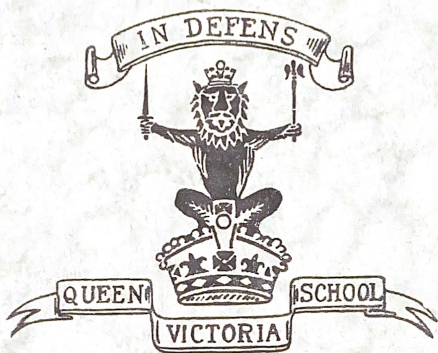


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## Editorial.

FOR the first time in the life of the "Victorian," a whole year has elapsed between issues. The decision to make the "Victorian" an annual event is regrettable, but financially unavoidable.

Our problem in its humble way is the same as that of any periodical, local or national; the costs of production vary only in one direction—upwards—while our revenue from advertisers and sale of copies depends on how these two factors react. The greater our circulation, the more we can ask advertisers to pay for their space; the smaller the circulation, the nearer we are to that point when to offer advertising space is to ask the advertisers politely for donations.

We would like to see our circulation figures higher, and we know how that can be done. We know who can do it.

A school magazine can hardly interest the general public. Two hundred boys cannot maintain a circulation high enough. So, that leaves only the Old Boys. The number of the last joined boy is 1890. The oldest living "Old Boy" is not yet fifty years old. The sons of Old Boys are just beginning to enter the School, there being seven here at present. Sure here is a reading public which could do much for the "Victorian" and at the same time build up stronger ties of association for themselves. If five hundred Old Boys annually subscribed one shilling for their copies of the "Victorian" they would automatically renew their membership of the Old Boys' Association and do much to solve the financial problem stated above. Five hundred is not a third of the number of Old Boys available.

Another aspect of support from Old Boys lies in the reading matter. Two years ago, the Editor made an appeal to Old Boys asking for articles, letters, photographs, and news items about Old Boys. The appeal is renewed. While articles of general interest would be welcomed, it is the letters and the news paragraphs about the doings of individuals which make a school magazine valuable. Let no Old Boy think that, because there is nobody left in the School who will remember him, what he does has no value to the Victorian. This magazine finds its way into regimental reading rooms from the West Indies to the Far East, and what may be a paragraph of little interest to us here, may, momentarily for someone, change the palms of Khartoum into the rhododendrons of Dunblane. The "Victorian" should be the central agency for the "Old Boys' Association." But it isn't. . . . Why?

Since last July the chief event in the life of the School has been the change of Commandant.

Colonel S. A. Innes served the School for nine years with an affectionate interest. Many changes occurred in his time, and he left his mark permanently on the School, especially on the School grounds, as anyone coming back in the spring would be bound to notice when they saw the thousands of daffodils and narcissi. But to those who worked under him, he will probably be most remembered for his amazing knowledge of individual boys. Not only did he know every boy by name, but he knew his school history, his pre-school background, and in many instances the history of the boy's parents, and, even sometimes, the grandparents.

His place has been taken by Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Hall, M.C., late The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), who is still in process of shaking down to a life which must be very different to his previous regimental life. We trust he will be happy in his appointment and give many years of useful service to a School which itself is an emblem of and a memorial to Service in its highest quality.

The other events of the school year have passed in their usual ordered sequence, the Christmas Concert, the Perthshire Musical Festival, the examinations for First and Second Class Certificates of Education, the Annual Games, Swimming Sports, and the various company competitions.

The teaching staff have been unusually static. Only one change occurred, Sgt.-Instructor G. Richardson, B.Sc., A.E.C., taking over the duties of Science Master. We give him a warm welcome, and hope his stay in Dunblane will be long and happy—especially long for the sake of the science teaching. Another member of the teaching staff, Sgt.-Instructor R. Parker, A.E.C., abandoned his single state, and at Easter married Miss Jean Milne, the daughter of the School's Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant. Miss Jessie Milne, her sister, about the same time also ventured into matrimony with her father's right hand man, Mr "Bill" Masterson. Thus, catering for the Boys' needs is acquiring quite a family atmosphere, while the family can share their worries attendant upon the issue of clothes, coal, and poetry.

## "The Victorian."

The Editor acknowledges, with thanks, subscriptions to "The Victorian."

To those who are not already regular subscribers the following information might, perhaps, not be out of place.

"The Victorian" is the magazine of the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, for the Sons of Scottish Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen. It is published yearly in July. Copies are forwarded to subscribers, post free, for an annual subscription of 1/- (One Shilling) only.



The Editor will be much indebted to all readers of "The Victorian" if they will kindly assist him in his efforts to make the magazine of more general interest, especially to the boys who are still resident in the school.

Articles, serious or of light nature, original or otherwise, snapshots, etc., which are considered might be of general interest, will be most gratefully received.

Finally, without the support of all Scottish Units this magazine must be run at a loss.

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

Brigadier-General Duke of Atholl, K.T., P.C., G.C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O., T.D., Lord Lieutenant of Perthshire  
 Lt.-Colonel R. H. Hanbury, M.C., XVth Hussars.  
 Lt.-Colonel A. K. McLeod, and Mrs McLeod, Commanding 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (R.H.R.).  
 Major L. G. Miles, D.S.O., Mrs and Miss Miles, late The Black Watch (R.H.R.).  
 Lord Craigie M. Aitchison, and Mrs Aitchison, The Lord Justice Clerk.  
 Dr J. C. Stewart, H.M.I.S., Scottish Education Department.  
 Major E. H. Grant, and Mrs Grant, Commanding Depot, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.  
 Lt.-Colonel G. E. Hall, M.C., and Mrs Hall, The Royal Scots (R.R.).  
 Colonel A. L. Collier, M.C., and Mrs Collier, Headquarters, Scottish Command.  
 David Smyth, Esq.  
 Brigadier A. C. L. Stanley Clarke, D.S.O., Commander 154th Infantry Brigade.  
 Lt.-Colonel C. L. Addison Smith, C.B.E., and Mrs Addison Smith.  
 Major H. F. R. Wedderburn, The Black Watch (R.R.).  
 Major H. N. Wilson, Royal Australian Engineers  
 Captain D. A. D. Eykyn, The Royal Scots (R.R.).  
 Lieutenant F. W. Black, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.  
 Major-General G. G. Loch, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., late The Royal Scots (R.R.).  
 Colonel C. G. Maude, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Inspector, Army Educational Corps.  
 Mrs Leslie Pennell.  
 Major-General V. M. Fortune, C.B., D.S.O., Commander, 51st (Highland) Division.  
 Colonel The Earl of Home, K.T., T.D., D.L.  
 Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Grant, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command.  
 Sir W. L. Sleigh, D.L., J.P., LL.D.  
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### Gifts to the School.

Lt.-Colonel Chilton L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E., Honorary Treasurer of the School, has received the following subscriptions for the period from 1st June, 1938, to 30th June, 1939, viz.:—

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## Annual Inspection, 1939.

Inspecting Officer:—Lt.-Gen. Sir CHARLES J. C. GRANT, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., the General Officer Commanding in Chief (Governor of Edinburgh Castle), Scottish Command.

**Thursday, 20th July, at 3 p.m.**

**3 p.m.**

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

The King's 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.  
Advance in Review  
Order**

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

The School advances in line and salutes.

**3.55 p.m.  
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 opposite.)

**5.15 p.m.**

Tea for remainder of boys.

**5.45 p.m.**

Prize-giving in the Play Hall.

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### 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.

# Inspection Day, 1939.

## PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

### BY THE MILITARY AND PIPE BANDS.

Military Band—"Scotland's Pride" ..... Sneddon

Pipe Band—(a) Slow March—Loch Duich.  
(b) March—Cold Winds.

Military Band—(a) "Keep a Smile on Your Face"  
and a Song in your Heart

Two Vocals (Sax. and Vocalist Monitor A. Sturrock)  
(b) "When the Sun Shines Over the Rockies"

Tubular Bell Solo—"The Bells of St. Mary" ..... Adam's  
(Soloist—Monitor F. Pegg).

Highland Dance—The Scotch Reel.

Highland Dance—The Ceremonial Broadsword.

Military Band—Whistling Serenade, "D'Amour" ..... Blon  
Novelty—"The Whistler and His Dog" ..... Pryor

Pipe Band—March—Scottish Horse.  
Strathspey—Highland Harry.  
Reel—The Little Kilt.

School March—"Highland Laddie."

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Bandmaster—F. A. Lax.

Pipe-Major—J. M. Geddes.

Drums and Bugles—C.-S.-M. Dunglinson.



## Public Speaking.

Lieut.-Colonel C. L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E., the Honorary Treasurer of the School, has very kindly instituted a new annual prize which will be called the "Addison-Smith Prize for Public Speaking." The following conditions for the competition give a good idea of how much it will mean to the purely educational side of the boy's school life.

To be awarded annually, on Inspection Day, in order of merit, to the boys who have shown their ability at Public Speaking under the following conditions:—

### 1. SCHOOL PARLIAMENT (Winter and Spring Terms.)

In wet weather during the Senior Division games period, a School Parliament will be held when subjects of National or School interest will be debated.

- (a) Marks up to a maximum of 10 (Ten) will be awarded to the speakers, at each session, by a panel composed of the supervising teachers present.
- (b) The names of all speakers, together with the marks allotted them, will be recorded by the English Master in a Register kept for that purpose.

### 2. PREPARED SPEECHES.

- (a) At the commencement of the Summer Term two famous speeches of the past (one in serious vein and the other in a lighter vein) will be selected for preparation and declamation by the boys holding the first 10 places in the Register referred to in para. 1 (b) above.
- (b) On date or dates prior to 10th July of each year a panel of teachers will meet to hear the speeches and to select the three best speakers.
- (c) The three Finalists will compete for the final placings, in the presence of the whole School, on a date which will allow the prizes to be presented on Inspection Day.
- (d) Only one of the two set speeches will be delivered by each of the competitors, the choice being left to the individual.

## Contributions from Old Boys.

It is quite a considerable time since any notes were contributed by the 2nd Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders, but it is hoped that they will be none the less welcome. We must plead the very busy time which the Regular Army has had during the last year or so!

The following list of Old Boys now serving with the 2nd Battalion of The Seaforth Highlanders will, it is hoped, be of interest. Their School numbers are given where possible.

- 341—Sgt. T. Clark (left the School 28th April, 1917).  
625—Cpl. J. Archibald (left the School April, 1922).

950—L/S. D. A. Alexander (left the School 1928).

—L/C. R. B. P. Watson.

963—L/C. C. Vass.

1091—L/C. J. S. Carruthers (left the School 7th January, 1930).

1130—L/C. C. V. Bootland (left the School 29th July, 1930).

1121—L/C. R. Current (left the School 29th July, 1930).

1175—L/C J. Hunter (left the School 1932) (now posted to the Seaforths' Depot at Fort George).

1218—Drum. J. Officer (left the School February 1931).

1257—Bn. D. Jeffrey (left the School September, 1933).

1559—Boy W. Welsh (left the School 14th January, 1937).

1588—Boy D. Lowe (left the School 7th September, 1938).

1598—Boy T. Love (left the School 12th January, 1938).

1599—Boy H. Gilchrist (left the School 14th November, 1938).

1610—Boy W. Murray (left the School 7th September, 1938).

1616—Boy G. Welsh (left the School 7th September, 1938).

Last year we said farewell to Archie Carruthers, who went to join the 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders at Hong Kong. He tells us that there are quite a number of Old Boys in the 1st Battalion all doing very well.

We congratulate Jack Forbes on gaining a "Distinguished" award on the Pipe-Major's Course at Edinburgh last year, and also on his promotion to be Pipe-Major of the 1st Battalion; he must be one of the youngest Pipe-Majors in the Army. At present L/Cpl. R. B. P. Watson is attending the Pipe-Majors' Course at Edinburgh Castle, and we all hope he will pass out with distinction in February this year.

Old Boys and the School will be glad to hear that Charlie Bootland has been selected to play for the Army at football, this being his second season. Last year he played for the Army against the French Army, the Belgian Army, and against several First Division English Clubs, and also for Scotland against England Amateurs.

Boys Love, Welsh and Murray have done extremely well in sports this year, and played in the Seaforth Boys' Team representing the Northern Ireland and Scottish Commands against the Northern Command at Catterick. We were unlucky to lose 2-0 after a very good game.

Last year Boys Love and Welsh represented the Seaforth boys in the Scottish Command Boxing Tournament.

