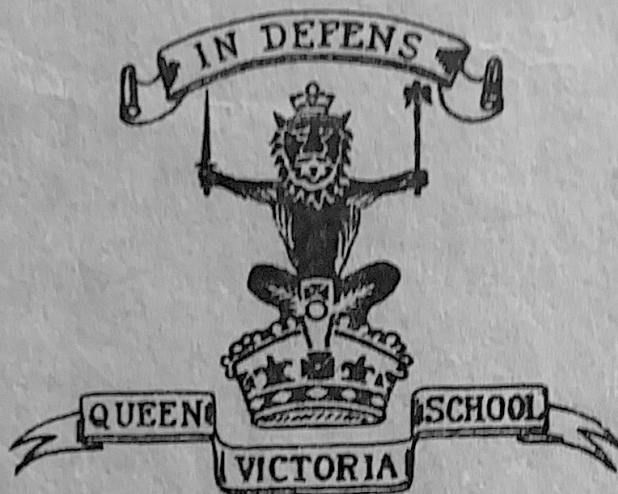


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THIS year is the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the South African War, or the Boer War as it is more generally known, and Commemoration Ceremonies were held in London on 15th, 16th and 17th July. This School is the Scottish National War Memorial to those who fell in that war, and the funds for the building of the School were obtained from all over Scotland. One of the last acts performed by Queen Victoria before she died was her signing of a document approving of the scheme.

It is therefore very fitting that the Edinburgh Branch of the South African War Veterans' Association should have arranged, as part of their commemoration ceremonies, to visit the School on Grand Day. Their numbers are expected to be round about 50, including wives, and we extend them a very hearty welcome.

We welcome Lieut.-General Sir Gordon MacMillan, Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command—as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners. We are also delighted to have General Sir A. F. Philip Christison back again on the Board, after only a few weeks absence from it—this time as representative of the Eastern District of Scotland.

Incidentally both General MacMillan and General Christison are Patrons of the Edinburgh Branch of the South African Veterans' Association.

It is with deep regret that we have to record elsewhere in this issue the death of Sir George Stirling of Glorat who has been one of His Majesty's Commissioners for a long period of years.

January saw a big change in the life of the Form VI Boys, who are those selected to stay on after the school leaving age. Arrangements have been made for those boys to attend McLaren High School, Callander, daily, and they, five in number, started work there at the beginning of January and are now completing their second term. It is perhaps early to give a final opinion on the success of the scheme, but there is no doubt that the boys like it and the Headmaster of McLaren High School has said that he would like to take many more boys of that kind—so the scheme has made a propitious start. Divided loyalties have not made themselves felt, and the boys still play their part in the life of this School at all times when not at Callander. McLaren High School produced "Iolanthe" a week or two ago and toured their district for a week, ending up in Dunblane. Three of our McLaren High School boys formed part of the cast. It was a first class show for boys and girls of those ages. (Monitor J. Colbert took a leading part as the Earl of Tolloller and Monitor Peachey was the Sentry. Monitor McGuirk was in the Chorus of Peers as the self-styled Duke of Doncaster.)

News from Major MacDonald tells us that after a short spell in the Canal Zone, he has ended up in Nairobi as Supervising Officer R.A.E.C. to the Sub-Area. His wife is also out there teaching but unfortunately she failed to get a post in Nairobi, but is in a nearby Military Station.

The Rev. Leslie Pennell after 19 years as Rector of St. Mary's, Dunblane, and Chaplain to the Episcopalian boys of the School, has left us to be Provost of Inverness Cathedral, and we wish him and Mrs Pennell and the twins every happiness in the far north.

The Rev. Walter Gorin has taken his place, having come from a church in Edinburgh. Mr Hutchison who, as assistant in Dunblane Cathedral, preached in the Chapel every Sunday for well over a year, left us at the end of December, on being ordained to the charge of Erskine, Saltcoats. He was just the right type to talk to boys and is missed by all. The Rev. A. S. Dingwall has very kindly been officiating since he left and until the new assistant arrives.

The following masters have left us since the last issue:—Messrs Parham, Jerstice, Buffard, White, Taylor, P.R., Davidson, and Williams, and the following have joined—Messrs Roche, Dean, Bellion, Jones, Smith, and Burns.

Congratulations are due to Sgt. Roche who has distinguished himself in the field of Sport—playing for the Army at Rugger against the R.A.F., at Twickenham, and the French Army, in Paris. His successes at Athletics are given elsewhere.

Miss Fraser, our only Army School Mistress and our Art Mistress, has just been warned for Foreign Service. She has been with the School for nearly four years and takes the keenest interest in all the affairs of the School and is never absent from a School match however unpropitious the weather. She was an able assistant to Mrs Dunglison in the production of "Aladdin" last term. We are very sorry to lose her.

We were all glad to see C.S.M. Pears back again at duty after his illness and operation. While he was away, Capt. Mackison, late of the Gordon Highlanders, ably filled the gap and looked after the youngsters' Company.

We are most grateful to the Royal Scots for again letting us have their band for our Sports Day. It is the making of the Day and their performance was much appreciated by all.

All our three bands have been very busy with engagements and have been making many corners in Scotland gay with their Red and Green Jackets and their music. May the day never come, when these jackets are no longer worn. The bands in this, their traditional dress, form a constant reminder to Scotland of this fine War Memorial which she has erected.

Obituary

Sir George Stirling, Ninth Baronet of Glorat, C.B.E., D.S.O., Lord Lieutenant of the County of Stirling and Keeper of Dumbarton Castle, died suddenly in Stirling on 1st May.

He has been one of His Majesty's Commissioners for this School for a considerable number of years. He was a well-known figure here as he was a frequent visitor to the School and his interest in it was unflagging.

He will be greatly missed from the Board of Commissioners and we offer our deepest sympathy to Lady Stirling and his family.

Capt. W. Price, who was a Company Sergeant Major in charge of "A" Company at the School from 1912 to 1930, died in Edinburgh, on 8th April.

After 21 years' service in The Royal Scots he came to the School in 1912, was called up in 1914, served throughout the war and obtained his Commission.

He returned to the School after the war and left in 1930 to take up the post of Superintendent of Whiteford House, the home of the Scottish War Veterans, where he was when he died. He and his wife were regular attenders at Grand Day. We offer our deepest sympathy to his widow.

Lt.-Col. David Mathers, who was the first Adjutant of this School when it was opened in 1908, died in Edinburgh on the 21st April.

He visited the School last Grand Day with Mrs Mathers and presented us then with his photograph album which he kept when he was Adjutant. It is full of photographs of boys of that date and has already proved of great interest to Old Boy visitors. When Colonel Mathers was Adjutant, Colonel Wilkinson was the Commandant and Sergeant Major Lindsay the Regimental Sergeant Major.

Colonel Mathers had a long and distinguished army career, having served with the Chitral Relief Expedition in 1895, in the South African war of 1899-1901, and in the first world war. After retiring from the army in 1920 he was appointed Secretary of the British Legion in Scotland. He was 79 years of age.

We offer Mrs Mathers our deepest sympathy.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of one of our oldest Old Boys, School No. 21 J. T. Mair at his home at Mid Calder on 8th July, aged 50. He was one of the staunchest supporters of the Edinburgh Branch of the Old Boys' Association. We offer our deepest sympathy to his widow.

Visiting Commissioners

Brigadier-General Sir Norman Orr Ewing inspected the School on 22nd March, and Admiral Sir Colin Cantlie on the 31st May.

In the former case the boys were on parade with the bands in full dress. After the inspection Sir Norman Orr Ewing took the salute as the boys marched past. He then commenced his inspection of the School premises, which he completed after he had had lunch in the School.

Admiral Sir Colin Cantlie inspected the boys in their dormitories, and thereafter carried out an inspection of the School premises. After luncheon in the School he saw the Senior Boys' Band practice.

Visitors to the School

Sir John Falconer, Visiting Commissioner.
Mr W. W. Smith, Luther Crescent, Innerleithen.
Mr E. B. Jeffree, Marischal College, Aberdeen.
Mr D. Emslie, 18 Sands Street, Elgin.
Mr W. B. Cameron, J.P., Craigmoray, Elgin.
Lt.-Col. C. B. Davies, S.O.1, Edinburgh H.Q., Highland District.
Dr. D. Dickson, H.M. Inspector Scottish Education Department, Alloa.
Major Moore, Div. Pay, H.Q. Highland District.
Captain A. Mann, Visiting Paymaster, Highland District.
Sir John Mackay Thomson, Secretary Scottish Education Department.
Colonel O'Reilly, D.D.D.S., H.Q. Scottish Command.
Lt.-Col. A. N. Moon, A.D.D.S., H.Q., Lowland District.
Lt.-Col. E. MacDonald, C.R.E., Highland District.
Brig-General Sir Norman Orr Ewing, Bt., C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., Visiting Commissioner.
Colonel G. Alley, A.D.M.S., Highland District.
Admiral Sir Colin Cantlie, K.B.E., C.B.E., D.S.O., Visiting Commissioner.
Lt.-Col. C. M. Priestly, SO1 (Edn.), H.Q. Scottish Command.
Colonel W. M. W. Smith, Col. A/Q Highland District.
Major, R. C. Lisle, D.A.Q.M.G., (A.C.C.N), Scottish Command.
Capt. J. F. Parnell, A. & S. Highlanders, Stirling Castle.
Lt.-Col. H. D. Anthony, War Office Chief Inspector, D.A.E.
Mr G. T. Pringle, Scottish Education Department.
Lt.-Col. J. D. Patullo, SO1, R.E., H.Q., Scottish Command.
Lt.-Col. I. C. Harris, R.U.R., A.Q.M.G., Scottish Command.

Old Boy Visitors

Old Boys who have visited the School since December, 1948:—

James R. Pirie (81), H.Q. Lowland District.
John H. Slorance (648), Stirling.
James T. Meenaghan (1691), Stirling.
Bernard Gaynor (681), Edinburgh.
Donald Craggs (360), Stewarton.
Alex. Wilson (1862), Glasgow.
James Anderson (1941), R.E.M.E.
John McKay (2166), Perth.
James Curran (2167), Edinburgh.
J. D. MacLeod, R.A.F.
John Chisholm (120), Glasgow.
John D. Fraser, Dundee.
Ernest Elder (575), Edinburgh.
Robert Elder (865), Leeds.
William McQuarrie (1213), Glasgow.
John G. Young (1159), The Black Watch.
John G. Craig (1117), Glasgow.
M. Anderson (687), Glasgow.
J. M. McLeod (373), Glasgow.
G. A. Coyle (382), Edinburgh.
W. D. Barron (1508), Edinburgh.
T. J. Mitchell (2067), Edinburgh.
C. M. Barron (1488), Edinburgh.
Edward McCann (2057), Edinburgh.

J. Sinclair (622), Edinburgh.
 W. Learmonth (576), Edinburgh.
 Edwin Coull (1513), Edinburgh.
 W. A. McKinnell, Edinburgh.
 Ben. Duncan (2047), Crieff.
 H. J. Harrison (67), Edinburgh.
 Wm. Robertson (452), Edinburgh.
 J. Meenaghan, Stirling.
 A. Dick, Stirling.
 T. Meenaghan, Stirling.
 G. Melloy (545), Stirling.
 D. J. Wilson (881), Edinburgh.
 J. L. Brown (1311), Glasgow.
 Geo. R. Archer (559), East Lothian.
 John M. Williamson (2007), Dunblane.
 D. Hume, Glasgow.
 P. F. Robertson, Stirling.
 J. G. Young, Bishopton.
 G. H. Maitland (1069), Glasgow.
 J. B. Rigg (1514), Edinburgh.
 J. S. Robertson (1744), Fallin.
 J. M. Garron (1194), Edinburgh.
 T. Mallinson (329), Glasgow.
 J. Slattery (492), Edinburgh.
 F. Gibson (1638), Perth.
 A. C. Sutherland (1449), Loch Luichart.
 P. B. Pirie (164), Dover.
 George Fox (259), Castle Douglas.
 Captain Thomsan (928), B.A.O.R.
 James Mair (21), Mid Calder.

Minutes of a Meeting of Queen Victoria Old Boys' Association,

Held in the Conference Room on Sunday,
8th May, 1949.

Those present:—Commandant, Lt.-Colonel G. E. Hall, M.C.; Headmaster, Major D. G. Washtell; Admin. Officer, Captain S. H. Cooper; R.S.M., R.S.M. W. Watson, B.E.M.; 40 Old Boys were present. (List attached.)

The Chairman then invited the respective Branch Presidents to sit at the Chairman's table.

The Commandant extended a hearty welcome to all present, and a special one to the newly-formed Stirling Branch.

He then opened the meeting by intimating, with regret, the deaths of three persons closely connected with the School:—Col. Sir George Stirling, one of His Majesty's Commissioners; Lt.-Col. D. Mathers, first Adjutant at the School; Captain W. M. Price, once a member of the School staff and of the staff of Whiteford House.

The Commandant then gave a resumé of the School activities over the past year.

He took the opportunity of introducing the new Headmaster—Major Washtell, and went on to explain that alterations in the School syllabi were taking place, and reduction in the size of classes.

Proposals are in hand to work for School Leaving Certificate in preference to Army Certificate of Education.

Constant changing of Masters created difficulties in keeping up the higher training. As a result, selected older boys were being sent to Callander High School.

He concluded by saying that it was hoped at some later date to have the School music broadcasted, and that B.B.C. representatives had already visited the School.

The Presidents of all three Branches were then invited to give an account of their own branch activities.

Mr Harrison, President of Edinburgh Branch, rose to say that on behalf of all members of his Branch he deeply sympathised with the recent deaths as read out by the Commandant.

He then said he would like it known that the Edinburgh Branch was not broken up, but that it was very much alive. Members still met at the Cameron Club. A dart team was entered in the local league, and that it visited all the Regimental Clubs in the district.

Every effort was being made to get more members to come along, and it was hoped one day to have their own room to meet in.

He then concluded by reading out the names of the football team—Old Boys v. the School. This met with much applause.

Mr McQueen, Glasgow Branch, also extended deepest sympathy on the recent deaths, and then called on Mr McLeod to speak for Glasgow.

Mr McLeod gave greetings to the new Headmaster, and wished him happiness in his new appointment.

He then said that the Glasgow Branch had done much to publicise the School, including letters to the B.B.C., Wilfred Pickles, and the Scottish Football Association, and he felt sure that the recent engagement of the Band at Ibrox Park and the possibility of broadcasting at the School was by no small measure attributed to this correspondence.

A very comprehensive annual report of the Glasgow Branch was then read out.

Mr McKinnell, Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch, said he thought the Old Boys' Association should have been included in the distribution of the new brochure, instead of hearing about it from an outside source. He also said it was the opinion of many members that the School was not interested in the Old Boys, and thought for that reason they would not join the Association.

