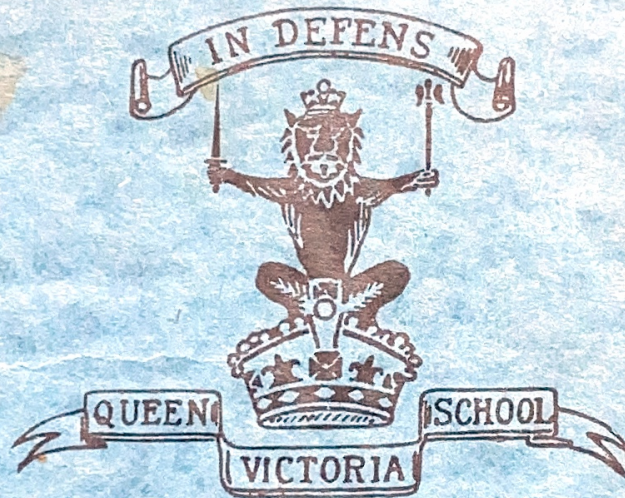


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EDITORIAL

IN compiling this Editorial, we are struck by the way in which the fortunes of the School can fluctuate in such a short space of time as six months.

Amongst our Commissioners, we have lost the invaluable services of Colonel Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, K.T., C.M.G., A.D.C., who through pressure of work, found it necessary to resign. One of His Majesty's Commissioners for nearly a quarter of a century, by his wise counsel and keen interest, he has proved himself a true and valuable friend of the School.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of Mr W. Maxwell, M.B.E. (late Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), C.S.M. of "A" Company. No member of the Staff was more popular with the boys, and his interest in them, his care for them, and the high standard he set, will remain with those boys who passed through his hands as an example throughout their lives. We offer Mrs Maxwell and the family our deepest sympathy.

Mr G. Pears, C.S.M. of "B" Company (late the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders), has resigned from the Staff after eight years' service, to continue his Civil Service career in Inverness. We wish him every success in his future employment.

The Rev. A. S. Dingwall, who, since 1947, has instructed the Church of Scotland Boys and taken the parade services, is being transferred to Glasgow to our great regret. To him also we extend our best wishes and can assure him of a very warm welcome whenever he can find time to visit the School.

On what might be termed the credit side are the various events of National or, more correctly, international interest that affect the School in particular.

Boys from the School had the honour of performing at the Royal Tournament, and will be appearing at the Edinburgh Tattoo and the Gathering of the Clans. In order to achieve the high standard of dancing necessary for the above events, the boys have been trained by Miss Jean Reynolds, one of the leading exponents of Highland Dancing in the country, her success being evident in the standard demonstrated at the Tournament and the Competitions.

In particular, we are indebted to Lt.-Col. A. C. Maclean for not only including the boys in the Tattoo, in arranging for their instruction, but also for coming from Edinburgh to judge the dancing competitions.

To Brigadier H. Clark who was in charge of the combined Piping and Dancing Display at the Royal Tournament, we are greatly indebted for all his help and encouragement to the boys during that time, and his interest in their welfare.

Of the many visits paid during the summer term, perhaps none was more enjoyed than a visit to the U.S. Battleship "Wisconsin," arranged very kindly by the United States Consul General in Edinburgh. Descriptions of this and the Tournament are to be found elsewhere.

The Scheme for the replacement of National Service R.A.E.C. Officers by Civilian Masters is now to take effect, and at the start of the new school year we will have four civilian masters on the Establishment. We extend to them a very hearty welcome. Their presence on the Staff will ensure continuity in instruction and allow the School to undertake the education of fourth year pupils.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Lt.-General Sir Gordon Macmillan on Grand Day, Vice-Admiral Sir Angus Cunninghame Graham, at the invitation of His Majesty's Commissioners, has very kindly consented to inspect the parade. This, we believe, is the first time in the history of the School that we have had the honour of being inspected on Grand Day by a member of the Senior Service.

We extend our most hearty congratulations to Mr F. Lax, late K.O.S.B., on the award of the B.E.M. by His Majesty the King in recognition of his 22 years' invaluable service to the School as Band Master. The news of this award will be received with the greatest satisfaction by Old Victorians all over the world, who in their day received their musical training under him.

In Memoriam

William Maxwell, died 15th July, 1951, aged 64 years.

MR Maxwell enlisted in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Stirling in 1905. He served in South Africa and Malta before the Great War of 1914-18, in which he saw active service in France and Germany. From 1927-1935 he was Garrison Sergeant-Major at Chatham, and for his services there he was awarded the M.B.E.

He retired in 1935 after having served 30 years with the Colours. He joined the staff of Queen Victoria School as a clerk, and in 1936 he became Company Sergeant-Major of "A" Company, a post he held until his death.

It was a task for which he was wonderfully equipped. He had a first-class grasp of administrative detail, an absorbing interest in his work and, above all, he loved boys and knew how to get the best out of them. His was both a happy and an efficient Company and its members through the years have been and still remain a living tribute to him. He was a man who inspired admiration, respect and affection in staff and boys alike throughout his life here, and in his death he left us with a deep sense of loss. But so much of him lives on in a whole generation of Victorians that he will not soon be forgotten.

Visitors to the School

Capt. C. Wilson.....H.Q. Highland District
G. R. Thorens.....B.B.C., Glasgow
A. P. Lee.....B.B.C., Glasgow
Lt.-Col. D. S. Moyes.....St. Andrews University
M. Drummond.....Seaforth Highlanders
J. Dromgoole.....War Office
Major N. Wyld.....War Office
Admiral Sir Colin Cantlie.....R.N. (Visiting
K.C.B., C.B., D.S.C. Commissioner)
Major H. W. Sharp.....D.B.O., H.D.
Lt.-Col. C. M. Davies.....S.O.I., H.D.
Lt.-Col. C. B. Baxter.....Chief Inspector D.A.E.
G. T. Pringle.....H.M. Chief Inspector of Schools,
S.E.D.

Old Boy Visitors

J. F. Phillips, St. Andrews
R. M. Field (16370), Oswestry
H. W. Kill (2178), Cranwell.
W. J. Duncan (2137), Glasgow.
W. A. Duncan (2138), Glasgow
R. M. McKenzie (2216), Bannockburn
G. Brown (2238), Bannockburn.
A. Bourhill (2163), Edinburgh.
J. Harold (16564), R.N., Devonport.
S. G. Cox (16595), R.N., Devonport.
J. Black (804), Glasgow.
R. Stewart (495), Glasgow.

A. Lewis (284), Glasgow.
F. Kirkpatrick (236), Glasgow.
J. Gillan (10), Paisley.
J. Gosgrove (805), Glasgow.
G. Hardie (1035), Glasgow.
W. McCombe (2190), Glasgow.
G. Wilson (83), Glasgow.
A. Fraser (1354), Glasgow.
G. Maitland (1069), Glasgow.
A. Duprey (1903), Glasgow.
J. Myles (1468), Glasgow.
G. Munro (1374), Edinburgh.
D. McQueen (1213), Glasgow.
M. McLeod (1621), Glasgow.
T. Mallinson (329), Glasgow.
T. Mitchell (206), Edinburgh.
E. McCann (2057), Edinburgh.
H. Harrison (67), Edinburgh.
J. B. Rigg (1514), Edinburgh.
J. McPherson (1501), Edinburgh.
J. McLeod (373), Edinburgh.
E. Coull (1513), Edinburgh.
G. Archer (559), Edinburgh.
A. Thomson, Edinburgh.
A. Center (100), Glasgow.
W. Carrigan (2121), Glasgow.
R. Sharp (2131), Merchant Navy.
G. Cramb (2134), Crieff.
D. Cumming (2147), Crieff.
G. Walford (1805), Glasgow.
W. Watford (1757), R.M. Band.
R. Stewart (495), Glasgow.
H. Harrison (1785), Edinburgh.
J. Still, Gordons.
E. Watson (811), Edinburgh.
A. Watts (1811), Leeds.

Old Boys' Association

MINUTE of a MEETING of the QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION, held in the CONFERENCE ROOM, on SUNDAY, 6th MAY, 1951.

THOSE PRESENT:—The Commandant, Lt. Colonel R. F. Nason; The Headmaster, Major D. G. Washtell; The Administrative Officer, Captain S. H. Cooper; The R.S.M., R.S.M. W. Watson, B.E.M.

The Commandant extended a hearty welcome to all present, then declared the meeting open.

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

RUGGER.—Out of 15 matches played, only one was lost and that to Glenalmond, whom we defeated in the return match.

SOCCER.—No Losses. Won 7. Drew 1.

BOXING.—Only one representative match took place and that against Dollar Academy. The School were easy winners by 14 fights to 4. In the school competitions over 200 fights took place, which proves the popularity of Boxing in the School.

In connection with the above activity, the Commandant spoke of the excellent service given by C.S.M. Gutteridge in Instruction and Coaching. The Commandant also mentioned the good fortune of the School in having the assistance of Colonel Gahan, an ex-Services Champion in India, in the coaching of the boxing classes.

ATHLETICS.—In the Stirlingshire and Clackmannanshire Inter-School Sports, the School were successful in the Junior and Intermediate Championships, and won all School Matches.

PLAYS.—“Macbeth”—By the Boys. Produced by Captain Raeburn; “Dick Whittington”—By the Boys. Produced by Mrs Dunglison; “Bill Stickers”—Masters and Boys. Produced by Captain Raeburn.

They were all well acted and thoroughly enjoyed by crowded audiences. Press notices were most favourable.

BANDS.—The Bands have had their usual engagements.

VISIT TO B.A.O.R. — A party of Boys was invited to visit Germany last August and were the guests of the Gordon Highlanders. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed and the Boys have again been invited this year as the guests of the Black Watch.

FUTURE ENGAGEMENTS. — Royal Tournament, Earls Court, 6th to 24th June; Tattoo, Edinburgh Castle, 19th July to 8th September; Gathering of the Clans, Murrayfield, 18th August; Beating Retreat, Edinburgh Castle, in July. Other engagements include Inverness, St. Andrews, and Dancers at Manchester. We have had to turn down an engagement for the Royal Highland Show.

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were read and approved. Proposed by Mr G. Maitland, Glasgow Branch; Seconded by Mr A. Center, Glasgow Branch.

Referring to the Minute requesting the re-introduction of the singing of the evening Hymn

and saying prayers after supper the Commandant stated that he had talked the matter over with Mr A. Tweedie and pointed out various difficulties. He reassured all present that the Boys said their prayers every night at bedtime, and in addition, they sang a Hymn and said prayers at morning assembly.

The Commandant called upon the Headmaster to give a statement with regard to the increase in the price of the School Magazine. The Headmaster pointed out that owing to the higher cost of production and the paper shortage, there seemed to be no alternative.

It was also noted that some articles sent to the Editor were not being published. One article in particular would have taken one column of print, which would have entailed a further four pages being added to an already full size magazine, and the additional cost would have been prohibitive.

The Presidents of the respective Branches were called upon to give an account of their Branch activities.

Mr W. McKinnell rose, and on behalf of the Edinburgh Branch stated that all was well, that although the meetings were not being fully attended this did not mean that keenness was lacking. They were very grateful to the Cameron Club, who were still very helpful in all respects. The finances of the club, although not large, were still sufficient to cover the cost of any function.

Mr J. M. McLeod was then called upon to speak for the Glasgow Branch. A copy of his report is below.

Mr J. H. Slorance gave a very encouraging report from Stirling Branch. It was by no means finished, in fact, it was coming along so well that they have prospects of owning their clubroom shortly. Mr G. Stirrat is now resident in the district and will, I am sure, be of valuable assistance to us. The credit balance of the Branch is about £6.

Mr Slorance asked if the Commandant would see if it was at all possible to start a Rowing Club among the Monitors or older Boys. This could be run in conjunction with the Stirling Amateur Boating and Swimming Club. The Commandant stated he would do what he could in this matter.

OTHER BUSINESS. — Mr Cosgrove asked whether, in view of all the Band Engagements, etc., he could be assured that the Boys' Education was in no way affected. The Commandant reassured all present that the Boys' Education was not interfered with.

The Commandant intimated the Programme for the day. The meeting was then duly closed.

MEMBERS PRESENT — 1513 E. Coull, Edinburgh; 1903 A. Dupuy, Glasgow; 2190 W. McCombe, Glasgow; 2121 W. Carrigan, Glasgow; 529 T. Hallinson, Glasgow; 804 J. Black, Glasgow; 100 A. Curtis, Glasgow; 495 R. Stewart, Glasgow; 881 D. J. Wilson, Edinburgh; 1057 A. Kidd, Edinburgh; 373 J. M. McLeod, Glasgow; 10 J. Gillan, Glasgow; 83 G. W. Wilson, Glasgow; 1213 W. G. McQuarrie, Glasgow; 67 H. G. Harrison, Edinburgh; 236 F. Kirkpatrick, Glasgow; 1913 E. J. Gavigan, Glasgow; 1836 K.

