chepstow, Monmouthshire.

A/T Cpl. Rennie, ***A/T Degnan, Duncan, Liddell, Pegg, West, Robinson, Currie, Goodall, Muir, MacPherson, Burns, MacKenzie,

M'Mullins, Burke, Milligan, Carruthers, Brittan.

From this list you will see that the Queen Victoria School is well represented in this part of the world.

We were sorry when Bob Hitchcock was discharged on medical grounds; we hear that he is doing well in civil life, and wish him the best of success in his new career.

Apprentice Tradesmen Degnan and Burke play cricket for the School Cricket Eleven. Among those who play for their Company are Currie, Robinson, MacPherson, Burns, and, of course, Degnan and Burke.

In Soccer, Rennie, Degnan, MacPherson (Winkie), play for their Company, and as a team have the distinction of never having been beaten.

The School reputation as a Rugby nursery is maintained by Rennie, Degnan, MacPherson, and Burns.

We congratulate Apprentice Tradesman Currie who joined us last January, and who in his first week here boxed for his Company and was runner-up for his weight in the School contests. MacPherson boxed in the Imperial Services Boxing Association Championship, and was runner-up for the Army Championship at eight stone. Degnan is the Company champion at 9 stone 9 lb. Burke (Patsy) was runner-up for the 9-stone weight in the School boxing, being beaten by only one point.

In swimming Burke and Degnan represented their Companies, and each was successful in an event.

Goodall and Milligan represented their Company in the cross-country event. Goodall making good time and coming in third.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Rennie on being promoted to Apprentice Tradesman Corporal. He has the reputation of being one of the best fitters in his Company.

(The Editor would like to congratulate all Old Victorians at Chepstow on the excellent show they are putting up, and need hardly assure them that all at Dunblane take a keen interest in their success. Carry on.)

News has just come to hand of A. W. Spiers' success at the Southern Counties' Championships Meeting at Southend.

A local newspaper says:—"In the 440 yards A. W. Spiers, of whom we have always had a good opinion, was up against S. H. Skinner (Oxford University A.C.), the Surrey County champion, in his heat, but, holding off his chief opponent's challenge in the finishing straight, won in the good time of 51 2/5 secs., which incidentally gained him an A.A.A. standard medal. The final was contested during a heavy rainstorm, and it looked to be anyone's race to the last bend. At this point Spiers started making up ground rapidly, and, forging to the front some fifty yards from the finish, was a good winner in the fast time of 51 secs. G. N. Blake, the Universities' quarter-mile champion, was second some three or four yards in the rear. That this sterling performance surprised the critics is putting it mildly."

Well done, Spiers! Now what about a letter giving us a few notes of the other successes of which we know nothing?

Regimental News.

As mentioned in the Editorial, we are endeavouring to trace all Old Victorians serving in the various units of His Majesty's Forces. Everyone will agree that this is no easy task as those Old Boys who have entered the Navy, the Army, or the Air Force are now scattered all over the world. We appealed to Commanding Officers of all Scottish Regiments to let us have a list of Old Victorians serving in their units, and the replies are still coming in from Home and Abroad. We are eager to get someone from each Battalion or unit to serve as correspondent for "The Victorian," to let us have news of all events in which their old schoolmates are participating. Many have offered their services, and the first batch of letters received is included in this number of the Magazine; we would thank them for their assistance. Will they and all others who are prepared to help us in this, please note that their news letter should be received by 15th June each year for the Summer issue, and by the 15th November for the Christmas number?

We would also welcome news of Old Boys who are serving in units other than Scottish. Many are in Departmental Corps, some isolated, and it is difficult to get information about these. The publication of their name and address might lead to the opening up of correspondence with contemporary school chums; they might even find that there are some Old Vics. stationed not far from them with whom they might like to renew associations. We feel sure that some of the fellows who are abroad in civil posts would like to hear from some of their old pals; a letter means much when you are away from the Homeland.

When writing to Old Victorians in the Services do not include their School number in the address. This is included in the lists of each unit's news to give the reader some idea of the approximate time the particular person was in the School; if included in the address it would only cause considerable confusion and probably delay in the delivery of letters.

