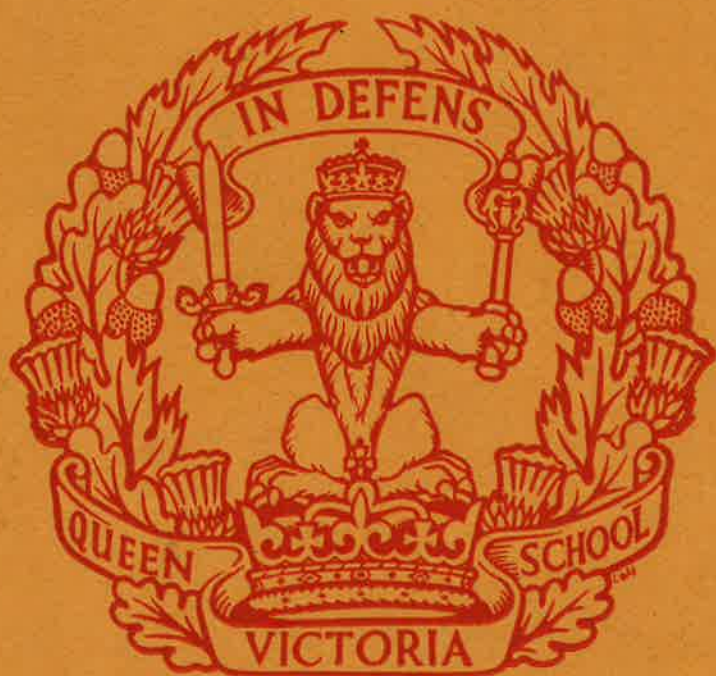


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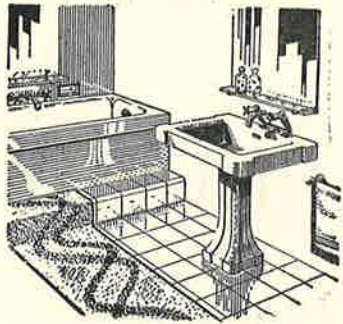
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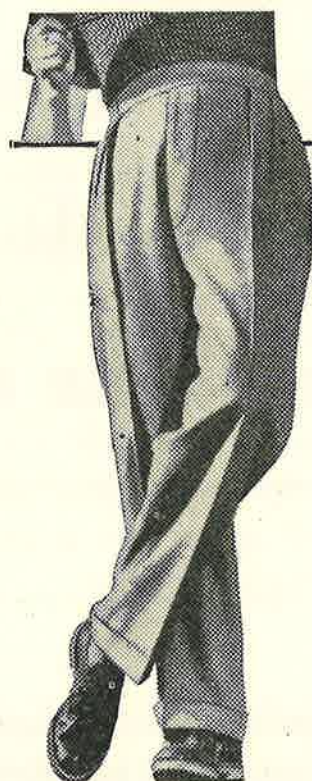
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Editorial

CORONATION YEAR has already — in the eyes of the boys, at least—proved itself a success, since the School was granted three days' holiday in honour of Her Majesty.

The School bands were in great demand over this period, but everyone had some time off, and for June 1st and 3rd an inter-dormitory cricket competition was arranged, as well as swimming "sports" carried out with the help of a greasy pole, a couple of pillows, floating logs, and dozens of tin plates.

On Coronation Day itself, there was first of all a short religious service conducted by the School Chaplain. Afterwards, the School watched the televising of the Coronation service on the School's own set, which has a screen four feet by three, and which has been purchased by Her Majesty's Commissioners for the use of the School. It is already proving itself a great success. Later in the day, the boys proceeded to Duckburn Park, Dunblane, where children's sports were being held. The great day was rounded off by a display of fireworks and the lighting of a large bonfire behind the cricket pavilion. Unfortunately, the occasion was marred by a high wind, but enthusiasm ran high until midnight. A late reveille was most necessary the next morning.

The Commissioners have presented silver five-shilling pieces to all boys. From the local Coronation Committee each boy received a propelling pencil and gifts of chocolate, lemonade, ice-cream and cakes. From the Royal Army Educational Corps came the gift of illustrated booklets (entitled "Our Queen") which were distributed to all boys.

Perhaps the most fortunate of all were the forty boys who, with Capt. J. A. Ross and R.S.M. G. Lowdon, travelled to London and watched the procession to and from the Abbey from (most appropriately) the foot of the Queen Victoria Memorial.

On the 27th June, all available boys will travel to Edinburgh on the occasion of the visit of H.M. the Queen to the Castle. Arrangements have been made for them to line the route within the Castle by which Her Majesty will pass to visit the National Shrine and the Museum.

It was with great regret that we heard that Lt. Col. C. L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E., D.L., W.S., had decided to relinquish the duties of Honorary Treasurer, in order (as he said) to make way for a younger man.

It was twenty-eight years ago that Col. Addison-Smith assumed the duties of Honorary Treasurer on the death of his father. Since that time, many thousands of pounds have been collected and disbursed by him for the benefit of the School and the boys. There is not a boy, present or past, who does not owe to him a very great debt of gratitude for his unfailing interest in the Queen Victoria School and his untiring efforts on behalf of all those who can lay claim to calling themselves Victorians.

As a mark of their appreciation, Her Majesty's Commissioners invited Col. Addison-Smith to

carry out the inspection of the boys on parade today (Grand Day), but, on the advice of his doctors, he had very reluctantly to refuse. We are glad to report, however, that although Col. Addison-Smith will no longer be our Treasurer, he will remain a member of the board of Her Majesty's Commissioners.

We take this opportunity of welcoming as Commissioners Admiral Sir Angus E. M. B. Cunningham-Grahame, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., and Air Commodore E. S. Burns, C.B.E., M.A., LL.B.

At the beginning of this term, Capt. D. Hill, R.A.E.C., left us after joining us on a temporary posting, and now Capt. K. Maxton, M.A., R.A.E.C., has taken his place. Capt. Maxton is a graduate of Edinburgh University.

Amongst the Company Sergeant-Majors, Sgt. T. McDonald of The Royal Scots has joined us as C.S.M. "A" Coy., and has also taken charge of drums and bugles. C.S.M. Mortimer is now C.S.M. "D" Coy., after 26 years' service with the K.O.S.B. He is also instructor of Highland Dancing. Sgt. G. Martin becomes C.S.M. "B" Coy., after 22 years' service with the Black Watch. He takes over from C.S.M. G. Wadsley, M.M., who is leaving us for another post. We wish Mr and Mrs Wadsley every success, and at the same time welcome C.S.M.'s McDonald, Mortimer and Martin and their families.

We offer our congratulations to two members of the School Staff: Mr Gutteridge, C.S.M. (P.T.I.) on being awarded the B.E.M. in the New Year Honours List, and Mr Duncan Strathdee ("A" office) on his election to Dunblane Burgh Council.

During the Easter Term, the programme of events was greatly curtailed through the outbreak of scarlet fever in the School. Many boys were victims, many more were "suspects," and all spent long periods in quarantine. No football fixtures were honoured during this period, the finals of the boxing championships were carried over to this term, and production of the School play was cancelled. Immunisation of those likely to catch scarlet fever, coinciding with the holidays, resulted in its disappearance.

During the summer holidays, a party of boys will visit the Cairngorms for a fortnight, last year's expedition having been a great success. No visit to a unit in Germany is possible this year, owing to units being on manoeuvres.

The erection of new huts has been referred to by successive editors, sometimes as if they were an accomplished fact. It is on the firmest of foundations that we announce that the huts have been erected and will shortly be ready for occupation. One will provide us with a new science laboratory, another with a new art room, and the third with two classrooms.

We should like to thank those boys who contributed items for inclusion in the magazine, but at the same time we must remind those who have been disappointed that quality—not quantity—is what counts.

And now — here is your fiftieth number of "The Victorian."

Visitors to the School

Lt.-Col. E. G. M. Reynolds, Q.A.R.A.N.C., H.Q. Scottish Command.
 Capt. Collins, R.E., Highland District.
 Major W. Taylor, R.E., A/C.R.E., Highland District.
 Rev. Geo. Buchanan, Minister, Church of Scotland.
 Admiral Sir Angus Cunningham-Grahame, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Visiting Commissioner.
 Lt.-Col. Hall, Sometime Commandant, Queen Victoria School.
 Col. F. A. Forman, R.A.E.C., C.E.O. Scottish Command.
 Brig. J. C. Coutts, D.D.M.S., Scottish Command.
 Lt.-Col. H. J. Creedy, S.O.I., A.E.3, War Office.
 Brig. W. S. Beddall, R.A.E.C., D.A.E. The War Office.
 Lt. Col. C. F. Nason, late The Cameronians.
 Air Commodore E. S. Burns, C.B.E., M.A., LL.B., Visiting Commissioner.
 G. T. Pringle, Esq., H.M. Senior Chief Inspector of Schools, S.E.D.
 Major G. Exon, R.A.E.C., Inspectorate of Army Education.