Gavigan, Glasgow; 949 John Martin, Edinburgh; 1194 John Barron, Edinburgh; 545 George Malloy, Edinburgh; 648 John H. Slorance, Stirling; 1354 Alex. Fraser, Glasgow; 1374 George Munro, Edinburgh; 1621 Malco'm MacLeod, Glasgow; 1835 Gilbert Fleming, Glasgow; 1069 E. H. Maitland, Glasgow; 909 J. Mitchell, Edinburgh; 582 P. Taylor, H.Q. Branch; 378 D. Lazare, Glasgow; 687 M. Anderson, Glasgow; 336 W. McKinnell, Edinburgh; 29 J. Edmonds, Edinburgh; 284 A. Lever, Glasgow; 1514 J. Rigg, Edinburgh; 1468 John Myles, Glasgow; 1501 A. MacPherson, Edinburgh; 43 G. Stirrat, Stirling; 559 G. Archer, Edinburgh.

Glasgow Branch Report

It is with pleasure that once more we are able to attend our old school on "Old Boys' Day" and officially as a branch.

The branch still meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Camerons' Club, and how proud we are to be associated with such a grand company. We appreciate very much the help and kindness they continue to show us.

Unfortunately we again have to report that our meetings are still very poorly attended, and that in general, the old school boy in Glasgow is not interested in the Association—if it were not for the continued support of a very small number of ex Q.V.S. boys there just would be no branch in Glasgow, furthermore we condemn those people who criticise the activities of the branch—from the outside.

Financially the branch is quite healthy, and we have no debts.

Since our last visit to the School, we regret to report the deaths of two old school boys, J. Chisholm, School Number 120, and James Craig, School Number 383.

Our congratulations to J. Nicol, School Number 1124, R. McLean, School Number 1315 and D. Thomson, School Number 1386 on becoming happy fathers.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr M. McLeod, School Number 1621, on the occasion of his Marriage.

It is with pleasure that I have to report that we have with us to-day, one of the "First Fifty." Mr James Gillan, School Number 10.

Our congratulations to the School Boys and Staff on their wonderful shows on the Radio. The 28th of April and the 3rd May, 1951, were certainly two dates that will long be remembered by our young comrades from Dunblane. We hope their very excellent programme was heard by many old school boys all over the world.

The Branch are about to lose a grand member in Mr Donald McQueen, who will be leaving us shortly to stay in London. We can ill afford to lose him, and we are going to miss him very much. We wish him and his good lady all the best.

We must remember again that grand little band of ladies who attend our small socials held in the Camerons' Club. Hail, rain or snow, they come along, and we appreciate their attendance very much.

It was a sad day when we heard the news of the death of our grand old friend, R.S.M. Peter Scotland. One of our members, Mr Matt Anderson, attended the funeral, taking with him a beautiful wreath from the old boys of Glasgow. We feel that as long as the Queen Victoria School lives so also will the name of our very much loved friend, Peter Scotland.

This past winter we have held two dances—one in the Woodside Halls, and the other in Maryhill Burgh Halls. The first was a great success, financially and socially, and it was on the strength of that that we held the second dance, but for some unforeseen reason, this dance was almost a flop, but at least it paid itself.

On the 30th November, 1950, we held our "Get Together" in Maryhill Barracks by kind permission of the Commanding Officer of the Depot H.L.I. We could not have picked a worse night Bitter cold, biting wind, snow and sleet—because of this we had many empty seats, but we did have a fairly large party from the Staff Club of Q.V.S., and despite the terrible weather and empty seats, we tried to entertain our friends and in that I think we were very successful. We hope to have a return visit to the Staff Club in the near future.

It is with joy that we learn of the varied and most interesting programme the School will be taking part in this Summer, and we note with great satisfaction that a party of boys will be spending a holiday in Berlin as the guests of the Black Watch Regiment. 12 boys last year were the guests of the Gordon Highlanders in Germany. 20 boys the guests of the Black Watch this year—What in 1952? Our humble thanks to all ranks of those two fine Regiments, and especially at this time do we remember the Gordons who are in Malaya.

We send our best wishes to all old boys and extend a very warm welcome to any old boy at our monthly meetings.

LET GLASGOW FLOURISH.

Old Boys' Day, 1951

Sunday, 6th May, was "Old Boys' Day" at the old school, and I was delighted and proud to be one of the small band of about 22 Old Boys who travelled from Glasgow.

Only 50 "Old Boys" were present at the meeting held in the Conference Hall, and presided over by the School Commandant. It was an excellent and most interesting meeting, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

We were all very proud when we learned, that with us at the meeting were six old boys who had been among the "First Hundred Boys" at the school. Mr Gillan (School No. 10), Mr Stirrat (School No. 43), Mr Edmiston (School No. 29), Mr Harrison (School No. 67), Mr Wilson (School No. 83), Mr Center (School No. 100). We were very proud of these "Old Timers," who were all looking and feeling wonderfully fit.

All three branches gave a report of their activities during the past 12 months, and it was most heartening to hear the optimistic report by Mr Slorance of Stirling. It was nice to hear

Glasgow speak about their youngest member, W. McCombe, who, although it is only a very short time since he left Dunblane has never missed a meeting or social evening of the branch. The branches appear to be having quite a lean time, due entirely to lack of enthusiasm of the old boys themselves. What a great pity, for they could have one of the finest organisations in the country, if only they all put their shoulders to the wheel.

Both Edinburgh and Glasgow Branches wished to place on record their gratitude to the Cameron Highlanders' Club for their hospitality.

After the meeting there was the annual football game, "Old Boys versus the School." It was an excellent game, enjoyed by players and spectators alike—but I am afraid some of the old boys would know all about it on Monday morning. If any senior football scouts had been in the vicinity they would have seen at least three grand players among the school boys, and perhaps the "Charlie Mitten" history may have been repeated. Needless to say—the school won.

Immediately after the game, the old boys, and many other spectators who had gathered, were entertained by the Pipe and Bugle bands, and I can safely say that London and Edinburgh are certainly going to see a wonderful sight when those well-disciplined youngsters entertain them during the Festival of Britain. Their marching was as guardsmen, their playing and timing a treat. How the spectators loved it all, and the old boys must have been mighty proud. Next came the Highland Dancers, and what a picture they were. Those boys are certainly going to be very popular artists at the many functions they are going to appear at this summer. They are a credit to their school and their teachers.

A rather nice thing this year, was having the Old Boys and the School Boys dining together, while the Military Band entertained. It was a lovely show, and the singing by the young school boy was a delight. Oh, you Old School Boys who were not at Dunblane on "Old Boys' Day," certainly missed something, yes something even greater than any words of mine could describe.

The remainder of the evening was spent along with the School Staff, and so to the end of a perfect day.

Only 50 Old Boys present, but a day that will long be remembered by them and their young comrades of Dunblane. I thank you Queen Victoria School for another lovely memory.

CAMPSIE GLEN.

My Last Issue of "The Victorian"

Delighted as always to receive the Christmas issue of "The Victorian," but although enjoying the contents, I was a little disappointed at seeing so little matter from old boys.

It was with great joy that I read the letter from Sgt. V. Dunn. Good show Victor. Let us have more of that type of letter.

I had the pleasure of meeting Victor at the "Get Together" held in Maryhill Barracks last

November. He had got Special Leave for the purpose of attending this function. He certainly enjoyed himself, as did the small company at his table, Victor, Sgt. Watt of the Gordons, W.O. Taylor from Dunblane, John Craig, and a Mr Duncan who had sons at the Q.V.S. It is interesting to note that they were all Prisoners of War, either in Germany or Japan. Yes, they enjoyed themselves, and it was nice to see.

I notice in his letter he mentions the names of the Cloughers (there were three of them), and Billy Tofts. I wonder where Billy is now? I last met him here in Aldershot during the war. Billy and I were at school together.

Well, here's to the next issue of our Magazine, when I sincerely hope I will have the pleasure of reading more letters, like that of Victor Dunn.

BROOMIELAW.

Old Boys' News

ROUTED REDS.

The following extracts from the Press regarding old Victorians are reproduced with gratitude and acknowledged where possible:—

STIRLING MAN'S BRONZE PAR.

For his leadership in a local action in which his platoon was responsible for the rout of Communist forces in the Korean fighting, Sergeant James Crane Robertson, 1st Battalion A. & S. H., has been awarded the American Bronze Star.

During an artillery bombardment on the Maktong River front in September, Sergeant Robertson's platoon was charged by Communist troops. Under his command the platoon held its fire until the last moment and were thus able to scatter the enemy. The platoon did not suffer a single casualty.

In May, 1949, Sergeant Robertson, a former Queen Victoria School boy, married Miss Catherine Bruce, 46½ Upper Craigs, who is now resident at that address. Mrs Robertson had hoped to join her husband in Hong-Kong, where he was posted in June, 1950, but the Korean war postponed her departure.

SERGEANT'S FINE RECORD IN MALAYA

Twenty-eight-year-old Sergeant A. Marr, whose mother lives at 7 Drumdryan Street, Edinburgh, has been presented by the G.O.C., Malaya, with a Commander-in-Chief's certificate for outstanding military service in Malaya.

The presentation, appropriately, was made by a Scottish General, for the G.O.C., Malaya, Major-General R. E. Urquhart, is a former infantryman of the Highland Light Infantry.

In the citation it was stated "that it was largely as a result of Sergeant Marr's untiring efforts that old and obsolete equipment had been kept in service. His work was an inspiring example to the unit—the Engineers' Supply Depot at Kuala Lumpur—and of outstanding value in support of operations against Communist terrorists."

Sergeant Marr is now on his way home after completing a three year tour in Malaya.

CITY SOLDIER'S LONG SERVICE.

Seen receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal from Major-General H. Murray,

commanding the 1st Infantry Division, North Africa, is 35-year-old Corporal Howard Lockhart of the 1st Battalion the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, whose home is at 437 Lawnmarket, Edinburgh. This was the last ceremonial parade in Libya of General Murray (himself a Cameron) before leaving for a home appointment. A Regular soldier, Corporal Lockhart joined the Army in 1928 and before the war served in India and the Sudan. During hostilities he saw service in France, Assam, and Burma, and served for a short time in Italy before going to Tripoli in 1949. He is a former pupil of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane.

Two Scots in Highland dress are attracting a lot of interest at the Festival in London. Thousands of visitors make a bee-line for them as soon as they see them.

Wearing the MacLaine tartan, they are employed by the Festival authorities to rove around the exhibition as a "walking exhibit," and help visitors who are in any way interested in Scotland.

George Dingwall Stevens, who is 51, and his brother John (48), were born in Cumbernauld Road, Dennistoun, Glasgow.

Their father was regimental sergeant-major of the H.L.I., and served for 28 years. Their grandmother, who died aged 94, was "Grannie Hamilton," a dairymaid at Holyrood Palace under King Edward the Seventh.

The boys went to Queen Victoria Military School at Dunblane. George became a piper in the Scots Guards, John a band sergeant in the H.L.I., in which they were time serving soldiers.

Both later served in the Merchant Navy, George was torpedoed and injured and then became a heavy rescue worker in London during the blitz. After the war it was suggested to them that with their fine bearing, good looks and way with a kilt they would be an attraction at exhibitions and would be of great help to Scottish visitors. They took it up as a job and for the last four years have earned their living in this way. Neither is married and both live in Jubilee Road, Wapping, London.

"It's a mighty busy job here," George told the "Weekly News" as the visitors surged around in the sunshine. "One or the other of us is on twelve hours a day, seven days a week. At peak times we're both here, but we do have to have some rest and that is why we take it in turns."

"I usually make my H.Q. at the doors of the Lion and Unicorn Pavilion, as everyone comes there, and there are some Scottish exhibits. But we do walk all around the exhibition and are told whenever there are any important folks arriving, which gate, and also when any boat trains are coming in to nearby Waterloo Station, so that we can go to that entrance."

"It is mainly the folks of Scots descent from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and America who come up to us for a sound of the brogue and a word about their homeland, but, of course, plenty from over the Border speak to us, too."

"It was originally intended that we should wear the Farquharson tartan, but as it's practically impossible to get, the authorities picked on the MacLaine."

"One of the questions I am asked most is where the visitors can get Scottish souvenirs, such as brooches or lengths of material, but I

have to direct them to firms outside the exhibition. You can be sure we are doing all we can to help anyone who has any connection with Scotland."—(From "The Weekly News.")

