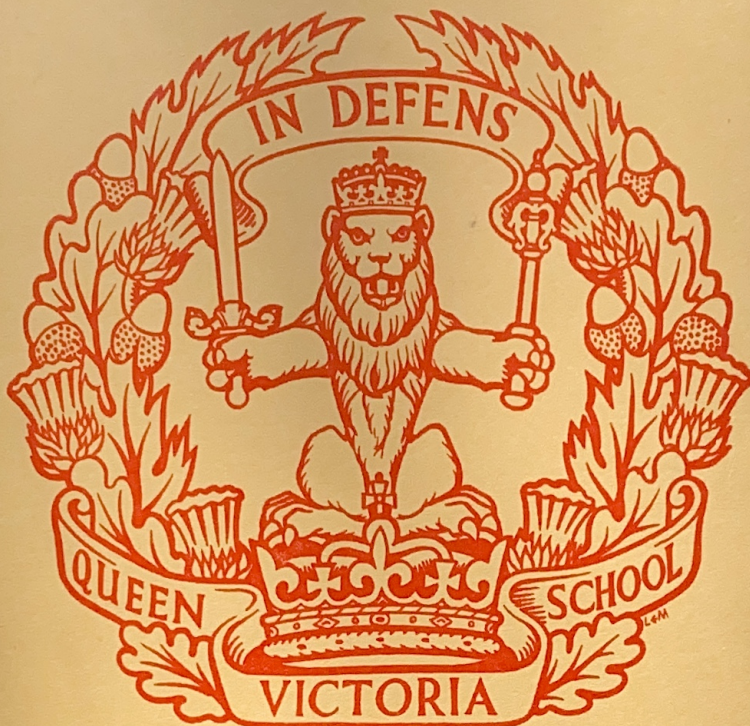
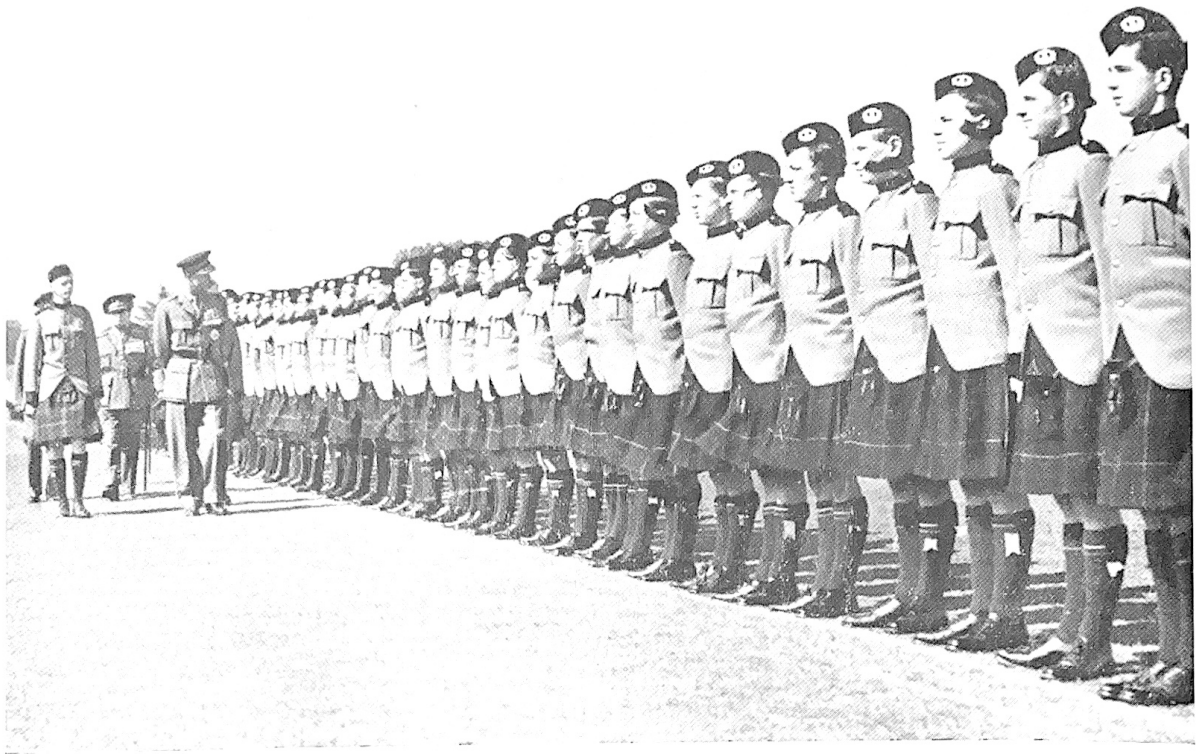


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H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh inspecting the boys on Grand Day, 1958.



His Royal Highness talked to long-serving members of the School staff.

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Editorial

"After the Lord Mayor's Show . . ."

After the excitement of the Jubilee issue of The Victorian, with its striking tartan cover, its wealth of photographs, and its articles dealing with events in the School's past, we come once again to the ordinary workaday, prosaic Victorian—the Victorian in its everyday clothes. We hope nevertheless that this issue of the Victorian may be of interest to all who are connected with the School.

On other pages of this issue will be found an account of Jubilee Grand Day, reprinted as usual by courtesy of the "Stirling Sentinel." We remember the feeling of foreboding in June last year, as wet week succeeded wet week, and we began to wonder what would happen if, contrary to all precedent, Grand Day should be wet and miserable. The early morning of Grand Day showed no promise of better things, but the skies cleared, the sun shone with genial warmth, and all was well.

No doubt most people who attended the ceremony have their own particular memories of it. To us, the most significant in view of the Jubilee was the contrast between those of the First Hundred Boys who were able to be present and the boys who are now at the School; between those who founded the traditions of the School, and those who now carry them on. The First Hundred were presented to the Duke of Edinburgh by Mr H. J. Harrison, of the Edinburgh Old Boys' Association. Mr Harrison worked indefatigably to contact as many of the First Hundred as possible, and it is largely owing to his enthusiasm and industry that so many of the First Hundred were present.

This is a long term, but the weeks of grey monotony have been broken by a mid-term long week-end holiday, which fortunately coincided with a spell of good weather. Only nine

boys were left in the School over the week-end. On returning to School the boys had an evening's entertainment with the traditional Hallowe'en ritual of apple dooking and "tumshie" shows. At times the "apple-dooking" contests resembled an indoor aquatic exhibition, but a good time was had by all. The "tumshies" showed originality and variety. No one enquired where the turnips came from. The evening was ended with a bonfire and fireworks display, followed by a gargantuan hot supper. Everybody is now looking forward, with mingled delight and apprehension, to the end of the term; with delight at the thought of the Christmas festivities, with apprehension at the thought of the term examinations which inevitably precede those festivities.

We welcome to the staff Captain A. D. Monteith, M.A., R.A.E.C., who replaces Captain Blakemore, B.A., R.A.E.C., in the Primary School. Elsewhere in these pages will be found a brief account of Captain Monteith's career. We bid him welcome and we have no doubt that his stay here will be beneficial to the boys under his care. On the subject of staffing, we owe a sincere apology to Mr Malkowski, in that his name did not appear on the list of the teaching staff in the first issue of the Jubilee Victorian, nor was any mention made of his joining the staff. This was an editorial oversight, for which we apologise profusely. We asked Mr Malkowski to give us some account of his eventful career, and received from him a summary of his life, which is printed in full in this issue. Mr Malkowski's readiness at all times to do more than his share in School activities, as for example his summer camp at Loch Awe and his Angling Club, make him a valued addition to the staff. Quite recently his wife and small daughter have come to live in Dunblane, and to them also we extend a hearty welcome. Mrs

Malkowski has already shown her willingness to assist in the corporate life of the School by giving tuition in swimming to the children of the School staff on Saturday mornings.

We shall be welcoming at the beginning of next term another new arrival to the staff, although to many of us he is not a new friend but an old one. Mr W. I. Williams, now teaching at Strathallan School, has been appointed to the Primary School here and will take up his duties in January, 1959. Some of the staff, and many of the older boys, will remember him as Captain Williams of the R.A.E.C., who was teaching here until he went to Strathallan School. He will be remembered for his interest in sport, particularly in rugby football and boxing, and doubtless when he returns to us he will once more take up these activities. We also welcome Mrs Williams and the two small daughters.

We have this term had the pleasure of a full scale inspection of the educational side of the School. The inspection was carried out by civilian inspectors of the Scottish Education Department and by Army inspectors of the R.A.E.C. We await their reports with interest, and hope that the School has benefited from their visit.

The usual clubs and hobbies associated with the School winter programme have started again this term. The aim of the hobbies and clubs is to provide every boy in the School with some form of leisure interest; and while some leisure activities are more popular than others, the need has been largely met by the winter programme. A new club is the Model Railway Club, under the expert guidance of the minister. Every Tuesday and Thursday a small band of junior railway enthusiasts meets to construct lengths of track which will be joined together to form a continuous lay-out, and lineside accessories and buildings. Eventually it is hoped to construct locomotives and rolling stock. Such railway working as is carried out at present is done by Mr Jamieson's own model locomotives. Further details of this new club will be found on other pages of this magazine.