He felt the Regimental Clubs should also be given more information about the School.

The Commandant replied, saying that although the issue of the brochure was not made by the School, he felt that the reason why they were not included was because the Old Boys knew all about the School, and therefore did not require one. Every effort is made when boys leave the School for them to join one of the branches, and they are encouraged to become regular readers of "The Victorian."

It was then suggested that names and addresses of all boys leaving should be forwarded to the nearest Old Boys' Association, as it was felt that some assistance could be given. The Commandant agreed to do this.

Mr Slorance then spoke of the Stirling Branch, and said that, although it had just been formed, it was hoped to get more members and to invite the other branches to Stirling. A very successful dance had already been held, and it was hoped to hold more.

The meeting was then concluded with very best wishes and good luck extended to Colonel Hall, as it was expected that he would not be in the chair next year.

Attendance "Old Boys' Day," Sunday, 8th May, 1949

T. J. Meenaghan, Stirling.
 E. B. Blake, 1834, Stirling.
 E. McCann, 2057, Edinburgh.
 G. R. Archer, 559, Edinburgh.
 T. J. Mitchell, 2067, Edinburgh.
 J. G. Young, 1159, Glasgow.
 W. D. Barron, 1308, Edinburgh.
 N. Coull, 1513, Edinburgh.
 C. M. Barron, 1488, Edinburgh.
 D. Y. Wilson, 881, Edinburgh.
 J. Rigg, 1514, Edinburgh.
 A. Dick, 1671, Stirling.
 P. F. Robertson, 1509, Stirling.
 J. H. Slorance, 648, Stirling.
 J. M. McLeod, 373, Glasgow.
 G. C. Dowling, 269, Stirling.
 M. Robertson, 252, Edinburgh.
 M. Barron, 1194, Edinburgh.
 W. McPherson, 1193, Edinburgh.
 J. L. Brown, 1311, Glasgow.
 J. G. Craig, 1117, Glasgow.
 W. G. McQuarrie, 1213, Glasgow.
 D. Hume, 1696, Glasgow.
 G. Malloy, 545, Edinburgh.
 G. A. Coyle, 389, Edinburgh.
 W. J. McKinnell, 336, Edinburgh.
 W. Carruthers, 2073, Dunblane.
 W. Stewart, 2055, Glasgow.
 J. Tripney, 2090, Stirling.
 J. Curran, 2167, Edinburgh.
 G. H. Maitland, 1069, Glasgow.
 T. Mallinson, 329, Glasgow.
 J. Mitchell, 909, Edinburgh.
 J. R. Pirie, 81, Glasgow.
 J. M. Williamson, 2007, Stirling.
 J. G. Young, 1978, Glasgow.
 B. McG. Duncan, 2047, Crieff.
 J. Slattery, 492, Edinburgh.
 P. B. Taylor, 582, Headquarters.
 D. McQueen, 666, Glasgow.

Annual Report—Old Boys' Association

Glasgow and West of Scotland District.

Once again we are delighted to be back in our old school — especially on this occasion, "Old Boys' Day." Our numbers, unfortunately, are not very big, but to recall a remark made by Mr M. Anderson two years ago, "when ever there is an "Old Boys' Day" representatives will be present from Glasgow—here we are, and as a branch, our struggle to keep going has been a very difficult one, and if it were not for a few very loyal enthusiasts the Branch just would not function.

Our very good friends, "The Camerons," of 30 Elmbank Crescent, still give us the use of their rooms, twice monthly. We appreciate very much the kindness shown at all times by the members of this grand club. We feel that we would like to record our appreciation of the Camerons' Club for a grand job of work at Christmas, when they took in hand the entertaining of about 18 school boys, who for various reasons were unable to go home for holidays. This

wonderful gesture by the Camerons was the talk of the Regimental Clubs, and we feel that the Camerons started something. We thank you.

Our average attendance is ten members per meeting night—a most discouraging figure. "Change of nights—costly correspondence, functions, etc.," don't seem to make any difference to our numbers—sad but true—so it says a great deal for that grand little band who turn up with unfailing regularity. During the past winter we have not had many functions, therefore our financial position is more or less the same, and that is quite healthy. A dance was held in Maryhill Barracks, and a grand "Get Together" in the H.L.I. Club. Both functions were great social successes, especially the latter, although unfortunately we lost financially at our "Get Together."

One disappointing feature about the "Get Together" was that we had no representatives from the school, and that what should have been our star turn of the night, "The School Dancers," were unable to appear. Once a month we hold a small Whist Drive in the Camerons' Club, this little night is really one of our best, and we would like to record our very grateful thanks to those ladies who month after month come along to the Whist, if only the same enthusiasm could be shown by many old boys resident in Glasgow, our Branch would be in a very flourishing state.

Small as our Branch is, we regret having to erase the names from our books of two members, for conduct detrimental to the well being of the branch. Both men were given every opportunity to straighten things out, but unfortunately our requests were ignored.

Mr Wm. Cosgrave, an old school boy, has been lying in Stobhill Hospital for many months, critically ill. Although not a member of the branch, we have kept continually inquiring for him, and on occasions visiting him. We are pleased to say that he is now on the road to recovery.

A grand worker for the branch, Mr F. Kirkpatrick, who has been ill for quite a long time, left for Buxton on Tuesday last for a fortnight's convalescence—we wish him a speedy recovery and happy convalescence.

Sergeant "Curly" MacLeod, R.A.F., sailed on Wednesday for the Far East, we wish him Bon Voyage. A letter from Corporal McVicar of the Commandos was received, wishing the Glasgow Branch good luck. McVicar is stationed in Malta.

Now, the Glasgow Branch having said their piece, wish all our comrades wherever they may be, Best Wishes, and a hearty welcome to our little meetings on the first Thursday of every month.

GLASGOW BRANCH.

Old Boys' Association

Stirling and District Branch Formed.

A Stirling and District Branch of the Old Boys' Association of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, was formed late in 1948 at a meeting held by a small band of enthusiasts in the Golden Lion Hotel. After the preliminary organisation work was discussed, it was agreed to commence social activities with a darts match against the School staff early in the New Year.

Office-bearers were appointed as follows:—President—J. Meenaghan; Vice-President—R. Scott; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—J. H. Slorance, 41 Abbey Road, Stirling.

The objects of the Association include the continuance of the comradeship and fellowship formed during School life, and all ex-pupils of the School resident in the neighbourhood and desirous of joining the Branch should contact the Honorary Secretary.

DANCE

The first social function sponsored by the newly-formed Stirling Branch of the Queen Victoria School Old Boys' Association was held early in 1949, when they staged a most successful dance in the Golden Lion Hotel.

The company, which included representatives from the Glasgow Branch and members of the Q.V.S. staff, numbered about 150. Music was provided by the Bohemian Band from Denny. The duties of M.C. were carried through by Mr J. Meenaghan, Stirling.

Old Boys' News

An unexpected but welcome visitor arrived at the School, Number 924 William McDougal, who joined the school, 1st September, 1922, and left for home July, 1928. He later joined the Cameronians in March, 1929, and served with that Regiment until the last war when he joined the Paratroopers and gave excellent service to his country. He was awarded the Military Medal for work in Yugoslavia, February, 1945, and was mentioned in Despatches for service in the Dodecanese Islands, July, 1944. He is now in civilian life and is at present employed with the War Department Constabulary, Chorley, Lancs.

We had a letter from School No. 242 A. E. Norriss recently from Cowley, Oxford. His father served in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and all his sons (7 in number) were in the School. Their particulars are as follows:—

School No.	144	N. R. B. Norriss
	145	A. J. S. Norriss
	242	A. E. Norriss
	564	C. E. Norriss
	565	A. J. Norriss
	809	H. E. J. Norriss
	1063	G. C. Norriss

I think this must almost be a family record for the School. Does anyone know of a larger number of brothers at this School?

Entertainment

During the Holidays a number of boys were left behind in the School and the following extract from a magazine will let you know how they were entertained for part of the time:

"A word about the Queen Victoria Schoolboys who were present at our entertainment for the children and dependents of members of the Club. At a Committee meeting in December it was decided to invite the sons of Camerons, being educated at Dunblane and who were homeless, to our Christmas Treat. The Commandant's reply was that there were no Cameron High-

landers who were homeless, but that there were 18 boys who would be left at the School. It was there and then decided that we invite them to our treat, irrespective of what service they belonged to. And so they came, and the look of appreciation that shone on their faces amply repaid us for inviting them. This did not finish the entertaining of the boys, as after tea had been served at the Club they had a night at the Pictures, where a pleasant evening was spent. There was keen competition as to who would be their hosts for the two nights, and the following gentlemen took them in charge—Major A. R. Watts, Mr John Bernard, B.L., Mr Sinclair, and Mr J. M. Davidson. The Clubmaster of the Naval Club heard of our visitors, and he called to enquire if there were any "Sons of the Sea" among them, and, on being told there were two, he laid claim to them. The rest of the party were claimed by several Old Boys of the School. The following day all met at the Club and were taken to the Circus and Carnival at Kelvin Hall. We found many friends there. Mr Wesley, sweetmeat caterer, gave each a free issue of all that was on his stall; Inspector Turbine, of the City of Glasgow Transport Department, used his influence with the "powers that be" to get them entertained; and Mr Hill of the Navy, and Major Heron of Dalmuir, did likewise. After a meal at the Club they were taken away by their hosts to be privately entertained, and at 10 a.m. on Thursday, they were on their way to Dunblane carrying parcels of presents—the gifts of kindly people."

Weddings

School No. 1496 Sgt. J. C. Robertson, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and an Old Boy of the School, was married at Stirling on 18th May. School No. 1486 Sgt. John Oliver, of the same Regiment and also an Old Boy, was his best man. He was taken prisoner early in the last war, and left recently with the 1st Bn. for Hong Kong.

We had a visit from School No. 928 Captain David Thompson on 9th June. He was on his honeymoon, having been married the previous day at Birmingham, and was accompanied by his wife. He left the School in 1928, and shortly afterwards joined the H.L.I. as a Band Boy. In 1939 he was invalided home. After a short spell attached to Movement Control, he was commissioned in the Indian Army Ordnance Corps and later transferred to R.A.O.C., with whom he is now serving in Hanover. He tells me that School No. 64 Major A. V. S. Linton, who was commissioned in 1939, is serving in the same Unit.

Vale

Boys who have left the School since December, 1948:—

- D/M. W. Stewart, to civilian life.
- Sgt. I. Hay, to civilian life.
- Cpl. W. Duncan, to civilian life.
- Cpl. D. Cumming, to civilian life.
- Boy D. Pickles, withdrawn by parents.
- Boy C. Griffiths, withdrawn by parents.
- Boy S. Howard, withdrawn by parents.

Boy A. Anderson, withdrawn by parents.
 Boy A. T. Mackenzie, discharge on medical grounds.
 Boy J. Naismith, withdrawn by parents.
 Sgt. J. Dignan, joined Royal Scots Band.
 Cpl. J. Sharp, joined G.S.C., Harrowgate.
 R/M. J. Robertson, joined G.S.C., Taunton.
 C/Cpl. H. Griffiths, to civilian life.
 Boy J. McKay, to civilian life.
 L/C. J. Curran, to civilian life.
 Boy D. Hawthorne, withdrawn by parents.
 Boy J. Charleston, withdrawn by parents.
 Boy J. Pringle, withdrawn by parents.

D.Y.R.M.S. CONTINGENT

C/Cpl. R. Carr, to civilian life.
 Cpl. J. Wheeler, to civilian life.
 Sgt. S. Colman, to civilian life.
 Sgt. E. Bolam, to civilian life.
 Cpl. J. Gange, to civilian life, pending R.A.F.
 Cpl. D. Craddock, withdrawn by parents.
 Mon. P. Walters, to civilian life.
 C/Cpl. D. Kent, to civilian life.
 Boy C. Coffey, boy entrant to R.A.F.

Salve

Boys who have joined the School since December, 1948:—

Name. Date of Joining. Father's Regiment.
 W. B. G. Haggart, 4-1-1949, R.A.O. Corps.
 J. A. Fairbairn, 4-1-1949, Cameronians (S.R.).
 D. Cramb, 4-1-1949, Black Watch.
 A. Quinn, 4-1-1949, Royal Engineers.
 J. Findlay, 4-1-1949, H.L. Infantry.
 D. L. Craggs, 4-1-1949, Cameronians (S.R.).
 A. W. Grieve, 4-1-1949, A. and S. Highlanders.
 J. W. Hendry, 4-1-1949, Lovat Scouts.
 C. Carcary, 25-4-1949, Black Watch.
 T. Murphy, 25-4-1949, Black Watch.
 P. W. W. Dempsey, 25-4-1949, R.E.M.E.
 D. J. Sivewright, 25-4-1949, Black Watch.

Whitehead Shield

"A" Company .. 173.0 average
 "B" Company .. 178.57 average
 "D" Company .. 178.42 average

Company Championship Shield, 1949

Competition	"A"	"B"	"D"
Education	1	3	2
Rugby Football .. .	3	1	2
Boxing	2	3	1
Cricket	3	2	1
Athletics	3	2	1
Swimming	3	2	1
Shooting	2	3	1
Drill	2	1	3
Interior Economy .. .	3	2	1
*Association Football ..	2½	2½	1
Dancing	2	3	1
Cross-Country Running ..	2	3	1
Hockey	2	3	1

Totals 30½ 30½ 17

Result:—1, "B"†; 2, "A"; 3, "D."

* "A" Company won the Shield in the play-off.

† "B" Company placed first by virtue of winning the Whitehead Shield.

Company Notes

"A" COMPANY

I am afraid that I do not like the conventional phrases used by Monitors in starting their Company notes, so I will have to do without one.

Since our last issue we have lost several of our bigger boys, C-Cpl. Carr and Cpl. Cummings to civilian life. Pipe Major Robertson to the A.A. School, Taunton, and Cpl. Gange to the R.A.F., Cpls. Sharp and Davis have been transferred to B Company and Cpl. Creek to C Company. In their places we have received numerous small boys plus Sgt. MacKenzie and P.M. Williamson. I am sorry but I am unable to give you a list of the old A Company boys who visited us, because there are too many of them. We welcome their visits however and hope they will come and see us again.

The Company has not had such great successes in sport this term as we have had in the past. We have won the Football and Rugby Shields, came second in the Cross Country run, the Hockey Cup, the Drill Competition and the Boxing Cup. Monitor McGuirk brought the Individual cross country cup to our shelf and the best loser's Cup in Boxing was won by A. Cunningham. So far we have won two Cricket matches against B Company. In the Athletics A Company carried off the Championship, Dandy Ninth Cup, the Relay Cup, Long Jump Cup, and Putting the Shot Cup, as well as the Swimming Cup.