The Tombola phrase, "Kelly's Eye," has a new meaning at Royal Engineers' headquarters in the Middle East just now, and it is applied to 20-year-old Sapper Patrick Kelly, Corps of Royal Engineers, and son of Mr and Mrs Kelly, of 34 Brighton Street, Ibrox, Glasgow.

Joining the Army for boys' service in February, 1946, he commenced his training as a topographical draughtsman in the boys' wing of the Survey Training Centre, Warminster, and continued there when he signed on for 8 years as a Regular soldier.

Posted to Middle East Land Forces in February, 1950, Sapper Kelly joined 42 Survey Engineering Regiment, and is now employed in the Map Library of Survey Directorate, R.E., G.H.Q., MELF, at Fayid, in the Canal Zone of Egypt.

Sapper Kelly's "eye" and a microscope play an extremely important part in his job, which is pin-pointing trigonometrical points from aerial photographs, from which scale maps are produced.

A former pupil of the Queen Victoria Memorial School, Dunblane, he is keen to enter the surveying profession when demobilised.

We publish with great pleasure a photograph of Old Victorians and Dukies who served with the 1st Battalion, the Seaforth Highlanders, in Malaya until their return in June of this year. For this we are indebted to R.Q.M.S. C. Vass, who adds:—

"I have no doubt a few of the masters will know Major C. McKenna, R.A.E.C., ex-Q.V.S., who is now S.O. II Education in Singapore, and whom I met a few days before sailing for home. He looked very well and wished to be remembered to all who knew him. He and I were boys together at the School and for many years his father was in charge of the Tuck Shop."

Congratulations to W. Anderson (late of "A" Company), who won a Scottish Amateur International Cap at Soccer as an inside forward and played for Bishop Auckland in the F.A. Amateur Cup Final.

To J. F. Phillips who passed in Chemistry and Physics, with merit in Physics, in the first year of his course at the University College of Dundee (University of St. Andrews), for a degree in Dental Surgery.

And Bandsman A. Spence, who at the age of sixteen, won the three miles at the Regimental Sports of the 9th Lancers in B.A.O.R.

During their visit to Manchester, our Dancers learnt that Charlie Mitten, our first International, was on his way home from Bogota, and was seeking re-instatement with Manchester United F.C.

We are most grateful to all Old Victorians and friends who have sent us the above cuttings and other news of Old Boys. Though we cannot expect all communications to be as beautifully written as R.Q.M.S. Vass' letter, any news of Old Boys will be most welcome.

We understand that one, "Foxy" Young, is a Sergeant with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in Korea, and we are most anxious for any news, from the Far East in particular.

Staff News

Congratulations to Capt. T. Jordan on passing his promotion examination for Major; to 2/Lt. I. I. Williams on representing the Army Officers at Boxing and being awarded his Army Half-Colours; to Mr A. G. Roche who did so much for the School's Athletics last year, on winning the Welsh Long Jump Championship, and on his appointment to the staff of King William College, Isle of Man; to the Staff Badminton Club who again won the Stirlingshire and District Cup, and Miss Cathie Dunglison in particular on her selection to travel with the Scottish International Team and on winning the North of England Doubles Championship (we wish her a speedy and complete recovery from her unfortunate accident); and to Margaret Dunglison on her marriage to Mr G. Hamilton.

For the first time civilian masters have been appointed to the regular teaching staff of the School. We offer a hearty welcome to them and our best wishes for a happy and successful career at the School. The four new masters, who will take up their appointments in September, are:—

Mr J. Sutherland, B.Sc., late of the Bell-Baxter School, Cupar, Fife. He was educated at Harris Academy, Dundee, and St. Andrews University, where he gained his Blue for Rugby. He was a Major in the R.A.O.C. during the War.

Mr R. E. Hughes, B.A., of Birkenhead Grammar School and Liverpool University. He has had a wide experience in teaching History and in lecturing to students.

Mr V. H. Le Maistre, D.A., late of Arbroath High School. He was educated at Lawside Academy and Dundee College of Art. After serving with the R.E. from September, 1939, he was commissioned into the Black Watch in 1943.

Mr R. I. W. Bowen, B.A., late of Alleyne's Grammar School, Stone, Staffs. He was educated at Ystalyfera Grammar School, Glamorgan, and the University College, Swansea. He served in the War with the 7th Gurkha Rifles and held the rank of Major at the age of 26.

At the end of the term we shall be losing Capt. Watson, Capt. Raeburn and Capt. Briggs, Mr Hester and Mr MacKenzie. All of them having left their marks on the School, each of them having very much improved on the work of his predecessor. Capt. Raeburn, in particular, leaves with us the memory of a wonderful "Macbeth" and a brilliantly conceived, if hectic, programme of visits for the Royal Tournament party. More tangibly he has left us a charming paraphrase of "Quem Pastores Laudavere," for use in our Carol Services.

School News

Congratulations to Senior Monitor R. Smith who passed the Sandhurst Entrance Examination and passed on the Higher Grade in Maths., French, English and Geography in the Scottish Leaving Certificate Examinations; to Monitor V. A. McGuirk who passed on the Higher Grade in Maths., French, English, Science and Geo-

graphy and has been granted exemption from the Entrance Examination to Cranwell; and to Monitor D. McArthur who, at his first attempt, passed on the Higher Grade in Maths., English and Geography, and hopes to follow McGuirk to Cranwell.

Further congratulations to A. McDade who won a prize, and H. W. G. Bain who gained an Award of Merit in the "Children's Newspaper" Festival of Britain Handwriting Competition.

In addition to the imposing catalogue of visits undertaken by the Royal Tournament party while in London, the boys left behind in Dunblane did not stay there. The Military Band travelled to Inverness to play before H.R.H. The Princess Royal. H. W. G. Bain made such an impression as a vocalist that requests for his services at a later stage of the Inverness Festival celebrations were received.

The entire Senior School visited the Exhibition of Industrial Power at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow; most of them saw the Perth Festival production of "Twelfth Night"; and a mixed party of a hundred was entertained most royally (if the word is permissible on a republican warship) on board the U.S.S. "Wisconsin," a 45,000 ton battleship, during her stay in the Forth. Our only fear was that Capt. Briggs, who seems to have spent most of this term teaching juniors to sing "Rule Britannia," should start whistling to keep his courage up. Nothing, however, went wrong and we left in the orthodox way, full of ice cream, admiration and gratitude to Capt. Burrows, U.S.N., and all who helped to make it what one boy described as "the best day of my life—so far."

We should like also to record our gratitude to the Commanding Officer of the 9th Lancers and his Bandmaster for the welcome presence and the splendid playing of their Regimental Band on Sports Day; to the Stirling Amateur Rowing and Swimming Club for making it possible to start rowing for the senior boys; and to the Scottish Rugby Union who presented us with a ball, autographed by the teams, in honour of Scotland's great victory over Wales. This ball is to be mounted and used as a trophy, to be played for at seven-a-side Rugby between the Pipe Band and the Bugle Band. It is at present held by the Pipes.

We started the summer term by visiting the B.B.C. studio in Glasgow to make recordings of the Pipe Band. All went well except for those members of the B.B.C. staff who normally have ice cream for lunch. The recordings were used in Harry Mortimer's popular feature "Bandmen of To-morrow," on the Light Programme. We believe this is the first time that a Pipe Band has been included in this series.

The next week we were heard again on the Home and Overseas Service of the B.B.C. in the programme "The Festival Opens," which marked the first day of the Festival of Britain. Contributions came from all parts of the Kingdom, and the five minutes allotted to Scotland were, appropriately enough, broadcast from the School. While the Pipe Band played outside and B.B.C. engineers invaded the Staff Club, a dancing rehearsal was in progress, with James Buchan giving a commentary on what he

saw and heard. The producer complained after the afternoon rehearsal of "an eldritch shriek which sounded as if the boys were having hysterics, which didn't matter provided listeners knew why." We hope that in the actual broadcast it was obvious that we were changing from a Strathspey to a Reel. As the programme was heard in China and America we should hate our largest recorded audience to misunderstand what was going on.

Our visits to the South have produced the usual crop of good stories, some of which should be recorded before they pass into legend and lose all semblance of truth. Of course, we may already be too late. Perhaps we shall never know exactly what King Haakon said to Brigadier Clark or what Queen Mary said to the Pipe Major or what the Pipe Major really said in reply. But we must record one snatch of conversation.

Bus Conductor (to Mr Taylor): "Ain't these some of them boys what was on television the other night? Ah" (to one tongue-tied dancer) "Yes, you're the boy what kept putting his tongue out at me."

Manchester provided, perhaps, the most astonishing sight, of Peter Ward and Company swapping autographs with Test Cricketers, A.A.A. champions and Wimbledon stars.

Royal Tournament, 1951

ITEM No. 8—MASSED PIPES AND DRUMS DISPLAY, by Scottish Regiments, with Highland Dancing, by boys of the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane."

The Massed Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Scots Guards, 1st Royal Scots, 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers and 1st Highland Light Infantry entered through the great gate, a glorious sight, marched down the enormous stadium, countermarched to the centre and formed the Cross of St. Andrew. A pause, a roll of drums, and to the tune of "Monymusk," thirty-two boy dancers were in at the double; amid smiles and murmurs of approval from the thousands in the audience.

Taking their places on eight boards ranged round the area, eight foursomes danced a Strathspey and Reel o' Tulloch. The boys' excitement mounted with the enthusiasm of the crowd, till at the end of the dance a warm burst of applause filled the stadium, unlike the response to anything else in the Royal Tournament. For this had been no mere display of mechanical drill but a human and alive, though disciplined, expression of individual feeling. The dancers wheeled round into line before the Royal Box, while, as a fresh surprise to the delighted audience, Pipe-Major Sanderson made his superb entrance into the arena, his chest positively radiating pride in Scotland and his pupils. After the salute, the boys marched off smartly in file to "Highland Laddie," and disappeared in the distance through the double doors at the far end.

This routine was followed, afternoon and evening, for thirty-four public performances, but the enthusiasm of the boys never flagged, for the response of the audience never failed.

For all old boys of any school, from time immemorial, it has been a rule that "the school has gone to the dogs since their time." But strange to relate, all Old Victorians who came to see the dancing and who made themselves known to us afterwards, frankly admitted that they had never seen the school dance better. We were delighted to have so many loyal friends with us, and it was a special thrill for the boys to meet Mr Archer, the original of the portrait of a Victorian which every Q.V. lad passes several times a day in the Central Hall.

There were indeed many moments during the three weeks in London when any Victorian would have felt proud of his school. Unfortunately, the King's health prevented his attending the opening; but the party lined the carpet for the Princess Elizabeth, for Princess Alice with the Earl of Athlone, and, finally, for Queen Mary, to whom Sydney Alexander had presented a bouquet before the performance, while Willie Morrison (the other of our two smallest boys) made a similar offering to the Duchess of Gloucester. On her way out, the gracious Queen Mother stopped to congratulate our own Pipe-Major on a "handsome show." But "Pipey's" most glorious moment was at the last performance of all when Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Fraser, summoned him to the Royal Box—the only "other rank" to be officially received there throughout the Tournament. At his appearance, the crowd turned from the event in progress and cheered the man whom the B.B.C. had acclaimed as "surely the finest-looking man in the Royal Tournament."

There was no Mock Tournament this year, but on the last Saturday morning the boys were called upon to show their skill in piping. To make this fitting conclusion to the Tournament possible, Drum-Major Cowen provided us with drums and a few of his smaller drummers to put the number right, and Pipe-Major Roe nobly helped to get our dried-up pipes fit to play. To both of them we were extremely grateful. The band took the arena for twenty minutes before an audience of some hundreds collected from around the building. Leading, of course, was our own boy Drum-Major, Jacky Barr, who proudly wielded the mace of his father's regiment, the Royal Scots Fusiliers. There had been no rehearsal, but the boys did not let down their friends, who cheered them to the echo and would gladly have listened for an hour.

But the stay in London was far from being all glory and glamour. We were quartered in the Warwick Hall, a large bare conference room in the Earls Court building. A fifth of this space was taken by forty beds, while the staff inhabited two partitions in the corners, entered by doors marked "Private—Artists Only." Ventilation was artificial and there was no place in the open air where the boys could play games or let off surplus energy. It was some compliment, then, when the Regimental Police Sergeant Major stated, categorically, that the Q.V. detachment was the best-behaved and best-disciplined batch of boys he had come across in twenty-three years as a policeman.

Not that the boys never left Earls Court. There were frequent visits to the Chelsea Baths,

and leave was given for boys to visit relatives or friends at the week-ends. Members of all the Services at the Tournament welcomed groups of two or three to their homes, evidently to the great pleasure of all concerned. That no boy lacked a friend in London did credit both to the school and to our hosts. The friendships we made at Earls Court will not be soon forgotten.