At the time of going to print Christmas is still a long way off, but at the risk of seeming premature, the Editor wishes to all readers, young and not so young, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GRAND DAY, 1957

Everything was a degree grander than is usual on Grand Day at the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, on Wednesday. H.R.H. the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in the uniform of a Field-Marshal, was the inspecting officer; some hundred and seventy scarlet-tunicked Victorians attained to a standard of drill and marching scarcely equalled by any of their predecessors, while the pipers and drummers surpassed themselves; the sun, contriving a little more than tradition demands, shone out of a cloudless sky and its heat was tempered by a pleasantly-fresh breeze; and spectators gathered in their thousands.

People had begun to arrive an hour and a half and more before the school was due to muster on parade at 3.15, what time three sides of the arena were crowded, and the north-west reaches of the playing fields carpeted with cars, thicker than ever before.

Hundreds of Old Boys, many of them, with their families, not a few of them in service uniform, occupied one enclosure — places of honour being reserved for the thirty representatives of the First Hundred Victorians—while others contained parents and kin of present pupils, South African veterans and H.M. Commissioners for the school and their guests.

Fifty yards from the saluting base on the southern edge of the playing field nearest the school buildings, the Regimental Band of the Scots Guards stood, a brave splash of red, and every man thankful for the fresh wind that ruffled his bearskin.

Soon after three o'clock there was a sudden lull in the chatter of countless voices. A helicopter flew in from the east, circled the scene

and landed short of Cairnston on the other side of the Great North Road.

Rumour and speculation spread like wildfire; had the Duke changed his plans again? The knowing ones neddled in the kind of way that would enable them afterwards to say, in any event, "Well, as I was remarking . . ." But scores of youngsters—not, repeat, not Victorians—unhesitatingly set off running over the few hundred yards, just in case.

As a matter of fact the craft coloured "rescue-yellow" was simply Air Vice-Marshal P. D. Cracroft, Senior Air Force Officer Scotland's mode of conveyance.

By this time the pipes and drums of the school had taken up their position at the east end of the ground, and prompt at 3.15 their music sounded in "Victorians" as the school marched on parade under the command of Senior Monitor John Fairbairn.

A fine sight, this, auguring splendid things to follow. The school came to the halt in column of route, and so stood, the pipes and drums, conforming. And the crowds, risen as the Colours came on, settled down again for what they fondly imagined was to be a ten-minute wait for the great moment.

Came half-past three, the appointed hour for Prince Philip's arrival, but though every eye was cast towards the main road entry none spied more than the posse of R.M.P. carrying on with their task, ushering latecomers into the car park and, with the assistance of civil police keeping the arterial traffic going.

Incidentally, not only were the military police very smart in their dress blues and red caps, and extremely efficient to boot; but their

bearing and conduct drew much appreciation, and many comments on their courtesy and helpfulness.

Along the route in and out of Dunblane policemen of the Perthshire force also earned full marks. Never a cross word or an ambiguous signal.

Soon the watchers picked out the reception party waiting by the gate. Lord Kinnaird H.M. Lieut. for Perthshire; Lieut.-Gen. R. G. Collingwood, G.O.C.-in-C., Scottish Command; Lord Thomson, the Lord Justice Clerk; Brigadier A. M. Finlaison, Commandant of Q.V.S.; Lieut.-Col. A. L. Fowler, the Headmaster; and Boy Kenneth Hill, the Commandant's diminutive orderly.

So the wait went on, with restlessness showing everywhere except on parade. Then, at a quarter to four, a mutter began which grew to a murmur and in a moment a noise of cheering battled its way through the breeze.

Through the gate and into the field glided a big, maroon Daimler limousine flaunting a pennant at its nose. Now things happened. At the head of the flagstaff behind the saluting base the Duke of Edinburgh's personal standard was broken, on parade a sharp order brought the school to line in review order; the throng rose as one as His Royal Highness approached the dais, en route punctiliously acknowledging every salute.

Another order, on Prince Philip standing high to face the parade, and the Victorians received their Royal Patron with a Royal Salute. Then the inspection began, with General Collingwood, Brigadier Finlaison and the General's aide, Captain Pease, following, and the Commandant's Boy, Boy Hill, preceding the Prince.

It may be invidious to make distinctions, but it would be more so if Boy Hill were not afforded honourable mention. After all he earned his role, as he earned it a year ago, and in the event proved himself exemplar of all a Commandant's Boy should be.

The pipes and drums played in slow time "My Native Highland Home" and he stepped a solitary slow march in perfect precision, turning right and left to save ground while His Royal Highness here and there spoke to the ranks, proceeding like a miniature time-served guardsman. For Kenneth Hill, who is thirteen and whose home is at 6 Airthrey Road, Causewayhead, this was the last Grand Day on which he would play this part. He certainly made the most of it.

Inspection over, the Duke went on to review those present of the First Hundred on the school roll and several Old Victorians were presented to him by Brigadier Finlaison. Senior among the O.V.'s was Mr J. A. McIlroy, now of Luton, who was a new boy in 1910.

Those presented included Mr H. J. Harrison (No. 67 on the roll), Mr G. Munro and Mr J. Robertson, all of Edinburgh; Mr H. Duff and Mr J. M. McLeod (373) of Glasgow; Lieut.-Col. E. McLeary, R.A.E.C., (237), and Mr J. R. S. Owens, (359) of London.

While this review was in progress and almost before it began, an excited crowd, mostly

children, bid fair to mob the Patron and his party. Determined counter-action led by the Duke's equerry, Wing-Comdr. H. Chinnery, (in mufti) and Lieut.-Col. G. R. Trotter, of Scottish Command, Public Relations (in Rifle Brigade green) dispersed the ambuscade with good humour on both sides.

Meantime the parade had been re-forming and the school was now ready to march past in column, which operation was accomplished with élan as soon as the Duke resumed his stand on the dais.

First the Victorians came by in slow time, to the air of "Loch Rannoch" by the pipes and drums, the Colours dipped as they were borne past the saluting base, then in quick time to "Redford Cottage," before re-forming in line to advance in review order as the tune changed to "Scotland the Brave."

"Loch Leven Castle" sounded the climax as Senior Monitor Fairbairn commanded: "Victorians . . . Royal Salute!"

Here for the time being ended the pomp, but the ceremony was far from over. Now the parade formed three sides of a square and marched up to the saluting base, coming to a halt with such crispness as coaxed a resonant thud out of the greensward.

There was a word, often extending to a chat, from the Patron to each of those called to receive his award. The last to step forward, William Aitken (who is twelve), accepted the junior house dormitory championship cup for Abercromby . . . and the cup, being in form of a tankard, the Duke hoped it would not lead astray Abercromby dormitory in general and Boy Aitken in particular. Boy Aitken blushed an assurance.

Anyone with the slightest kenning of the Duke of Edinburgh and his ways quickly understood that his address would be of the briefest duration — for instead of ordering the Victorians to be seated, he allowed the parade to remain afoot.

First, as in honour bound, His Royal Highness broached a sincere compliment on the school's turn-out, deportment and drill. "I mean this; it is no empty compliment, for I know how bad you could have been had you not taken great trouble to be smart.

"I am Patron of this school, and I have not been here before. I am delighted that my visit co-incides with your 50th anniversary, and I am delighted to have met some of the First Hundred boys I hope many of you will be encouraged by the success of the First Hundred.

"Well done," he said to the prize-winners. "There's an odd thing about prizes. It's very nice to have them, but if you don't win any it doesn't make the slightest bit of difference — so there's hope for you all.

"I remember taking part in this sort of thing, when I was at school, and one thing I remember is that the one thing no one could recall is what the chap said who made the speech. And so I'm not going to take up any more of your time.

"There is just one thing I'd like to say. You will never get anywhere in life if you only think of yourself, whatever the work is

that you do. It is what you put into life that matters, not what you take out.

"Life is like a bucket; you can't take anything out until you've put something into it."

Led by the Senior Monitor the school then doffed bonnets and gave three rousing cheers for the Duke. Straightway the ranks re-formed, and marched off parade to the pipes and drums playing "Queen Victoria School Jubilee March," the march composed specially for the occasion by Pipe-Major J. McC. Sanderson, a stalwart of the school staff for close on eighteen years.

Other past and present members of the staff and their wives were presented to Prince Philip by the Commandant. They included Major James Cosgrove, R.A.E.C., an old Victorian himself and now administrative officer at the school, and Mrs Cosgrove.

Former staff presented were Lieut.-Col. G. E. Hull, late Royal Scots, Commandant 1939-40, and 1944-49; Lieut.-Col. R. F. Nason, late Seaforth Highlanders, Commandant, 1950-57; Mr R. H. Lax, Bandmaster, 1931-56; Mr W. J. Gutteridge, P.T. instructor and groundsman, 1933-57; Mr W. Sinton, plumber, 1921-50; Mr G. Dowling, Mr P. Simons.

Serving staff and their ladies were Mrs. A. M. Finlaison, wife of the Commandant; Mrs A. L. Fowler, wife of the Headmaster; Mr and Mrs J. Stewart; Major and Mrs E. G. Hitchman; Major and Mrs C. J. Baker; Mr H. Brown; Mr N. C. Bruce; Mr and Mrs Hughes; Mr and Mrs V. H. Le Maistre; Mr and Mrs G. Reid; Mrs Ross; Capt. and Mrs A. Bennett; the Rev. and Mrs A. N. Jamieson; Major and Mrs J. Cosgrove; Miss E. M. Neale, R.R.C., late Q.A.R.A.N.C.; Mrs G. Lowdon, wife of the Regimental Sergeant-Major; Mrs T. Ogilvie; Mrs W. Morton; Mr W. Bull; Mr J. Diamond; and Mr J. Monaghan.

