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THE appearance of this issue marks a change. In future the "Victorian" will appear once a year only instead of twice as heretofore. This change is dictated partly by finance and partly by lack of sufficient demand for the Christmas number. It is hoped that all our contributors and subscribers will take advantage of this and do their best to improve the quality of their contributions and to increase the number of subscriptions.

It is with great regret that we record the death on 29th May of Lt. Colonel C. L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E., D.L., W.S. His death severs a long and valuable connection with the School and his loss will be greatly felt. We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow. A notice will be seen on the following page.

Since our last issue, School life has continued without undue interruption apart from a widespread outbreak of Influenza towards the end of the winter, which at one time resulted in some three-fifths of the School being confined to their beds. Fortunately however, the epidemic was of a mild nature and all those affected were quickly restored to health. Apart from this the Easter term was remarkable for a long period of severe weather which made it impossible for us to use the sports field during most of the term.

This term, however, the weather has been remarkably fine so that we are well up to date with our sports programme. Our Cricket XI is doing well and our School Sports held on Thursday, June 2nd, showed a high standard of performance all round, although no records were broken. At the Scottish Schools Championships held in Edinburgh on Saturday, 18th June, two of our boys distinguished themselves in no small manner. Our Senior Monitor, J. Wilson, won the Shot Putt in his class, and was second in the High Jump, and D. Hastie also won the Shot Putt in his class. For a comparatively small school to take two titles at the Scottish Schools Championships and to provide a runner-up in the third event is no mean performance.

We also report with regret that another of our Commissioners, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles A. H. Longcroft, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., who has been the R.A.F. representative for some ten years, has tendered his resignation. During that time Air Vice-Marshal Longcroft has maintained a very keen interest in the School and has been present on Grand Day on all except two occasions.

At the end of this term we lose two members of staff whose approaching departure we view with great regret. Mr R. I. W. Bowen, who has been Senior English Master here since September, 1951, has also looked after the School Library, been editor of the "Victorian," and for the last twelve months Senior Games Master, has, in all these roles, given very valuable service to the School. Both staff and boys will regret the departure of a very pleasant personality. Mr A. Sulch, who is at present Company Commander of "B" Company, has only been with us for some eighteen months but in that short time we have had proof of his outstanding ability both as Senior Mathematics Master and as a Company Commander. We offer our best wishes for their future success to Mr Bowen and Mr Sulch.

We are glad to be able to report a significant improvement in our Leaving Certificate results. This year eight boys were presented, taking between them forty papers. They passed in all but four. For a School which has only recently begun to present boys for this examination we feel that this result is most encouraging and reflects great credit on all those concerned.

On Tuesday, May 31st, we were honoured by an informal visit by Lieutenant General H. Murray, C.B., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command, and Mrs Murray. The General and Mrs Murray spent some four hours with us and visited all departments of the School. On Saturday, June 11th, we sent a party of 50 boys under Captain Naulty to take part in the installation of General Murray as Governor of Edinburgh Castle and we are very proud to report that we have since been congratulated by him on the standard of our marching on this occasion. We are very pleased to be able to welcome him back today as our Inspecting Officer.

Another event worth recording is that our Old Boys' Association has now been reorganised and Membership Cards will be issued annually from the School. It is hoped that local Branches will continue as before and indeed that they may increase in number and size.

A record of our doings will be found in the pages of this issue. We hope that the reader will see for himself that we live a varied and happy life.

It only remains to thank our contributors and to wish God speed to those boys who are leaving us this term.

D. McN.

Obituary

ON May the 29th The Queen Victoria School, through the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Chilton L. Addison-Smith, C.B.E., D.L., W.S., lost probably its greatest friend and benefactor, and one whose professional life has been so largely devoted to the welfare of the School and its members.

Colonel Addison-Smith had been a member of the Board of Her Majesty's Commissioners for thirty years, having been appointed on the death of his father in 1925. He also held the responsible office of Honorary Treasurer until 1953.

His exceptional knowledge of the School and its affairs over so long a period made him a leading authority, and his vast experience was always readily at the disposal of all who sought information and advice on any matter appertaining to the School. How invaluable that advice was can be vouched for by those who have held the appointment of Commandant.

Few there are who know the extent of the Legal and financial work undertaken by Colonel Addison-Smith free of charge on behalf of the School; or the extent to which he devoted his valuable time towards the furthering of its ends.

In 1919 he was awarded the honour of being made an Officer of the British Empire, and in 1928 His Majesty saw fit to appoint him a Commander of that Order.

It is certain that his work in connection with the School was a contributory factor in the award of this distinction.

He will be long remembered for his unselfish devotion to the cause of The Queen Victoria School.

R.F.N.