At present, Boys Lowe, Love, Welsh, and Gilchrist are in training to meet the 1st of the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

"Cocky" Hunter has recently been posted to the Depot at Fort George, whilst Alexander has returned to the Depot after a tour of duty at the D.

It is hoped to be able to feature a group photograph of ex "Queen Victoria" at an early date.

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## Our Contemporaries.

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.L. Chronicle” (Highland Light Infantry).
- “The 79th News” (Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders).
- “The Thin Red Line” (2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders).
- “Cabar Feidh” (The Seaforth Highlanders).
- “The Tiger and Sphinx” (The Gordon Highlanders).
- “The Stanley Magazine” (Stanley School, Bridge of Allan).

## Regimental Prizes.

- Royal Scots Greys—N. Duncan, “B” Coy.
- The Scots Guards—G. Smillie, “A” Coy.
- The Royal Scots (R.R.)—1, C. Blewes, “B” “B” Coy.; 2, L. Watt, “A” Coy.
- Royal Scots Fusiliers—R. Berry, “A” Coy.
- K.O. Scottish Borderers—1, J. Richardson, “D” Coy.; 2, J. Marr, “D” Coy.
- Cameronians (S.R.)—J. Kay, “B” Coy.
- The Black Watch (R.H.R.)—1, D. Hutchison, “C” Coy.; 2, H. Paterson, “B” Coy.; 3, R. Dyke, “A” Coy.; 4, Jas. Hall, “B” Coy.
- Highland Light Infantry—W. Walford, “D” Coy.
- Seaforth Highlanders—D. Hume, “D” Coy.
- Gordon Highlanders—1, Duncan, “C” Coy.
- Cameron Highlanders—J. Tollerton, “C” Coy.
- Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—1, W. McKendrick, “D” Coy.; 2, R. Mackenzie, “D” Coy.
- Royal Artillery—N. McIntosh, “B” Coy.
- Departmental Corps—F. Gibson, “A” Coy.
- Cranston Prize—F. Pegg, “D” Coy.
- PRIMUS—N. Dunnigan, “B” Coy.

## Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancing.

Since last September, the personnel of the Pipe Band has changed considerably. George West, who left for the Scots Guards, was followed by P. Dick and A. Tweedie, both of C. Coy. They, however, left at the end of last term for Aldershot. Leslie West is the new Drum-Major and the third of his family to hold the position. Unfortunately, at the time of going to Press, he is in Hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis. McCartney

has taken over duty ad interim, and is doing very well. Ronald Ross, the Pipe-Major, left to join the Royal Air Force some months ago. He was succeeded by D. Hutchison of C. Coy, and is a worthy successor to Ronald, who gave conscientious service. Plenty of young Drummers and Buglers are coming along nicely, but we could wish for a few more Piping enthusiasts.

During the term, we had a visit from Donald Spence of the Gordon Highlanders. He had just completed a course at Edinburgh Castle, where he obtained a First Class Certificate at the School of Piping.

Many engagements have been fulfilled during the period, among the more important being:—

The usual Armistice Services at Dunblane, Doune, Callander, and Aberfoyle in November.

Scotland v. England Rugby International Match and the Stirling Strathspey and Reel Society Concert in March.

Dollar Academy Sports in April.

Stirling Infirmary Week in May.

Grangemouth Gala and the Highland and Agricultural Society Show, Edinburgh (three days) in June.

Saucie Games, Holyrood Park, Dunblane Cattle Show, and the Rover Moot (Monzie Castle), in July.

Our Annual Competitions were held on 5th June, 1939, rather earlier than usual. The following are the results:—

### PIPING.

#### Class A.

- Slow March—1, J. McLeod, B. Coy.; 2, D. Hutchison, C. Coy.; 3, R. Berry, A. Coy.
- Quick March—1, D. Hutchison, C. Coy.; 2, J. McLeod, B. Coy.; 3, R. Berry, A. Coy.

#### Class B.

- Slow March—1, W. Heath, A. Coy.; 2, D. Mackay, D. Coy.
- Quick March—1, D. Mackay, D. Coy.; 2, C. Hay, C. Coy.

#### Open.

- Strathspey and Reel—1, D. Hutchison, C. Coy.; 2, J. McLeod, B. Coy.; 3, R. Berry, A. Coy.

### HIGHLAND DANCING.

#### Class A.

- Highland Fling—1, J. Darling, B. Coy.; 2, C. Tollerton, C. Coy.; 3, D. Mackay, D. Coy.; 4, G. Smillie, A. Coy.
- Swords—1, J. Gordon, A. Coy.; 2, J. Tollerton, C. Coy.; 3, D. Mackay, D. Coy.; 4, D. Hutchison, C. Coy.

#### Class B.

- Highland Fling—1, J. Darling, B. Coy.; 2, P. Richmond, C. Coy.; 3, J. Gordon, A. Coy.
- Swords—1, D. Mackay, D. Coy.; 2, J. Gordon, A. Coy.; 3, J. Darling, B. Coy.

#### Class C.

- Highland Fling—1, W. Anderson, A. Coy.; 2, H. Macleod, B. Coy.; 3, R. McGill, D. Coy.

### INTER-COMPANY SHIELD.

- Ceremonials and Reels—1, A., 21, 24½—45½; 2, B., 18, 26—44; 3, C., 20, 20—40; 3, D., 19, 18—37.

Our thanks are due to Captain Eykyn, The Royal Scots, Lieutenant Clark, Argyll and

Sutherland Highlanders, and Pipe-Major Maclean, Seaforth Highlanders, who acted as Judges throughout the day, and who reached their decisions with commendable promptitude.

Lance-Sergeant Archibald (an old School Boy), now of the Seaforth Highlanders, judged the Drumming and Bugling Competitions, and expressed his pleasure at the high standard of work that was done. The winners are as follows:—

Senior Bugling—1, W. Richardson, D. Coy.; 2, T. Sinclair, A. Coy.; 3, J. Kay, B. Coy.

Junior Bugling—1, J. Niven, A. Coy.; 2, J. McCombe, B. Coy.

Senior Drumming—1, J. Kay, B. Coy.; 2, A. Noble, C. Coy.; 3, W. Richardson, D. Coy.

Junior Drumming—1, J. McCombe, B. Coy.; 2, A. Sinclair, A. Coy.

In addition to these Competitions, unofficial Competitions were held for the young hands—with the following results:—

Bugling—1, J. Duncan, B. Coy.; 2, R. Yule, A. Coy.

Drumming—1, K. McKay, C. Coy.; 2, J. Duncan, B. Coy.

For the Seniors, Bass and Tenor Drumming Competitions were held this month. D. Matheson was first in the "Big Drum," and Neil M. Dunnigan led the Tenor Drummers.

W. Richardson, winner of the Silver Bugle, has just left us for Catterick (Royal Corps of Signals). We wish him God-speed and a good career.

## Drum Notes.

It seems a very long time since we last met in the Victorian, but since then the drummers have been progressing very rapidly under the expert supervision of C.S.M. Duglison, late of the H.L.L. In fact we have now a whole set of reserve drummers waiting to join the pipe band.

However, the bad mixes with the good, and we were all very sorry to see the departure of the following N.C.O.'s and boys:—

Drum-Major G. West, who went to the Scots Guards, Cpl. A. Dick and L/Cpl. J. Baxter, who both went to the Army Technical School, near Reading; Boy W. Murray, who went to the Seaforth Highlanders, and where we learn he is making a hit there as a tenor-drummer. Cpl. D. Reid, L/Cpl. R. Denholm, and Boy J. Taylor, all went to civilian life, and we wish them every success in their new occupations.

In their places we heartily welcome the following new boys:—Edward Donnelly, J. McKell, Ken Gavigan, P. McCann, A. Riddell, W. Young, J. Kelly, H. Martin, J. Cooper, R. Mundt, John and James Duffy, and J. McLaughan. We are sure they will prove worthy enough to step into the places of the veterans who have left us.

We have now quite a number of N.C.O.'s in the drums, namely:—D/M. L. West, who is the third member of his family to be Drum-Major; A/Monitor Dunnigan, Sergeants J. Kay and T. McDonald, Cpls. W. Neill and D. McCartney, and L/Cpls. Lennon and T. Simpson.

A number of improvements have been made in the drums this last year. The most important one was the re-painting of the tenor-drums and inscribing on them the School crest.

Several Scottish regiments have presented drums with a number of bugles, and we all join together in thanking them for their kindness.

The drumming and the bugling competition have been very keenly contested this year, and we warmly congratulate all the winners. The successful persons were:—

Senior Drumming—1, Sgt. J. Kay; 2, A. Noble; 3, Cpl. Richardson.

Senior Bugling—1, Cpl. W. Richardson; 2, L/Cpl. T. Simpson; 3, Sgt. J. Kay.

Junior Drumming—1, J. McCombe; 2, Sinclair; 3, A. Waddell.

Junior Bugling—1, Niven; 2, McCombe; 3, Sinclair.

The winner of the Silver Bugle was Cpl. W. Richardson.

The judge for the competitions was Sergeant Archibald of the Seaforth Highlanders.

In Mr H. Shield's competition, all the competitors tried very hard, and showed a very high standard for learners. The winners were:—

Drumming Competitions—1, K. McKay; 2, J. Duncan; 3, A. Griffen.

Bugling Competition—1, J. Duncan; 2, R. Yule; 3, A. Riddell.

Senior Bass-Drum Competition—1, D. Matheson; 2, T. McIntosh; 3, T. Simpson.

Senior Tenor-Drumming—1, N. Dunnigan; 2, T. McIntosh; 3, T. Simpson.

We have had several good engagements since last summer, the most prominent of them being the Rugby International at Murrayfield between Scotland and England on 18th March, and the Highland Agricultural Show at Edinburgh from June 21st to 23rd.

Other engagements were Dollar Academy Sports, 29th April; Stirling, 11th May; Grangemouth, 17th June; Sauchie, 1st July; Holyrood Park, 2nd July.

We have still three more engagements to complete—the Dunblane Cattle Show on 15th July, Callander Carnival on 19th July, and the Crieff Rover Scout Moot, where Scouts from different parts of the world are holding a jamboree on July 21st.

During the last year we have welcomed with heartfelt joy two new personalities to the staff, the first and foremost being Lt-Colonel G. E. Hall, M.C., late of the Royal Scots, who is our new Commandant. The other is Pipe-Major M. Geddes, who is in charge of "D" Company and the pipes.

We very much regretted the departure of Colonel G. A. Innes, our Commandant, who created a record by being Commandant of the School for nine years. We wish him every blessing in his retirement, and hope he lives to a ripe old age.

I think we have said enough, and so we will be saying "au revoir" until we meet again in the next issue of the Victorian.—C. D.

## Promotions and Appointments.

The following Promotions and Appointments have been made since July, 1938:—

C/Cpl. W. Davidson to be Sergeant vice G. Queen.

C/Cpl. A. Sturrock to be Sergeant vice G. Thomson.

