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Editorial.

TO ALL VICTORIANS—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE—GREETINGS!

“Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em.”

—Shakespeare: “Twelfth Night,” ii. 5.

CALLED upon, at this eleventh hour, to assume the Editorship of this far-reaching and important magazine, your new Editor fully endorses the truths of the above quotation, and is, for the moment, quite willing to be classified with those mentioned in the last-named category.

In the near future he sincerely hopes that he may aspire to the second classification (editorially, of course!) and, who knows?—that even yet he may be judged worthy enough for consideration under the first.

“Spectemur Agendo.”

Like all good Editors I have endeavoured to pick up the threads by reference to past numbers of your magazine. One point strikes me most forcefully—the appeal on many occasions, by past Editors, for more contributions by Old Victorians. I reiterate this appeal to the full. Do, please, wherever you may be, let us hear from you, and so assist me in my desire to produce not only a school magazine but a medium whereby Old Victorians may still foster that happy fellowship emanating from their boyhood days in this institution.

THE EDITOR.

Notes of the Year.

Since the last publication of “The Victorian” appeared changes have taken place in the Educational Staff of the School. We said “Good-bye” to Captain W. H. Williams at the end of the Easter Term. Captain Williams has been posted to the London District, in which new sphere of activities he carries with him our best wishes for the future.

We extend a hearty welcome to his successor—Captain W. L. Clarke, M.B.E., and trust that his stay in our midst may be a very happy one. His past experience as Commandant of the K.G.R.I.M. Schools in India will stand him in good stead, and we hope the same degree of success may attend his labours in this School.

His vast practical knowledge of school organisation will undoubtedly prove beneficial.

We have also said farewell to Sgt.-Instructor J. H. Page, who has been transferred to the Guards Depot, Caterham. His place has been taken by Sgt.-Instructor W. Smith, A.E.C. To Sgt. Smith we extend a sincere welcome, and wish him good fortune in his new work. He has taken over the Science Laboratory, and we look to a “kick” in that subject, even if he has to resort to explosive measures.

Things “is looking up”—we actually have three Warrant Officers Class I. on the Educational Staff. (This wonderful change comes through the fact that W.O. Cl.II. J. Fair has been promoted.) Congratulations! Now your golf handicap should follow suit!

Old Victorians will be sorry to hear that R.S.M. W. McCubbin, D.C.M., had a very strenuous time from May last to June. Apart from a severe attack of bronchial pneumonia, he was ordered to undergo a serious operation at the Royal Infirmary, Stirling. Like a true Scot he survived his trials, and we are most happy to have his cheery presence again in our daily life. I might add that he is now a “picture of health,” and may the bloom on his cheeks be permanent. I do not think “Mac” is given to beauty treatment.

During Mr McCubbin’s absence “C” Company was under the care of Sgt. G. Lawrie of the Gordon Highlanders. He has carried out his duties most creditably, and has become a favourite with the boys. Sgt. Lawrie returns to his Unit at the end of the present term.

The duties of Regimental Sergeant Major were carried out by C.S.M. Watson during the time Mr McCubbin was ill.

Apart from changes in the personnel — what about material changes within the working of the School’s curriculum? At last I am glad to say that a change has been effected whereby Education is now carried on without the interfering opposition in the form of “noise” emanating from Vocational Training. By extending the period for academic work until 1 p.m., we are now able to get the boys to give of their “best” before they tire. Instead of Education and Vocational Training being run part of the day concurrently we now run the academic portion as a complete whole, and Games and Vocational Training are carried out in the afternoon and evenings. (We do manage to sandwich in an hour’s “prep” from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

What do we thrive on? Ask the boys! (No! not a lemon—but milk and biscuit!) During the morning break each boy is served with a cup of

milk and biscuits. Quite a good innovation! At any rate, so far, I have not noticed absentees from this parade.

Once again the School has welcomed the Army Educational Corps throughout the length and breadth of Scotland to Dunblane for the holding of their Annual Conference. The Commandant and his staff did all in their power to make their stay at the School as comfortable as possible. In this respect and on behalf of the A.E.C., I extend everyone's thanks to Mr. Milne, our worthy Q.M.S., for his magic in providing real beds this year, and also to Mr. Morrison, that paragon of the "cookhouse," for "doing the A.E.C." so well.

The School now possesses a magnificent wireless installation. Those who remember the very intricate apparatus erected by Sergt. Instructor T. H. Mark of the A.E.C., would be amazed at the set which the School now boasts. It is a Radio Amplifier (10-valve), specially constructed for use in this School, and gives us the very best that one could wish. The control of this is under the care of C.S.M. W. Gutteridge, and with the gramophone attachment we are now able to broadcast the French lessons to the classrooms, to say nothing of the Microphone, which is another innovation. Who knows? We may yet be able to cut down the Educational Staff to an absolute minimum.

With regard to games, I am sorry to say that very few matches were possible during the winter owing to the hard ground. I think the School played one Rugby match after Christmas, and we have not fared so well with the Cricket season either. Several matches have had to be postponed owing to inclement weather conditions, and as a matter of fact the award of the Cricket Shield this season is determined by the results gained in the first round matches only. However, we have not been altogether devoid of sports, as you will read in the course of this magazine. No wonder the standard of Swimming is "par excellence"—on many days the driest place appeared to be the Baths, and believe it or not—there are very few non-swimmers amongst the boys.

The Commandant has so far been successful in his request to all Scottish Regiments for gifts of presentation pictures depicting incidents in the histories of the Regiment. We have received five more very fine gifts. The pictures are:—

H.M. King Edward VIII., Colonel-in-Chief, The Seaforth Highlanders, presented by Colonel C. L. Addison Smith, C.B.E., The Seaforth Highlanders.

"Quatre Bras," presented by The Royal Scots, The Royal Regiment.

"Hougomont," presented by the Scots Guards.

"74th Highlanders at Assaye," presented by The Highland Light Infantry.

"The Death of Major Pierson," presented by The Seaforth Highlanders' Regimental Association.

H. C. R.

Subscribers to "The Victorian."

The Editor acknowledges with thanks subscriptions to "The Victorian," The Queen Victoria School Magazine, which is published half-yearly, July and December. We would be very grateful to all readers, especially those who are in possession of any articles relating to our Scottish Regiments and Old Boys, if they would kindly assist in making the magazine more interesting to all our readers, more especially for the boys of all the Regiments who are in the school. Contributions are earnestly requested to assist towards the success of the Magazine.

The Editor will be much indebted to all readers of "The Victorian" if they will kindly bring the magazine to the notice of any relatives or friends, or any whom they know or hear of who are likely to become Subscribers.

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

"There are always sons of members of your Regiment being educated here, and from time to time old boys enlist in it. Thus your Regiment has a permanent interest in the School and its doings. There are two issues a year, July and December, and the annual subscription is 2/- post free."

"Without the support of all Scottish units the magazine must be run at a loss."

Visitors to the School since the last Issue of "The Victorian."

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 Engineer Captain A. J. Hastings.
 Captain W. L. Clarke, M.B.E., A.E.C.
 Mrs W. L. Clarke.
 Miss M. J. Clarke.
 Colonel D. Cree, M.C., R.E.
 Captain W. R. Nealing, R.E.
 Lt.-Colonel J. K. B. Campbell, K.O.S.B.
 Miss Felicity Campbell.
 Miss H. K. Innes.
 Rear-Admiral R. C. Davenport, R.N.
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 Flag Lieut.-Commander R. Hunter Blair.
 Lt.-Colonel W. Leckie Ewing, late H.L.I.
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 Miss Jean Jack.
 Lt.-Colonel D. T. Richardson, M.C., R.A.M.C.
 Colonel S. R. M'Clintoch, Gordons.
 Major A. G. Duncan, M.C., Black Watch.
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 Lt.-Colonel S. G. Simpson, A.E.C.
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 Captain H. J. McGregor, Camerons.
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Gifts to the School.

(1st January to 30th June, 1936.)

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John Urie, Esq.	2	2	0
Mrs John Blair	0	2	6
Robert M. Stevenson, Esq.	1	0	0
Melville Gray, Esq.	2	0	0

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Mann Judd Gordon & Co. ...	1	1	0
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1st and 2nd Battn. The Seaforth Highlanders, per Lt.-Colonel C. L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E. ...	3	3	0
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The Seaforth Highlanders for Wireless "Anonymous" for do. ...	62	15	3
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The Editor begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following:—

"The Chronicle" (Duke of York's Royal Military School).
 The Household Brigade Magazine.
 The Sapper (Royal Engineers).
 The Wire (Royal Corps of Signals).
 The Thistle (The Royal Scots, The Royal Regiment).

The Journal of The Royal Scots Fusiliers.
 The Borderers' Chronicle (King's Own Scottish Borderers).
 The Covenanter (The Cameronians, Scottish Rifles).
 The Red Hackle (The Black Watch, The Royal Highland Regiment).
 The H.L.I. Chronicle (Highland Light Infantry).
 Cabar Feidh (The Seaforth Highlanders).
 The Tiger and Sphinx (The Gordon Highlanders).
 The 79th News (Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders).
 The Thin Red Line (2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders).

Citizenship.

The Sir Robert Cranston Memorial Prize Essay, 1936.

By GEORGE BROADBENT (15 years 3 months)

Since the beginning of the world all animals have possessed an instinct which makes them flock together, or go in pairs. This instinct is also intense in the life of human beings, and comes from man realising the value of social intercourse. He realises that if he makes friends with his fellow-men, instead of fighting them, he has more of a chance in his struggle against Nature. Since the beginning of time man has herded together, until now we have great nations, and they are trying to become one nation. A citizen is a member of a nation, and in it he has all the rights of a citizen.