Those names marked with an asterisk (*), denote that the Old Victorian has very kindly offered to act as correspondent for his unit.

Any photographs submitted for publication should have particulars noted on the back giving information on the subject and the name and address of the sender. Where photographs are required to be returned, special note should be made of this, and the Editorial Committee will do their best to make sure that the sender does get them back.

And now, can we have half a dozen pages of Battalion news for the Christmas Number?

1st BATTALION THE BLACK WATCH. Connaught Barracks, Meerut, India.

Having been asked to contribute a modicum of news to "The Victorian," I think I cannot do better than let the readers know the names of the Old Boys who are serving with the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal

Highlanders)—the gallant "Forty-twa," in Connaught Barracks, Meerut, India.

School No.	
L/Cpl. E. Higginson	327
Cpl. T. Lindsay	482
Cpl. W. Cameron	475
Cpl. E. Elder	575
L/Cpl. G. Angus	639
L/Cpl. J. Martin	719
Bandsman J. Bayne	617
Pte. R. Elder	865
**Drum-Major W. Elder	530

The following have left us, and are now in civilian life, where we hope they are progressing well:—

School No.	
Sgt. R. M'Leish	142
L/Cpl. T. Smith	759
Pte. R. Paton	551
Drummer W. M'Watt	580

Two of our members have been on leave in the United Kingdom recently — Cpl. Cameron and L/Cpl. Martin. The former visited the School during his leave, and reported that great changes have taken place since his school days. I gather that the changes are for the better, although I can hear someone remark, "Give me the good old days."

We were just recalling the good old days when the "ghosts" used to haunt the back stairs and the rumours of German spies in the playing shed, when the night watchman, "Tubby" Blackwood, invariably disturbed our eerie vigil. Oh, to live those days over again!

Last year Cpl. Elder and L/Cpl. Angus were sent to the wilds of Wana, situated on the North-West Frontier, to teach the Pipe Band of a Gurkha Regiment, the Kunson Rifles. Whilst making a "flying visit" to Razmak, they met an Old Victorian, H. G. Taylor ("Zep" to those who knew him at School), and were able to exchange reminiscences of school days long past.

I am almost certain that an Old Victorian may be found in every outpost of our vast Empire.

We have again sent two Victorians to teach an Indian Pipe Band at Naini Tal, namely, Cpl. Lindsay and Cpl. Elder. This proves that their training at the Q.V.S. must have been a thorough one.

There are over two hundred members of our Regiment enjoying the coolness of the hills at Kailana, amongst them being two Old Victorians, whilst we swelter in the heat of the plains. However, this Battalion is due to proceed home in about four years' time.

Has any reader heard from the brothers Cross, who joined the School in 1916 or 1917, and left for Canada in 1918? The elder Cross was a very intimate chum of mine during his stay in the Q.V.S.

I have often wondered what happened to Scott, a Forbes lad, who transferred from "A" to "D" Company in Q.V.S., and what about Metcalfe, Gavin, Park, Bonar, Goldie, Jim Palmer and M'Beath ("Bonf")? These are but a few I have thought about in my spare moments since leaving school.

I could write pages about Old Victorians and their doings, but I fear the Editor might have something to say about that. (Please write, the more the merrier.—Ed.)

I wish all members, past and present, the best of luck, and "The Victorian" every success.

(Drum-Major Elder also forwarded a photograph of the Pipe Band, which we hope to reproduce in this or a later issue, and also kindly notified us of several prospective members of The Old Victorian Association.—Ed.)

2nd BATTALION THE BLACK WATCH, Meeanee Barracks, Colchester.

Before we start our notes on old Q.V.S. boys of the Regiment, we must apologise for our seeming neglect in the past, and will ensure that there is all the news about them in "The Victorian" in the future. Owing to this omission to send in our notes we shall probably have to go back for a time to ensure that all past events are included.