Old Boy Visitors

2089 F. Blake, H.Q., Northern Army Group, B.A.O.R. 1.
 2110 R. Williamson, B.A.O.R. 10.
 2225 W. Kerr, A.A.S., Harrogate.
 2037 S. W. Fairbairn.
 106 A. W. Binnie, Rosebank, Young St., Perth.
 G. C. Scott, Lancaster.
 687 M. Anderson, Glasgow.
 D. Edgar, R.A.C.
 R. Milne, R.A.C.
 2289 A. A. Beattie, Bridge of Don.
 1983 T. F. Morgan, Records Office, R.A.F., Gloucester.
 M. Aitken, Drill Hall, Brechin Rd., Forfar.
 2178 H. W. Kill, R.A.F.
 J. Davidson, Edinburgh.
 81 Major J. R. Pirie, Pittenweem.
 1069 E. H. Maitland, 43 Friarton Road, S.3.
 A. F. Center, Glasgow.
 846 H. Duff, Glasgow.
 373 J. M. McLeod, Glasgow.
 330 H. M. Kirkpatrick, Glasgow.
 236 F. Kirkpatrick, Glasgow.
 1116 E. Hall, Glasgow.
 1468 J. Myles, Glasgow.
 1604 R. Denholm, Glasgow.
 495 R. V. L. Stewart, Glasgow.
 J. Cosgrove, Glasgow.
 909 J. Mitchell, Edinburgh.
 67 H. J. Harrison, Edinburgh.
 H. Hunter.
 1803 W. Anderson, Milnathort.
 1374 G. Munro, Edinburgh.
 545 G. Malloy, Edinburgh.
 29 J. Edmonds, Edinburgh.
 804 J. Black, Glasgow.
 1124 J. Nicol, Glasgow.
 1621 M. McLeod.
 1745 H. McLeod, Glasgow.
 2143 G. Grant, Crieff.
 2203 H. Cramb, Crieff.

2296 M. Stewart, Falkirk.
 2403 J. Scott, Edinburgh.
 2231 R. Manson, Edinburgh.
 2316 H. McIntosh, Stirling.
 336 W. A. McKinnell, Edinburgh.
 949 John Martin, Edinburgh.
 1513 Ewen Coull, Edinburgh.
 1903 A. Dupay, Glasgow.
 2121 W. P. Carrigan, Glasgow.
 2356 W. McLeod, Dunblane.
 R. McKenzie, Bannockburn.
 J. Georgeson, 17 Larchfield Rd., Dumfries.
 J. Harvey, Glasgow.
 2198 J. McGranaghan, A. and S.H., Stirling.
 449 G. A. O'Grady, Edinburgh.

MINUTE of a MEETING of the QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION, held in the LIBRARY, on SUNDAY, 3rd MAY, 1953.

THOSE PRESENT:—The Commandant, Lt.-Colonel R. F. Nason; Headmaster, Major E. K. Morrison; Administrative Officer, Captain S. H. Cooper; R.S.M., R.S.M. G. Lowdon.

The Commandant opened the meeting by extending a hearty welcome to all present and said how pleased he was to see so many younger members who have quite recently left the School. He then gave a brief résumé of School activities over the past year.

STAFF CHANGES

HEADMASTER. Major D. G. Washtell, posted for duty at the War Office. Replaced by Major E. K. Morrison, R.A.E.C.

R.S.M. R.S.M. W. Watson, B.E.M., who retired on reaching the age limit, is replaced by R.S.M. Lowdon.

C.S.M./DRUMMING INSTRUCTOR. C.S.M. Dungleison retired at his own request, replaced by C.S.M. McDonald, late Royal Scots.

C.S.M./HIGHLAND DANCING INSTRUCTOR. C.S.M. J. Mackenzie having accepted the post as Pipe Major with the C.R.A.F. leaves a vacancy. It is hoped to replace him by Sergeant Mortimer, K.O.S.B., who is shortly to retire from the regular Army.

The new resident Chaplain—Rev. J. Muir was then introduced, to which he very suitably replied.

The Commandant went on to say that three long service members of the Staff were due to retire very shortly:—

Bandmaster F. Lax, B.E.M.
 C.S.M. (P.T.I.) W. Gutteridge, B.E.M.
 Mr H. Mackay, Handicraft Instructor.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Commandant said it gave him much pleasure to announce the recent Honours and Awards to members of the Staff:—

Captain S. H. Cooper—The Meritorious Service Medal.
 C.S.M. (P.T.I.) W. Gutteridge—The British Empire Medal.

SPORT

The achievements in the sporting programme throughout the year were then read out.

VISITS

Owing to heavy training commitments it was not possible to send a party of boys to one of the Regiments in the B.A.O.R. It is hoped however that a party will be going to the Cairngorms again this year. In this connection, the Commandant took the opportunity of thanking the Stirling branch for the generous donation made by them for the previous visit.

FUTURE

The summer term is expected to be a very strenuous one. A party is going to see the Coronation. The dancing team is again taking part in the Royal Tournament in London and every available boy will be going to Edinburgh for Her Majesty's State visit there. In addition the bands are fully booked up.

The Headmaster explained the reason for introducing the "Old Boys' Newsletter" and hoped that it would be passed round as much as possible. He welcomed any news of Old Boys.

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Arrangements are in hand for a bonfire and fireworks display for the boys in the evening of Coronation Day. Every boy is to be presented with a Coronation Crown piece as a personal souvenir. A special planting of Red Hawthorn trees has been made in the School grounds. Five trees were presented by Glasgow Branch.

SCHOOL CHAPEL

Money is now available for the redecoration of the Chapel and it is hoped to purchase surplus carpeting and hangings used at the Coronation.

MEDICAL

The School has suffered an epidemic of Scarlet Fever, one officer and 29 boys being affected.

BRANCH REPORTS

The Presidents of the respective Branches were then asked to give an account of their Branch activities.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—Mr W. McKinnell said he had very little to report as the attendances were so small. It was nevertheless very encouraging to see such a good representative party attending Old Boys' Day. Club finances remained unaltered. He thanked the Headmaster for the Newsletters.

GLASGOW BRANCH.—Mr J. McLeod spoke on behalf of the Glasgow Branch and read out their report.

STIRLING BRANCH.—Mr Slorrance said he had nothing special to report. He regretted that owing to other commitments he was unable to continue the duties of President. Mr Barr offered to take over the duties in his stead.

A dance recently run by the Branch showed a satisfactory profit from which it was intended to make a further donation to the boys.

There being no other business the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks from all Branches.

Annual Report of the Glasgow Branch—3rd May, 1953

We are very happy to be present at our School as a branch—small in number, perhaps, but very active.

Since our last visit twelve months ago, we have met without fail on the first Thursday of every month in the Camerons' Club, and it is with pleasure we report that our attendances have been the best ever.

We have had a very busy social year—whist and social evenings, 'bus runs, sing songs, etc. Special mention must be made of at least two of our engagements. On the 30th August a party 150 strong visited Edinburgh where we attended the Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle—everything seemed to be in our favour that night, the company, the weather and the show. It certainly was a grand social and financial success. It is only fair that the name of Mr George Maitland should be mentioned for he was the prime mover in the Branch going to the Tattoo and was responsible for the sale of more than half the tickets.

Our next grand success was the Children's Christmas Treat—a dream come true for our Treasurer, Mr J. Myles, who worked so hard to make this, our first venture in that line, a great success. The Committee of the Camerons' Club kindly gave us the use of their largest room and a beautifully decorated Christmas Tree—kind acts that the Branch appreciated very much. At the Children's Treat Mr J. Myles made an excellent host and our old faithful—"Old Joe"—a first-class Santa Claus.

At our annual get-together we were delighted to have our old friends from Dunblane with us. Their visit was much appreciated. A very warm welcome was given to R.S.M. Lowdon, visiting us for the first time, and his very encouraging remarks were well received.

A second "Sing Song" night was held early in December and, although a financial loss, it was a terrific social success.

Our hoped-for visit to Dunblane on "Founder's Day," 28th September, 1952, had to be cancelled—not because of lack of enthusiasm, but because of our inability to obtain 'buses. This year, however, we will be visiting the School on "Founder's Day." Despite many difficulties and the seemingly impossible, we have been able to charter two 'buses for Sunday, 27th September, when we hope to have a party of about 80 taking part in a Memorial Service in the Chapel.

Carried away by our visit to Edinburgh last year, we feel a little ambitious, for this year we are again visiting the Tattoo—but 300 strong this time! Given the same wonderful co-operation we had last year this should be again another grand social and financial success.

On Saturday, 13th June, we will be paying our annual visit to the Staff Club at Dunblane—but this year we will be in time!

Financially, our Branch is in a healthy condition, in fact, the best ever, and we have no debts.

Our greetings to our comrades from Edinburgh, and, at this time, we specially remember our comrades in the Forces—in Malaya, Kenya, and any other place where they may be serving.

A hearty welcome awaits any old school boy attending our meeting—always the first Thursday of the month.