In the Commissioners' pavilion, wherein the Duke of Edinburgh signed the visitors' book, there was set out a model of the school showing the proposed new buildings which are likely to be started in about eighteen months' time.

Tea and presentations over, His Royal Highness watched displays of Highland dancing and physical training by the boys, culminating in the spectacle of beating Retreat by the Victorians' pipes and drums.

As ever, the dancing was immaculate and clearly demonstrated that this is purely and simply a masculine province. Mr J. Mortimer who piped the tunes, also trained the dancers.

Mr G. Reid's pupils in the P.T. display as well showed every sign of sound training with their precision and confidence.

An entirely unrehearsed incident, however, that all but stole the limelight — a toddler decided that the arena was the place to show her paces, and she made a determined effort to accomplish the voluntary equivalent of a Royal Command performance. A brief but spirited chase by Col. Trotter (who is over six feet tall) ended with her capture, and she was restored all laughing to an anxious parent.

Beating of Retreat was the finale of a glorious Grand Day, with "The Battle's O'er" for Retreat march followed by "The Rowan Tree"

and "My Native Highland Home" in slow and quick time respectively for counter-marching; then Strathspey ("Captain Horne") and reel ("The Highway to Linton") preceded by the "Atholl and Breadalbane" march.

Now the Duke of Edinburgh received Boy Drum-Major E. Bruce's salute as permission was sought to march off, and Boy Bruce received Royal congratulations on as fine a Retreat performance as has been seen of the Victorians.

Piper-Major J. McC. Sanderson can never have had cause to be prouder of his pipers, while Drum-Major D. Legg — in his first year at the school — shared in the triumph.

So the clock neared half-past five, and the pipes and drums marched off to "Victorians" and "Hielan' Laddie" and to a thunderous round of applause.

The day was all but over. It remained for the Duke to begin his farewells, and to walk a lane between crowds lined with a scarlet-and-sombre border of Victorians to his car at the farther end of the field. The Band of the Scots Guards, under the baton of Col. S. Rhodes, played the National Anthem.

Cheers rose on the early evening air, the personal standard of His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, with its leopards and castle, cross and pallets, was hauled down as the school sped its Patron on to the high road to Edinburgh.

During his visit the Duke had been conducted over the school by Senior Monitors John Fairbairn and Joseph K. Sim, and he had seen the exhibition in the band room of work done by the boys.

Among the pictures the watercolours and a pastel by A. A. Blackie were outstanding, notable alike for draughtsmanship (particularly in a drawing of the school baths under reconstruction) and sense and use of colour. Blackie is staying on for another year, and it may be then that he follows in the footsteps of two distinguished predecessors in John Wilson and Keith Gavigan, both of whom left in 1956 for Glasgow School of Art and each of whom had on view examples of their post-Victorian work to point proof that they are fulfilling their promise.

A great deal of talent was evident in the pictures made by the boys, and it was plain to see that they are taught with much care and no pedantry; and the same signs proclaimed the pottery, woodwork, metalwork and other handicrafts. All this allied to solid academic success and no mean achievements on the playing fields adds up to yet another confirmation of "The Queen Victoria School is unique in Scotland."

Yet while it is fitting and proper to salute staff and pupils, it is also salutary to bear in mind a tradition not so much of the school as sought and nurtured by the school—"The principal recommendation for admission is the service and character of the father."

And as is to be expected, many an Old Victorian has sired a Victorian son.

Old Boy Visitors

- 7/ 8/58—G. E. Morris, Chatham, Kent.
 10/ 8/58—W. Sweeney, Leuchars, Fife.
 „ —H. Murray, Leuchars, Fife.
 „ —J. A. MacFarlane, Perth.
 15/ 8/58—A. J. Chaddoch (No. 979), London.
 23/ 8/58—I. Dunn, H.M.S. Fulmar, R.N.
 29/ 8/58—D. McLeay (No. 325), Goolwa, South Australia.
 30/ 8/58—J. Cameron, Menstrie.
 16/ 9/58—T. Seaton, Nantwich.
 21/ 9/58—William Peden (No. 530), Wigan.
 „ —Ernest Peden (No. 575), Edinburgh.
 24/ 9/58—G. Gillies, Perth.
 28/ 9/58—W. R. Culbard, Bridge of Allan.
 „ —R. Veasey, Glasgow.
 „ —R. Marshall, Glasgow.
 7/10/58—Frank Hetherington (No. 472), London.
 12/10/58—A. McDonald, Glasgow.

New Boys

- 2789 Anderson, W. C.—Grenadier Guards.
 2790 Broughton, A. L.—A.T.S.
 2791 Clark, N. R.—R.A.F.
 2792 Cooper, A. M.—A.T.S.
 2793 Cormack, D. S. E.—R.A.S.C.
 2794 Coulter, D. T. W.—R.A.E.C.
 2795 Donaldson, N. S.—R.A.
 2796 Doyle, Archibald—K.O.S.B.
 2797 Fraser, D. S.—R.A.M.C.
 2798 Fraser, I.—R.E.
 2799 Fraser, J. P.—Royal Scots.
 2800 Hughes, T. D.—R.A.
 2801 Jeffery, J. C. R.—Scots Guards.
 2802 Kay, B. A.—R.S.F.
 2803 Knowles, Roy Ian—R.N.
 2804 Legg, G. P.—A. & S.H.
 2807 Michael, A. McG.—R.A.F.
 2805 Lord, I. R.—Royal Tank Regiment.
 2806 Marshall, D. I.—R.A.O.C.
 2808 Mullen, D. J.—A. & S.H.
 2809 McConnell, N.—A.C.C.
 2810 McKenzie, L.—R.A.S.C.
 2811 McLean, J. S.—Q.O.C.H.
 2812 McNeill, A. S.—R.A.F.
 2813 McNeill, R. J.—R.A.F.
 2814 MacRae, H. MacG.—R.A.F.
 2815 Nix, D. A.—Black Watch.
 2816 Oliver, J. D.—A. & S.H.
 2817 Owens, M. J.—A. & S.H.
 2818 Paterson, H. A.—R.A.
 2819 Scott, D. V.—Q.O.C.H.
 2820 Sharp, J. R.—R.A.S.C.
 2821 Smith, K. S.—R.A.
 2822 Smith, R. I.—R.A.F.
 2823 Stevenson, C. W.—Q.O.C.H.
 2824 Stewart, W. P. L.—Seaforths.
 2825 Sycamore, J. A.—R.S.F.
 2826 Tiernan, B. J.—Royal Scots.
 2827 Trusswell, C. G. M.—R.A.
 2828 Turnbull, P. B.—R.A.S.C.
 2829 Warwood, A. I.—London Scottish.
 2830 Warwood, D. E.—London Scottish.
 2831 Washington, A. M.—Scots Guards.
 2832 Wilkinson, T. J.—Gordon Highlanders.
 2833 Wright, R.—R.A.F.
 2834 Clater, R. D.—Royal Scots Greys.
 2835 Killey, M. H.—R.N.

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- 2414 Anderson, R.—H.M. Customs and Excise.
 2453 Fitzpatrick, B.—Gordon's College, Aberdeen.
 2443 McKillop, J.—Scottish School of Physical Education or Civil Service.
 2423 Sim, J.—Cranwell.
 2454 Welsh, G. H.—Edinburgh University.
 2369 Fairbairn, J. A.—Civilian life.
 2502 Pooke, F. A.—Emigrating to Australia.
 2587 Logan, R. J. V. C.—Welbeck.
 2534 McDonald, M. B.—Wireless Operator.
 2550 Airnes, J. P.—N.C.B. Electrician.
 2568 Aimers, N. K.—Electrical Engineering.
 2571 Culbard, W.—Engineering.
 2545 Cummings, R. R.—Forestry.
 2616 Dunbar, J.—Marine Engineering.
 2580 Forbes, A.—Army Apprentice School.
 2593 Kerr, J.—Apprentice Motor Mechanic.
 2572 Lawson, E. G.—Apprentice Fitter.
 2564 Leigh, E. A.—Apprentice Patternmaker.
 2596 McColl, P.—Painter and Decorator.
 2533 McDonald, A. J.—Farming.
 2575 McNicol, D.—Apprentice Fitter.
 2563 Marshall, R. J.—Wireless Operator.
 2566 Murphy, J.—Dundee Trades College.
 2592 Nisbet, D. T.—Civilian Life.
 2569 Sheach, D. M.—Painter and Decorator.
 2658 Strachan, M. J. F.—Apprentice Draughtsman.
 2623 Thomson, R. F.—Engineering.
 2573—Veasey, R.—Apprentice Electrician.
 2567 Carcary, B. J.—Woodworker.
 2629 Docherty, J.—Police Cadet.
 2578 Collins, W. W.—Marine Engineering.
 2610 Pooke, D.—Emigrating to Australia.
 2514 MacDonald, A. C.—British-American Tobacco Company, Bristol.

Lament of a Prefect

The Prefects, Monitors and such,
 Whom Q.V. boys say get too much,
 Have a hard life not void of care,
 With moody masters and crew cut hair.

We have a toaster sure enough
 But, when we toast, some folk get tough
 And say, with discontented air,
 "That odour goes right up the stair."

We're allowed on pass in civilian clothes
 But certain people don't like those
 They say, "You must have clothes serene!
 No ties of black or blue or green."