The following boys represented the School, in Rugby—R. Smith, A. Williamson, D. Leel, J. Noble, A. Creek and C. Sanderson.

In Soccer—R. Smith, V. McGuirk, C. Sanderson, R. Thomson.

In Hockey—A. Creek, C. Sanderson, D. Leel, R. Smith.

In Cricket—R. Smith, C. Sanderson, D. Axe, D. Leel, J. Harold, J. Noble.

In Athletics—R. Smith, J. Noble, V. McGuirk, A. Williamson, D. Leel, R. Cavers, J. Creek, C. Sanderson, A. Cunningham, J. Stewart, D. Axe.

In Boxing—C. Sanderson, Cunningham, Cavers, Williamson, and Noble.

In Shooting—Sanderson and Axe.

Thus it can be seen that A Company is doing its best for the prestige of the School.

We are still the Kit Inspection Kings. We have won both this term so far with the Baird Dorm, the best each time. I think this reflects great credit on Mr Maxwell who makes us look after our kit and makes us keep deficiencies at the minimum.

We only managed to get second place in the Shooting Competition.

How Mr Maxwell manages to stick being our C.S.M. I do not know, but he still keeps on. I would like to wish him and his family luck in the future even although Cloncarrig let him down in the National.

Well, that is all for now, readers, so cheerio and good luck from A Company.

CHINWAG.

"B" COMPANY

At the end of last term we lost two boys, C/Cpl. Kent to civilian life, and L/Cpl. Coffey to the R.A.F. Although sorry to lose them, I am sure the whole Company joins me in wishing them all the best in their future lives.

I would like to take this chance of welcoming three new boys to the Company, Boy Davis and Boy Sharp as Corporals from "A" company and Boy Anderson as C/Cpl. from "D" Company.

In the sporting line we have done fairly well.

Shooting.—This was held in May, and a debt of gratitude is owed to C.S.M. Dunglison for his coaching of the team, which won the shoot by a clear margin of 34 points. The team was:—Nairn, S. Fairbairn, D. Scullion, Wheeler, Paxton, and R. Fairbairn.

The following boys have earned their place in the School shooting team:—S. Fairbairn, D. Scullion, Wheeler and Nairn.

Hockey.—In our first game against "D" Company, the team played very well. Early in the game both sides struggled hard for the goal, but it was not until late in the first half that "B" Company went ahead. The first half ended with "B" Company leading by 3 goals to nil, Nairn having scored all the goals from the centre-forward position. The game ended in a 4-0 victory for us, Nairn having scored a fourth goal in the last few minutes of the game. Sharp, our centre-half, has to be congratulated on his magnificent play, for without him Nairn could not have scored any of his goals.

Our next game was against "A" Company, and although we only managed to draw 1-1, we won the hockey trophy, because "A" Company only managed to draw with "D" Company.

Boxing.—This competition was held throughout last term, and was a great attraction. "B" Company won the competition, and all boys who took part are to be congratulated for their boxing ability and their fighting spirit. The boys who represented the Company were:—Boys Hutchison, S. Robertson, J. McGranaghan, D. Edgar, W. Black, A. Munro, H. Lochlin, A. McFarlane, R. Fairbairn, D. Povey, R. Greenhorn, D. Scullion, Sgts. D. McKenzie, R. Scullion, Mon. D. Nairn, W. Carrigan, and L/C T. May.

Football.—In this competition we fought our way against all opposition to find ourselves tying with "A" Company for first. The points were divided, but we had to play off for the shield. In this play-off we were beaten by a slightly superior team, superior in the matter of weight, but not of football skill. The team deserves to be mentioned, and it was—T. May, W. Carrigan, P. Wheeler, R. Scullion, R. Bailey, D. Walford, D. Scullion, D. McKenzie, D. Nairn, R. McKenzie, and A. Beattie.

Rugby.—Both teams tried hard, but failed to achieve any success in their games.

Cross Country Run.—The run was held at the end of last term, and was over a new course to enable the circuit of the field to be cut out in the junior race and to stop the crossing of the main Perth Road. The boys in our team ran a splendid race, and showed real team work, which is the essential of good cross country teams, and finished up eventual winners. Our Company juniors also ran a splendid race, and out of the first five in three were "B" Company boys. They were boys Cairns, Robertson and Jamieson. The Company team was Spence, Wheeler, Greenhorn, R. Scullion, Haggart, May, and Nairn.

Athletics.—Inter-Company Competitions have not yet been held, although a number of competitions have been held with other Schools. The

following boys of the Company are in the School Team:—R. Fairbairn, Greenhorn, Spence and S/Mon. Peachey. Fairbairn has been doing very well against boys who have been much bigger than himself, and he should be a star performer in later years.

Cricket.—So far we have only played one first and one second game. Both teams were narrowly beaten by two stronger "A" Company teams. S. Fairbairn is to be congratulated on hitting a magnificent 10 runs, which was the highest total of the "B" Company side. Nairn bowled very well, and managed to take 7 wickets for 15 runs.

Swimming.—Swimming as usual has given a great amount of pleasure and enjoyment to all boys, and now that the School has commenced to have matches with outside schools the competitive spirit has risen, as each boy wishes to be chosen for the School team. So far only one has been picked, and that is W. Carrigan, who is to be congratulated on not only gaining his place in the team, but also winning the High Dive and Spring Board diving for the School in the competition against Alva Academy.

Drill Competition.—Leaving sport, we now come to the Drill Competition, in which we managed to gain 3rd place (the polite way of saying last), but we did much better in the Kit Inspection by being 2nd.

I hope all Old Boys will be satisfied with the doings of the "B" Company boys of to-day. Best of luck and best wishes to all readers.

"C" COMPANY

As a new writer of the notes for "C" Company and also for the Victorian, I hope that my very small store of information about the doings of the Company will satisfy your curiosity and I hope interest.

The Company is getting on fine under the supervision of C.S.M. Pears, who is back again with us after an illness which covered a period of 6 months. Pipe Major Sanderson who helped to look after the Company when C.S.M. Pears was ill handed over the company to Mr Mackison who in turn handed over to C.S.M. Pears on his return from sick leave.

As this is the main sporting term, I would like to mention about sports in my notes. There are a few youngsters in the company who in a few years time will be making a name for themselves and for the School. In the main it is only the N.C.O.'s of the company who take an active part in the competitive sports and then only if they are chosen to represent their parent companies.

There will probably be quite a lot of new boys in the company next term, due to the fact that there are many boys leaving the school at the end of this term which will lead to a great number of the present recruits and some of the older boys being sent to their parent companies at the beginning of next term.

There have been many changes amongst the company's N.C.O.'s since the last issue of the Victorian; Monitors J. Colbert and Carrigan have returned to their own Companies, "D" and "B" respectively, Sgt. Dignan has joined the band of The Royal Scots stationed at Edinburgh, Cpl. I. Anderson joined "B" Company as a C/Cpl. and Cpl. K. Robertson returned to "D" Company.

The present N.C.O.'s in the Company are

Monitors S. Fairbairn and R. Paxton, Sgt. R. Scullion and B/Sgt. A. Isdale, C/Cpl. D. Walford, and Corporals D. Grove, D. Scullion, J. Creek, and J. Murray.

After the last Kit Inspection on the 28th June, the Commandant awarded prizes to Boy A. Grieve and Boy A. McArthur for having the best-laid kits in the company.

I now close, wishing you all the best wishes and hope you all enjoy your holidays.

FAIRY.

"D" COMPANY

Hello Readers! I feel it my duty to bring you up to date in the affairs of "D" Company.

Since the last issue we have lost some of our best sportsmen, Sgt. S. Colman (Ginger), Cpl. W. Duncan, L/Cpl. J. Cyrran and Boy J. McKay to civilian life; P/M Williamson transferred to "A" Company and Cpl. I. Anderson to "B" Company. We wish these boys the best of luck wherever they are.

In the world of sport we are sorry to say that we lost by 4 goals to nil in the Hockey league against "B" Company and drew with "A" Company after two goals had been disallowed.

In the shooting competition we are last but we are proud to say we have the School's Best Shot in our Company, Boy D. Glen, who scored 44 out of 45 points. This should have enabled us to win but our other shots missed the bull too often and even the target on occasions. We are expecting to do better in the School Sports as we have a number of boys in the company who have represented the School in athletic meetings against outside schools. They are Mons. S. Cox, J. Colbert, J. Eddington, Cpl. D. Grove and L/Cpl. Wyper. In the swimming match against another school we had the following representatives, T. Anderson, J. Barr, J. Davies.

The "D" Company boys who have been transferred to other companies in the past are making a name for themselves in the world of sport, D. Peachey, D. Nairn, A. Williamson. On Old Boys' Day we saw many old faces and many not so old faces but the not so old could not save the Old Boys from a beating at the hands of the younger generation of Victorians.

I regret to say the Boy G. Cramb is still on sick leave after a rather long spell in hospital. On behalf of all the boys in "D" Company we wish him a speedy return to health and to the School.

The Drill Competition as usual was won by "D" Company and I say as usual because this is the fifth time in succession that we have pulled it off. We thank C.S.M. White for his hard and often thankless task of trying to turn us into miniature guardsmen.

Cheerio readers and the best of luck wherever you are and whatever you are doing.

BIG BOY.

Military Band Notes

Once again we of the Military Band are called upon to give an account of our doings since the last edition of the "Victorian."

The Band, under the guidance of Bandmaster Lax, still tries to keep its high standard, even

after the loss of many of its members. Of these the following have joined His Majesty's Forces:—Monitor R. Field, Royal Artillery; Sgt. J. Dignan, The Royal Scots; and Cpl. Gange, R.A.F. The remainder left for civilian life—namely, Monitor P. Walters, C/Cpl. D. Kent, C/Cpl. Carr, Sgt. E. Bolam, and Cpl. D. Cummings. From their correspondence they seem to be settling down all right in their new type of life. Their places have been filled by young and keen boys who are now concerned with making a name for themselves and the Band. The Band Sergeant is at present A. Isdale ("Proff."), who cheerfully aids the Band and puffs away at his bass.

This term we have been very busy indeed, as we have had many engagements, and there are still more to come. Our first was at a Garden Party in the Guild Hall, Stirling, where we did not play very often but ate quite a lot. We then went to the annual Children's Day, 11th June, at Pleau. Here we marched through the town, and at intervals played an assorted programme. By the way, the weather was simply marvellous that day, and I think all the ice-cream shops were sold out. We went to Grange-mouth on 18th June, where we were faced with a long march, which was followed by a short programme. Next came the North Inch, Perth, where we provided a double programme on 26th June. We had tea at York House Restaurant, where the boys enjoyed themselves looking at swords and muskets hanging on the wall. Incidentally, the Bandmaster tells me this is the 18th year in succession that we have played on the North Inch. I think this is quite a record, besides being something to be proud of. The latest engagement was to Whitburn, 2nd July, where, after a long journey, we were faced by quite a long march. We had a lot of free time and only a short programme to play.

We recorded for B.B.C. on the 16th June. We played "The General Salute," followed by "Christchurch Bells," the Church Call, and the hymn "Fierce Raged the Tempest o'er the Deep." After we had recorded, certain members of the Junior Band recorded part of a normal instructional period under the Bandmaster. The little lads were greatly amazed to hear themselves on the record afterwards. Believe me, listening to that record made me think back to the days when I was a junior.

The engagements we still have to fulfil are Clackmannan, 9th July, when we will play at a Pageant in memory of two Scottish heroes, William Wallace and Robert Bruce, and Scotland's greatest poet, Robert Burns. The following day we shall play a double programme in the King's Park, Stirling. Then the following week-end we shall play at the Crowning of the First May Queen of Doune at Doune Castle. On Sunday we shall play a double programme at Alva. On the last week-end of the term we shall attend the R.E.M.E. Sports on Saturday, 23rd, and then to Crieff, where we shall play a double programme on the Sunday. After this there are no more engagements until we face the trials and tribulations of Grand Day, with the parade and the music programme afterwards.

We have three singers in the Band at present—Cpl. Crombie, who also plays the Bells and the Glocenspiel; L/Cpl. Brown, and Boy H. Bain. I personally think that Monitor J. Colbert will

be singing with us next term, as he sang very well as Lord Tolloller in the McLaren production of "Iolanthe."

We are all proud of the fact that Duncan Beat, an old Band Sergeant, is now playing with the main Royal Artillery Band (Woolwich Branch). He has broadcast with them, and the last we heard of him was that he was at Eastbourne. Duncan has only been with the band for three years. John Norris, who went there with him, is also doing very well, and he is attending a pupil's course at the Royal Military Academy of Music, Kneller Hall, through which many Old Boys have passed, and we hope many more will pass in the future. Another old Band boy, John Dignan, was seen playing with the band of The Royal Scots at Murrayfield a few weeks after he had joined them.

A number of the older boys will be leaving us at the end of term, but their places will be taken by the younger and, we hope, as enthusiastic boys.

We would like to thank the Bandmaster for all he has done for the Band boys past and present. I will close this brief resume of the Band's doings by wishing the Bandmaster and Mrs Lax the best of health.

Finally, to all Readers, especially Old Boys, I wish the best of luck for the future on behalf of the Band.

Results of Military Band Tests

Musical (Instrumental)

Grade 1—1, Cpl. A. Watters, "A" Coy.; 2, Monitor S. Fairbairn, "C" Coy.; 3, B/Sgt. A. Isdale, "C" Coy.; 4, Monitor D. Nairn, "B" Coy.

Grade II.—1, Cpl. J. A. Creek, "C" Coy.; 2, Cpl. R. Sharp, "B" Coy.; 3, Cpl. C. Crombie, "B" Coy.; 4, Cpl. J. L. Murray, "C" Coy.

Grade III.—1, Boy T. Duncan, "D" Coy.; 2, Boy V. Scullion, "B" Coy.; 3, Boy J. Hill, "B" Coy.; 4, Boy J. B. Graham, "D" Coy.

Junior Grade—1, Boy T. Gavigan, "D" Coy.; 2, Boy B. D. Creek, "A" Coy.; 3, Boy H. Fairbairn, "B" Coy.; 4, Boy R. Carcary, "D" Coy.

Rudiments—1, B/Sgt. A. Isdale, "C" Coy.; 2, Cpl. C. Crombie, "B" Coy.; 3, Monitor D. Nairn, "B" Coy.; 4, Cpl. R. Sharp, "B" Coy.; 5, Monitor W. P. Carrigan, "B" Coy.; 6, Boy J. Davies, "A" Coy.

Best Progress — Senior, Boy G. Brown, "D" Coy. Junior, Boy, J. S. MacKellan, "D" Coy.

Pipe Notes

Once again we invite readers to digest the contents of the Pipe Notes with pleasure or displeasure.