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2237 Monitor E. Phillips to R.A.F.
 2269 Monitor D. Edgar to R.A.C.
 2302 Cpl. R. Milne to R.A.C.
 2335 Cpl. J. M. Clarke to Royal Scots.
 2375 L/Cpl. J. Hendry to A.A. School.
 2330 Boy J. Jenkins to A.A. School.
 2284 Boy L. Carroll to Royal Marines Band.
 2270 Boy D. Riddell to Royal Marines Band.
 2272 P/M P. Ward to Civilian Life.
 2252 Cpl. C. MacKenzie to Civilian Life.
 2268 Cpl. M. Aitken to Civilian Life.
 2301 L/Cpl. W. Cheyne to Civilian Life.
 2273 Boy T. Gavigan to Civilian Life (joined Services 5th May, 1953).
 2316 Boy H. McIntosh to Civilian Life.
 2451 Boy H. D. Smith—Withdrawn by Parents.
 2364 Boy A. Nicholson—Withdrawn by Parents.
 2562 Boy J. Gourley—Withdrawn by Parents.
 2492 Boy R. W. R. Tait—Withdrawn by Parents.
 2303 Boy R. Carcary—Withdrawn by Parents.
 2543 Boy E. Adams—Withdrawn by Parents.
 2460 Boy D. Hughes—Withdrawn by Parents.
 2507 Boy D. S. Faichnie—Withdrawn by Parents.

Salvete

2582 Boy J. Bain, A. & S.H.
 2583 Boy A. A. Blackie, R.A.F.
 2584 Boy J. E. Henderson, Black Watch.

Carol Concert, 1952

The Christmas Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was held in the Memorial Chapel on the evening of Thursday, 18th December. A large decorated Christmas tree brought colour into the building and helped to create the Seasonal atmosphere.

The choir, which, at times, sang unaccompanied in four parts was conducted by Mr Muir. Captain Bruce played the organ. As will be seen from the following programme, the Minister of Dunblane Cathedral, and the Episcopal Chaplain also took part. In the French Carol, Captain Drew was the soloist.

PROGRAMME

Call to Worship.
Hymn: "Once in Royal David's city." RCH 69, SP 368. Cong. sing v.v. 3-5.
The Bidding Prayer.
Pastoral Symphony from Handel's "Messiah." Organ.
First Lesson: Genesis 3 (8-15). Reader — The Resident School Chaplain.
Carol: "O little town of Bethlehem."
Second Lesson: Genesis 22 (15-18). Reader — a Boy.
Carols: "Away in a manger"; "Angels from the realms of glory."
Third Lesson: Isaiah 9 (2,6,7). Reader — The Commandant.
Carol: "God rest you merry, gentlemen."
Hymn: "As with gladness men of old." RCH 63, SP 83.
Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 35 (1-6). Reader — The Senior Monitor.
French Carol: "Dans les Ombres de la Nuit."

Carol: "Good Christian men, rejoice."
Fifth Lesson: St. Luke 1 (26-33, 38). Reader — a member of the Staff.
Carols: "Unto us a boy is born"; "Still the Night."
Sixth Lesson: St. Luke 2 (1, 3-7). Reader: The Headmaster.
Carols: "Of a Father's Love begotten"; "In the bleak mid-winter."
Seventh Lesson: St. Luke 2 (8-16). Reader — The Minister of Dunblane.
Carols: "Hark! the shepherds' praises ring"; "Child in the Manger."
Eighth Lesson: St. Matthew 2 (1-11). Reader — a Master.
Carol: "Little Children, wake and listen!"
Hymn: "It came upon a midnight clear." RCH 47, SP 76.
Ninth Lesson: St. John (1-14). Reader — The Episcopal Chaplain.
Hymn: "O come, all ye faithful." RCH 55 (1st form). SP 78 (1, 2, 6, 7).
Prayer: Collect for Christmas Day.
Hymn: "Hark! the herald angels sing." RCH 46, SP 74.
The Blessing.

The School Memorial Chapel

Plans have been approved for the re-decoration of the School Chapel, and Mr Alexander L. Russell, the Scottish stained glass and heraldic artist, has been commissioned to carry out the work on the new stained glass for the east window.

Mr Russell is Head of the School of Design at Dundee College of Art and has many fine windows to his credit in Scotland, among them being the "St. Mark" memorial window erected by the trustees of the late Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada, the "Royal Arms as used in Scotland" window for the Living Traditions of Scotland Exhibition, 1951, and the war memorial windows of Forfar Town Hall. He is at present at work on four windows for the new chapel in the Church of Scotland Offices, Edinburgh.

Military Band

There has only been one change in the band since Christmas. That is, R. Carcary has left us for civilian life. As usual, however, we are losing many players at the end of this term.

We had many old boys visiting us on Old Boys' Day whose names are too numerous to mention. Last term we received a visit from Ronald Smith who is at present at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. This term Colin Sanderson visited us. He is now a L./Cpl. in the Royal Engineers. Our first engagement this season was to Elgin on the 23rd May. There we were received very warmly indeed. We remained overnight and slept in private houses. The hospitality of the owners of these houses was very great indeed, and I take this opportunity of again thanking them on behalf of the band.

During that engagement at Elgin we saw three ex-bandboys. They were W. MacLeod (851), who is now Pipe Major in the Seaforth Highlanders having changed from band to pipes as

soon as he left the School; S./Sgt. Loats of the Royal Engineers, who left in 1936; and Calum McKenzie, who left last year and is now a game warden.

On Sports Day the band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders came to the School. Because of the weather the sports were postponed but instead we were entertained for an hour by the band. The programme was opened by ex-bandboy Parkinson conducting the band. Since his visit last year in the band, he has been promoted to B./Sgt. Congratulations!

At the time of writing these notes we have only had one engagement, that being our visit to Elgin, but we have many more to come despite the shortened term. They are:—

Sunday, 31st May—Alva; Monday, 1st June—Bridge of Allan; Tuesday, 2nd June—Stirling; Saturday, 6th June—Laurieston; Sunday, 7th June—Troon; Saturday, 13th June—Slamannan; Sunday, 14th June—Perth; Saturday, 20th June—Grangemouth; Sunday, 21st June—Perth; Saturday, 27th June—Torryburn.

The names of the musical pieces we intend playing this term will be found elsewhere in this issue, where their names are being put to another use.

The bandmaster is still going very strong and he has even surprised himself at times with the excellent results he is getting from the band. Mrs Lax is in the best of health and I am pleased to say that we are now seeing her out of doors a little more often.

A. S. M.

Pipe Notes

We have lost a few faithful pipers since you last heard from us. We have lost **Pipe-Major** Peter Ward, Eddie Phillips, and John Jamieson. We welcome **Pipe-Major** Angus MacDonald who has taken over from Peter Ward since the latter left at Christmas. We were very sorry that one Murrayfield engagement was cancelled because of the scarlet fever epidemic which raged through the School last term.

The competitions were held early this year because 40 boys are going down to the Royal Tournament in London. **Pipe-Major** Angus MacDonald did well in the piping and dancing competitions. He is said to be the first boy to have taken both piping and dancing cups together.

Pipe-Major Sanderson has handed the teaching and practice of the dancers going to London to a new C.S.M., Mr Mortimer. We must not forget the fact that Mr Sanderson trained most of these boys to dance and is still very capable of doing so. This has been proved in the last fourteen years, during which time he has turned out some champion dancers.

The rugby ball, for which an annual competition is held between pipers and drummers, was not played for. Therefore the best team still holds it; that is, the pipers. This ball was presented by the Scottish Rugby Union after the wonderful show Jackie Barr, the drum-major, and the pipe band put up there.

We had a very good engagement at Elgin this term where we were taken into houses for the

weekend, and we were well entertained there. The best of luck to you all.

P/M

Drum Notes

We welcomed C.S.M. McDonald and family at the beginning of last term. He is our new Drum Major and also "A" Coy's C.S.M. We have had engagements at Elgin and Brechin as well as the usual gala days. We had four engagements over the Coronation period, three of them double. We were presented with two high tension drums at Camelon. This term we lose six buglers and drummers. They are:—Sgt. T. Burns, Cpl. A. Brown, W. Cowie, J. Ellis, J. Dingley, and J. Manson, but we have quite a few promising juniors to take their places.

D.M.

"A" Company Notes

At the beginning of the Easter term Mr McDonald took over as C.S.M. and this term, Mr Sutherland, the science master, joined to assist in our athletics training.

The Company has done reasonably well in the Championship so far and we stand a good chance of retaining the Company Championship Shield. We carried off the hockey and the table-tennis and had seconds in swimming, football and athletics. There are still some competitions undecided.

There have been a few additions to our Company strength from "C" Company, and at the end of this term some of our number are leaving us. We wish the latter every success.

The standard of kit inspections remains high; we have won both kit inspections, Baird and Lynedoch being in turn best dormitory.

"B" Company Notes

We were sorry to see Captain Hill, our Company Commander, leave us, but have great pleasure in welcoming Captain K. Maxton, our new Company Commander.

