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Editorial

TWO events will cause this term to remain long in our memories. First of all, we have just recently been informed that His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh has graciously consented to become our Patron. The last Royal Patron of the School was the Duke of Connaught, who died in 1942. It is to be hoped that this signal mark of royal favour, coming so close before the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the school, will spur us on to achieve far greater things in the future than ever in the past.

The second event of note was the unveiling of the Memorial Window in the School Chapel on Friday, 28th October. The Window commemorates the Old Boys of the School who gave their lives in the two World Wars, and the ceremony was performed by the Secretary of State for Scotland. A photograph of the window and a full report of the proceedings appear elsewhere in this issue.

Apart from all this, we began this term in very good heart, no doubt partly due to the fact that our Summer Holiday was forcibly extended, both because we were forced to await the ending of the Edinburgh Tattoo, where our Team of Highland Dancers were performing, and because that seemingly improbable event had at last occurred—the painters had arrived!

Certainly the School looks much brighter and more cheerful than it did when we went away last July. Long may it remain so! We should mention, in passing, that the choice of the colour-scheme was the work of the Art Master, Mr LeMaistre.

There is no doubt that we needed something to revive our flagging spirits, after the summer weather we experienced. In spite of the weather, however, the Annual Camp was held as usual, in the Cairngorms. This year's camp was a sad one, in one respect at least, since it saw the last appearance of Capt. Ross, now thought to be at sea somewhere in the vicinity of Hong Kong, if he has not already arrived. Capt. Ross was largely responsible for the idea of a summer camp in the first place, and for this, as well as for many other things, we are much in his debt. We send our best wishes to himself and his family. To his successor, Capt. Bennett, we extend our warmest welcome.

A party of twelve boys, under the Chaplain, Mr Muir, spent some time on Mull in July, and visited the Iona Community. An account of this will be found in our pages.

Last summer deserves to be remembered also for another reason. For the first time boys from the school were entered for the examination for the General Certificate of Education. Out of some forty subjects taken, there were only five failures.

Certain changes have taken place in the school. We now have two Senior Companies, A and B, and two Junior Companies, C and D. The Junior Companies contain all the Boys in the Primary School, that is, up to the age of twelve and a half. Boys in the Secondary School are automatically in one or the other of the Senior Companies.

We have tried to solve the age-old debate of Soccer v Rugger, for the present, by agreeing to play Soccer in the Junior School and Rugby in the Senior School.

All this, of course, has meant several changes in the Inter-Company Competition, which has now been divided into two sections, Senior and Junior.

That hoary old word "Trades," has been given several new meanings. Boys in the Senior School may now take up Woodwork, Metalwork, or Arts and Crafts as well as the traditional "trades." To do this we have been forced to disband the Military Band, as such, though we still continue with a School Orchestra and Mr Lax is still available to train boys in Military Band instruments. To all intents and purposes, the choice of trade now depends almost entirely on the boy, though when he has made his choice he is expected to stick to it.

We have recently added to our already large collection of cups and trophies, due to the generosity of Sybil, Lady Grant, who has most kindly presented us with a fine silver cup. It has not yet been decided how it will be competed for.

Grand Day, which took place on June 30th, was a great success. The weather lived up to its reputation. Rain fell at various places in the neighbourhood during the afternoon, but Dunblane was untouched. This year, for the first time, the proceedings opened with the Prize-Giving, which was held in the Chapel in the morning. The prizes were presented by Mr D. Howat, M.A., Director of Education for Perth and Kinross. In the afternoon the traditional ceremony of the Trooping of the Colour took place as usual. The Inspecting Officer was Air Vice-Marshal R. L. Ragg, C.B., C.B.E., A.F.C., Senior Air Force Officer, Scotland.

Founders' Day was celebrated on Sunday, 26th September, when we were visited by a party of Old Boys from the Glasgow Branch of the Old Boys' Association. During the Morning Service in the School Chapel, one of the Lessons was read by an Old Boy, and a wreath was laid beneath the memorial plates in the South Aisle beside the chancel.

At present we are rapidly approaching the end of term. Before we are swept into the maelstrom of exams, reports, end of term entertainments, etc., etc., we would like to pause for a minute to wish all our readers a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Obituary

It is with great regret that we record the death of one of Her Majesty's Commissioners for the School, Major-General A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.



School Notes

On October 7th, the School was inspected by the Visiting Commissioner, Admiral Sir Colin Cantlie, K.B.C., C.B., D.S.C.

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Several very successful visits have been held this term.

On Saturday, September 18th, some 160 boys went to Turnhouse Aerodrome, Edinburgh, to see the Battle of Britain display by the R.A.F. This was a magnificent experience for all concerned though certain small boys were heard to complain that nobody flew through the sound barrier, nor were there any crashes. To do the R.A.F. justice, however, they certainly did their best, even to the extent of setting a plane on fire in front of our noses.

On Monday, October 25th, a party of Senior boys went to Glasgow, where most of them were conducted round the University by our very good friend Dr Mearns. A small party split off, under Mr LeMaistre, for a visit to the Municipal Art Gallery, since when we have heard of nothing but Salvador Dali.

On Monday, November 22nd, we sent out two parties. In the afternoon, some twenty-six boys went to a Motor Show arranged by Millar's Garage, Stirling. The same evening another group went to Stirling again, to see (or hear?) "The Yeomen of the Guard," which was being performed by the Bridge of Allan Amateur Operatic Society.

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A Scout Troop was started this term, by the Headmaster, and has been registered as the 29th Perthshire. We are hoping to have a visit from the District Commissioner at the end of the term, when the official enrolment of the new Patrol Leaders and Seconds will take place.

Numbers at present are about thirty, which is enough to give us five patrols. For the present admission has had to be limited to boys of 13-14.

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It is with great regret that we say good-bye to Staff-Sergeant Batt, R.A.E.C., who has served us so magnificently, in his spare time, as Chapel Organist. His playing has contributed greatly to the enjoyment we have derived from our services, and to the high standard of singing which has been achieved. Our best wishes go with him and his wife as they leave for Malta.

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Both the Commandant and the Headmaster have crossed the Border during the term on their way south to visit other educational establishments. The Commandant has been to Welbeck College and to the Army Apprentice

Schools at Harrogate and Arborfield. The Headmaster has been to the Army Apprentice School at Arborfield, and also to the R.A.F. Apprentice School at Halton, Middlesex. Old boys of the School are to be found at all of these.

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We have had some very successful and enjoyable films during the term. To date the highlight has undoubtedly been the magnificent battle sequence at the end of "Gunga Din," though we have many other happy memories for which to thank Captain Drew, who is responsible for arranging the programmes.

The films this term have been as follows:—

19th September—State Secret. (Jack Hawkins, Douglas Fairbanks.)

3rd October—Great Expectations. (John Mills.)

17th October—The Happiest Days of Your Life. (Alastair Sim, Margaret Rutherford.)

14th November—Gunga Din. (Douglas Fairbanks.)

28th November—In Which We Serve. (Noel Coward.)

12th December—Scrooge. (Alastair Sim.)

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A Branch of the Scripture Union, conducted by Captain Williams, has been formed in the School and is proving most successful.

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The Half-Term Holiday took place from Friday, 29th October, until Monday, 1st November. Most of the boys went home, but those who stayed, mostly because their homes were too far away, had a very enjoyable time, partly owing to the labours of Mr Morrow, our Chief Cook, whose efforts in turning out a special party tea on Hallowe'en were more than appreciated. The same evening a party was held in the Playhall, when the traditional Apple dookin' took place. We can't remember who won, but we do know everybody was wet!

Examination Results

The following successes were obtained by boys from the School during the past year:—

Scottish Leaving Certificate—R. A. Greenhorn, Mathematics (lower), Science (lower), Arithmetic. A. S. Murray, Mathematics (higher), Science (higher), French (lower). J. W. White, Mathematics (lower), Arithmetic.

General Certificate of Education (Northern Universities) passes at ordinary level — R. A. Greenhorn, English, History, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry. W. A. Jones, English, History, French, Mathematics, Physics with Chemistry. R. P. J. Adams, English, History, French, Mathematics, Physics with Chemistry. K. A. Gavigan, English, French, Mathematics. J. M. McArthur, English, History, French, Mathematics, Physics with Chemistry. N. T. Poulson, English, French, Physics with Chemistry. S. A. Robertson, English, History, Mathematics, Physics with Chemistry. A. Tulleth, English, French, Mathematics, Physics with Chemistry. J. Wilson, English, History, French, Mathematics.

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- 2328 Cpl. D. Cromar, D Coy. to R.A.F. Appren-
tice School.
2347 Cpl. I. McKenzie, D Coy., to Seaforth
Highlanders.
2357 Cpl. F. McLeod, D Coy., to A.A. School.
2346 Roy G. Pirie, A Coy., to A.A. School.
2383 Boy A. F. Neilson, A Coy., to A.A. School.
2424 Boy J. Forbes, B Coy., to R.A.F. Appren-
tice School.
2377 Boy T. Murphy, D Coy., to Black Watch
Military Band.
2409 Sgt. J. Morgan, A Coy., to Civilian Life.
2430 Cpl. W. Beveridge, A Coy., to Civilian Life.
2412 Cpl. K. McCrimmon, A Coy., to Civilian
Life.
2366 Boy R. Scott, A Coy., to Civilian Life.
2376 Boy C. Carcary, D Coy., to Civilian Life.
2434 Boy T. Crichton, A Coy., to Civilian Life.
2437 Roy W. Pirret, A Coy., to Civilian Life.
2368 Boy W. Haggart, B Coy., to Civilian Life.
2431 Boy A. McConnell, A Coy., to Civilian Life.
2428 Boy D. Bethune, D Coy., to Civilian Life.
2343 Boy A. Munro, B Coy., to Civilian Life.
2511 Boy R. Ireland, A Coy., Withdrawn by
Parents.
2531 Boy M. Mason, D Coy., Withdrawn by
Parents.
2549 Boy C. A. Robertson, B Coy., Withdrawn
by Parents.