Since the last edition we have lost to civilian life, Cpl. Hay, C-Cpl. Griffiths, Cpl. Duncan, and L-Cpl. Coffey, and to the Army, P-Major Robertson, to the Drums, Boy Barr. Cpl. Craddock left us at the end of last term for Hong Kong. The newcomers to the pipe band are Kelly, Lochlin, Shivers, Ward, Gordon, and Thomson. The vacancy for Boy Pipe Major was filled by Cpl. R. Williamson.

Last term the band visited Murrayfield and saw Scotland beat Wales and Ireland beat Scotland, and Ibrox to see Scotland beaten by England in the Inter-League International. We

fulfilled an engagement by playing a selection of music in the Albert Hall, Stirling, at the *Sunday Mail* Junior Rally. We have been to Gleneagles twice, Clackmannan, Grangemouth and Cowglen once. Our list of engagements has not yet finished as we have to go to Whitburn, Culross, Crieff twice, Alva and Larbert. We have enjoyed ourselves at these places before and hope to do so again.

The Dancing Competition will be keenly contested again this year, as both A Coy. and D. Coy. are practising hard to beat the holders, B Coy. The Piping and Dancing Competitions have not yet been staged, so we will sign off by wishing Pipe Major Sanderson, who has trained us so well, and all our readers, "Good Luck."

P. M.

Piping and Dancing Competition

The Piping and Dancing Competitions have just taken place, and, although most of the fancied competitors were somewhere in the prize list, there emerged quite a few dark horses.

David McArthur, who won the Piping Cup, has always been a sound player, but he pulled out a good bit extra to gain more points than Alex. Thomson and John Slattery, who are very fine young players, and who were both spoken of very highly by the judges. It was gratifying to find the honours more evenly distributed than in former years, and it also means that the average playing of the band as a whole is of a more even consistency. While congratulating the winners, we must also give the losers a good hand.

The dancing was very keenly contested, and, despite the sharing of major honours by that redoubtable pair — Robert Paxton and Derek Scullion — they were run very close by Peter Ward in each competition. Another little lad who deserves special mention was J. Cheyne. He won the "Chanter" competition, a prize much cherished by the younger boys, and also went from Class "C" dancing right up to Class "A" by winning both "C" and "B" divisions.

The inter-company dancing was a triumph for "B" Company, who, have created a record which I think will stand for a very long time. It was their fourth year in succession as winners of the Dancing Shield. What about it "A" and "D"?

Class A Piping (Slow March)—

1, D. McArthur; 2, N. Dunstance; 3, J. Kerr.

Class A Piping (March)—

1, A. Thomson; 2, D. McArthur; 3, J. Slattery.

Class A Dancing (Highland)—

1, D. Scullion; 2, R. Paxton; 3, P. Ward.

Class A Dancing (Sword Dance)—

1, R. Paxton; 2, D. Scullion; 3, P. Ward.

Best Piper of the Year—

D. McArthur.

Class B Piping (Slow March)—

1, S. Robertson; 2, M. Lochlin; 3, E. Clarke.

Class B Piping (March)—

1, S. Robertson; 2, M. Lochlin; 3, J. Jamieson.

Class B Dancing (Highland Fling)—

1, J. Cheyne; 2, A. Airnes; 3, J. Hamilton.

to which girl was which boy. The opening of the story of the meeting of Aladdin and his wicked uncle was extremely well done and the humour and comic parts were seen to great effect by the boys. The boys were greatly struck by the first meeting of Aladdin and his Princess (incidentally Sleepy Nairn is the School Boxing Captain), who looked really charming.

The second scene showed us that we have a fine actor in Derek Peachey, who put over a first-class Widow Twankey. The scenes in which Peachey took part went over really well because he was never at a loss for something to say even if he did forget his correct words on occasions.

Then came the climax of the show as far as the boys were concerned and that was the Cave Scene. The audience rocked with laughter at the antics of Abanazar, Abhar Khan and Kabul, who in turn tried to show how courageous they were with ghosts and strange noise effects. The whole effect was made more spookey by the very good lighting. The final chase by the demon caused much pain in the sides of many boys and was a magnificent end to a great scene.

The obtaining of the lamp and later arguments between Aladdin and his Uncle caused much merriment amongst the boys, who are always in favour of the adult being done by a boy.

Scene two opened again in Widow Twankey's back yard with Aladdin showing off in front of his Mother how well he could work the Lamp. Alas, the Lamp was lost to his wicked Uncle by subterfuge and Hoo Loo's idea of always taking a bargain.

Scene three told of the methods adopted by Aladdin to retrieve the Lamp, and how he was successful, and in the last scene we saw the marriage of Aladdin to his Beautiful Princess.

Throughout the whole of the performance, minor shows were brought on with great ingenuity, and interest was never allowed to flag and after it was all over everybody in the hall found out that they had had something put on for their special taste, which shows how much hard thought and work was put in by the producer.

Every boy in the show did his part extremely well and they must be thanked for putting up such a fine piece of entertainment in an art which has been sadly neglected in the past and has only been revived by the pertinacity of Mrs Dunlison, the Producer.

FROM PANTOMIME TO OPERA.

Three of the Monitors now attending McLaren High School, were given parts in that School's production of "Iolanthe." Mon. J. Colbert had the part of Lord Tolloller, a Peer, one of the principal parts.

S-Mon. D. Peachey was chosen for the part of Pte. Willis, Grenadier Guards, another leading role, and Mon. V. McGuirk obtained a place in the Chorus of Peers.

The Opera proved to be a great success to the boys and to the townspeople, who were lucky enough to book seats in the Victoria Hall, Dunblane.

"PROPS."

Sir Robert Cranston Memorial Essay Prize

1, C. Sanderson; 2, V. McGuirk; 3, A. Lumsden.

Games and Sports

The method and organisation of our daily Sports routine has been completely altered. The Headmaster, in conference with Mr Roche and Mr Taylor, decided that the boys were not obtaining the full benefit from their games and sports. It is all very well to say that the boys are enjoying themselves when playing games as they wish, but is it fair to allow them to increase their faults when a little timely instruction might make one of them a star of the future? After much scribbling and typing by Mr Taylor, the scheme became concrete and was put into force.

"Purposeful enjoyment" was our target, and we set out to augment the rather aimless activity common to half-holidays with intensive coaching in the widest possible variety of activities, all designed to develop the fundamental skills which underlie all games or to teach the techniques of particular sports. Basketball, volley ball, soft ball, football, tennis can be seen on the field at the same time as athletics and cricket or hockey coaching, each under the watchful eye of a master who has specialised in it.

Perhaps the most obvious result so far has been the splendid baton-changing of the School Junior Relay Team and the amount of practising of these techniques which can be seen during free periods and half-holidays. Some of the discus and javelin throwing and the Junior high jumping suggest that we may not have to wait long for results.

All the time, out of sight, but not out of ear-shot, the most timid of tadpoles are turning into the most intrepid of frogmen under the firm, persuasive, ever-successful tuition of Mr Gutteridge, without whom our plans would have been fruitless. An always benevolent despot, he has suffered an invasion of his territory and settled down in a new democracy, a match for the youngest of us in enthusiasm and resourcefulness.

The new scheme started at the beginning of the Summer Term, and hockey was the main game. Messrs Best and Smith took over the instruction, and from the start the boys' interest increased as they saw that the masters in charge knew their stuff and had plenty of knowledge to impart. I felt pity for the instructors during the first few periods when hockey sticks were claymores or weapons to be used in attack or defence of the body.

After four weeks of instruction the Inter-Company Competition was held, and it was seen that the masters had worked wonders, as the standard of hockey was quite high, so much so that it was decided to pick a team of boys to play the masters for the Iron Trophy. When this game was played the boys produced some very good hockey.

Then came the cricket season. This was to be a longer process, but the instructors never wilted under the terrible acts of sacrilege committed every minute on the cricket field. Messrs Miles, Smith, Best, and Jones took on the heavy task of trying to produce a cricket team good enough to play outside schools. It was found to be a harder job than that of hockey because the change from bare-legged cricket to the be-flannelled, padded, and gloved cricket is too

great an obstacle to overcome in a week, a year, or even two years. The boys still showed interest and some have shown that it will be worth while carrying on with the scheme because they show signs of becoming good bats and bowlers with good instruction. It is hoped that the professional of Stirling County Club will come over next season to coach the more advanced boys. I must take this opportunity of thanking Messrs Best and Miles for the magnificent job of work they have done with the boys in the cricket, and I only hope that in the future they may be able to read with pride of the doings of the future School Cricket Team. They leave us at the beginning of next term. Best wishes and thank you both.

During this time of hockey and cricket the athletics and games instruction were going on, and it was seen that we had magnificent material for a really first-class Athletic Team. The Headmaster decided to go all out to foster a keen competitive spirit throughout the School.

The first step was to renew old friendships among the surrounding Schools, and make fixtures for the various games and sports with them.

The first of these fixtures was with Trinity College, Glenalmond, and was a boxing match at Q.V.S. A very fine display of boxing, courage, and sportsmanship was seen. It is a very long time since we had fixtures of any kind with Glenalmond, and we hope that they will extend to rugby as well as boxing in the near future.

Next came our athletic fixtures. We received an invitation and sent a team to represent us in the Stirling and Clackmannanshire Schools Sports (commented on elsewhere), followed by a fixture with Alva Academy on our ground on the 27th June and on the 29th a fixture at home with McLaren High School, Callander. Both matches, details of which are given elsewhere, were won by the School, as was the swimming match against Alva.

Another innovation is that during the School Inter-Company Athletic Meeting an inter-School invitation relay race is to be run. The entrants this year were Alva Academy, Stirling High School, McLaren High School, and the Q.V.S. Other Schools have asked to be kept on the invitation list, although they could not send a team this year owing to the shortness of the notice, school holidays, or previous commitments. The Trophy for this race was given by the Commissioners, and takes the form of a relay baton on which is the School badge and a suitable inscription; medals are also given to the first and second teams.

On the Miniature Range, too, the competitive spirit has found its way among the Company sharp-shooters, and this spirit, carefully fostered by C.S.M. J. White, was allowed to come forth in a fixture with the Stirling Cadet Force and another against the Masters, this being for our now famous Iron Trophy. In both shoots the boys put up a grand show, and it is hoped that many more fixtures of this type will be made in the future.

The awarding of School Colours and Half Colours has now been revived but on a much larger scale than previously, with first and second Team Colours for rugby and association football, hockey, and cricket; and Full and Half

Colours for boxing, athletics, and swimming. The Commissioners have bought us some fine new red and yellow jerseys, red stockings, and School badges for the purpose.

Rugby Football

A bit out of season for writing about Rugger, but as it has not been written about previously, we must needs put something in this issue about our activities in this form of sport.

As will be seen from the results given below, our losses are greater than our wins, but this does not mean to say that the standard of Rugger is going down. Far from it, it has risen considerably. We had to approach the Schools figuring on our Fixture Card and ask them to produce stronger teams, which although not in most cases the other schools' 1st XV's, were stronger teams than we had been playing in previous years. This can be seen in the Alloa Acad. Fixture, which was firstly with the 2nd XV but it was found that they were not strong enough to give us a really strong game. The second fixture with them gave us a grand match and although we were beaten we were certainly not disgraced.

This improvement in the standard of play has been mainly caused by the intensive coaching of Messrs Roche and Miles. I may also say that the hardening up process in forward play was mainly carried out by Messrs. Ennis and P. B. Taylor, who appear to have heard and trained under the old Scottish Slogan of "*Feet-Scotland-Feet*," because they did not appear to worry whether a boy was near the ball or not when they footed it, in fact they seem to enjoy finding some poor innocent boy "hatching the egg."

School 1st versus Alloa Academy 2nd — Won 68-0; Perth Academy 2nd — Lost 22-5; Alloa Academy 1st—Lost 18-3; Stirling High School 2nd—Won 14-11; Stirling High School (mixture) —Lost 17-3; Perth Academy (under 16)—Lost 5-3; Morrison's Academy—Won 8-6.

School 2nd versus Perth Academy (Colts under 14)—Won 15-11; Stirling High School (3rd)—Lost 15-6; Perth Academy (3rd)—Lost 55-0; Morrison Academy—Won 12-9.

Personalities.

T. May, full back, will do better when he can pick up a ball in the face of charging opponents, and when he can resist the temptation to fly-hack.

D. Peachey, threes, has developed into a first-class player. What was once his weakness, tackling, is now his strength. Other members of the team would do well to copy his fearless and fierce tackles.

D. Nairn, threes, small and slight, but knows how to make ground and tackles well.

R. Scullion, threes, went off a little as the season progressed. Has a good pair of hands, but does not quite time his passing too well.

D. Leel, threes, a very fast and strong runner. A bit slow off his mark, but this fault will disappear with experience. Played some fine games.

D. Grove, threes, very fast, but inclined to wilt in the tackle. Has improved greatly, and much is expected from him.

P. Walters, half, a good scrum-half who knows his job and does it well. He has plenty of guts, and tackles well.

R. Smith, half, a forward who has been developed into an outside half, and shows signs of becoming a good one. His tackling must improve.

V. McGuirk, threes, another good forward now playing inside three, at which he is shaping very well. Tackling needs strengthening.

C. Sanderson, forward, a big hefty lad who has developed into a very fine forward. He has plenty of devil, and now recognises the boundary between devil and temper.

Noble, forward, another big hefty lad whose life seems to depend on never being more than a yard from the ball. During the season he has scored several tries unexpectedly through being up with the ball. Many of our coming forwards could well afford to copy his style. A good player who is all out all the game.

Creek, forward, a big lad who has had a patchy season, but he has the stuff there to be a first-rate forward, and we should hear much of him next season. He must follow the ball.

Eddington, forward, a big tall lad, who can rise to great heights in forward play. He will be really good when he gets it into his head that sound forward play always comes before the frills and tricks which only Internationals can put over successfully. A good player who kicks very well.

W. Carrigan, forward, a good sound stolid player who pushes his weight in the scrum.

S. Cox, pack leader, an excellent forward who is always with the ball and is a grand leader of the forward rush. Plays the game with the utmost enthusiasm, win, lose or draw.

A. Beattie, threes, a discovery as a wing-three. Startled his opponents with the consummate ease with which he swerved in both directions. We should hear a lot about him in the future.

Harold and Watters, forwards, these two must be bracketed together because that is how they play on the field. At no time during the season have they been alone when following up the ball. They were tried as winging forwards and were an instant success. They push their weight, are lightning at the breakaway and are always on the ball. An excellent combination.

Some of our Rugger youngsters will no doubt be disappointed at not seeing their names on personality parade but they should remember that space is short and their numbers are great, but no doubt their names will appear on the parade when they have fought their way into the School teams and given a good account of themselves.