And when we try these folk to please,
 And step upcringing on our knees,
 They chase us, saying, "Go on, scram!
 And do some work for that exam."

And so you privates one and all
 Yours is the life which is best of all.
 Oh hear us when we cry to thee
 For those prefects in peril in Q.V.

R. C. Chessar, Form V.

The School Medals

THE PRIMUS MEDAL

A medal, called the PRIMUS medal, has been awarded annually at the School ever since it began to the best boy in character, general ability and leadership who is not over 15 years old. It is a fine silver medal on a dark blue ribbon, and is officially authorised to be worn on the left breast in ceremonial dress while the wearer is at School. The first medal was awarded in 1910 when the first boys who had joined in 1908 had been long enough at the School for one to emerge as predominant. It has always been considered as the outstanding prize at School. The names of the winners are inscribed on brass plates running round the main hall. There have been fifty of them beginning with A. W. Macdonald in 1910 and ending in recent years with P. Gibson, D. Hastie, A. Blackie, R. Chessar, and G. Ferrier. On two occasions it has been awarded twice in succession to the same boy: to E. V. C. Hayes in 1915 and 1916, and to W. J. Macdonald in 1933 and 1934. What exceptional boys they must have been.

The medal was clearly restricted to boys of the age of 15 because until quite recently very few boys stayed on after they were 15. To give the medal to an older boy would have meant selection from a very restricted field. It is interesting to consider the names of the winners and to see how many of them have done really well in life; thereby disproving the theory, which is occasionally put forward, that boys who do well at school have merely matured early and never do well anywhere else.

THE DUX MEDAL

In recent years more boys have stayed on at School beyond the age of 15, and in 1933 a second medal called the Dux medal, similar to the Primus medal in design and ribbon, was introduced for the boy of any age with the best academic record. At present the names of the winners of this medal are not recorded on brass plates and, as the recipients are almost always just leaving School, they do not have the same chance as the holders of the Primus medal to wear their medals at church each Sunday and on special occasions such as Grand Day. The holders of the Dux medal in recent years have been: 1953 and 1954—A. S. Murray; 1955 and 1956—W. A. Jones; 1957—P. Gibson; 1958—J. K. Sim.

THE PRINCE PHILIP MEDAL

When His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, our Patron, visited the School on the Jubilee Grand Day last July he presented both the Primus and Dux medals to G. Ferrier and J. K. Sim respectively, and noted the brass plates of the Primus medal round the main hall. Some days later a letter was received from Buckingham Palace saying that His Royal Highness wished, if it was thought appropriate, the Primus medal to be called in future the Prince Philip medal. Her Majesty's Commissioners were very pleased to agree to this proposal, which clearly indicated the interest of

His Royal Highness in the School and his appreciation of the very high regard in which the Primus medal is held here. This medal will therefore now be called the Prince Philip medal. A brass plate with the new title has been put up in the main hall and the names of the holders will continue to be recorded round the walls. The Prince Philip medal takes over, therefore, in direct succession to the Primus medal but strengthened by being now connected with the name and the personal interest of our patron, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

Three New Trophies

The School has been fortunate in receiving in recent months three new trophies for annual competition. Two of these have been the gift of Old Boys and one has been presented by the Royal Army Educational Corps.

THE SILVER BUGLE

A silver bugle has been presented by the London Branch of the Old Victorians' Association to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the School. This fine bugle will be carried on parade by the champion drummer. The names of the boys who have held it will be engraved on the bugle which will thus provide in due course a record of the outstanding drummers of the School.

THE WAVELL CUP

The Royal Army Education Corps have presented a particularly handsome Silver Quail to the School. This is one of several trophies which the Corps have given to various boys' training units and schools, both in the United Kingdom and overseas, in memory of Major the Earl Wavell, M.C., The Black Watch, the second Earl who, after being wounded in Burma, served for many years with the Royal Army Education Corps, before returning to his regiment and being killed on active service with it in Kenya. Lord Wavell was devoted to the training of boys in character and leadership and was himself an outstanding personality and leader. The School is proud to possess this trophy, which will be awarded annually, as is the wish of the Countess Wavell, Lord Wavell's mother, to the boy showing most enterprise and leadership in outdoor pursuits, not necessarily games.

THE FIRST HUNDRED TROPHY

Considerable efforts were made to trace as many as possible of the first hundred boys who joined the School in 1908 in order that they might be present at the Golden Jubilee Parade and be inspected by His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Most of the work in this connection was done by Mr H. J. Harrison of Edinburgh. On Grand Day, 1958, about 45 of the First Hundred assembled at the School and agreed to present

a trophy to mark their re-union. Early in November, 1958, Mr Harrison came to Dunblane and presented to the Commandant at a small ceremony a very fine silver cup which is to be awarded annually to the best section of the School Army Cadet Force company. This is the first trophy to be held by the School Cadet Force and will be particularly prized by them.

The School is most grateful for the kind thoughts which have prompted the donors to give these splendid trophies to us. They will be a recurring inspiration to those who compete for them.

Rugby

Captain—G. G. Ferrier.

Secretary—A. A. Blackie.

We had a successful season 1957-58 and due to this we requested our opponents to upgrade our fixtures where possible. The results show that the upgrading has caught up with the lower



XVs who are now playing about equal strength, but our 1st XV have had a good start to the season. They have defeated Dollar Academy 2nd XV, Fettes College 3rd XV (upgraded fixtures), Strathallan 3rd XV, A'loa Academy 1st XV, Glenalmond 4th XV and Morrison's Academy 3rd XV, and lost to Stirling High School 1st XV.

Unfortunately, in the last three fixtures we have been without our captain, I. F. Scott, who injured his collar bone, and R. Watson, scrum leader, who injured his ankle in a House match.

1st XV Players—I. F. Scott (colours 1957-58); G. G. Ferrier (colours 1957-58); A. A. Blackie (colours 1958-59); A. Bethune; A. Hamilton (colours 1958-59); J. Rennie; H. Miller; J. Finlay; D. Ray (colours 1958-59); C. Geary; R. Chessar; G. Strachan; A. Leitch; E. Bruce (colours 1958-59); D. Aitchison; R. Watson (colours 1958-59); G. Thomson; H. Johnston.

The lower XVs continue to practice and to improve. Much credit must go to the Masters who coach them:—1st XV—Mr Brown; 2nd XV—Capt. Ashworth; 3rd XV—Mr Hughes; 4th XV—Capt. Bennett; 5th XV—Mr Reid; 6th and 7th XVs—Mr Jamieson.

Results for Season 1958-59 up to Saturday, 15th November, 1958:—

	P	W	L	F	A
1st XV	7	6	1	129	48
2nd XV	3	2	1	28	32
3rd XV	7	5	2	99	61
4th XV	5	4	1	54	12
5th XV	3	2	1	31	57
6th XV	5	3	2	47	29
7th XV	1	0	1	0	5

3rd XV under 14½ years; 4th XV under 13½ years (2nd year "A"); 5th XV under 13½ years (2nd year "B"); 6th XV under 13 years (1st year "A"); 7th XV under 13 years (1st year "B").

Primary Football

As only two of last year's 1st XI were available an almost completely new team had to be built up. This was not easy because the boys coming into the School do not have the football

background of the local schools where many boys spend every available minute in kicking a ball round the playground. However, a team was produced and it has remained very stable except for one position, centre - forward. Here four players have been tried without success, and the only possible solution left seems to be to try out the goalkeeper, R. Wright, who has played well in that position in inter-dormitory matches.



Of the five matches played, four have been lost and one drawn. But the goals for and against tell a much more favourable story. Each game lost has been by only one goal and the team has never lost more than two goals. Seven goals lost in five games shows that we have a good defence and so it is the forwards who must take the blame. However, they do not lack skill, but rather height and weight, and so they are rather too easily brushed aside by a resolute defence.

The regular team players are:—R. Wright, McConnell, Washington, Murtagh, Aitchison, Brown, Allan, Thomson, Miller (captain), Stevenson and J. Wright. Others who have also played for the School are McMillan, Brough and Kilcullen.

For the rest of the season the team is certain to improve as it gets more experience, and we are looking forward to more close games but this time with the goal margin in favour of Q.V.S.

Athletics

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS AMATEUR ATHLETIC MEETING

This year all our outstanding athletes moved up a grade, thus our hope for success was not bright, however, J. Docherty, 220 yards; R. Watson, 440 yards; and I. Scott, javelin, all gained Standard Medals.

A.C.F.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

R. Watson, 440 yards, and I. Scott, javelin, represented the Scottish A.C.F. at this meeting and both won their events.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Mr Finlay, the master in charge of this sport, has not had much opportunity to assess his talent as rugby has had first call. Only small groups of 1st and 2nd year boys have been round the course.

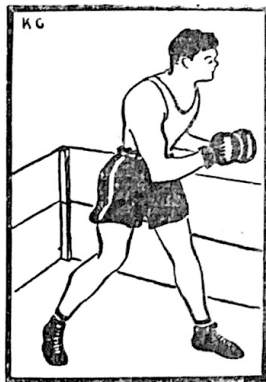


This sport has been given a new boost since the Swimming Baths were renovated. The normal swimming periods are most popular and these are augmented by Clubs. Mr Malkowski takes beginners' classes as well as speed swimming. Mr Reid has a speed swimming class and a group working for the awards of the Royal Life Saving Society. This year the class hopes to gain 17 Intermediate Certificates, 17 Bronze Medallions, 8 Bronze Crosses, 3 Scholars' Instructors Certificates, 3 Instructors' Certificates, and 4 Awards of Merit. The examination for these will be held in December.