There are two classes in human life, the civilised and the savage. The savage is uncultured and is not practised in the art of living. He misses the fulness of life, and is only happy because he does not know real happiness. Contrary to this the civilised man strives for progress, and he obtains many advantages of which the savage does not even know.

The civilised man is a citizen of the town in which he lives, and while he is a citizen he has to conform to certain laws and regulations. If he disobeys them he is liable to be punished. The Romans at one time considered citizenship an honour and a rank. If a citizen did wrong he had the rank taken from him, and for this he was despised by his friends.

The citizen of to-day has the instinct for progression, or rather, his aim in life is to make living as comfortable as possible, and to find, if possible, perfect happiness. Citizenship has changed from a mere idea to a great science, and a by-path to peace and happiness.

To be an ideal citizen one must be a gentleman in the real sense of the word. That is to say, one must think of other persons' happiness before one's own, and should never bear anyone malice or envy. A gentleman never defends himself by malicious retort, and never pays attention to gossip.

A citizen receives many advantages which are described fully in the many books about citizenship. In return for doing his duty he gets justice, police to preserve the law, electric lighting in his house, the use of hospitals, and many other things.

It is therefore easily seen that it is worth while being a citizen.

Regimental Prizes, 1936.

Primus—Sergeant Wm. Bain, B Coy., Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Cpl. J. Mooney, A Coy., Scots Guards.
 L/Cpl. P. Robertson, A Coy., Royal Scots.
 Boy J. McR. Campbell, A Coy., Royal Scots.
 L/Cpl. F. Pegg, D Coy., K.O.S. Borderers.
 Boy D. Hickey, C Coy., Cameronians.
 A/Mon. G. A. MacDonald, D Coy., Black Watch (Wauchope Prize).
 Cpl. P. Dunnigan, D Coy., Black Watch.
 Boy J. Lawrence, D Coy., Black Watch.
 B/Sgt. G. Broadbent, A Coy., Highland Light Infantry.
 Boy W. Welsh, D Coy., Seaforth Highlanders.
 Cpl. R. Quinn, D Coy., Gordon Highlanders.
 Sgt. W. Bain, B Coy., Cameron Highlanders.
 Cpl. A. Sandilands, B Coy., Cameron Highlanders.
 Sgt. J. Oliver, D Coy., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
 Cpl. J. R. Bowes, C Coy., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
 B/Sgt. G. Broadbent, B Coy., Highland Light Infantry — The Sir Robert Cranston Memorial Prize.

School Prize-Winners, 1936.

Form I.—1, No. 1671, Boy A. Dick; 2, No. 1643, Boy D. Hutchison; 3, No. 1680, Boy J. Wilson. Art prize—No. 1643, Boy D. Hutchison. Best progress prize—No. 1668, Boy N. McIntosh.

Form II.—1, No. 1708, Boy J. McK. Darling; 2, No. 1659, Boy A. S. Garvie; 3, No. 1686, Boy W. McKendrick. Art prize—No. 1715, Boy L. West. Best progress prize—No. 1664, Boy T. J. Mooney.

Form III.—1, No. 1698, Boy H. Tempo; 2, No. 1702, Boy E. Griffin; 3, No. 1683, Boy J. Tollerton. Art prize—No. 1593, Boy R. Warr. Best progress prize—No. 1700, Boy J. Murdoch.

Form IV.—1, No. 1650, Boy A. McKell; 2, No. 1675, Boy A. Tweedie; 3, No. 1653, Boy J. Georgeson. Art prize—No. 1480, L/Cpl. G. Jones. Science prize—No. 1653, Boy J. Georgeson. Best progress prize—No. 1697, Boy J. Campbell.

Form V.—1, No. 1510, Boy H. Arnold; 2, No. 1562, Boy J. Sutherland; 3, No. 1627, Boy J. McCallum. Art prize—No. 1510, Boy H. Arnold. Science prize—No. 1513, C/Cpl. E. Coull. Best progress prize—No. 1598, Boy T. Love.

Form VI.—1, No. 1621, Boy M. McLeod; 2, No. 1649, L/Cpl. G. Queen; 3, No. 1596, Boy J. B. Stevenson. Art prize—No. 1632, Boy G. Thomson. Science prize—No. 1621, Boy M. McLeod. Best progress prize—No. 1580, Boy J. W. Plummer.

Students. — Prize for distinguished academic work—Monitor G. A. Macdonald. English prize—Sgt. W. C. Bain. Mathematics prize—Monitor H. McD. Robinson. General knowledge prize—Cpl. T. Rennie. Science prize—Monitor H. McD. Robinson. Best progress prize—Boy J. McG. Myles. Primus—1439, Sgt. W. C. Bain.

Drummers, Pipers and Highland Dancers.

Pipe-Major W. Munro, who left us last January for the Royal Scots, has been succeeded by Archie Marr of "D" Company. We have



still John West as Drum-Major, who continues to give good service. We hear regularly from some of our old boys, including Munro, and have had visits from John Robertson, Jerry MacNeil, the two Dakers (all of Royal Scots), "Snub" MacKinlay of the Black Watch, and Tom Davidson of the Cameron Highlanders. It is always a pleasure to see the old boys returning and showing an interest in the Pipe Band.

Owing to the severity of the weather in the early part of the year, and the unfavourable conditions then existing, it was almost impossible to have outdoor practice. Our two Instructors, however, by their enthusiasm inspired the boys to give of their best at the Rugby International Matches between Scotland and Wales and Ireland at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, in the month of February. In addition to these engagements the following further appearances have been made:—

Mar. 11—Pipers and Dancers at the Reel and Strathspey Society Concert at Stirling.

„ 13—Dancers at Concert under the auspices of the British Legion at Callander.

June 4—Dancing team at Buchanan Castle for the Duke of Montrose.

„ 13—Children's Day and the Crowning of the Schools' King and Queen at Redding.

„ 20—Clackmannanshire Union Agricultural Show at Alloa.

„ 27—Children's Gala Day, organised by the Deanston Co-operative Society.

July 11—

„ 18—Dunblane Cattle Show.

„ 25—Meikleour Cattle Show and Highland Games.

On Wednesday, 3rd June, the annual competitions were held. As in former years, for several weeks prior to the competitions many of the boys could be observed practising in their spare time. In the minor preliminary unofficial competitions excitement prevailed when the names of those who had qualified were made known.

The following are the prizewinners in the finals:—

DRUMMING (Side Drum).

Seniors—1, Drum-Major John West, "C" Coy.; 2, G. Dawson, "C" Coy.; 3, J. Mooney, "A" Coy.

Juniors—1, A. Lyon, "D" Coy.; 2, R. Denholm, "—" Coy. 3, W. Neil, "—" Coy.

BUGLING.

Seniors—1, G. Dawson, "C" Coy.; 2, D. T. Mackenzie, "C" Coy.; 3, J. Mooney, "A" Coy.

Juniors—1, A. Lyon, "D" Coy.; 2, P. Dunnigan, "D" Coy.; 3, W. McLauchlan, "C" Coy.

HIGHLAND DANCING.

(Class A).

HIGHLAND FLING—1, Pipe-Major A. Marr, "D" Coy.; 2, R. Ross, "C" Coy.; 3, T. Rennie, "B" Coy.

SWORDS—1, A. Sandilands, "B" Coy.; 2, J. Ferrigan, "B" Coy.; 3, W. Martin, "C" Coy.

SEAN TRUBHAIS—1, Pipe-Major A. Marr, "D" Coy.; 2, A. Sandilands, "B" Coy.; 3, R. Ross, "C" Coy.

(Class B).

HIGHLAND FLING—1, C. Anderson, "C" Coy.; 2, P. Robertson, "A" Coy.; 3, J. Burley, "D" Coy.

SWORDS—1, J. Burley, "D" Coy.; 2, G. Welsh, "D" Coy.; 3, C. Anderson, "C" Coy.

PIPING.

(Class A).

MARCHES—1, C. Anderson, "C" Coy.; 2, T. Rennie, "B" Coy.; 3, Pipe-Major A. Marr, "D" Coy.; 4, C. Duncan, "C" Coy.

SLOW MARCHES—1, C. Duncan, "C" Coy.; 2, W. Martin, "C" Coy.; 3, H. Reid, "C" Coy.; 4, Pipe-Major A. Marr, "D" Coy.

STRATHSPEYS AND REELS—1, Pipe-Major A. Marr, "D" Coy.; 2, T. Rennie, "B" Coy.; 3, C. Anderson, "C" Coy.

(Class B).

MARCHES—1, J. Burley, "D" Coy.; 2, G. Queen, "B" Coy.; 3, W. Coid, "A" Coy.

SLOW MARCHES—1, G. Queen, "B" Coy.; 2, W. Coid, "A" Coy.; 3, J. Burley, "D" Coy.

The Inter-Company Competition for possession of the Dancing Shield was once again the most exciting event of the day. Over-keenness and enthusiasm lost points to two Companies. "B" Coy. won the Shield with 40 points to their credit, and deserved their success. "D" Coy., although 5 points below the winners, also danced very well, and both "C" Coy. and "A" Coy. deserve much praise for carrying on after unfortunate happenings at the beginning of their dances. The placings were as follows:

1. "B" Company—40 points.
2. "D" Company—35 points.
3. "C" Company—22 points.
4. "A" Company—17 points.

Lieutenant-Colonel Leckie-Ewing, late H.L.I., assisted by his nephew, Captain Leckie-Ewing, of the same regiment, judged the piping competitions. Captain Leckie-Ewing and Captain Robertson, of the Black Watch, undertook the judging of the dancing competitions. To these three gentlemen we are extremely grateful for the time and trouble they took, and for the excellent decisions they made.