We have now about fifteen "Old Boys" in the Regiment, and all are progressing favourably. In the sphere of sports our stars are Corporal Fraser, L/Cpl. M'Kinlay, L/Cpl. M'Rae, and Drummer Davis. The first three are in the limelight at present owing to their successes in the Battalion, Garrison, and Eastern Command Athletic Championships. They are usually in the first three in the 100 yards, 220, and 440 yards relays, and we must congratulate them on their successes in these Athletic Meetings. Although the Battalion was only second in the Garrison Sports, we managed to obtain first place in the Command by a majority of 17 points. Fraser, M'Kinlay, and M'Rae are also stars in the Regimental Rugger team. Drummer Davis has also turned out a fine Rugger player, and is also in the Battalion swimming and boxing team. In the other spheres of life in the Black Watch, "Old Boys" Stewart, Davis, Crawford, Martin, and Wilson are getting along fine as budding drummers, and our pipers are Brown, Grant, Davis and M'Rae. Piper Davis has now left us to proceed on a tour of duty at the Regimental Depot. In the Military Band we have Winchester on the clarinet, Fraser on the French horn, and M'Lean on the cornet. All these are getting along famously on their respective instruments.

Before we put finis to these notes we should like to take this opportunity of congratulating ex-Boys Fraser and Dewar on obtaining their First Class Certificates of Education. M'Lean and Stewart are at present studying for this exam., and we hope they will be as successful. In conclusion, we hope that we will see many new faces from the Q.V.S. in the Regiment in the future, as we know they will be happy and contented, and we will do our best to make them at home.

W. B. D.

1st BATTALION THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS. Fort George, Inverness-shire.

There is very little news from Fort George concerning Old Victorians, the only change being the addition of Robert Douglas, who joined us from the Depot in January. He is now a Lance-Corporal, and feeling quite an old soldier. Jackie Wood has also been appointed Lance-Corporal in the Military Band, and it is rumoured that another of our musicians will shortly follow suit. C/Sgt. John M'Ilroy will be leaving the Regiment shortly, from the Depot, and he will be missed greatly by us all. He did much to foster the Old Victorian spirit in the Regiment. However, I believe he is all set for "civvy street," so we wish him luck, and hope to see a lot of him in the future.

In conclusion, all Old Victorians at Fort George hope that the Jubilee Number of our Magazine meets with the success it deserves.

C. M'K.

2nd BATTALION THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.

Le Cateau Lines, Catterick Camp, Yorkshire.

We are publishing the following letter received from the Band President of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Scots Fusiliers:—

"Here with list of boys of the Queen Victoria School, who are at present serving in the Band of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots Fusiliers:
Bandsman A. F. C. Stuart.
Boy J. Byrnes.

Both are doing very well indeed; they are clean, smart, and making rapid strides in the Band. They are undoubtedly a credit to their old school.

Bandsman Stuart excelled in his Musketry Course, scoring 125 out of a possible 140. The best shot up to date this year.

Boy Byrnes has been recommended for a course of music at The Royal Military School of Music, a privilege only given to specially selected boys, and it remains to be seen whether he will or not take advantage of this valuable opportunity."

Further comment, except to express our pleasure in receiving such a report, would appear to be unnecessary.

2nd Bn. THE SCOTS GUARDS. Chelsea Barracks, London.

20th May, 1933. At present we are in Camp firing the Annual Course and preparing for Brigade Training.

We are pleased to report that another Pipe-Major has been promoted from the ranks of Old Victorians. Jimmy Robertson has gained this distinction, and I believe he is the eighth Old Boy to attain this rank. At present he is busy preparing for the games; you know how these pipers crawl away to the woods and hillsides and practice the pibroch. Good luck to him! I sincerely hope he does well at the Highland Games,

both for the School's sake as well as the Regiment's.

What do you think? That old hero Willie Burns performed the feat of gaining both first prizes in the Piping and Dancing. He can still shoot as well—I have seen him get a couple of pool balls at 600 yards.

It may interest some of the Old Boys to know that my brother, "Wee Kikes" (342), has just got married.