Salvete

- 2637 Lorimer, J. F.—C Coy.—Scots Guards.
2638 McArthur, D.J.—D Coy.—R.A.F.
2639 Johnstone, I.—C Coy.—H.L.I.
2640 Battye, D. A. J.—C Coy.—R.A.S.C.
2641 Edgar, V. C.—C Coy.—Black Watch.
2642 Nelson, J. G. C.—C Coy.—R.A.O.C.
2643 Owens, D. R.—D Coy.—R.C.M.P.
2644 Roy, R. N.—D Coy.—Black Watch.
2645 Miller, H.—C Coy.—Gloucester Regt.
2646 Baird D. C.—C Coy.—A. & S.H.
2647 McGill, A. J.—D Coy.—R.A.O.C.
2648 McLeish, M. J.—D Coy.—H.L.I.
2649 Scully, D.—C Coy.—H.L.I.
2650 Campbell, J. P.—D Coy.—Cameron Hrs.
2651 Dailly, A.—C Coy.—R.A.S.C.
2652 Lamkin, B. G.—D Coy.—R.A.S.C.
2653 Horne, J. H.—C Coy.—Seaforth Hrs.
2654 Whyte, A. C.—D Coy.—Royal Navy.
2655 Ross, C. S. R.—C Coy.—Gordon Hrs.
2656 Platt, D. D.—C Coy.—R.A.S.C.

Grand Day

This year there was an innovation in the arrangements for Grand Day. The proceedings opened with the Prize Giving which took place in the Chapel, commencing at 11.30 a.m., in front of a large attendance of parents and Old Boys. The prizes were presented by Mr D. Howat, M.A., Director of Education for Perth and Kinross.

In his opening address the Headmaster stated that he hoped that the inclusion of the Prize Giving as part of the Grand Day

programme would show clearly that in future the School would make an effort to be second to none as far as the standard of education and scholarship was concerned. He was glad to say that the appointment, three years previously, of a fully-qualified graduate staff, and the institution of courses leading to the Scottish Leaving Certificate were beginning to bear fruit. For some time, the numbers coming forward would be small, but in time they would grow.

In his address, which was aimed directly at the boys, Mr Howat congratulated them on the work done during the past year, and particularly on the work shown in the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, which he had just visited. He offered his congratulations especially to the lucky ones who had won prizes. Turning then to the holidays ahead of them, he reminded them that it was up to them to see that they spent them to the best advantage. Most of them were lucky to be living in Scotland, where it was always possible to get out into the country. They should do this as much as possible. When it was not possible they should try to improve their knowledge of books, and read as many good authors as possible. He ended by wishing them all a very happy holiday.

The prizes were then presented. The list is given below.

P. V — 1, N. Burrows; 2, M. D. Watt; 3, D. McLeod; Prize for best progress, J. Kay.

P. VIA — 1, J. W. Wilkie; 2, A. Leitch; 3, W. A. Milne.

P. VIB — 1, A. McDonald; 2, R. Marshall; 3, R. A. E. Fothergill.

P. VII — 1, D. McK. Aitchison; 2, R. J. V. C. Logan; 3, A. C. Macdonald.

IA — 1, R. M. Watson; 2, A. S. Hamilton; 3, A. R. Bethune.

IB — 1, H. McArthur; 2, C. Lambert; 3, A. J. Cunningham.

IIA — 1, G. Welsh; 2, B. Fitzpatrick; 3, J. K. Sim.

IIB — 1, W. McColl; 2, R. Alexander; 3, W. Corcoran.

IIIA — 1, P. Gibson; 2, R. Anderson; 3, C. Douglas.

IIIB — 1, W. Pirett; 2, J. Morgan; 3, W. Beveridge.

Apprentice — 1, I. McKenzie; 2, A. F. Neilson. Art Prize, A. Munro.

IV — 1st in form, S. A. Robertson; Science, S. A. Robertson; History, S. A. Robertson; 2nd in form, J. M. McArthur; English, J. M. McArthur; French, J. M. McArthur; Art, K. A. Gavigan and J. Wilson.

V — English, History, Science, A. S. Murray; French, W. A. Jones.

Fowler Art Prize — R. Anderson.

Addison Smith Public Speaking Prizes — 1, J. M. McArthur; 2, K. A. Gavigan; 3, A. A. Blackie.

Cranston Memorial Essay Prize — P. Gibson. Dux of the School — A. S. Murray.

The Parade

In the afternoon came the big event of the day, the traditional Parade, with the Trooping of the Colour.

As usual, the ceremony took place before a large and distinguished gathering of Her Majesty's Commissioners and their guests, Old Boys, parents and friends. Fortunately, in spite of rain in other places round about, the weather remained fine, and the parade took place in sunshine.

The Inspecting Officer this year was Air Vice-Marshal R. L. Ragg, C.B., C.B.E., A.F.C., Senior Air Force Officer, Scotland.

After the March Past the various Prizes and Trophies were graciously presented by Mrs Ragg. The Air Vice-Marshal then addressed the boys. He told them that he had often seen their Pipe and Military Bands at public functions in Scotland, and had always been impressed with their performance. He had, therefore, expected to see something out of the ordinary when he was invited to come to the School. He went on "I have not been disappointed. Your turnout today, the playing of your Bands, your bearing, drill and marching have been of the highest standard. And I am not judging these qualities merely by comparing them with what I have seen recently when taking the salute at other schools and parades of cadets, but by the standards set by well-trained regular sailors, soldiers and airmen. This reflects the highest credit on you, and on your instructors, and on your school.

"But having seen your school and learned a little of its traditions and methods, I am not surprised at the visible proof you have given me of its quality. This school to which you belong is unique. Not only is it a Boarding School with all the advantages which that implies of a large and well qualified staff, good buildings and playing fields, and varied cultural and recreational activities, but it is an establishment with a well-tempered spirit of military discipline.

"I don't suppose that many of you have thought deeply about the advantages of this system, or have reflected on the benefits which it can offer to you. There is a tendency today, I think, in some quarters to regard education as the process of acquiring a certain number of facts and figures, so that a boy or girl can leave school with the certainty of getting a job, or gaining a place in a University or Technical college, or being accepted for specialised training in the armed forces. That is not, I am sure, the purpose of education, but at best a by-product. Education should seek to train the mind and body of a boy so that he can think for himself and decide what is good or bad, and what is true or false; it should seek to foster a sense of discipline, of responsibility, a spirit of obedience, a readiness to sacrifice one's own desires for the good of others—in short, it should develop character as well as knowledge.

"Now that is just what your school is doing. The musical training you receive makes you master your own instrument and with it form part of a team. Your Highland Dancing, in the same way, gives you individual and team training. So do your sports, your hobbies and your Annual Camp in the Cairngorms.

"I can see from your bearing that you enjoy and profit by your training. I congratulate the staff on the skill and enthusiasm which can produce such results. I am sure that in later life you will recall with loyalty and affection your

time here, as your predecessors have done, and I hope that a great many of you will decide to join the Services as a career. We badly need young men of your calibre.

"It has given me great pleasure to be here this afternoon, and I wish Good Luck to you all."

The chief prizewinners were as follows:
Primus Medal—P. Gibson.

Regimental Prizes:—

R.A.—Greenhorn, R.
Royal Scots—McArthur, J.
R.S.F.—Wilson, J.
K.O.S.B.—Morgan, J.
Cameronians (S.R.)—Craggs, D.
Seaforth Highlanders—Jones, W.
Q.O.C. Highlanders—Adams, R.
A. & S. Highlanders—McCrimmon, K.
Other Regiments—Gibson, P.
Corps—Robertson, S.; Murray, A. S.
R.A.F.—Cromar, D.
D.Y.R.M.S.—Poulson, N.

Military Band Prizes — A. Anderson; T. Simpson; G. Watson; D. Aitchison; J. Wilson.

Best Progress Cup (Senior)—P. Gibson.

Best Progress Cup (Junior)—A. Leitch.

Special Prizes—J. McArthur; J. White.

Piping Prizes — I. McKenzie; D. Hastie; A. Forbes.

Drumming and Bugling Prizes — Bugling — E. Gardiner; W. Colburn; B. McHugh. Drumming — J. Carcary; C. Murray; P. Moore-Hemsley.

Dancing Prizes—G. Ferrier; R. McIntosh; S. McAllister.

Tailor's Prize—D. Cramb.

Boyd Prizes — Piping — J. McKenzie; D. Hastie; R. Scott. Dancing—I. Forbes; I. Scott.

Dancing (Shaw Stewart Prize for winning Company Team) — "D" Company, J. Quinn, I. Scott, I. Forbes, T. Spence.