Drum-Major E. H. Elder, of the Second Battalion, The Black Watch (R.H.), acted as judge in the drumming and bugling competitions. To him also we accord our appreciative

thanks, as also to Pipe-Major Geddes of the A. & S. Highlanders, who kindly piped for several of the dancing competitions.

Unofficial competitions in the bass and tenor drum and "C" classes in piping, bugling and side-drumming, have disclosed quite a number of good young hands, and we find these competitions most helpful for "spotting talent."

PIPE PRES.

Inter-School Challenge Cup.

On the 10th July, 1936, during the visit of the Chief Inspector of Educational Training—Colonel J. Aubrey Smith, C.M.G. Inspector, Army Educational Corps—we took the opportunity to run off and complete the five athletic events in connection with the Inter-School Competition between The Duke of York's Royal Military School and The Queen Victoria School.

From the following results it will be seen that we were unsuccessful this year. The Duke of York's Royal Military School won the whole of the five events, so that the cup goes over the Border with all good wishes. Well done, The Dukies.

Record of Events.

DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL.

Long Jump—48ft. 7½ ins.

High Jump—13ft. 8 ins.

Throwing Cricket Ball—220 yards 5½ ins.

440 Yards Relay—55 4/5 secs.

880 Yards Relay—1 min. 52 1/5 secs.

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL.

Long Jump—45ft. 9½ ins.

High Jump—13ft. 3 ins.

Throwing Cricket Ball—182ft. 9½ ins.

440 Yards Relay—56 4/5 secs.

880 Yards Relay—1 min. 53 4/5 secs.

Promotions and Appointments.

The following Promotions and Appointments have been made since 9th January, 1936:—

"A" Company.

To be:—

Band-Sergeant—G. Broadbent.
Sergeant—R. Simpson.
Colour-Corporal—E. Coull.
Corporal—J. Yardley.
Lance-Corporal—P. Robertson.
Lance-Corporal—D. Robertson.
Lance-Corporal—J. Fulton.

"B" Company.

To be:—

Monitor—C. Mitten.
Monitor—G. Long.
Sergeant—W. Bain.
Sergeant—W. Lloyd.
Colour-Corporal—W. Fowler.
Corporal—T. Rennie.
Corporal—A. Sandilands.
Corporal—G. Jones.
Corporal—W. Hall.
Lance-Corporal—N. Paxton.
Lance-Corporal—P. McKilligan.
Lance-Corporal—G. Queen.

"C" Company.

To be:—

Sergeant—D. T. MacKenzie.
 Colour-Corporal—G. I. Watt.
 Corporal—C. Anderson.
 Corporal—H. Reid.
 Lance-Corporal—W. Martin.
 Lance-Corporal—G. Dawson.

"D" Company.

To be:—

Monitor—G. MacDonald.
 Pipe-Major—A. Marr.
 Sergeant—Jas. Oliver.
 Colour-Corporal—J. McDermid.
 Corporal—P. Dunnigan.
 Corporal—A. Kirk.
 Corporal—R. Quinn.
 Corporal—D. Wicks.
 Lance-Corporal—A. Forsyth.
 Lance-Corporal—F. Pegg.
 Lance-Corporal—J. Rigg.

Cricket.

INTER-COMPANY LEAGUE.

Seniors.

A beat B by 39 runs.
 D beat C by 18 runs.
 A beat C by 11 runs.
 D beat B by 51 runs.
 A beat D by 5 runs.
 B v. C.—Match drawn.

Junior "A."

A beat B by 7 runs.
 C beat D by 9 runs.
 A beat C by 32 runs.
 D beat B by 44 runs.
 A beat D by 16 runs.
 C beat B by 46 runs.

Junior "B."

A v. B.—Match drawn.
 C beat D by 41 runs.
 C beat A by 56 runs.
 D beat B by 63 runs.
 D beat A by 22 runs, 3 wickets.
 C beat B by 65 runs.

Points gained by Companies:—"A" Coy., 13; "C" Coy., 11; "D" Coy., 10; "B," 2.

Boxing, 1936.

The annual Boxing Competition was held on March 25th, 1936. The judges were:—Referee—Colonel A. Stirling of Garden. Judges—Captain R. G. A. Murphy, The Gordon Highlanders; Lieut. K. B. L. Davidson, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

"D" Coy. the Boxing Cup for the year. The following were the points gained by each Company:—"D," 115; "B," 101; "C," 96; "A," 78. Individual winners were:—

Class 1—J. McGoohan, "D," beat Jas. Toller-ton, "C" (60-65lbs.)
 Class 2—A. Lyon, "D," beat Wm. Davidson, "B" (66-70lbs.)

Class 3—A. Marr, "D," beat P. Dunnigan, "D" (71-75lbs.)
 Class 4—H. Arnold, "C," beat J. Fulton, "A" (76-80lbs.)
 Class 5—J. Ferrigan, "B," beat W. McLachlan, "C" (81-85lbs.)
 Class 6—R. Quinn, "D," beat J. Sedstrem, "A" (86-90lbs.)
 Class 7—J. Mooney, "A," beat J. Rigg "D" (91-95lbs.)
 Class 8—G. Broadbent, "B," beat W. Fowler, "B" (96-100lbs.)
 Class 9—J. Beveridge, "B," beat F. Gibson, "A" (under 60lbs.)
 Class 10—C. Mitten, "B," beat J. Long "D" (over 100lbs.)

Best Loser in the Competition—K. G. Roe, "C" Coy.

Queen Victoria School Concert.

Harmonica Band's Debut.

The recreation hall of the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, was thronged on the occasion of the concert given annually at the Christmas season by the bands, choir and other clever performers, and the large audience enjoyed every minute of the proceedings, which went with military smoothness and efficiency from start to finish.

Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O., Commandant, was accompanied by Mrs Innes, Mrs John Moncrieff, Mrs Steel, Mr Gerald Moncrieff, Miss McLean, and Mr and Miss Innes. The walls and roof of the hall were beautifully draped and seasonably decorated, and the platform also presented a most attractive appearance.

The first item was a rousing selection by the band, "British Beauties" (Gilbourne), which introduces a number of popular melodies, and gives both brass and flutes full opportunities for effective work. The rendering was full of spirit, and the youthful soloists acquitted themselves like veterans.

Pipe music followed—first the slow march, "The Road to the Isles," followed by the march, "The Banks of Allan Water," and strathspey and reel—and here the fine unison playing and dignified marching captivated everyone. The pipes all carry banners bearing the tartans of Scottish regiments, these having been gifted by the respective regiments to the School. They are carried worthily, and there appears to be no danger of the supply of pipers dying out! As the pipers moved off their place on the platform was taken by an "eightsome" for the country dance, "The Duke of Perth," followed by the sword dance and the Reel o' Tulloch. All were done in masterly fashion. In the sword dance one of the performers was a very little fellow, who quickly won the hearts of all. His appearance was a proof that any lad of native ability, keen to excel in the arts, gets every encouragement in this School.

The dancing was followed by an exhibition of club swinging to music by a class of ten, who looked very smart in their gymnastic dress, and gave a superb display.

Then amid suppressed excitement among the non-participating boys took place the event of

the evening—the first public performance of the Harmonica Band. Since its institution a few months ago the band has been something of the nature of a “dark horse” in and about the School, and its coming into the open was, so to speak, quite an event. It made a brilliant start, too—no “neigh, neigh,” about it. The combination consists of 16 mouth organs, one banjo, one piano accordion, a jazz drum complete with gadgets, and a piano. The players wore white suits with red sashes and ties and looked very smart. Under its originator and conductor, C.-S.-M. W. Watson, the band played a number of popular pieces to the great enjoyment of all. Boy Jones, the nipper in charge of the piano accordion, proved the complete artiste, and Boy Plummer, banjoist, and Monitor Finnie at the drums, were real masters of music: Vocal numbers were sweetly rendered by Boys Quinn, Oliver and Coull.

The School Choir followed with most intelligent renderings of “The Peat Fire Flame” (Kennedy-Fraser), and “Sweet and Low” (Barnby), and the closing item in the first half of the programme was a display on the flying trapeze by Boy Easton, Boy M’Goochan playing the incidental part of the disappointed lover with much success.

In the second part of the programme there was more pipe music and dancing, a zylophone solo by Band-Sergeant G. Macdonald, and various items by the Harmonica Band and the Choir. The big event was the playing of a descriptive piece, “A March Across the Desert,” by the band, with off stage effects giving all the thrill of battle. The episode represented the Arab caravan in Palestine, escorted by the Australian Light Horse, crossing the war zone, with the silence of night disturbed by an enemy aeroplane, and after reveille the advance against a concealed enemy and the shouting of commands and bursting of shells. We heard it described as “war set to music,” and the description was not inept. The whole performance was wonderfully effective.

Then came the wonderful concluding item, “The Aldershot Tattoo,” by band, pipes, drums and bugles in a magnificent military setting. Then the audience rose to their feet as the great volume of sound died away and the hymn, “Abide with me,” was sung in a darkened hall with the star of Bethlehem shining alone over it all.

The National Anthem brought to a close a concert which reflected the highest credit on both instructors and pupils.

Those responsible for the training were:—Military Band, Bandmaster F. H. Lax; pipe band, Pipe-Major E. Ross; drums and bugles, C.-S.-M. W. Watson; choir, Sergt.-Instructor S. W. Pole; and gymnastic team, C.-S.-M. J. Mitten. C.-S.-M. Watson also acted as stage manager.