- Cpl. G. Dawson to be Band Sergeant vice P. McKilligan.  
 Boy A. Dick to be Drum-Major vice G. West.  
 Cpl. E. McKay to be Colour-Corporal vice A. Sturrock.  
 L/C. T. McDonald to be Colour-Corporal vice W. Davidson.  
 L/C. G. Smillie to be Corporal vice E. McKay.  
 Boy F. Gibson to be Corporal vice D. Low.  
 L/C. J. Kay to be Corporal vice H. Gilchrist.  
 Boy Jas. Hall to be Corporal vice A. McKell.  
 Boy John Hall to be Corporal vice J. Macdonald.  
 L/C. J. Tollerton to be Corporal vice G. Dawson.  
 L/C. R. Morton to be Corporal vice I. Stevenson.  
 L/C. W. Clark to be Corporal vice R. Mackie.  
 L/C. D. Hutchison to be Corporal vice D. Reid.  
 L/C. J. Potter to be Corporal vice G. Welsh.  
 L/C. W. Richardson to be Corporal to complete Establishment.  
 Boy R. Berry to be Lance-Corporal vice G. Smillie.  
 Boy J. Beitlich to be Lance-Corporal vice J. McRae.  
 Boy D. McIntyre to be Lance-Corporal vice T. McDonald.  
 Boy J. Rafferty to be Lance-Corporal vice J. Kay.  
 Boy D. McIntosh to be Lance-Corporal vice R. Denholm.  
 Boy L. West to be Lance-Corporal vice J. Tollerton.  
 Boy I. Duncan to be Lance-Corporal vice W. Clark.  
 Boy H. Dyer to be Lance-Corporal vice J. Potter.  
 Boy E. Bulmer to be Lance-Corporal vice W. Richardson.  
 C/Cpl. J. Richardson to be Sergeant vice J. McCallum.  
 L/C. E. Bulmer to be Colour-Corporal vice J. Richardson.  
 Boy E. Douglas to be Lance-Corporal vice E. Bulmer.  
 Sergt. A. Sturrock to be Acting Monitor to complete Establishment.  
 C/Cpl. E. McKay to be Acting Monitor to complete Establishment.  
 Cpl. F. Warne to be Sergeant vice A. Sturrock.  
 Cpl. G. Smillie to be Colour-Corporal vice E. McKay.  
 L/C. R. Berry to be Corporal vice W. Warne.  
 L/C. J. Beitlich to be Corporal vice G. Smillie.  
 Boy K. Campbell to be Lance-Corporal vice R. Berry.  
 Boy J. McArthur to be Lance-Corporal vice J. Beitlich.  
 C/Cpl. T. McDonald to be Sergeant vice W. Davidson.  
 L/C. D. McIntyre to be Colour-Corporal vice T. McDonald.  
 Boy N. McIntosh to be Lance-Corporal vice D. McIntyre.  
 C/Cpl. A. Tweedie to be Drum-Major vice A. Dick.  
 Cpl. J. Tollerton to be Colour-Corporal vice A. Tweedie.  
 Mon. G. Broadbent to be Senior Monitor vice G. Long.  
 C/Cpl. G. Smillie to be Sergeant vice D. Robertson.  
 Cpl. A. McDermid to be Pipe-Major vice R. Ross.  
 Cpl. J. Kay to be Sergeant vice M. McLeod.  
 Cpl. F. Gibson to be Colour-Corporal vice G. Smillie.  
 L/Cpl. K. Campbell to be Corporal vice T. Mooney.  
 L/C. J. McArthur to be Corporal vice F. Gibson.  
 L/C. D. McIntosh to be Corporal vice J. Kay.  
 L/C. J. West to be Corporal vice W. Clark.  
 L/C. J. Meenaghan to be Corporal vice A. McDermid.  
 Boy R. Dyke to be Lance-Corporal vice A. Garvie.  
 Boy A. Sturrock to be Lance-Corporal vice K. Campbell.  
 Boy A. Robertson to be Lance-Corporal vice J. McArthur.  
 Boy J. McLeod to be Lance-Corporal vice D. McIntosh.  
 Boy I. Tollerton to be L/Cpl. vice L. West.  
 Boy W. Neill to be Lance-Corporal vice D. Reid.  
 Boy N. Dunnigan to be Lance-Corporal vice J. Meenaghan.  
 Mon. F. Pegg to be Senior Monitor vice G. Broadbent.  
 Sgt. F. Warne to be Acting Monitor vice F. Pegg.  
 C/Cpl. J. Tollerton to be Acting Monitor to complete Establishment.  
 L/Cpl. N. Dunnigan to be Acting Monitor to complete Establishment.  
 C/Cpl. F. Gibson to be Sergeant vice F. Warne.  
 Cpl. L. West to be Drum-Major vice A. Tweedie.  
 Cpl. D. Hutchison to be Pipe-Major vice A. McDermid.  
 Cpl. K. Campbell to be Colour-Corporal vice F. Gibson.  
 L/C. I. Tollerton to be Colour-Corporal vice J. Tollerton.  
 L/C. R. Dyke to be Corporal vice K. Campbell.  
 L/C. I. Duncan to be Corporal vice L. West.  
 L/C. W. Neill to be Corporal vice A. Dick.  
 L/C. D. McCartney to be Corporal vice D. Hutchison.  
 Boy T. Simpson to be Lance-Corporal vice R. Dyke.  
 Boy G. Gallacher to be Lance-Corporal vice J. Baxter.  
 Boy D. Lennon to be Lance-Corporal vice I. Tollerton.  
 Boy J. Brown to be Lance-Corporal vice I. Duncan.  
 Boy P. Richmond to be Lance-Corporal vice W. Neill.  
 Boy W. McCabe to be Lance-Corporal vice N. Dunnigan.  
 Cpl. J. Potter to be Band Sergeant vice G. Dawson.  
 L/C. H. Dyer to be Corporal vice J. Potter.  
 Boy J. Marr to be Lance-Corporal vice H. Dyer.

### Boxing Competition.

The Annual Boxing Competition was held on the 30th March, 1939. The officials were:—Referee—Major H. M. K. Wedderburn. The Black Watch (R.H.R.); Judges—H. N. Wilson, Esq., Secretary, Midland Regional P.T. Committee, late The Black Watch (R.H.R.), and Captain R. M. T. Baker-Carr, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

"A" Company won the Boxing Cup for the year, and the following were the points gained by each Company:—"A," 89; "B," 84; "C," 76; "D," 78.

The individual winners were:—

#### CLASS "A."

- Class I. (61-65 lbs.)—J. Baxter, "B" Coy., beat J. Gordon, "A" Coy.  
 Class II. (66-70 lbs.)—I. Tollerton, "C" Coy., beat J. Marr, "D" Coy.  
 Class III. (71-75 lbs.)—A. Sturrock, "A" Coy., beat H. Wheelan, "A" Coy.  
 Class IV. (76-80 lbs.)—J. Mortimer, "D" Coy., beat A. Noble, "C" Coy.  
 Class V. (81-85 lbs.)—J. Tollerton, "C" Coy., beat D. McCartney, "C" Coy.  
 Class VI. (86-90 lbs.)—And. Robertson, "A" Coy., beat J. Brown, "C" Coy.  
 Class VII. (91-96 lbs.)—G. Smillie, "A" Coy., beat G. Gallacher, "B" Coy.  
 Class VIII. (under 60 lbs.)—R. Mackay, "D" Coy., beat A. Riddell, "C" Coy.  
 Class IX. (over 100 lbs.)—J. Wilson, "D" Coy., beat N. McIntosh, "B" Coy.

#### CLASS "B."

- Class I. (61-65 lbs.)—Jas. Kidney, "C" Coy., beat M. McCrae, "C" Coy.  
 Class II. (66-70 lbs.)—John Kidney, "C" Coy., beat T. Dunnigan, "D" Coy.  
 Class III. (71-75 lbs.)—C. Rush, "D" Coy., beat R. Osborne, "D" Coy.  
 Class IV. (86-90 lbs.)—W. McCabe, "D" Coy., beat D. Matheson, "D" Coy.  
 Class V. (91-95 lbs.)—W. Neill, "C" Coy., beat K. Campbell, "A" Coy.  
 Class VI. (96-100 lbs.)—D. McIntosh, "B" Coy., beat A. Sturrock, "B" Coy.  
 Class (over 100 lbs.)—A. Tweedie, "C" Coy., beat W. McKendrick, "D" Coy.  
 Class X. (76-80 lbs.)—D. Sheach, "B" Coy., beat A. Galloway, "A" Coy.  
 Class XI. (81-85 lbs.)—R. Shields, "C" Coy., beat G. Raith, "D" Coy.  
 Class XII. (under 60 lbs.)—J. Martin, "A" Coy., beat I. Miller, "B" Coy.

## The Perthshire Musical Festival, 1939.

For the nineteenth Perthshire Musical Festival, we had one entry less this year. No teams entered for the Country Dancing because Miss Anderson was not available this year as in the past to train the teams.

The results were very gratifying and bear comparison with other years. The School Choir did not do so well in the Scots Folk Songs Class, but in the Boys' Choirs Class they obtained first place and won the Challenge Shield which we last held in 1934. The Percussion Band were second to Gilshochill School, Glasgow, who won the event the year before, thus interrupting several years of successive wins for Queen Victoria School. However, they easily obtained a Certificate of Merit. In the Ensemble Elocution the younger boys did not do so well as the Seniors, who were second, being only two points behind the winners.

Generally speaking, 1939 was not an outstanding year, and the strain of preparing for the event is still fresh in our memories. But there is no gainsaying the educational benefit of such a festival, both in the preparation and in the event itself. If only Perth were not so far away.

## The School Sports.

Favoured with delightful weather, the annual sports of the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, were carried through on Saturday afternoon in the School playground in presence of a large assembly of friends, some of whom had travelled a considerable distance to be present.

A number of the events had been previously carried through, but the programme submitted was varied and full of interest. There are at present over 200 boys in the School, and nearly all took part in one or other of the events; the contests being not only for individual honours, but for Company merit, brought out the loyalty of the boys to its fullest extent. For the Inter-Company Championship Shield there was keen competition, the honour ultimately going to A. Company with 32½ points, B. Company being second with 28½ points, C. Company third with 28 points, and D. Company fourth with 20 points.

For the individual championship there is the Victor Ludorum cup, which is decided by long jump, high jump, throwing cricket ball, 100 yards race, and 440 yards race. The winner was J. Tollerton, an Arbroath boy, with 11 points, the runner-up being R. Dyke with 6 points.

At the close the prizewinners received their awards at the hands of Mrs Hall, wife of Colonel Hall, Commandant. The presentation proceedings were followed with great enjoyment by the assembled company.

The officials in charge were:—

Judges—Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Hall, M.C., Commandant; Captain W. L. Clarke, M.B.E., A.E.C.; Captain R. E. Young; Mr H. S. Shield, W.O. II., W.F. Ward, A.E.C., and Sergt.-Instr. G. Richardson, A.E.C., Monitors' Events; Bandmaster F. H. Lax, and Company-Sergeant-Major G. Pears.

Marshalling Stewards—Coy.-Sgt.-Major W. Dunglison and Pipe-Major J. M. Geddes. Starters—Coy.-Sgt. Major W. J. Gutteridge and Coy.-Sgt.-Major W. Maxwell, M.B.E. Timekeepers—Mr H. S. Shield and W.O. II. R. V. Bissett, A.E.C. Recorders—Sergt.-Instr. D. J. Cadman, A.E.C., and Sergt.-Instr. R. Parker, A.E.C. Clerks of the Course—R.S.M. W. Watson, W.O.I. M. J. McGregor, A.E.C., and W.O.I. W. M'E. Pirie, M.B.E., A.E.C.

#### LIST OF EVENTS.

- Relay Race, Junior Division "A"—1, A. Coy.; 2, B. Coy.; 3, D. Coy.  
 Relay Race, Senior Division—1, C. Coy.; 2, D. Coy.; 3, A. Coy.  
 Alarm Race—1, C. Patterson; 2, R. Potter; 3, T. Dunnigan.  
 Relay Race, Junior Division "B"—1, D. Coy.; 2, B. Coy.; 3, A. Coy.  
 440 Yards, Senior Division—1, J. Tollerton; 2, J. Meenaghan; 3, R. Dyke.  
 Staff Children's Race, Girls—1, Nancy Pears; 2, Jane Dunglison; 3, Petty Plummer.  
 100 Yards Race, Junior Division "B"—1, A. Robertson; 2, G. Barr; 3, A. Sayers.  
 Staff Children's Race, Boys—1, Robin Ward; 2, Wm. Dowling; 3, Arthur Beatty.  
 Hurdle Relay, Senior Division—1, C. Coy.; 2, A. Coy.; 3, B. Coy.  
 220 Yards Race, Junior Division "A"—1, D. Hume; 2, G. Dunn; 3, T. Simpson.

Mystery Race, Inter-Company—1, A. Coy.  
 Ladies' Race—1, Miss Harrison; 2, Miss Sinclair; 3, Mrs Brannan.  
 100 Yards Race, Junior Division "A"—1, G. Dunn; 2, J. Kay; 3, D. Hume.  
 100 Yards, Senior Division—1, R. Dyke; 2, J. Tollerton; 3, G. Smillie.  
 J. Maids' Race—1, Miss S. McPherson; 2, Miss A. Manson; 3, Miss K. Dixon; 4, Miss L. McGrandle.  
 Sack Race, Junior Division "B"—1, J. Martin; 2, H. Martin; 3, A. Bing.  
 Staff Race—1, Mr Gutteridge; 2, Mr Maxwell; 3, Mr McRobie.  
 Obstacle Race, Junior Division "A"—1, G. Cameron; 2, D. Sheoch; 3, H. Wheelan.  
 Obstacle Race, Junior Division "B"—1, G. Barr; 2, C. Smillie; 3, J. McLean.  
 Obstacle Race, Senior Division—1, A. Robertson; 2, R. Dyke; 3, D. Lennon.  
 Monitors' Cup—E. McKay, D. Coy.