Inter-Company Drill Competition — "A" Company.

Best All-Round Company—"D" Company.

Old Boys Visiting the School

The following Old Boys have visited the School since Grand Day:—

10th July—William Pirret, 5 Hamilton Lane, Glasgow.

10th July—G. P. B. Pirie, 19 Charles Street, Pittenweem.

1st Aug.—2232 J. Yule, R.A.F., Halton.

20th July—P. Davis, Berwick-on-Tweed.

25th July—166 E. McKenna, 16 Ava Parade, Belfast.

3rd Aug.—901 Geo. C. Lindsay, 3714 Saleni St., Indianapolis, Ind., U.S.A.

3rd Aug.—808 Graham Wood, London.

7th Aug.—1507 A. Marr, 7 Drumdoyar Street, Edinburgh.

8th Aug.—305 Neil L. Cameron, 39 Drum Cres., Edinburgh 9.

10th Aug.—2121 W. P. Carrigan, 35 Scalpay St., Lambhill, Glasgow.

12th Sept.—1113 J. P. Bain, Glasgow.

19th Sept. 687 M. Anderson, Glasgow.

19th Sept.—I. Nicholson, Queens Bks., Perth.

19th Sept.—2377—T. Murphy, 8 Craigie Place, Dundee.

26th Sept.—1468 J. Myles, Glasgow.

26th Sept.—1112 W. G. Smith, 32 East Preston Street, Edinburgh 8.
 10th Oct.—D. MacDonald, Glasgow.
 10th Oct.—2273—T. Gavigan, Glasgow.
 16th Oct.—William Ross, Glasgow.
 20th Oct.—2097 S. W. Fairbairn, M.E.L.F. 27, Egypt.
 29th Oct.—1896 P. Thomson, R.A.F., Egypt.
 29th Oct.—A. C. Thomson, Edinburgh.
 29th Oct.—508 J. Rennie, 4 Invicta Rd., Margate.
 29th Oct.—R. McEwan.

"A" Company Notes

Company Commander, Capt. E. J. Drew, R.A.E.C.
Company Sgt.-Major, C.S.M. T. MacDonald.

At the beginning of the term, due to various changes in the School, many boys from different companies combined together to form the new "A" Company, and after a hectic two weeks of settling down we combined together into an efficient unit. Among the newcomers to the Company we welcome especially four N.C.O's, Monitor Robertson, Sgts. White, McArthur and Hunter.

In the Inter-Company Rugby competition we were well beaten by B Company, which had faster and stronger sides than ours, but we fought hard all the time and we still managed to raise three good cheers at the end of the game. We still have fresh in our memories the great swimming victory over B Company and special mention goes to Monitor Adams and Sgt. McArthur who tied to share the Fish. The Company boxing has not been completed yet but, so far, we have done fairly well and we hope to pull it off.

Monitor Robertson and Boy W. McGoldrick leave us at the end of the term and we wish them good fortune in their respective careers. I will close now by saying that all the boys wish Captain Drew and Mr McDonald and his family a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

"B" Company Notes

Company Commander, Mr A. Sulch.
Company Sgt.-Major, C.S.M. J. Mortimer.

The first point to notice is that "B" Company of the present differs from that of last year in that it now contains the old "D" Seniors and about half of the old "B" Seniors. Captain Ross, for the first few weeks at any rate, was Company Commander, and Mr Mortimer remained as our C.S.M.

The whole school was sorry to see Captain Ross go when he left for Hong Kong, because there are not a few amongst us who will remember going out climbing and walking with him and being regaled in his house on our return, not the least the survivors of the three Cairngorm expeditions! The boys of the Company clubbed together to buy a gift, which was presented to him just before he left, and we all wish him the best of luck abroad.

In his place we now have Mr A. Sulch of Nottingham University, who is also Senior Maths Master.

We were very successful in the Company Rugger Competition, gaining the trophy by winning both games, 28-5 and 30-0. Perhaps this was as expected because the Company 1st XV contained nine of the School team, including Bob Greenhorn and Senior Monitor John Wilson, who both played a sterling game. M. Duncan was outstanding in the 2nds.

"A" got their revenge in the swimming competition, winning after a fairly close struggle by 13 points. The most notable achievement of the afternoon was the "diving away" with Senior Diving by Cpl. W. Corcoran who scored 9. 10, 9 points respectively in three dives, gaining maximum points in the second. A very good performance indeed! Also notable was A. Ward's attempt to break the school plunge record of over 41 ft., although he failed by just over two feet.

Three boys were promoted to corporal at the beginning of the term. R. Anderson, A. Quinn, and D. Cramb, of whom the last, D. Cramb, is leaving us at Christmas for civilian life. Mid-way through the term A. Bethune was also promoted to Corporal and was transferred to "D" Company.

But now I must end with the usual Christmas and New Year salutations to all readers, and especially to those connected with "B" Company.

W.A.J.

"C" Company Notes

Company Commander:
 Capt. I. T. Williams, R.A.E.C.
Company Sgt.-Major: C.S.M. J. White.

"C" Company has been moved into new quarters and, as the School is divided into Junior and Senior sections we compete against "D" Company in sports. So far, however, our talents are lying submerged. This is our excuse for losing the swimming competition despite the gallant efforts of Alan Platt, who came first in diving and third in the breast stroke, Donald Battye, who came third in the back-stroke, Neil Burrows and David McInnes who came third and first respectively in the novices race. Robin Adams, our monitor, swam well for "A" Company and came first equal in "The Fish" (open championship), gaining 7 points out of a possible 9. There was a fine entry for the Boxing Championships and at the time of writing we are holding our own; Walter Collins, Andrew Dailly, Hugh Miller and Winston Craggs having reached the finals and eight other contestants being still in the competition.

We are represented in every branch of School Sports since George Thomson, James Docherty, Andrew Leitch, Archie McKinnon and Hugh Miller represent us in the Junior Football XI, while Robin Adams, Norman Poulson, Angus MacLean, Winston Craggs and Chris. Lambert play for the school Rugby XV's. We congratulate these last two on their promotion to Corporal at the beginning of the term.

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"D" Company Notes

Company Commander: Mr N. C. Bruce.

Company Sgt.-Major: C.S.M. G. Martin.

After re-organisation "D" Company has now become one of the Junior Companies of the School, consisting of boys from the junior forms up to Primary 7. The boys in the Company have settled down to the new routine very well and have found many new friends among junior boys who have come to us from the old Companies.

The Company competes against "C" Company in sports and has already added the Swimming Cup to what we hope will be a long list of victories. We congratulate Rodney Maxwell on being the Junior Swimming Champion, and also both relay teams who put us well ahead. Quite a few of the boys have gained a place in the School's Football Team which, so far, has had an unbeaten season against outside Schools. At present we are concentrating on a team to play "C" Company.

Inter-Company Championships

INTER-COMPANY COMPETITIONS 1954-55

Re-organisation of the School into two Senior and two Junior Companies has meant a re-organisation of the Inter-Company Competitions. It is intended to hold a Senior Company Championship to be decided on the results of competitions between "A" and "B" Companies, and a Junior Company Championship for "C" and "D" Companies.

Rugger and Swimming Competitions for this year have already been decided.

Inter-Company Rugby Championship —
Winners "B" Company. Results:—"B" Company 1st XV 28 points, "A" Company 1st XV 5 points; "B" Company 2nd XV 30 points, "A" Company 2nd XV 0 points.

Inter-Company Swimming Championships —
Winners of Senior Championship, "A" Company;
Winners of Junior Championship, "D" Company.

Rugby Football

Now that the whole of the Senior School play Rugby, we are gaining more from our practices than we did last season, and are able to field more teams. Unfortunately, the rainy weather has meant cancellation of several games through grounds being unfit for play. Results to date are as follows:—

1st XV.

- v Perth Academy 2nd XV (away)
Q.V.S. 6 pts., Perth Academy 5 pts.
- v Dunfermline H.S. 3rd XV (away)
Q.V.S. 6 pts., Dunfermline 3 pts.
- v Morrison's Academy 2nd XV (home)
Q.V.S. 11 pts., Morrison's 6 pts.
- v Alloa Academy 3rd XV (away)
Q.V.S. 12 pts., Alloa 24 pts.
- v Trinity Coll., Glenalmond 4th XV (home)
Q.V.S. 15 pts., Glenalmond 0 pts.

2nd XV.

- v Alloa Academy 2nd XV (home)
Q.V.S. 3 pts., Alloa 27 pts.
- v Stirling High School 3rd XV (away)
Q.V.S. 0 pts., Stirling 17 pts.

3rd XV.

- v Alloa Academy 3rd XV (away)
Q.V.S. 9 pts., Alloa 20 pts.

4th XV.

- v Perth Academy (away)
Q.V.S. 6 pts., Perth 0 pts.
- v Dunfermline H.S. 5th XV (away)
Q.V.S. 0 pts., Dunfermline 6 pts.
- v Alloa Academy 4th XV (home)
Q.V.S. 3 pts., Alloa 3 pts.
- v Stirling H.S. 4th XV (away)
Q.V.S. 3 pts., Stirling 0 pts.

Association Football

Although the weather has been very poor it has not affected either the enthusiasm of the Primary Schoolboys or the standard of their play. To date we are unbeaten.