We have not been very successful in the Sports this year except for the Swimming and the Hurdles Cup. We congratulate Robert Burns, our pint-size boxer, for winning the Best-Style Cup for the second year in succession, and Sgt. Sutherland for winning the Best Loser's Cup. Sgt. Greenhorn must be congratulated as he now holds the record for both the Mile and Under-water Swimming.

The only newcomer from "C" Coy. this term is Boy A. A. Blackie. The boys leaving us this term are Charles Crombie, Robert Hastie, James Quinn, Donald MacDonald, and James Simpson. We wish them luck for the future.

Mr Bowen is the civilian master allotted to "B" Coy. to help bring our lads up to scratch in their sports. He will find it a tough job!

The only cloud on the horizon this term is the departure of our popular C.S.M., Mr Wadsley. We wish Mr Wadsley success in his new job and our best wishes go with him and Mrs Wadsley. We hope that our new C.S.M. will settle down to

be as popular and efficient as Mr Wadsley was. At the time of writing the article we have not heard about a new C.S.M. taking Mr Wadsley's place.

JOCK JNR.

"C" Company Notes

We are back again with the usual news of the Company since the last copy of "Victorian" was published. To start with Pipe-Major Sanderson has left the Company to be replaced by C.S.M. J. White, under whose rule the boys are slowly progressing. "C" Company is well represented at the Royal Tournament as many of the young boys are dancers. Sports come in for a share of the "C" Company talent as most of the N.C.O.'s are keen on athletics and cricket (selectors please note). Mon. Robertson is both a cricketer and an athlete, whereas Sgt. Adams, Cpl. Brown and Cpl. Poulson all play cricket. At the end of this term we lose Sgt. H. Fairbairn and Cpl. A. F. Brown, the former to the forces and the latter to civilian life. At the same time several of the boys are going to their parent companies and I am sure that after their thorough training in "C" Company they will be quite all right; nevertheless we wish them luck. Enjoy yourselves during the summer holidays!

H.P.

"D" Company Notes

We welcome to "D" Company C.S.M. Mortimer, who is taking the place of C.S.M. White (appointed C.S.M. of "C" Coy.), and we hope that he will have a happy time in the School.

In sport this year we have done very well, and are in the lead in the Championship.

Rugby

We won this after a hard game against "B" Coy. Every boy played well and special mention goes to P. Gibson who scored a try in the last minute of the game.

Football

We won this very easily, winning five out of six games and drawing the other. There can be no outstanding boy from the Company in this sport because the teams played very well and all pulled their weight.

Cross-Country

This was not so easily won but we eventually won it. Special mention should be made of A. McDonald and P. Gibson who were first and second respectively. J. Carcary won the junior race.

Boxing

This sport was run on individual lines but was won quite easily by our Company.

Athletics

We won this clearly as well. Every boy entered as it was run on individual lines. Special mention here goes to J. Wilson and R. Watson

who won their respective grades, but the whole Company did very well and everybody kept up the Company spirit.

Dancing

We managed to win this. The first team more than held their own but the 2nds danced really well, so another shield came to our shelf.

Hockey

We did not do so well here but it was not due to lack of enthusiasm.

Table-Tennis

We came second in this and B. Williamson and G. Cunningham won their respective age-groups.

Swimming

We showed plenty of enthusiasm and only after a hard struggle did we finish last.

Cricket

This competition has not been completed but we have four members of the School 1st XI and seven members of the School 2nd XI, so we hope to pull it off.

We all thank Capt. Ross for his coaching and encouragement of all sports which has bucked us up tremendously.

We wish Cpls. McKellan and Brown, L/Cpl. Cunningham and Boys McInnes, Dingley and Campbell the best of luck as they leave at the end of the term and hope that they will come back to visit us.

To close, we hope that C.S.M. Mortimer will settle down comfortably in his job as C.S.M. of "D" Coy.

B.W.

Monitors' Notes

There has been one change amongst the monitors since the last issue of the "Victorian." We welcome to our midst J. McArthur, the winner of the Fish Competition in the Aquatic Sports after having three firsts and a second to his credit.

In our annual (looked-forward-to?) event, the Monitors' Cup, first place was won by John Wilson, whose handicaps proved a little too big for the remaining monitors. John also won the Senior Athletics Championship in which he will again participate in the forthcoming year.

The Open Athletic Championship was won for the second time by R. Fairbairn, who created a new School record in the 220 yards, recording a time of 23.8 seconds.

Charlie Crombie, who will be leaving at the end of the term, sat four Higher Leaving certificates last term, in which we hope he has done extremely well. Charlie's intention is that of trying to go to a University and then to the R.A.E.C. Stewart Robertson has applied to see if he can go to Welbeck College and is now waiting for the result. I hope you will join with me in wishing them all the very best of luck and good wishes wherever they might go.

Rugby

As reported in our last "Victorian," the final round of the Inter-Company Championships was postponed to the Spring Term. With Phillips, Edgar and Milne joining the ranks of former pupils, "B" Company's teams were not so strong as they might have been if they had faced "D" Company before the Christmas recess. Both teams played grand rugby, but "D" Company, ably led by B. Williamson, were worthy winners. The second division game was equally exciting, with the result, a 3-3 draw, giving "D" Company the point they required to win the Rugby Football Shield.

Final positions:—"D" Coy.: played 4, won 2, drawn 1, lost 1—5 pts.; "B" Coy.: played 4, won 1, drawn 2, lost 1—4 pts.; "A" Coy.: played 4, won 1, drawn 1, lost 2—3 pts.

Cross-Country Championships, 1953

With the over 15's competing, this year's Championships promised to be very interesting. "B" Company, however, were rather unfortunate in losing R. Greenhorn—a hot favourite for the race—who contracted Scarlet Fever. Age, seemingly, proved to be more of a handicap than an advantage over the longer distance, and it was left to A. MacDonald ("D" Coy.) and P. Gibson ("D" Coy.), both in the 13-14 years class, to fight it out for the premier award. MacDonald, with the longer stride, proved too good for Gibson over the last 500 yards and came home a comfortable winner.

The Junior Championships, run over the shorter course, was another triumph for "D" Company with J. Carcary (D) getting the edge on Dunn (B), Ireland (A), Bethune (D) and Watson (D).

The Inter-Company Championships, run in conjunction with the Open Championships, was won by "D" Company who had five boys amongst the first ten home. Results:—

Individual Championships — Open — 1, A. MacDonald ("D" Coy.); 2, P. Gibson ("D" Coy.); 3, A. Grieve ("A" Coy.). 14-15 years — 1, A. Grieve ("A" Coy.); 2, D. Cromat ("D" Coy.); 3, W. Cowie ("A" Coy.). 13-14 years — 1, A. MacDonald ("D" Coy.); 2, P. Gibson ("D" Coy.); 3, F. McLeod ("D" Coy.). 12-13 years — 1, J. Dunn ("D" Coy.); 2, B. McHugh ("B" Coy.); 3, E. Easton ("B" Coy.).

Junior — 1, J. Carcary ("D" Coy.); 2, I. Dunn ("B" Coy.); 3, R. Ireland ("A" Coy.). 10-11 years — 1, R. Ireland ("A" Coy.); 2, D. Aitchison ("A" Coy.); 3, D. Davidson ("A" Coy.). Under 10 years — 1, J. Airnes ("A" Coy.); 2, D. MacLennan ("D" Coy.); 3, G. Ferrier ("D" Coy.).

First ten boys to complete the Open Course — 1, A. MacDonald (D); 2, P. Gibson (D); 3, A. Grieve (A); 4, S. Robertson (B); 5, J. Cromar (D); 6, W. Cowie (A); 7, J. Dunn (D); 8, J. White (B); 9, F. McLeod (D); 10, P. Sutherland (B).

The winners of the David Stewart Trophy, awarded to the Company with the first ten boys home—"D" Company; runners-up, "B" Company.

"D" Company's championship team — A. MacDonald (1st), P. Gibson (2nd), D. Cromar (5th), J. Dunn (7th), F. McLeod (9th), R. Anderson (18th), W. Jones (20th), G. Dunn (24th), T. Murphy (25th), W. Alexander (26th).

Other Trophy winners:—The Dundas Cup, A. MacDonald ("D" Coy.); The Homing Cup, J. Carcary ("D" Coy.).

Hockey

"A" Company were worthy winners of the Hockey Cup—previously held by "B" Company—and were undefeated in the Championship matches. The final positions were:—

"A" Coy.: played 4, won 3, drawn 1, lost 0 — 7 pts. "B" Coy.: played 4, won 1, drawn 1, lost 2 — 3 pts. "D" Coy.: played 4, won 1, drawn 0, lost 3 — 2 pts.