The party also got the chance to see the sights under the specially arranged education scheme. Normal schoolwork was obviously "not on," and education took the shape of visits usually made by small syndicates. While these "panels" were out, the Navy and Marines gallantly stepped into the breach and entertained the rest with extremely interesting and dramatic lectures on their own experiences. Everyone, of course, was taken to see the Tower of London, the Zoo, and Madame Tussaud's; and a pleasant morning was spent at the Chelsea Hospital, where we were conducted round by the Pensioners themselves. Most boys also visited the South Bank exhibition, but this is so large and overwhelming that its educational value is somewhat doubtful. It would have been criminal, though, to have been in London during Festival Year and not to have visited the South Bank. The most successful visits were those to the Houses of Parliament, where Major-General Hughes, the Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms, showed us the new House of Commons and the now refurbished House of Lords in all its glory; to the Docks, where a group spent a most exciting day in the different warehouses, and boarded a Union-Castle liner, and to Ford's motor works at Dagenham. The power and dignity of justice was impressed on the boys who visited the Law Courts and, later, Scotland Yard. The mysteries of the postal system were divulged at the central sorting office of the G.P.O. (We crossed the road afterwards and slipped in to ascend the dizzy heights of St. Paul's Cathedral.) The scientifically inclined went to the Festival Science Exhibition at South Kensington, and the Royal Mint; while those who expressed a preference for the Arts saw the National Gallery and the Victoria and Albert Museum, listened to Haydn at a Children's Concert, conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent, and even attended a rehearsal in a Television Studio.

Speaking of Television, the Tournament was televised at Earls Court itself, but we also arranged for one foursome, accompanied by the Pipe-Major, to dance the Argyllshire Broad-swords in "Picture Page." These found themselves, one fine afternoon, gliding in a luxurious car up to Alexandra Palace, where they were welcomed by a party of producers and technicians who hustled them upstairs for a rehearsal "on the set." They were entertained like professional artists (even "Pipey" was made up!) and duly went on the air at the hour appointed, without hitches or undue nervousness.

In conclusion, it must be said that the three weeks were an unusually valuable lesson in community life. Under the strange, hot-house conditions, some boys visibly matured. We owed much to the kindly and courteous presence of Brigadier Clark, who never failed to calm and encourage the dancers with the right words before each performance. It was a great

privilege to work for him in the interests of Highland Dancing. It was a privilege, too, to have Mr Taylor with us as quartermaster. Apart from doing more work than anyone else, he knew everything that went on, as well as all the answers to the boys' many little personal difficulties. Old Victorians in London looked to him as the School's chief representative, for as Old Boy and Master, he symbolizes for them the continuance of a tradition they treasure. We can only hope that Mr Taylor was as proud of us at the Tournament as we are of him.

D.A.R.

Carol Service

The Carol Service at the end of the Autumn Term was an innovation, but it started what should be an important tradition. It unites both Presbyterians and Episcopalians in the ideal way of celebrating Christ's birth, and on this occasion the standard of singing far exceeded the normal Q.V. level. This achievement was the result of the Headmaster's excellent choir-mastering and of the trouble taken in rehearsal to ensure not only enthusiastic singing but also a strong rhythmical attack and disciplined entries, without that forcing of tone which is vocally the School's besetting vice.

The Headmaster is also to be congratulated for his enterprising selection of carols. A special point was made of choosing a few unfamiliar pieces, notably "Susanni" and "King Jesus hath a Garden"; the last verse of the latter, sung in unaccompanied four-part harmony, was musically perhaps the high-spot of the service. Warlock's "Adam Lay Ybounden" was marred by an accident in the organ accompaniment, but it should certainly be retackled next Christmas.

Even the better-known carols were treated far from conventionally. The service started with a delightfully brisk "Adeste Fideles," including a splendid descant in the last verse. In "God rest you merry," it was a pity that the admirably conceived effect of introducing a treble descant in the fourth verse to the refrain of "Nowell," above the main tune sung by broken voices, went slightly astray, but this probably needs a visible conductor's beat to succeed entirely. The Headmaster was responsible for the descants and other musical arrangements.

One special asset was the presence of Capt. Briggs, whose quiet solos made a pleasant contrast with the choral singing.

Three members of the school took their share of the nine lessons. Their readings compared favourably in clarity and expression with those heard from King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve.

But the service being a "first go," there were lessons to be learned as well as heard. Next year's service could afford to be slightly shorter; and still more could be done to co-ordinate the accompaniment with the singing.

The experiment was so thoroughly successful that these few suggested improvements could make the Carol Service one of the best and most worth-while activities in the life of the School.

ORDER OF SERVICE.

Opening Carol:—*Adeste Fideles*.

Bidding Prayer.

Carols:—*God Rest You Merry,
The Truth from Above.*

1st Lesson:—Genesis iii, 8-15.

Read by the Minister of Leighton Church.

Carol:—*Adam Lay Ybounden*.

2nd Lesson:—Genesis xxii, 6-10, 15-18.

Read by a Boy (K. Gavigan).

Carols:—*Susanni*.

Come, Desire of Nations, Come.

3rd Lesson:—Isaiah ix, 2, 6 and 7.

Read by the Commandant.

Carols:—*They all were looking for a King,
Unto us a Child is Born.*

4th Lesson:—Isaiah xxxv, 1-6.

Read by the Senior Monitor (R. Smith).

Carol:—*King Jesus hath a Garden.*

5th Lesson:—St. Luke i, 26-33 and 38.

Read by a member of the School Staff
(D. Strathdee).

Carol:—*Once in Royal David's City.*

6th Lesson:—St. Luke ii, 1 and 3-7.

Read by the Headmaster.

Carols:—*Whence is that Goodly Fragrance,
Awake were they only.*

7th Lesson:—St. Luke ii, 8-16.

Read by a Boy N.C.O. (G. Johnstone).

Carols:—*Hark! the Shepherds' praises
singing.*

While Shepherds watched.

8th Lesson:—St. Matthew ii, 1-11.

Read by an Officer (Capt. D. A. Raeburn).

Carols:—*The Kings.*

The First Nowell.

9th Lesson:—St. John i, 1-14.

Read by the Rector of St. Mary's.

Carols:—*Christ is the World's True Light,
Angels, from the Realms of Glory.*

Prayer.

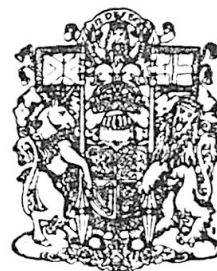
Carol:—*Hark! the Herald Angels sing.*

Benediction.

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"Macbeth"

The following report appeared in the *Stirling Sentinel* of December 19, 1950, and is reprinted by kind permission of the Editor.

Let it be said at the outset that no qualification of "Considering it was played by school-boys" can be even remotely entertained in appraising the Q.V.S. production of "Macbeth" at the School last week. The gravest charge that can be laid at the door of the headmaster's office is one of failure to give a wider public the opportunity to see the best amateur show produced in these parts for many a long year.

After the first two or three minutes it was no longer apparent that the parts were played by lads of an average of thirteen. Visions of "another school effort" were quickly dispelled. Consider 14-years-old Gilbert Johnstone's Macbeth: the boy really lived the part. From his first fearful encounter of the three weird sisters he convinced us all; the subordination of his will to that of Lady Macbeth was conveyed in masterly style, and in soliloquy he showed a truly remarkable understanding. His interpretation of Macbeth's rising mastery of the situation, and subsequent realisation of despair put the final stamp on a distinguished performance.

Practically on a par with young Mr Johnstone's acting was the splendid playing of Archie Lumsden as Lady Macbeth. Since Shakespeare wrote no parts for women, and boys, of necessity, took without exception such roles in other days, it should have occasioned no surprise that Lumsden did so well. But apart from his thoroughly captivating presentation of a venomous woman, the boy was easily the best-looking female lead in local amateur dramatics! He (or she) was positively handsome, even regal—and thoroughly persuading. The difficult sleep-walking scene he came through admirably—a test of the best—and, like Johnstone, he said his lines as if he meant them.

From a cast of thirty-five it is difficult, if not impossible, to pick out some players for praise and leave out others without doing somebody injustice. Suffice it to say there was not a single "dud," and if some of those with smaller roles tended to rush their words, they did no more or less than most small-part players do; even so, the attentive listener missed not a line. Words of praise must be sounded, however, for David Morrison as Banquo, confidently spoken and well acted as the living friend, scarily convincing as the dead. Arthur Murray, too, deserves to be congratulated for bringing manliness to a real man's part in the role of Macduff; while the murderers, Charles Irvine and Thomas Butler, made real villains (and, incidentally, provided the only actor to top fifteen years).

Of the rest Gordon Cairns, Eric Jones and John Jeffrey stood out as the Weird Sisters, and in the famous scene where Macbeth meets them for the second time and is then faced with the Apparitions, they achieved an effect of positive evil—and how they enjoyed it! If any scene stole the limelight for the nonce from the principals it was the cameo of Lady Macduff and Fleance, her son. James McArthur as the Lady, and Keith Gavigan the boy ("He's killed

me, Mother!") at the investment of Macduff's castle rightfully earned a great round of applause.

Perhaps the most impressive features of the performance, apart from the acting, were the continuity and the lighting effects, ably backed by the well-chosen incidental music (from Vaughan Williams' Symphony No. 6 in E. Minor). There was not a slack minute from start to finish. Obviously great pains had been taken to get the lighting just right, and the simple but effective single set succeeded in giving perfect backing to the finely-contrived atmosphere.

If this production had been presented in a properly-equipped theatre, with a stage provided with ample wings and room backstage, it could have been no more impressive. But when it is considered that there were no wings, a cramped backstage, a dead flat proscenium of tiny dimensions, and improvisations too numerous to mention, the feat ranks as simply terrific.

Honours must go in great measure to the producer, Mr David Raeburn, who, down from Oxford (where he was a member of O.U.D.S.) and doing his National Service as a subaltern-instructor at the school, has given ample evidence both of his ability to act and to teach. He gave the principals ten weeks of real hard work on their parts, and the rest of the cast five weeks of rehearsals. His reward has been magnificent. Had it been possible to extend the three performances given—one for the boys of the school, and two for the lucky ones able to attend on Thursday and Friday last — justice would undoubtedly have been done. The play would have swept Stirling, never mind Dunblane, for the Royal Burgh loves amateur dramatics, and this production of Macbeth is streets ahead of anything seen in Stirling so far this season (and many more).

As always, an immense amount of work was put in behind the scenes, where everyone worked with a will and to good purpose. Outstanding there was Mrs W. Dunlison, who took charge of the large wardrobe and performed near miracles is so doing. From these deep regions, too, came the stirring fanfares and portentous storm effects. Fine co-operation helped to make a fine play an absolute success.

Pantomime

The following report appeared in the *Stirling Sentinel* of March 27, 1951, and is reprinted by kind permission of the Editor.

Last Wednesday was pantomime time again at Queen Victoria School, Dunblane. An earlier Eastertide this year has made for a much shorter term than usual, and accordingly greater credit is due to everyone concerned in a really sparkling production of "Dick Whittington."

Almost every boy in the school seemed to be taking part, either in the pantomime itself or playing in the orchestra; and since none spared

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ANNUAL INSPECTION, 1951

Wednesday, 25th July, 1951, at 3 p.m.

INSPECTING OFFICER:—

VICE-ADMIRAL

Sir Angus E.M.B. Cunninghame Graham of Ardoch,

K.B.E., C.B. (Flag Officer, Scotland)

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.

The Admiral is received with the General Salute, "The Garb of Old Gaul." The Admiral inspects parade and returns to Saluting Base. The Band plays Inspection Troop—"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, playing "Bonawe Highlanders."

TROOP.

On the command "Troop," the Band, Pipes and Drums move right to left in slow time, the Pipes and Drums playing "Loch Leven Castle." 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 "79th's Farewell to Gibraltar," moves to a position in front of the Colour and halts.

Boy J. Wilson 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, the Band playing "Jock o' Hazeldean," and marches past the Admiral in quick time, the Pipes and Drums playing "Hielan' Laddie."

The parade forms Close Column and marches past to "Hielan' Laddie" again, reforms line, 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 the Admiral.

The following prizes are presented by Lady Cunninghame Graham:—

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 Admiral and Lady Cunninghame Graham.

The Parade reforms line and marches off parade to "Bonnie Dundee."

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. TRUMPETS:—Fanfare.

2. MILITARY BAND:—

March—"Comrades" Wellesley.

March—"Trumpet Call" F. van Norman.

3. DANCING:—

Sixteensome Reel.

Argyllshire Broadswords.

RETREAT.

4. PIPE BAND:—

Quick March "Victorians."