Results: Q.V.S. 3, Bridge of Allan 1; Q.V.S. 7, Doune School 2.

Teams: The following have played:—
McKinnon, Airnes, Fee, Geary, Owens, Dunbar, Leitch, Thomson, Wilkie, Docherty, H. Miller, Leigh.

Boxing

The finals of the Individual/Inter-Company Championships were held on Wednesday, 1st December. There were 69 entrants (49 from the Junior School) in 19 age and weight groups. The boxing was very good throughout, with some very promising displays among the younger boys.

T. Burns (B Coy.) with a grand exhibition of boxing against T. Long (B Coy.), won the "All India Trophy" for the best style. Other good stylists worthy of mention are, H. Miller (C Coy.), W. McColl (A Coy.), W. Craggs (A Coy.), and N. Poulson (B Coy.).

The "Best Loser's Cup" was awarded to E. Gardiner (B Coy.) for a very plucky display against N. Poulson in the top weight of the championship.

Other awards were:—

- Class 60 lbs. and under—R. Mannion (D); runner up V. Edgar (C).
- Class 61-65 lbs. (10-11)—B. Campbell (D).
- Class 66-70 lbs. (10-11)—T. McNamee (D); runner up, M. McLeish (D). (11-12)—Jas Kerr (C).
- Class 71-75 lbs. (10-11)—J. McDonald (D); runner up, D. Baird (C). (11-12)—H. Johnston (D); runner up, D. MacLennan (B). (12-13)—T. Burns (B); runner up, T. Long (B).
- Class 76-80 lbs. (10-11)—W. Collins (C); runner up, G. Thomson (C). (11-12)—A. Forbes (D); runner up, A. MacKinnon (C); (12-13)—A. J. Cunningham (B).
- Class 81-85 lbs (10-11)—H. Miller (C). (11-12)—J. Wilkie (D). (12-13)—J. Rennie (A).
- Class 86-91 lbs (13-14)—C. Lambert (B).

The Memorial Window

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

FRIDAY, 29th October, saw the culmination of the Chapel restoration scheme which has been in progress for some time. About three years ago it was felt that the Chapel was in need of attention, and that it possessed considerable latent artistic possibilities.

The dignified simplicity of the round Norman arches, the stout sturdiness of the pillars and the bold severity of the timbered roof each enhance the appearance of the interior in some particular way, but the general colour scheme of the building lacked warmth, and it was thought that the discreet introduction of colour would greatly enhance the appearance of the Church.

Flowers, displayed to add their natural colour and beauty to the Sanctuary, were replaced on the Communion Table after a long absence. Later a plain oak cross and the Holy Bible were also placed on the Table for Presbyterian Services, these being the central symbols of the Reformed Faith. Incidentally, in true Scottish custom, the Bible is now carried to the Chancel by a boy "Beadle" at the beginning of the Sunday service (Mrs Nason has made a fine cushion upon which the Sacred Book is borne).

Two Prayer desks have also been added as Chancel furniture, and they have proved useful. Two summers ago the Chapel was entirely repainted without and within, the colour for the interior being ivory white. A beautiful silk Fall bearing a Celtic Cross was purchased for the Pulpit desk-board, and Mrs Nason made another to match it for the Lectern. The original School Colours which hang on either side of the Chancel mouth were repaired and "netted," and the floor was machine-cleaned and oiled.

The screen round the organ console was removed; this consisted of piping and black-out material. It has been replaced by a handsome oak rail at bench height carrying a curtain made of a woven blue self-coloured material. The organ itself was thoroughly overhauled and cleaned, and a modern A.C. electric motor provided to drive the blowing plant.

Simple white shades have been fitted to all the bulbs in the chandeliers. These help to diffuse the light and make the fittings look more complete. Mr Lake has turned out a fine oak Hymn Board, the numbers for which were made by Mr LeMaistre.

The only pews in the Chapel have been removed. These were situated in the South aisle, adjoining the Chancel, which now contains the three Memorial plates gathered together from various corners of the building. Here the Book of Remembrance will be kept. The two delightful little lancet-shaped windows which light this corner have been stained and presented by Mr A. L. Russell who was responsible for the design of the new East Window. This Shrine of Remembrance is completely carpeted in blue to match the Chancel and is detached from it on the North side by a wrought-iron rail topped in bronze, and on the West side by a pair of wrought-iron gates, the designs for both being provided by Mr Russell. The new flood-lighting for the Chancel is a great improvement.

A self-coloured blue carpet covers all the Chancel floor and is met by a long strip of carpeting of the same colour which runs the whole length of the centre aisle. This leads the eye forwards and upwards to the Coronation curtain which came from Westminster Abbey and now hangs behind the Holy Table under a fine oak pelmet of simple but arresting design.

Above this, and to crown the whole effect, is the Memorial Window itself. The four main lights display St. Columba, St. Blane, St. Kentigern (Mungo), and St. Ninian. Above these are the Coats of Arms of Dundee, Perth, Edinburgh and Glasgow. At the top, the badges of the Forces and the School are finely distinguished against an original background, giving a tartan effect.

The service of the unveiling and dedication which took place on Friday, 29th October, was thus a fitting climax to the efforts which have been made over the last few years to beautify the Chapel and to make it more than ever worthy of its role as a place of worship and as a memorial to those who gave their lives in the service of their country.

AN APPEAL

We are most anxious that the Book of Remembrance now placed in the School Chapel should contain a full record of all those Old Boys of the School who have given their lives in the service of their country.

We print below the names which appear on the two World War Memorials. If any of our readers know of any other names which do not appear in these lists, we would be most grateful if they would communicate directly with the Commandant, giving details as far as possible.

1914-1919

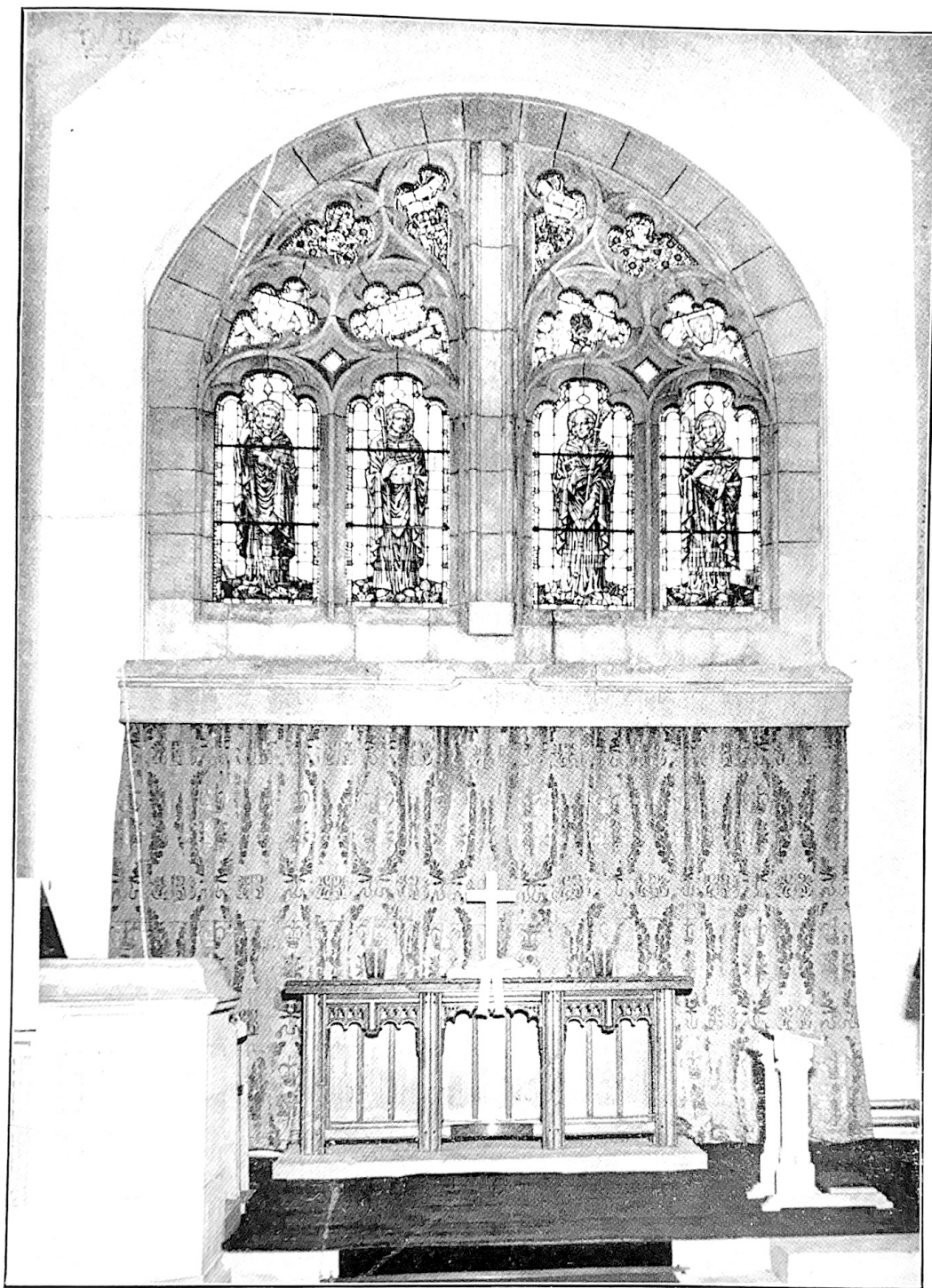
J. R. Thomson, Seaforth Highlanders.
J. F. R. Stevenson, K.R.R. Corps.
J. M. G. Pollock, Cameron Highlanders.
J. Wilson—A. & S. Highlanders.
G. W. Archer, Black Watch.
W. L. Crichton, Gordon Highlanders.
E. Brett, Black Watch.
J. W. Gibbon, Gordon Highlanders.