At the interval, Colonel Innes took the opportunity of thanking Captain Williams, headmaster, and all those who had assisted with the training of the boys. There was really, he said, not a member of the staff who had not done a great deal towards helping to produce the entertainment. Patience and tact and love of the work were, he said, at the bottom of it all. He also thanked the Dunblane Players and Girl Guides for much help in the setting of the stage.

The lighting effects, Colonel Innes humorously remarked, were by the firm of Lindsay, assisted by Duncan & Co., the decorations were by Gutteridge, and the printing of the programmes by Riglen and M’Gregor.

Perthshire Musical Festival.

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL SUCCESSES.

Boys of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, won great praise in several departments of activity at the Perthshire Musical Festival at Perth last week, notably on Friday, when the contest for percussion bands took place. The Dunblane band was placed first in the junior class with 90 marks, the adjudicator (Dr Herbert Howells) describing the performance as “Fine work, one of the high-lights of the Festival, minds and muscles alive and organised.”

Offering advice to the bands, Mr Howells said that “if they were to do the percussion band trick they must do it with 100 per cent. precision.” He pointed to the boys of the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, as an example. “This,” remarked Mr Howells, “was where we came to the real business. Everything organised and in order; precision and careful; Sir Thomas Beecham in his best form.” The latter reference was directed to the young conductor of the band, who, Mr Howells, said, had “a beat that told its own story.”

The test piece was “Behold the Lord High Executioner” (Sullivan).

In country dancing, open to Perthshire, the School also distinguished itself, tying for second place with Southern District School B team, Perth. The adjudicator’s comments were:—“Posture and team work good, beautifully-managed set, with a quiet dignity others lacked.”—“Stirling Sentinel,” March 10, 1936.

(Picture on Page 20.)

Queen Victoria School Sports.

The annual sports of the Queen Victoria School for the Sons of Scottish Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen at Dunblane, took place on Saturday, 4th July. The conditions were entirely favourable, and the programme was carried through with much success. The Inter-Company Championship Trophy was won by A Company, and the Victor Ludorum prize by J. West. In the course of the afternoon a cricket bat subscribed for by H.M. Commissioners of the School was presented to Monitor C. Mitten in recognition of his scoring 111 against Stanley House School recently. The prizes were presented at the close by Mrs Innes, wife of Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O., Commandant. Results:—

Long Jump (Seniors)—1, A Company; 2, C Company; 3, D Company; 4, B Company. Individuals — 1, E. Coull; 2, J. West; 3, W. McLachlan.

Long Jump (Junior A Division)—1, C Company; 2, D. Company; 3, A. Company; 4, B. Company. Individuals — 1, W. Reith; 2, D. Inglis; 3, R. Warr.

Throwing Cricket Ball (Seniors)—1, A Company; 2, C Company; 3, D. Company; 4, B.

Company. Individuals — 1, J. West; 2, W. Barclay; 3, W. Lloyd.

Throwing Cricket Ball (Junior A Division)—1, C. Company; 2, D Company; 3, A. Company; 4, B Company. Individuals — 1, W. Reith; 2, G. West; 3, R. Warr.

Throwing the Discus (Seniors)—1, J. West; 2, W. Lloyd; 3, C. Anderson.

Throwing the Javelin (Seniors) — 1. C. Hamilton; 2, J. Oliver; 3, A. McIntosh.

Relay Race (Seniors) — 1, C. Company (C. Anderson, W. McLachlan, W. Martin); 2, D Company; 3, A. Company; 4, B Company. Time—1 min. 56 2/5 secs.

Relay Race (Junior A Division)—1, D Company (W. Plunkett, D. Dunn, T. Love); 2, A Company; 3, C. Company; 4, B. Company. Time—60 3/5 secs.

Relay Race (Junior B Division)—1, A. Company (C. Blewes, T. Mooney, J. Smillie, R. Berry, F. Gibson, F. Warne); 2, D Company; 3, C Company; 4, B Company.

Alarm Race (Junior Divisions)—1, J. Nelson (A Coy.); 2, R. Mackie (C Coy.); 3, J. Stevenson (C Coy.); 4, J. McGoochan (D Coy.).

High Jump (Seniors)—1, C. Company; 2, A Company; 3, D Company; 4, B Company. Individuals—1, W. McLachlan, 4ft. 6in.; 2, J. West; 3, E. Coull.

High Jump (Junior A Division)—1, A Company; 2, C Company; 3, D Company; 4, B Company. Individuals—1, E. Monaghan, 4ft. 1in.; 2, W. Reith; 3, A. Runcie.

440 Yards Race (Seniors)—1, W. McLachlan, 1 min. 4 3/5 secs.; 2, J. West; 3, W. Barclay.

100 Yards Race (Junior B Division) — 1, E. Griffin; 2, J. Tollerton; 3, C. Blewes. Time—13 2/5 secs.

Hurdles Race (Seniors) — 1, A Company (E. Coull, W. Barclay, O. McNicol, P. Robertson, W. Coid); 2, C Company; 3, D Company; 4, B Company. Time—1 min. 13 2/5 secs.

220 Yards Race (Junior A Division)—1, W. Reid; 2, D. Inglis; 3, W. Plunkett. Time—31 3/5 secs.

Mystery Race—1, D Company (Miss Gibson, C.S.M. Watson, S.I. Smith, Boys J. Oliver, D. Inglis and W. Richardson).

100 Yards Race (Seniors)—1, W. McLachlan; 2, J. West; 3, J. Long. Time—12 secs.

100 Yards Race (Junior A Division)—1, D. Inglis; 2, W. Reith and W. Plunkett (equal). Time—13 2/5 secs.

High Jump (Junior D Division)—1, T. Mooney, 3ft. 9 ins.; 2, C. Blewes; 3, J. Tollerton.

Sack Race—1, M. Lavin; 2, J. Mc'Cartney; 3, E. Dawson.

Putting the Shot (Seniors)—1, D. Wicks; 2, J. West; 3, C. Anderson.

Obstacle Race (Seniors)—1, W. Coid; 2, H. Martin; 3, A. Sandilands.

Obstacle Race (Junior A Division)—1, J. McGoochan; 2, D. Inglis; 3, W. Galloway.

Obstacle Race (Junior B Division) — 1, J. Tollerton; 2, J. Ewart; 3, E. Griffin and W. Warne (equal).

Staff Race—1, C.S.M. Gutteridge; 2, Mr McRobbie; 3, R.Q.M.S. Milne.

Ladies' Race—Mrs Mitten; 2, Mrs McEvoy; 3, Mrs Darling.

Staff Children's Race (Girls)—1, Gladys McRobbie; 2, Doris Webber; 3, Christina

Fraser (Boys)—1, G. Maxwell; 2, J. Galloway; 3, V. Beattie.

Maids' Race — 1, Miss McGrandel; 2, Miss McKenna; 3, Miss Gibson.

The officials were:—

Judges:—Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O., Commandant; Captain W. L. Clarke, M.B.E.; Captain R. E. Young, Mr H. S. Shield, W.O. M. J. McGregor, Sgt.-Inst. S. W. Pole, W.O. L. Webber, Bandmaster F. Lax, and Pipe-Major F. Ross.

Marshaling Stewards — C.S.M. W. Watson and C.S.M. J. Mitten.

Starters — C.S.M. W. Gutteridge and Sgt.-Inst. K. S. Dunn.

Recorders—W.O. J. Fair, Sgt.-Inst. W. Smith, and Sgt.-Inst. G. Wright.

Clerks of the Course—R.S.M. W. McCubbin, D.C.M., and W.O. H. C. Riglon.

Inter-Company Leagues.

1935-1936 Season.

RUGBY (Seniors)—

Coy.	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agt.	Pts.
"A"	6	1	5	—	17	134	2
"B"	6	5	1	—	163	16	10
"C"	6	4	2	—	103	16	8
"D"	6	2	4	—	40	102	4

Winners—"B" Company.

HOCKEY (Seniors)—

"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	For	Agt.	Pts.
6	—	1	5	10	13	5
6	4	1	1	17	8	9
6	3	1	2	14	6	8
6	—	4	2	4	18	2

Winners—"B" Company.

ASSOCIATION (Seniors)—

"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	For	Agt.	Pts.
6	2	4	—	17	22	4
6	4	2	—	20	15	8
6	3	2	1	27	12	7
6	2	3	1	10	25	5

(Juniors) Jr. "A."

"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	For	Agt.	Pts.
6	3	2	1	11	17	7
6	—	6	—	1	26	0
6	3	2	1	23	11	7
6	5	1	—	24	5	10

(Juniors) Jr. "B."

"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	For	Agt.	Pts.
6	—	6	—	2	48	0
6	3	3	—	11	9	6
6	3	2	1	15	5	7
6	5	—	1	30	0	11

Winners "D" Company.

Summary of above Leagues for points towards Inter-Company Challenge Trophy—"A" Coy., 18 points; "B" Coy., 33 points; "C" Coy., 37 points; "D" Coy., 32 points.

Drill Competition, 1936.

The Annual Drill Competition was held on Friday, 10th July, 1936. Captain H. J. D. L. McGregor, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, very kindly came to judge the competition.

There was great preparation for this competition, the turnout and smartness of the boys was very creditable to the Companies. The competi-

tion was very keen, as the results between the Companies by the close margin of points (highest possible points, 30) show.

	B	C	A	D
Dress and Turnout	9	7	8	8
Steadiness in the Ranks and Carriage in Marching	11	10	8	9
Words of Command and Position of Commanders	3	4	4	2
	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>

The Drill Cup was presented by Captain H. J. D. L. McGregor, Inspecting Officer, to Monitor C. Mitten, who commanded "B" Company. At the conclusion three hearty cheers were given to Captain McGregor.