The annual swimming gala will take place on 8th December.

Boxing

Practice for the Individual Inter-House (Senior) Championship continues under the coaching of Mr Stewart, and the championships have now reached the semi-final stages. This year 97 boys



entered for this competition and were divided into 14 groups according to age and weight. The preliminary rounds have been most entertaining and we look forward to the semi-finals and finals.

The Junior House Individual Inter-Dormitory Championships will take place in January and at present Mr Martin is coaching the Juniors.

Morrison's Academy has been approached regarding our annual competition with them. So far there has been no reply. This competition will be held in the School in February next year.

Cricket

The First XI had a fairly successful season winning four and losing two matches out of a total of eight played. It was a rather dreary cricket season, and although only two fixtures were cancelled owing to rain, most of the games were played in damp weather on soft

wickets. I do not remember one match being played on a hard, fast wicket, and consequently Scott, from whom so much was expected at the beginning of the season, did not do as well as we had hoped. Owing to the ground conditions, Anderson relied mainly on his slow off spin bowling, and did very well. Mention has already been made, in the previous "Victorian," of his feat in taking all ten wickets for 17 runs against Stirling High School. Towards the end of the season Welsh bowled slow left arm to good effect and actually had the best average. He bowled very well in House matches. Apart from a disastrous collapse against Alloa Academy due to lack of spirit, the batting was fairly solid with Sim, Blackie, Anderson and Scott all making runs from time to time. Sim was particularly good, being watchful in defence, but hitting hard when the opportunity occurred. He played a very good innings against the staff.

At last, after many years, the School team triumphed over the Staff XI, and in order to mark the Jubilee year, won a convincing victory. The School batting was very solid, as the score shows, and the Staff batting in contrast was completely inadequate to deal with the bowling of Anderson. Captain Bennett was almost entirely responsible for the Staff's meagre total of runs. The full score is appended.

STAFF XI

Ashworth, c Fitzpatrick, b Anderson	1
Reid, run out	0
Hughes, b Anderson	3
Cosgrove, b Anderson	0
Bennett, b Anderson	17
Baker, b Anderson	4
Brown, c and b Anderson	4
Blakemore, not out	0
Jamieson, c Sim, b Anderson	4
Bruce, l.b.w., b Welsh	1
Finlay, b Anderson	1
Extras	0
Total	35

Anderson, 8 wickets for 22 runs; Welsh, 1 wicket for 4 runs.

Q.V.S. XI

Sim, l.b.w., b Hughes	31
Blackie, l.b.w., b Hughes	0
Scott, l.b.w., b Bruce	24
Anderson, b Ashworth	1
Welsh, l.b.w., b Bennett	11
Miller, not out	10
Leigh, not out	5
McKillop, Fitzpatrick, Fairbairn, and Thomson did not bat.	
Extras	5
Total	(for 5 wickets) 88



Hughes, 2 wickets for 16 runs; Bruce, 1 wicket for 18 runs; Bennett, 1 wicket for 3 runs; Ashworth, 1 wicket for 10 runs.

The Second and Third XIs did quite well. As always, in the case of cricket, the bowling was better than the batting. In the 3rd XI, McMillan and McLaughlan turned in some good bowling performances, and were assisted from time to time by Matthews.

We should like to praise particularly the 4th XI, the First Year XI, who only lost one match, and that by a narrow margin. We are sure that this eleven are grateful to Mr Brown for his coaching, which had so much to do with their success. The bowling and batting honours go to Laughlan, Finlay, and Hill, and we expect good performances from these three in the coming seasons.

R.E.H.

Scottish Country Dancing

This class meets every second Saturday evening and a large number of senior boys attend. The girls from the Cathedral and St. Blane's Youth Fellowship partner the boys.

Gym Team

"Grand Day" may seem a long way off but this team has started preparing for their display. The School now has a trampette which can be used as a spring board, so last year's disaster of the spring board breaking in the middle of the display has been eradicated. With this new piece of apparatus we hope to make the display more spectacular.

Athletics

School Athletic records have been kept since 1956 when grading by Physical Age rather than Chronological Age was introduced.

Outstanding athlete this year is R. Watson who broke the Open 100, 220 and 440 yards records. R. Chessar jumped 5 ft. 7 ins. to break the existing record by $\frac{1}{2}$ in., R. Anderson added 16 ft. on to his previous javelin throw.

School Prize List

The following prizes were presented in the School Play Hall on 1st July by Colonel Edmund Buchanan, M.C., D.L.:

CLASS PRIZES

Primary — 6b — 1, A. Murtagh; 2, E. Mayo. 6a—1, P. Kay; 2, T. A. G. Milne. 7b—1, C. Robson; 2, D. P. Johnstone. 7a—1, W. Aitken; 2, P. W. Roy.

Secondary—1b—1, J. Laughlan; 2, M. Thomson; 3, J. Johnstone. 1a—1, P. Finlay; 2, M. Nixon.

2b—1, D. McArthur; 2, H. Miller. 2a—1, N. Burrows; 2, A. McGill; 3, J. Kay. 3b—1, E. Leigh; 2, J. Airnes; 3a—1, G. Thomson; 2 (equal)—A. Milne and J. Ross.

Form IV — 1, D. Aitchison; 2, R. Logan. Form V—1, A. S. Hamilton; 2, A. R. Bethune. Form VI—1, J. K. Sim; 2, G. H. Welsh. Science Prize—B. Fitzpatrick.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS

Primary Art—W. Scott. Intermediate Art—A. J. McDonald. Senior Art—A. A. Blackie. Woodwork—G. Ferrier, D. McNicol. Metalwork—R. Marshall, R. Cumming. Technical Drawing—E. Lawson. Eric Drew Memorial French Prize (Senior)—A. A. Blackie. Addison Smith (Public Speaking) Prizes—2, J. Wilkie; 3, N. Burrows.

TRADES PRIZES

Pipes—Boyd Prizes—Class "A"—March, A. A. Blackie; Slow March—A. C. McDonald; Strathspey and Reel—A. C. McDonald. Class "B"—March—H. Miller; Slow March—D. J. McArthur. Class "C" (Chanter)—K. Murray.

Drums and Bugles—Senior Drumming—J. Fee; Bugling—J. McDonald; Tenor Drumming—J. McDonald. Junior Drumming—E. Thomson. Bugling—T. O'Connor.

Highland Dancing—Class "A"—Highland Fling—A. Milne; Sword Dance—J. Murphy. Class "B"—Highland Fling—J. Watters. Best Novice—W. Young. Runner-up to Champion Dancer—V. Edgar. Shaw Stewart Prizes — House Team Dancing—Haig House Team (J. Murphy, R. Mannion, J. R. Fraser, W. Wright).

REGIMENTAL PRIZES

R.A.—J. Wilkie; Corps—R. Anderson; A. & S.H. D. MacLennon; R.A.C.—G. H. Welsh; Black Watch—1 (Wauchope Prize) G. Ferrier, 2 (McKenzie Prize) J. McKillop; Cameronians—J. A. Fairbairn; Cameron Highlanders—I. Scott; Scots Guards—J. K. Sim; H.L.I.—E. Bruce; R.S.F.—R. Mannion; K.O.S.B.—J. McLaughlin; R.N. and R.M.—G. Leaman; Seaforth Highlanders—1 (Association Prize) A. Bethune, Others—J. Rennie, R. Veasey, C. Walker; Royal Scots—T. Gavigan; R.E.—A. Milne; Other Regiments—H. Miller (Gloucesters).

JUNIOR SECONDARY LEAVING CERTIFICATES

B. Carcary, J. Docherty, J. Airnes, K. Amers, W. Collins, R. Cumming, J. Dunbar, I. Johnstone, E. Leigh, E. Lawson, R. Marshall, A. J. McDonald, D. McNicol, D. Sheach, M. Strachan, R. Thomson, R. Veasey, W. Wright.

GENERAL CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION

A. Bethune, J. Fairbairn, D. Ray, A. A. Blackie, A. Hamilton, R. Watson, F. Pooke, B. McDonald.

SCOTTISH LEAVING CERTIFICATES (LOWER)

J. Fairbairn, F. Pooke, D. Ray, Watson.

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A. Bethune, A. A. Blackie, A. Hamilton, R. Anderson, B. Fitzpatrick, J. McKillop, J. K. Sim, G. H. Welsh.

The following prizes and trophies were presented on Grand Day by H.R.H. Prince Philip:

Dux Medal—J. K. Sim. Primus Medal—G. G. Ferrier, Eric Drew Memorial French Prize (Junior) — G. Matthews. Addison Smith (Public Speaking) Prize—D. Aitchison. Cranston Memorial Essay Prize—A. A. Blackie. British Legion Jubilee Prize—J. K. Sim. Award for Best Piper—A. C. McDonald. Best Drummer and Bugler—J. McDonald. Best Highland Dancer—J. Murphy. Best Shot—R. Watson. Wavell House Dormitory Cup — Abercromby Dormitory (received by W. Aitken). House Championship Shield—Haig House (received by G. H. Welsh).

Army Cadet Force

The strength is now 97, composed of 19 cadets holding Pt. II of Certificate "A," 29 holding Pt. I, 4 having a second attempt at Pt. I, and 45 recruits.