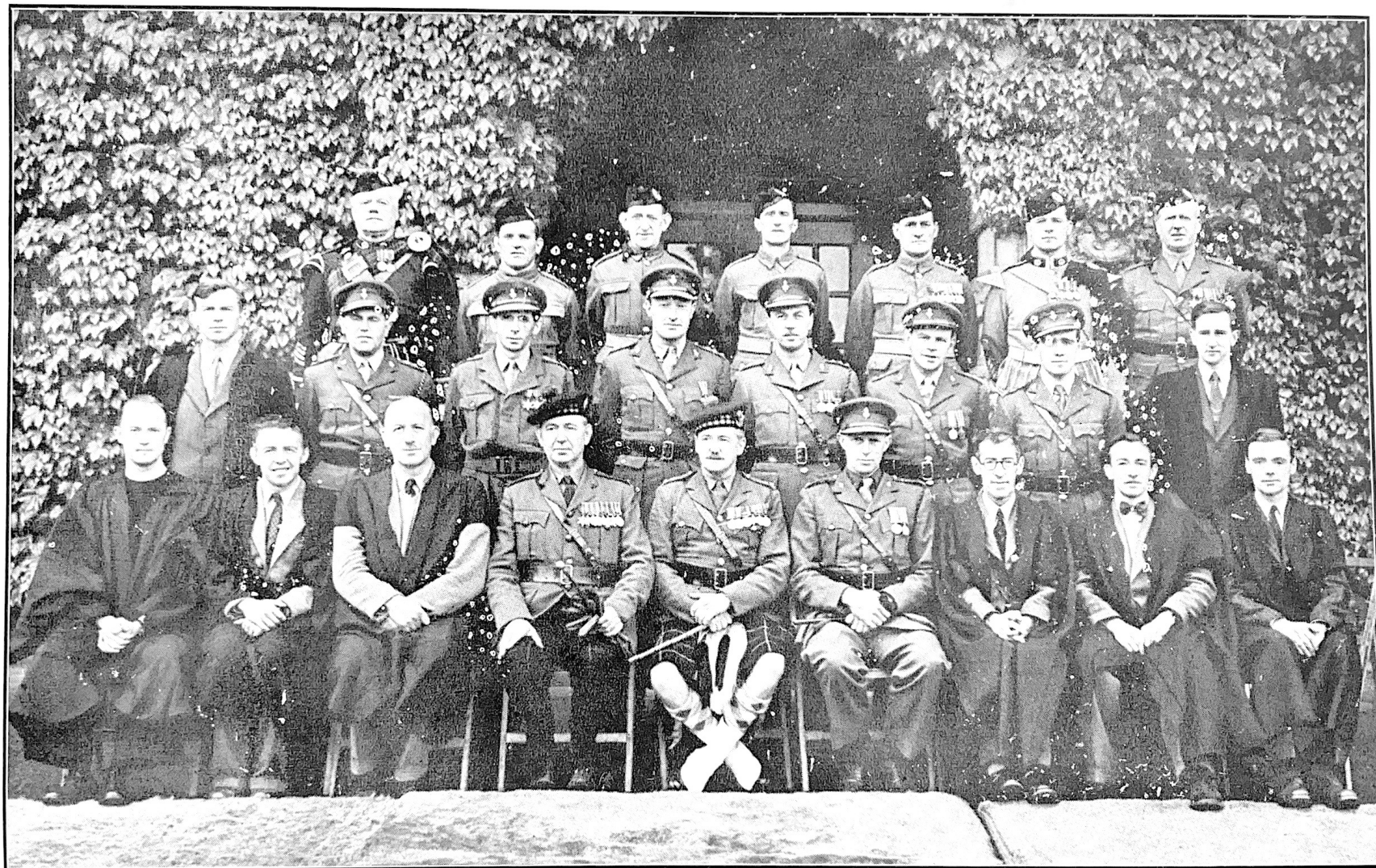
Visitors to the School

The following have been among the visitors to the School since Christmas, 1954:—

- Col. B. J. Daunt, R.A.M.C., A.D.M.S., Highland District.
- A. H. Syme, Esq., Provost of Dunblane.
- G. I. Stewart, Esq., Visiting Commissioner.
- Lt.-Col. G. Mackaness, Q.A.R.A.N.C., A.D.A.N.S., Scottish Command.
- Rev. N. S. Metcalfe, D.A.C.G., Highland District.
- Col. G. T. Salusbury, R.A.E.C., C.E.O., Scottish Command.
- Col. W. J. Shoolbred, O.B.E., Commandant, Army Apprentices School, Chepstow.
- Lt.-Col. H. J. Creedy, R.A.E.C., War Office (A.E.3).
- Lt.-General H. Murray, C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C. in C., Scottish Command, and Mrs Murray.
- Col. H. B. Spens, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., Visiting Commissioner.
- Rev. George F. McLeod of Iona.
- J. Gunn, Esq. H.M.I., Scottish Edn. Dept.
- E. W. Wills, Esq., Deputy Command Secretary, Scottish Command.

Old Boys Visiting the School

- 5/2/55—A. S. Murray, R.M.A., Sandhurst.
- 4/4/55—F. J. E. Lawton, Johannesburg.
- 20/4/55—J. R. Douglas, St. Andrews.
- 20/4/55—D. G. Brown, Twickenham.
- 1/5/55—John Isdale, Auchterarder.
- " Jas. Isdale, Malaya.
- " W. Barclay, Bournemouth.
- " T. Mitchell, Dunfermline.
- " A. Dupuy, Glasgow.
- " J. Myles, Glasgow.
- " J. C. Harvey, Glasgow.
- " W. Alexander, Glasgow.
- " W. Anderson, Glasgow.
- " H. Duff, Glasgow.
- " J. Findlay, Glasgow.
- " T. Gavigan, Glasgow.
- " J. Kirkpatrick, Glasgow.
- " J. McLeod, Glasgow.
- " J. Maitland, Glasgow.
- " G. Coyle, Edinburgh.
- " D. Mackay, Edinburgh.
- " W. A. M. Ross, Edinburgh.
- " W. McKinwell, Edinburgh.
- " D. McKay, Edinburgh.
- " G. Mallay, Edinburgh.



UNIFORM AND TEACHING STAFF, SESSION 1954-55.

Back row :— Pipe-Major J. Sanderson, C.S.M. V. Quirie, C.S.M. J. White, C.S.M. J. Mortimer, C.S.M. G. Martin, Drum-Major T. MacDonald, R.S.M. G. Lowdon.

Centre row :— Mr A. Sulch, Capt. J. Priddle, Capt. J. Ross, Capt. E. Drew, Capt. D. Naulty, Capt. K. Maxton, Capt. I. Williams, Mr N. Bruce.

Front row :— Rev. J. Muir, Mr R. W. Bowen, Mr J. Sutherland, Major J. Allison, Lt.-Col. R. F. Nason, Major D. McNeill, Mr R. E. Hughes, Mr V. H. Le Maistre, Mr P. Lake.

„ G. Cloughs, Edinburgh.
 „ E. Collins, Edinburgh.
 „ G. Adamson, Edinburgh.
 „ W. Robertson, Edinburgh.
 „ T. Ross, Edinburgh.
 „ J. Blackwood, Edinburgh.
 „ J. Collins, Edinburgh.
 „ E. Coull, Edinburgh.
 „ J. McKellan, Edinburgh.
 „ J. Manson, Edinburgh.
 „ J. Munro, Edinburgh.
 „ W. Robertson, Edinburgh.
 „ J. Ross, Edinburgh.
 „ A. Binnie, Perth.
 „ C. McKenna, Perth.
 „ M. Wood, Musselburgh.
 „ J. Hughes, Musselburgh.
 „ A. Airnes, Fallin.
 „ W. Cowie, Stirling.
 „ G. Dowling, Dunblane.
 „ J. Fairbairn, London.
 „ J. Harold, London.
 „ P. Ward, Dunning.
 8/5/55—W. R. Henderson, Edinburgh.
 8/5/55—J. Marr, Edinburgh.
 20/5/55—D. Glenn, Falkirk.
 30/5/55—Captain H. Tocher, Cheshire.

Minutes

Summary of Minutes of the Meeting of the Queen Victoria School Old Boys' Association held in the Library on Sunday, 1st May, 1955, at 2.30 p.m.

Those present were:—The Commandant, Lt.-Col. R. F. Nason; The Headmaster, Major D. H. McNeill; The Administrative Officer, Major J. Allison; The Regimental Sergeant Major, R.S.M. G. Lowdon.

The Commandant welcomed those present and said that he was glad to see such a good turnout. He then called upon the Headmaster to read the Minutes of the previous meeting.

There being no business arising directly from the Minutes the Commandant then made his report which surveyed the various school activities. Points covered were:—

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AS PATRON

The outstanding event of the year was the fact that His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh had graciously consented to become Patron of the School.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

The following boys deserved mention as they were doing extremely well.

A. S. Murray and A. R. Williamson, both at Sandhurst, D. A. McArthur who had recently passed out from Cranwell and had gained a very high place, and R. Adams and B. Williamson, both doing well at Welbeck. Williamson had been mentioned as a rugby player of the highest order.

EXAMINATIONS

This year 6 boys were being presented for the Scottish Leaving Certificate and 9 boys for the General Certificate of Education.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION, ETC.

The School was now divided into two Senior Companies, 'A' and 'B', containing the boys in the Secondary School and two Junior Companies, 'C' and 'D', containing the boys in the Primary School. Each pair of Companies occupied a separate wing of the building. The major plan for the modernisation of the School had not yet been approved but certain works would go ahead in the near future. We hoped that the interior alterations in the main building would begin in September and that work on the new indoor Rifle Range would start almost immediately.

GAMES

The Junior standard had been well maintained. In the Boxing Championships there had been a big entry particularly from Juniors. The system of playing Association Football in the Junior School and Rugby in the Senior School had worked well.

TRADES

There were few changes in the Trades programme apart from the fact that the choice was now much wider for Senior boys and included woodwork, metalwork, art, etc. The Dancers had performed with great credit at the Edinburgh Tattoo last year.

REPORTS FROM BRANCHES

GLASGOW.—Mr J. I. M. MacLeod then read a report from the Glasgow Branch. There was plenty of activity and meetings were well attended. He particularly mentioned the visit to the School on Saturday, 9th April and the fact that a party numbering 350 would visit the Tattoo this year. He regretted that so few members had been able to attend this Meeting.

EDINBURGH.—Mr G. A. Munro speaking on behalf of the Edinburgh Old Boys stated that he was glad to report that although there were no regular Branch Meetings they had succeeded in bringing 19 Old Boys to attend the Old Boys' Meeting.

LONDON.—Mr J. Fairbairn reported that the London Branch now numbered 11 and that they were hoping to obtain a Club Room in Millhill Barracks.