#### EVENTS DECIDED EARLIER.

High Jump (Senior Division)—1, J. Tollerton; 2, C. Clewes; 3, W. McKendrick. (Height, 4ft. 4½ins.)  
 High Jump (Junior "A")—1, D. McIntyre; 2, J. Kay and H. Warburton; 3, G. Dunn. (Height, 4ft. 0½in.)  
 High Jump (Junior "B")—1, H. Harrison; 2, D. Matheson; 3, Alex. Robertson. (Height, 4ft.)  
 Long Jump (Senior Division)—1, J. Tollerton; 2, J. Meenaghan; 3, R. Dyke. (Distance, 14ft. 8½ins.)  
 Long Jump (Junior "A")—1, F. Gibson; 2, T. Simpson; 3, G. Dunn. (Distance, 12ft. 11½ins.)  
 Throwing Cricket Ball (Senior Division)—1, K. Campbell; 2, C. Blewes; 3, R. Dyke. (Distance, 182ft. 6ins.)  
 Throwing Cricket Ball (Junior "A")—1, H. Wheelan; 2, J. Kay; 3, E. Barnatt. (Distance, 161ft. 5½ins.)

### Rugby Notes.

The 1938-39 Rugby season proved a lean season for wins for the School team. The increase in the number of boys leaving on reaching the age of fourteen resulted in the School XV. being the youngest and lightest side we have fielded for many seasons. Despite these handicaps, every game proved enjoyable, and no overwhelming score was recorded against us. Every member of the XV. is to be congratulated on remaining full of fight to the end.

The departure of C. Long at the end of the winter term was a heavy blow to the team. His extraordinary strength and tenacity were invaluable, and those bull-like rushes for which he was renowned were sadly missed in the second half of the season. Another stalwart we shall miss in the coming season is G. Broadbent. His specialities were speed, sweeps, and spot-kicks.

The Company League was very keenly contested, and the improvement in the general play noted last year was well maintained. "A" Company are to be congratulated on their well-deserved victory.

#### LEAGUE TABLES.

##### Senior Rugby.

| Coy. | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A.  | Ps. | Pl. |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| A.   | 6  | 5  | 0  | 1  | 62 | 18  | 10  | 1   |
| B.   | 6  | 0  | 1  | 5  | 8  | 103 | 1   | 4   |
| C.   | 6  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 44 | 30  | 4   | 3   |
| D.   | 6  | 4  | 1  | 1  | 66 | 29  | 9   | 2   |

##### Junior Rugby.

|    |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |   |
|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|---|
| A. | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 89 | 12 | 9  | 2 |
| B. | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 30 | 9  | 10 | 1 |
| C. | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 9  | 79 | 1  | 4 |
| D. | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 40 | 4  | 3 |

##### Soccer.

|    |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |   |
|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|---|
| A. | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4  | 16 | 3  | 3 |
| B. | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 9  | 7  | 2 |
| C. | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 2  | 12 | 1 |
| D. | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5  | 16 | 2  | 4 |

Rugby Championship (Junior and Senior Points added)—A., 19 points; B., 11 points; C., 5 points; D., 13 points.

### Cricket.

During the 1939 season the School XI. played five matches. All were lost, but the performance of the team was nevertheless highly satisfactory; and the season was really a very successful one, because the team showed steady improvement and interest in the game increased throughout the School.

It must be borne in mind that cricket labours here under exceptional difficulties. The first of these is that most of the new boys are entirely ignorant of the game. The second is that, owing to the early leaving age, an entirely new team has to be built up each season. The third great disadvantage is that opportunities for practice are comparatively few, because there are so many other things to be done during the short summer term that cricket is neglected to a relatively unimportant place.

The first match, played at Crieff against Morrison's Academy, was lost by 116 runs.

The next, against Trinity College at Glenalmond, resulted in defeat by the even bigger margin of an innings and 186 runs. This however, was no disgrace, for the Glenalmond team was very good indeed, and immeasurably superior in every way.

The third match revealed a great improvement in the School team. It was a return game with Morrison's Academy, played at home in lovely weather; and after an interesting game, with some good play on both sides, the visitors won by 68 runs.

The next game, against Newstead School at Doune, showed still further improvement. Newstead had the services of a very fast and accurate bowler, who turned the game in their favour and enabled them to win by 38 runs.

In the final game of the season, against the staff, the boys gave their best display of all. They led on the first innings by 13 runs, and were eventually defeated by the narrow margin of two wickets.

The great improvement made by the team during the season was due to experience gained in actual matches. Coaching at the nets is undoubtedly the foundation of good batting and bowling; but it is match play which develops

keenness in the field, alertness in running between the wickets, and all the technicalities of run-getting and run-saving which mark the difference between a ragged collection of players and a well-balanced team. It is therefore hoped that in future seasons there will be more matches fixed, not only against other schools, but also between the Companies.

W. F. WARD.

### Inter-Company Shooting Competition, 1939.

#### "A" Coy.

| Grouping Application Score |    |    |    |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|
| T. Simpson                 | 10 | 17 | 27 |
| J. Niven                   | 20 | 16 | 36 |
| M. Wyse                    | 0  | 18 | 18 |
| J. Beilich                 | 15 | 17 | 32 |
| A. Robertson               | 25 | 17 | 42 |
| G. Smilie                  | 10 | 16 | 26 |

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#### "B" Coy.

| Grouping Application Score |    |    |    |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|
| G. Gallacher               | 25 | 14 | 39 |
| J. McLeod                  | 15 | 9  | 24 |
| N. Duncan                  | 0  | 11 | 11 |
| J. Kay                     | 20 | 16 | 36 |
| H. Warburton               | 20 | 15 | 35 |
| H. Tempo                   | 0  | 6  | 6  |

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#### "C" Coy.

| Grouping Application Score |    |    |    |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|
| J. Tollerton               | 15 | 17 | 32 |
| W. Neill                   | 20 | 15 | 35 |
| I. Tollerton               | 15 | 17 | 32 |
| D. Hutchison               | 15 | 17 | 32 |
| J. Isdale                  | 0  | 12 | 12 |
| I. Duncan                  | 10 | 12 | 22 |

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#### "D" Coy.

| Grouping Application Score |    |    |    |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|
| E. Bulmer                  | 15 | 18 | 33 |
| J. Richardson              | 15 | 13 | 28 |
| W. Richardson              | 15 | 12 | 27 |
| W. McCutcheon              | 10 | 17 | 27 |
| D. Deveney                 | 15 | 13 | 28 |
| T. McIntosh                | 20 | 16 | 36 |

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Points:—1, A. Coy., 181; 2, D. Coy., 179; 3, C. Coy., 165; 4, B. Coy., 151.  
Best Shot and Winner of Individual Shooting Shield—L/Cpl. A. Robertson, 42 points.

### Darning Competition, 1939.

The annual Darning Competition was held on Monday, 5th June, 1939. Mrs W. L. Clarke, who kindly came to judge the competition, made her awards as follows:—

1, J. McMillan, "A" Coy.; 2, J. Isdale, "C" Coy.; 3, M. Ferrigan, "C" Coy.; 4, K. Toal, "C" Coy.; 5, I. MacMillan, "B" Coy.

### Thrift.

We are pleased to record great progress made by the boys in their savings during the past year.

At the end of June, 1939, the total amounts standing to the credit of the individual accounts in the Post Office Savings Bank was £220 12s 8d, or an average of £1 2s 1d per boy. This is an increase of 4s 11d per boy since June of last year, and incidentally, creates another School record.

Well done, boys! It is very gratifying to know that the appeal made to you in the last issue of "The Victorian" has met with such good results. "Keep on keeping on"—save a little of your wages or pocket money each week, and hand it over to your Company-Sergeant-Major for safe keeping. He will be pleased to receive deposits as small as One Penny, and, remember, if you take care of the Pennies the Pounds will follow automatically. Just think it over, and work it out for yourselves.

(For the benefit of our readers we would explain that each boy is encouraged to save part of his money for deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank, which cannot be drawn upon, except for very urgent reasons, until he leaves the School.—Editor.)

### Annual Swimming Competition.

The annual Swimming Competition was held on Thursday, 29th June, 1939, and the following were the results:—

Inter-Company Relay Race (Seniors) three lengths—Winners, "C" Coy; 2, "A" Coy.; 3, "B" Coy.; 4, "D" Coy. Time, 3 mins. 14 1-5 secs.

Inter-Company Relay Race (Junior "A") two lengths—Winners, "B" Coy.; 2, "A" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.; 4, "C" Coy. Time, 2 mins. 34 3-5th secs.

Inter-Company Relay Race (Junior "B") one length—Winners, "B" Coy.; 2, "D" Coy.; 3, "A" Coy.; 4, "C" Coy. Time, 1 min. 15 secs.

Individual Plunge (Seniors)—Winners—1, W. Neill, 35ft. 2ins.; 2, R. Dyke; 3, T. McIntosh. Novices Race, one length—Winners—1, M. Ferrigan; 2, J. McMillan, A. McHendrie.

Individual Plunge (Junior "A")—Winners—1, J. C. Campbell, 37ft. 5ins. (SCHOOL RECORD); 2, J. McLeod; 3, F. Tully.

Individual Race (Junior "B"), two lengths—Winners—1, J. Wyper; 2, J. McLean; 3, A. Sinclair. Time, 34 3-5th secs.

Individual Race (Junior "A"), three lengths—Winners, 1, J. Niven; 2, J. C. Campbell; 3, H. Dyer. Time, 58 4-5th secs.

Individual Race (Seniors), four lengths—Winners—1, R. Dyke; 2, W. Neill; 3, John Hall. Time, 1 min. 8 secs.

#### Points towards Swimming Cup.

|            | 'A' | 'B' | 'C' | 'D' |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Seniors    | 3   | 2   | 1   | 2   |
| Junior "A" | 3   | 4   | 1   | 3   |
| Junior "B" | 2   | 1   | 1   | 3   |
| Total      | 10  | 6   | 6   | 6   |

Winners of Swimming Cup—"A" Company.  
Winner of Individual Challenge Trophy ("The Fish")—R. Dyke.



VALE



Colonel S. A. INNES, D.S.O., late The Black Watch (R.H.R.),  
Commandant 1931-1939.

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Lieut.-Colonel G. E. HALL, M.C., late The Royal Scots (R.R.),  
Commandant 1939.

## Swimming Certificates.

The undermentioned have been awarded Swimming Certificates since July, 1938:—

### "SPECIAL" Certificate.

F. Gibson, "A" Coy.; J. Ritchies, "A" Coy.; W. Davidson, "B" Coy.; M. Lavin, "B" Coy.; Jas. Beveridge, "B" Coy.; J. Wanless, "B" Coy.; D. McIntosh, "B" Coy.; Alex. Robertson, "B" Coy.; W. McCutcheon, "D" Coy.; K. Campbell, "A" Coy.; R. Dyke, "A" Coy.; W. Anderson, "A" Coy.; A. Sinclair, "A" Coy.; C. Minto, "A" Coy.; K. Gavigan, "B" Coy.; J. McCann, "C" Coy.; James Kidney, "C" Coy.; M. McCrae, "C" Coy.; E. Douglas, "D" Coy.; R. McGill, "D" Coy.; E. Cole, "D" Coy.; A. Watts, "D" Coy.; D. Matheson, "D" Coy.; A. Hume, "D" Coy.

### "ADVANCED" Certificate.

D. MacDonald, "B" Coy.; W. Anderson, "A" Coy.; J. Rafferty, "B" Coy.; A. Sinclair, "A" Coy.; C. Minto, "A" Coy.; R. Fisher, "B" Coy.; J. McCombe, "B" Coy.; M. McCrae, "C" Coy.; E. Cole, "D" Coy.; A. Watts, "D" Coy.; D. Matheson, "D" Coy.; Jas. Baxter, "B" Coy.; J. Gordon, "A" Coy.; J. McCann, "C" Coy.; Jas. Kidney, "C" Coy.; G. Cameron, "D" Coy.; R. McGill, "D" Coy.; A. Hume, "D" Coy.; T. Tolmie, "B" Coy.; J. Henderson, "B" Coy.; F. Tully, "C" Coy.; N. McFadyen, "C" Coy.; J. Riddell, "C" Coy.; P. Richmond, "C" Coy.; J. Marr, "D" Coy.; M. Dunn, "D" Coy.; R. Westwater, "B" Coy.; M. Ferrigan, "C" Coy.; J. Todd, "B" Coy.