Slow March "Road to the Isles."

Quick March "Scotland the Brave."

5. MILITARY BAND:—

Quick March "Scotland the Brave."

6. BUGLES AND DRUMS:—

Fanfare and Drummer's Call.

7. PIPE BAND:—

Retreat March "Allan Water."

8. BUGLE BAND:—

Quick March "Anon."

Set "Pop Goes the Weasel."

Quick March "Three Parts Fall In."

Slow March "Cawnpore."

Quick March "Bangalore."

9. MILITARY BAND:—

Quick March "Mary of Argyll."

10. PIPE BAND:—

Slow March "The Rowan Tree."

Quick March "Caber Feidh."

Strathspey "Loudon's Bonnie Woods and Braes."

Reel "The Piper o' Drummond."

Quick March "Dovecote Park."

11. BUGLES:—RETREAT.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Bandmaster—Mr F. H. Lax, B.E.M.

Drum and Bugle Major—Mr W. Dunglison.

Pipe Major—Mr J. McC. Sanderson

himself it is hard indeed to single out individuals for special praise.

But Arthur Murray, as Dick, did very well, and if at times he took his role a bit too seriously he never forgot that he was a lad with an aim in life; and out of the run of principal boys, he really is a boy.

Out of the run of principal girls, too, was Alice, played by Jimmy White, who made a most fetching damsel.

The proprietor of Fitzgerald's Stores, her aldermanic father was Charles Crombie, who, incidentally, is going the right way to become a fine light tenor.

There was fun on a generous scale. Outstanding was Gilbert Johnstone the dame, the roisterous cook-house keeper—a far cry from his masterly "Macbeth" of three months ago, but just as effective.

Then there was the nearest approach I have seen to a young Lupino Lane—Thomas Gavigan, who raised roars of laughter without saying a word.

It's surprising how many good voices there are at Q.V.S. Apart from the chorus numbers, which were sung with great gusto, splendid solos came from Norman Poulson, as the sea captain; Herbert Bain, a Stirling lad; and a duet from two city toughs, Eric Jones and Harry Lacey.

From backstage there came the voice of Captain M. Briggs, R.A.E.C., in an excellent rendering of "Buffalo Billy," while "B.B." himself (Keith Gavigan) rode bravely through a relentless circle of painted Injuns.

Captain Briggs and a fellow master, Captain M. Watson, were the untiring accompanists throughout the evening.

In front Bandmaster Lax showed just what the military band can do when called upon. He must have been exhausted when the show was over, but it was well worth while—no wonder I heard him referred to affectionately as "our Malcolm Sargent."

The producer of the show was the indefatigable Mrs Dunglison, who in the very short space of time allowed her devised, wrote, produced and directed the pantomime. In addition she designed and largely made all the dresses, and dressed the maids and men, not to mention the fairies.

The Fairy Queen and her dauntless band, thumping the stage daintily as they tripped round in a circle, might have been thought by some merely to have been boys in disguise; but they were a highlight of the show, and the sabre action of Dewdrop (I think) when wielding her wand brought the house down.

Ablly assisting Mrs Dunglison was R.S.M. Watson, stage manager and mentor, and a host of backstage personalities too numerous to mention, but who, as Major D. G. Washtell, the headmaster, said in a closing speech, ensured the success it was.

The Junior Soccer team achieved something like a record when they beat Alva Academy by 17 goals to nil. If some Old Boy should disillusion us, we are still very much impressed at the shooting prowess of these youngsters.

"Bill Stickers will be Prosecuted"

The following report appeared in the *Stirling Sentinel* of April 3, 1951, and is reprinted by kind permission of the Editor.

"Bill Stickers will be prosecuted" is, so David Raeburn told me, a "pantomime without music." Nevertheless, this riotous show put on by the Staff Dramatic Club of the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, did have at least one musical interlude, and came dangerously near to one or two more.

The story is on the good old panto theme of half-baked local boy makes good despite his own shortcomings and the machinations of fate and fearsome enemies.

Our hero, improbably looking for work, sees a notice that "Bill Stickers will be Prosecuted"—by which token he is driven to sea, is shipwrecked, becomes Grand Vizier of Tangerina, returns home with a fortune (and a Princess), is re-united with his mum, and lives happily ever after; but not before he has faced the wrath of the law.

Five boys of the school took parts as lassies and a Negro serving boy. The rest of the cast was the teaching staff.

Gilbert Johnstone was ungraciously effective as Bill Stickers sister Jemima, and fetched chortles with his (her) capers.

But the first real roar went up when Mrs Stickers, alias Gordon Mullis, came blousing in. Along with Bill (Michael Briggs) they gave a hilarious kitchen scene, and if Jemima couldn't quite manage the Cockney accent, it didn't matter, for she had everything else.

Bill went on, and out, to seek work, and came up with David MacKenzie—"The Brussels Sprout"—a delicious caricature of a Belgian, full of gesticulating excitement and impossible English. After a near miss from a stolid p.c. in the person of Islwyn Williams they hied off to sea.

While they were ocean-going, Mrs Stickers got a visit from an employee of the Gas Company, Chief Trumpeter Raydon, whose identity shall remain hidden for two or three paragraphs.

This good soul, Chief Trumpeter first, Town Councillor second, and gas-fitter last, would have done credit to a study by George Belcher, R.A., "I dreamt I dwelt in Marble Halls."

Walrus-moustached bowler-hatted, he was a real "character," and his uproarious attempt at a trumpet solo, preceded by a bout with the non-existent gas stove, fairly brought the house down. His wooing of Mrs Stickers, to the accompaniment of mixed metaphors, was a riot.

The hero by this time had landed on the coast of Tangerina with the faithful Brussels Sprout. After some trouble with two village sheiks (Peter Taylor and Norman Bruce), a conference with the Cambridge-educated Sultan, and a spot of magic, Bill Stickers found himself Grand Vizier.

The Sultan's daughters, played by Robin Adams, Angus McDonald, and Alan Tulleth, were excellent, especially Bill's bride-to-be, Zobeide. As their governess, Michael Watson was everything a Miss Grundy ought to be, and William Haggart was cheerfully cheeky as Adoonzi, the black servant boy.

Here Michael Briggs was in his element, as Bill the Grand Vizier, and his Cockney personation vividly funny and pathetic—just like a panto.

Back in England he kept his antics up to the same key, and the closing scene in the police station was a wow.

Michael Watson—now as a magistrate, and supported by Donald Hester as his clerk, and the same stolid p.c., dispensed injustice with fearful partiality.

By now, of course, Mrs Stickers had married Chief Trumpeter (now Sir Archibald) Raydon, and they made a pretty picture as mayor and Mayoress.

His Worship, after the final curtain, achieved a surprisingly good impersonation of the Headmaster, Major D. G. Washtell, in a bright and witty speech designed to call praise upon the ever-faithful Mrs Dunglison, R.S.M. Watson, property-master J. Bull, the constructors of the scenery, and all those worthies who worked so hard to put the show over.

Sure enough, when I looked at my programme, it read, "Chief Trumpeter Raydon . . . Donald Washtell." But who was taking the part of who I am not quite sure.

One thing is quite sure—in company with the rest of the packed hall I laughed myself silly at the antics of Mrs Stickers and her family, friends and relations. Some pantomime!

Visit to Kelvin Hall

A party of 70 boys from the Upper School visited the Exhibition of Industrial Power at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on 4th June, 1951.

There, the best of Britain's heavy engineering equipment was shown against a most striking background, carefully planned and designed in every detail.

Some sections were naturally too complicated for all to understand, but nevertheless everyone was able to see how British heavy engineering has contributed to civilisation and how it affects our daily lives.

As would be expected, some sections proved more popular than others. The miners were kept busy sorting the boys into "shifts" for descending the coal mine, and several boys showed their appreciation by returning for a "double shift."

The shipbuilding and railways section most certainly proved the most popular of all, and many minutes were spent at the model railway, accurate in every detail and carrying more than 24 locomotives—the envy of every schoolboy.

D. C. Mac.

Monitors' Room Notes

Another year has come and gone but life in the Monitors' Room still follows its usual course. As usual we have lost several members of our brotherhood, including Thompson, Taylor, Scullion and McKenzie, but their places have been filled by the promotion to our ranks

of Sgts. Geddes, Irvine, Phillips, Povey and Stewart. Next term our ranks will be greatly depleted owing to the departure of McGuirk, Wheeler, Beattie, Butler, Povey, Stewart, Geddes and Irvine.

We are enjoying the great privilege of being able to join the Stirling Amateur Boating and Swimming Club and everyone who has been along to it so far has had a good time on the river even though Bill Butler found that the Forth is a trifle wet when one's skiff overturns, and Sandy discovered that a jolly boat is sometimes far from being jolly. Our ultimate aim is to enter a team for the Scottish Schools' Rowing Championship and for other regattas.

We have all pulled our weight in other sporting events this year. Owing to bad weather the school soccer team did not play many games but the team included Monitors Sanderson, Beattie, Fairbairn, Geddes, Phillips, Wheeler and Irvine. On Sport's Day a Monitors' five beat the Masters by 10 points to six. The team was Smith, Sanderson, Beattie, Fairbairn and Wheeler. Smith, McGuirk and Colbert played for the McLaren 1st XI throughout their unbeaten season. The cricket team contained Monitors Sanderson, Colbert, Smith, Haggart, Beattie, Fairbairn, Povey, Irvine and Geddes.

That dreaded athletic event, the Monitors' Cup was won in appalling weather by the favourite, Fairbairn, with John Colbert a very close runner-up. Fairy and Sandy represented the school at the Scottish Schools' Athletics' Championships and Fairy managed to get into the final of the Junior 100 yards. Nearly all the other Monitors were in the school team for the Stirling and Clackmannan Championships. Sandy, Fairy, Pip Wheeler and Arthur Beattie obtaining 1st places.

Monitor Macarthur is holidaying on the Continent at the present time. He hopes to get into the Russian Zone and we are all ready to see his name in the papers as being arrested by the Russians.

Vic McGuirk, Mac, and Miff all did well in their exams. Vic got 5 Highers, Mac 3 and 1 Lower, and Miff 4 and 1 Lower. Miff also passed his Sandhurst entrance exam.

Visits were paid to several places during the term, including U.S. battleship, the Exhibition of Industrial Power, and a performance of "Twelfth Night" in Perth.

Vic, John Colbert, Mac, Charlie Crombie, and Miff took part in the McLaren end of session entertainments given in several places throughout West Perthshire.

Sandy took a party of boys into Edinburgh to see the presentation of new colours to the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Scots Guards, by the Duke of Gloucester.

I would like to close these notes by thanking the Monitors for their co-operation throughout the past year and for helping to make my job as Senior Monitor as smooth as it could be.

R. S.

"A" Company Notes

Dear Readers, — This is our first and last experience of being the authors of "A" Company Notes, but we will do our best to let you know of the happenings in the Company since the last issue of the "Victorian." We regret that Mr Maxwell, who has been in charge of our Company for 14 years, died in hospital last week. An obituary notice elsewhere pays tribute to our great debt to him.

Since Christmas some of our boys have left us, although they have come back to see us. They are, Monitor "Mac" Mackenzie, John Kelly, Cpl. James Wiseman, and Sgt. John Henderson. They have been replaced by N.C.C.'s from other Companies, Cpl. J. B. Graham and Sgt. J. Hill. Both of them have proved very useful to us in sports. Congratulations to all "A" Company boys who have maintained a position in the School Rugby Football and Cricket teams.

The following boys represented the School in Rugby—R. Smith V. McGuirk, C. Irvine, C. McKay, R. Thomson, J. Hill, A. Cunningham, J. Wiseman, D. Graham, J. B. Graham, T. Burns. In Football—C. Irvine, R. Thomson, J. Hill, J. B. Graham, C. Campbell, T. Burns. In Cricket—C. Irvine, R. Thomson, R. H. Morgan, G. Burns, J. Morgan, T. Burns, J. B. Graham, C. Campbell and W. Cheyne.

Congratulations also go to R. Thomson for coming second in the School Cross Country Race.

There will be a number of boys leaving at the end of term, among them are Monitor C. Irvine to H.M.S. Ganges; Monitor J. H. Stewart, Sgts. J. Hill and A. Lumsden; Cpls. C. Campbell, A. Cunningham, C. McKay, D. Graham; L Cpls. W. Nicholson and H. Kippen; Boys G. Burns, R. Wooderson. We wish them all the best of luck in their future lives. I'm sure they will be replaced by young boys from "C" Company, with the real "Company spirit." With the aid of the old "Company spirit," and after a hard struggle, we have succeeded in securing three trophies for Football, Rugby, Hockey.