FOUNDER'S DAY

It was agreed by the Meeting that there would be no special attendances of Old Boys on Founders' Day.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

The Commandant then outlined the proposals for the re-establishment of the Old Boys' Association. The following points were agreed.

1. That there would be an annual subscription of 2/6 (this would entitle members to receive the Old Boys' News Letter and a copy of the "Victorian" each year).

2. That a list of members would be circulated annually with the Old Boys' News Letter.

3. That Messrs. Gavin, Stirling, be asked to supply a tie of the correct design made from the material shown. Stocks of this tie to be maintained in the School.

4. That at the discretion of the Commandant certain senior boys should be allowed to wear the Old Boys' tie.

5. That a membership card be used similar in type to a driving licence, the receipts for the current annual subscription to be placed inside when received by the member concerned.

6. That the formation of such an Association did not in any way hinder the existence of activities of various local Branches.

7. That the addresses of local Branches be included from time to time in the Old Boys' News Letter.

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- 3322 R. Adams to Welbeck.
 2365 I. Auld to R.A.F. Apprentice School, Locking.
 2389 A. Bell to Army Apprentice School.
 2444 J. Dunn to Seaforth Highlanders.
 2429 G. Dunn to R.N. (Electrician).
 2478 C. Douglas to R.A.F. Apprentice School.
 2442 E. Easton to Army Apprentice School.
 2248 R. Greenhorn to National Service.
 2391 W. McColl to Scots Guards Pipe Band.
 2390 R. McLeod to R.M. Military Band.
 2518 M. McNally to R.A.F. Apprentice School, Halton.
 2441 P. Moore Hemsley to R.A.F. Apprentice School.
 2388 T. Simpson to Scots Guards Military Band.
 2420 R. Tasker to K.O.S.B. Military Band.
 2398 A. Ward to Black Watch Military Band.
 2229 J. White to Sandhurst or National Service.
 2479 I. Wood to Army Apprentice School.
 2413 J. Baxter to Civil Life.
 J. Blackie to Civil Life.
 2439 R. Burns to Civil Life.
 2491 W. Corcoran to Civil Life.
 2370 D. Cramb to Civil Life.
 2393 I. Davidson to Civil Life.
 2394 D. Dempsey to Civil Life.
 2421 M. Duncan to Civil Life.
 2440 E. Gardner to Civil Life.
 2433 E. Greenhorn to Civil Life.
 2522 A. Hamilton to Civil Life.
 2397 D. Hastie to Civil Life.
 2418 A. McDade to Civil Life.
 2471 W. McGoldrick to Civil Life.
 2472 B. McHugh to Civil Life.
 2402 C. McLean to Civil Life.
 W. Morgan to Civil Life.
 2435 R. Todd to Civil Life.
 2479 M. Wood to Civil Life.
 2636 G. Millar, Withdrawn by Parent.

"A" Company Notes

Since Christmas the company has lost Stewart Robertson, who has gone off to Southern Rhodesia, and C.S.M. J. MacDonald, who has been replaced by C.S.M. H. Jessop. At the end of the term a number of our older boys are leaving.

As far as sports have gone we have been unfortunate, having lost both the cross-country

and the athletics this term. However, these defeats have made us more determined to do well in the remaining events—dancing, cricket and kit inspection.

In concluding I should like to thank Capt. Drew, on behalf of the company, for having been so patient with us as Company Commander, and for having taken such a keen interest in our sports activities. I should also like to thank C.S.M. Jessop, who has worked so well on our behalf.

J.W.

"B" Company Notes

First of all we have some good news on the sports side of matters—the result of the cross-country inter-company championship was an overwhelming victory for "B" Coy., when Peter Gibson, William Corcoran and George Dunn led seven other "B" Coy. boys to fill the first ten places. I think that these boys can modestly claim to hold an unbeatable record with their very fine team victory.

Team-work also enabled us to win the Athletics Championships. Although only one Victor Ludorum, that of the Intermediates won by George Ferrier, stands on our shelf, good work by Peter Gibson in the open middle distance races, Tony Ward as an all-rounder in the Senior Group proved invaluable, as in fact did the efforts of all our boys entered for the Sports.

But enough of this mild boasting. The one dark cloud which looms on our horizon is the fact that Mr Sulch, our Company Commander, is leaving us at the end of the term. The whole company joins with me in wishing him the best of luck in his new sphere of life.

As usual at the end of the school year, many of our older boys leave us this term for civilian life and for the forces. To those, too, we wish the best of luck wherever they may go.

And with "B" Coy. eagerly looking forward to the remainder of their tussles with "A" Coy. for the Championship, I must say cheerio to you all, until the next time.

W.A.J.

"C" Company Notes

Since the last issue of the "Victorian" the company has been joined by two boy N.C.O.s, Sgt. Jack Fairbairn and Cpl. George Ferrier. In the sporting line we are still looking for luck, because we lost the cross-country championship and only managed to draw in the athletics. Still we have high hopes for the cricket. This year for the first time the recruit companies are competing in the drill competition against the seniors but it is to be a joint effort on behalf of the juniors. I think this is all for now, so happy holidays readers.

N.P.

"D" Company Notes

This year we have done quite well in the Junior Inter-Company Sports, the boys throwing themselves enthusiastically into all the activities.

After a hard game, we won the Football Cup,

and this success was followed by a loss in the Kit Inspection against "C" Coy. In Athletics we had a narrow win against "C" Coy. who beat us in the relay races.

We congratulate Boy McGill for being Junior Athletics Champion, and also the many other promising young athletes who did so well in the competitions.

This year we are losing Sgt. Douglas and Sgt. McDade, and we wish them luck in their forthcoming careers.

Next term we are expecting to have a lot of our boys transferred to Senior Companies and in their places we will receive a new batch of recruits. We hope that these will carry on in the encouraging example that has been set by the first batch of old, young boys to leave us.

K.G.

Orchestra Notes

There have been many changes this year with us, the most notable of which is that we no longer appear in public but play only at School functions. We are now a resident orchestra!

One of our main roles now is that of playing in Chapel every other Sunday, approximately, and we are ably accompanied in our task by J. McArthur on the organ.

The numbers of the Orchestra have been cut down and the standard of playing has risen considerably.

We will no longer be taking up our stance on Grand Day as the playing is now left to the Pipes and Drums, whilst we join the ranks.

This year sees a considerable number of our young musicians entering Army bands. During the term R. McLeod and T. Simpson went to the Royal Marines and Scots Guards respectively, whilst at the end of term A. Ward goes to the Black Watch band and Tasker to the band of the K.O.S.B. Many more are leaving to follow their various bents while J. White our trumpeter, may be going to Sandhurst.

I will close by wishing my colleagues in the Orchestra a jolly good holiday and thank Mr Lax for another session of tireless assistance and good counsel.

P.G.

Pipe Band Notes

This year has seen fewer engagements for the Band which has meant more weekends to ourselves, but on the other hand we have seen less of the country. Once again we would like to thank Mr Sanderson for the wonderful work he has done, and as I am leaving this year I would like to add my wishes for his continued health and happiness.

Leaving with me this year are Sgt. A. McDade, Cpl. D. Hastie, R. Todd, and C. McLean, who will all be a great loss to the band. As we have young and up-and-coming pipers, I think they should be able to maintain the high standard the Pipe Band has always worked towards.

The few engagements we have had this term have all been first class, and I hope the band has many like them in the years to come.

This term we have played the retreat every second Thursday on the Playing Field and have had to learn a new march every time.

W.McC.

Drum Notes

Mr Jessop, our new drum-major, who has come to us from the 1st Battalion the Gordon Highlanders, has brought up the standard of drumming considerably and we are all grateful for it.

We have had few engagements this term but these few have been very enjoyable. Every second Thursday night the pipe band has beaten the retreat and evidently some of our drummers will be "beating a retreat" at the end of the term. Those in person are Sgt. Douglas, P. Hernsley and E. Gardiner.