I was pleased to find an old school pal down on a Machine Gun Course, in Sergeant Peter Taylor of the Royal Scots. We had quite a few tales to tell, and we chased the water rats and went bird-nesting just as in the old days. It brought back happy memories to us both, and we came to the conclusion that the porridge we had was Nulli Secundas! I haven't seen Wee Taylor since, so I don't know how he got on in his final exams., but I believe he got a Q.1.

- 502 Pipe-Major J. Robertson.
- **228 Sergt. T. J. Guthrie.
- 24 Musician J. Wood.
- 109 Piper W. Burns.
- Piper I. MacLennan.

1st BATTALION THE ROYAL SCOTS, ALDERSHOT.

Since last March our time has been fully occupied with the celebrations of the Tercentenary of the Regiment, which have included, inter alia, a visit from Their Majesties the King and Queen, and Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief. As a result of the honour which His Majesty conferred on the Regiment, Pipers Allan and Stevenson are about to don the Royal Stuart tartan, and to discard the Hunting Stuart which they have worn since infancy.

On 21st May, Baggo Price and some three hundred and fifty others moved to London for the Royal Tournament, our contribution to which was a pageant depicting, after the manner of "Cavalcade," the History of the Regiment. At every performance the appearance of the moustache of "Old Bill" with Baggo behind it, evoked thunderous applause.

We have to extend our congratulations to the following on their successes in other directions:

Sergeant Taylor, on attaining a "Distinguished" qualification at the Small Arms School, Netheravon.

Pte. Nealon, on being awarded the Army Special Certificate of Education, and to

Boy O'Neill, on passing in May Reading at the March Examination for the first-class certificate of education.

Since the last issue we have come in contact with the following Q.V.'s in London and elsewhere:—Mr D. K. Overell, B.Sc. (Student No. 1); Sgt.-Instr. A. E. Macleay, Army Educational Corps; Pipe-Major Robertson, Sergeant Guthrie and Bandsman Wood—Scots Guards; Sergeant-Instructor Robertson, A.P.T.S., formerly R.E.

If any present Victorians would like a stay by the seaside for four years, will they please note that The Royal Scots move to Dover in November next?

- *81 R.Q.M.S. J. R. Pirie.
- 105 Cpl. G. E. Price.
- L/Sgt. P. B. Taylor.
- 932 L/C. J. Nealon.
- 875 Piper J. Allan.
- 703 Dr. J. Blackie.
- 1079 Bo. H. Stevenson.
- Boy C. O'Neill.

2nd BATTALION THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS, Haifa, Palestine.

- 346 Sergeant T. G. Clark.
- 1261 L/Cpl. D. A. Alexander.
- 1172 Boy J. Alexander.
- 1091 Boy J. S. Carruthers.
- 1116 Boy C. V. Bootland.
- 1121 Boy R. Current.
- 625 Dmr. J. Archibald.
- 963 Pte. C. Vass.
- 679 Pte. Paterson.

The following notes were received just too late for inclusion in our Christmas, 1932, Number:—

In addition, we are expecting Boy Hunter (formerly of "D" Company) and Boy Watson (formerly "A" Company), who are now on their way out to join this Battalion. Hunter is joining the Drums and Watson is a potential Pipe-Major. They will be welcomed very heartily on their arrival, and they should have an extremely happy time with the Regiment.

The 2nd Battalion The Seaforth Highlanders are now spending a year in Palestine on their way home from India, and we are expecting to be in Dover about the end of 1933. Our return home will enable most of the Old Boys to visit the School again.

During our stay in India, the Old Victorians were prominent both in the field of sport and in "pukka" soldiering. Their main achievements have been in Highland Dancing and Piping, as the following notes will show:—

L/Cpl. Alexander gained three 1st places in the Highland Fling, Sword Dance and the Shean Truibhais, at the Highland Light Infantry Sports at Cawnpore in February, 1930.

Last year, at the Ranikhet Team and Individual Dancing Competitions, Boy Alexander and Boy Carruthers were in the winning team. At our own Regimental Sports, the Dancing honours were divided between L/Cpl. Alexander and Boy Carruthers.