At the end of the term we will be losing two of our scholars from McLaren High School, Monitor R. Smith and Monitor V. McGuirk. We all wish to congratulate Monitor Smith on his success in passing his exam for Sandhurst, and Monitor McGuirk on passing for the University.

In these notes we have let you know everything of interest during the past year. It has been a pleasure for us to co-operate and write these notes for the Company. We both wish you all the best of luck and good health.

PARTNERS.

"B" Company Notes

Hello readers. It is once again time to let you know about the Company. Since the last issue of the "Victorian" we are sorry to say that we have lost R. Jones and W. Black. At the end of this term Monitor T. Butler and myself are leaving.

At the beginning of the term we received four

new boys into this Company from "C" Company. They are Fitzpatrick, Blackie, Todd and Easton. They are all doing very well up to the present.

This year the Cross-Country was won by "B" Company, and R. Greenhorn, who is in this Company, came first in the School.

On the 4th July we held the Inter-Company Sports. This was a very happy day for "B" Company because we won the day by winning all the cups except for one, which "D" Company won.

We have also done very well in winning all the Kit Inspections, except for one this year, which "A" Company won.

Out of the forty pipers who went to Earl's Court, London, fourteen are from this Company, so we have high hopes for the coming years in winning the dancing shield.

Well readers to end this set of notes, I must thank Mr Pears on behalf of the Company, for helping us all so well this year.

D. G. B.

"C" Company Notes

Hello Readers! Here we are again. On behalf of the babes of the School I am going to make an attempt to give you our yearly notes.

Since the last time out the N.C.O.s have changed, for we have lost our star, Deputy Senior Monitor Peter Wheeler, who has rendered his services to us for quite a long time. He has now been transferred to "D" Company, where he is now getting on quite well. Sgt. J. Webster and Sgt. E. Jones are now in "B" Company with C.S.M. Pears. Sgt. J. Hill has been transferred back to "A" Company. In the Company at the present moment are Monitors R. Fairbairn and D. Povey, Sgts. H. Cramb and S. Robertson, Cpls. J. Raleigh, M. Lochlin, M. Stewart, J. Jeffrey and J. McArthur and under the guidance of C.S.M. W. Dungleison the Company is running very smoothly.

As this is the babes' company and they do not take part in the company sports for the Championship Shield we have nothing to report but the Spoke Relay which is run off on Sports Day, and was won by "A" Company. Although no cups have been won and none of our boys hit the limelight, we must report that we have some very promising material which in the years to come will bring fame to their parent companies.

In the last School Pantomime, produced by Mrs Dungleison, "Dick Whittington and his Cat," some of the younger boys took part as rabbits and "fairies." We will all remember the fairies and the howling success of the rabbits singing "Run, Rabbit, Run." With young Christie Lambert as the centre attraction we have some very promising singers. Jimmy MacArthur who took part in "Macbeth" and "Dick Whittington" did very well in both shows. He took the part of Lady Macduff in "Macbeth" and was the Fairy Queen in the pantomime. "Bananas" Jeffrey looked ghastly as a witch in his role in "Macbeth" and is now being used to frighten the small boys if they refuse to keep quiet at night.

Monitor R. Fairbairn has been doing extremely well in the sports this year. At the Boys'

Championships in Edinburgh he came fourth in the hundred yards and cleared 17 feet 7½ inches in the long jump, and reached the final of the 220 yards.

In the last Hallowe'en Party, "C" Company made a well earned 2nd in the lantern competition, the lantern being carved by Monitor R. Fairbairn. In the apple dooking contest I think our team would have fared better as ducks, as they swallowed so much water without getting the apples out.

Unfortunately we are going to lose two of our N.C.O.s at the end of the term, Monitor Povey and Sgt. Cramb; Povey is going to one of the Army Apprentice Schools and Hugh Cramb to civilian life. I know the Company will wish them the best of luck on their leaving.

On behalf of the Company I congratulate Mr and Mrs Dunglison on the marriage of their daughter Margaret. The marriage took place in the School Chapel, and we wish Margaret and her husband all the best in the near and far future. We are very sorry that Miss Cathie Dunglison fractured her leg whilst at the peak of her form in badminton, but we are glad to mention that her recovery is now almost complete after rather a lengthy convalescence.

Cheerio just now, Readers, and all the best.

FAIRY.

"D" Company Notes

Well, Readers, I find it my duty to submit an article on the welfare of the Company.

Fortunately we have only lost one member, Monitor Thompson, who left for civilian life at the end of last term. Although we have had Monitors Colbert and Sanderson taken from us on account of their attendance at McLaren High School, we refuse to call them losses as they are still lending a helping hand.

We extend now a rather belated welcome to Monitors Beattie and Wheeler from "B" and "C" Companies respectively, and Sgt. Jones from "A" Company. We also congratulate Sgt. Geddes on attaining the rank of Monitor and Sgt. Morrison the rank of B./Sgt., both of whom are doing well at their new duties.

Sport has played the major part in the Company's activities throughout this term—not of course forgetting the R.S.M.'s drill parades. In the realm of athletics we have moderately successful results. In the 2nd Division we won the Long Jump and came second in the High Jump, Wilson playing a winning part. Haggart, Wood, Morrison and Geddes romped home in the 1st Hurdles as did Jones, Carroll, Wilson and Adams in the 2nds, consequently we have one cup in our possession. The Cricket and Shooting are eagerly anticipated as we require a second trophy (if not more) to accompany our lovely prize.

Last term's activities included Basket-ball, Football, Boxing and Cross-country running. Our success in these was very meagre, managing 2nd in the basket-ball and cross-country and last in both the boxing and the football. We are gradually losing our ascendancy over the other companies in the boxing, this being the second year of defeat.

Finally we must offer our best wishes to C.S.M. White and Mrs White for their speedy recovery from their unfortunate accident, and we hope that Mr White will soon be back to shepherd his (black) sheep—although P./M. Sanderson has the situation well in hand.

Farewell to Monitors Geddes, Wheeler, Beattie and Cpl. McConnachie, the first two for civilian life and the other two for the Navy; Beattie for the Merchant Navy and McConnachie for the Royal Navy. The whole Company thank them all for their excellent services and wish them the best of luck in their future careers.

PIP.

Military Band Notes

This has been a very successful year. The high light in the year's events was June 7th, when Bandmaster Lax received the British Empire Medal. Old boys and present pupils will all join with me in congratulating him. But we also sympathised with him when his wife went to hospital. Many will be relieved to hear that she is now recovering rapidly.

Since the last issue of this magazine S. Taylor, J. Henderson and R. Jones have left our "happy family," and at the end of this term we are losing Senior Monitor R. Smith; Monitors V. McGuirk, C. Irvine, P. Wheeler, W. Butler, J. Stewart; Band Sergeant D. Morrison; and A. Lumsden, J. Hill, C. Campbell, D. Graham, E. MacConnachie and J. Hall. As you can easily see, the Band Master will have a very hard task next term to build up another band from the left-overs.

The band has had a very full, enjoyable term, starting with a small "night out" in Victoria Hall. Then we blazed new trails to Barry Camp, near Carnoustie, where we played during the Highland Division Rifle Meeting. Here we had some new experiences in sleeping in Army tents. Being a very windy night, combined with the pranks of the boys in loosening the guy ropes, we were nearly deficient of a few tents in the morning.

Field-Marshal Sir William Slim C.I.G.S., talked to the band, and Monitor Smith was introduced to him by the Band Master. Major-General R. K. Arbuthnott, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., and many other notable officers commented on the band's good playing.

After our spell at Barry we cooled down with one or two Gala Days, where everyone had a good time.

On June 19th we played at Inverness during the ceremony when the Princess Royal received the Freedom of Inverness. The ceremony was very touching, and the band-boys considered themselves very lucky to be asked to play in front of so distinguished a person. Later that day we played to a delightful crowd of Inverness people. The band was entertained to tea by the Lord Provost. The boys left Inverness with a high opinion of the people. We hope to pay them another visit someday.

After this we had two more Gala Days, followed by a day in King's Park, Stirling, then

North Inch, Perth. The latter engagement was made all the more enjoyable, when, every free minute, the boys ate ice creams and milk shakes by the dozen.

There are yet a few outings to come, including the coveted honour of beating retreat on Edinburgh Castle Esplanade. The boys have fully earned their summer holidays and I know they will make full use of them. So, now, with the memory still clear, I close the notes for yet another year, hoping that the younger boys will be as lucky as we were.

"HERB."

Pipe Band Notes

Hello Readers! Well here you are for another session with the pipers. First of all let me introduce the new members of the pipe band. They are: Ian McKenzie, Willie Cheyne, Angus McDonald, Ian Auld and Alex Airnes. Alex Thomson, John Kelly and Derek Scullion are the only departures since last year, all three going to civvy life.

For the last six months forty dancers have been practising in order to take part in the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London, last June. Well it was a great success. Now we are practising for the Festival at Edinburgh, where our own pipe band will be playing and some of our dancers performing also.

Immediately we returned from London, the pipe band started preparing for an engagement at Torryburn the following Saturday. By the time these notes are published we should have been to St. Andrews, and the following week-end to Inverness, where I am sure we shall have a grand time.

Whilst down in London we met a few old school boys, namely, A. J. Archer (there is a painting of him in the Central Hall), James Robertson and Tony Creek.

I am sorry I cannot inform you of the inter-company dancing or of the individual piping, because it has not been played off yet. "B" Company is hoping to win the dancing shield for the sixth year in succession, and "A" and "D" Companies are just as eager to break their run.

When we were at Murrayfield at one of the internationals, the school was presented with an autographed rugby ball for annual competition between the pipers and drummers at seven-a-side rugger, which we won last year with 19 points to 15, which was a rather unexpected victory, considering it was 12-3 at half-time for the drummers.

At the end of term we will be losing two good pipers in Charlie McKay and Willie Geddes, and I wish them the best of luck.

EDDIE.

Drum Notes

*Down in the Drumstore
Blowing every day,
You should hear the Buglers all say.*

Yes, it's time for the drum notes again. At the end of this term we shall lose quite a few

of our best drummers and buglers, namely, Monitors Beattie and Povey, and Corporals Brown and Cunningham.

But to come to a more cheerful note. We have had many engagements this year, mostly Gala Days, Laurieston, Slamannan, Camelon, and Torryburn. Gala Days, regrettedly, are all very much alike. But everyone enjoys them just the same. Inverness was also enjoyed by everyone. But, as they all went to bed after eleven o'clock, they were much too tired to do anything on the following day. The engagement to Gleneagles also enjoyed wide popularity because of the marvellous feed which we always get. Our six trumpeters have also enjoyed a busy term, having had many engagers with the Military Band at Barry, Inverness, and Perth. Last term on our engager to Murrayfield the authorities presented us with a ball autographed by the Welsh, Scottish and Irish teams. A seven-a-side rugby tournament was organised between the pipes and drums, but I blush with shame when I say we were beaten 18-15.

When the dancers went to London many of our more versatile buglers went with them. It was not surprising, therefore, that many new faces were seen in the bugle band. Our drum-major, Jackie Barr, has improved beyond all recognition. In fact, he set up what we think is a record by throwing his mace up 128 times. It must be mentioned that he received a £5 tip from a Dutch gentleman. Luckie "Jackie!"

Half way through the term we had a welcome visit from two old drum-majors, Stan Cox and John Harold, both of whom are doing well in a R.N. training school. Still with us is our esteemed instructor, Mr Dunglison, who is still very handy with a drumstick! Well I think I've come to the end again. Thank goodness!

"SPLINTER."

Tailor's Notes

Hello, Readers! This is just a word from the tailors' shop, hoping that you all had a very pleasant Summer term. The tailor boys this term are: Owen Meechan, who is a tailor by trade, Nicky Lambert, Geezer McKee, Ronnie Wooderson, Hugh MacIntosh, Andy Hunter, Edward Ellis, Henry Hamilton, and, of course, myself, who are all part-time tailors. We have lost Charlie Riddell, who was a part-time tailor also. He won the "Tailors' Cup" for 1950. Mr Henderson, the Master Tailor, is keeping well, and we hope that he always will. We have been stacked up with work since the earlier weeks of the term, because we had to fit the 40 dancers with new red and green jackets and kilts. We are expecting more work soon, because some boys are to dance at the Edinburgh Tattoo, and we will have to fit them up.

New we have to say "Cheerio" until December's edition of the "Victorian."

GRANDPOP BROWN.

Soccer Notes, 1951

The results of the matches played speak for themselves. This year we fielded two teams in order to enable us to meet opposing teams of equal age groups from other schools. Although a fair number of games were arranged many had to be cancelled as a result of the cases of Chicken Pox in the school during the term. This curtailed considerably the inter-school programme, but stimulated our own internal games, in which a great deal of interest was shown. The Staff had two practice games before the vital Iron Trophy match in which they proved victorious.