To take their places we have Boys Murray, Sinclair and Tulloch who are getting on well with the tenor drum. We are also saying goodbye to Cpl. Corcoran, our drum-major, who has done very well in the past year. Taking his place is your correspondent, who hopes that he can maintain the high standard which Cpl. Corcoran has set up.

J.K.S.

Tailors' Notes

The term has seen us busily engaged with the many tasks allotted to us by Mr Henderson. Most of the work is now finished and we feel we can take things easy. Mr Henderson may have other ideas!

J. Dunn leaves our happy band for civilian life, otherwise we will all be reporting for duty next term.

W.D.

In The Early Morning

The cock is crowing,
The cattle are lowing;
The woolly sheep
Awake from their sleep;
In the early morning.

The milk maid is singing,
The small boughs are swinging;
The young leaves are rustling,
The farmyard is bustling;
In the early morning.

D. M. Aitchieson, IA.

Thunder and Lightning

Thunder roars.
Lightning flashes;
Underneath, something is happening.

Poles crash down as lightning strikes,
Then all of a sudden, it goes quiet;
Holes are there where things fell down,
But now the Storm has gone.

D. Battye, P.6a.

ANNUAL INSPECTION, 1955

Wednesday 13th July, at 3.45 p.m.

Inspecting Officer:

Lieut. General H. MURRAY, C.B., D.S.O.
General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command

The School is drawn up in line with the Pipes and Drums in the rear.

On the order of the Parade Commander, the colours are marched on to parade to the march "Victorians."

INSPECTION

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief will be met on arrival by Lt. Colonel R. F. Nason, Commandant of the School, who will conduct him to the Saluting Base.

The General is received with the "General Salute" on the bugles.

The General inspects the parade and returns to the Saluting Base.

MARCH PAST

The parade moves off, and forms Column of Guards on the left of the Saluting Base. The Band plays "The Back o' Benachie."

The Guards march past in column in slow time to the tune "Cameronia" and in quick time to "Hielan' Laddie," the march past of the School.

The parade reforms line, advances in Review Order, and gives the General Salute.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

The Parade forms three sides of a square and marches up to the Saluting Base.

The General addresses the parade.

The following prizes are then presented by Mrs Murray. Primus Medal, Dux Medal, Champion Company Shield, a Junior Championship Cup, School Trophies, Addison-Smith prizes for public speaking, Sir Robert Cranston Memorial Essay Prize.

The Senior Monitor, J. Wilson, calls for three cheers for Mrs Murray.

MARCH OFF

The Parade re-forms line and headed by the band marches off the ground to the march "Pibroch o' Donal' Dhu".

TEA INTERVAL

ARTS and CRAFTS

Exhibitions of work done by the boys are to be found in the Band Room.

Programme

1. Trumpet Fanfare Scholes
 2. Display: Eightsome and Sixteensome Reels.
 3. Physical Training Display.
 4. Display: Argyll Broadwords.
 5. Beating of Retreat.
Retreat Call on Bugles.
Retreat March The Green Hills of Tyrol.
Set. Slow March The Rowan Tree.
March The Earl of Mansfield.
Strathspey Captain Horne.
Reels The Kilt is my Delight.
March The Rhodesian Regiment.
March Off The Victorians and Hielan' Laddie.
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Pipe Major: J. McC. Sanderson.
Drum Major: C.S.M. H. Jessop.
Dancing Instructor: C.S.M. J. Mortimer.
Physical Training Instructor: C.S.M. V. Quirie.



A Saturday Night at the Fair

I made my way through the bustling crowds at the fair. I heard the stallholders shouting themselves hoarse in an effort to be heard above the noise of the crowd. I could hear the strains of the steam organs and the screams of the ladies in the ghost train.

A little further along I could see my objective towering above the rest of the fair: the helter-skelter, with its black and white colouring, the continual stream of people sliding down its spiral chute, and the man at the bottom selling the mats which would act as a carriage on the way down.

I approached the man, handed him three pennies, and walked to the bottom of the rickety stairs which I started to climb. I finally reached the top and stood on the platform. As I looked down on the continual flow of people I suddenly felt giddy, so I sat on my mat and pushed off.

I was whirling down the chute at a breath-taking speed, and before I knew where I was I was at the bottom.

I got off and started to run the gauntlet of shouting men, rowdy music, and the general noise of the crowd. I was soon out of the noisy fair and once more into quiet streets. What a contrast the street made with the noisy fair! In a few minutes I was home.

I quietly opened the door and crept up the stairs. I put the light on and looked at my bed. The pillows in the shape of my body were still there; I had not been missed by my mother.

J.McK., IIIA.

The Pheasant

The pheasant is one of Britain's most familiar birds. He is popular both with the bird watcher and the sportsman and is a very fine example of the British game bird.

The mating season is probably the best time to start a description of the life of a pheasant. One has only to go for a country walk in April or May to see two, often three, cock pheasants fighting furiously for the favour of the hen. The latter is in the background pecking away and paying little attention to the proceedings. She knows quite well that all these flying feathers mean very little to her and she cares little who wins so long as she may rear a brood and that a husband will strut proudly up, tail arched and feathers glittering in the sunlight.

There is a great difference between the two birds. The cock with his glorious plumage and haughty bearing is apt to outshine his mate who is a dullish brown in colour and has a rather weary, bedraggled looking tail.

Yet it is the hen which I admire most with her air of quiet intelligence. Her mate to me appears all brawn and no brains.

However, these two birds make the ideal parents, and they are very brave and faithful in the face of danger. This is constant, for pheasant seems to be a delicacy in the animal world as well. Gamekeepers however, look after them, and



a lot of danger to the birds is avoided by the gamekeepers' protection.

The nest is very cunningly concealed, usually in darkish surroundings, where the thirteen or fourteen olive eggs can take full advantage of their camouflage. Many a person has been walking through bracken or undergrowth, and has been sorry to find that he has stood on a pheasant's nest. The hen bird becomes more and more important now, for she does all the sitting on the eggs, and this is where her sombre colours

come in useful. She blends so well with her surroundings that it is nearly impossible to see her until very close, and even then she will not move, for she is a brave mother, and would rather die than see her eggs or brood damaged in any way. All that the cock pheasant does now is to strut around in the background, "honking," to his mate, and keeping guard for approaching danger. This honking sound which the pheasants make is very curious and reminds me of sheep coughing.

Soon the young birds hatch and, like all birds, they are born with their eyes open and their bodies covered with down. It is indeed a comical sight, when walking down a country lane, to see about twelve bundles of yellow down running and cheeping after their proud mother. She is like an old governess of a girls' school, and she stops every now and then to scold one of them for not paying attention to their nature study. The cock and hen are both very busy, and the cock no longer has any time to strut about, for he is too busy with his many young ones, for whom he has to fend. It is surprising, too, how quickly the youngsters learn to avoid danger. One evening, as I walked through a meadow, I surprised a hen pheasant and her brood. Immediately, the brave mother feigned a broken wing to draw my attention away from her precious chicks, but I wanted to examine one of

the young ones, so I paid no attention to her. I suddenly realised that I could not see one single chick. They had disappeared into and under every conceivable piece of cover that was to be found, and I had to leave for fear of treading on one. I wondered afterwards which of those fluffy bunch I had encountered would grow up to be hens and cocks. The hen, so intelligent and quiet, and so much in the background, while the cock is so much the opposite.

Yet it would be a sad day for Britain's countryside if the cock pheasant's blaze of colour were to leave the fields.

P.G., IV.

Winter

One day it was snowing,
All faces were glowing;
There was a breeze,
You could almost freeze.

We got out our sledges,
And went crashing through hedges,
Down the hill and up again,
In an everlasting train.