W. Tinlin, Royal Scots.
J. Y. Watt, Black Watch.
R. Mackenzie, Seaforth Highlanders.
O. Cassie, A & S. Highlanders.
J. Kennedy, A. & S. Highlanders.
J. Muir, Machine Gun Corps.
P. D. Binnie, Cameron Highlanders.
H. G. Robinson, Highland Light Infantry.
D. Fraser, K.O.S. Borderers.

1939-1945

837—A. M. Robertson, Royal Navy.
892—B. Anderson, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.
1438—A. McK. Smith, The Royal Scots Greys.
983—C. A. Wallace, 61st Recce Regiment.
656—D. W. L. Lovatt, Royal Artillery (A.A.).
1407—J. B. M. Fowler, Royal Artillery (A.A.).
726—J. Wingate, Royal Engineers.
895—J. H. Cruickshank, Royal Engineers.
1350—H. D. Potter, Royal Engineers.
1118—F. R. Loughlin, Royal Corps of Signals.
1055—A. E. Shand, Scots Guards.
1482—J. E. Dakers, The Royal Scots.
1555—J. Myles, The Royal Scots.
1618—J. W. Foster, The Royal Scots.
762—J. McLeish, The King's Own Scottish Borderers.
439—J. S. Fraser, The Black Watch.
844—W. S. P. Fraser, D.C.M., The Black Watch.
1455—O. T. McKenzie, The Black Watch.
1539—A. P. Pratt, The Black Watch.
587—R. R. Spence, The Gordon Highlanders.
952—D. R. Spence, The Gordon Highlanders.

1689—J. H. Beitlich, The Gordon Highlanders.
1344—G. E. Lloyd, The Cameron Highlanders.
1524—T. O. Rennie, The Cameron Highlanders.
569—A. McDine, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
1071—A. S. Rodham, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
1323—R. T. Perrie, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
1317—A. Mutter, The Durham Light Infantry.
604—W. C. Rennie, Royal Army Service Corps.
695—D. Farquharson, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.
769—J. H. Millar, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.
667—W. C. Guthrie, Australian Forces.
722—G. M. Cumming, Royal Air Force.
1295—D. Hardy, Merchant Navy.
1307—T. T. Scott, Royal Artillery.
1259—A. Parley, The Gordon Highlanders.
1322—J. Perrie, Royal Air Force.
1033—J. C. R. Fraser, The Black Watch.



Queen Victoria School Chapel: The Memorial Window

The Memorial Window Unveiled

"I unveil this Memorial Window in memory of all Old Boys of the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, who gave their lives for their country."

So saying, the Rt. Hon. James G. Stuart, Secretary of State for Scotland pulled the cord that held the drapes over the eastern lights of the school chapel, revealing the Victorians' tribute to their fallen comrades of all the yesteryears.

Queen Victoria School has set the scene for many memorable events in the last six and forty years.

Yet surely none can have surpassed in solemn splendour Friday's service of unveiling and dedication; a ceremony doubly impressive in its simplicity, and happily tokened with a harmonious blend of Episcopalian ritual and Presbyterian extemporiness.

Following the Secretary of State's unveiling, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt. Rev. E. D. Jarvis, D.D., said in response. "We accept this gift as a sacred trust and shall guard it reverently, in honour of the faithful and devoted lives to whose memory it is erected."

Then from outside the chapel there sounded the notes of the "Last Post" which gave way to the lament of "The Flowers of the Forest," that Pipe-Major Sanderson played as he slowly made his way through the chapel, and which in turn was followed by the bugler playing "Reveille."

Dr Jarvis dedicated the memorial window and the service was brought to a close by the singing of Paraphrase XXII to the tune of *St. Stephen*, the National Anthem, and the Benediction with threefold Amen.

The service had begun with the entry of the school Colours, borne by Sgt. Poulson and Boy Greenhorn, to the chapel crowded with H.M. Commissioners for Queen Victoria School, distinguished and specially invited guests, and Victorians.

The Commissioners present along with their wives included Lt.-General Sir Colin and Lady Barber; Colonel and Mrs E. P. Buchanan; Air Commodore E. S. Burns, C.B.E., M.A., LL.B.; Admiral Sir Colin and Lady Cantlie; General Sir Philip and Lady Christison; Major-General and Mrs A. L. Collier; Admiral Sir Angus and Lady Cunninghame Graham; Sir William S. Murrie, K.B.E., C.B., Secretary, Scottish Education Department; Major-General Sir Archibald B. Ritchie, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G.; C.I. Stewart, Esq., M.C., C.A., and the Rt. Hon. G. B. Thomson, P.C., The Lord Justice Clerk.

The guests were:—Major and Mrs J. Allison; Major-General W. S. Beddall, C.B.E., Director of Army Education; Chief Constable and Mrs P. Brodie; Mr and Mrs J. Craig, representing Treasurer, Queen Victoria School; Miss Dorothy Cake; Major and Mrs J. Drummond-Moray, representing the Lord Lieutenant of Perthshire; The Hon. Mrs K. V. Eden, Cromlix; The Rev. and Mrs E. Fulton; Dr J. N. M. Fairley, M.B., Ch.B.; Colonel S. A. Innes, D.S.O.; The Rt. Rev. and

Mrs E. D. Jarvis; The Rev. and Mrs Adam Macpherson; Mr and Mrs N. M. Macfarlane; Major and Mrs D. H. McNeill; Mr and Mrs N. McMahon; Mrs McNair Snadden; Dr A. Ross Muir; Miss Helen Muir; Rev. James A. Muir, M.A.; Dr and Mrs A. Mearns; Colonel and Mrs R. F. Nason; Lord Provost and Mrs Smart of Perth; Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs R. L. Ragg, Air Officer, Scotland; The Rt. Hon. The Lord Bishop of St. Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane; The Rev. J. A. S. Philson; Colonel and Mrs J. Stirling of Cauldhame; Provost and Mrs A. H. Syme of Dunblane; The Rev. J. A. Williamson, Assistant Chaplain General, Scottish Command, and Provost H. A. Watters of Stirling.

The Rev. J. A. Williamson, M.A., C.F., Q.H.C., Assistant Chaplain-General Scottish Command conducted the first part of the service.

Then followed the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," succeeded by prayers, and the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah read by General Sir Colin M. Barber, G.O.C. in C., Scottish Command.

The second lesson was read by Senior Monitor John Wilson, who spoke the first twenty verses of the sixth chapter of Paul's epistle to the Ephesians in clear, bell-like tones.

Congregation and clergy recited the Apostles' Creed, and then sang that most apposite hymn, "*The Supreme Sacrifice*," which begins: "O valiant Hearts, who to your glory came . . .," before Dr Jarvis went to the pulpit to deliver his sermon.

In the course of his address, for which he took and paraphrased a text from Timothy, the Moderator marked the "Courage, comradeship and discipline" inherited by Victorians from forebears who flourished long before the school was founded.

"I have not come to preach a sermon," he said, "this is not the time for a sermon, at least from one like me"; and, turning towards the still-veiled eastern window—"Let them give the sermon."

The memorial window is the work of Mr A. L. Russell, head of the School of Design at Dundee College of Art.

Beneath the school crest and the ciphers of the three Services surmounting the arms of Stirling, Perth, Edinburgh and Glasgow, are portrayed four Scottish Saints—Blane, Columba, Mungo, and Ninian.

At the time of unveiling a Roll of Honour inscribed and illuminated by Miss D. Cake, of Cove-on-Clyde, was handed over.

A cover for the Roll of Honour has been designed and executed by Mr V. H. LeMaistre, art master of Queen Victoria School.

On the wall beneath the memorial window and behind the altar is draped azure cloth figured with imperial designs in thread of gold, which is part of the actual fabric hung in Westminster Abbey for the Coronation of our Queen.

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Class 91-98 lbs (11-12)—E. Leigh (D); runner up, D. Sheach (D). (12-13)—B. Scott (A).

Class 99-105 lbs—W. Craggs (A); runner up, H. McArthur (A).

Class 106-112 lbs.—W. McColl (A); runner up, J. McKillop (B).

Class 127-133 lbs.—N. Poulson (B); runner up, E. Gardiner (B).

Inter-Company Championship: Senior Company — "B" Company; Junior Company — "D" Company.

Lt.-Colonel W. G. Gahan of Dunblane, the referee, kindly presented the Cups and medals at the close of the meeting.

Swimming

The Annual Swimming Gala was held in the School Baths on June 24th. The standard of swimming was very good and there were many close results. The highlight of the afternoon was the setting up of a new underwater distance swimming record of 2 lengths 16 ft. 5 ins. by Robert Scott "A" Company. At the conclusion of the Gala Mrs R. F. Nason presented the prizes.