A great improvement was seen towards the end of the term in team work, thoughtful forward passing and speed on the ball. The teams were captained by Monitor Sanderson and R. Thomson, who fulfilled their duties well. It is not intended to name all boys who played in the teams, but particularly outstanding performances were made by "Spud" Thomson, Geddes and Beattie were stalwart in defence, and Eddie Phillips excelled as an inside forward.

Soccer Colours have been awarded to Sanderson, Thomson R., Wheeler, Phillips and Geddes.

T. J.

(Note by Editor: — Geddes shares with Mr Taylor the distinction of being the best back for his age that we have seen in many years. —Ed.)

INTER-COMPANY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL COMPETITION

1 (A); 2 (B); 3 (D).

INTER-COMPANY HOCKEY COMPETITION

1 (A); 2 (B); 3 (D).

Boxing

Dollar Academy visited the Queen Victoria School on Wednesday last for a Boxing Match. Last year Q.V.S. won by 8 fights to 6, but on this occasion the margin was much larger, 14 fights to 3. This, however, is no indication of the relative strength of the two Schools, since several of the best boxers in each were unable to find an opponent of the appropriate age and weight.

However, in the actual contest there was little to choose between most of the antagonists. Victoria boys were perhaps a little harder, but Dollar had plenty of speed and courage. It should also be remembered that the disparity in the average age of the two Schools favoured Q.V.S., where boys get over the novice stage much earlier, while the more experienced Dollar boxers could not always find a match at Q.V.S.

However, on the night, Q.V.S. were definitely superior, but both teams gained valuable experience. It is hoped that next year's fixture will take place at Dollar.

Dollar—I Wilson.

Q.V.S.—S. Robertson.

This was a grand fight with Robertson getting the verdict on account of his superior hitting in the first two rounds.

Dollar—S. Cameron

Q.V.S.—H. Bain.

A very clever fight by Bain and a plucky show by Cameron, who was a good loser.

Dollar—A Stewart.

Q.V.S.—R. Haggart.

Haggart was too good but Stewart certainly had courage and grit.

Dollar—R. Watson.

Q.V.S.—J. Wiseman.

Watson won a good fight by his superior hitting.

Dollar—W. Keith.

Q.V.S.—A. McArthur.

Two little chaps with Keith hitting the harder and faster and dictating that the fight would be at long range which did not suit McArthur but he did not have the counter for Keith's fast straight hitting. McArthur concentrated on the body in the 2nd round but Keith was still very dangerous with his left. The last round was fast and furious and ended with both little chaps standing toe to toe but Keith had done sufficient to earn the verdict. A very good fight.

Dollar—I. Guild.

Q.V.S.—J. Hughes.

Guild used the straight left to good effect but Hughes kept after his man, throwing punches from all angles, and this earned him the verdict in a closely-fought contest.

Dollar—A. Fyfe.

Q.V.S.—E. Phillips.

Fyfe meant business and went after Phillips, swinging punches from all angles and landing with quite a few, but Phillips persevered with his straight left and right uppercut, which became very effective when Fyfe tired towards the end. Phillips was the winner of a stirring fight.

Dollar—J. MacMillan. Q.V.S.—D. McArthur.

Two big lads who soon warmed up and, although they did not hit very often, hit very hard. MacMillan had the superior left but McArthur's left to the body and his right cross to the head took toll of MacMillan's strength and no doubt earned McArthur the verdict in a great fight.

MacMillan must be congratulated on his fine show as he is Dollar's third string and came in at the last moment to fight McArthur, the Q.V.S. 1st string.

Dollar—B. McGuire.

Q.V.S.—D. Edgar.

Both lads fought well with Edgar doing most of the attacking. Edgar landed good punches with both hands whilst McGuire was depending on the right to the heart. A good hard fight with Edgar a narrow winner.

Dollar—M. Scott. Q.V.S.—A. Cunningham.

A good scrap with the Dollar lad leading well with a stiff left and Cunningham inclined to swing.

Scott came away strongly in the 3rd round and earned the verdict in a good close fight.

Dollar—C. Campbell. Q.V.S.—T. Duncan.

Campbell started hitting fast with both hands but Duncan, a very clever defensive boxer when necessary, was content to ward off most of the blows and land his punches when the opportunity arose.

Defence was thrown to the wind at the beginning of the last round and both lads stood toe to toe in a terrific exchange of blows. A very good fight with Duncan a good winner and Campbell a grand loser.

Dollar—N. Crostwaite. Q.V.S.—P. Wheeler.

A very good fight with Crostwaite trying everything he knew to get to close quarters but Wheeler was content to fight at long range, at which he is good, and earned the verdict in a grand contest.

Both lads were congratulated by the referee on their sterling performance.

Dollar—J. Williamson. Q.V.S.—T. Williamson.

T. Williamson had the longer reach and was very quick on his feet and was content to fight at long range. His left hand was good and J. Williamson very seldom got to close quarters.

T. Williamson received the verdict.

Dollar—I. Ritchie. Q.V.S.—W. Long.

Ritchie made good use of his left and tried to keep Long at a distance but Long did get to close quarters and had Ritchie in difficulties.

The fight ended at a furious pace and Long had done enough to gain the verdict.

Dollar—T. Bryce. Q.V.S.—G. Burns.

From the start Burns kept to in-fighting where he hit hard and often, whilst Bryce tried to stop him with his left but Burns appeared the stronger lad and was hitting oftener.

A very close fight with Burns a good winner and Bryce a plucky loser.

Dollar—N. Black. Q.V.S.—R. Fairbairn.

A very good opening round with both lads hitting well, but towards the end Black began to swing his punches and miss badly. Both Fairbairn and Black were now hitting very hard, Black with a very good left and Fairbairn a hard and straight right.

In the last round Black tired after a terrific start and Fairbairn then went all out and landed a good number of mighty blows which hurt. Fairbairn was awarded the verdict in a close, hard-hitting bout.

Dollar—T. Scott. Q.V.S.—C. Sanderson.

This was a fight of the giants as both Scott and Sanderson stood over six feet. Big things were expected and we got them. Both lads meant business and hit each other very hard indeed. In this round both gave as much as they took.

The 2nd round was just as good, with Scott landing a very good right which floored Sanderson but only for a second as he rose quickly and went after his man.

What a storming finish to a grand contest! Both heavies went after the kill and stood toe to toe and slogged it out, first one then the other would land a hurting blow. Both finished very tired but still hitting it out.

A grand fight with Sanderson the winner.

INTER-COMPANY BOXING COMPETITION

1 (B); 2 (A); 3 (D).

Cross-Country Championship, 1951

Inter-Company Championship—1 (B); 2 (D); 3 (A).

Senior Race — 1, R. Greenhorn (B); 2, R. Thomson (A); 3, W. Geddes (D).

Junior Race—1, P. Gibson (D); 2, J. Dunn (D); 3, F. McLeod (D).

Age Group Prizes—Over 14—1, R. Greenhorn; 2, W. Geddes; 3, T. Butler. 13-14—1, R. Thomson; 2, R. Haggart; 3, V. Scullion. 12-13—1, A. Grieve; 2, W. Cowie; 3, E. Ellis. 11-12—1, P. Gibson; 2, F. McLeod; 3, G. Dunn. 10-11—1, J. Dunn; 2, B. McHugh; 3, A. McDade. Under 10—1, D. Verlander; 2, W. Craggs; 3, D. Davidson.

Inter-Company Athletic Championships

	1st	2nd	3rd
880 yds. Flat Relay Race, 1st Div.	B	A	—
440 yds. Flat Relay Race, 2nd Div.	B	A	D
440 yds. Flat Relay Race, 3rd Div.	A	B	D
300 yds. H. Relay Race, 2nd Div.	D	A	B
300 yds. H. Relay Race, 1st Div.	D	A	B
High Jump, 1st Division	B	D	A
High Jump, 2nd Division	D	B	A
High Jump, 3rd Division	B	A	D
Long Jump, 1st Division	B	A	D
Long Jump, 2nd Division	D	B	A
Long Jump, 3rd Division	B	A	D
Putting the Weight, 1st Division	B	D	A
Putting the Weight, 2nd Division	A	D	B

Scoring:—1st, 3 pts.; 2nd, 2 pts.; 3rd, 1 pt.

1st Company — "B" Company — 30 points
2nd Company — "A" Company — 24 points
3rd Company — "C" Company — 23 points

TROPHY WINNERS

"The Dandy Ninth" Cup	..	"B" Company
The Relay Cup	..	"B" Company
The Hurdles Cup	..	"D" Company
The High Jump Cup	..	"B" Company
The Long Jump Cup	..	"B" Company
The Putting the Weight Cup	..	"B" Company

WINNERS OF THE SPECIAL RACES.

Spoke Relay Race—1st "A", 2nd "D", 3rd "B".

Staff Race—

1st Jimmy Diamond, 2nd Major D. Washtell,
3rd Lieut.-Colonel R. F. Nason.

Ladies' Race—

1st Alice, 2nd Mrs Glass, 3rd Mrs Tasker.

Girls' Race—

1st Agnes Cravers, 2nd Janet Buchanan, 3rd
Peggy Pears.

Boys' Race—

1st G. Sanderson, 2nd Peter Davidson, 3rd Ian
Diamond.

Band Race—

1st L./Cpl. Whitwell, 2nd Bandsman Simpson,
3rd L./Cpl. Price.

FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER RESULT

Monitors beat the Masters, 10 points to 6.

Inter-School Championships

Stirlingshire, Clackmannanshire
and West Perthshire.

Number of schools competing—14.

Q.V.S. PLACINGS

SENIOR—Age Group (17-19 years).

880 yds.—3rd, V. McGuirk.
1 mile—3rd, R. Smith.

INTERMEDIATE.

100 yds. Hurdles—1st, A Beattie.
High Jump—2nd, C. Sanderson.
Long Jump—2nd, A Beattie.
Putting-the-Weight—1st, C. Sanderson.
Throwing the Javelin—2nd, A. Beattie.
Throwing the Discus—1st, P. Wheeler.
Relay Race (4 x 220)—3rd, C. Sanderson, D.
Brown, D. McArthur, A. Beattie.

JUNIOR.

100 yds.—2nd, R. Fairbairn.
80 yds. Hurdles—2nd, R. Greenhorn.
High Jump—3rd, J. Barr.
Long Jump—1st, R. Fairbairn.
Relay Race (4 x 110)—1st, W. Geddes, R.
Greenhorn, R. Thomson, R. Fairbairn.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

SENIORS—1st, Stirling High School; 2nd, Falkirk
High School.

INTERMEDIATE—1st, Stirling High School; 2nd,
Queen Victoria School.

JUNIORS—1st, Queen Victoria School; 2nd,
Stirling High School.

Scottish Schools Athletic
Championship

R. Fairbairn—100 yds. Final, 4th; 220 yds. Semi-
final, 4th; Long Jump, did not qualify for
final but was beaten by a few inches in
doing 17 ft. 7½ ins.

C. Sanderson—Putting-the-Weight, 4th, Final.

Inter-Company Swimming
Competition

No.	Div.		Lengths	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	1st	Free Style	2	"D"	"A"	"B"
2.	2nd	Free Style	2	"D"	"A"	"B"
3.	1st	Back Stroke	2	"D"	"B"	"A"
4.	2nd	Breast Stroke	2	"B"	"D"	"A"
5.	3rd	Relay Race	4 x 1	"A"	"D"	"B"
6.	1st	Breast Stroke	2	"B"	"A"	"D"
7.	2nd	Relay Race	4 x 2	"A"	"B"	"D"
8.	3rd	Free Style	2	"A"	"D"	"B"
9.	1st	Relay Race	4 x 3	"B"	"D"	"A"
10.	2nd	Back Stroke	2	"B"	"A"	"D"
11.	1st	Plunging		"B"	"A"	"D"
12.	3rd	Diving		"B"	"A"	"D"
13.	2nd	Diving		"B"	"A"	"D"
14.	1st	Diving	Tie	"A" & "B"	—	"D"
15.	1st	Free Style	4	"B"	"A"	"D"

Scoring— — —

Relay—1st, 6 pts.; 2nd, 4 pts.; 3rd, 2 pts.
Other Events—1st, 3 pts.; 2nd, 2 pts.; 3rd, 1 pt.
Disqualification or failing to finish, 0 pts.

Final Results— — —

1st—"B" Coy., 40½ pts.
2nd—"A" Coy., 37½ pts.
3rd—"D" Coy., 30 pts.