D. McArthur, P.7a.

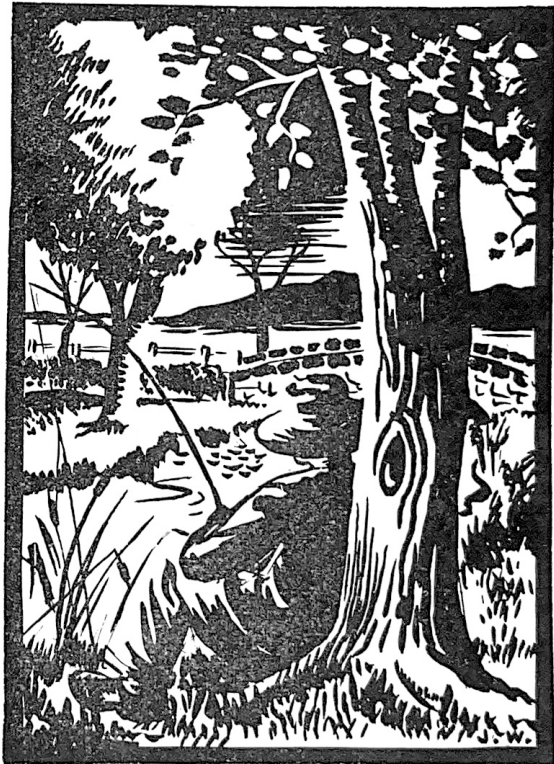
The Rivers Brink

It was a hot day in June. The sun was high in the cloudless heavens. As I dangled my feet over the grassy verge of the river's bank my line hung limply in the cool water.

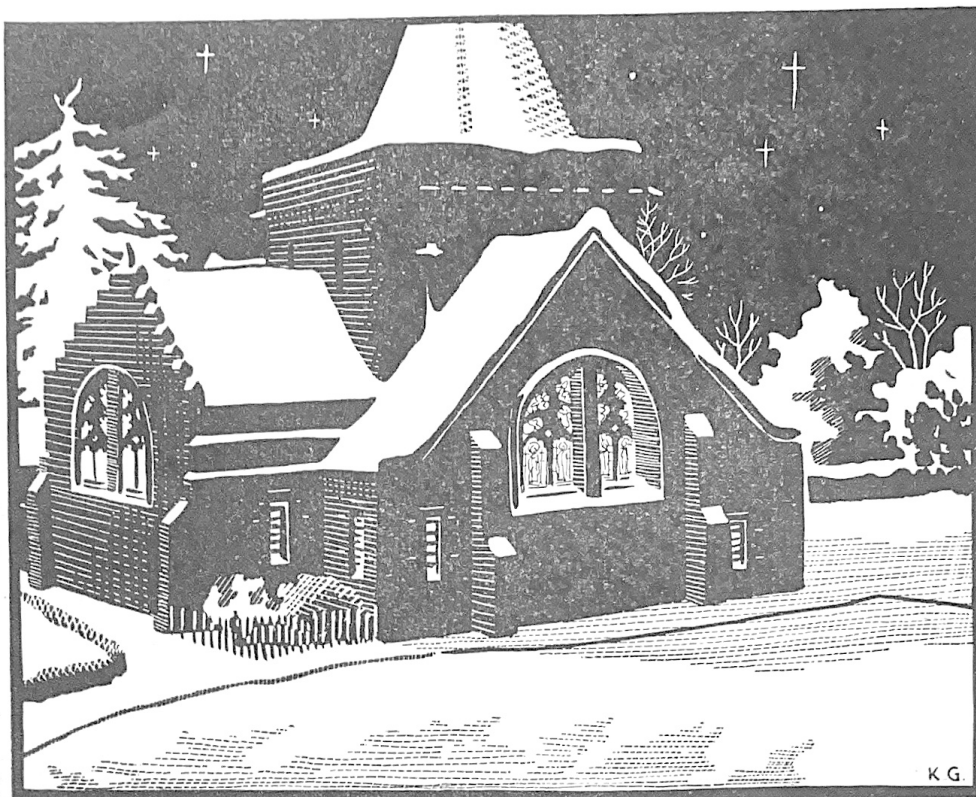
Further up the river some boys were swimming, and their cries floated down to me on the gentlest of breezes. As I gazed abstractedly into the water I saw six little sand-eels making their nest under a large, flat stone on the bottom. Further up-stream, near the other bank, an otter was on the prowl for his dinner. Without the slightest warning, he slid into the water; like a torpedo he propelled himself through the river, bringing death to some unfortunate fish in order to satisfy his animal hunger.

He emerged from the river with a large salmon in his mouth. Once on the bank, he ruthlessly destroyed the last signs of life in the salmon. I decided to go home now, for I was humbled; even Mother Nature could fish better than I.

A.Q., IV



The School Christmas Card



Last Christmas, for the first time, the School produced a Christmas Card designed and executed by one of the senior boys. (Old Boys correct me if I am wrong).

Much thought had to be put into the production of the card, the main factor being, as always, the cost. In order to keep the price low, the card had to be printed in one colour, and this required careful designing.

We decided on a design incorporating a view of the Memorial Chapel and gave it a seasonable touch by adding a snowy mantle.

The finished card was much smaller than the original design, but we had to be careful here, be-

cause, although reduction covers a multitude of sins, it can also mean hours of wasted effort on careful detail which would never be seen.

The card itself was printed on white in a deep ultra-marine and it looked most effective. Throughout the whole process we had had every assistance from our printers and we have much for which to thank them.

Sales soared from the beginning; our original, and as we thought sufficient, printing, disappeared in a few days and we had to go to press again for the staff.

We hope a tradition has now been started and that the School will always be able to produce an original Christmas card.

Spring

Spring is here at last,
And the hedgehog gets up from its rest;
I'm glad the winter has passed,
So the robin can make his nest.

The lambs are frisking in the field,
The tree tops sway in the breeze,
And flowers start to yield,
While birds seem to sing in the trees.

H. Johnstone, P.7a.

Wee Bobby

There was a wee boy called Bobby,
Aeroplanes were his hobby;
He had a brother called Sammy,
Who always wore a wee Tammy.

He had a wee pal called Billy,
Who was just a wee bit silly;
He had a wee dog called Sprogs,
Who was always falling in bogs.

D. Sheach, P.7a.

Essay Competition

This year, boys of primaries 6 and 7 competed in an essay contest, the subject of which was "My favourite picture in the dining hall." The headmaster was asked to judge the entries, and selected that of Donald McLeod of Primary 6a as the most promising effort. Runner-up was James Kerr of Primary 7b.

The prize-winning essay is printed below.

"My Favourite Picture in the Dining Hall"

The picture that I think is the nicest in the dining hall is the one with the deer. The reason that makes me like it best is because I am very fond of animals. It looks very life-like with two male deer, the female deer, and the young one, and with all the trees and grass and lots of other woodland things.

The landscape is beautiful, but you do not see much countryside; only a small glade in the forest.

The colours are lovely, but it is the colouring of the deer that I like best. The two male deer have a set of strong antlers crowning their heads with which they fight every year to win a mate.

There are plenty of details in the picture; for instance the bluebells* near the front of the picture, which the artist has painted the wrong colour — they are a pink colour.

There are plenty of trees in the picture and they are very thick: they must have been very hard to get through. There are some very nice birds which I think are blue-tits.

The grass is as green as an emerald, sparkling in the shafts of light slanting through the trees. The trees seem to me to be swaying lazily in the breeze.

This picture sometimes makes me feel sad and unhappy. It sometimes makes me feel imprisoned and makes me wish that I was a deer roaming about with the herd in the forest.

*They are foxgloves. — Editor.

A Visit to a Biscuit Factory

We stared, fascinated, as rows and rows of steaming hot, newly baked biscuits, slowly passed before our hungry eyes. Our guide must have seen the wistful glances cast at this delectable array, for she quickly invited us to sample the biscuits. There were no second biddings!