For the first time, cadets are in charge of the instruction and, during this term, six squads of Part II candidates have been put through their paces in Rifle Drill and Weapon Training and are about to receive instruction in Map Reading and Section Leading; while 10 squads of Part I candidates have been instructed in Foot Drill and Fieldcraft and will be shortly be learning to read maps and handle a rifle.

It is hoped that despite an early Easter the instruction will be far enough advanced to allow candidates to be presented for the Certificate A tests by the end of the Spring term.

A classification shoot has been held at White-stone Range and of the 15 cadets who took part 4 were classified as marksmen, 5 as first class and 6 as second class.

In June, the Perthshire team was again largely composed of Q.V.S. cadets and we succeeded in retaining the Senior Trophy, but lost the Junior Trophy through dropping the baton in the relay.

Cadet Watson and L/Cpl Scott represented Scotland at the National A.C.F. championships in London in July. Watson won the 440 yards in a time of 53.2 secs. and Scott won the Javelin with a throw of 148 ft. 8 ins.

The annual camp was held at Ardhallo, Dunoon, during July. Forty cadets took part, a number ideally suited for the accommodation. We were entirely self-contained. Mr Lowdon and Mr Mortimer strove valiantly with the cooking, assisted by whoever could be found in the way of defaulters. It was planned to use defaulters also in the Officers' Mess, but the supply was so short that more often than not the chores had to be done by the officers themselves.

Two full days were spent on the range, one with rifle and bren, the other with sniper's rifle, rocket launcher and Energa grenades. Two camping out expeditions were organised, the cadets being left to solve the mystery of erecting three-pole tents, to find water and to do their own cooking.

The cross country map reading exercises were made more difficult by the active participation of

men of the Forestry Commission who stoutly refused to allow cadets to proceed in a straight line to their objectives.

A visit was made to H.M. Submarine Depot Ship, Adamant and we were shown over H.M. Submarine, Tapir, one of the large T class boats.

Church parades were held to the High Kirk and St. Cuthbert's Church, Dunoon, complete with Pipes and Drums, which could just be heard above the clicking of cameras. Leave periods were spent mostly in boating, bathing and dancing, while the money lasted.

A provisional booking has been made for next year for Oban, where we hope to have another fine camp.

A fine trophy to be known as the Golden Jubilee Cup has been presented by the First Hundred Old Boys, to whom we send our thanks. The cup will be held by the best platoon each year. Details of the competition are not yet complete but Certificate A results, 22 and open range shooting will all be included in the contest.

J. S.

Success in Art

Congratulations to W. Scott of Ia, whose painting "Fishing Harbour," was selected to represent the School in the Scottish Art Teachers' Associations' National Exhibition of Child Art, which opened in Perth Art Galleries.

Unfortunately A. A. Blackie's work could not be exhibited, as most of the entries from the Child Art Exhibition are going to America to be shown there; and all Blackie's best work must be here for submission to Glasgow School of Art.

We thought readers who have not seen this year's School Christmas card might like to see the design. It is by A. A. Blackie and was taken from an aerial photograph. It will soon have an historical interest (we hope!) as a view of the School before the new wings were built.

Fog

Fog in the town is a smoky mist caused by the smoke and filth of factories whilst in the glens it is low cloud.

A drab grey blanket covers and blots out everything like a shroud. Street lamps like tall silhouetted shadows hang over the damp pavement, haloed with a dim golden light. A yellow light is visible ahead, growing larger every second. Then it turns into the shadowy form of a vehicle. People stumble into blurred objects ahead of them. Side streets look ghostly and queer. A screech and a grinding of steel and there is an accident caused by lack of visibility.

Travelling on, the fog reaches the hills, changing into a white mist. A lone man is caught in the mist groping around and looking for safety.

A herd of deer, terrified by the mist, sniff around, hoping to find a scent of shelter. After a while the mist clears. The town becomes alive, bustling with activity. The lone man finds safety and the herd of deer chew the grass in their favourite glen.

J. Sharp, P.6a.

HAIG HOUSE

This term we started under our new Housemaster, Mr Stewart.

Sixteen boys have come up from Wavell House to replace the eleven who left last term. This brings our total strength to forty-nine.

There are three House competitions this term—rugby, swimming and boxing—all of which are well under way. We are in a commanding position in the rugby, our 1st XV having won their two games—32-0 against Cunningham House and 16-9 against Trenchard House, after a grim struggle, with one of our best players, Robin Watson, off the field with an injured foot.

The Junior XV have played two matches, beating Cunningham House by 17 points to 6 after a very exciting game, and losing to Trenchard House by 9 points to 3, after another thrilling struggle.

We are losing one of our Prefects, David Ray, at the end of this term, together with James McLaughlin, Douglas McArthur and William Wright.

Thanks to the work of our new Housemaster, Mr Stewart, our Matron, Miss Johnston, who has endeavoured very successfully to keep our kit in good repair, we have had a very happy term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them both, on behalf of the House, a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

D. A. R.

CUUNINGHAM HOUSE

The beginning of the new school year brought with it many changes in the House regarding new faces and appointments. Alexander Blackie is the House Monitor and also the Senior Monitor of the School, while John Rennie, Andrew Leitch and James Finlay are the House Prefects. Many new faces are to be seen in "Hopetoun" Dormitory: William Aitken, Ronald Bowes, Anthony Fallone, Christopher Heron, Donald Johnstone, Alan Faulds, John McDonald, David Maxwell, Kenneth Murray, Keith Newman, Terrence O'Connor, Derek Ritchie, Anthony Sinclair, Robert Tait, and Ronald Watt have joined us from Wavell House, while Hugh McRae and Robert Smith joined the School this term. We welcome them to the House and hope that their time in the Senior School will be a happy and fruitful one.

The House Prefects have been busy on every available Saturday morning training the rugger team for the House matches. So far we have been beaten by the other Houses, but the teams have put up a very gallant fight and kept a good team spirit throughout the games. The 1st XV has still to play one match at the time of writing and we look forward to the results of the match with some degree of confidence.

We also have high hopes in the boxing competition. The House is well represented in this sphere and there have been some encouraging results in the preliminary bouts.

In the Hallowe'en celebrations the House made its mark with the lanterns. Michael Thomson and Victor Edgar gained prizes for their artistic carving of the humble turnip, but unfortunately

the apple dooking resulted in rather more water being displaced than apples.

The House Monitor and Prefects embarked on a hiking expedition round Loch Tay during the half term holiday, a round tramp of some eighty miles. They were away for four nights and braved the elements and hazards of the mountain tracks, living in bivouac tents and cooking their own food over a primus stove in true wayfarers' style. They returned triumphant, although a little footsore, after completing the course which they had set out to cover. It was noticeable on the night of their return that their lights were out at 9.30 p.m., the silence being disturbed only by a quartet of snores.

Ian Johnstone left us in the middle of the term and has gone to live in his home town of Woking. We wish him success and happiness in his chosen career.

N. C. B.

WAVELL HOUSE

Head Boy—Thomson, E.

Dormitory Captains—

Abercromby—Thomson, E. Lynedoch—Kay, P.

Moore—Milne, T. A. G.

Captain of Football—Miller

As usual at the beginning of the school year we welcomed a large contingent of new boys. Needless to say, the newness did not last for long, and all have now settled down cheerfully. We welcome Johnstone and McLennan as Prefects, both of whom have already won our respect and affection by their firmness and interest in our welfare.

The opening few weeks of the term were marked by perfect cricket weather, but the heavy rain which inevitably followed meant Cross-country runs for football. However up to the time of writing we have played five school matches, and on one occasion, against Bannockburn, we turned out a second XI as well. Details of the football will be found elsewhere. So far two inter-dormitory games have been played, so we still have no certain knowledge who will win the cup.

Swimming has been very popular this term, and most boys in the House can now swim at least a breadth. We are grateful to Mr Malkowski for spending so much time with us in the baths, and also to Mr Martin for devoting two evenings a week to the boxers, who are making great strides. The Boxing Competitions will take place next term and we hope that Mr Martin's efforts will be then fully justified by the performances. Other hobbies this term have included Stamp Collecting, Model Railway Construction (with the Chaplain) and a mysterious but much enjoyed period with Captain Monteith which has no name, but apparently alternates between play reading, quizzes and general discussion.

Everyone in the House disappeared for the half term holiday except Milne who was unfortunate enough to have a sore throat in the school hospital. This break was followed by the Hallowe'en and Fireworks Party, which was much enjoyed. Certain members of the House did well in the Dooking for Apples Competition. The

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uncharitable might say they had big mouths!

The health of the House has been good and vaccinations and inoculations have been cheerfully endured and forgotten about. The only illness of any consequence has been that of Willy Anderson, who is in Perth Royal Infirmary. He is getting much better however and will be back with us after Christmas.

By the time these notes are published the term will almost be over, and we shall all be looking forward to Christmas. May we all have a merry Christmas, a good holiday and a happy new year.

TRENCHARD HOUSE

There really seems little to be recorded since the last issue except for welcomes and farewells. At the end of last term we said goodbye to Prefects Anderson (now in the Scottish Department of Agriculture), Fitzpatrick (Robert Gordon's Technical College, Aberdeen), and McDonald (with a Bristol subsidiary of the British American Tobacco Company), and also to J. Docherty, E. Leigh, R. Marshall, F. Pooke, J. Strachan, R. Thomson, and R. Veasey. To all of these—good fortune, health and happiness and the hope that we shall see them again soon.