Results:—

Junior 2 length Back Stroke—1, Dunbar (D); 2, Ferrier (D); 3, Geary (B).

Intermediate 2 length Back Stroke—1, McLean (B); 2, Morrison (D); 3, Carrol (A).

Senior 2 length Back Stroke—1, Fairbairn (B); 2, Bethune (D); 3, Hastie (D).

Open 2 lengths Back Stroke—1, Adams (D); 2, McArthur (A); 3, Poulson (A).

Senior Plunge—1, McLeod, R. (D); 2, Dunn, J. (D); 3, Wood, I. (D).

Open Plunge—1, Poulson (A); 2, Cromar (D).

Junior 2 lengths Breast Stroke—1, Millar (A); 2, Wilkie (D); 3, Maxwell (D).

Intermediate 2 lengths Breast Stroke — 1, Morrison (D); 2, Scott (A); 3, McColl, R. (A).

Senior 2 lengths Breast Stroke—1 Beveridge (A); 2, Scott (A); 3, Auld (A).

Open 4 lengths Breast Stroke—1, McArthur (A); 2, Cromar (D).

Junior Diving—1, Maxwell (D); 2, Dunbar (D); 3, Ferrier (D).

Intermediate Diving—1, Pooke (A); 2, Aitchison (A); 3, Cunningham (D).

Junior 2 lengths free style—1, Mackenzie (A); 2, Ferrier (D); 3, Wilkie (D).

Intermediate 2 lengths free style—1, McLean (B); 2, McColl (A); 3, Scott (B).

Senior 4 lengths free style — 1, McColl, W. (A); 2, Beveridge (A); 3, Hastie (D).

Open 4 lengths free style—1, Adams (D); 2, Cromar (D); 3, McArthur (A).

Senior Diving—1, Corcoran (D); 2, Scott, R. (A); 3, McColl, W. (A).

Open Diving—1, Cromar (D); 2, Adams (A); 3, Poulson (A).

Novices 1 length free style—1, Leitch (D); 2, Forbes (B); 3, McDonald (D).

Underwater distance swimming—Scott (A), 2 lengths 16 ft. 5 ins.

Coy. Relay Races — Junior — 1, "D"; 2, "B"; 3, "A". Intermediate — 1, "D"; 2, "A"; 3, "B". Senior—1, "A"; 2, "D"; 3, "E".

CHRISTMAS TERM

As it had been decided to hold the Annual Swimming Gala during the Christmas Term, in future, this year's Gala was held on November 19th. While no new records were made, enthusiasm ran high in both individual and company races. In the Invitation Relay Race, under 15, against Riverside School, Stirling, the School won with something to spare. Mrs E. Allison, wife of Major J. Allison, presented the prizes.

Results:—

Junior 2 lengths back stroke—1, Miller, G.; 2, Maxwell (D), 3, Platt.

Intermediate 2 lengths back stroke — 1, Ferrier; 2, Aitchison; 3, Battye.

Senior 2 lengths back stroke—1, Hastie; 2, McLeod; 3, Morrison.

Open 3 lengths back stroke — 1, Adams; 2, McArthur; 3, Anderson.

Senior Plunge—1, Ward; 2, Bell; 3, McLeod.

Open Plunge — 1, Adams; 2, McArthur; 3, Poulson.

Junior 2 lengths breast stroke—1, Miller, G.; 2, Platt; 3, Strachan.

Intermediate 2 lengths breast stroke — 1, McArthur; 2, A. C. McDonald; 3, Aitchison.

Senior 2 lengths breast stroke—1, McLeod; 2, Morrison; 3, Bell.

Open 4 lengths breast stroke—1, McArthur; 2, Auld; 3, Dunn.

Junior Diving — 1, Platt; 2, Maxwell; 3, Mannion.

Intermediate Diving—1, Aitchison; 2, Ferrier; 3, McColl.

Junior 2 lengths free style — 1, Maxwell; 2, Lamkin; 3, Strachan.

Intermediate 2 lengths free style—1, Scott; 2, Ferrier; 3, McArthur.

Senior 4 lengths free style — 1, McColl; 2, McHugh; 3, Gardiner.

Open 4 lengths free style — 1, Anderson, 2, Auld; 3, Hunter.

Senior Diving — 1, Corcoran; 2 (eq.), McColl and McHugh.

Open Diving — 1, Hunter; 2, Anderson; 3, Adams.

Novices 1 length free style — 1, Burrows; 2, Pooke; 3, McKinnis.

Underwater Distance Swimming—R. Greenhorn.

Invitation Relay Race (Under 15) 4 lengths free style—Riverside School—Q.V.S.—1, Q.V.S. Q.V.S. Team: McColl, McLeod, McHugh, Hastie.

Inter Company Relay Races—Teams of 4 — (a) Junior, D Coy; (b) Intermediate, D Coy; (c) Intermediate, B Coy; (d) Senior, A Coy; (e) Open, A Coy. Champions — Junior — "D" Coy. Senior — "A" Coy.

Cricket

Details of all matches except the last two appeared in the Summer number of "The Victorian." The results of these two games are as follows:—

Q.V.S. 1st XI v a Staff XI.

Staff XI 89 (Capt. Maxton 28; Capt. Priddle 15 not out).

Q.V.S. 1st XI 38 for 9 wkts. (Mr Bruce 4 for 10).
 A School XI v Strathallan School 3rd XI.
 Strathallan 116 (Morgan 4 for 57).
 Q.V.S. 38.

Summary of Results: Played 8, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 1.

Clubs

THE WIRELESS CLUB under Mr Bruce and Captain Bennett is learning the theory and practice of wireless telegraphy. Various methods of wireless construction are studied and the practical details of the craft are not forgotten. Three crystal sets have been made, one of which has been actually installed in Moore dormitory, with aerial and earth correctly fixed. Reception is excellent, although it is said that the members of the club are not certain yet how this result has been obtained, and still tend to look on this success as a superior form of black magic. The club members are now busy constructing a one-valve set. Possibly by the end of next term the club may be able to make and maintain their own television apparatus!

THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB under Mr Muir has approximately 25 members. The activities of this club are carried on literally in the dark. The members learn the construction and correct use of a camera. Development of films and printing of negatives is carried out on the premises. The art of photography is not easily learned, but it is an art which, when mastered, can give infinite pleasure and satisfaction. We can all point a camera at an object, press the trigger, and obtain some sort of result, but that is not photography in the true sense. We can all use paint and brush, and obtain some sort of result on paper, but to paint a picture needs skill and technique. In skilled hands a camera can provide the same kind of aesthetic delight as the artist's brush, though in a lesser degree.

THE STAMP CLUB under Captain Drew has a membership of forty-five, with a waiting list of prospective members, which is a happy position for any club to find itself in. One of the earliest and strongest human instincts is the urge to collect. When this is combined, as in the stamp club, with the acquisition of useful information, a dual purpose is served. In the club members exchange stamps, compare collections, and give and receive information. The stamp collections of Welsh (IIIA) and Hamilton (IIA) are worth inspection.

THE GAMES CLUB caters for those whose interests are less academic. The main attraction in the music room is the billiards table, which is reserved for boys of the third year and upwards. On the table performance falls far short of intention; the percentage of misses compared with hits is regrettably high; shots are made which would cause Joe Davis to shudder in anguish; but the game goes on. The dartboards are well patronized, at times to the peril of life and limb. Facilities are also provided for quieter games and the recent acquisition of a bagatelle board has been much appreciated.

R.E.H.

Pipe Notes

The main change in the school, as far as we are concerned, is that we are now the only marching band, to the exclusion of the Military Band, now officially known as the Orchestra. We play to church every fortnight and the orchestra plays the hymns in the church on these occasions.

Seven young pipers, Craggs, Hamilton, Long, McKellan, Blyth, Ferrier and McKenzie, the last two of whom are making excellent progress, have joined our ranks to fill the gaps left since we lost Cpls. McLeod, Pirret and McCrimmon, and Pipers Scott, Munro, Neilson and McKenzie I. Of these Ian McKenzie has gone, as a piper, to the Seaforth Highlanders, and Robert Scott has joined Dunblane City Pipe Band.

The Pipe-Major has formed a small junior band which plays four or five tunes so we are quite well off for pipers now.

At the end of this term we are losing only one piper, but a great loss he will be. He is Monitor Stewart Robertson (cousin to the now famous James Robertson) who is going out to join his parents in Southern Rhodesia. He has been in the band since Christmas, 1947, and has therefore given us seven years service of the highest order. So cheerio, Stewart, and the best of luck in Africa.

On Remembrance Day the band played the School down to Dunblane and played at the War Memorial. The weather was at its coldest, much to our discomfort.

We are now beginning to practice for the Murrayfield engagements next February. We still look forward to these engagements and hope for a Scottish victory (for a change).

May I offer the thanks of all the band to Pipe-Major Sanderson for everything which he has done for us. All of us owe our piping abilities to his teaching. Many thanks, sir. We wish him and his family the merriest of Christmasses and a Very Guid New Year.

R.A.G. V

Drum Notes

Things have been very quiet this term, as we have no outside engagements.

Our numbers have been well maintained, and we have taken in a number of Juniors who have come to us from the old Military Band. At the end of the term we shall lose two of our members, Monitor Adams, who has been our Drum-Major for some time past, and R. Burns who is a fine bugler and drummer. We wish them both the best of luck. Adams is going to Welbeck, and we hope to hear great things of him. His place is being taken by William Corcoran, who has been an efficient understudy for several terms. We all hope that he will be able to maintain Adams' high standard with the mace.