We were standing in the bakery of the world famous biscuit manufacturers, watching the processes by which a biscuit is made. The pastry is rolled flat, then a huge stamp cuts out the shapes of the biscuits-to-be, thirty at a time, which then passes slowly through a battery of steam ovens, to come out as the biscuits we so willingly sampled.

We trooped after our guide into the packing department, where all over the huge room, hundreds of white-overalled girls busily packed the never-ending flood of biscuits into tins, which were then sealed and carted away to await shipment to places all over the world, from Finland to Tristan da Cunha, and even to Scotland!

All this our guide told us as she led us to the cake-baking department. Unfortunately this was not in operation when we were there (perhaps they had been warned!) but we could easily imagine the busy scene when it was in operation. In

a separate room are kept replicas of cakes made by the firm for big occasions, replicas which are an exact copy in every detail, even down to the smallest whorl of icing of the actual cake. One such copy is of the wedding cake of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip. It must have been a very beautiful cake, for the designs are exquisitely traced out on each tier of the four "storey" masterpiece.

On and on we went, visiting many rooms and departments, one a sort of small museum. They even have there one of the biscuits made by this firm for the soldiers in the Crimean War! A letter from Captain Scott assures the firm that its biscuits for the expedition were quite satisfactory.

It is reassuring to know that the biscuits had nothing to do with the disastrous results of the expedition!

At length, our very interesting tour of the premises came to an end, and with pockets bulging with samples, we left the factory, each determined to get the job (unfortunately non-existent) of biscuit taster-in-chief. Luckily, my connections with the firm do not end there, for every week I stock in a supply of their cakes and biscuits, but these have never quite come up to the standard of that first steaming, fresh, hot, delicious sample of their wares.

W.A.J., V

Inter-Schools' Athletic Meeting

An Inter-Schools Athletic meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday, 22nd June, 1955. A programme of twenty-one events was arranged, the highlight of the evening being the 600 yards Invitation Relay Race for boys under 17 years, the prize being the baton presented by the School Commissioners in 1949 for such a competition. Three schools accepted invitations to send along a team, namely Riverside School, Stirling, Strathallan School and Morrison's Academy, Crieff, though the former team was unable to compete in the relay event.

Results:—

Event No. 1 — 100 yards Flat Race (17-19 years). 1st White (Q.V.S.); 2nd Small (Morrison's); 3rd Boyne (Morrison's). Time 10.6 seconds.

Event No. 2 — 100 yards Flat Race (15-17 years). 1st Thomson (Morrison's); 2nd Morrison (Strathallan); 3rd Wilson (Q.V.S.). Time 10.9 seconds.

Event No. 3 — 100 yards Flat Race (13-15 years). 1st Craig (Strathallan); 2nd Roselle (Strathallan); 3rd Hastie (Q.V.S.). Time 11.7 seconds.

Event No. 4 — Long Jump (17-18). 1st McNie (Morrison's); 2nd Baxter (Strathallan); 3rd White (Q.V.S.). Distance 17 feet, 2 inches.

Event No. 5 — Putting the Weight (10 lb) (15-17). 1st Wilson (Q.V.S.); 2nd Moffat (Morrison's). Distance 45 feet, 7½ inches. (New School Record).

Event No. 6 — High Jump (13-15). 1st Roselle (Strathallan); 2nd Watson (Q.V.S.); 3rd Allardyce (Morrison's). Height 5 feet, 2 inches.

Event No. 7 — 440 yards (17-19). 1st Patterson (Strathallan); 2nd White (Q.V.S.); 3rd McFlannel (Morrison's). Time 53.4 seconds.

Event No. 8 — 440 yards (15-17) 1st Thomson

(Morrison's); 2nd Moore-Hemsley (Q.V.S.); 3rd Johnson (Strathallan). Time 55.4 seconds.

Event No. 9 — 440 yards (13-15). 1st Watson (Q.V.S.); 2nd Wingate (Strathallan); 3rd Green (Morrison's). Time 59.6 seconds.

Event No. 10 — High Jump (15-17) 1st Wilson (Q.V.S.); 2nd Aitken (Morrison's). Height 5 feet, 5 inches. (equals School Record).

Event No. 11 — Long Jump (13-15). 1st Boxweil (Strathallan); 2nd Duncan (Q.V.S.); 3rd McKenzie (Morrison's). Distance 16 feet, 1 inch.

Event No. 12 — Putting the Weight (12 lb) (17-19). 1st Wilson (Q.V.S.); 2nd Kinniburgh (Morrison's). Distance 39 feet, 5½ inches. (New School Record).

Event No. 13 — 220 yards (15-17). 1st Pirrie (Strathallan); 2nd Leslie (Morrison's) 3rd Kippen (Morrison's). Time 26.1 seconds.

Event No. 14 — 220 yards (17-19). 1st Small (Morrison's); 2nd Anderson (Strathallan); 3rd White (Q.V.S.). Time 25.1 seconds.

Event No. 15 — 220 yards (13-15). 1st Watson (Q.V.S.); 2nd Ward (Q.V.S.); 3rd Perry (Riverside). Time 28.1 seconds.

Event No. 16 — Long Jump (15-17). 1st Kippen (Morrison's); 2nd Pirrie (Strathallan); 3rd Cor-

coran (Q.V.S.). Distance 17 feet, 10½ inches.

Event No. 17 — 880 yards (15-17). 1st Crabb (Strathallan); 2nd Shaw (Strathallan); 3rd Aitken (Morrison's). Time 2 minutes, 11.9 seconds.

Event No. 18 — Discus (15-17). 1st Wilson (Q.V.S.); 2nd Gibb (Morrison's). Distance 142 feet, 0 inches. (New School Record).

Event No. 19 — Javelin (17-19). 1st Carle (Morrison's); 2nd Anderson (Q.V.S.). Distance 131 feet, 3 inches.

Event No. 20 — Mile (17-19). 1st Patterson (Strathallan); 2nd Houston (Strathallan); 3rd Martin (Morrison's). Time 4 minutes, 47.4 seconds.

Event No. 21 — 660 yards Invitation Relay Race (Under 17) (110, 220, 110, 220). 1st Morrison's; 2nd Strathallan; 3rd Q.V.S.

(Q.V.S. team:— Ward, Wilson, Watson, Corcoran).

Points won were as follows: Morrison's Academy 40, Q.V.S. 38, Strathallan 36, Riverside 1.

It must be pointed out, however, that not every school had entrants in every event, and that in certain events the School had boys under age entered in the age-class above. In addition, J. Wilson was entered for certain events in the 15-17 and 17-19 age-groups.



Cricket, 1955

1st XI

To the time of going to press, the 1st XI have played seven games, of which they have won five, drawn one and lost one. Two matches have been cancelled. Matches still to be played include those against Strathallan Colts, Dollar 3rd XI, and the Staff.

The following have played for the 1st XI this season:— J. Wilson (capt.), N. J. Poulson (vice-capt.), W. A. Jones, R. Anderson, P. Gibson, T. W. R. Hunter, A. A. Quinn, M. Duncan, J. Baxter, A. Bell, W. Corcoran and D. Scobie.