Cricket

FIRST XI.—The achievement of five victories from six games represents a satisfactory result for the season's labours. The team has not been able to rely on any one batsman and our score has topped the century only twice—in the first games. Nevertheless there are six or seven players capable of scoring twenty runs or more and on all but one occasion these batsmen have built up a respectable total. There has been a reasonable tendency to play down the line of the ball and if left elbows have not always been noticeably high the Victorian temperament has frequently asserted itself in the shape of boundaries, the vigour of which has made catches unthinkable.

Bowling standards have surpassed those of batting; length and direction have been generally good. Barr, Colbert and Duncan have all achieved good performances whilst the talents of Povey and Sanderson have shown themselves considerable without being tested greatly.

We have seen some creditable fielding and a number of difficult catches taken. In the second Stirling game the fielding went to pieces and the game was lost; otherwise the team has shown keenness and skill in handling the ball.

It is regrettable that the weather has curtailed the number of fixtures and opportunities for practice, particularly since we have two or three potentially good batsmen whose lack of confidence through shortage of practice has deprived them of big scores.

CRICKET PERSONALITIES.

SANDERSON has been a good captain whose all-round ability has contributed much. He quickly learnt how to use bowling to advantage and often infused "pep" and discipline into his teammates. Apart from his mammoth 81 n.o. against immature bowling at Alva, he has not produced the scores of which he is capable, but has compensated by fielding extremely well at slip and bowling well at important moments (for example, 2 wickets for 1 against Stirling H.S.).

SMITH has been a very useful member of the side in the roles of batsman and wicket keeper. His 50 n.o. at Alva was enough to encourage anyone, and since then he has had scores of 13, 6, and 17, all valuable. Our Senior Monitor refuses to be alarmed by narrow escapes, covers his wicket and knows the value of attack when the bowlers' tails are up. A competent 'keeper.

BARR has retained his last year's position as the school's most successful bowler and has taken twenty-five wickets. His length has not been easy to find, but once he has found a "spot" he has attacked the stumps consistently. Jackie could do well in club cricket.

COLBERT is an accurate opening bowler and a hard hitter. The steadiness of his attack has been a good foil to Barr's speed and has earned him eleven wickets in four games. In the Falkirk game he scored twenty two invaluable runs by using the long handle; with more

patience early in his innings, Colbert would have done better still.

POVEY. A really promising batsman and a steady bowler with a considerable off-break. (27 runs and 3 for 2 v St. Modan's).

DUNCAN. The best of our fifth form cricketers; considerable all-round promise. (5 for 4 v Stirling H.S.; 19 v St. Modan's).

CAMPBELL. Another all rounder possessing much cricketing talent. Invaluable in the under fifteen eleven (3 for 1 v Stirling H.S.).

HAGGART. A sound batsman and excellent slip fielder.

THOMSON. Next season's wicket keeper. A promising bat.

BURNS G. Played an important innings of 16 v Falkirk Tech.

BEATTIE. Our best out fielder. A left hand batsman.

RESULTS.

St. Modan's H.S. (home) — Q.V.S. 108; St. Modan's 21 (Povey 27; Barr 5 for 11).

Alva Academy (away)—Q.V.S. 155 for 3; Alva 18 (Sanderson 81 n.o., Smith 50 n.o.; Barr 6 for 7, Colbert 4 for 9).

Falkirk Technical School (home)—Q.V.S. 92; Falkirk 50 (Colbert 22; Barr 5 for 17).

Stirling High School 2nd XI (home)—Q.V.S. 45; Stirling 40 (Duncan 5 for 4).

Stirling High School 2nd XI (home)—Stirling 56; Q.V.S. 28.

Alloa Technical School (home) — Q.V.S. 48; Alloa 24 (Smith 17; Barr 5 for 13, Duncan 3 for 2).

Team chosen from—Sanderson, Smith, Colbert, Barr, Povey, Haggart, Duncan, Thomson, Burns G., Beattie, Phillips, Campbell.

JUNIOR XI.—The season has revealed the presence of an encouraging number of promising cricketers under fourteen and a half and there should be no shortage of material for next season's elevens.

ST. MODAN'S 30; Q.V.S. 65 (home)—The first game saw some excellent bowling by Campbell (5 for 12) and Wood (3 for 9). Batting was provided by the aggressive Webster (his 14 included a six and two fours), Cairns (18), and Graham (10). The keenness of the Juniors was already obvious and the boundary habit established itself as a first principle of tactics.

STIRLING H.S. 115 for 4; Q.V.S. 99 (away)—This game was played on the excellent wicket at Williamfield. Defeat resulted from bad captaincy and demoralisation caused by a Stirling stand of over 50 runs. The Stirling team played very well but Q.V. was not disgraced. Our total included twenty fours. Webster was again in form with 22 and Thomson scored 18.

Q.V.S. 51; FALKIRK TECHNICAL 25 (home)—Accurate bowling was responsible for the home

victory; of the three bowlers used Duncan had 6 for 3, Scullion 2 for 7 and Graham 2 for 9. Morgan with 10 was the highest scorer.

Q.V.S. 112 for 6; ST. MODAN'S 91 (away)—This was a very good game in which each side was allotted 45 minutes for batting and made the most of it. Our architect of victory was Campbell, who captained the team, scored 58 n.o., and took 5 for 21. Mackey of St. Modan's played a fine innings of 59 and all but won the game.

STIRLING H.S. 48 for 7; Q.V.S. 80 for 3 (away)—Duncan took over the role of Campbell in entirety and hit 55 n.o. in 35 minutes, going on to the bowling figures of 4 for 18. Thomson scored 12 and Cairns 11.

Q.V.S. 75; ALLOA TECHNICAL 68 (home)—Once more the Juniors' game was close and enjoyable. Batting honours went to Webster (24), Graham (23), and Raleigh (16). Among the bowlers the much improved Scullion had 4 for 18.

Team chosen from — Campbell, Geddes, Duncan, Wood, Webster, Cairns, Graham J. B., Scullion, Morgan, Robertson, Lambert, Burns T., McInnes.

First Eleven Colours have been awarded to Sanderson, Barr, Smith and Colbert.

Second Eleven Colours have been awarded to Povey, Duncan, Campbell, Haggart, Burns G., Phillips, Thomson, Beattie, Geddes, Wood and Webster. M. S. W.

A Holiday in Denmark

I spent my summer holiday this year in Denmark as a member of the 87th Glasgow Rover Scouts. We had our Pipe Band and our country dancing team with us, and we all had a grand time.

We sailed from Harwich on the beautiful motor ship, "Kronprinsesse Ingrid."

The food during our sail was wonderful, both in quantity and in quality, and a grand crossing was enjoyed by all. The voyage lasted about 19 hours, during which our band played and our dancers gave a few performances which were very pleasing to the large crowd on board.

After a very pleasant crossing we arrived at Esbjerg, where our passports were examined on board ship, and our luggage at the Customs Office on the pier.

We then made for the station, where we boarded the train for Copenhagen. The countryside was very flat and there were flowers of every colour. Our attention was drawn to the fact that most of the houses had flag-poles. The custom is to fly the National Colours at the week-ends, on birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Another custom pointed out to us was the new houses that were almost complete had wreaths hung on the roofs. This denotes that as the wooden portion of the roof is complete a feast is about to be held (a house-warming party).

Denmark consists of three islands, with Esbjerg on the first island and Copenhagen is on the Island of Zealand (the furthest away island). Leaving the first island the train has to cross a viaduct. This bridge is really a magnificent piece of engineering. After crossing this island we arrived at Nyborg, where we boarded the ferry. This ferry takes the complete train and also about 100 motor cars. After about 1½ hours on the ferry, we completed the last lap on our journey to Copenhagen. There we received a grand welcome from the Danish International Commissioner for Scouts. They had special buses waiting to take us to Naerum, which is about 10 miles northwest of Copenhagen, where we had our camp-site. On arrival at Naerum we were taken to the hotel, where everything was in readiness for us. One long table was a mass of flags and flowers, and food of all kinds, to which we certainly did justice. It was a right royal welcome, and at this stage I must express my sincere thanks to the Danish people who did so much for us. A wonderful country and wonderful people.

One of the first places we visited was the Tivoli, which is the showground of Copenhagen. It contains practically everything, including bands, theatres, sideshows, beer-gardens, tea-rooms, etc. There are a number of buildings in eastern style (mosques, pagodas, etc.), the outline of these buildings being traced in lights, and, when lit, they are a wonderful sight. We watched a show in the Chinese Theatre. You can hire a periscope to watch any of these shows.

One day we had a bus tour arranged for us. The first port of call being "Fredericksborg Castle." The outside of the castle is most impressive. Inside the castle (which is a National Museum) are some wonderful exhibits. Beautiful tapestries lined the walls, and paintings, many of them depicting events in Denmark's history. Life-sized figures, beautifully coloured, adorned the roof. Then in the Knights' Hall there are shields of many of the Knights of Denmark. There are shields (with crests) of our King and Queen, Princess Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Hamilton, Lord Baden-Powell, and many more of our Statesmen. After leaving the castle we visited a creamery at Havreholm, where we were shown round and had everything explained to us. (There is direct sale from the creamery to the consumer.)

Once again we were on our way and our next call was at Kronborg Castle (Elsinore in Shakespeare's Hamlet). In one of the chambers there is a statue of Shakespeare. Some parts of this castle are over 1000 years old. In one room here there is a statue of a man sleeping in a chair with his sword and shield at his side. He is known as "Holger Danske," or the sleeping man. Legend has it that "Holger Danske" will awake when Denmark is in danger. During the late war the Underground Movement operated under the name of "Holger Danske." Thus in Denmark's hour of danger the sleeping man awoke. In the south wing of the castle is the chapel (over 400 years old). The altar is made of gold, alabaster and wood, and is the creation of Thomas Frandsen, the sculptor. The royal box was built 350 years ago. Services are still held here on the first Sunday of each month at 8.30

a.m. This castle was so built that its guns could cover the Sound between Denmark and Sweden in order that the castle army could enforce the payment of Sound Duty. (This duty was abolished in 1857.)

On our way again, we visited Osterport, where the aircraft carrier, H.M.S. "Implacable," was in port. (We had an official invitation to visit the ship on the Sunday following.)

Among the other places we visited was the Carlsberg Brewery. Ales, beers, porters and soft drinks are all turned out here; 1,500,000 bottles of beer and 750,000 bottles of fruit drinks per day. A model factory and some very fine examples of Art are to be found in the reception room. There is a nursery capable of holding 200 children, for the benefit of mothers who are working here. Within the estate is the house of I. C. Jacobsen, the founder of the brewery. This house is given to the person considered to have done most for Denmark. The present tenant is a scientist. Part of the profits of the brewery are used to provide for the needs of that scientist, for Art, culture, the upkeep of Fredricksborg Castle and research (atomic and medical). Another place we visited was the airport, "Lufthaven," where we saw planes landing from various parts of the world.

On our way here we passed a Dutch Colony (houses, names, etc., were typically Dutch). It seems that a former King of Denmark had the Dutch people brought here so that they could cultivate the ground, the Dutch people being highly skilled in that kind of work.

Next we had a tour of Copenhagen. We saw the Houses of Parliament, and drove round Parliament Square. Then near the centre of the town we saw a huge wooden anchor. This is a memorial to the Danish sailors who were lost in the last war. Fresh flowers are laid there every day. Then we saw the Royal Palace. Our next stop was at the Gefion Fountain. This consists of a two-step waterfall, topped by a platform on which Gefion, on a chariot drawn by four oxen, is the main piece. Like so many other pieces of Danish Art there is a legend attached to this fountain. Gefion, they say, lifted a piece of land from Sweden and placed it in the sea. This portion of land being called Zealand, on which island Copenhagen stands. As confirmation of this story, a lake is to be found in Sweden the same size and shape as Zealand.

To complete our tour we visited Grundvigs Church, which is a memorial to one of Denmark's greatest sons, minister of the Gospel, hymn writer, and expert on culture. The architect who designed the church, one Jenson Klint, died before it was completed, and his son carried on with the work where his father left off. It took 20 years to build and was finished in 1940, the foundation stone having been laid on 8th September, 1921. All Denmark contributed to the building of this church, as half the money was raised by public subscription and the other half donated by the Government.

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FISHING TACKLE - GOLF BALLS

Victorians serving with 1st Bn., The Seaforth Highlanders, in Malaya, 1951.



FRONT ROW:

Band Sgt. Smith, T. (15333 D.Y.R.M.S.), R.Q.M.S. Vass, C. (963 Q.V.S.), Cr.-Sgt. MacAlister, C. (14708 D.Y.R.M.S.).

BACK ROW:

Cpl. Hume, A. (1827), L-Cpl. Sturrock, A. (1725), Bdsm. Kirkwood, T. (2021), Pte. Campbell, C. (2049), and Sgt. Love, T. (1598).