The following have joined us from Wavell House:—P. Barbour, S. Donaldson, K. Douglas, C. Greenhorn, D. Keltie, J. Kilcullen, S. Marshall, I. McConnell, J. McFadzean, R. McKenzie, C. Robson, G. Ross, I. Savill, G. Scott, J. Watters, and W. Young. May each in his way make his mark both in House and School, and give of his best to both.

Congratulations to John McDonald on being awarded the Silver Bugle and to J. Fee on winning the competition for Side-Drummers. Incidentally, we would point out that six of the eight School drummers are from this House—a sound foundation for the skiffle group whose harmonies echo down the corridors and prove an irresistible lure to gatecrashers. A lone cornet replies from the distant outpost of our territory.

The rugby, boxing and swimming House competitions have yet to be fought out. Prophecy is rash but we shall certainly do our best to carry forward a satisfactory total of points into the New Year.

We learn with interest that the Government has decided to erect at public expense a statue of the great airman, the "Father of the Royal Air Force," whose name we bear.

E. H.

Dancing Notes

We have not had any engagements this term, but we are still enjoying our two dancing periods every week.

A number of junior boys have come up into the senior dancing this term, and they are settling down well among the senior boys.

Mr Mortimer is now giving us instruction in Scottish Country Dancing, which is very enjoyable. At the same time we are still keeping up a high standard of Highland Dancing.

Major Cosgrove, a former Monitor and champion dancer of the School, is now President

of the Dancing, and takes a very keen interest in it, helping the junior boys whenever possible.

W. R. WRIGHT.

Drum Notes

Since the last edition of our Drum Notes, there has been very little activity in the Drum Store, save for the weekly practices.

There has been only one engagement this term and that was at Gleneagles Hotel. We suffered the misfortune of having our engagement at Hampden Park for the Scotland v. Ireland match cancelled. However, we are looking forward to February when we shall go to Murrayfield for the rugby international.

On Remembrance Sunday several buglers travelled to various places to sound the "Last Post" at the Remembrance services.

We must congratulate Drum Major Legg for the notable improvement in the standard of the drumming. Thanks to him, there are several young drummers ready to fill any vacant place in the Pipe Band. Those worthy of mentioning are R. Logan, M. Aitken and D. McInnes.

Finally, we end this term's edition of Drum Notes in wishing Drum Major Legg and his family and all Victorian readers, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

E. BRUCE.

Junior Camp, 1958

There have been quite a few "new" things about this yearly feature of our school life.

The first innovation was the site. This time we pitched our tents on the picturesque shores of Loch Awe, under the ruins of Kilchurn Castle.

Secondly, we have at last stopped pretending that it was a "scout camp" and called it simply the "Junior Camp of Queen Victoria School." The name probably made hardly any difference as our whole school life at its best is in many aspects akin to scouting, but it feels always good to stop "pretending," while carrying on "doing."

The last innovation, and a most successful one, was the active presence of two of the fathers of the boys. Without the willing and efficient help of W.O.I. Monaghan during the whole duration of the camp, and of Flt.-Lt. Richardson during the second part of it, the camp could not have been such a success.

The remaining aspects of this venture were quite traditional. The weather was kind enough to allow us to pitch the camp and to strike it in sunshine, but unfortunately this was as far as its "kindness" would go; it was pouring rain with short spells of drizzle for the rest of the time.

We did have some swimming, but, owing to the atmospheric conditions, fishing was the main activity. The aggregate bag would probably amount to a four figure number, most of it perch, eel and pike, with one 2 lb. trout to crown the basket. The prize for the heaviest single catch should certainly go to Boy Aitken who managed to hook quite securely his friend Hugh MacRae. The Camp Commander, who had to carry that particular catch to the main road, should have a good idea of its weight.



THE SCHOOL AFTER SNOW — a scraperboard drawing by A. A. Blackie, Form VI.

SCHOOL ROLL

FORM VI

- AITCHISON, D. McK.**—Prefect.
G.C.E. English, History, French, Maths.
First Form Prize Form IV 1957-58.
Addison Smith Public Speaking Prize 1st.
Colours: Swimming.
Bronze Medallion, Scholars Instructors Certificate and Award of Merit, R.L.S.S.
2nd XV. 2nd XI
- BETHUNE, A. R.**—Monitor.
Head of Trenchard House.
G.C.E.: S.L.C.
S.L.C. Maths (H), English, History, French, Science (L), Pass in Arithmetic.
2nd Form Prize Form V 1957-58.
Regimental Prize Seaforth Highlanders' Association Prize 1957-58.
1st XV.
- BLACKIE, A. A.**—Senior Monitor.
Head of Cunningham House.
G.C.E.: S.L.C. (H)
S.L.C. Art. English (H), History, Maths, French (L).
Senior Art Prize 1957-58.
Eric Drew Memorial French Prize 1957-58.
Cranston Memorial Essay Prize 1957-58.
Piping Class "A" March 1st.
Pipe-Major 1957-58.
Colours: Cricket, Rugby.
1st XV: 1st XI.
- HAMILTON, A. S.**
G.C.E., S.L.C. (H).
S.L.C. English, Maths (H), History, Science (L), Pass in Arithmetic.
1st Form Prize Form V 1957-58.
Colours: Rugby.
1st XV.
- RAY, D. A. G.**—Prefect.
G.C.E.: S.L.C. (L).
S.L.C. English, Maths, Science (L).
Colours: Rugby.
1st XV.
- WATSON, R. M.**—Prefect.
G.C.E.: S.L.C. (L).
S.L.C. English, History, Maths, French, Science (L)
Champion Shot 1957-58.
School Sports 1957-58 broke Open 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards School records.
Scottish Schools A.A. 440 yards Standard Medal.
A.C.F. "A" National Championships, London, 1958. Represented A.C.F. Scotland in 440 yards: won.
Colours: Rugby: Athletics: Cross-country.
1st XV.

FORM V

- BRUCE, E.**—Prefect.
G.C.E.: English Language, French.
Regimental Prize Highland Light Infantry 1957-58.
Drum Major 1957-58.
Colours: Rugby.
1st XV: 2nd XV (Captain).
Bronze Medallion and Instructor's Certificate R.L.S.S.
- CHESSAR, R.**—Prefect.
G.C.E.: English Language, French, Maths.
1st XV.
- MACLENNAN, D. A.**—Prefect.
G.C.E.: English Language, History, French, Maths.
Regimental Prize: Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders 1957-58.
2nd XV: 2nd XI.
- MASTERSON, N. R.**—Prefect.
G.C.E.: French.
2nd XV: 2nd XI.

- RENNIE, J. W.**—Prefect.
G.C.E.: English Language, History.
Regimental Prize: Seaforth Highlanders 1957-58.
Colours: Rugby.
1st XV: 2nd XI.

FORM IV

- FERRIER, G. G.**—Monitor.
Head of Wavell House.
Primus Medal 1957-58.
Woodwork Prize 1957-58.
Regimental Prize: Black Watch (Wauchope) 1957-58.
Victor Ludorum 1957-58.
Colours: Rugby, Athletics.
1st XV (captain): 2nd XI.
- FINLAY, J. W. E.**—Prefect.
Colour: Cross-country.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
1st XV.
- GEARY, C.**
1st XV.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
- JOHNSTON, H. B.**—Prefect.
2nd XV.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
- LEAMAN, G. R.**
Regimental Prize: R.N. and R.M. 1957-58.
2nd XV: 2nd XI.
- LEITCH, A. D.**—Prefect.
1st XV: 1st XI.
- MILNE, A. G. W.**—Prefect.
2nd Form Prize IIIa.
Regimental Prize: Royal Engineers 1957-58.
Senior Dancer.
Dancing Competition, Class "A," Fling 1st.
2nd XV: 2nd XI.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
- ROSS, J. A.**
2nd Form Prize IIIa.
2nd XV.
- THOMSON, G. M. D.**
1st Form Prize IIIa.
2nd XV: 1st XI.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
- WILKIE, J. W.**
Addison Smith Public Speaking 2nd Prize 1957-58.
Regimental Prize: Royal Artillery 1957-58.
2nd XV (Captain); 2nd XI.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
- WRIGHT, W. R.**

FORM IIIa

- BARBOUR, T.**
2nd XV: 2nd XI.
- BIRD, R. L.**
3rd XV: 3rd XI.
- BURROWS, N.**
Addison Smith Public Speaking Prize 3rd 1957-58.
1st Form Prize IIa.
3rd XV: 3rd XI.
- FRASER, J. R.**
4th XV: 3rd XI.
- GAVIGAN, T. D.**
Regimental Prize: Royal Scots 1957-58.
3rd XV.
- HIDE, J.**
5th XV. Chapel Orderly.
- KAY, J. G.**
3rd Form Prize IIa.
3rd XV. Chapel Orderly.
- McGILL, A. J.**
2nd Form Prize IIa.
3rd XV.

THE VICTORIAN

McINTOSH, R. G.
3rd XV (Captain). 3rd XI.
McLAUGHLIN, J. L.
Regimental Prize: K.O.S.B. 1957-58.
3rd XV: 3rd XI (Captain)..
MATTHEWS, G.
Eric Drew Memorial French Prize (Junior)
1957-58.
3rd XV: 3rd XI.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
MAXWELL, R.
3rd XV.
Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.
MILLER, H.
2nd Form Prize IIB.
Piping Competition: Best Piper Class "B."
Regimental Prize: Other Regiments
(G'oucesters) 1957-58.
1st XV: 1st XI.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
OWENS, D. R.
2nd XV: 3rd XI.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
ROY, R. N.
3rd XV: 3rd XI.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
WALKER, C. C.
Regimental Prize: Seaforth Highlanders
1957-58.
2nd XV (Captain): 1st XI.
WATT, M. D.
3rd XV.