Table Tennis

The Inter-Company Championships, run in conjunction with the Individual Championships, was once again won by "A" Company. With "B" and "D" Companies having improved considerably on last year's performance the margin of 18 points was narrowed to one of 4 points. Results:—

Individual Championships — Open — B. Williamson (D) beat R. Fairbairn (A) 2-0; 14-15 years—T. Burns (A) beat J. Quinn (B) 2-0; 13-14 years—J. Morgan (A) beat A. MacDonald (D) 2-0; 12-13 years—W. McColl (A) beat M. Duncan (D) 2-1; Junior — G. Cunningham (D) beat D. Scobie (B) 2-0; 10-11 years—B. Scott (A) beat L. Harrison 2-0; Under 10 years — T. Orr (B) beat A. Forbes (B) 2-0.

Inter-Company Championship — Winners — "A" Company (23 pts.); runners-up, "D" Company (19 pts.).

N.B.—The boys had to admit that the Staff are also quite good at Table-Tennis!

Boxing

The new rules governing the Individual and Inter-Company Championships (mentioned in the Christmas edition of "The Victorian") were put into operation for this year's competition. "D" Company, with twelve Class champions, won the Inter-Company Championship Cup with an aggregate of 45 points; "B" Company with five winners and six runners-up just got the edge on "A" Company (six winners and three runners-up) for second place with an aggregate of 33 points.

Individual Championships results: — Class 60 lbs. and under — R. Burns (B), runner-up, J. Maybury (D); Class 61-65 lbs. (9-10) — W. Collins (D); 10-11—A. Cunningham (D); 11-12 — A. S. Hamilton (B), runner-up—T. N. Burns (B).

Class 66-70 lbs. (9-10) — M. R. Mason (D); 10-11 — J. V. Carroll (A), runner-up — J. Quinn (B); 11-12—G. Cunningham (D), runner-up — S. Burn (A).

Class 71-75 lbs. (10-11) — G. Hamilton (A), runner-up—A. Hone (D); 11-12—R. Phillips (B), runner-up — R. McColl (A).

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ANNUAL INSPECTION, 1953

Wednesday, 1st July, at 3 p.m.

Inspecting Officer :

Rear-Admiral J. Harvie Crombie

C.B., D.S.O., Flag Officer Commanding Scotland

INSPECTION

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

The Rear-Admiral is received with the General Salute, "The Garb of Old Gaul." The Rear-Admiral inspects the parade and returns to the Saluting Base. The Band plays Inspection Troop "May Blossom."

Before the 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 "Farewell to the Creeks."

TROOP

On the command "Troop" the Band, Pipes and Drums move right to left in slow time, the Pipes and Drums playing "The Rowan Tree." They countermarch and halt, and march back from left to right in quick time, the Band playing "The Middy." 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 "Dovecot Park," moves to a position in front of the Colour and halts.

Cpl. A. F. Brown receives the Colour.

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

The Colour is trooped in slow time through the ranks of the Guards, who receive it with the Salute, the Band playing "Logie o' Buchan."

MARCH PAST

The Parade forms Column of Guards, the Band playing "Officer of the Day," and marches past the Rear-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 (the Band playing "The Thin Red 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.

The Rear-Admiral addresses the Parade.

The following prizes are presented by Mrs Crombie.

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

The Commandant calls for three cheers for Mrs Crombie.

The parade reforms line and marches off to "The 79th's Farewell to Gibraltar," played by the Pipe Band.

TEA INTERVAL

Musical Programme follows (see opposite page).

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Exhibitions of work done by the boys are on view on the Playing Fields, the Craft Work in a tent behind the Pavilion and the Art Exhibition in the Band Shed on the opposite side of the field.

Musical Programme

1. TRUMPETS:—

Fanfare.

2. MILITARY BAND:—

March—"The Red Cloak" Mansfield

Waltz Selection—"Dream of the Waltz" Dennis Wright

3. DANCING:—

Four Sets Broadwords.

4. PIPE BAND:—

Slow March — "The Road to the Isles."

March — "Lt. Col. R. F. Nason."

5. MILITARY BAND:—

Bell Intermezzo — "Bells Across The Meadow" Ketelby

6. BUGLE BAND:—

Slow March — "Waltz."

Quick Marches — "Musketeers"; "Bangalore."

7. DANCING:—

Three Sets Foursomes.

8. PIPE BAND:—

Set. Slow March — "Loch Leven Castle."

March — "Lt. Col. A. G. MacLean."

Strathspey — "Loudon's Woods."

Reel — "The Piper o' Drummond."

March — "The Barren Rocks of Aden."

9. MILITARY BAND:—

Selection — "Bonnie Scotland."

10. PIPE BAND — "Hielan' Laddie."

11. BUGLES — Retreat.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Bandmaster — Mr F. E. Lax, B.E.M.

Pipe-Major — Mr J. McC. Sanderson.

Drum and Bugle Major — Mr T. McDonald.

Class 76-80 lbs. (10-11) — W. Craggs (A), runner-up—I. Forbes (B); 11-12 — H. McArthur (B), runner-up — W. Patterson (B); 13-14 — F. McLeod (D).

Class 81-85 lbs. (11-12) — D. McKellan (D); 12-13 — W. McColl (A), runner-up — A. Quinn (B); 13-14 — A. McArthur (B), runner-up — W. Haggart (B).

Class 86-90 lbs. (11-12) — G. Morrison (D); 12-13 — W. Corcoran (D); 13-14 — J. Smith (D). Class 91-97 lbs. (13-14) — A. MacDonald (D); 14-15 — R. Scott (A).

Class 98-104 lbs. (12-13) — D. Cramb (D). Class 105-111 lbs. — J. Findlay (A), runner-up — H. Hamilton (B).

Class 112-118 lbs — W. Jones (D); runner-up—K. MacCrimmon (A).

Trophy winners: — The Boxing Cup — "D" Company; The All-India Trophy for Best Style—R. Burns ("B" Coy.); The Best Loser's Cup — P. Sutherland ("B" Coy.).

Owing to the Scarlet Fever epidemic all fixtures with other Schools and Clubs were cancelled.

Association Football

After losing practically all of the previous season to snow and frost, we were looking forward hopefully to a full run this season. However, after only one fixture, the School went into quarantine due to an outbreak of scarlet fever, and all the following school games had to be cancelled.

The Inter-Company competition resulted in a win for "D" Company (11 points) with "A" Company runners-up (4 points).

COLOURS

Already in possession, R. Fairbairn; new awards, S. Robertson T. Burns, W. Cowie.

OTHER RESULTS

School XI, 3; Staff XI, 3. School XI, 1; Boys' XI, 5.

Athletics

INTER-COMPANY AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

With the limited time at our disposal, it was decided to run the Inter-Company competition in conjunction with the Individual Championships. Although the "weather man" prevented us from holding our meeting on the originally intended date, we had quite a successful meeting and some grand performances were recorded. Two School records were broken—J. Wilson with a discus throw of 81ft. 6ins. breaking P. Watson's 1950 record throw of 76ft. 2ins.; and R. Fairbairn's 23.8 secs. for the 220 yards flat race, previously held by D. Grove (25.0 secs. in 1950). Other creditable performances were made by R. Greenhorn (1 mile: 5 mins. 1.5 secs), A. MacDonald (under 15 years, 880 yards: 2 mins. 22.8 secs.), J. Wilson (Senior Champion), and R. Watson (Intermediate Champion). Results:—

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

100 yards Flat Race—1, J. Wilson (D); 2, J. Simpson (B); 3, A. Neilson (A). Time—12.3 secs.

220 yards Flat Race—1, J. Wilson (D); 2, R. Hastie (B); 3, J. Simpson (B). Time—26.1 secs.

440 yards Flat Race—1, P. Sutherland (B); 2, P. Gibson (D); 3, K. MacCrimmon (A). Time—63.4 secs.

880 yards Flat Race—1, A. MacDonald (D); 2, P. Gibson (D); 3, A. Grieve (A). Time—2 mins. 22.8 secs.

75 yards Hurdles Race—1, J. Wilson (D); 2, J. Simpson (B); 3, N. Poulson (A). Time—12.8 secs.

High Jump — 1, J. Wilson (D); 2, R. Palmer (B); 3, W. Jones (D). Height — 5ft. 0ins.

Long Jump — 1, A. Neilson (A); 2, A. MacDonald (D); 3, T. Hunter (B). Distance — 15ft. 3ins.

Putting the Weight — 1, R. Hastie (B); 2, T. Burns (A); 3, A. F. Brown (D). Distance — 32ft. 0ins.

Throwing the Discus—1, J. Wilson (D); 2, T. Burns (A); 3, R. Adams (D). Distance — 81ft. 6ins. (School Record).

Throwing the Javelin — 1, T. Burns (A); 2, J. Findlay (A); 3, R. Adams (D). Distance — 102ft. 10ins.

660 yards Relay Race — 1, "A" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy. Time — 1 min. 25 secs.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

100 yards Flat Race — 1, R. Watson (D); 2, P. Moore-Hemsley (B); 3, W. Corcoran (D). Time—13.1 secs.

220 yards Flat Race — 1, R. Watson (D); 2, P. Moore-Hemsley (B); 3, A. Bell (A). Time — 29.1 secs.

75 yards Hurdles Race — 1, P. Moore-Hemsley (B); 2, W. McColl (A); 3, T. W. Simpson (A). Time — 12.8 secs.