Thrift.

We are pleased to record the progress made by the boys in their savings, as each boy is encouraged to save his money by deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank Book, which is kept for him until he leaves the School. The credit of the boys' banking account at the end of June, 1936, was £162 4s 4d. Save a small amount of your wages each week; you will be surprised by the amount you can save by the time you reach manhood.. Just think and work it out for yourself.

Tailors' Competition, 1936.

Seniors—1, P. Gilliland; 2, E. Coull; 3, Jas. Oliver.

Juniors—1, Ian Tollerton; 2, William Connell; 3, Jas. Hall.

The Whitehead Education Shield, 1936.

Challenge Shield for Education awarded annually to the leading Company at the Queen Victoria School. Winners of the Shield for 1936, "D" Company.

Swimming, 1936.

The annual Swimming Competition was held on 15th July, 1936.

INTER-COMPANY RELAY.

Senior Division (three lengths) — 1, D Coy; 2, A Coy.; 3, B Coy.; 4, C Coy.

Junior "A" Division (two lengths)—1, D Coy.; 2, A Coy.; 3, C Coy.; 4, A Coy.

Junior "B" Division (one length) — 1, C Coy.; 2, A Coy.; 3, D Coy.; 4, B Coy.

The Swimming Cup, presented by the 1st Glasgow Troop of Boy Scouts, was thus won by D Company with 10 points; A Company, 9 points; C Company, 7 points; B Company, 4 points.

INDIVIDUAL DIVING.

Senior Division—1, W. Barclay, 36ft. 2ins.; 2, W. Coid, 33ft. 10ins.; 3, J. Long, 31ft. 10½ins.

Junior "A" Division — 1, A. Lyon, 30ft. 9½ins.; 2, R. Warr, 30ft. 7½ins.; 3, E. Monaghan, 30ft. 3ins.

INDIVIDUAL RACE.

Senior Division (four lengths, any style)—1, C. Hamilton, 1 min. 11 secs; 2, W. Lloyd; 3, J. West; 4, J. Lindsay.

Junior "A" Division (three lengths, any style)—1, J. Nelson; 2, E. Monaghan; 3, J. McGoohan.

Junior "B" Division—1, E. Hayward; 2, W. Mackenzie; 3, Jn. Hall.

Novices' Race (one length, any style)—1, R. Morton; 2, R. Berry; 3 (equal), J. McLean and L. West.

The Individual Challenge Trophy, "The Fish," presented by Major G. W. Smith, O.B.E., The King's Own Scottish Borderers, was won by Cecil Hamilton, "D" Company—time, 1 min. 11 secs.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Commandant said a few words of encouragement to all boys on the high standard of swimming in the School, and for the few non-swimmers to persevere to obtain their swimming certificates before leaving the School. To learn to swim is every boy's duty. It should be remembered that the secret of good swimming is Confidence—Slow—Deliberate Movement—otherwise power is wasted. It should be the pride of every boy to gain his certificate. In conclusion, Colonel S. A. Innes presented the Swimming Cup and the Individual Trophy, and Certificates of achievement to the winners.

Swimming Certificates, 1936.

The following boys have been awarded their Swimming Certificate, having passed the "Qualifying Standard":—

"A" Company—J. Smillie, R. Dyke, J. Beitlich, W. Connell, W. Galloway, W. Warne, J. McArthur.

"B" Company—D. Mcintosh, J. McLean, H. Tempo, J. McLeod, D. McIntyre, D. MacDonald.

"D" Company — J. Meenaghan, W. McCutcheon, D. MacKay, E. Griffen, R. Mackenzie.

SWIMMING CERTIFICATES.

Three Certificates are awarded to swimmers whose swimming ability qualifies them as under:—

1. "Qualifying" Certificate:

Dive in from the end of the bath and swim (any stroke) four lengths.

2. "Advanced" Certificate:

(a) Dive from the first step of the diving board, swim continuously for

(i.) One length breast stroke.

(ii.) One length back stroke.

(iii.) Two lengths any stroke.

(b) Dive from one side at the centre of the bath and bring up a 2 lbs. weight and land it on the opposite side.

3. "Special" Certificate:

(a) Dive from the top step of the diving board and swim continuously for

(i.) Two lengths breast stroke.

(ii.) Two lengths back stroke (with one length arms folded and one length with legs and arms).

(iii.) Two lengths any stroke.

(b) Dive from one side of the bath at the deep end, pick up a 5 lbs. weight and land it on the opposite side.

(c) Dive from one side of the bath at the deep end, and pick up a 6-inch disc and land it on the opposite side.

Annual Inspection, 1936.

Thursday, 23rd July, at 3 p.m.

Inspecting Officer:—Sir ARCHIBALD R. CAMERON, K.C.B., C.M.G.,
the General Officer Commanding in Chief (Governor of Edinburgh
Castle), Scottish Command.

3 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
3.15 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
3.25 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
3.45 p.m.**

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

**Advance in Review
Order
3.55 p.m.**

The School advances in line and salute.

**Presentation of
Prizes
4 p.m.**

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

4.45 p.m.

Tea for boys and their relatives in the Dining
Hall.

4.0-4.30 p.m.

A Display by Military Band, Pipers and Dancers.
(See Programme on page 19.)

5.15 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 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.

Old Victorians' Association.

- Membership.** All Old Boys who have passed through the School are eligible for membership.
- Subscription.** The Headquarters Subscription is 2/- 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. Patrick Doyle, Edinburgh (price 2/6), and the badge from the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the School (price 2/-).
- 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 School to find employment, and to help Old Boys out of work 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. B. R. WARD, 40 Pilton Park, Edinburgh, giving the above particulars.
If resident in or near Glasgow, apply to the Secretary, Glasgow Branch, Mr G. STIRRATT, 1 Baldowie Road, Glasgow, giving the above particulars.

Company Notes.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

At the time of writing these notes, "A" Company is engaged in a close tussle for the Championship Shield. Our Company's ability to secure such trophies as the Victor Ludorum and the Individual Swimming was not too promising, but, for the first time since 1925, we regained the Dandy Ninth (the inter-company cup for athletics) and the Hurdle Cup. We are expecting prosperous results in the shooting and cricket competitions. In newcomers to the Company we welcome G. Broadbent, a stalwart from "B" Company, and Dykes, J. Sedstrom left us last term. We are now looking forward to the forthcoming rugby, soccer, boxing and hockey seasons, as we have a few "heavies" left. We have only a few boys leaving in the near future, and we are expecting good results in the next year's events.

M. H. ROBINSON.

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

We are all striving to keep the flag flying in "B" Company, and our material for next year shows promising signs.

Last term we won the rugby shield and also the hockey. On top of that we were runners-up for the football shield, which "D" Company won.

This term we started off by winning the dancing shield. For a time after this nothing happened until Sports Day came. Although many of our stalwarts did their utmost, our material was not equal to that of the other Companies. Mind you, we had a bright spark in Tucker Lloyd, but as every sportsman knows, a "one-man team" hardly ever wins. Then came a glorious day for "B" Company. On the 10th of June "B" Company won the drill competition. We have to thank our C.-S.-M. Mr Gutteridge for emphasising the important points in such a way that the new boys, who had seemed before to be exceedingly weedy, picked it all up in such a quick way. No offence meant to the other C.-S.-M.'s, in fact they were exceedingly worthy antagonists. The swimming competition has passed, in which "B" Company did not figure greatly. Soon will come the shooting competition, and, if "B" Company do not do too well, although I know they will do their best, let not the other Companies think that "B" Company is going down. For, by the look of material that we have, it is sure that "B" Company will emerge next year, and will stand a good chance of being "Cock of the Walk."

During the summer holidays we will lose W. Fowler, a renowned dancer; J. Ferrigan, also a dancer; G. Jones, a clarionette champion; and W. Bain, a renowned lecturer on everything under the sun and the moon.

W. B.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

These notes are being composed in the midst of practising for the impending drill competition, which we hope to carry off.

We were badly handicapped at the beginning of the term when our Company Sergeant-Major and Regimental Sergeant-Major W. McCubbin was seriously ill, and was taken to the infir-

mary. However, he got through his operation well, and is now going on fine. Sergeant Lawrie, of the Gordon Highlanders, was acting Company Sergeant-Major, of which he has made a very good job.

The only competition yet finished is the dancing. In this we did not do so well as we had anticipated, however, we were third.

The cricket league has just begun, and we hope to do well in this. In optimistic fervour we visualise the Victor Ludorum and the "Fish" coming once more to our shelf.

We did better in the rugby, football and hockey competitions than we had anticipated. We were second in the three, and our total points were three points ahead of any other Company. This helped considerably towards the Championship Shield.

We are glad to welcome to our Company two new boys, viz., Leslie West and Robert Findlay, who has since been withdrawn by his parents.

Next term we will lose Monitor Burke, who is going to the Air Force as a clerk; Drum-Major West, who is going to the Scots Guards; and Corporal Bowes, who is going to the Boys' Technical School, Chepstow.

We are sorry to say that this year we have not much hope as regards the Primus, and you may note that this is the first time in eight years that the Primus has left "C" Company's hands.

Well, cheerio, and good luck to all Old Boys of "C" Company, and please note, the editor would be pleased to accept a letter from you, to hear how you are jogging along.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Dear friends, have you ever tried writing a letter, or any such thing, in the midst of an argument. Well, that is what I am trying to do. Because, at the present moment, there is a battle raging between Sam Morgan and "Duff" MacDonald as to who will win the Cranston Memorial Prize this year. As I am trying to write under these conditions, please forgive any defects in my style.