### "QUALIFYING" Certificates.

K. Gavigan, "B" Coy.; J. Duncan, "B" Coy.; G. Clark, "C" Coy.; J. Emmett, "D" Coy.; D. McNeil, "D" Coy.; G. Raitt, "D" Coy.; A. Waddell, "D" Coy.; A. McHendrie, "D" Coy.; J. McMillan, "A" Coy.; F. Tully, "C" Coy.; J. McCann, "C" Coy.; J. Brown, "C" Coy.; T. McCartney, "C" Coy.; G. Walford, "D" Coy.; A. Watts, "D" Coy.; M. Dunn, "D" Coy.; H. Griffiths, "B" Coy.; M. McPake, "A" Coy.; A. Sinclair, "B" Coy.; L. Watt, "A" Coy.; H. Harrison, "C" Coy.; T. McKay, "C" Coy.; J. Audsley, "C" Coy.; D. MacDonald, "C" Coy.; A. Hume, "D" Coy.; G. Bissett, "D" Coy.; R. McGill, "D" Coy.

## Swimming Notes.

Before recounting the swimming activities of 1939 some mention should be made of the 1938 season, part of which was omitted from the last issue of the "Victorian." Usually the Swimming season ends a few weeks after the resumption of School in September, as approaching winter makes it difficult to supply steam for the heating of the bath. During the comparatively mild autumn of 1938, however, it was possible to keep the bath open until late November. It was thus possible to reduce substantially the number of non-swimmers who came to the School at the beginning of the school year.

A Life-Saving Class, formed before the holidays, completed its training, and in October the boys took the test at the Dunblane Hydro. Swimming Pool. On this occasion 14 Bronze

Medallions and 11 Intermediate Certificates of the Royal Life-Saving Society were gained, and this brought the School's total to 61 R.L.S.S. awards for 1938.

In October also the Dunblane Amateur Swimming Club's Annual Gala was held, and the School entered two teams for the Team Relay Handicap. The School teams were as follows:—

Q.V.S. "A."—Mon. Long, Mon. Broadbent, Mon. Pegg, Mon. Monaghan, Mon. McKay. Q.V.S. "B."—Mon. D. McCartney, Mon. Neill, Mon. Dyke, Mon. Wyper, Mon. Niven.

The race was an exciting one, and the "B" team took 1st place, beating the School "A" team by a touch.

Before the School Bath closed a swimming competition with H.M.S. "Caledonia" was arranged, and again the School relay teams did well. The "A" team was disqualified, however, "breaking" the handicap time by more than the 5 seconds' margin allowed. In diving the boys of the "Caledonia" excelled.

During the winter months alterations were made in the Bath. The drainage-ways on the side were re-cut to take the water away from the bath. It was found that this draining back of the water splashed up on the sides caused the bath water to become fouled. Shower and footbaths with hot and cold water were installed in the dressing rooms, and now it is compulsory for all boys to use these before entering the bath.

In May, 1939, the Bath was re-opened, and by this time the number of non-swimmers in the School had increased to 50. Mr Pears had the colossal task of teaching all these to swim, and by the time these notes have gone to press all but one have been successful.

Another Life-Saving Class was started in May, and on June 15th they were tested. Mr Cadman and 12 boys were awarded R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallions, while 12 Intermediate Certificates were gained also. This Class was passed out in a comparatively short time as it was possible to divide them into two Classes. Mr J. McNaughton, of the Dunblane A.S.C., kindly gave his help in instructing one of these Classes. The total number of awards gained by the School is now 97.

A swimming competition with Newstead School was held on June 22nd. A team of 11 selected boys from the Queen Victoria School met 12 selected boys from Newstead School and beat them by 27 points to 13 points. Newstead gave us a good "run for our money," and showed themselves to be more than our equals in breast and back stroke swimming.

### Results:—

1. Team Relay Race (over 13 years of age)—
  1. Q.V.S. Seniors (Mons. Pegg, Monaghan, McKay, and L/C. Dyke).
  2. Newstead Seniors.
2. Team Relay Race (Juniors).
  1. Q.V.S. Juniors (Niven, Wyper, McLean, Sinclair).
  2. Newstead Juniors.
3. Breast Stroke (40 yards).
  1. Newstead School.
  2. Newstead School.

4. Back Stroke (40 yards).
  1. Newstead School.
  2. Q.V. School (Mon. McKay).
5. Plunging.
  1. Q.V. School (Mon. Monaghan), 33 ft. 9½ ins.
  2. Q.V. School (L/Cpl. Dyke), 33 ft. 6 ins.

This year "B" Company carried off the Swimming Cup in the School swimming competitions, while L/Cpl. Dyke of "A" Company won the 4 lengths race to gain the "Fish."

In the Junior Plunging Competition, John Campbell broke the School plunging record when he plunged a distance of 37 feet 4 inches.

At the time of going to press the School swimming certificate record (not including Life-Saving awards) is as follows:—

Special Certificates, 79; Advanced Certificates, 35; Qualifying Certificates, 48; Uncertificated Swimmers, 33; Non-Swimmers, 4.

R. V. BISSET.

## Company Notes.

### "A" COMPANY NOTES.

We respectfully welcome our new Commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel G. E. Hall, M.C. These "notes" are being composed in the midst of practising for the Drill Competition, which we hope to carry off. We are all striving to keep the flag flying in "A" Coy., and our material for next year shows promising signs.

We have said good-bye to the following during the last term, feeling sure that they will all do well. Right well did they help to keep us where we are—on top. Monitor G. Broadbent, Scots Guards; Sergt. G. Thomson, home; Sergt. D. Robertson, Chepstow; Cpl. T. Mooney, Chepstow; L/Cpl. A. Garvie, Chepstow; L/Cpl. J. McTae, Chepstow; C/Cpl. D. Campbell, Cameron Highlanders; Boy B. Brown, Arborfield Cross; Boy A. Galloway, Arborfield Cross.

However good as these boys were, we are trying to fill their shoes. All our new boys are triers.

We have been experiencing some difficulty in finding accommodation for the trophies won by the Company. The situation, which was most awkward at one time—previously to "Sports Day"—has now eased slightly, although the shelf is still a little congested. It has still to hold the Rugger Shield, Dancing Shield, Boxing Cup, Dandy Ninth (the Inter-Company Cup for Athletics), and both shooting trophies (Andy Robertson is the "dead-eye" responsible for one of them). I nearly forgot R. Dyke's brilliant effort and his reward—we have the care and custody of that. As I hinted in the previous paragraph, we did not win everything on Sports Day. Wait till next year!

We also took a beating in the swimming competition, but only by two points, to "B" Coy. I repeat—wait till next year!

The destiny of the Championship Shield for the forthcoming year has yet to be decided. I have no doubt but that it will stay where it is, Grand Day, for which we are rehearsing now, in the meantime we have still to decide who are the champions in the cricket and hockey fields. Then come our holidays—well-earned by every-

one after a very busy term. Good-bye, and good luck to all Old Boys of "A" Coy. We would like to hear how you are getting along, so don't be backward in writing to us.

J. W. P.

### "B" COMPANY NOTES.

Since we last had the pleasure to write our "Notes" for the Victorian on Company items of interest, many changes have taken place in arrivals and departures.

We were sorry to lose our old friend Senior Monitor Long ("Shorty"), who did such a lot of good work in the Company and the School generally. He joined the Royal Engineers at the early part of the year, and we all wish him the best of luck in the career he has chosen.

Other departures include the following:—Mon. R. Ross, Sgt. MacLeod, R. Denholm, G. Queen, J. Baxter, H. Griffiths, W. Davidson, H. Paterson, J. Wanless. Again our loss will be some one else's gain. We hope they will continue the good work in the various branches of the service they have adopted.

Such a lot could be said of those mentioned, but space does not allow it.

The arrivals have also been many. We welcome to the fold—G. Barr, R. Taylor, I. Miller, A. Wilson, I. MacMillan, R. Aird, R. Darling, J. Todd, P. McCafferty, A. McVicar. At the time of writing these "Notes" they have settled down to the workings of the Company. Geo. Barr did very well in the School Sports, and he has the makings of a good high jumper.

Before we leave the subject of arrivals and departures, we must add some remarks to others mentioned of the departure of Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O. Much has been said and written in the newspapers about his good services to the Boys and the School, but we who looked upon him like a father felt his leaving very much. For the future we all wish him a happy and carefree retirement (and good Shooting).—(Ed.)

We welcome Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Hall, M.C., our new Commandant, to our happy family, and hope his stay will be long and a pleasant one.

The Christmas concert was as usual a great success. Many members of the company took part in the various items. Our C.S.M. took the part of the "Dashing" Sheriff in the Hilly Billies scene. Also Mon. Long played the part of "Texas Dan" in the same show.

Passing on to other items in the sporting line, the first to claim our attention during the Easter term was the Inter-Company Boxing Championship. We held the lead on points almost to the final, but we just failed to retain the cup. We put up a good show and had quite a number of individual winners.

In Rugby football we did not fare so well, our teams were considerably weakened through so many of the older boys leaving early in the season.

Cross-country running was carried out during the term, but as a team we did fairly well. Hugh Paterson put up a fine race to finish second place to Monitor Broadbent.

Our Junior "B" Soccer team finished second place in the "Soccer" Shield competi-

tion. Outstanding was the goalkeeper, Boy Taylor, who made some very daring saves. The School Sports took place earlier this year. Our teams and individuals excelled in some of the events. Again we had to be contented with the second place in the championship.

Boy Blewes (Cutly) performed splendidly in the high jump (with such long, lanky legs we expected him to leap over the rugger posts). He should do well later. Donald McIntyre gained first place in the Junior "A" Class, and John Kay was placed second in the 220 yards' race. In the high jump, Junior "B" Class, Boy McLean (Bruiser) did very well.

The Swimming Competition was keenly contested. We are pleased to record a victory for the Company. The Swimming trophy was won by our team. John Campbell was very successful in the team and individuals and put up a great performance in the plunge. Although competing as a Junior he beat the Seniors, and created a School record for the plunge. We congratulate him on such a fine performance.

The shooting was rather poor, and our team did not do well. Geo. Gallacher returned the second highest score.

We are now highly keyed up for the remaining competitions which are still in progress. So we are still hoping.

A.S.

### "C" COMPANY NOTES.

Here we are again, to relate our experiences of the last twelve months to "Old Victorians" at home and abroad.

During the season 1938-1939 we were successful (after a hard struggle against "B" Coy.) in winning the Inter-Company Soccer Shield. We were, however, deprived of the Inter-Company Rugby Shield by "A" Company, and we congratulate them on their success.

In the Boxing Competition, which took place during the Easter term, we finished last to "A," "B," and "D" Companies. This does not mean to say that we have not any budding boxers in the Company, as many of our boys reached the semi-finals and the finals, and two or three of them won their weight. L/Cpl. J. Brown won the cup for the best loser in the competition. This cup was presented to the School by Mr. Carruthers, who has had three sons pass through the School into one or other of the Services.

The annual cross-country race, which also took place during the Easter term, was won by the team of seven representing "C" Coy. The team, under the instructions of B/Sgt. E. Dawson, packed together extremely well, and managed to finish in the following positions, 6th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 18th and 21st out of 105 runners. This is a good show for a team of young boys, as the course, which is three miles long, is a very strenuous one, as all who have covered it well know.

This term we did fairly well in the Inter-Company annual sports, for we won the Hurdles Relay Cup, and our Senior Division won the Seniors' Relay Race, High Jump, and Long Jump. We were not so fortunate with our

second division, but our thirds won the third division High Jump. The individual sports trophy, "The Victor Ludorum," was won by A/Monitor J. R. Tollerton, and we congratulate him on his success.

In the Shooting Competition we did not fare so well, taking third place. We congratulate "A" Company, who were the victors, and we must say that they have some really good "crack shots."

In the Dancing Competition we occupied the same position as in the shooting, and we hope that in the next Dancing Competition we will be more successful.