High Jump — 1, R. Watson (D) and W. Corcoran (D); 3, G. Cunningham (D). Height — 4ft. 3ins.

Long Jump—1, A. Quinn (B); 2, W. Corcoran (D); 3, W. McColl (A). Distance—13ft. 6ins.

Putting the Weight — 1, D. Hastie (B); 2, D. Cramb; 3, P. Moore-Hemsley (B). Distance — 31ft. 8ins.

440 yards Relay Race — 1, "D" Coy.; 2, "A" Coy.; 3, "B" Coy. Time — 57.8 secs.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

75 yards Flat Race — 1, A. Hone (D); 2, W. Craggs (A); 3, G. Hamilton (A). Time — 10.2 secs.

High Jump—1, B. Scott (A); 2, G. Hamilton (A); 3, G. Ferrier (D). Height — 3ft. 10ins.

Long Jump — 1, W. Craggs (A); 2, I. Fairbairn (D); 3, G. Hamilton (A). Distance — 11ft. 8ins.

Throwing the Cricket Ball — 1, B. Scott (A); 2, R. Barr (B); 3, A. Hone (D). Distance—133ft. 8ins.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

100 yards Flat Race — 1, R. Fairbairn; 2, J. White; 3, A. Murray. Time — 10.7 secs.

220 yards Flat Race — 1, R. Fairbairn; 2, J. White; 3, A. Murray. Time — 23.8 secs (School Record).

1 Mile — 1, R. Greenhorn. Time — 5 mins. 1.5 secs.

75 yards Hurdles Race — 1, J. White; 2, A.

Murray; 3, S. Robertson. Time — 12.7 secs.

High Jump — 1, R. Fairbairn; 2, R. Greenhorn; 3, B. Williamson. Height—5ft. 0ins.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Girls' Race—1, Jean Girvan; 2, Barbara Ross; 3, Phyllis Cunningham.

Boys' Race — 1, James Lowdon; 2, James Ross; 3, Gordon Mortimer.

Ladies' Race—1, Mrs Ross; 2, Mrs Ogilvie; 3, Mrs Morton.

Staff Race — 1, C.S.M. Gutteridge; 2, C.S.M. Mortimer; 3, R.S.M. Lowden.

Tug o' War — "B" Company.

TROPHY WINNERS

Dandy Ninth Cup and Inter-Coy. Championship — "D" Coy. (74½ pts.); Runners-up — "A" Coy. (68½ pts.).

Flat Relay Cup — "A" Coy.

Hurdles Cup — "B" Coy.

High Jump Cup — "D" Coy.

Long Jump Cup — "A" Coy.

Putting the Weight Cup — "D" Coy.

John Williamson Cup — R. Fairbairn.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open Champion and Victor Ludorum — R. Fairbairn; Runner-up, R. Greenhorn.

Senior Champion — J. Wilson; Runner-up, J. Simpson.

Intermediate Champion — R. Watson; Runner-up, P. Moore-Hemsley.

Junior Champion — B. Scott; Runner-up, G. Hamilton.

Monitors' Cup for Athletics

Mon. J. Wilson, the "babe" in the Monitors Recreation Room, won the Monitors' Cup with three firsts and two seconds. The handicap was too much for S/Mon. R. Fairbairn, but he put up a grand performance to finish runner-up three points behind was third.

RESULTS

100 yards Handicap Race — 1, J. White (2 yds.); 2, J. Wilson (5½ yds.); 3, R. Fairbairn (1 yd.).

440 yards Handicap Race — 1, J. Wilson (22 yds.); 2, Fairbairn (4 yds.); 3, J. White (8 yds.).

High Jump — 1, J. Wilson (+5ins.); 2, R. Fairbairn (+1in.); 3, S. Robertson (+2½ins.).

Long Jump—1, J. Wilson (+1ft. 10ins.); 2, R. Fairbairn (+4ins.); 3, J. White (+8ins.).

Putting the Weight — 1, R. Fairbairn (+6ins.); 2, J. Wilson (+2ft. 9ins.); 3, J. White (+1ft.).

Winner—J. Wilson (28 points); Runner-up, R. Fairbairn (25 points).

Inter-School Athletic Meeting

Although the weather once again failed us, ten of the 16 schools invited were represented at the meeting. Nevertheless, some very creditable performances were recorded under these adverse conditions, and worthy of special mention are:—MacFarlane of McLaren High School's 2 mins. 6.6 secs. for the 880 yards; Kavanagh of Morrison's Academy's 55.8 secs. for the 440 yards, and

of course Morrison's Academy's fourth consecutive win in the Invitation 660 yards Relay Race. Results:—

CLASS I

100 yards Flat Race—1, G. MacLachlan, Stirling High School; 2, Gibson, Falkirk High School; 3, R. Fairbairn, Q.V.S. Time—11.1 secs.

440 yards Flat Race—1, Kavanagh, Morrison's Academy; 2, Watson, Morrison's Academy; 3, R. Fairbairn, Q.V.S. Time—55.8 secs.

880 yards Flat Race—1, MacFarlane, McLaren High School; Kavanagh, Morrison's Academy; 3, J. Irvine, Stirling High School. Time—2 mins. 6.6 secs.

High Jump—1, G. MacLachlan, Stirling High School; 2, J. Scanlan, St. Modan's High School; 3, P. Bentley, Morrison's Academy. Height — 5ft. 3ins.

Long Jump — 1, R. Fairbairn, Q.V.S.; 2, P. Bentley, Morrison's Academy; 3, D. Girvan, Stirling High School. Distance—18ft. 0ins.

Putting the Weight—1, P. Bentley, Morrison's Academy; 2, R. Greenhorn, Q.V.S.; 3, D. Young, St. Modan's High School. Distance—38ft. 4ins.

Throwing the Discus — 1, P. Bentley, Morrison's Academy; 2, J. Boyce, St. Modan's High School; 3, J. Rodger, Riverside Junior Secondary School. Distance—91ft. 1ins.

Throwing the Javelin — 1, D. Young, St. Modan's High School; 2, R. Fairbairn, Q.V.S.; 3, A. Baird, Alva Academy. Distance — 111ft. 4ins.

CLASS II

100 yards Flat Race—1, A. Stewart, Riverside J.S.S.; 2, A. Sims, St. Modan's H.S.; 3, G. Harrower, Stirling H.S. Time—11.2 secs.

440 yards Flat Race — 1, Leslie, Morrison's Academy; 2, T. Gunning, St. Modan's H.S.; 3, J. Young, Alva Academy. Time—61.4 secs.

High Jump — 1, J. Wilson, Q.V.S.; 2, A. R. Gibb, Morrison's Academy; 3, R. Vannan, Riverside J.S.S. Height—4ft. 9ins.

Long Jump — 1, J. Wilson, Q.V.S.; 2, A. R. Gibb, Morrison's Academy; 3, A. Stewart, Riverside J.S.S. Distance—16ft. 2ins.

Winners of the Invitation 660 yards Relay Race Baton (presented by M.M.'s School Commissioners 1949) — 1, Morrison's Academy, Crieff; 2, Stirling High School; 3, Falkirk High School. Time — 1 min. 15.8 secs.

Final Positions — 1, Morrison's Academy, Crieff; 2, Stirling High School; 3, Queen Victoria School.

Riddle-Me-Ree

My first is in calves, but not in cows;
My second's in pigs, but not in sows;
My third is in cake, but not in bun;
My fourth is in trouble, but not in fun;
My fifth is in ox, and also in oxen;
My sixth is in wrestling, but not in boxing;
My seventh is in trip and not in tramp;
My eighth is in shade, and also in lamp;
My last is in Dalniddle, which finishes the riddle.

MAC.

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Athletic Colours

Already in possession — Full Colours — R. Fairbairn; Half-Colours—J. White, J. Wilson.
New Awards—Full Awards—J. Wilson; Half-Colours—R. Greenhorn.

Swimming

INTER-COMPANY AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

The star performance of this meeting was the setting up of a new under water swimming record by R. Greenhorn. The previous record distance of 1 length 56 feet 4 inches, set up in 1951, was held by D. Brown. R. Scott came within 18 inches of this record with his first attempt, but R. Greenhorn completed the extra length and set up a new record distance of 2 lengths 10 feet 6 ins. Another race which will be long remembered was the Junior 4 lengths Free Style Relay Race in which young Ian Fairbairn for "D" Company came up from behind with a great effort to register a win for his company.