Well, to get down to brass tacks, we will start off with the sporting section first, because it is an old Spanish custom. The creditable bits first. The first sports trophy that we collected in our ever-seeking net was the Boxing Cup. This we won easily, but the runners-up were valiant losers. We lifted the football shield, "C" Company coming second. We hope to lift the cricket, because we are leading so far. On Sports Day we retained the Relay Cup, but (we now come to the bad bits) we lost the Hurdles Cup and the "Dandy Ninth" to "A" Company. We are very optimistic regarding the "Fish," but as we know very little about the other teams' form we are not certain as to who will receive the Swimming Cup. We know absolutely nothing about our standing in the Shooting Competition, as there has been very little time for practice so far, but, again, we are very optimistic.

Drill Competition next. Like the shooting, we have had very little practice, but the Company is rather smart on the whole. The standard of some of the new boys is something to write home about.

I do not know how we stand for the Whitehead Education Shield, but you can see from these

notes that we are well in the running. (Self-praise is the lowest form of flattery.)

The new boys who were welcomed into the fold at the beginning of this term number five in all. They are:—J. Marr, R. McKenzie, D. McNeil, T. McIntosh, and D. McKay. Since the last issue of "The Victorian" several boys have left. They are:—R. McGeechan, John Oliver, P. Dunnigan, A. Kirk, J. McIntosh, and, last but not least, S/Monitor John Davidson, who, we hope, is finding no difficulty in settling down in his new environment.

Here's hoping for the best out of next term.

W. HAGAN.

MONS ROOM NOTES.

This year has been the quietest we have known in the Mons Room, as yet. Few changes have taken place—one Mon leaving and the promotion of one other. "Georgie" MacDonald was promoted at Easter, and was initiated in the proper fashion. John Davidson, our Senior Mon., left us in the middle of the summer term for the Service Corps. We wish him the best of luck. The Mons have become nice boys, and don't get lectured—much. We are coming along quite nicely, thanks, and we are waiting for news from our forerunners. Ex-Mons, if you don't quite grasp the point, turn over a new leaf and write us a letter.

On Sports Day (what joy!) the Mons did their little bit, and enlivened the proceedings by waddling round the track like a bit of—hm, we'll let that pass. One of us was excused on medical grounds, and gloated over this unwonted energy to his heart's content. Charlie Mitten won the cup, and if he stays in the School is likely to win it again. 'Nuff sed!

R. A. S.

TAILORS' NOTES, 1936.

"Hullo, everybody." this is the tailors broadcasting from the tailoring studios. Since the last issue of "The Victorian" we have lost the services of John Oliver, who joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and Charles Barron, who joined the Scots Guards (both joined as tailors), also Alex. Sutherland, who went to civilian life as a mechanic. All have done exceptionally well, John Oliver winning a medal for football, and "Count" Barron winning the paper-weight championship at boxing.

The tailors had two entries for the Victor Ludorum—James Oliver and Ewen Coull; both did exceptionally well, Ewen Coull getting third place and James Oliver fifth place.

We had numerous visitors this summer, who all marvelled at our successful work.

Our new hands are J. Beitlich, J. McArthur, F. Morton, H. Tolmie, J. Forbes. They are all coming on fine under the supervision of Master Tailor Wright, who is quite an old hand at the trade.

Results of the competition were:—

Seniors—1, P. Gilliland; 2, E. Coull; 3, J. Oliver.

Juniors—1, J. Tollerton; 2, W. Connel; 3, Jas. Connel.

EWEN COULL.

DRUM NOTES.

The noise in the drum store is increasing with so many enthusiastic new hands banging out the exercises. We hope to have some more next term, as the drum store will seem quiet without John West's deep, sonorous voice, and Da'id McKenzie's merry prattle. We must keep up the noise, of course, at least most of the new hands seem to think so.

In addition to the loss of John's voice and Da'id's yarns, Piggy Dawson, Teesh McDermid, and Prof. Bain are leaving during the summer holidays.

Engagements? Oh, yes! We didn't have very many this term, but the ones we did have were very enjoyable. We have been to Perth, Alloa, Deanston, Dunblane, and Meikleour.

Competitions? Of course! There were the usual competitions this year. Here are the results:—

DRUMMING.

Seniors—1, John West; 2, G. Dawson; 3, J. Mooney.

Juniors—1, A. Lyon; 2, R. Denholm; 3, W. Neil.

BUGLING.

Seniors—1, G. Dawson; 2, D. McKenzie; 3, J. Mooney.

Juniors—1, A. Lyon; 2, P. Dunnigan; 3, A. McLachlan.

By the kind help of "Jock M'Garr" we were able to run the Big Drumming and Tenor Drumming Competitions.

Big Drumming—1, A. McIntosh; 2, W. Lloyd; 3, W. Bain.

Tenor Drumming—1, W. Lloyd; 2, R. Simpson; 3, C. Hamilton.

Last term an incident of great importance took place. The drummers challenged the pipers to a football match. The drummers' team included:—"Winger West," "Tricky Tiesh," "Dasher Da'id," "Dribbler Dawson," "Fulton the Flatfoot," "Merry McIntosh," "Tucker the Tenderfoot," "Softie Simkins," "Round-up Riddock," "Ball Boy Bainie," and "Mudpie Mooney, the Marvel Goalie." The result was a victory for us, 3-0.

NOTE.—We all wonder if the Drummers' Debating Society, i.e., McKenzie, McDermid and Mooney, have decided if "Bicycles should have licences." As they are all proud owners of such vehicles, the answer is probably No!

W. BAIN.

The Escape of the Orang-Utang.

Slowing coming down the lane a circus wound its way. Suddenly a terrific chattering sounded—a scream of pain and terror rang down the lane. The circus stopped, men shouted, animals roared, a white-faced trainer rushed up saying, "Kishma, the Orang-utang has escaped." The owner of the circus drove to the Police Station in a fast car, and told the Inspector the startling news. That night everybody locked and bolted his doors. The next day circus hands armed with iron crowbars, sticks, and shotguns, came down the line. Suddenly one of the men gave a shout and pointed at a nearby tree. The gorilla was standing on a branch beating his hairy

chest like a drum, and snarling horribly. Half a-dozen shotguns were raised and roared. When the smoke cleared the gorilla was staggering; it gave a shuddering gasp, and dropped in its tracks and lay still. That same night everybody in the village breathed more freely now that the gorilla was dead.

EDWARD GRIFFIN,
Age, 11½ years, Form III.

My First Visit to Hospital.

I shall never forget my first visit to the School Hospital.

I had to go sick one morning with a bad face. The nurse told me I must stay in the hospital for a little while, so that she could keep an eye on me. The hospital is a lively, clean place, but I felt a bit afraid at first. It made me think I was very ill to see all the nurses going up and down the ward.

I was only in there four days, but it seemed longer than that. There are a lot of nice books to read, and there is a wireless set too. The nurse is a very kind lady. Margaret and Lena are nice ladies too. They help the nurse to look after us.

I am not afraid to go in hospital any more.

GORDON LINDSAY,
Age, 9 years, Form I.

Cricket, 1936.

The first match of the season, which was played against Trinity College, Glenalmond, was greeted by splendid weather.

The School fielded first, McKenzie bringing off a stylish catch on the boundary. The School batsmen were good, although the scoring was not of any great height.

Won—32-25.

June 8th—Versus Stirling High School 1st XI., at Williamfield.

Dull weather on this day did not damp the ardour of the team, but the day was lost by 26 runs.

June 10th—Versus Newstead, Deanston 1st XI., at Dunblane.

The team on this day were in high spirits, and in keeping with the weather, which was bright and sunny, in fact it was a day which most cricketers like, when the cool shade of the pavilion is ample reward for the batsmen after their stand at the wicket. This game was specially marked by Robinson's score of 30, although the rest of the team must be congratulated on their stout defence.

Lost—173-61.

June 18th—Versus Stanley House, Bridge of Allan, at Dunblane.

The day and the team were the same as the ones that saw Newstead's victory. The opening pair—Robinson and Mooney—made a stand of 38 runs, which, if it was a grand score itself, its brilliance was by far belittled by Mitten's record

score of 111 runs. This feat was commemorated by the presentation of an expensive cricket bat on Sports Day to Mitten from the Commissioners.

Draw—173 for 8; 65 for 6.

June 23rd—Versus McLaren High School, at Dunblane.

The match was played in sweltering heat, but despite that fact, Burke made a score of 21, and Robinson made a score of 25 not out.

Won—87-37.

June 24th—Versus Stenhousemuir 3rd XI.

The dull evening denoted sadness for some people, which happened to be the School team, for although Shore made a stylish score of 15 runs, the School team lost.

Lost—61-38.

July 7th—Newstead, Deanston, at Deanston.

The highest scores of the match were by Burke, 29 runs; West, 15; Robinson, 11. We must congratulate Newstead on another grand victory.

Lost—204 for 6; 75 all out.

Altogether it was a good season, and some of our averages were good.

	Times		H.	Total	Av'ge.
	Inn.	Out.			
Mitten	6	0	111	137	22.8
Robinson	7	1	35	97	16.16
Burke	7	0	29	63	9
Shore	5	0	15	38	7.6
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av'ge.
Finnie	26	8	70	3	23.3
Burke	60	13	270	25	10.8
Mitten	51	13	192	18	10.6
West	18	3	72	8	9.

CATCHES.

Mitten, 6; Broadbent, 5; Robinson, 4; Burke, 3; Mooney, 3; Finnie, 2; McKenzie, 2.