We are, at the moment of going to Press, in the middle of our Inter-Company Hockey and Cricket League matches. Up to the present we have done extremely well. We obtained a victory over "D" Coy. in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Divisions of the Cricket League, and we also beat them at Hockey. We have played "A" Coy. at cricket, and our 1st and 3rd Divisions won, but our second division was defeated.

We are at present practising for the Drill Competition, and our hopes are high. For the results it will be necessary for our readers to refer to the notes on the Drill Competition.

Having dealt with our successful and not so successful experiences on the sports field, I should like to make some reference to the changes in the Company during the last twelve months.

We have lost the valuable services of Monitor A. Sturrock, who was transferred to "B" Coy., also of Eddie Dawson, A. Tweedie, A. Dick, M. Melloy, S. Musk, G. Brittan, and G. Arnold. We are sorry to have lost them, and we wish them luck and prosperity in their new positions in the Army, Air Force, or civil life.

The new boys who have occupied the places of the above are W. McGregor, J. Isdale, J. Toal, K. Toal, F. Tully, John Duffy, James Duffy, J. Kelly, P. McCann, M. Ferrigan, A. Riddell, V. Southon, and last, but not least, our 46<sup>th</sup> in. "giant," G. Sinclair (Tubby). We are happy to say that they are settling down to the routine of the School, and that we have among them some promising sports enthusiasts.

The following N.C.O.'s and boys have attained a standard of efficiency, which has obtained for them their first stripe, or further promotion:—C/Cpl. J. R. Tollerton has been promoted A/Monitor; Cpls. L. West and D. Hutchison have been promoted Drum-Major and Pipe-Major respectively; L/Cpl. Ian Tollerton has succeeded his brother as Colour Corporal, and L/Cp's. W. Neill and I. Duncan and Boy Dennis McCartney have been promoted Corporals, while Boys P. Richmond, D. Lennon, and J. Brown have been promoted to Lance-Corporals. They are proving their worth in their new positions, and under their guiding hands the Company should thrive in drill and sports.

E. L. M.

### "D" COMPANY NOTES.

Since the last issue of the "Victorian," "D" Company has come under the care of Pipe-Major Geddes, late of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, thus relieving C.S.M. Pears, who is now Physical Training Instructor.

We also welcome Monitor E. McKay from "A" Company, in the place of Mon. C. Hamilton, who left our ranks to join the R.A.F. We are also proud of Monitor Pegg, who succeeded Senior Monitor Broadbent of "A" Company, who is now in the Scots Guards. Others to leave "D" Company were:—Cpl. G. Welsh to Seaforth Highlanders; Drum-Major G. West to Scots Guards; Sgt. J. McCallum to R.A.S.C.; Sgt. E. Mullen to R.C. of Signals; Pipe-Major A. McDermid to R.A.O.C.; Boy J. Wilson to R.A.O.C.; Sgt. J. Richardson to R.C. of Signals; Cpl. W. Richardson to R.C. of Signals; Cpl. W. McKendrick to R.E.'s; Cpl. J. Meenaghan to R.E.'s. With them go our best wishes for the future.

Since our last issue the undermentioned boys have gained Promotion and Appointments:—Cpl. J. Potter to Band/Sgt.; L/Cpl. H. Dyer to Cpl.; L/Cpl. E. Bulmer to C/Cpl.; Boy W. McCabe to L/Cpl.; Boy J. Marr to L/Cpl.; L/Cpl. W. Dunnigan to Acting Monitor (transferred to "B" Company).

We welcome the following new boys:—Boys E. Blake, P. Spackman, A. McHendrie, J. Goodall, A. Griffen, R. Osborne, R. McKay, E. Potter, D. Cooper, A. Meenaghan, D. Witton, W. Montgomery.

This year we have not been very successful on the sports field owing to the lack of some of our senior boys, who are now in one of the services, although we did manage to win two cups on Sports Day. We congratulate Monitor E. McKay on winning the Mons.' Cup, and our representative Relay Team in carrying off the Relay Cup.

We also welcome Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Hall, M.C., as our new Commandant, and hope his stay in the School will be long and happy, and at the same time wish our late Commandant, Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O., a long and happy retirement.

E. McK.

## Band Notes.

Before commencing the notes proper, I would like to place on record the band's respectful welcome to our new Commandant, Lt.-Colonel G. E. Hall, M.C.

We are greatly changed in personnel since the last appearance of these "Notes." We have lost a number of musicians who would make quite a useful combination in themselves. Here are their names with instruments:—

Percy McKilligan, "Shug" McCallum, Sammy Low—Clarinets.

Eb, "Shorby" Long; Bb, Surla McRae; Bb, Curly Davidson; and "Ham" Gilchrist—Cornets.

"Fatty" Hayward, Beery Arnold—Basses; "Boots" Broadbent—Trombone.

"Cheddy" Mullen, Winshy Hamilton, Horace Marr—Drums; Thoy McDonald—Eb Horn.

However, though changed, we are not depleted in numbers. New performers appear at every stand and nobly endeavour to emulate the achievements of their predecessors. Undoubtedly they are succeeding in their efforts, because all those with whom we came in contact assure us that we are well up to the standard of previous years.

We frequently hear from old boys, at home

and abroad, through the Bandmaster who reads to us their letters. Without exception they are greatly appreciative of the care and training they received while at the School.

It appears that the majority are taken "playing out" with their regimental bands as soon as they join. Also we learn that a number are registered for a pupils' course at the Royal School of Music, Kneller Hall, Hounslow, while some are already there.

We recently received visits from D. Low, W. Welsh and J. Anderson. All report they are doing well. Welsh is a regular performer with the band of the Seaforth Highlanders, not only as a drummer but as a xylophonist. I am assured he is "good" on the latter instrument.

Now, I feel that we should record our appreciation and thanks to "Birda" Welsh for his "Good Deed" in coming to our aid recently at an engagement at King's Park, Stirling. "Jessie" McDonald, our drummer, fell sick and was unable to carry on. Then it was that "Birda" volunteered, became a Q.V.S. boy for the occasion, deputised for "Jessie," and gave us and the public of Stirling an exhibition of drumming the like of which we, and possibly the public, have never heard. We were, and are all, proud of him.

Our annual band competition is taking place at the present time. Every band boy takes part in it. The competitors are placed in grades according to their standard of efficiency on their instruments. There is also a test in elementary theory. Several prizes are allotted to each grade, so competition is very keen.

We have had our usual number of engagements this summer, and wherever we have performed our efforts have been well applauded. For instance, I understand that at Grange-mouth our performance was appreciated to the extent that we were "booked" on the spot for a date next summer.

After we have completed our list of engagements we prepare for "Grand Day." We have still to play at Perth (our ninth year there) and at the World's Rover Moot at Crieff. Then off we go for our holidays. We extend our very best wishes to all Victorians, old and new.

J. W. P.

## Monitors' Room Notes.

Our room has been decorated, and it now looks very attractive. The monitors can now have a peaceful seat (or, should I say, sleep) in blissful content. The billiard table has been re-cushioned and re-covered, and the monitors can now play a scientific game of billiards without bothering about dodging holes and rips in the cloth. One of the new members of the Monitor Room, namely, "Corny" (Cornelius Aloysius Dunnigan) wishes that the pockets of the billiard table were increased in number and size. This does not insinuate that Cornelius Aloysius has not mastered the game of billiards, because at every stroke he makes the balls miraculously disappear.

Since last July there have been five new additions to the Monitors' Room. These are E. McRay (Sneazy), A. Sturrock (Grumpy), H. Warne (Dopey), I. Tollerton (Bashful), C. Dunnigan (already mentioned and has an additional nom-de-plume "Snow White"). It can

be seen that the new arrivals can be likened to "Snow White and Four of the Seven Dwarfs." "Snow White and Dwarfs" have taken the places of C. Hamilton and R. Ross, who went to the Royal Air Force; G. Long, who went to the Royal Engineers, and G. Broadbent, who went to the Scots Guards. The three veterans of the Monitors' Room (F. Pegg, E. Monaghan, J. Plummer) miss these old monitors very much.

Sports Day was a beautiful day; in fact, it was more a day for basking in the sun than for exerting oneself round the tracks. Two of the monitors overcame this feeling, and were successful in the sports. Monitor E. McKay won the Monitors' Cup after a keenly contested competition. Acting-Monitor J. Tollerton (who is under 15 years of age), made a magnificent effort, and won the Victor Ludorum Shield. We congratulate them both on their praiseworthy efforts.

All the Monitors shuddered at the thought of the cross-country race, which takes place every March. This year the race was won by Senior Monitor G. Broadbent, who has won a cup for creating a record for the recruits (three-mile race) at the Guards' Depot, Caterham. Well done, "Boots!"

For the mid-term event, two monitors were selected to go camping with Mr Cadman. They were Monitor P— and Monitor W—. The first meal at camp was cooked by Monitor P—, and was voted excellent, except for the eggs, which were more like scrambled eggs than fried eggs. Of course, Monitor P— says that this was Mr C's fault, because he put the eggs into the pan. One night when the wind was howling fiercely, Monitor P— woke up. He imagined the tent was about to be blown away. So he woke up Monitor W—, and with blankets wrapped round them, they proceeded to tighten up the "guy ropes." They went back to the tent, and lay down, feeling very composed. After a while the rain began to descend in torrents. Monitor P— woke up, and noticed the terrific strain on the tent. He thought the tent was about to collapse. So he immediately woke up Monitor W—, who grumbled and swore under his breath. After much coaxing, Monitor W— and Monitor P—, complete with blankets, came out to slacken the "guy ropes." Monitor W— vowed that if anything else happened that night he wouldn't budge.

The Monitors are looking forward to the holidays, which are very near. They vow they are going to relax for the whole seven weeks, after working so diligently during the past term.

## Valete.

Boys who have left the School since July, 1938.

- Sergt H. Reid, 5/9/38, Royal Air Force.  
 Band-Sergt. P. McKilgan, 7/9/38 — A. & S. Highlanders.  
 Cpl. J. McDonald, 7/9/38—Gordon Highlanders.  
 Boy E. Hayward, 7/9/38 — Royal West Kent Regiment.  
 Cpl. D. Low, 7/9/38—Seaforth Highlanders.  
 Cpl. G. Welsh, 7/9/38—Seaforth Highlanders.  
 Boy W. Murray, 7/9/38—Seaforth Highlanders.  
 Drum-Major G. West, 15/9/38—Scots Guards.  
 Monitor C. Hamilton, 24/9/38 — Royal Air Force.

Sergt J. McCallum, 4/10/38—R.A.S. Corps for Training at Army Technical School (Boys), Jersey.

Boy J. McCartney, 4/10/38—R.A.S. Corps for Training at Army Technical School (Boys), Jersey.

Boy H. Gilchrist, 12/10/38 — Seaforth Highlanders.

Boy G. Arnold, 25/10/38—Royal Navy.

Boy S. Musk, 25/10/38—Royal Navy.

Sergt. E. Mullen, 4/1/39—Royal Corps of Signals.

Senior Monitor G. Long, 12/1/39 — Royal Engineers.

Monitor R. Ross, 16/1/39—Royal Air Force.

Boy J. Wanless, 13/1/39—Royal Navy.

Cpl. W. Davidson, 18/1/39—North Staffordshire Regiment.

Sergt. D. Robertson, 18/1/39—Army Technical School (Boys), Chepstow.

Cpl. T. Mooney, 18/1/39—Army Technical School (Boys), Chepstow.

L/Cpl. J. McRae, 18/1/39 — Army Technical School (Boys), Chepstow.

L/Cpl. A. Garvie, 18/1/39 — Army Technical School (Boys), Chepstow.

L/Cpl. J. Rafferty, 18/1/39 — Army Technical School (Boys), Chepstow.

Senior Monitor G. Broadbent, 3/5/39 — Scots Guards.

Boy A. Galloway, Boy B. Brown, Boy J. Baxter, Cpl. A. Dick, Boy M. Melloy, Boy D. Marr, Pipe-Major A. McDermid — 3/5/39 — Enlisted for R.A.O.C. for Training at Army Technical School (Boys), Arborfield, Berks.

Sergt. G. Dawson, 11/5/39 — Gordon Highlanders.

Sergt. G. Thomson, 15/9/38—Home.

L/Cpl. R. Denholm, 15/9/38—Home.

L/Cpl. R. Mackie, 15/9/38—Home.

Boy J. Beveridge, 15/9/38—Home.

Boy C. Macpherson, 17/10/38—Home.