Pte. Paterson ("Tucker") gained the Victor Ludorum in 1931, as best all-round athlete in the Battalion.

All our Old Boys are doing extremely well in the Regiment. Boy Bootland has recently been appointed full Drummer, and is a very promising performer. All of them have gained at least a 2nd Class Certificate of Education, and several are on their way towards their 1st. In the latter class L/Cpl. Alexander has already passed half of the First (Distinguished in Mathematics and a Pass in Map Reading), and is now awaiting the result of his examination in the remaining two subjects, which he took last October. Boy Carruthers and Boy Alex-

ander are also studying hard for their Firsts, and will doubtless gain them in the near future.

The boys were fortunate in having as Schoolmaster in Ranikhet last year Mr A. R. Finch, and it will be due in a great measure to his teaching when our 1st Class candidates finally get their Certificates. We met Mr MacLeay in Ranikhet, also, although not as a teacher. In most of the stations which we have visited in India, we have met "Old Victorians" or some one who has been connected with the School. We were rather unlucky in this respect on our arrival in Haifa, as there are several Old Boys in the Royal Scots Fusiliers (our predecessors), who had just left for Moascar. However, we shall probably meet them during our stay in Palestine. It is hoped to publish a photograph of the Old Victorians in the Battalion in the next issue.

Haifa, our present station, is a flourishing and up-to-date port facing the Mediterranean Sea. The climate is rather a change from that of India, the winter months being bitterly cold and windy, but we believe the summer is a very pleasant season. Altogether, we are fairly satisfied with our new home, but we are eagerly looking forward to the next Trooping Season, when we shall be packing our kits for England.

There are signs of a revival of Rugby football in the Battalion, and most of the Old Boys have put down their names for a place, in the hope of being eventually included in the Battalion Team.

In future we intend to forward Notes regularly from this Battalion in order that "Q.V.'s" may not lose touch with the School, and also so that the coming generation of soldiers now at their lessons may gain some idea of life in this Regiment in particular and of the Army in general.

We welcomed with pleasure the arrival of two Old Boys, J. Hunter and R. B. P. Watson, who joined the Battalion with a draft from home on 29th January, 1933. Hunter is now doing extremely well in the Drums, whilst Watson has been posted to "B" Company on attaining the age of 18 years—although he still remains, of course, with the Pipes. Watson is now enjoying (we hope) his first march to Camp with his Company, and he will doubtless return in due course as a fully fledged marksman.

Of our old hands, J. S. Carruthers left the Boys' Room on the 19th April, being posted to "A" Company. He, also, remains with the Pipes.

In the educational field, Boy Ian Alexander won his spurs by obtaining his First Class Certificate at one sitting—also a "Distinction" in Mathematics—a most creditable achievement. He is now industriously pursuing the elusive "Special," which he should obtain with little difficulty if he keeps up his present form. L/Cpl. Alexander was successful in adding a Pass in Geography towards his First, and has now only to pass in English. Watson was awarded his Second Class Certificate in April; and Hunter is taking the next examination for this Certificate.

L/Cpl. Alexander is at present working hard with the N.C.O.'s Training Cadre, with a view to qualifying as an all-round instructor in such varied subjects as musketry, bayonet-fighting, Lewis gun, drill and tactics, and he has every

hope of getting very near the top place at the end of the Course.

Another Old Boy, Sergeant Clark, has just returned from a course of instruction in Military Police Duties, at Cairo, and we hear he has done excellently. We do not know, however, whether he intends to apply to Scotland Yard for a job on his return to civilian life!

Our old friend "Tucker" Paterson distinguished himself at the Y.M.C.A. Sports held at Jerusalem in April, by winning the cup and medal for the best all-round athlete. This is the more creditable in view of the unusually high standard of athletics set by the Y.M.C.A. teams in this country.

Many of our Old Boys accompanied the Battalion to Jerusalem for the ceremony of Trooping the Colour on the King's Birthday Parade on 5th June; and a very pleasant ten days were spent in seeing the numerous places of Biblical and historical interest in the Holy City. During our stay in Jerusalem, a Band Concert was given in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, and easily the most applauded feature of the evening was the exhibition of Highland Dancing given by four of our Pipers, among whom were Carruthers and Boy Alexander.