Results:—

- v Alloa Academy 2nd XI (home) — Q.V.S. 42 (Duncan 10); Alloa 46 for 6 wickets. (Wilson 3 for 16, Anderson 2 for 12). Lost by 4 wickets.
- v Stirling H. S. 2nd XI (home) — Stirling 23 (Anderson 5 for 11); Q. V. S. 27 for 4 wickets. (Wilson 9 not out, Duncan 9 not out). Won by 6 wickets.

v St. Modan's H. S. 1st XI (away) — Q. V. S. 85 for 7 wickets declared. (Gibson 42, Anderson 13 not out); St. Modan's 67. (Corcoran 3 for 12, Scobie 3 for 15). Won by 18 runs.

v Falkirk Technical School 1st XI (away) — Falkirk 22 (Scobie 8 for 4); Q. V. S. 29 for 2 wickets. (Wilson 10). Won by 8 wickets.

v Alloa Technical School 1st XI (away) — Alloa 31 (Scobie 4 for 7); Q. V. S. 61 for 2 wickets. (Quinn 33 not out, Wilson 14 not out, Gibson 13). Won by 8 wickets.

v Falkirk Technical School 1st XI (home) — Falkirk 25 (Scobie 5 for 2); Q.V.S. 27 for 1 wicket. (Quinn 14 not out, Poulson 12 not out). Won by 9 wickets.

v St. Modan's H. S. 1st XI (home) — St. Modan's 58, Q.V.S. 40 for 8 wickets. (Scobie 11). Match drawn.

2nd XI

The following have played for the 2nd XI this season:— J. K. Sim (capt.), A. Bell, W. Corcoran, D. Scobie, D. Hastie, J. McKillop, R. Todd, R. Phillips, R. Fitzpatrick, W. McColl, C. F. Douglas, I. F. Scott, I. Ward, J. M. McArthur, D. McKellar, C. Lambert, J. Carcary, R. Grieve.

Results:—

- v Alloa Academy 3rd XI (home) — Q.V.S. 26 for 9 (Hastie 11); Alloa 23 (Corcoran 4 for 3; Sim 3 for 10; Scott 3 for 2). Won by 3 runs.
- v Stirling H. S. 3rd XI (home) — Q.V.S. 38 for 6 declared. (Scobie 14); Stirling 35 (Corcoran 7 for 14). Won by 3 runs.
- v Alloa Technical School 2nd XI (away) — Q.V.S. 27; Alloa 48 (Sim 5 for 24; Phillips 4 for 16). Lost by 21 runs.
- v Falkirk H. S. 2nd XI (away) — Falkirk 55 for 8 (Corcoran 6 for 14); Q.V.S. 21 (Sim 11). Lost by 34 runs.

One match (v Morrison's Academy 3rd XI) remains to be played.

Inter-Company Athletics

The above competition was held on the School playing field on Thursday, 2nd June, 1955. A fine, sunny afternoon was marred by a blustering wind — a wind too strong for the hurdles to remain standing in its path. As a result the hurdles events were postponed, and the Hurdles Cup was not awarded.

During the sports, music was played by the Military Band and Pipes and Drums of the 1st Bn. The Gordon Highlanders (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. J. E. G. Hay, D.S.O.).

Prizes were presented by Mrs Nason.

RESULTS

100 Yards (Open) — 1, White (A); 2, Wilson (A); 3, McArthur (A).

100 Yards (Senior) — 1, Hastie (A); 2, Watson (B); 3, Sinclair (B). Time, 11.5 secs.

100 Yards (Intermediate) — 1, Bruce (B); 2, Lovatt (A); 3, Leigh (D). Time, 13 secs.

75 Yards (Junior) — 1, McGile (D); 2, McLeod (C); 3, Walker (D).

High Jump (Open) — 1, Wilson (A); 2, Corcoran (B); 3, McColl, W. (A). Height, 5ft. 3½ins.

Long Jump (Senior) — 1, Duncan (B); 2, Phillips (A); 3, McDade (B). Distance, 14ft. 11ins.

Putting the Weight (Intermediate) — 1, Ferrier (B); 2, Scott, I. (A); 3, Keenan (B). Distance, 30ft. 9½ins.

Cricket Ball (Junior) — 1, McColl, P. (D); Marshall, E. (C); McLeod, D. (C). Distance, 126ft. 3ins.

440 Yards (Open) — 1, Gibson (B); 2, Bell (A); 3, Hunter (A). Time, 60.4 secs.

440 Yards (Senior) — 1, McDade (B); 2, McKillop (B); 3, Blackie, A. (A). Time, 65.4 secs.

Long Jump (Open) — 1, White (A); 2, Corcoran (B); 3, Jones (B). Distance, 17ft. 6½ins.

High Jump (Senior) — 1, Chessar (B); 2, Scott, B. (A); 3, Patterson (A). Height, 4 feet, 1 ins.

220 Yards (Intermediate) — 1, Ferrier (B); 2, Bruce (B); 3, Thomson, G. (C). Time, 27.4 secs.

Putting the Weight (Open) — 1, Wilson (A); 2, Bell (A); 3, McArthur (A). Distance, 44ft. 1 in.

Throwing the Javelin (Senior) — 1, Hastie (A); 2, Scobie (A); 3, Scott, B. (A). Distance, 107ft. 3ins.

Throwing the Javelin (Open) — 1, Anderson (B); 2, Wood (B); 3, Bell (A). Distance, 121ft. 9ins.

Throwing the Discus (Senior) — 1, Ward (B); 2, Duncan (B); 3, Morrison (B). Distance, 81ft. 3ins.

One Mile (Open) — 1, Gibson (B); 2, Moore-Hemsley (B); 3, Gardner (B). Time, 5 mins. 23.5 secs.

880 Yards (Senior) — 1, McDade (B); 2, McKillop (B); 3, Hamilton G. (A). Time, 2 min. 41.5 secs.



High Jump (Junior) — 1, Dailly (C); 2, Marshall, E. (C); 3, McGill (D). Height, 3ft. 9ins.

Long Jump (Intermediate) — 1, Ferrier (B); 2, Aitchison (A); 3, Scott, I. (A). Distance, 14ft. 9ins.

220 Yards (Open) — 1, White (A); 2, McArthur (A); 3, Moore-Hemsley (B). Time, 24.9 secs.

220 Yards (Senior) — 1, Watson (B); 2, Ward (B); 3, Alexander, R. Time, 26.4 secs.

Discus (Open) — 1, Wilson (A); 2, Hunter (A); 3, Jones (B). Distance, 109ft.

Weight (Senior) — 1, Hastie (A); 2, Ward (B); 3, Sinclair (B). Distance, 38ft. 4½ins.

High Jump (Intermediate) — 1, Leigh (D); 2, Johnstone (D); 3, Bruce (B). Height, 4ft. 2ins.

Long Jump (Junior) — 1, McGill (D); 2, McLeod, D. (C); 3, Pooke, D. (D). Distance, 11ft. 9ins.

Relay Races. Open (440, 220, 220, 440) — 1, A Coy.; 2, B Coy. Senior (4 x 220) — 1, B Coy.; 2, A Coy.; Intermediate (4 x 110) — 1, B Coy.; 2, A Coy. Junior (8 x 55) — 1, C Coy.; 2, D Coy.

OTHER EVENTS

Boys 75 Yards Handicap (under 15 years) — 1, M. Barrie; 2, J. Lowdon.

Girls 75 Yards Handicap (under 15 years) — 1, M. Jessop; 2, L. Le Maistre.

Ladies 75 Yards Handicap — 1, Miss Alice McNay; 2, Mrs Parkhill.

Staff, 100 Yards Handicap — 1, Mr Guttridge; 2, Mr Diamond.

Band, 100 Yards Handicap — 1, Bandsman Forbes; 2, Cpl. Dawson.

Trophies were awarded as follows: — Victor Ludorum Cup and Medal — J. Wilson; Senior Championship Medal — D. Hastie; Intermediate Championship Medal — G. G. Ferrier; Junior Championship Medal — A. McGill. The John Williamson Cup (for the Winner of the Open 100 yards) — J. W. White; The Relay Cup — B Coy.; The High Jump Cup — A Coy.; The Long Jump Cup — B Coy.; Putting the Weight Cup — A Coy.

The Junior Inter-Company Championship Cup — C Coy. (23 points); The "Dandy Ninth" Cup (for the winners of the Senior Inter-Company Championship) — B Coy. (102 points).