Boy A. McPhail, 14/11/38—Home.

Cpl. W. Clark, 13/1/39—Home.

Cpl. D. Reid, 13/1/39—Home.

Boy G. Queen, 13/1/39—Home.

Boy J. Taylor, 13/1/39—Home.

Boy F. McCrae, 21/1/39—Home.

Boy N. Raitt, 3/2/39—Home.

Boy H. Griffiths, 11/3/39 — Home (medically unfit).

Drum-Major A. Tweedie, 21/4/39—Home.

## Salvete.

Boys who have joined the School since July, 1938, showing name of their father's Regiment:

- Boy E. A. Blake—Cameron Highlanders.  
 Boy G. Fleming—Cameronians (S.R.).  
 Boy K. P. Gavigan—Highland Light Infantry.  
 Boy P. J. Spackman—Seaforth Highlanders.  
 Boy A. Riddell—Gordon Highlanders.  
 Boy T. F. McCartney—Royal Artillery.  
 Boy A. F. McHendrie—Seaforth Highlanders.  
 Boy A. P. Forbes—Gordon Highlanders.  
 Boy K. Toal—Royal Tank Corps.  
 Boy J. Toal—Royal Tank Corps.  
 Boy J. Goodall—Cameron Highlanders.  
 Boy W. G. Davies—Highland Light Infantry.  
 Boy J. P. McCann—Royal Navy.  
 Boy F. Tully—A. & S. Highlanders.

Boy M. Ferrigan—Royal Naval Air Service.  
 Boy N. J. Raitt—King's Own Scottish Borderers.  
 Boy A. A. Bing—A. & S. Highlanders.  
 Boy R. Galway—Royal Army Service Corps.  
 Boy D. Wyse—Royal Scots (R.R.).  
 Boy J. C. Hamilton—Royal Scots Fusiliers.  
 Boy R. Mundt—Highland Light Infantry.  
 Boy A. E. Griffen—Royal Navy.  
 Boy W. Young—Scots Guards.  
 Boy R. N. Taylor—The Black Watch (R.H.R.).  
 Boy G. S. Barr—Seaforth Highlanders.  
 Boy W. W. Braid—The Black Watch (R.H.R.).  
 Boy R. Osborne—King's Own Scottish Borderers  
 Boy I. M. Miller—Royal Engineers.  
 Boy A. Wilson—Royal Artillery.  
 Boy I. E. MacMillan—Scots Guards.  
 Boy J. D. McMillan—A. & S. Highlanders.  
 Boy A. MacVicar—Cameron Highlanders.  
 Boy R. A. Aird—Royal Air Force.  
 Boy J. Kelly—The Black Watch (R.H.R.).  
 Boy R. M. MacKay—A. & S. Highlanders.  
 Boy R. W. Darling—Royal Scots Greys.  
 Boy F. V. McCrae—Cameronians (S.R.).  
 Boy A. J. Dyke—The Black Watch (R.H.R.).  
 Boy P. McCafferty—Cameronians (S.R.).  
 Boy J. Martin—Royal Scots (R.R.).  
 Boy H. C. Martin—Royal Scots (R.R.).  
 Boy E. T. Potter—Seaforth Highlanders.  
 Boy R. B. Plank—Royal Scots (R.R.).  
 Boy W. Macgregor—Royal Army Service Corps.  
 Boy J. A. Isdale—The Black Watch (R.H.R.).  
 Boy D. W. Cooper—Cameronians (S.R.).  
 Boy A. Meenaghan—A. & S. Highlanders.  
 Boy V. A. Southon—The Black Watch (R.H.R.).  
 Boy D. A. Witton—King's Own Scottish Borderers.  
 Boy N. G. Howard—Cameronians (S.R.).  
 Boy J. N. Todd—Royal Army Medical Corps.  
 Boy Jas. Duffy—Royal Army Medical Corps.  
 Boy John Duffy—Royal Army Medical Corps.  
 Boy G. M. Sinclair—Royal Scots (R.R.).  
 Boy W. E. Montgomery—Royal Scots (R.R.).  
 Boy J. G. McLagan—A. & S. Highlanders.  
 Boy A. P. Doig—Scots Guards.

## Army Certificates of Education.

Special Certificate. — The following Monitors passed in the subjects shown against their names at examinations held at Stirling in October, 1938, and March, 1939:—Senior Monitor G. K. Long—British History; Monitor F. Pegg—British History, English "C," Mathematics "B"; Monitor E. L. Monaghan—British History.

First Class Certificate.—First Class Certificates of Education have been awarded to the following at examinations held at Stirling in October, 1938, and March, 1939:—Monitor E. L. Monaghan (distinguished in Mathematics), Boy-Serge. M. MacLeod—October, 1938. — Boy L/Cpl. C. A. Dunnigan, Boy H. D. Tempo—March, 1939.

At the same examinations the following passed in the subjects shown against their names:—Monitor J. W. Plummer—Geography, Mathematics; Monitor R. Ross—Geography; Sergt. G. Dawson—Geography; Sergt. F. Warne — Map Reading; Cpl. W. Richardson—Geography; Boy J. C. Campbell—Geography.

Second Class Certificate.—The following have

been awarded Second Class Certificates of Education:—

1708—Boy J. Darling.  
 1604—L/Cpl. R. Denholm.  
 1588—Cpl. D. Low.  
 1664—Cpl. T. Mooney.  
 1701—Boy W. McCutcheon.  
 1686—Cpl. W. McKendrick.  
 1645—Cpl. H. Paterson.  
 1673—L/Cpl. G. Smillie.  
 1620—D/Major G. West.  
 1641—Cpl. A. McDermid.  
 1610—Boy W. Murray.  
 1722—L/Cpl. H. Dyer.  
 1685—Boy A. Galloway.  
 1643—Cpl. D. Hutchison.  
 1749—Boy D. Marr.  
 1724—Boy T. Nailon.  
 1680—Boy J. Wilson.  
 1158—L/Cpl. W. Neill.  
 1682—C/Cpl. W. Davidson.  
 1709—Boy M. Lavin.  
 1704—Boy J. Marr.  
 1615—Boy S. Musk.  
 1690—Boy D. Macdonald.  
 1707—Boy R. McKenzie.  
 1608—Sergt. D. Robertson.  
 1654—Boy J. Taylor.  
 1659—Cpl. A. Garvie.  
 1631—Cpl. E. McKay.  
 1753—Boy B. Brown.  
 1670—Boy G. Gallacher.  
 1638—C/Cpl. F. Gibson.  
 1717—Boy H. McLeod.  
 1691—Cpl. J. Meenaghan.  
 1750—Boy P. Richmond.  
 1693—Boy N. Duncan.

## Examination for Army Apprentice Tradesmen.

The following passed the examination for Apprentice Tradesmen, and were admitted to Army Technical Schools (Boys) as shown against their names:—

1650—Cpl. A. McKell—Chepstow.  
 1596—Cpl. J. Stevenson (6th place in U.K.)—Chepstow.  
 1601—Boy G. Brittan—Chepstow.  
 1605—Boy J. Braid—Chepstow.  
 1623—Boy A. Audsley—Chepstow.  
 1600—Boy P. Gilliland—Chepstow.  
 1617—Boy A. Dunn—Chepstow.  
 1658—Boy J. Georgeson—Chepstow.  
 1627—Sergt. J. McCallum—Jersey.  
 1613—Boy J. McCartney—Jersey.  
 1608—Sergt. D. Robertson—Chepstow.  
 1664—Cpl. T. Mooney—Chepstow.  
 1642—L/Cpl. J. McRae—Chepstow.  
 1659—L/Cpl. A. Garvie—Chepstow.  
 1677—L/Cpl. J. Rafferty—Chepstow.  
 1685—Boy A. Galloway—Arborthfield.  
 1753—Boy B. Brown—Arborthfield.  
 1672—Boy J. Baxter—Arborthfield.  
 1671—Cpl. A. Dick—Arborthfield.  
 1679—Boy M. Melloy—Arborthfield.  
 1749—Boy D. Marr—Arborthfield.  
 1641—Pipe-Major A. McDermid—Arborthfield.  
 1680—Boy J. Wilson—Arborthfield.  
 1686—Cpl. W. McKendrick—Chatham (Royal Engineers).



- 1673—Sgt. G. Smillie—Catterick (Royal Corps of Signals).  
 1655—Sgt. John Richardson—Catterick (Royal Corps of Signals).  
 1666—Cpl. W. Richardson — Catterick (Royal Corps of Signals).  
 1645—Cpl. H. Paterson—Fort Darland (Chatham).  
 1691—Cpl. J. Meenaghan—Fort Darland (Chatham).

### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The following Monitors and N.C.O. passed the examination for "Entry of Aircraft Apprentices" (R.A.F.), and proceeded for training to the stations and on dates noted against their names:—

- 1522—Sergt. H. Reid, Halton—5/9/38.  
 1652—Monitor C. Hamilton, Uxbridge—24/9/38.  
 1498—Monitor R. Ross, Halton—16/1/39.

## Old Boy Visitors to the School Since July, 1938.

- 745—R. J. Taylor, London.  
 1604—R. Denholm—Glasgow.  
 397—J. Robertson, Edinburgh.  
 412—J. M. Taylor, Exeter.  
 1198—R. D. Hitchcock, Edinburgh.  
 1406—P. Wilson, Glasgow.  
 1449—A. Sutherland, Glasgow.  
 1428—W. Douglas, Glasgow.  
 1380—R. Hunter, Edinburgh.  
 1457—A. Ferguson, Glasgow.  
 1621—M. McLeod, Glasgow.  
 1523—N. McLeod, Glasgow.  
 1570—W. Hall, Perth.  
 1034—D. McKay, Edinburgh.  
 881—D. J. Wilson, Edinburgh.  
 545—G. Melloy, Edinburgh.  
 469—D. Bonnar, Edinburgh.  
 1186—B. Currie, St. Andrews.  
 29—J. Edmonds, Edinburgh.  
 1374—G. Munro, Leith.  
 902—D. Anderson, Edinburgh.  
 39—W. Burnett, Perth.  
 769—J. H. Millar, Depot, Royal Signals.  
 665—J. McVie, Edinburgh.

## A Visit to Paris.

Probably the best time to pay a visit to Paris is in the Autumn, when the midsummer heat has abated and the tourist can explore the city and its surroundings in a state of physical comfort. It is a city full of the most varied interest, and it is, indeed, almost hard work to gain the rudiments of a working knowledge of the place in the few brief weeks allotted to the average visitor.

The English traveller, on arriving at any of the big terminal stations of Paris, is plunged at once into what from many aspects seems to be an entirely new world. The language is different, the money is different, the philosophy and facial appearance of the people are different. He goes to a restaurant. He does not know what to order, and when his food is finally brought to him, he can scarcely recognise it; but he finds it delicious. He will experience the same thing time and time again. Once he has fathomed its

mysteries, he will enjoy it. Its very difficulties and differences are the essence of the mental stimulus which the place provides.

Paris, like every other capital city of Europe, possesses an atmosphere peculiarly its own, which seems to express itself in its impressive architecture, its gay café-lined boulevards and the popular tango music of which the French are so fond.

Parks and gardens are not nearly so numerous in Paris as in London, but to compensate for this, all the avenues and most of the boulevards of the city are lined with trees so that one gets the impression of never being completely absent from the country. There is nothing haphazard about the lay-out of Paris. Indeed, certain sections of it are absolutely symmetrical in design. A crowning example of this is the Place de L'Etoile, in the centre of which stands the famous Arc de Triomphe, built to commemorate the victories of Napoleon. From this "place" there radiate, like the spokes of a wheel, no less than thirteen tree-lined avenues leading to every part of the city. Similar examples are to be found in the Place de la Nation and the Place de la Bastille, which, like the Place de L'Etoile, are of immense size. The visitor to Paris who wishes to observe the symmetricalness can do no better than to take a walk from the Arc de Triomphe, along the Champs-Élysées, across the Place de la Concorde, and down through the Tuileries Gardens to the Louvre.

The streets of Paris are everywhere lined with cafés, where you hear the lilting strains of an orchestra intermingled with the clink of glasses and the hum of conversation to the early hours of the morning. You sit indoors during the winter, but for the remainder of the year, when the weather is fine, you may sit outside and survey the varied throng of passers-by. The cafés are one of the most outstanding features of Parisian life. Without them Paris would not be Paris. The Frenchman loves to spend his leisure hours there, taking his ease and indulging in his pipe or conversing with his friends.