Results:—

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2 lengths Breast Stroke—1, I. Fairbairn (D); 2, A. C. MacDonald (B); 3, J. V. Carroll (A).
- 2 lengths Back Stroke—1, J. V. Carroll (A); 2, I. Fairbairn (D); 3, G. Ferrier (D).
- 2 lengths Free Style—1, I. Fairbairn (D); 2, I. Scott (B); 3, G. Ferrier (D).
- Diving—1, F. Pooke (A); 2, A. C. MacDonald (B) and I. Fairbairn (D).
- Relay Race (4 lengths Free Style)—1, "D" Coy.; 2, "A" Coy.; 3, "B" Coy.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2 lengths Breast Stroke—1, G. Morrison (D); 2, A. Quinn (B); 3, W. McColl (A).
- 2 lengths Back Stroke—1, J. Fairbairn (B); 2, R. C. McLeod (D); 3, G. Morrison (D).
- 2 lengths Free Style—1, J. Fairbairn (B); 2, W. McColl (A); 3, B. McHugh (B).
- Diving—1, A. Quinn (B); 2, M. Duncan (D); 3, W. McColl (A).
- Relay Race (4 lengths Free Style)—1, "B" Coy.; 2, "A" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2 lengths Breast Stroke—1, H. Fairbairn (B); 2, R. Palmer (B); 3, J. Simpson (B).
- 2 lengths Back Stroke—1, H. Fairbairn (B); 2, J. Simpson (B); 3, R. Anderson (D).
- 4 lengths Free Style—1, T. Burns (A); 2, K. MacCrimmon (A); 3, J. Simpson (B).
- Plunging—1, J. Manson (A); 2, R. Adams (D); 3, D. MacDonald (B). Distance 38 ft. 8 ins.
- Diving—1, K. MacCrimmon (A); 2, W. Alexander (D); 3, D. MacDonald (B).
- Relay Race (8 lengths Free Style)—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 4 lengths Breast Stroke—1, J. McArthur; 2,

B. Williamson; 3, A. Murray.

3 lengths Back Stroke—1, J. McArthur; 2, B. Williamson; 3, R. Greenhorn.

4 lengths Free Style—1, B. Williamson; 2, J. McArthur.

Plunging—1, J. McArthur; 2, R. Greenhorn; 3, A. Murray. Distance 32 ft. 5 ins.

Diving—1, R. Fairbairn; 2, R. Greenhorn.

Novices' 1 length Free Style—1, R. Fothergill; 2, T. Orr; 3, E. Lawson.

Monitors' 1 length Free Style—1, R. Fairbairn; 2, S. Robertson; 3, J. McArthur.

Junior Champion—I. Fairbairn ("D" Coy.); Runner-up, J. V. Carroll ("A" Coy.).

Intermediate Champion—J. Fairbairn ("B" Coy.); Runner-up, A. Quinn ("B" Coy.).

Senior Champion—H. Fairbairn ("B" Coy.); Runner-up, K. MacCrimmon ("A" Coy.).

Open Champion and winner of "The Fish Trophy"—J. McArthur; Runner-up, B. Williamson.

Inter-Company Swimming Championship:—Winners—"B" Coy. (55½ points); Runners-up, "A" Coy. (50 points).

Cricket

1st XI

At the beginning of the term, we found ourselves with only three members of last year's XI, and five members of the 2nd XI. They were R. Fairbairn, T. Burns, and C. Crombie of the 1st XI, and B. Williamson, J. Wilson, S. Robertson, A. Murray, and D. Cromar of the 2nd XI.

Under the captaincy of Fairbairn, these boys have formed the nucleus of this season's XI, and W. A. Jones, N. Poulson, A. F. Brown and J. Quinn have between them provided the remainder.

Most of the bowling has been done by Fairbairn, Morgan, Wilson and Burns. Cromar took over from Burns as wicket-keeper in order to allow Burns to do some bowling. There have been some quite good individual performances, notably Morgan's 6 for 14 against Falkirk Technical School. Fairbairn has twice taken five wickets in an innings.

Once again, the batting has been less satisfactory. The best team score was 74 in the first match, and the highest individual score Morgan's 17 not out against Falkirk (away). Briefly, the faults have been a tendency to hit out too early in the innings, and a positive mania for mowing everything on the wicket to leg. The value of the straight bat was plain to see when Quinn, Jones and Robertson very nearly succeeded in holding Stirling High School to a draw, the last wicket falling five minutes from time after seven wickets had fallen and there were still 45 minutes to play.

The fielding has been adequate, and Cromar has proved a capable wicket-keeper.

Results:—

Falkirk Technical School, at Dunblane—School, 74 (Morgan 15); Falkirk, 47 (Morgan 6 for 14).

Alloa Academy 2nd XI, at Alloa—Alloa, 35 (Fairbairn 5 for 15; Morgan 4 for 14); School, 56 (Wilson 13).

Alloa Technical and Commercial School, at Dunblane—School, 20; Alloa, 33 (Fairbairn 5 for 15, Morgan 4 for 14).

Falkirk Technical School, at Falkirk—Falkirk, 41 (Fairbairn 4 for 12; Burns 4 for 12); School, 45 for 3 wickets (Morgan 17 not out).

Stirling High School 2nd XI, at Dunblane—Stirling, 110 for 6 (dec.) (Burns 5 for 35); School, 53 (Morgan 15).

2nd XI

The following have played for the 2nd XI during the season:—R. Adams (capt.), J. Quinn, P. Gibson, A. F. Brown, C. Carcary, A. McArthur, J. McArthur, R. Anderson, A. MacDonald, A. Quinn, W. Beveridge, M. Duncan, W. Haggart, D. MacDonald, W. McGoldrick.

Results:—

Alloa Technical School, at Dunblane—School, 41 (P. Gibson 11); Alloa, 72 (Carcary 3 for 23).

Alloa Academy 3rd XI—School, 105 (J. Quinn 30; Adams 22); Alloa, 39 (Anderson 5 for 25; Carcary 5 for 14).

Stirling High School 3rd XI—School 22; Stirling 52 (A. McArthur 3 for 1).

CRICKET COLOURS, 1953

1st XI—Old Colours, R. Fairbairn, T. Burns; New Colours, J. Morgan.

2nd XI—Old Colours, D. Cromar, B. Williamson, J. Wilson; New Colours, R. Adams, J. Quinn, C. Carcary.

INTER-COMPANY CRICKET COMPETITION, 1953

Winners, "D" Company (6 points); runners-up, "A" Company (5 points).

Resurrection

Tom, James and Arthur were sitting in a dark corner telling stories.

"Well," began Arthur. "It was up in the north of Scotland on the west coast that it happened. There were two brothers who were very fond of each other. The older brother was called Angus, and he was about to leave for the war. His young brother, Robert, was seeing him off. Eventually the boat left and Robert stood there watching quietly and thinking what he should do when his brother would return.

"Six months had passed before news came that Angus would return within two days. Robert was very excited, and after two days he was to be seen standing at the river's edge waiting for the arrival of the boat and his brother. A storm blew up, and the ship was wrecked in the bay. People worked day and night rescuing the survivors. Robert, however, was only told, after enquiring from one of the survivors, that at 12 o'clock his brother had jumped off the wreck and was drowned. He refused to believe this, and carried on searching for Angus in the hope that he was only hurt.

"That night as he went along the cliff road, he heard a low rumble of thunder and then a

moan. He looked over the cliff, and there, six feet below him, was a man. Robert pulled him up and looked at his face.

"His right cheek-bone was sticking through his skin, and one eye was missing. He looked like a living skeleton in uniform. His face was a deathly white and he mumbled in a low voice. Suddenly everything about them went quiet and the moon shone through the dark thunder clouds on to the man's face. The soldier spoke. "Hello, Robert," he said, "Don't you know me? I'm Angus, your brother. I was drowned last night at 12 o'clock."

K. GAVIGAN, IIIA.

30 Years Ago

(From No. 1 of "The Victorian," Summer, 1923)

"C" Company (not a recruits' Company in those days—Ed.) beat "A" Company by one run in the Inter-Company Cricket competition.

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The first appearance of a School Rugby XV resulted in a win over Hurst Grange School, Stirling, by 16 points to 3.

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"This year we have had the honour of playing before His Royal Highness the Duke of York at the Rugby International Match played at Inverleith."

(Note.—H.R.H. the Duke of York later became H.M. King George VI. International Rugger matches were played at Inverleith before Murrayfield was opened as an international ground.)

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"This year Latin is being introduced as a subject in the School curriculum, in the Upper School. Heretofore, French has been the language taught, but now this is carried on only in the top form, and after the summer, 1924, it is our intention to drop French entirely and let Latin take its place."

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"During last winter it was an ever-recurring worry to find that the Union Jack on the flag pole in the roof of the main building was jammed and refused to come down. It was a dangerous job for one of the engineers to get it down. Moreover, the day Watchmen, whose duty it was to hoist and lower the flag in the morning and evening, were finding that with increasing years and increasing rotundity, it was no easy job for them to get through the trap door on to the roof. The pole itself was showing signs of wear, and eventually was condemned by the D.O.R.E., and he gave us a new one, which was placed in the ground in front of the main door.

ANSWER TO RIDDLE — "VICTORIAN."

These Foolish Things Remind Me of School

THE CHAPEL

Through the long-drawn aisle
The pealing anthem swells the note of praise.
—Gray.

THE HOSPITAL

'Mongst horrid shapes, and shrieks, and
sights unholy.
—Milton.

Q.V.S.

Earth has not anything to show more fair.
—Wordsworth.