Association Football

The Primary School team continued its winning way after the New Year and finished the season undefeated. The boys have worked hard as a team and all have shown a willingness to learn. Their enthusiasm has been maintained despite the severe winter, and competition for places has always been keen.

Results — Easter Term:—

- v Dunblane School (home) 3—0.
- v Morrison's Academy (home) 6—1.
- v Morrison's Academy (away) 2—0.

Summary of Season's Results:— Played 5 won 5.

S.S.A.A. Championships

The School had every reason to be proud of its athletes this year in the S.S.A.A. Championships on June 18th. We were represented by five boys — J. Wilson, J. White, D. Hastie, A. Ward and R. Watson — and they competed in nine events. Four of them went on to the afternoon session, Wilson gaining a 1st and 2nd, Hastie a 1st, and Watson and White both reaching the semi-finals of their events.

Results:—

J. Wilson (15-17 years). Putting the Weight. (10 lbs). Distance 43 feet, 7½ inches. 2nd. High Jump. 5 feet, 4 inches.

D. Hastie (13-15 years). 1st. Putting the Weight (8 lbs. 13 ozs.) Distance 42 feet, 9½ inches.

The School v. The Masters

Due to the very severe weather and consequent excuses offered by the Masters, this fixture did not take place in the Easter term. It was therefore postponed until the beginning of the Summer term.

After the Easter holidays the Masters promptly pointed out that this was an unsuitable time for soccer and that the playing fields were now prepared for cricket. They craftily added that it would be unfair to Mr Gutteridge to ask him to re-erect the goal posts. To their consternation,

however, Mr Gutteridge went over to the ranks of the enemy and behaved in a manner which left them in no doubt that he actually wanted the game to take place. He put up the goal posts!

The match was played on the Perth Road pitch, the topographical features of which would make an interesting geography lesson. It has everything — marshland, dust bowl and high plateau. The scaling of its North Col by the Masters' left winger was a feat of high endeavour. His feverish claims to having seen the Abominable Snowman were discounted when it was realised that he had merely encountered the School right back.

Another interesting feature of the day in question was the prevailing wind, which prevailed in the faces of the Masters throughout the game. Despite this, play by their forwards was brilliant if unorthodox. Nevertheless the School goal remained inviolate. By the end of the first half, which according to some Masters, lasted one and a quarter hours, no goals had been scored.

After the Masters had had their injections the second half began. It was not long (except to them) before stalemate was reached. At this point most of the Masters had had seizures and most of the boys were unable to free their jerseys.

The match reached its climax when the School scored the only goal. This goal was interesting for several reasons. The scorer fouled both backs with one foot before shooting from an off-side position with the other and pinning the goal keeper to the ground with another. The fact that he had three feet only shows what the Masters were up against.

Just as the Masters were on the point of equalising the final whistle blew and the coveted Iron Trophy passed into the possession of the School. There was no doubt which was the better team.

Rembrandt.

P.S. That the referee has been smoking Havana cigars in his pipe ever since may have no bearing on the fact that the better team lost.

On Holiday at Mull

Again this year a party of boys are going for a holiday on Mull. This year we are going for a week in August.

The camps are run by the Iona Community. There are three camps altogether; two of these are on Iona, the village camp and North-end camp; the third camp is on Mull and is for boys only.

The name of the camp is Eamas. The building in which we stay is a salmon-fishing bothy on the Loss of Mull not far from Iona. In Eamas all boys take their share in the cooking and cleaning.

Every morning and evening Mr McInnes, the salmon fisher, takes some of the boys out in the boat to bring in the catch. If you climb the cliffs you can see for miles out to sea, including many of the islands.

Fresh salmon and fish are plentiful and are to be had when wanted.

R.R., 3A.

Rugby Football, 1954-55

Results of matches played in the Christmas Term, 1954, were given in the last number of "The Victorian". It will be remembered that several games were cancelled owing to waterlogged pitches; we suffered again during the Easter Term, this time through snow. Results of matches played during the Easter Term are as follows:—

1st XV

v Alloa Academy 1st XV (away). Q.V.S. 14 pts., Alloa Academy 10 pts.

v Stirling H. S. 2nd XV (away). Q.V.S. 21 pts., Stirling H. S. 0 pts.

2nd XV

v Stirling H. S. 3rd/4th XV (home). Q.V.S. 11 pts., Stirling H. S. 23 pts.

3rd XV

4th XV

v Stirling H. S. 5th XV (home). Q.V.S. 17 pts., Stirling H. S. 0 pts.

Summary of Results:—

1st XV. Played 7, won 6, lost 1.

2nd XV. Played 3, won 0, lost 3.

3rd XV. Played 1, won 0, lost 1.

4th XV. Played 5, won 3, drawn 1, lost 1.

Award of Colours for Rugby Football, 1954-1955

Full Colours:— R. A. Greenhorn, J. Wilson, W. A. Jones, N. J. Poulson, J. W. White, D. Hastie, R. Anderson, K. A. Gavigan.

Half-Colours:— A. Quinn, J. M. McArthur, T. W. R. Hunter.

Cross Country, 1955

The Individual and Inter-Company Championships, 1955, were run off on Friday, May 6th. Results were as follows:—

Individual Championships — Juniors — 1, J. Finlay (D Coy.); 2, J. Airnes (D Coy.); 3, G. Thomson (C Coy.). Seniors — 1, P. Gibson (B Coy.); 2, W. Corcoran (B Coy.); 3, G. Dunn (B Coy.).

Inter-Company Championships — Junior Companies — D Coy., 76 pts.; C Coy., 152 pts. Senior Companies — B Coy., 55 pts.; A Coy., 239 pts.



Rugby Football

When I saw my first football match I was amazed. I knew the rules differed from soccer slightly but it seemed they were closely allied to "murder-ball."

To begin with I wondered what had happened to the ball. Perhaps that big, sixteen stone chap over there sat on it. Half-a-moment, somebody shouted "scrum" and everybody went into a huddle. What were they discussing over there? The school duff or Marilyn Monroe? Suddenly the conference broke up and they dashed all over the place. One chap picked the ball up and started to run. One of the other side jumped at him and received a punch on the nose. However, the fellow with the ball was tripped up by some one grabbing his legs and he fell. That was the sign for everybody to gather round him, to jump on him and kick him. The ball gradually edged to one end of the pitch where a television aerial was erected and suddenly everybody shouted "Try, try!" when both teams piled up on the ball, but try as they might they could not burst the ball.

The referee gave a free kick to one side right in front of the goal. The clot that took the kick put the ball in a hole and had to get somebody to hold it steady. Even then he missed! He kicked it over the bar and the other side looked mournful. I wonder why?.

N.T.P., V.

A Season of the Year

As I sat in the house, and gazed through
the window pane,
And looked at the trees in blossom,
I saw the pouring rain, and thought it
was ending autumn.

Then I saw the brilliant sun,
Appearing through the dark cloud;
And then I saw the weasels skip,
and run,
And the dog barking loud.

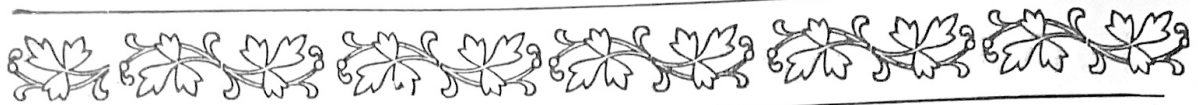
J. Airnes, P.7a.

School

"I don't like school — at least," I'll say,
While coming home from school at the
end of the day,
"I don't like maths, but love the baths."

I'll say, "woodwork is not a thing I like,"
And think of metal-work, as you can
make a bike;
And while going down the sledging hill,
Perhaps you'll have to pay a bill.

E. Leigh, P.7a.



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