The Trooping of the Colour Parade was a most impressive and stirring ceremony, in spite of the furious sand-laden gale which prevailed during the whole of the morning, and there is no doubt that the spectacle was greatly enjoyed by the numerous members of the public who attended.

The ceremony itself dates from mediæval times, and is centred round the Colours of a Regiment (The King's Colour and the Regimental Colour). On this occasion, only the King's Colour was Trooped. An interesting point of the parade is on the occasion of the Guards saluting the Colour by Presenting Arms, when the Sergeants on the outer flanks turn outwards and bring their rifles to the "Port"; this being a survival of the days when Sergeants were armed with the pike or halberd.

The training season is now well advanced, and each Company is spending six weeks in Camp the first being "A" Company, who went to Sarafand. L/Cpl. Alexander did his training with this Company, and qualified as a 1st Class Shot. Charlie Vass and Watson are now on their way to Roshpina (a five-day march), and will be returning in the course of the month. We shall await with interest their tales of woe and wonders and blistered feet!

Sergeant Clark, Carruthers, Drummer Archibald and Private Paterson are due to march to Roshpina with "C" Company about the end of July. After which the whole Battalion will probably be set to work packing and loading baggage and kits for the return home to Dover in or about November.

During our stay in Palestine we have taken advantage of the many opportunities of seeing most of the places of interest in the Holy Land. "H.O." Wing have started a Touring Club, and periodical outings are arranged. Our first visit was to Acre (the "Ptolemais" of the days of St. Paul), where we saw the recently discovered underground Crusaders' Church (as yet only partly excavated), beneath the ancient prison. The ruins here, and also the prison (which was once a Crusaders' castle), bear many and un-

mistakable signs of the battles of long ago as well as of the siege of Acre by Napoleon. Athlit, on the coast to the south of Haifa, possesses a splendid beach for bathing, and here can also be seen some very interesting ruins left by the Crusaders. Excavations are going on here every day, and further relics are frequently brought to light.

Among the places of Biblical interest which we have had the good fortune to visit are Nazareth, Cana of Galilee (the scene of the first miracle of the conversion of water into wine), Tiberias, Capernaum with its wonderful synagogue, Nablus (where Jacob's Well is to be seen), and Bethlehem—the birthplace of the Saviour. At the latter place one can visit the site of the original Stable in which Jesus was born.

The Holy City, of course, holds the most interesting sights for the visitor, with its Wailing Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Garden Tomb, and the Stations of the Cross on the way to Calvary.

Haifa itself is by no means devoid of interest. It is overlooked by Mount Carmel, on which is situated the wonderful Monastery of the Order of Carmelites, the oldest religious Order in the world. Here, also, can be seen the cave in which it is said that Elijah the Prophet lived.

However, it would take a great deal more space than we can possibly be allowed in "The Victorian" to describe the wonders of Palestine even briefly. It is very likely that many boys still at the old school will have the same opportunity of seeing this country during their Army service, as Palestine and Egypt are now normally the first foreign station of Battalions proceeding from home.

2nd BATTALION THE CAMERONIANS.

97 O.R.Q.S. Tucker.
102 C.Q.M.S. Gibson, W.
805 Cpl. Cosgrove, J.
1129 Boy Sandilands, G.
1113 Boy Bain, J.

In the last year of his boys' service, Boy Sandilands has won the Colonel Vandeleur Cup. This trophy is awarded to the best all-round boy at work and at sports.

Cpl. Cosgrove was one of the team which won for the Battalion the Scottish Command Rugby Cup. He has since been posted to the Regimental Depot at Hamilton.

C.Q.M.S. Gibson has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, which was presented to him by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command, on the 19th June.

O.R.Q.S. Tucker is our oldest boy, and continues to take a "fatherly" interest in us all.

We are moving to Bordon Camp, where we will be stationed from October 17th next; we are looking forward to renewing many old acquaintances in the Aldershot Command.