MATHS. ROOM

Here there is no light,
Save what from heaven is with the breezes
blown.
—Keats.

COMPANY OFFICE

All Hope abandon, ye who enter here.

MATRON preparing for morning sick parade

Fillet of a fenny snake,
In the cauldron boil and bake;
Eye of newt and toe of frog,
Wool of bat and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork and blind-worm's string
Lizard's leg and hawlet's wing,
For a charm of powerful trouble,
Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.
—Shakespeare.

MR. BL - - E

When reposing that night on my pallet of
straw,
At the dead of the night a sweet vision I saw;
And thrice ere the morning I saw HIM again.

FIRE PRACTICE

Startles the villages with strange alarms.
—Longfellow.

SCHOOL SOUP

Scale of dragon, tooth of wolf,
Witches' mummy, maw and gulf
Of the ravin'd salt-sea shark.
—Shakespeare.

MUSIC PRACTICE

With such discordant noises,
With such accursed instruments as these,
Thou drownest Nature's sweet and kindly
voices,
And jarrest the celestial harmonies.
—Longfellow.

PUNISHMENT TIME

I hear even now the cries of agony,
The endless groan.

THE BAGPIPES

Blest pair of Sirens.
—Milton.

COUNTRY DANCING.

Come, and trip it as you go
On the light fantastic toe.
—Milton.

BUGLE ANNOUNCING THE COMMENCEMENT OF MATHS.

Those clamorous harbingers of blood and
death.
—Shakespeare.

BUGLE ANNOUNCING THE END OF MATHS.

Speak, that my torturing doubts their end
may know.

—Wordsworth.

"Too Many Cooks"

Inspector Burton stepped out of his car and
shut the door. He was a spectacled man with
grey hair, blue eyes, and a big moustache.

He looked at the large hotel and sighed. Just
at that moment a man (who appeared to be the
hotel manager), came to the door.

"Inspector Burton?" he asked. Burton
nodded.

"I'm the hotel manager. Come in where we
can talk."

Burton followed him into a small room, fur-
nished as an office. Then the manager started
to unfold his story.

"At four o'clock this afternoon I was making
a tour of the hotel. Coming to the small room
opposite I found Mrs Keen. She is . . . er . . . was
the wife of the head waiter. The corpse is still
next door, and nothing has been touched. No-
body has left or entered the hotel. This is a list
of my staff." As the manager said this, he
handed Inspector Burton a list of names and
occupations.

Burton stood up. "Let's see the body if you
don't mind."

"Oh yes. At once. This way, please."

They left the room, crossed the hall and
entered a somewhat larger room. Burton looked
round and saw an arm sticking out from behind
a chair. He went over and knelt down. The
woman lay in a pool of blood. Her throat had
been slit and her face slashed unmercifully. "The
person who did this was pretty desperate or a
bloodthirsty, nerveless maniac," thought Burton.
He touched the body. It was still hot. "She's
not been dead more than half an hour," said
Burton. "I'd better check on the staff now."

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The small clock showed it was a quarter past
five. Burton had checked the entire staff one
by one. The staff consisted of: the head waiter
and two others, two maids (one of whom was
the murdered woman), two cooks and a bellboy.

Burton sat and scratched his head for the
next few moments, gazing thoughtfully into the
little silver inkstand. Suddenly his heart stood
still. A cupboard door on the other side of the
room opened. Although his back was turned,
this door was reflected clearly in the silver ink-
stand. He saw a man's head, with a cook's hat
on, appear from behind the door, and then with-
draw quickly as he saw Burton. Burton stood
up. He went to the door and crossed the hall
to a 'phone nearby. He dialled the police, gave
a quick message to the person at the other end,
and rang off. Then he crossed the hall again
and stood outside the open door. He waited till
he heard the cupboard door opening, then entered
the room.

He found a small, nervous man in a white
apron and hat standing near the door.

"What are you doing?" asked Burton.

"Oh! I . . . er . . . just came to see if
. . . you wanted anything to eat. You see, I'm a
cook," said the man, fidgeting nervously, and
obviously lying.

"No, I don't want anything," said Burton,
recalling that this was not one of the two cooks
on the staff.

"Er . . . well . . . I'll be . . . er . . . going," said
the man. He looked round, saw Burton settling
in his chair, and then hurried away. As soon
as he was out of sight, Burton jumped up, pulled
out a gun and then started after him.

The man led him to a door with the word
"MANAGER" printed on it. "I thought so,"
whispered Burton. The man entered the room,
and Burton crossed to the door and put his ear
against it. He listened for a few moments and
then ran to a window. He waved his arm. Police-
men appeared all round the house. Burton then
signalled them to come in.

It was all over soon. Both the manager, and
the small imposter were taken to the police sta-
tion, after a slight struggle.

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Burton explained it all at the station.

"You see," he said to his friends, "it was this
way. The manager and the murdered woman
were married, but never divorced. They had
just split up. The wife refused to divorce him.
The manager was just about to land a beautiful,
rich, young woman. Then his wife appeared, and
demanded 'Hush Money.' That is your motive.
Now method. He could not get the woman into
the room by asking her himself. She would just
refuse. If he made any member of his own
staff do it, he would give himself away. So, the
only alternative, was to get a person whom he
had a hold on to act as a cook. Nobody was to
know except himself and the murdered woman.
In return, the man would get whatever proof
the manager had of his past. The manager
himself committed the murder. I found that out
when I did a little eavesdropping. Besides, that
nervous, little idiot wouldn't have the 'guts.'

"The man wouldn't leave till he got his proof,
so he hid until I was about to go. But luck was
with me and I saw him. Yes, I wondered why
there were too many cooks, and that little bit of
eavesdropping confirmed my suspicions."

JAMES SIMPSON

Is Your Name Here ?

Christian names are supposed, by some
people, to exercise an influence over one's char-
acter. Below, we give some names and their
meanings, and the characteristics associated
with those names. This may help Reader X to
realise that, really, he is "careless and pleasure-
loving" instead of the earnest creature he thinks
himself to be; or reader Y that he is shy where
he should be bold. Best of all, Reader Z may
become a future Cabinet Minister now that he
knows he is "ambitious, successful, thorough."

Alexander: Greek, "helper of men." Daring,
quick-thinking, cunning. Often successful in
commercial enterprises in which quick judgment
and alertness are necessary.

Andrew: Greek, "a man." Powerful, magnetic,

simple-mannered, indulgent. Usually interested
in medicine and surgery.

Angus: Celtic, "excellent virtue." Straight-
forward, sober, pious, tolerant. Marries young.
Chief interests lie in business and domestic
affairs.

Arthur: Celtic, "high." Vivacious, indus-
trious, self-opinionated, literary. Seldom takes
advice, but profits by his own mistakes.

Brian: Celtic, "strong." Wasteful, luxury-
loving, amusing. Possesses great physical
strength. Often a confirmed bachelor.

Charles: Teutonic, "man." Gay, sociable,
clever, romantic. Falls in and out of love easily.

Donald: Celtic, "proud chief." Sprightly,
pleasure-loving, sentimental. Displays great skill
in business matters.

Henry: Teutonic, "home ruler." Independent,
hard-working, worldly. Inclined to judge people
by their financial position rather than their abil-
ities. A faithful husband and extremely fond of
children.

Ian (also John, Jack): Hebrew, "grace of
the Lord." Ingenuous, trusting, honest. Prefers
sport to work.

James (also Jack, Hamish): Hebrew, "sup-
planter." Versatile, keen, ambitious. The worst
types can be treacherous. Generally affectionate
but capable of a display of temper. Should be
treated with tact.

Joseph: Hebrew, "addition." Honest, success-
ful, simple. Lacks originality but remains placid
and clear-thinking when others panic.

Kenneth: Celtic, "comely." Handsome,
brilliant, serious. Usually a good orator, being
diplomatic and imaginative. Prefers intelligence
to good looks.

Norman: Teutonic, "Niord's man." Impracti-
cal, placid, courageous. He is fond of good com-
pany but makes few intimate friends.

Peter: Greek, "stone." Open, firm, unaffec-
ted. Always respected and loved. Marries while
young.

Richard: Teutonic, "stern King." Witty,
energetic, generous. Believes in plain speaking,
and sometimes offends. Makes many friends
but should not be taken too seriously.

Robert (see also Robin): Teutonic, "bright
fame." Talkative, successful, susceptible. Often
becomes a brilliant speaker. Patience is not his
strong point.

Ronald (also Reginald): Teutonic, "powerful
judgment." Discreet, discerning, imaginative. A
good business man and lucky gambler.

Thomas: Aramaic, "twin." Practical, plod-
ding, conscientious. Little imagination but
strong passions. Distrustful of matters he does
not understand. Prides himself on "plain-
speaking."

Victor: Latin, "conqueror." Strong, manly,
sympathetic. Intolerant of other people's fail-
ings. Prefers platonic friendships to love.

William: Teutonic, "helmet of resolution." Energetic, susceptible, hospitable. Lacks origi-
nality and generally of the plodding type. Prefers
home life, although he is not unsociable.



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