On Armistice Sunday several of our Buglers attended services in the neighbourhood, where they blew the Last Post and Reveille.

We have a few promising Juniors. J. Fee, and A. Nisbet are coming on well with the Drum and Bugle, and A. McNamee is making good progress on the Drum. E. Gardiner has worked very hard and is improving greatly in the art of tenor drumming.

At the end of this term we shall have to say good-bye to Mr McDonald, who is leaving to join the Stirlingshire Constabulary. He has raised the standard of drumming and bugling in the School tremendously since he came, and we are very sorry to see him go. We wish him and his family the very best of luck.

Dancing Notes

Since our last notes quite a lot has taken place.

First, we welcome back to our midst J. Quinn, who had a spell in hospital, after a mishap with a cricket ball.

Thirty Dancers took part in the Edinburgh Tattoo, all did a wonderful job of work.

During the Tattoo, a competition was held, for the best all round boy dancer. We congratulate the winner, I. Forbes, also Boy D. Littlejohn, who was a very close second. The prize was a cup, which was bought and presented by the Pipe Majors of the Massed Bands.

In conclusion, we wish all our Highland Dancers old and new, a very merry Xmas, and happy New Year.

School Orchestra

As a result of the introduction of the new scheme of Trades, under which boys in the Senior School could have several new choices, we lost a number of boys from the old Military Band, now renamed the School Orchestra. Fortunately, most of the older boys decided to remain, and it is probably true to say that far from the interest falling, they have shown greater interest than ever in their music. There is no doubt that the general standard of playing has risen greatly in the last two years, and this is all the more praiseworthy, since many of the Senior boys are allowed to miss practices in order to work for examinations. In spite of the short time available, some of them have even succeeded in taking up a second instrument. All this reflects great credit on the very hard work put in by Mr Lax.

Every second Sunday during term we provide the music in Chapel. On each occasion we play five hymns and two voluntaries. Among the voluntaries we have played this term, so far, are a part of the Largo from the "New World Symphony, No. 5," by Anton Dvorak, "Berenice" by Handel, "Prelude in C Minor," by Handel, "War March of the Priests," from Athalie, by Mendelssohn, "Pilgrims' Chorus" from Tannhauser, by Wagner, and the beautiful war hymn, "Guard Those We Love."

A new departure this term has been the opening of the Bandroom, every night except Friday, when quite a number of boys attend for voluntary practice, among them in particular being three of our number who wish to join the Band of the Scots Guards when they leave in the near future.

Among other things we provided the music for the Armistice Sunday ceremony at the War

Memorial in Dunblane. At present we are very busy rehearsing for the Carol Service and other concerts at the end of term.

We close by wishing Mr Lax and his wife the best of health and a Merry Xmas.

The Beating

Edzell is a small village nestling in the foothills of the Grampians, that great barrier of mountains in the North of Scotland. It is a beautiful little place in an equally beautiful countryside, and it attracts many visitors, the most notable of whom are the Americans. They come to Edzell in late summer to the grouse shooting. Grouse shooting is a well-known sport but a lot of people don't know much about it. It is a fascinating subject to talk about, so I will try to explain a little about it.

During my last summer holidays I became a bit bored as it was a long holiday and I had nothing much to do except play golf. Then one day I met a gamekeeper whom I knew and I mentioned the fact to him. He told me that I could spend the last four weeks of my holiday at the grouse shooting as a beater. It sounded interesting so I gave my name to the head gamekeeper. It was a week till the beating started so I collected the kit that I would need for the hills, waterproofs, nailed boots, and knapsack. I was getting really excited about this beating, and was looking forward to it immensely. The night before, I made up my sandwiches carefully and put them in my knapsack; I tied up my waterproofs also, and I was ready for the next day.

I got up in the morning at seven o'clock and had some breakfast. I left the house at about a quarter to eight to be up at the shooting lodge by eight o'clock. When I arrived I was handed a stout oak staff with a white flag tied to it. We put down our knapsacks with our dinners in them for the jeep to bring to us in the hills. A 'bus arrived with the beaters from Brechin, a neighbouring town. This 'bus was used to take us into the hills as far as the roads would allow.

Before I go on I must tell you how the "beats" were divided up. The area was split up into five parts: The Punch Bowl, Lethnot, Upper Lethnot, The Finnochs and the Willows. All these take a day each to do. These places are divided up into drives; drives being the number of climbs and walks one has to do. In the Punch Bowl for instance there are five drives, three in the morning and two in the afternoon. They are roughly a mile long over high, rough country. The beaters start about a mile from the butts where the guns are.

Well, to get on with the story, we were told we were going to Lethnot. We climbed into the bus and soon we were at Lethnot, high up in the hills. We disembarked and started our long trek to our first positions for the first of the six drives which took place during the day. Up and up we climbed and at each recognised spot the gamekeepers who were with us dropped a beater. I found myself placed quite near the top so I had further to walk for my position than most had. I finally arrived at my spot, and I dropped down into the heather quite exhausted. Soon the signal was passed up and down the line to get

moving, and the whole line moved forward. There was a distance of about forty yards between one beater and the next. It was really a wonderful sight to see a long line of white flags moving across the side of a mountain. The air was clear and the countryside beautiful.

At the end of the morning we had our dinner in dinner huts, shed-like affairs partitioned off in the middle with one side for the Americans and the other for the beaters. After this we did another two drives and the 'bus took us back to the lodge. Somehow I managed to crawl home, tired and weary. This went on for three days, then suddenly my muscles ceased to ache and I was no longer tired. I enjoyed every bit of these four weeks, during which I saw deer, foxes, rabbits and all manner of wild life. It was always a great thrill when, as one was walking a huge covey of grouse flew up from under one's feet and flew their uneven flight towards the butts, uttering their squawks of annoyance which really resembled someone "grousing" about something.

When the beaters get near the butts one is able to see the birds flying over, past and between the butts, being shot at by the Americans. I'm often quite sorry when I see the flurry of feathers as a bird is shot, and I'm quite glad that most of the Americans are bad shots, for these birds are beautiful, with their lovely markings and camouflaged feathers. The beaters help to pick up the dead birds with the help of the gamekeepers' dogs which do this job wonderfully well, and it is a marvellous sight to see a dog sniff around in the deep heather and bring back a dead bird softly in its mouth to its master.

Various varieties of bird life are seen, mainly hawks which have even the gross audacity to land and begin to eat the shot birds in front of the butts. Of course they are shot in turn. On the tops of the mountains the sea can be seen and there are other glorious views. On the mountains mists develop suddenly and one day when we were on the Punch Bowl a mist came down. We were already in our positions to start a drive. As the mist came down it drizzled and became really cold. I sat there with no shelter in the cold, freezing and not being able to see more than four yards in front of me. I finally started off as I thought I had seen the signal. I went down the mountain-side and I found nobody with me so I just carried on walking. It was about twelve o'clock; I reached the road at about three o'clock and started walking for home. I reached home about five o'clock, tired, cold and desperately hungry as I had had no dinner. That was one of many exciting incidents which occurred during those four weeks.

When it was all over I was fit and ready for anything. We received our pay which was quite high, as we got a pound a day (six pounds a week).

I made many friends and enjoyed it all immensely. To crown it all the Americans gave us a party which is called the Gillies' Ball. It was great also, and only made me look forward much more to summer when I could once more get back to those hills in all their beauty and splendour.

P. G. IV

News of Old Boys

We regret that we have not sufficient space available to record all we would like of the doings of Old Boys. We will therefore confine ourselves to some of those who have left recently.

Arthur Murray, our last year's Dux, is now at Sandhurst, and seems to be enjoying himself there, in spite of recent, mild misfortune, in the shape of a strained back, which has kept him away from strenuous pursuits for some time. He writes that he hopes to be able to go from Sandhurst to the Military College of Science in due course.

Brian Williamson, now at Welbeck, is reported to be shaping very well at Rugby, and was among those mentioned as outstanding swimmers in the last issue of the Welbeck Magazine.

David McArthur writes from Cranwell to say that he has recently been appointed Vice-Captain of Boxing. He has just recently been on a Summer holiday which, in his own words, took him, "all round England, and at least half way round Europe." In company with other Cadets, he visited Malta, Benghazi and Tripoli, and, at one stage joined the Mediterranean Fleet for its Summer Cruise.

A Journey to Mull

We left Dunblane about 9 a.m. on Monday. Our first part of the journey was to Oban where we had to change and board the "Lochinvar," a lovely steamer. The journey to Oban was very interesting and took about three hours. The countryside on both sides of us was very beautiful. On arriving at Oban we got off the train and gave our tickets to the ticket collector. We only had about two hundred yards to walk to reach the quay where the steamer berthed.

Bags of mail, motorbikes and pieces of machinery were put in the steamer's hold. We went aboard down a gang-way and went to the bow of the ship. Luckily the sea was not rough and the steamer did not roll very much. If it had done I am sure we would all have been sick. Our journey on the boat took about half an hour. On arriving at Mull we went over to an inn and bought lemonade. Expecting to get a small bottle for 6d., we were going to buy one or two each. On finding that the small bottles were the ridiculous price of 10d. each we cancelled some of our orders.