From the July issue of "The Covenanter," we read of the successes of C.Q.M.S. Gibson and Boy Bain in the Battalion Rifle Meeting held at Stobs on the 31st May and 1st June. Congratulations.

2nd BATTALION THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS,

c/o Army Post Office, Shanghai.

**Pipe-Major R. F. Sinclair.
Sgt. P. M'Pherson.
Piper R. Anderson.
Bandsman A. Sinclair.
Boy C. M'Quire.

At present there are only five Old Victorians serving with the 43rd Highlanders, namely, Sgt. P. M'Pherson, Piper Anderson, Bandsman A. Sinclair, Boy C. M'Quire and Pipe-Major R. F. Sinclair. Although few in numbers, we are keeping up the name of the School in the best possible manner. Piper Anderson and Bandsman Sinclair have represented the Battalion in swimming and water polo with great success, particularly Anderson, who has turned out to be an exceptionally strong swimmer and very fine polo player. He has just recovered from a somewhat severe chest complaint which we thought would put an end to his swimming and piping, but fortunately he is quite strong again and is carrying on as usual.

Boy M'Quire is performing very well with his dancing, and has several times been received with much enthusiasm at concerts and various entertainments outside.

There is little chance of us out here in the Far East meeting either Old Victorians, but next November, when we are due for India, we anticipate many more opportunities of renewing old friendships. Whilst in Hong Kong, Bandsman Sinclair met an Old Vic. in Sapper M'Kinnon of the Royal Engineers. I tried to get in touch with him before leaving Hong Kong, but I was not successful.

(The Editor would like to thank P/M Sinclair and the Old Victorians for the kind sentiments expressed in their communication. We will be only too pleased to hear from Old Boys in Corps with whom Old Victorians serving in Scottish Units may come in contact.)

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Question.—What is meant by the term, Relief? How many ways do you know of showing relief? Which do you think is the best? Why?

(The term Relief is applied to the shape of the surface of the earth.)

Answer.—Some of the ways of showing relief is putting on a happy expression when just out of hospital. Another way of showing relief is by taking a long walk in the country after gout, rheumatism and other diseases. Still another way of showing relief is by the greatest method, resting.

Regimental Football.

This year, for the first time for many years, a Regimental Football Tournament was held, and with it has come a brand new Shield to be presented and held for a year by the Champion Regiment.

Members of the Scots Guards will be pleased to hear that the "old regiment" came out on top. Some regiments, those with a greater representation of boys in the School, turned out two teams, "A" and "B," while other teams consisted of several less numerically strong units amalgamated. For instance, the Royal Navy Team included Naval Reserves, Marines, and even Royal Air Force boys. This, however, did not provoke any lack of zeal in the teams, and right through the competition was fought out with all the zeal and good spirit one could wish. 'Tis true that the final was rather a tame affair, almost as bad as this year's cup final in Scotland, but, of course, everything could not be perfect.

It is hoped that the shield will be presented with the other Regimental Trophies on Grand Day.

The course of the competition was as follows:

1st Round.

H.L.I. and K.O.S.B., 10; v. Cameronians, 1.

Royal Navy, 4; v. Corps, "B" Team, 0.

Scots Guards, 4; v. Seaforths, 1.

Cameronians, "B" Team, 0; v. Royal Scots, 1.

Cameronians, "A" Team, 0; v. Corps, "A" Team, 4.

Gordons, 3; v. Black Watch "A" Team, 1.

Black Watch "B" Team, 3; v. A. & S.H. "B" Team, 1.

A. & S.H. "A" Team—Bye.

2nd Round.

H.L.I. and K.O.S.B., 12; v. Royal Navy, 0.

Scots Guards, 3; v. Royal Scots, 1.

Corps, "A" Team, 0; v. Gordons, 4.

Black Watch "B" Team, 3; A. & S.H. "A" Team, 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

H.L.I. and K.O.S.B., 1; v. Scots Guards, 3.

Gordons, 3; v. Black Watch "B" Team, 1.

FINAL.

Scots Guards, 1; v. Gordons, 0.



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