The following have been awarded 1st Team Colours: — Monitor R. Smith, Monitor V. McGuirk, A-Mon. S. Cox, A-Mon. P. Walters, P-Major J. Robertson, Sgt. W. Duncan, C-Cpl. R. Carr.

Colours have been previously awarded to S-Monitor D. Peachey.

SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGGER

School v. Masters.

School:—J. Noble, C. Sanderson, J. Eddington, S. Cox, D. Nairn, P. Walters, D. Leel

Masters:—Major Washtell, B. Davidson, G. Tiley, P. Jones, A. Roche, C. Ennis, D. Miles.

Once again, when trying to regain the long lost "Iron Trophy," the Boys gave a grand display against the Masters. It was decided that a seven-a-side match would be a fitting close of the Term's sporting activities. Unfortunately the School team was without their Captain and several other members of the 1st XV (they were furthering their education at McLaren).

At 3.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th March the School sent out a weakened but nevertheless determined set of boys to the Rugger Field.

The Staff opened the scoring with a good try resulting from a wing passing bout which ended with the Headmaster sailing over far out on the right wing. However the Boys 7 were playing well—especially in the forwards—the battle between Mr Ennis and C. Sanderson will be long and well remembered; the last mentioned player also succeeded in partially disrobing another member of the Staff team. Noble and Eddington seemed to be permanently attached to the ball while young Walters was the outstanding tactician in the School side—his dashes from the base of the scrum were a delight to watch but far too often he found himself unsupported. Cox did well in the threes alongside Nairn but neither could match the speed of Mr Davidson and his outside half Mr Tiley.

Although the score steadily increased in favour of the Staff, the match was not a one-sided affair. The second half began with the School pressing continuously and eventually that tireless forward, Noble, picked up the ball, put his head down and charged for the line and was over before anyone could stop him. An heroic effort but we must not belittle what has since been considered the try of the match. Eddington, through good line out work, broke away on the left wing closely followed by several of the Staff and managed to bring out that little bit extra which got him a fine try despite a desperate tackle which shook him severely.

Both sides were now showing signs of fatigue but the referee turned a blind eye to our signals for no-side. Eventually tea time arrived and with it the long awaited final whistle.

Although the Staff won by 28 points to 6 the School put up a grand show and played good rugger in the best manner.

Staff Rugger.

Two members of the R.A.E.C. had a very successful season, Davidson and Roche.

Mr Davidson was a regular member of Stirling County 1st XV. He played on the right wing and had a number of good write-ups in the local paper. He was rather on the short side but this misleads his opponents into thinking he would be easy to stop, whereas he was very strong in limb and wind, with an electrifying short burst near the line. He did a good job with our School threes.

Mr Roche, on his arrival, played a couple of games for Stirling County 1st XV and it is said in the papers that the right wing combination of Davidson and Roche was devastating. Mr Roche could not put in too many games for the County as his services were required by Scottish Command and more so by the Army, for whom he played against the R.A.F., in London and against the French Army in Paris.

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WEDNESDAY, 27th JULY, 1949, at 3 p.m.

INSPECTING OFFICER:—

Lieut.-General Sir GORDON H. A. MACMILLAN, KGB, CBE, DSO, MC,
Commanding-in-Chief Scottish Command

INSPECTION.

The Guards are drawn up in line with School Colour in the centre. Both Bands in rear of line, Military Band on right, Pipes and Drums on left.

G.O.C.-in-Chief is received with the General Salute. G.O.C.-in-Chief inspects parade and returns to Saluting Base. The Band plays "Summer Days."

Before commencement of the "Troop," Colours and Bands move to position. The Assembly is played in quick time and Pipes and Drums move from left to right. Pipes and Drums playing "Glendaruel Highlanders."

TROOP.

On the command "Troop," the Band, Pipes and Drums move from right to left in slow time, the Pipes and Drums playing "Loch Duich." They countermarch and halt, and march back from left to right in quick time, the Band playing "Officer of the Day." The Drummer's Call is beaten and the Bands take up position in front of No. 1 Guard, the Escort for the Colour. The Escort for the Colour, No. 1 Guard, moves out of line in quick time, forms to the left and, headed by the Bands, the Pipes and Drums playing "The Siege of Delhi," moves to a position in front of the Colour and halts.

Cpl. D. Glen receives the Colour.

The Escort salutes the Colour, the Band playing "The Salute."

Preceded by the Bands, the Band playing "Logie of Buchan," the Colour is trooped in slow time through the ranks of the Guards, who receive it with the Salute.

MARCH PAST.

The parade forms Column of Guards and marches past the G.O.C. in quick time, the Band playing "The Thin Red Line," followed by the Pipes and Drums playing "Hielan' Laddie" for the actual march past.

The parade forms Close Column and marches past to "Hielan' Laddie" again, reforms and then advances in Review Order (the Band playing "Scotland the Brave"), halts, and gives a General Salute.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The Parade forms three sides of a square.

Address by G.O.C.

The following prizes are presented by Lady Macmillan:—

Primus Medal, Champion Company Shield, School Trophies, Addison-Smith Prize for Public Speaking, Sir Robert Cranston Memorial Essay Prize.

The Commandant calls for three cheers for the G.O.C. and Lady Macmillan.

The Parade reforms line and marches off parade.

Tea Interval.

Musical Programme follows (see programme on opposite page).

ARTS AND CRAFTS.

An exhibition of work done by boys is on view in a tent on the Playing Field.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME

1 DRUM AND BUGLE BAND:—

Fanfare—"Normandy."

Slow March—"Bandmaster."

Quick March—"60th Rifles."

2 MILITARY BAND:—

(a) March—"Jock o' Hazeldean" Firman

(b) Bell Solo—"The Bells of St. Mary" Adams

(Soloist—Cpl. C. Crombie).

3 PIPE BAND:—

Slow March—"The Road to the Isles."

March—"Bonnie Dundee."

4. MILITARY BAND:—

Selection—"Panorama of Song" Wright

5 DANCING:—

The Foursome Reel.

The Sword Dance.

6 COMBINED MILITARY BAND AND BUGLERS:—

March—"Marching through Georgia" Miller

7 PIPE BAND:—

March—"The Highlanders."

Strathspey—"Captain Horn."

Reel—"Tail Toddle."

March—"The 79th Farewell to Gibraltar."

8 PIPE BAND:—

School March—"Hielan' Laddie."

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Bandmaster—Mr F. H. Lax.

Pipe Major—Mr J. Sanderson.

Drum and Bugle Major—Mr W. Dunglison.

Association Football

The School Soccer Competition ended in a draw between "A" Coy. and "B" Coy. The points towards the School Championship Shield were divided, but in the play-off, to find out who would hold the Football Shield for the year, "A" Coy. won.

Our fixture list and results with outside schools do not make too happy reading, as they show 3 losses to 1 draw. This would make one think that standard of Soccer has fallen very low, but this would not in reality be true. We find that we must play teams which are bigger and heavier than most of our boys, and this factor combined with the fact that our skill is not much more than theirs make our boys fight against too great odds. They were courageous in all their games, but it requires more than courage to win. After all they enjoyed the games, and added to their skill at them under the instruction of Messrs Jerstice, White and Buffard. In their last four games they appeared to be holding their own, but showed a definite weakness in front of goal. Full reports are given elsewhere.

Results—

- v. Masters for Iron Trophy, draw, 0-0.
- v. Alloa Academy, lost, 3-2.
- v. McLaren High School, draw, 1-1.
- v. Alloa Academy, lost, 2-1.
- v. McLaren High School, lost, 3-0.
- v. Masters for Iron Trophy, lost, 2-1.

Q.V.S. v. Alloa Technical School.

The School Team had very hard luck in this game, being beaten by 3 goals to 2, though each member of the team put up a very good show.

Inside the first ten minutes our goal had some very narrow shaves but due more to the ineffective shooting of the Alloa forwards than the effectiveness of our defence, the ball did not enter the net. Colbert, during this period, was playing a sterling game. The pitch very soon was badly cut up and this did not add to the skill of the game.

After this period of sleep our team woke up and starting pressing the Alloa goal. The left wing became very effective and both Andersons put in some very effective work, but this work was offset by the bad finishing of Walters, who appeared to have an off-day, as he missed a couple of sitters. Both teams were trying very hard but neither could find the net by half-time.

In the second half Alloa opened the scoring shortly after the interval. This was due entirely to our defence who thought that they, rather than the referee, were controlling the game. The Alloa centre forward was by their estimation, "offside," so play ceased as far as they were concerned but not for the opposing centre forward. He fastened on to the ball and, with our backs and half backs looking for an offside, slammed the ball past Colbert, who just did not stand an earthly. Five minutes later the Alloa centre showed that his goal was no fluke. He beat Cox to the ball and shot towards goal, and Colbert, the most surprised goalkeeper on the field, badly misjudged the flight, and the ball entered the net. Nevertheless the School fought back hard and eventually Walters scored from a cross by Smith, who had worked up the field from the left back position, a fine piece of indi-

vidual work. History repeated itself a bit later. Again our defence "knew" that the Alloa centre forward was offside and stood still awaiting the whistle, which was never blown except to announce that Alloa had again scored from the seemingly well-offside position. However, the School fought back and Peachey scored from a penalty awarded for a spectacular piece of acting rather than for any intentional foul against Peachey. Our forwards were then in the Alloa half till the end of the game but were completely ineffective in front of goal, and when the whistle blew Alloa were still winning by 3 goals to 2. Well done, Alloa.

Q.V.S. v. McLaren High School.

A good, hard-fought game which the School should have won had it not been for the bad finishing of our forwards. The sooner our forwards learn that they must shoot to score, the sooner we will start winning a few games.

The School opened well with Anderson sending across some very accurate crosses which were extremely dangerous. The forwards were now combining very well but were not showing us much shooting for goal. However, the game so far was very nice to watch as there was much fine football being shown by both teams, although our defence appeared to be a bit shaky when hard pressed. Luckily for us the McLaren centre forward did not take advantage of the chance given to him by McGuirk, but shot well wide of goal with Colbert helpless. Half-time came without any scoring.

After the interval McLaren soon scored. Their inside right shot from fifteen yards and Colbert, in an attempt at the spectacular, gave away a goal. Colbert must learn that in most cases it is better to clutch a ball rather than do or attempt a spectacular piece of punching, leave that to Frank Swift. The School forwards soon put on the pressure but again our weakness in finishing threw away whatever chance we had of scoring. The drill square sort of finishing does not count against a team lacking in ceremony, as our forwards found out when they attempted to dribble past the goalkeeper. Walters and Nairn were the chief culprits. However, our wingers were still doing their stuff, and Anderson, after a very fine dribble, crossed a ball, and Nairn dived to head but missed, and Thompson very neatly scored from a very oblique angle.

Both defences were now on top, and there was no more scoring.

Result: A draw, one-all.

Q.V.S. v. McLaren High School (Home)

This game gave the School defence much food for thought, and although two of the goals seemed a bit lucky we never looked like winning.

The game started very badly for us, McLaren pressing hard with a following wind, and the School were soon two goals down.

From a strong high clearance by Colbert the McLaren left back swung hard at the ball, which sped towards goal with a rather high trajectory. Colbert completely misjudged the flight, and was left helpless, and we were one goal down. To show it was no lucky effort the McLaren player repeated the exact shot, with the same result: two goals down, and the School team looking bewildered. To add insult to injury, both these

goals were scored from well inside the M'Laren half of the field. After this the School defence wakened up, and, although Smith showed definite weakness against a very tricky winger, they held out until half time. During this time our forwards, with their drill square type of dribbling past the goalkeeper, missed quite a number of chances to score. They had been given a perfect lesson in shooting by the M'Laren left back, but they did not benefit by it.

The second half was much better with both defences on top and the forwards fighting for existence. Our forwards did not combine very well, and we showed a definite weakness at right wing, and M'Laren took full advantage of this and kept the extra man on our left, thus bottling up our only hope of saving the game. M'Laren finished up worthy winners by 3 goals to 0. Well done, M'Laren!

The player most worthy of mention in the School team was Robertson, who played a sterling game at centre forward.

School v. The Masters

This game was so tough that after the match it was said that there were no bandages left in the hospital. There was a complete Cup-tie spirit from start to finish of the game, and it was not until the last minute of extra time that the issue was settled.

As usual, the boys started off very badly. The School defence thought that there should be plenty of time to chase the old men and even give them a couple of yards' start, but this was soon disproved when Mr White chased a long pass from Mr Jerstice and pushed the ball past Colbert, with the School defence still standing around wondering what had happened. However, this seemed to wake up the boys, who then put in some superhuman efforts to score, but an old weakness kept the Masters' goal intact: our forwards did not know how to finish off any movement. Cox and Smith were now playing very well, and had it not been for these two the Masters would have had many chances to score many more goals. The Masters' right wing was giving a lot of trouble to the half-backs, who did not appear to have the legs to keep pace with the Headmaster and Mr Davidson. Half-time came without further scoring.

Soon after this Sharp scored to complete a brilliant solo effort. This appeared to be too much for the Masters, who then became very robust. I would not blame this on the big men of the Masters' team, but rather on the short men who normally play Rugger. This type of play did not assist in the scoring, and there was no further scoring until extra time.

In the first period of extra time Sanderson saved a certain goal by fisting off the line, and, as was usual, Mr White missed with the resultant penalty. Both teams were now at it hammer and tongs, and the general rule was no frills. Then the climax; Major Washtell flashed down the right wing and from an extremely accurate cross Mr Buffard booted the ball past the helpless Colbert.

The "Iron Trophy" was presented by the Commandant to the Headmaster, and it was duly filled by the Masters on retiring to the Club.

Personalities

Goalkeeper J. Colbert.—A very safe keeper, but should try and judge the high lobbing shots more accurately.

Left Back R. Smith.—A good kicker and strong tackler.

Right Back, V. McGuirk.—A trifle sluggish at the start, but gradually warms up as the game continues.

Left Half, D. Peachey.—A full 90-minute player, who supports his forwards well, but is too prone to wander.

Centre Half, S. Cox.—A steady player with a good head. A bit slow in recovery.

Right Half, C. Sanderson.—A very strong player, but inclined to be a bit too vigorous at times. A good distributor of the ball.

Left Wing, T. Anderson.—A speedy winger, whose crosses are very dangerous, and a main feature of his game.

Inside Left, Sharp.—A very good ball worker and a strong tackler. Also a useful half back.

Centre Forward, P. Walters.—A bustling forward, but is inclined to get a little excited and miss easy chances.

Inside Right Nairn played a very clever and scheming game, but he must learn to shoot.

Right Wing, R. Thomson.—A very diminutive and young forward, but what he lacks in inches he makes up in football skill. His ball control and crosses are a delight to see.