STUMPED.

Mooney, 6.

There are two junior matches:—

June 16th—2nd Division versus Clifford Park, at Menstrie.

June 25th—2nd Division versus Clifford Park, at Menstrie.

In both matches Lawrence made notable scores—in the former, 23; and in the latter, 46. It is well seen that Lawrence is on his way to a cricket blue, and it is hoped that he is in the cricket team in another eighteen months.

R. J. BURKE (Captain).

Band Notes.

The Christmas holidays, contrary to expectations, did not deplete our ranks. We had an enthusiastic, if not experienced band for our engagement at Callander. We played at the British Legion Association's concert, and our programme was heartily received.

Came Easter, the weather was a little unbecoming, perhaps, but its latter days brightened, and preluded what we hope to be a glorious summer. The Military Band's first

turnout of the season was the programme it rendered to the "Old Victorians" on their visiting day. During the day, our tubular bells were played for the first time. The bells are what one might say, the "acme of modernity" in the bell-world, and we must congratulate F. Pegg for becoming the first bell-soloist. We played at Perth during the exhibition of war-maimed ex-service men's work, and we are looking forward to our next visit. Then, we will have the honour to entertain Perth's population, if they wish, for one Sunday afternoon and evening. For three successive seasons the Military Band has played at Perth, and we hope to continue our successes there.

Like most schools, Callander High School held a "Sports Day," and we were invited to render music during the afternoon. Perhaps our most appropriate piece during the afternoon was G. F. Handel's, "See the conquering hero comes," which we played when the dux of the school was carried shoulder-high to his prize.

Our Annual Band Competition takes place shortly, in which every bandsman takes part. The competitors are placed in grades according to their standards of efficiency on their instruments. Several prizes are allotted to each grade, and as everybody is keen, we can foresee a keen competition.

After we have completed our list of engagements, of which several have yet to come, we can prepare for "Grand-Day." We have still to play at Alloa Cattle Show, Dunblane Cattle Show, and whilst still in the district I might mention we have to play at Stirling. Last on the list appears Perth, which represents our Sunday afternoon programme there.

In our music we possess many of the latest "hits," song or otherwise. The most popular with the musicians is "The words are in my heart." If anyone would like to hear our "jazz"-musical prowess, we will welcome him or her on Grand Day.

With Grand Day will come the sensation approaching holidays incur, and everybody will no doubt enjoy the holidays when they do come. But during the holidays a few of our boys will leave us to join either the services or civil life. These boys will go with sincere best wishes from the Band.

G. A. MACDONALD.

RESULTS OF MILITARY BAND TESTS.

INSTRUMENTAL.

Class I.—1, D. Hickey; 2, D. Wicks; 3, J. Myles; 4, J. Yardley.

Class II.—1, F. Pegg; 2, P. McKilligan; 3, I. Gunn; 4, J. Long.

Class III.—1, J. Braid; 2, W. Plunkett; 3, D. Low; 4, T. Love.

Class IV. (Juniors).—1, J. McGoochan; 2, J. McCrae; 3, W. Davidson; 4, J. McCartney.

Best Progress—D. Wicks, W. Davidson.

Written Test (Application)—1, E. Monaghan; 2, D. Wicks; 3, J. Yardley; 4, J. McCrae; 5, F. Pegg; 6, G. Watt.

VALETE.

Boys who have left the School since 9th January, 1936:—

To H.M. SERVICES.

- J. Jackson—Scots Guards.
- C. Barron—Scots Guards.
- D. Aiton—The Royal Scots, The Royal Regiment.
- W. Munro—The Royal Scots, The Royal Regiment.
- R. McGeechan—Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
- P. Love—Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
- R. McWilliam—Army Technical School (Boys).
- I. Bell—Army Technical School (Boys).
- J. Oliver—Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
- C. Hayward—Gordon Highlanders.
- J. S. Roe—Scots Guards.
- K. G. Roe—Scots Guards.
- J. Sedstrem—Royal Artillery.
- J. Macpherson—Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.
- J. Davidson—Royal Army Service Corps.
- J. R. Bowes—Army Technical School (Boys).
- D. Dunnigan—Army Technical School (Boys).
- A. Kirk—Army Technical School (Boys).

To CIVIL LIFE.

- A. Hickey.
- A. Weddell.
- W. Douglas.
- A. Sutherland.
- D. Honeyman.
- F. Hamilton.
- A. Meechan.

WITHDRAWN BY PARENTS.

- T. Deans.
- R. Messer.
- R. G. Messer.
- J. McIntosh.
- P. Griffiths.
- W. Paxton.
- N. McLeod.
- J. McSwayde.
- J. Emerson.
- D. Docherty.
- T. Thomson.
- W. Russell.

SALVETE.

Boys who have joined the School since 9th January, 1936, with the name of their father's Regiment:—

- W. McKendrick—Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
- H. Griffiths—Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.
- R. Morton—The Black Watch.
- J. Beitlich—Royal Scots Greys.
- D. MacDonald—Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.
- J. Meenaghan—Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
- K. Campbell—Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.
- N. Duncan—Royal Scots Greys.
- S. McKay—The Black Watch.
- J. McArthur—The Royal Scots.
- D. Hume—The Seaforth Highlanders.

J. Campbell—Hampshire Yeomanry.
 H. Tempo—Royal Army Medical Corps.
 J. Ewart—Royal Naval Reserve.
 J. Murdoch—The Seaforth Highlanders.
 W. McCutcheon—King's Own Scottish Borderers
 E. Griffen—Royal Navy.
 G. Lindsay—Scots Guards.
 J. Marr—King's Own Scottish Borderers.
 A. Tolmie—The Black Watch.
 J. Forbes—The Gordon Highlanders.
 R. MacKenzie—Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
 J. Darling—Royal Scots Greys.
 M. Lavin—The Black Watch.
 J. McLean—The Gordon Highlanders.
 T. McIntosh—The Seaforth Highlanders.
 D. MacIntyre—Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.
 W. Russell—Royal Navy.
 J. McLeod—Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
 L. West—Scots Guards.
 D. McNeil—Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.
 D. MacKay—Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
 R. Dyke—The Black Watch.
 J. Findlay—The Black Watch.
 D. Sheach—The Black Watch.

Certificates of Education.

Army First Class Certificates of Education have been awarded to:—

Monitor M. H. Robinson.

Monitor R. A. Shore.

Army Second Class Certificates of Education have been awarded to:—

C. Barron	E. Coull.
J. Fulton.	T. Morrison.
P. Robertson.	C. Robertson.
D. Winton.	W. Sinton.
J. Sedstrem.	G. Thomson.
W. Lloyd.	N. Paxton.
P. Griffiths.	G. Queen.
I. Stevenson.	H. Arnold.
P. Love.	J. Anderson.
A. Marr.	C. Duncan.
J. McDermid.	G. Dawson.
R. McWhirter.	W. Martin.
Jn. Oliver.	T. Meechan.
J. Plummer.	R. Ross.
J. Rigg.	I. Gunn.
A. Weddell.	J. Long.
W. Welsh.	T. Love.
D. Honeyman.	R. Quinn.

Re-Union of Old Boys.

The Annual Re-Union of Old Victorians was held on Sunday, 3rd May, 1936, at the School. After attending the divine service in the School Memorial Chapel, Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O., Commandant, who presided, welcomed all the Old Victorians at their annual re-union. After a programme of music was given by the Military Band, Pipe and Drums, the afternoon was taken up visiting their old dormitories and a talk of their old times when in the School of their old days when boys. The week-end seemed to be enjoyed by all on their annual visit to the historic School.

Old Boy Visitors to the School.

Private A. E. Hollands, Royal Army Service Corps, Egypt.
 Drummer T. G. Davidson, 1st Bn. Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Cattrick.
 Boy I. Dunn, 1st Bn. Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Cattrick.
 Drummer B. Martell, 1st Bn. The Gordon Highlanders, Redford.
 Boy J. Robertson, 1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Tidworth.
 A/T A. Bain, Army Technical School, Chepstow.
 Boy P. Rutherford, 1st Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers, Cattrick.
 A/T W. J. MacDonald, Royal Air Force, Ruislip.
 A/T R. J. McKay, Royal Air Force, Ruislip.
 Sapper G. E. Robertson, 19th Survey Coy., Royal Engineers, Fort Southwick, near Fareham.
 Sapper T. B. Edwards, 19th Survey Coy., Royal Engineers, Fort Southwick, near Fareham.
 2/Lieut. R. Linton, Royal Corps Signals, Aldershot.
 2/Lieut. W. C. Ramsay, Royal Corps Signals, Aldershot.
 Boy W. Chandler, 1st Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Cattrick.
 Corporal P. Scotland, 1st Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Cattrick.
 Piper D. F. MacKinlay, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch, Maryhill, Glasgow.
 Drum-Major E. Elder, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch.
 Sergt.-Instr. S. Garner, Army Gymnastic Staff, Depot, K.S.L. Infantry, Shrewsbury.
 Boy J. H. MacGregor, 1st Bn. Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Cattrick.
 Boy J. Irvine, 1st Bn. Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Cattrick.
 Lance-Corporal Jn. Fowler, The Royal Regiment of Artillery, Woolwich.
 Mr H. Clayton, Army Educational Corps, Shorncliffe.
 Mr A. Weddell, 62 Causewayside, Edinburgh.
 Mr A. Sutherland, 9 Teviot Street, Glasgow.
 Mr R. Malloy, 3 Jamaica Street, Edinburgh.
 Mr G. Spence, 8 Queen's Place, Edinburgh.
 Mr A. Ferguson, 216 Berkeley Street, Glasgow.
 Mr G. Bulloch, 18 Westhall Gardens, Edinburgh.
 Mr G. Anderson, 118 Causewayside, Edinburgh.
 Mr B. Currie, 102 South Street, St. Andrews.
 Mr J. M. McLeod, 155 Houston Street, Glasgow.
 Mr E. Hall, Canal Street, Perth.