The public buildings and chief avenues of Paris are particularly beautiful. The external appearance of the more famous churches is grand and impressive, the inside is rich and awe-inspiring. I refer particularly to Notre Dame on the Ile de la Cité, the Madeleine and the Sacre Cœur on the hill overlooking the Montmartre quarter of Paris. The Champs-Élysées is the most celebrated of all the avenues. It runs from the Arc de Triomphe at one end to the Place de la Madeleine at the other. As you travel along it you seem to pass from town to country. At one end near the Arc de Triomphe there are fashionable shops and cinemas; at the other it is pleasantly wooded, and ornamental restaurants and cafés are visible here and there through the trees.

A holiday in Paris would not be complete without paying a visit to the Palace of Versailles, which is pleasantly situated in woodlands about twelve miles outside the city. The first view of it literally takes one's breath away. It is surrounded by some hundreds of acres of ground, and the number of rooms in it runs into thousands. It virtually brings back to life the lavishness and splendour of the court of the Kings of France before the Revolution.

C. R. FROST.

## Retirement of Colonel S. A. Innes.

The retirai of Colonel S. A. Innes as Commandant of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, was referred to at the annual inspection of the School by Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Grant, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command.

Sir Charles observed that that was the last occasion upon which Colonel Innes would appear at an annual inspection as their Commandant. He was not only expressing his own opinion, but the feelings of everyone, when he said that the School owed a great debt to him. The outstanding work he had performed in the last eight years was reflected in the School. They owed him a great debt of gratitude, and he would like to thank him in front of them all.

The boys responded lustily to a call for three cheers by Colonel Innes, in thanks to the General for his address.

### A NOTABLE CAREER.

Colonel Innes, whose Perth residence is at Fairmount, Kinnoull, is to retire at the end of the year, although he does not reach the age limit until May, 1939.

Since he became Commandant of Queen Victoria School he has been instrumental in creating many changes, changes which have enhanced the prestige of the school.

Colonel Innes has had a life-long connection with The Black Watch. Educated at Rugby, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1898. A year later he was promoted Lieutenant and served throughout the South African War, in which he was awarded the Queen's Medal and three clasps. In December, 1903, he was gazetted Captain, and in the first year of the Great War he was appointed Major. For a time he was Adjutant of the Highland Cyclist Battalion and later temporary Lieutenant-Colonel of the 9th (Service) Battalion of the Regiment. While serving in France he was awarded the D.S.O. and bar.

After the war Colonel Innes (then Major) had command of the Depot, The Black Watch, at Perth from 1919 to 1922, and on being promoted Lieutenant-Colonel took over command of the 2nd Battalion of the Regiment. Four years later he was appointed Officer in charge of records at Perth, and in 1930 became Commandant of Queen Victoria School.

## Christmas Concert.

The Christmas concert given by the boys of the Queen Victoria School was by common consent the most artistic and the most entertaining for a number of years. The bitter weather minimised the attendance, but the attraction of the Q.V.S. Christmas concert is such that many people braved the icy roads to be present, and the hall was well filled when the curtain rose promptly at eight.

One of the cleverest items this year was a drama done in silhouette with a kind of Greek chorus—the verse-speaking choir—adding the words to the actions of the players. The subject was the rather grim one of the last days and execution of the Great Montrose. Another successful sketch took the audience to the bar parlour of a Western saloon, with the boys in ten-gallon hats and checked shirts singing those

rollicking songs of the range and the wagon trail. Some excellent comedy was introduced into this musical number, in which the young performers had the assistance of Sergeant Guttridge.

The piping and Highland dancing—this year under the supervision of Pipe-Major Geddes, late of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—was as skilled and impressive as ever, while the military band under Bandmaster Lax showed considerable versatility in a series of descriptive pieces telling of life on the farm. The band also played with its usual accomplishment and response a selection of Christmas carols; a quick march, "The Mechanised Army" (arr. McBain); and at the close, the song of the Queen Victoria School, which goes to the refrain of "The Green Hills of Tyrol."

To the great regret of the School this is the last concert at which Colonel S. A. Innes, the Commandant, will officiate. Colonel Innes, who is retiring shortly from the position, addressed the audience at the interval, and spoke with pride of the School's record as an adjunct to the Services and of the achievements of the boys in swimming and other matters during the year.

## Students' Room Notes.

The students' room is a classroom set aside for those boys who contemplate taking up a career in higher branches of the Navy, Army, or Air Force, such as artificers in the navy, an Instructor in the Army Educational Corps, or a commission in one of the three services.

This class at present consists of four monitors—Senior Monitor F. Pegg, Monitors E. L. Monaghan, J. W. Plummer and "Cornelius Aloysius Dunnigan," who is mentioned in various other sections of this magazine.

We congratulate Monitor F. Pegg on his success in winning the "Cranston Memorial" prize for an essay on "Citizenship." This prize was won last year by Monitor E. L. Monaghan. We also congratulate a Monitor, C. Dunnigan, on his success in winning the "Primus Medal" for the best scholar under fifteen years of age. This medal has been won by two other students, by Monitor Monaghan in 1937, and Monitor Plummer in 1938.

Monitor Pegg and Monitor Monaghan are studying to take the entrance examination for the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. Both of them possess an Army First Class Certificate of Education, and the former only requires French to complete his Army Special Certificate, and the latter requires three subjects to complete his.

Monitor Plummer (known to all as "Prof. Plum") is studying to take up a career in the Army Educational Corps as a schoolmaster. He is, as can be seen from his "nom de plume," a fellow of ability, but, unfortunately, like all professors, "Prof. Plum" has a bad memory. He is often seen to walk into an Algebra lesson with a geometry book in his hand. We don't know whether this is bad memory or not. But it is usual to find that he has completed his geometry exercises, and not his algebra. It seemingly pays to have a bad memory, think "Prof."

"Cornelius Aloysius Dunnigan," who has many "noms de plume" (as one can see if they refer to the monitors' room notes) is studying to take his Army Special Certificate. He has not yet decided which career he is going to take up, but we of the students (from observation) are sure he will become a person of position, as he is so fond of work that he often sleeps beside it.

The students' room being occupied by a quartette of very diligent workers it has not required much space to relate our ideas and experiences of the last three months.

Before we conclude, however, we should like to say that we owe a great debt to our staff of masters, who have given up much of their own time to devote their attention to us. We are one and all grateful to them, and take this opportunity to thank them for their unselfish devotion to our education.

E. L. M.

## Cranston Memorial Prize Essay, 1939.

(Frederick Pegg, age 17 years 4 months.)

### CITIZENSHIP.

In return for the sacrifices he makes to the State every British adult possesses certain privileges. In the olden days these privileges could be bought for large sums of money, but to-day it is ours by right of birth. It was given to us by our forefathers, who won great political victories in bygone years. It is essential that children should be taught Citizenship. No nation can hold an exalted position in the civilised world unless the men and women of the country fully understand their system of citizenship. The Britain of to-morrow will not be happy if the children of to-day are not taught to meet the tasks and responsibilities of their future. No matter whether these tasks be social, political, or in their ordinary working life, the result will be unhappiness unless the children are taught the duties and privileges of a British citizen. Knowing these will arouse an interest in the country's welfare. The actual citizens are a nation's real strength, and a citizen's personal qualities are what count in the struggle of life.

People of to-day accept the benefits of Citizenship as a matter of course; they do not think of them. Therefore it should be the duty of the State to foster the children of to-day, to bring them up in their civic duties, and even to teach them the country's history and its principles.

The State is a community of human beings living together in a settled place. Man's natural habit has always been to congregate, because man is a gregarious animal. This herding instinct is the basis of the State. It is a marvellous achievement to ponder over, that forty million can live together in goodwill and peace, inspired by a love of their country. A government is set up by the people, and the first aim of this government is the welfare of the State. In this idea of government lies the essence of the organisation known as the State.

The State provides free education for all. If the child's parents are poor the State awards scholarships and free grants to enable the child to carry on until he or she is old enough to enter the university. The parents should encourage their children to aim high at school, not only for his own advantage but also for that of the State. If children are to be successful in the world, they must be prepared to meet the world. Habits, such as obedience, perseverance, and discipline must be cultivated. This is all done at school by teachers who have been trained by the State. At school the character of the individual is built up. In the modern world one must not forget that knowledge is power.

Parents should keep themselves and their children clean. A few years ago some quarter of a million children were so unhealthy that they could not benefit by any education. The State has introduced means to combat pestilences, and provides for the necessary drainage and sewerage systems needed all over the country. The people should react to the efforts made by the State, and keep their homes and themselves clean.

After leaving school one goes to work; one must work in order to live. It is one of the laws of nature that life be supported by toil. Likewise, if the State is to become powerful, its citizens must work. The State can only be made wealthy by the labours and industrial ability of its people, and wealth in this modern world means power. The richer the State the better the conditions of living will be.

One of the greatest problems the State deals with is the care of the poor and destitute. Some people are responsible for their own poor conditions, but the State is willing to forget the past and to think only of the present and future. The central government deals with the general conditions of poverty. It controls the housing of families; makes free education possible, though compulsory, and grants old age pensions to all persons over 70 years of age. The local government provide workhouses for people who are entirely destitute, and has also adopted a system of public works.

## A History Alphabet.

- A stands for Anne,  
In a war she did reign;
- B stands for Blenheim,  
Where the French were a pain.
- C stands for Cromwell,  
A life he did take;
- D stands for Daedalus,  
Wax wings he did make.
- E stands for Edinburgh,  
Scotland's capital town;
- F stands for France,  
Which gradually went down.
- G stands for Gibraltar,  
Which we've 'tended well;
- H stands for Hastings,  
Where the Normans did swell.
- I stands for Inkerman,  
With Russia our foe;
- J stands for James,  
And he had to go.
- K stands for Kitchener,  
At Omdurman he fought;
- L stands for Lucknow,  
Which the mutineers sought.
- M stands for Montcalm,  
A great general was he;
- N stands for Napoleon,  
But he's a bit wee.
- O stands for Oudenarde,  
Where Marlborough did fight;
- P stands for Pitt,  
Who stood for the right.
- Q stands for Quebec,  
The great decider;
- R stands for Robert,  
Who watched the spider.
- S stands for Saintes,  
The British fleet did win;
- T stands for Toulon,  
Where the French were kept in.
- U stands for uniform,  
Our armies were red;
- V stands for the Victorians,

## Chips.

[Not, my friends, to be confused or associated with fish.]

An article from the Woodwork Department has never before appeared in "The Victorian," but for all that we have been doing our fair share of the hard work.

We have had quite a successful year; many boys leaving for the several Army Technical School. Incidentally we wish them every success in their new undertakings.

Our usual show will be one of the features of Inspection Day on Thursday, 20th July, 1939.

Technical drawing still attracts large numbers of boys, while others are equally happy splashing paint on themselves as well as on their jobs.

As no one has yet managed to impale himself on a chisel or bang his fingers too hard with a hammer, we may conclude by saying we have had a fairly happy year.

H. M.

## An Examination.

With burrowed brow and anxious mien,  
The hapless group can now be seen  
Working for their lives, I mean,  
'Tis an Examination.

The elusive X they hunt and chase,  
Cudgelling brains for some faint trace  
Of what they have been taught, in place  
For an Examination.

Meanwhile the time goes quickly by,  
'Tis half-time, with many a sigh  
"Grey matter" to their tasks they ply,  
Confound Examinations.

Dulards write and scowl and groan,  
Eye the clock with inward moan  
When had the stuff to them been shown  
Before the Examinations.

M. MOONEY, Form IV.

## Snips from the Tailors' Shop.

Since our last issue of the "Victorian," we have lost a very good tailor in Malcolm McLeod. Malcolm went to civil life, and we wish him the best of luck in his new occupation.

We also have four new boys in our ranks, and we hope they will soon be able to take a share in the daily work. Up to the present they are showing good progress.

The result of the tailors' competition was as follows:—

Senior Class—1, Boy R. Mackenzie, D Coy.; 2, Cpl. R. Morton, C Coy.; 3, Cpl. I. Tollerton, C Coy.

Junior Class—1, Boy G. Clark, C Coy.; 2, Cpl. J. Hill, B Coy.; 3, Boy J. Kidney, C Coy.

Looking forward to our holidays, and hoping the weather will help us to

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