The following boys have been awarded their 1st team colours for Association football, season 1948-49 — S/Monitor D. Peachey, Monitor D. Nairn, P/M J. Robertson, D/M W. Stewart, Sgt. S. Colman, C/Cpl. R. Carr.

Hockey

The hockey season opened in the same way as former seasons. We were given about a month's instruction on the finer points of the game before we actually started playing matches. These instruction periods certainly paid dividends, as the standard of hockey produced in the matches was much higher than it had been in the School for a great number of years.

After the hockey competition had been played off it was decided that the boys' team was good enough to challenge the Masters for the possession of the "Black Trophy," "Iron Trophy," or just "The Trophy."

In the actual game the teams were more evenly matched than was at first thought, and the result was an extremely even and hard-fought game, with the Masters eventual and deserving winners.

From the first bully the Masters went on to the attack, but the School goal was relieved by a long clearance by Sanderson. The pass was held by Scullion, who passed to Smith, who neatly rounded Mr Dean and shot past Mr Williams to put the School one up. Elated by this early success, the School forwards went on the warpath, but could not again pierce the Masters' defence, which was now fully alert and clearing their lines with masterly precision. An extremely fine bout of inter-passing between Mr Best and Mr Smith led to the Masters drawing level, Mr Smith scoring. Five minutes later the Masters went in front by a rather robust

goal scored by Mr Roche. The School forwards were always a danger, but the Masters' backs knew their hockey rules, and played our forwards offside very effectively. Smith scored for the boys, but was adjudged offside, then Peachey scored, but another infringement disallowed this goal. At the interval the score was still: Masters 2, Boys 1.

Shortly after the start the Headmaster made a magnificent run down the right wing, and ended by scoring another goal for the Masters. Sanderson, who had been moved to centre half, was playing a great game, and making the Masters part with the ball and feeding his forwards very well. The School might have had a goal, but "Sleepy" lived up to his name for once and was too slow in getting to the ball. Good moves were now being spoilt by the boys crowding their wings and leaving Masters unmarked. Another goal was scored by the Headmaster after a glorious run through the defence. Sanderson could not be expected to be everywhere, and the marking of the boys' defence was not as good as it had been. The boys had another chance to score when Smith and Nairn broke through the defence, but the final shot went past, and the Masters ended deserved winners.

School colours have been awarded to Peachey, Smith, Colbert, Sharp, and Sanderson, who has incidentally turned out to be a really fine hockey player.

Inter-Company Hockey Competition

This competition was won by B Coy. after a close series of games. B Coy. beat D Coy. but could only manage to draw with A Coy. This was a very interesting position and depended on whether A Coy. could beat D Coy. and by form it was thought that A Coy. would manage this quite easily, but it was not to be so. D Coy. pulled something out of their reserve and would not let the A Coy. boys settle down to their usual good game and the match ended in a draw, making B Coy. the Hockey Champs.

Personalities.

D. Glen and J. Creek. Two plucky goalkeepers who have made a grand start in the game.

Colbert, Back. A beautifully clean, crisp hitter who finds his forwards very well indeed.

Peachey, Half-Back. A good positional player with plenty of stamina.

Sharp, Half-Back. Potentially a first-rate attacking half-back. Should flick and push more often, not to his colleagues, but a yard or two in front of them.

Nairn, Centre. A hard-working, intelligent centre forward who keeps his line together very well.

Sanderson, Centre-Half. A very sound defensive player who never wastes a ball. He is quick in recovery and never gives up till the final whistle. He has come on greatly as an attacker and feeds his forwards in the best way possible.

The following boys have been awarded 1st team colours:—Mon. D. Peachey, Mon. J. Smith, Mon. J. Colbert, Cpl. J. Sharp, L-Cpl. C. Sanderson.

Boxing

Q.V.S. v. Trinity College, Glenalmond
Result: Queen Victoria School 24. Trinity College 19.

C. Irvine v. R. Cormack

Irvine started well with some good straight lefts to the face, and was soon on top in the first round. In the second round Cormack came away with a strong attack, but Irvine, although he had slackened off a little, kept his head and remained on top. The third round clinched the fight for Irvine, who attacked more, and it was soon seen that his hitting was too heavy for Cormack, who was a very plucky loser.

D. Nairn v. W. A. Black

Both lads came out meaning business, and it was soon evident that "Sleepy" was going to be in difficulties if he did not keep the fight at long range, because Black was hitting fast and often at close range, and his punches packed plenty of sting. This was Black's round. In the second round Nairn was not to be caught sleeping as in the first, and he commenced to use his straight left with telling effect, as Black did not appear to have a counter to it, nor did he seem to be comfortable in trying to dodge. Sleepy's round. All depended on the third round, and both lads seemed to know this. Black fought a tearaway fight, but Sleepy, like the good ring general he is, depended on a good guard and stiff right and left counters. Nairn received the verdict at the end of a close and really good fight.

A. R. Williamson v. R. J. H. Valentine

This fight started as it was thought it would. Both lads started slogging, with little pretence at defence, and the round ended with the pair of them trying to knock each other to kingdom come. A very close round. In the second round Williamson got on top with his harder and straighter hitting, but Valentine was fighting back gamely.

Both were very tired boys in the third round, but they still gave us all they had in them. A very grim fight. Williamson was the winner, but Valentine was awarded a best loser's point. Well done, Valentine.

J. Noble v. A. W. Whittet

The first round of this fight was all Noble, who kept rushing in to close quarters and did not allow Whittet to use his very hard-hitting powers at long range. In the second round Whittet came into his own, and the fight was fought at long range, with Noble suffering heavily from very powerful hitting. Noble kept at it, and defended as well as he could, and stopped quite a lot of blows which might even have finished the fight. Whittet commanded the whole of the third round and was a very clear winner.

J. Cordner v. E. Beaumont

Cordner meant business from the beginning, and was punching very hard at long range and refused to allow Beaumont to come to close quarters. Beaumont fought back very pluckily till the end, but he was no match for Cordner, who was fighting the fight of his career. A very good winner and a very game loser.

C. G. Sanderson v. A. H. B. Wedderburn

Round one was very hard to decide as both exchanged punches at speed, and were very often at close quarters. The long-range fighting was quite good, but Sanderson was inclined to get his head down, but he was not made to suffer for this. In the third round Sanderson kept the fight at long range, and was fortunate to gain a very close decision.

D. Peachey v. E. R. Paton

This was the heavy-weight fight, as both lads concerned were man's size. Paton was the cleverer boxer, and when his right hand landed it affected Peachey, who was fighting very well after a long absence from the ring. Paton was the harder puncher and was stronger, and earned the verdict after a good clean fight.

Q.V.S. v. Perth Boys' Club

No verdicts were allowed in these contests, but as a journalist I have indicated those lads whom I thought would have been given the decision.

R. Cavers v. J. Gavin

Both boys weighed the same (5st. 4lb.), and a good even fight resulted. In the first round Cavers kept the fight at long range with a very good straight left, and no matter how Gavin tried to get into close quarters, he was kept off by a hard, straight left. In the second round Gavin did manage to get in once or twice, and bled Cavers' nose, but, on the whole, he was kept at bay. The third round was the best of all, with Gavin opening with a whirlwind attack, which caught Cavers napping, and he struggled valiantly to get the fight back to long range. This he eventually did, but not until he had received quite a lot of punishment. In the latter part of the last round he more than held his own, and I think he would have received the decision, but it would have been very close.

D. Leel v. J. Steele

Leel had the advantage of two pounds, but this did not deter the Perth lad, who started off the fight by getting Leel into difficulties with a tear-away start. He was punching very heavily and accurately, and Leel did well to weather the storm. Leel tried very hard in the second round, but Steel was much too good for him. A very game fight, Leel.

A. Williamson v. C. Sinclair

This fight between an Old Victorian, Charlie Sinclair, and Williamson was a grand scrap. Williamson started off well by landing some telling lefts to Sinclair's face, but Sinclair retaliated with a whirlwind attack to the body which made Williamson think of his next meal. Sinclair's ducking and feinting worried Williamson throughout the fight, but when he decided to get to close quarters he worried Sinclair with heavy body-punches. The third round was especially good, with both lads boxing well, Sinclair ducking and feinting, whilst Williamson depended on his footwork to keep him out of trouble.

Williamson was slightly on top at the end of the fight, and would have got the decision on his aggression.

E. MacConnachie v. W. Lawrence

From the start of the fight Lawrence had MacConnachie in trouble. He kept the little lad out and battered him at long range, with MacConnachie trying everything he knew to get in and retaliate, but he did not in the first round. The second round was little better, as plucky MacConnachie was always at the receiving end. Although MacConnachie put up a very plucky show, he was no match as a boxer or hitter for Lawrence, who would have been a winner.

D. Scullion v. R. Garvie.

From the start Scullion scored freely with both hands, and Garvie appeared to be too slow to find any counter for straight lefts and rights. Garvie improved in the second round, but Scullion was still too fast, and was hitting much more cleanly. Garvie came out in the third round for a knock-out, but Scullion stood up to his slogging tactics and boxed and hit him out of them. Scullion would have been a winner.

C. Irvine v. C. Todd

Todd did all the attacking from the start, and, strangely enough, Irvine decided to remain on the defensive. This went on throughout the three rounds, Todd and Irvine defending very cleverly. Defensive boxing very seldom wins fights in three-round bouts, and I think Todd would have been a deserving winner.

D. Nairn v. E. Lawrence

Nairn caught a Tartar in the first round. Lawrence rushed in to close quarters and did some very good two-handed punching. Then Nairn woke up and took the fight to Lawrence. The second round was much more closely contested, with both lads boxing very cleverly and punching cleanly at long range. The third round was very good, with Lawrence going for Nairn's body with short arm jabs, while Nairn was depending on the long left with right crosses. A very good fight, with Lawrence the winner, I think.

P. Wheeler v. W. M'Farlane

The first round was very fast, with both lads punching well. Wheeler was punching very straight at the face, but M'Farlane was punching more often at the body. In the second round M'Farlane's heavy punching began to sap Wheeler's strength, and he slowed down perceptibly, but was still fighting gamely. In the last round Wheeler was very groggy, but never stopped fighting back. A very plucky show, Wheeler, with M'Farlane a good winner.

P. Walters v. K. Thoms

There was not too much action in this fight in the first round. Thoms depended on dodging about the ring to avoid trouble, and Walters was not quick enough to corner him and hand out punishment. In the second round Walters changed his stance to southpaw and appeared to be doing much better against a puzzled opponent. In the last round Walters had Thoms in trouble with some very heavy punches, but Thoms fought back and punched really well. A good close fight when they woke up, but I think Walters just made it.

J. Cordner v. E. Taylor

There was plenty of long-range boxing in the first round, but neither lad could follow up as the defences were on top. In the second round there was more mixing, and Cordner appeared to be doing the harder and faster hitting. In the third round Taylor went on the defensive again, but Cordner went after him and landed many telling blows, which I think would have given him the decision.

D. M'Arthur v. T. Millan

The first round was very good, with M'Arthur the heavier hitter, but Millan was very quick on his feet and very clever at getting out of trouble. Millan was specially good at the counter, and M'Arthur took punishment because his defence was not so good. The second round was better for M'Arthur as Millan appeared to tire, and missed many chances. In the third round M'Arthur dictated the terms and did most of the punching, and earned a decision.

W. Menach v. R. Findlay

This fight did not reach the standard of the others as Menach depended too much on the wild swing from the ankle and the round, looping blow which so seldom lands on any part of the body except the top of the head. Findlay stood back and picked his spot every time, and I do not suppose Findlay has ever had such an easy win and been hit so few times in a fight.

Full Colours have been awarded to D. Nairn (Captain) and A. R. Williamson.

Half-Colours have been awarded to J. Cordner and C. Irvine.

Monitors' Cup

The Monitors' Cup for 1949 was once again won by Senior Monitor D. Peachey. It would not be fair to the other entrants to state that he won it hands down although he did win each event, thus bettering his points of last year by four and a half.

His first success was in the hundred yards in which he beat young Colbert by a foot. It was a very close race and Colbert just did not have the strength for a strong finish.

In the High Jump Peachey had the highest jump, and even with the addition of handicaps, he still finished first.

The Long Jump ended in the same way as the High, Peachey again being first, but Smith came second instead of Eddington, who had come second in the High Jump.

The 440 yards was won by Peachey, but he was chased to the winning post by McGuirk, Smith and Colbert, in that order.

The Shot Putt was won by Peachey with Colbert 2nd, 3ft. 11in. behind Peachey's effort of 34ft. 7in. McGuirk was third.

Peachey is to be congratulated on his fine performance but congratulations must also go to Colbert on his excellent showing as runner-up. He never stopped trying. We must look forward to big things from John in the future.

ATHLETICS

STIRLING AND CLACKMANNANSHIRE SCHOOL SPORTS.

An invitation was sent to us to compete in the above Championship Sports and accordingly we sent a team. The contest took place in Alva Public Park and as the weather turned out to be fine, the conditions were very favourable for good running, jumping and other Field Events.

In the 100 yards our Senior and Junior entrants, Mon. D. Peachey, and Boy Cunningham, were eliminated in their heats but our Intermediate Boy, Leel, managed to fight through to the Final in which he was beaten into fourth place after a terrific race against very stiff opposition. In the senior mile Mon. Smith found that the opposition were too strong and too experienced for him, but he finished fifth.

In the Intermediate 880 yards we had something to shout about as our boys, Mon. McGuirk and Mon. Cox finished 3rd and 5th. Then in the senior 440 yards we saw Mon. Peachey, by sheer guts, finish second against more experienced and stylish runners. Again Peachey showed us what can be done by a boy who is not frightened to try his hand at anything. He was placed second in the javelin and in doing so beat our official representative, as he was only entered at the post because all the other Schools had two entrants.

In the Discus, Eddington and Axe finished fourth and fifth, Eddington pulling off another fourth in the Intermediate High Jump. In the final of the Intermediate Hurdles D. Grove was very unlucky to hit a hurdle rather heavily and although slightly injured, finished the course but was well beaten out of a place. In the Junior Relay Race we very unluckily drew outside berth with six teams running with no lanes and were consequently well boxed in from start to finish. but the Juniors put up a magnificent fight and their opponents had to run all out to keep their lead; well done Cunningham, Wyper, Cavers and Fairbairn.

Our Intermediate Team—Colbert, Leel, Noble and Williamson, finished fourth against bigger and older boys but we make no excuse for their running, which was really magnificent and big-hearted.

P. Wood represented us in the Junior High Jump; Cunningham in the Long Jump; Cavers in the 220 yards, and Peachey in the Senior Shot Putt.

These results may not appear very impressive, but it is to be remembered that we were up against several schools who are twice or even four times our size. Moreover, only in the 12-14 Class had we a full complement. The 14-16 Class was virtually 14-15½ for us and we had only two 16-year-olds to compete in the 16-18 events.