We arrived back at the quay to find that our luggage was in the boot and we were to get in the very small, rickety 'bus. We travelled forty miles in the 'bus. The scenery around us all the way was very beautiful and we enjoyed the run. Coming off the 'bus we found that we had a mile and a half of moor to walk over carrying our bags. At 5.30 p.m. we arrived at our destination. We found it was a fisherman's bothy with beds on the upper floor.

We had a most enjoyable holiday and hope that we will be able to go again next year.

R.R. IIIA.

The Iona Community

The Iona Community was founded in 1938 by the Rev. Dr George F. MacLeod, D.D., M.C. The Duke of Argyll gave the task of rebuilding the Abbey on Iona to the Church of Scotland on the condition that the Abbey could be used by any religious denomination. Inside the abbey, the communion table is large enough to permit the celebration of the Roman Catholic High Mass. Although the Roman Catholics have not used the abbey, the Episcopalians have celebrated a full communion inside it.

The mission of the Iona Community is summed up in their prayer—

"O God our Father who didst give unto Thy servant, Columba, the gifts of courage, faith and cheerfulness and didst send men forth from Iona to carry the Word of Thine Evangel to every creature, grant we beseech Thee a like Spirit to Thy Church in Scotland, even at this present time. Further in all things the purpose of the New Community that hidden things may be revealed to them and new ways found to touch the hearts of men. May they preserve with each other sincere charity and peace. If it be Thy Holy Will, grant that a Place of Thine abiding be established once again to be a Sanctuary and Light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Community emphasises the integration of work and worship. Important, however, is regular devotion, daily prayer and bible reading. Besides this, there is what is called "economic witness." This is an act of regular giving, giving a certain fraction of one's wage to further the Church in Scotland and abroad. The community realises that prayer and Bible reading, even with economic witness is not all that is essential. One must also have an interest in one's fellows. It realises that an interest in politics and various religious groups must be undertaken.

On Iona these beliefs are expressed by the daily worship in the Abbey and by the work of rebuilding the abbey.

The Q.V.S. party did not stay on Iona, but at Camus, on Mull, where worship is carried out in the morning and evening in the Chapel of the Nets, a little chapel in which everything has some relevance to the work of the day, fishing nets, barrel buoys, etc. Even the lectern is made out of a ship's rudder and a pulley block. The work done here consists of the ordinary everyday chores, and in making improvements to the camp and realising why we do it.

J. McA. V.

A Holiday in Tripoli

I left school by the eleven twenty 'bus to Stirling. After a short walk round some shops I boarded the train for London at twenty to one.

The train journey was very quiet and I had a considerable amount of sleep. Before we reached Carlisle dinner was served. I shared a compartment with a soldier and his wife.

When I arrived at London I had to report to the Assembly centre, where I waited till a coach came to take us to Bovingdon Airport. I can't give any account of the 'bus journey except to say that it was uneventful.

After passing the customs at the airport I took my seat in the 'plane. At eleven o' clock approximately we took off. The aircraft, a Vickers Viking, flew at a low altitude over England and France.

Our first stop was Nice, which, although beautiful, is very expensive. We stayed there until the 'plane was refuelled. The journey from Nice to Malta took about three and a half hours.

I stayed at Malta for four days at the army transit camp, Imtarfa Barracks. I left Malta on the morning of Saturday, the 3rd of July. The flying time from Malta to Tripoli is one and a half hours and the distance is about two hundred and thirty miles.

At Idris Airport in Tripoli my mother met me. After passing the customs I caught a 'bus home.

The Arabs, like any other people in the world, have their own language and their own ways. Because of the Arabs' way of doing things a lot of Britishers think they are a race of servants which is wrong.

The Arabs, if you treat them correctly, will respect and trust you, but on the other hand if you treat them badly they will get revenge and in some cases it would not be safe to venture out alone after dark. Many sinister incidents have occurred lately. In one fight a man was killed. The Arabs are not wealthy but of course there are a few exceptions.

Tripoli is an ancient city which has a large area of old buildings. This part of the city is called the Old City and the modern part, the New City. In the city there is a small roundabout and on the south-east side there is a Cathedral. At the entrance to the Old City there is a larger roundabout and a large square called The Castle Square. At the north end of the Castle Square the harbour Ceremonial Jetty turns down from the road.

All the roads in Tripoli have lately been changed to one-way streets.

In Tripoli there are two British shops, the Y.M.C.A. Bookshop and the N.A.A.F.I. Families Shop. The latter has different adjoining departments, i.e. grocery, chemist, sports, toys, ironmongery, confectionery, tobacconist, fish, meat and drapery department.

The harbour is divided into two parts, the Karamanli Mole and the Spanish Mole. The Spanish Mole is for passengers and cargo ships and the Karamanli Mole is for petrol and oil, which is transferred by pipes to a large petrol station called "Petrol Libya."

The prices in Tripoli are dearer than in Britain for certain products but cheaper for others. All drinks and tobacco are duty free.

The one thing that I have not mentioned is that Tripoli is the capital of Tripolitania and the capital of Libya (Libya).

D.M.A. Form IA

A Flight to Germany

We took off from Glasgow at half past ten on the first of July. We were on the late plane so we went by Edinburgh, Birmingham, and then to London where we touched down at Northolt Airport at twelve o'clock.

We then went to London Airport via a B.E.A. motor 'bus which we left at a quarter to one and as we had a long wait before us we had tea in the restaurant which looks out on to one of the main runways.

At ten to five we left the building via "The Green Door" which is an ordinary door with a green light above it. This time by a B.O.A.C. 'bus we went to the "Elizabethan" which was loading up on the tarmac. At five to five the engines, of which there were two, were warmed. We took off at five o'clock.

We had a meal at six. We did not, of course, have to pay on the plane as the price of the meal is included in the fare.

I happened to be very lucky, as I was in uniform. The pilot had known some boys who had been to Queen Victoria School so I was shown the flight deck and how the wheels were raised or lowered.

We arrived in Dusseldorf at seven o'clock that evening.

A.S.H. IIA.

Oh to Conquer the Moon

*When I wake up from dreams
To find the pale moonlight
Setting a phosphorescent gleam,
My heart with this nocturnal sight,
Is filled with compassion
For those who cannot share
The solitude and desolation
Of its source of light, cold and bare.*

J.W. IV

Aviemore, 1954

Every year we have sent a party of boys to the Army Ski Hut at Aviemore. The hut is next to Castle Hill on the Rothiemurchus Estate. The hut was built in 1950 from funds donated by the Nuffield Trust on a site provided by Lt.-Col. J. P. Grant, M.B.E. of Rothiemurchus.

This year the party left the school on July 2nd. When the rations and all the other necessities had been loaded on to the bus, we set off to the accompaniment of a tumultuous cheer from the rest of the school.

Our only stop en route was at Pitlochry, a beautifully situated town in the heart of the Highlands. From here it took us about two hours to Aviemore, where we picked up Sgt. Crossen, who is permanently in charge of the hut, to whom we all took an immediate liking.

The bus took us as far as the Bailey Bridge which spans the outlet from Loch Morlich. From

there we had a walk of about two miles uphill to the hut. In all most of us had to make three journeys, first of all with the rations, and then with the kit and equipment. It was seven p.m. before we got the last load in, and we were more than grateful for the excellent meal provided by Mr Girvan who had come with us to do the cooking.

After a few days of settling in, we began our climbing. We did several stiff climbs, of which the hardest was on the day when we went up five peaks one after the other. In all this took us about 10 hours.

When the weather was good and warm we varied the programme with an excursion to Loch Morlich, a beautiful lake about eight miles from Aviemore lying in a cradle of the hills.

It is with great regret that we record the fact that this is the last camp at which we shall have Capt. Ross with us. We are very grateful for all that he has done to make the summer camp such a feature, and also to Mrs Ross for the way in which she has helped, not least for her assistance with First Aid. Our thanks are also due to the other masters who were present, Capt. Williams, Capt. Drew, and Mr Bruce.

J. McK.

A Visit to the Roman Bath, Bath

The Roman Baths are one of the most beautiful Roman remains in the country. Above the actual Baths is a coffee room, or, as it is called, the Pump Room. A fountain is situated in the Pump Room with glass tumblers which you can use in order to "take the waters." On the way downstairs to the Baths you can see a number of pillars about two feet high and very worn. Mounted on some of them is a large stone slab with carvings on it. I believe this has something to do with the heating.

I cannot recollect the actual shape of the Baths, but I will describe them as best I can. The main bath is a rectangular shape, filled with water from the hot springs (which I will tell about later). A lead pipe, which is the one actually used by the Romans, can be seen on the ground beside it. Carrying on up the side of the bath you turn left into the Bath's museum; and if you turn left again you are at the hot springs. It is shaped like a very crude sewer with nature's clay walls. A modern iron railing has been constructed to prevent accidents. The amazing heat is not man-made but nature-made. After visiting the springs, we carry on again across a bridge (it has been set up quite recently) to the King's Bath. The King's Bath is round in shape and is now very worn indeed. Some water is in the bath but not very much. Large stone pillars support the roof. The floor of the baths is made of large stone slabs.

The whole building was very beautiful and must have taken a long time to build. The exit is at the opposite end from the entrance, and you are guided out through there.

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