Letters from Old Boys.

2nd BN. THE BLACK WATCH.

As it has been a considerable period (owing to no one following L/C. "Monk" Dewar's footsteps as correspondent to the School Magazine), we endeavour to pack into this edition all our news of last year.

We have up to present seventeen Old Boys in the 2nd Battalion. To show ex-Q.V.S. sporting spirit, our boys' football and cricket teams boast no less than seven Q.V. boys apiece, and of the boys' boxing team of five, three come from the School.

Going farther back to older Q.V. boys, we find Cpl. McKinlay and "Dottle" Brown outstanding in their regular appearances on the Rugby field, and L/C. "Darkie" McRae still shattering track records and retaining his cross-country laurels year after year.

Being a year since our last correspondent got his discharge, a lot of news never reached The Victorian.

On October last, probably one of the best sportsmen the Black Watch has ever had (Cpl. Willie Fraser) left us for a Rugby career amid the Rugby League professionals.

Of many various careers which Q.V.S. boys have taken, he is the first to take this path of life (his ability, he says, is due to his training in C Company's 3rd Division). Hearing frequently about him, we find he is a great asset to his team, and any Q.V. boys ever in Wakefield if they ask for Fraser, three-quarter for Wakefield Trinity, he will be only too glad to see them, as in such a faraway place as Wakefield he seldom hears of Q.V.S. "Deary Willie" is missed greatly, having represented the Battalion in Rugby, football, hockey, cricket, swimming and running (a fine record).

Old "D" Company will be glad to hear Norman Ryan is knocking up gigantic scores for the boys' cricket team; he also walked off with the majority of the prizes in the boys' sports.

Since the last edition, Foxy Fraser, Barker and Paddy Davis have left us for India, where they are still among a host of "old boys." As these notes are being prepared at Gateshead, The Northern Command Tattoo, it is only natural that we should mention we have met a lot of old boys in various regiments. Jossey Hunter (Seaforths), Chick O'Neill, Face McNeill, Jack Dakers, Aiton and Munro (of the Royal Scots), Sally Phillips (senior and junior), Queen, Euston, Menzies and Dunn (of the Camerons), and the "chaff" still concerns the "old school." We hope this information helps to swell the size of The Victorian. D. McK.

2nd BN. THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS. THE CASTLE, DOVER, KENT.

(Compiled by Corporal D. A. Alexander.)

Once again we are settled in Dover, having in September last spent a most strenuous six weeks round Salisbury Plain indulging in "manœuvres." These "mimic wars" were quite an experience to us "peace" time soldiers, and though at times the weather was all against us, I am sure by the time we came back to the Castle we had learnt quite a lot.

Towards the end of training the weather changed so much that we had two or three real good storms, which, after all, really coincides with what is wanted on Army Manœuvres.

One in particular, which I don't think anyone of the 12th Infantry Brigade will forget, occurred on September 15th, when almost every tent was blown down. The wind and rain was so strong that only a few bell tents were left standing at Hollom Down Barn Camp (12th Infantry Brigade rendezvous), and judging what comprises a Brigade Camp, one can anticipate what damage was done, and the exploits of the men at the time. It was quite an alarming experience, and a fitting climax to a glorious six weeks in Hampshire—just like a story book come true, or one of these times when you are in a cinema, and the news reel shows heavy flooding and storms in some foreign country.

Shortly after our arrival back in Dover, L/C. Alexander was promoted to Corporal, and Pte. Carruthers to L/C., then owing to the Abyssinian-Italian dispute, we had to send a draft to our 1st Battalion in Egypt, in which was Drummer Willie Alick Ross. So these are all the changes which have taken place in the Battalion regarding "Old Victorians."

Corporal Alexander has been playing all season for the Dover Rugby Football Club, and still continues.

December arrived with everyone looking forward to the annual furlough period, which the most of the Battalion are enjoying now.

We are looking forward to going to Aldershot for the Tattoo this year again, and hope to see some faces that were once in the old School.

Programme of Music by Military and Pipe Bands.

MILITARY BAND.

Selection—British Airs Gilbourne

PIPE BAND.

Slow March—"The Road to the Isles" ... —

March—"On the Banks of Allan Water" —

MILITARY BAND.

Two Popular Numbers—

(a) "In a Little Gipsy Tea Room" ... Leslie

(b) "The Words are in my Heart" ... Dubin

MILITARY BAND.

Bell Solo—"Bells of St. Mary" ... Adams
(Soloist, Musician F. Pegg)

Bandmaster—F. H. LAX. Pipe-Major—F. F. Ross. Drums and Bugles—C.S.M. W. WATSON.

Country Dance—"Highland Laddie" —
Highland Dance—

"The Ceremonial Broadwords"

MILITARY BAND.

Selection—"Gems of Scotia" Round
Novelty—"The Whistler and His Dog," Pryor

PIPE BAND.

March—"Jenny's Bawbee" —

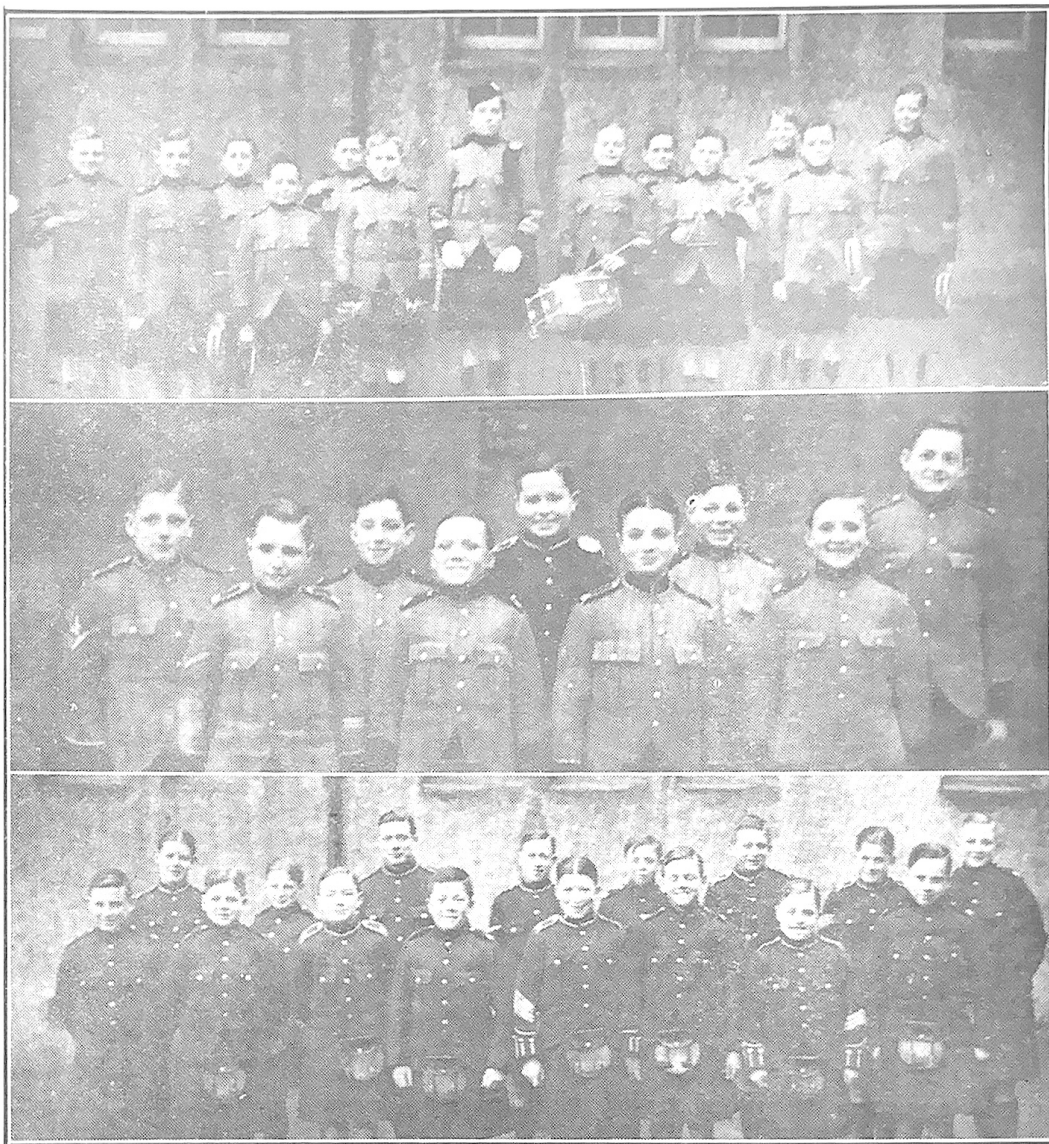
Strathspey—"The Braes o' Mar" —

Reel—"The Kilt is my Delight" —

School March—"Highland Laddie" —

National Anthem.

Dunblane Boys Delight Adjudicators.



High honours were won by teams from the Queen Victoria School at Perthshire Musical Festival last week. Top row shows the percussion band with (centre) its conductor, W. Reith, who was described by the adjudicator as the Sir Thomas Beecham of percussion bands. Boy Reith is a native of Bucksburn, Aberdeen. His father was in the Gordons. The middle picture shows the senior elocution class, and the lower one the team of dancers.

All secured awards with honours.

—“Stirling Sentinel,”