In all there were 21 events in all classes and we entered somewhat optimistically for 18 of these. Yet with no fewer than 14 schools competing we were in the first six of 14 of those 18 events, claiming six 4th places, in addition to two 2nds and one 3rd.

With the experience gained, especially by the Juniors, in these meetings, our teams should be able to better this record in the future.

Scottish Schools Championship

We sent a small team to represent us at this Sports Meeting. It consisted of Peachey, Senior 440 yds.; an Intermediate Relay Team, McGuirk, Noble, Leel, and Colbert; Fairbairn for the Junior 100 yards; and a Junior Relay Team, made up from Cavers, Cunningham, Wyper, and Fairbairn.

All of our teams were knocked out in the preliminary heats, but I am sure they profited by the experience of the first sports meeting of this kind in which the School has taken part.

J. Williamson, an old Victorian, was at this meeting, representing McLaren High School in the Senior Relay Race.

Athletic Sports

School v. Alva Academy.

This match took place in ideal weather and produced a very close fight, in which our superiority in the few Field Events included and our better baton-changing just offset the advantage Alva had in the Track Events, though they were unlucky in the matter of injuries.

The outstanding performance of the day was that of Kirkham, of Alva, who won four events. Our only success on the track was the surprising victory of Cox in the quarter. He set himself a cracking pace but with a great-hearted effort managed to hold his lead.

At the conclusion of the Individual events, Alva could still have won the match if they could have taken the two relays. Man for man they were probably faster, but our long and strenuous training in baton-changing came to our rescue and we won both events comfortably. In the Junior event a perfect take-over by Wyper from Cunningham turned a three-yard deficit into a clear lead and from then on the issue was never in doubt.

After Tea the two schools took part in a swimming match in which the advantage of having our own baths was only too clearly shown. The Alva boys however put up a very good show and by straight hard swimming beat us in one of the relays.

100 yards (under 14)—Winning team Alva—1, Hyman (Alva); 2, Fairbairn (Q.V.S.); 3, Brogan (Alva).

100 yards (under 16)—Winning team Alva—1, Kirkham (Alva); 2, Colbert (Q.V.S.); 3, Leel (Q.V.S.).

High Jump (under 14)—Winning team Q.V.S.—1, Wood (Q.V.S.); 2, Greenhorn (Q.V.S.); 3, Higham (Alva).

880 yards (under 14)—Winning team Alva—1, Kirkham (Alva); 2, McGuirk (Q.V.S.); 3, Spence (Q.V.S.).

Long Jump (under 16)—Winning team Alva—1, Kirkham (Alva); 2, Grove (Q.V.S.); 3, Creek (Q.V.S.).

220 yards (under 14)—Winning team Alva—1, Higham (Alva); 2, Fairbairn (Q.V.S.); 3, Brogan (Q.V.S.).

220 yards (under 16)—Winning team Alva—1, Kirkham (Alva); 2, Colbert (Q.V.S.); 3, Lennox (Alva).

440 yards (under 16)—Winning team Q.V.S.—1, Cox (Q.V.S.); 2, Inglis (Alva); 3, Kirkham (Alva).

Long Jump (under 14)—Winning team Q.V.S.—1, Cunningham (Q.V.S.); 2, Cavers (Q.V.S.); 3, Rayner (Alva).

Relay (under 14) 4 x 110 yards—Winning team Q.V.S.—Cunningham, Wyper, Cavers, Fairbairn. 10 points winner; 5 points loser.

Relay (under 16) (220, 110, 110, 220)—Winning team Q.V.S.—Colbert, Noble, Grove, Leel.

Final Points (Athletics)—Q.V.S. 62; Alva 49.

SWIMMING

2 lengths (under 16)—Winning team Q.V.S.—1, McGuirk (Q.V.S.); 2, Williamson (Q.V.S.); 3, Gemmel (Alva).

2 lengths under 14)—Winning team Q.V.S.—1, Garrad (Q.V.S.); 2, Wyper (Q.V.S.); 3, Stobie (Alva).

1 length Breast (under 16)—Tie — Kennedy (Alva) and Kerr (Q.V.S.).

1 length Breast (under 14) — Winning team Q.V.S. — 1, Cunningham (Q.V.S.); 2, Davis (Q.V.S.); 3, Brown (Alva).

Diving (3 dives All Classes) — Winning team Q.V.S. — 1, Carrigan (Q.V.S.); 2, T. Anderson (Q.V.S.); 3, Kennedy (Alva).

Relay (under 14) — Alva (10 points); Q.V.S. (5 points).

Relay (under 16) — Q.V.S. (10 points); Alva (5 points).

Final Points (Swimming)—Q.V.S. 59; Alva 24.

Combined Points—Q.V.S. 121; Alva 73.

School v. McLaren High School.

On another glorious day we surprised ourselves with a clear-cut victory. On this occasion we were soundly beaten in the Field Events, Elliot, Lamb and Ireland all putting up very good performances for McLaren. However, on the track and in the relays we more than made up for that disadvantage.

The best race was the junior 220 yards in which Fairbairn and McFarlane ran almost neck and neck throughout. Fairbairn, on the outside, rather unwisely tried to pass his man on the bend instead of relying on his superior finishing power in the final straight, and was perhaps lucky to be awarded a dead-heat.

Putting the Shot (under 16)—Winning team Q.V.S.—1, Eddington (Q.V.S.); 2, Creek (Q.V.S.); 3, Bissett (McL.).

100 yards (under 14)—Winning team Q.V.S.—1, Fairbairn (Q.V.S.); 2, McFarlane (McL.); 3, Wyper (Q.V.S.).

100 yards (under 16)—Winning team Q.V.S.—1, Leel (Q.V.S.); 2, Colbert (Q.V.S.); 3, McGeoch (McL.).

High Jump (under 14) — Winning team McLaren—1, Lamb (McL.); 2, Wood (Q.V.S.); 3, Ireland (McL.).

Long Jump (under 16) — Winning team McLaren—1, Elliott (McL.); 2, Grove (Q.V.S.); 3, McGeoch (McL.).

220 yards (under 14)—Winning team Q.V.S.—1, Fairbairn (Q.V.S.) and McFarlane (McL.), dead heat; 3, Wyper (Q.V.S.).

220 yards (under 16)—Winning team Q.V.S.—1, Colbert (Q.V.S.); 2, Leel (Q.V.S.); 3, Elliott (McL.).

High Jump (under 16) — Winning team McLaren—1, Ireland (McL.); 2, Cameron (McL.); 3, Eddington (Q.V.S.).

Long Jump (under 14)—Winning team Q.V.S.—1, Cavers (Q.V.S.); 2, McFarlane (McL.); 3, Cunningham (Q.V.S.).

440 yards (under 16) — Winning team McLaren—1, Elliott (McL.); 2, Cox (Q.V.S.); 3, McGeoch (McL.).

Relay (under 14)—(4 x 110 yards)—Winning team Q.V.S.—Cunningham, Wyper, Cavers and Fairbairn. 8 points First; 4 points Second.

Relay (under 16) — Winning team Q.V.S.—Grove, Noble, Colbert and Leel. 8 points First; 4 points Second.

Final Points—Q.V.S. 69½; McLaren 54½.

The following boys have been awarded full colours in Athletics:—S/Mon. D. Peachy, Mon. J. Colbert, Mon. J. Eddington, Cpl. D. Leel. Half colours have been awarded to the following—Mon. V. McGurk, Mon. S. Cox, Cpl. D. Grove, L/Cpl. J. Noble, L/Cpl. R. Fairbairn.

Inter-Company Meeting

2nd Division—Long Jump—1, A Company (3 points); 2, D Company (2 points), 3, B Company (1 point).

Company Positions and Points.

2nd Division—Shot—1, D Company (3 points); 2, A Company (2 points); 3, B Company (1 point).

1st Division—High Jump — 1, A Company (3 points); 2, (equal), B Company and D Company (1½ points each).

1st Division—Relay—1, A Company (3 points); 2, B Company (2 points); 3, D Company (1 point).

3rd Division—Long Jump—1, A Company (3 points); 2, B Company (2 points); 3, D Company (1 point).

2nd Division—Relay—1, B Company (1 point); 2, D Company (2 points); 3, A Company (1 point).

3rd Division—Relay—1, A Company (3 points); 2, B Company (2 points); 3, D Company (1 point).

1st Division — Long Jump—1, A Company (3 points); 2, B Company (2 points); 3, D Company (1 point).

2nd Division—High Jump—1, B Company (3 points); 2, D Company (2 points); 3, A Company (1 point).

1st Division—Hurdles Relay—1, B Company (3 points); 2, D Company (2 points); 3, A Company (1 point).

3rd Division—High Jump—1, B Company (3 points); 2, A Company (2 points); 3, D Company (1 point).

—1st Division—Shot—1, A. Company (3 points); 2, D Company (2 points); 3, B Company (1 point).

Final positions—1, A Company 28 points; 2, B Company 24½ points; 3, D Company 19½ points.

Invitation Relay-Race

(220, 110, 110, 220 yards.)

Entries—Stirling High School; McLaren High School; Alva Academy; Queen Victoria School.

Winning Team—Alva Academy—A. Scott, R. Kirkham, I. Inglis, S. Higham. 2nd Team — Queen Victoria School — Leel, Noble, Sharp, Grove.

Ladies' Race—1, Miss Fraser; 2, Nancy Pears; 3, Miss Gordon.

Boys' Race—1, Michael Symons; 2, Donald Graham; 3, Neil Bulloch.

Girl's Race—1, Norah Bulloch; 2, Peggy Pears; 3, Cathie Gordon.

Novelty Race — Team composed of—Coy. Sergeant Major, Senior Boy, Youngest Boy, C-Corporal, Form 3 Boy, from each Company—1, B Coy.; 2, D Coy.; A Coy. did not finish.

Cross Country Race, 1949

1 "B" Company, 64 points; 2, "A" Company, 66 points; 3, "D" Company, 141 points.

Winning Team—"B" Company—A. Spence, P. Wheeler, R. Scullion, R. Haggart, T. May, R. Greenhorn, D. Nairn.

Individual Results.

Open—1, V. McGuirk, 2, P. Walters; 3, A. Spence; 4, S. Cox; 5, P. Wheeler; 6, D. Leel; 7, D. Kent; 8, R. Scullion; 9, R. Sharp; 10, R. Haggart.

Junior—1, G. Cairns; 2, S. Robertson; 3, B. Williamson; 4, T. Williamson; 5, J. Jamieson; 6, T. Gavigan; 7, T. Meechan; 8, J. McKee; 9, D. McInnes; 10, J. Hughes.

Winner of Dundas Challenge Cup—V. McGuirk.

School Championships

Senior (Under 15).

100 Yards—1, Leel; 2, Noble; 3, Scullion. Time, 12secs.

220 Yards—1, Leel; 2, Noble; 3, Nairn. Time, 26.5secs.

440 Yards—1, Leel; 2, Cox; 3, Noble. Time, 58.7secs.

880 Yards—1, Cox; 2, May; 3, Williamson, Fairbairn. Time, 2min. 21.8secs.

Hurdles—1, Beattie; 2, Sharp; 3, Eddington. Time, 12.1secs.

High Jump—1, Eddington; 2, Cox; 3, Williamson. Height, 4ft. 7ins.

Long Jump—1, Scullion (R.); 2, Noble; 3, Sharp. Distance, 15ft. 2ins.

Shot—1, Williamson; 2, Shackleton; 3, Scullion.
Distance, 37ft. 2ins.

Discus—1, Carrigan; 2, Eddington; 3, Cox.
Distance, 68ft. 10ins.

Javelin—1, Leel; 2, Eddington; 3, Nairn.
Distance, 85ft. 5½ins.

Victor Ludorum—Leel, D. Runner-up, Cox, S.

Intermediate (12-14 Years).

100 Yards—1, Fairbairn; 2, Cunningham; 3, Wyper. Time, 12.5secs.

220 Yards—1, Grove, D.; 2, Fairbairn; 3, Sanderson. Time, 26.9secs.

Hurdles—1, Grove, D.; 2, Sanderson; 3, Wyper.
Time, 11.8secs.

High Jump—1, Sanderson; 2, Rayner; 3, Menach. Height, 4ft. 6ins.

Long Jump—1, Grove, D.; 2, Fairbairn, R.; 3, Cavers, R. Distance, 15ft. 2ins.

Shot—1, Grove, D.; 2, Sanderson; 3, Harold.
Distance, 34ft. 6ins.

Intermediate Champion—Grove, D. Runner-up—Sanderson, C.

Junior (Under 12 Years)

75 Yards—1, Thomson, R.; 2, Cairns; 3, Hughes.
Time, 9.8secs.

High Jump—1, Thomson, R.; 2, Hughes; 3, Carroll. Height, 3ft. 9ins.

Long Jump—1, Thomson, R.; 2, Hughes. 3, Carroll. Distance, 13ft. 3ins.

Cricket Ball—1, Thomson, R.; 2, Webster; 3, Edgar. Distance, 51yds. 5ins.

Junior Champion—Thomson, R. Runner-up—Hughes, J.

Scottish Command Individual Athletic Championship

This meeting took place on the 6th and 7th of June at the Command Ground, Redford Barracks, Edinburgh. Rain threatened to spoil the heats on Tuesday, but the clouds gave way to sunshine for the finals on Wednesday. The four members of the Staff competing were Messrs Bellion, Roche, Dean, and Miles.

Mr Roche gave a fine performance in winning the 100 yards and 220 yards sprints and the Long Jump. Mr Dean and Mr Miles gained third place in Throwing the Javelin and Throwing the Discus, respectively.

British Legion Sports

A large crowd of spectators enjoyed a good afternoon's sport in perfect Summer weather. Their enjoyment was enhanced by the presence of a team of Star Athletes from Iceland who produced some very good performances.

Two members of the Staff took part in the Open Handicap Events, Mr Roche coming third in the final of the 100 yards, while Mr Dean gained a third place in the Javelin event.

Scottish Command Inter-Unit Athletic Championship

Infected by the School's enthusiasm for athletics, the Staff somewhat rashly decided to enter a team at this meeting. Our rashness lay in the fact that our total strength is eleven, of whom eight comprised our team. As the winning Unit was 1100 strong and the remaining teams generally about Battalion strength, it will be realised that our entry could not represent a serious challenge in all the events, especially as the whole meeting was conducted on a team basis, where a full complement is so essential.

The meeting was held under the worst possible conditions, driving rain and a bitter wind doing their unsuccessful best to damp our spirits, circumstances which were to have a tragic effect on our fortunes later.

Perhaps the chief sufferers were our milers and our 4 x 110 relay team, both of whom took fifth place. In the 4 x 220 relay we staged a great recovery, after running last over half the distance. Mr Best put in a strong finish to pull up one place on the third leg, and Mr Roche tore away to give us third place only 2secs. behind the winning team, which equalled the Army record.

We did extremely well in the field events, in which Mr Miles was especially prominent. We were placed 2nd in putting the weight, 3rd in the long jump, and 4th in both discus and javelin.

Our best chance, however, lay in the hurdles relay. In the morning we won our heat by a tremendous margin, although Mr Roche nearly fell and had to do a standing high jump over one hurdle. In spite of this, our time was better than the winning time in the final, in which we had the worst possible luck. Mr Miles got away to a fine start, but, lacking heel spikes, he skidded on the slippery turf as he took off for the first hurdle, slid on his back, and brought the hurdle on top of him. A lesser man would have stayed there but Mr Miles got up and went after the rest of the runners, by then nearly half-way along the course. Hurdling beautifully, he actually overtook one man, but by then the leaders were too far away. Although Mr Roche was hurdling faultlessly, he had hardly recovered from his great 220 less than five minutes before, and we had to be content with 3rd place. It was a disappointing but, in a way, a splendid finish to a strenuous and successful day's sport.

Addison Smith Public Speaking Prize

1st, T. Grove; 2nd, A. Williamson; 3rd, C. Sanderson.

Cricket

Cricket has been taken up in earnest for the first time since the war. Our masters have had us out and given us some sound instruction in the straight bat; this has improved our standard but up to date has not given us a win against our old opponents, Stirling High School, whom we have played twice, being beaten on both occasions. We have won one match and that against Alloa Technical and Commercial School. We have still several matches to play—against Alva Academy, Alloa Technical, Stirling County Colts, 26 Command Workshops, and finally a match against the Masters, and every boy in the School hopes against hope that it will be a case of the Pupils beating the Masters.

Q.V.S. v. Stirling High School (Home)—Lost by 6 wickets.

In the first match against Stirling we lost the toss and were sent in to bat on a fast wicket, but this did not help us in any way as we started as if we had never seen or heard of cricket. Five of our supposedly strong batsmen were returned to the pavilion with only two runs on the score-board, and these were two byes. With five runs on the board we were seven wickets down. Then our tail began to wag quite effectively. Axe arrived at the wicket and proceeded to show our best bats how they should have dealt with the bowling. By using his feet and the "gardener's scythe shot" he scored 17 before being caught on the boundary. The School total was 31, and with 9 byes to our credit the effectiveness of our batsmen can be readily judged.

Cox and Noble opened our attack. Cox bowled the Stirling opening bat for one in his first over, but this was our only piece of luck, as Stirling soon collared the bowling and knocked off the required runs for the loss of four wickets.

Scores :—

S. Cox, bowled Carmichael	0
J. Colbert, bowled Melville	0
R. Smith, caught Marrs, bowled Carmichael ..	0
A. Beattie, lbw, bowled Melville	0
D. Peachey, bowled Carmichael	0
R. Scullion, lbw, bowled Carmichael	3
D. Nairn, caught Melville, bowled Dyce	1
J. Harold, bowled Carmichael	1
D. Axe, caught M'Laren, bowled Dyce	17
D. Leel, caught Carmichael, bowled Dyce	0
Extras	9
Total	31

Bowling.

S. Cox	2 wickets for 18 runs
D. Peachey	2 wickets for 12 runs
Stirling High School	48 for 5

School v. Stirling High School (Away)—Lost by 5 wickets

In the return match at Williamfield we again lost the toss and were sent in to bat. This time we started as if we meant business, but Cox would attempt his unorthodox tishy shot at a ball on the leg stump, with the usual disastrous result. We had by this time 7 on the score-board. The following batsmen appeared to think that the bowler who had got Cox's wicket must be a demon, and treated him with such great but unmerited respect that we were 5 wickets down for 16 runs. Sanderson then came in and, as he had not seen any of these bowlers before, treated them as they should have been treated from the start and scored a very useful 15 before being caught at leg off a very half-hearted shot. The total was now 40 when Peachey came to the wicket, and there was great hope of reaching the century, but Peachey received an extremely fine ball from Carmichael, and was bowled neck and crop. Thus faded our hopes of a good score.

Stirling opened very slowly as our bowlers were sending down some very fine stuff. No liberties could be taken, and any chances given to the fielders were snapped up and the batsmen retired. Three very fine catches were taken by Cox, Colbert, and Leel, who had to run in and catch a very high ball. Scores:—

J. Colbert, lbw, Carmichael	0
S. Cox, bowled Yule	7
R. Smith, bowled Carmichael	1
D. Nairn, bowled Yule	1
D. Peachey, bowled Carmichael	0
C. Sanderson, caught Yule, bowled Melville	15
R. Scullion, caught Carmichael, bowled Yule	7
D. Axe, lbw, Melville	0
J. Harold, not out	6
D. Leel, bowled Yule	0
J. Noble, not out	0
Extras	3

Total (for 9 wickets declared) 40
Bowling.

Cox	2 wickets for 25
Peachey	3 wickets for 28
Stirling High School	61 for 5 wickets.

School v. Alloa Technical School—Won by 28 runs.

In this game we won the toss and batted first. Cox and Colbert opened very confidently, but again Cox made that dreadful tishy shot at the ball on the leg stump, with the usual result that he walked back to the pavilion with 8 to our credit. Again Colbert followed his opening partner to the pavilion very shortly after, and

our batsmen did not appear to be very happy against bowling which was very effective but not too good. Sanderson and Scullion failed lamentably, and it was not until Nairn and Peachey came together that any effective cricket was seen. They stayed together for 30 minutes and added 30 to the score-board before Peachey was run out for 29. The next stand was made by Smith and Axe, and added 26 before Smith was caught for 12, immediately followed by Axe being caught after he had scored 14. The remainder of the batsmen added nothing to the score, and we declared at 80 for 8 wickets.

With the chance of our first win of the season our bowlers settled down very quickly and went about their task with extra vim, and we managed to get the Alloa team out for 52. Our first win for years and a well-merited one. Scores:—

S. Cox, bowled Drummond	8
J. Colbert, bowled Watson	8
C. Sanderson, bowled Drummond	4
D. Nairn, lbw, Drummond	3
R. Scullion, bowled Drummond	0
R. Smith, caught Watson, bowled Drummond	12
Peachey, run out	29
D. Axe, caught Drummond, bowled Fyfe	14
J. Noble, not out	0
J. Harold, not out	0
D. Povey, did not bat	—
Extras	2
Total (for 8 wickets declared)	80

Bowling.

Peachey	7 wickets for 25
Nairn	2 wickets for 14
Alloa Technical School	52

Q.V.S. v. Alva Academy.

Won by 61 runs.

This game was played on the evening of Sports Day. Unfortunately Alva were not at full strength and the game proved rather one-sided. Cox and Nairn batted steadily, if without enterprise. However Sanderson soon changed that, and, hitting very hard from the start, completely dominated the game, driving and hitting to leg with great power. He took risks but gave no chances in scoring a splendid 65 not out, which included 11 fours. He was well supported by Cox, and Axe looked full of runs when the declaration came.

Alva's batting was rather carefree and good catching by the School side, of whom Axe held three, and steady bowling by Cox soon brought the match to a close, but not before Povey had bowled some very promising overs at medium pace. Scores:—

S. Cox, caught and bowled Brogan	11
D. Nairn, c Brogan, b Higham	3
C. Sanderson, not out	65
R. Scullion, stumped Simpson, bowled Higham	4
D. Axe, not out	6
Extras	3
Total (for 3 wickets declared)	91

Bowling.

S. Cox	7 wickets for 16
Povey	2 wickets for 3
Alva Academy	30

Personalities.

S. Cox and J. Colbert. The opening batsmen who are quite good defensively but step away from the ball outside the off stump. Both are sound fielders.

C. Sanderson. An aggressive, confident, swash-buckling batsman with the ideal match temperament. Will go a long way.

Peachey. A very good bowler with a good action. Could be a capable bat.

Scullion and Axe. Will make good farmers and collect the necessary runs no matter what the state of the wicket or bowling.

Noble. A promising left hand bowler, whose batting position of eleventh is hardly justified.

Nairn. His batting is ideal for five day test matches; a useful bowler.

The following have been awarded their 1st team colours:—S-Mon D. Peachey, Mon. J. Colbert. Cpl. Axe, L-Cpl. C. Sanderson.

Major Washtell has again played cricket for Scottish Command this season.

Swimming Sports

These were held on July 11th, and a fine afternoon's sport was seen. Strong in all divisions, A Coy. were easy winners of the Relay Cup. Some excellent diving and plunging bore witness to the splendid coaching of Mr Gutteridge, as did the excellent style of Palmer in winning the Novices race. But the main feature of the day was the number of desperately close finishes, three of the individual races being decided by a touch.

The climax came in the four length race for "The Fish," in which Sanderson, who had already swum five lengths, made a great effort in the last ten yards but was beaten by inches.

RESULTS.

Inter-Company Relay Race (Seniors)—1, A; 2, B; 3, D.

Inter-Company Relay Race (Intermediates)—1, A; 2, D; 3, B.

Inter-Company Relay Race (Juniors)—1, B; 2, A; 3, D.

Plunge (Seniors)—1, P. Watson; 2, W. Menach; 3, D. Morrison. Distance 36ft. 2ins.

Individual Race (Juniors) — 2 lengths—1, A. Morgan; 2, T. Williamson; 3, B. Williamson. Time 39.4 secs.

Back Stroke Race—1, J. Creek; 2, A. Spence; 3, A. Watters.

Individual Race (Intermediates)—2 lengths—1, C. Sanderson; 2, T. Grove; 3, J. Barr and T. Straughan (Tie). Time 28.9 secs.

Diving (Seniors)—3 Dives—1, W. Carrigan; 2, T. Anderson; 3, R. Scullion.

Novices Race—1 length Breast Stroke—1, R. Palmer; 2, J. Clarke; 3, F. McLeod. Time 23.2 secs.

Diving (Intermediates)—3 Dives—1, R. Fairbairn; 2, W. Menach; 3, J. Barr.

Individual Race (Trophy) — 4 lengths—1, A. Williamson; 2, C. Sanderson; 3, W. Carrigan. Time 1 min. 3.6 secs.

Half colours have been awarded to the following in Swimming:—Mon. V. McGurk, Mon. P. Carrigan, P/M. A. Williamson, Cpl. T. Anderson.

Miniature Shooting

Inter-Company Competition.

"B" Company won the Inter-Company miniature range shooting competition, and here are the results of each Company:—

"A"

	Group	Applic.
C. Sanderson.. . . .	25	15
D. Axe	20	19
N. Dunstance	20	17
D. McKenzie	15	16
J. Kerr	15	14
A. Watters	20	9
	<u>115</u>	<u>90</u>

"B"

	Group	Applic.
R. Paxton	25	18
P. Wheeler	25	17
S. Fairbairn	20	19
D. Scullion	20	17
D. Nairn	20	17
R. Fairbairn	15	14
	<u>125</u>	<u>102</u>

"D"

	Group	Applic.
D. Glen	25	19
T. Anderson	20	13
G. Laing	10	17
I. Watson	15	11
J. Murray	10	12
K. Robertson	0	14
	<u>80</u>	<u>86</u>

"B" Company aggregate, 227.

School best shot, Boy D. Glen, 44 (possible 45).

Q.V.S. Boys versus Stirling Cadet Force.

	Group	Applic.
S. Fairbairn	20	19
D. Nairn	25	16
C. Sanderson	25	16
D. Axe	25	18
D. Glen	25	19
D. Scullion	20	18
R. Paxton	20	19
P. Wheeler	15	19
	<u>175</u>	<u>144</u>

	Group	Applic.
Sgt. Troup	20	16
Cpl. Shaw	10	12
Cdt. Shaw	10	16
Cdt. Dick	20	20
Cdt. Spalding	15	16
Cdt. Crab	15	17
Cdt. Duthie	0	11
Cdt. Gardiner	20	16
	<u>110</u>	<u>124</u>

Winning team, Q.V.S. Aggregate 319 (possible 360).

Q.V.S. Boys versus Masters R.A.E.C.

	Group	Applic.
S. Fairbairn	20	17
D. Nairn	25	19
C. Sanderson	20	17
D. Axe	25	16
R. Paxton	15	17
D. Glen	15	18
P. Wheeler	20	20
D. Scullion	20	20
	<u>160</u>	<u>144</u>

	Group	Applic.
Major Washtell	15	16
Mr Jones	20	17
Mr Miles	20	18
Mr Roche	15	19
Mr Ennis	25	19
Mr Bellion	20	19
Mr Dean	25	20
Mr Taylor	25	20
	<u>165</u>	<u>148</u>

Winning team, Masters R.A.E.C. Aggregate, 313 (possible 360).

The B.B.C. Recording

On 16th June a B.B.C. recording unit visited the School with the object of gathering material for a short broadcast some time in August. It was thought that the programme should be as comprehensive as possible with all the bands showing their paces and the whole School performing various choral works in the Chapel.

A still morning made outdoor recording a simple task, and the Bands acquitted themselves nobly, with the drums superb. After lunch, it was the Military Band's turn; the technicians tried with different microphone positions, and a young Sergeant practised his word of command. He has been hoarse ever since.

We moved inside. The School sang. Technical hitches, a canteen piano, and some gusty work by the Upper School made the performance memorable. The B.B.C. said, with masterly tact, that it was "alive."

Equanimity was restored by a magnificent model lesson by Mr Lax with the Junior Band. News that a contract is in the offing, however, must be taken as premature.

Monitors at McLaren High School

As you may already know, five Monitors wend their weary way down to Dunblane each day and catch the train to Callander, where they attend the McLaren High School. They have all taken a large part in sport at McLaren, as was shown by the results at the High School sports.

In these sports Monitors Peachey and Smith ran as seniors, and McGuirk and Colbert as Intermediates. Peachey won the high jump at 5ft. 2in., came 3rd in the cricket ball, and 4th in the shot putt, and 2nd in the 440 yards. Smith came 4th in the 440 yards, and was just beaten into second place in the half-mile after leading all the way. Colbert was our most successful competitor, and became intermediate champion by winning the cricket ball and 100 yards, coming 2nd in the 220 yards, 3rd in the high jump, and 4th in the long jump. McGuirk came 3rd in the 100 yards and 3rd in the 220 yards—he also won a pillow fight. All four of these Monitors were in their house relay and tug-of-war teams.

On other days they have represented McLaren High at different sports meetings—Peachey figuring in the 440 yards, Smith in the mile, Colbert in the 100 yards and 220 yards, whilst Colbert and McGuirk ran for the intermediate relay team.

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Selection of Smokers' Requisites

Fishing Tackle = Golf Balls