FORM IIIb

BAIRD, D. C.
3rd XV.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
BLACKIE, G. J.
DAILLY A.
5th XV.
DAVIES, R.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
EDGAR, V. C.
Dancing Medal.
5th XV (Captain): 3rd XI.
Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.
FEE, J. A. M.
Drumming and Bugling Competition Senior
Drummer 1st 1957-58.
3rd XV: 3rd XI.
HORNE, J. H.
KILL, L. C. F.
3rd XV.
LEITCH, R. B. M.
5th XV. Chapel Orderly.
McALLISTER, S.
5th XV.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
McARTHUR, D. J.
1st Form Prize IIB.
Piping Competition: Class "B" Slow March
1st 1957-58.
2nd XV.
Bronze Medallion and Scholars Instructor's
Certificate R.L.S.S.
McCOLL, J.
3rd XV.
McDONALD, J. McG.
Drumming and Bugling Competition: Tenor
Drummer 1st
Silver Bugle: Champion Drummer 1957-58.
2nd XV.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
McGAVIN, D.
4th XV: 3rd XI.
McGRORY, J. D.
5th XV.
McINNES, D. S.
5th XV: 3rd XI.
McLEISH, M. J.
5th XV.
McMILLAN, M. McC.
2nd XV: 3rd XI.
McNAMEE, T. R.
5th XV: 3rd XI.
Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.

MANNION, R. E.
Dancing Medal.
Regimental Prize: Royal Scots Fusiliers
1957-58.
5th XV.
Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.
MARSHALL, E. R.
3rd XV.
Bronze Certificate R.L.S.S.
MILNE, S. I. S.
3rd XV.
Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.
Chapel Orderly.
MURPHY, M. G.
5th XV.
NELSON, J.
5th XV.
Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.
ORE, D. S.
3rd XV.
SCULLY D.
5th XV.
STRACHAN, G. A. F.
1st XV: 3rd XI.
WHYTE, A. C.

FORM IIa

BROCK, I. R. G.
Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.
DAVIES, K. R. J.
4th XV: 4th XI.
FINLAY, P. R. C.
1st Form Prize Ia.
4th XV: 4th XI (Captain).
HEDGES, C. G.
KIRKWOOD, J. K.
4th XV.
McCORMACK, M. J.
4th XV: 4th XI.
McGAVIN, L. T.
4th XV: 4th XI.
MILLER, T.
4th XV (Captain): 4th XI.
Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.
MUNN, R. D.
Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
NIXON, M. R.
2nd Form Prize Ia.
4th XV.
RITSON, W.
4th XV: 4th XI.
RUSSELL, T. M. W.
4th XV.
STEWART, C. G. N.
4th XV: 4th XI.
TRUSWELL, H. McK.
TURNBULL, D.
4th XV: 4th XI.

FORM IIb

BAILLIE, J. D.
5th XV.
BETHUNE, D.
Art Prize.
5th XV.
CRAGGS, R. J.
2nd Form Prize Ib.
4th XV: 4th XI.
DUNN, K.
EVANS, A.
FORRESTER, J. B.
4th XV: 4th XI.
HILL, K. W.
5th XV: 4th XI.
INNES, J.
JOHNSTONE, J. McG.
3rd Form Prize Ib.
5th XV: 4th XI.
LAUGHLAN, J. A.
1st Form Prize Ib.
4th XV: 4th XI.
McGRORY, G.
5th XV: 4th XI.
MELVIN, T. W. M.
5th XV.

THE VICTORIAN

O'DONNELL, I.
5th XV.
Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.
ROBERTSON, D. McN..
4th XV: 4th XI.
Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.
ROSS, C. S.
5th XV.
SIM, G. I.
THOMSON, M.
2nd Form Prize Ib.
4th XV.
WHYTE, W. R.
5th XV.
WISHART, R. A.
5th XV.

FORM Ia

AITKEN, W. A.
1st Form Prize P7a.
ARMSTRONG, M. J.
ARNETT, M. H. A.
BOWES, R.
BROWN, C..
DONALDSON, S.
DOUGLAS, K.
FALLONE, A.
FAULDS, A.
GILLESPIE, M. W.
KELTIE, D.
LOGAN, R. J.
McARTHUR, S.
McFADZEN, J. A.
McKENZIE, R. D. T.
MacRAE H. McG.
MAXWELL, D. A.
MURRAY, K.
Piping Competition Class "C" (Chanter) 1st.
NEWMAN K. G.
ROY, P.W.
2nd Form Prize P7a.
SCOTT, W. J. S.
Primary Art Prize 1957-58.
Dancing Competition Class "B" Sword Dance
1st.
SMITH, R. I.
TAIT, R.
WATSON, D. J.
WATTERS, J.
Dancing Competition Class "B" Fling 1st.

FORM Ib

BARBOUR, P. H.
BELL, J. D.
6th XV.
DAVIDSON, K. M.
GRAY, I. C.
GREENHORN, C. C.
HAMILLTON, C. C.
HERON, C. B.
JOHNSTONE, D. P.
2nd Form Prize—P. 7b.
KILCULLEN, J. A.
LAUGHLAN, M.
6th XV.
McCONNELL, I.
6th XV.
MACDONALD J. A.
MACLEAN, M.
MARSHALL, S.. T.
O'CONNOR, T. J.
Best Junior Bugler.
RITCHIE, D.
ROBSON, C. J.
1st Form Prize—P. 7b.
ROSS, G.
6th XV.
SAVILLE, I. L. S.
6th XV.
SCOTT, G. H. S.
SINCLAIR, A. J.
6th XV.
STEWART, C. J. A.
WATT, R.

WILSON, T. F.
YOUNG, W.
Best Novice Dancer.
6th XV.

FORM P. 7a

✓ AITCHISON, I. S.
1st Primary Football XI.
✓ ALLAN, J.
1st Primary Football XI.
✓ BROWN, J.
1st Primary Football XI.
✓ BROUGH, J. M.
1st Primary Football XI.
✓ COOPER, A. M.
✓ COULTER, D. T. W.
✓ FRASER, D. S.
✓ GILLESPIE, E. D.
✓ KAY, A. C.
✓ KAY, P.
Dormitory Captain, Lynedoch.
1st Form Prize—P. 6a.
✓ KILCULLEN, R. T.
1st Primary Football XI.
✓ McKENZIE, J.
✓ MacRAE, R. M.
✓ MICHAEL, A. McG.
✓ MILLER, R. J.
1st Primary Football XI (Captain).
✓ MILNE, T. A. G.
Dormitory Captain, Moore.
2nd Form Prize—P. 6a.
✓ OWENS, M. J.
✓ RICHARDSON, A. D. M.
✓ THOMSON, E.
1st Primary Football XI.
Head Boy, Dormitory Captain, Abercrombie.
Best Junior Drummer.
✓ TOWNS, A. D.
✓ WARWOOD, D. E.
✓ WILLIAMSON, J. C.
✓ WRIGHT, J. T.
1st Primary Football XI.
✓ WRIGHT, R.
1st Primary Football XI.
ANDERSON, W. C.
✓ CLATER, R. D.
✓ COCKBURN, I.
✓ DONNELLY, J.
✓ HUGHES, T. D.
✓ LORIMER, I.
✓ McDONALD, J. McF.
✓ McFARQUHAR, W.
✓ MCGREGOR, I. S. A.
✓ McMILLAN, K.
1st Primary Football XI.
✓ MACKIE, A. E.
✓ MARSHALL, I.
✓ MATHESON, R. I.
✓ MAYO, E. J.
2nd Form Prize—P. 6b.
✓ MENZIES, N. A.
✓ MONAGHAN, T.
✓ MURTAGH, A. J.
1st Primary Football XI.
1st Form Prize—P. 6b.
✓ NIMMO, J.
✓ SINCLAIR, A. J.

FORM P. 6a.

✓ BROUGHTON, A. L.
✓ CLARK, N. R.
✓ CORMACK, D. S. E.
✓ DONALDSON, N. S.
✓ FRASER, I.
✓ KAY, B. A.
✓ McCONNELL, N.
1st Primary Football XI.
✓ MARSHALL, D. I.
✓ MULLEN, D. J.
✓ NIX, D. A.
✓ PATERSON, H. A.
✓ SHARP, J. R.
✓ SMITH, K. S.

- ✓ STEWART, W. P. L.
- ✓ TIERNAN, B. J.
- ✓ TRUSWELL, C. G. M.
- ✓ WARWOOD, A. I.
- ✓ WASHINGTON, A. M.
1st Primary Football XI.
- WILKINSON, T. J.

FORM P. 6B.

- ✓ DOYLE, A.
- FRASER, J. P.
- ✓ JEFFREY, J. C. R.
- ✓ KILLEY, M. H.
- KNOWLES, R. I.
- ✓ LEGG, G. P.
- ✓ LORD, I. R.
- ✓ MCKENZIE, L.
- ✓ McLEAN, J. S.
- ✓ McNEILL, A. S.
- ✓ McNEILL, R. J.
- ✓ OLIVER, J. D.
- ✓ SCOTT, D. V.
- ✓ STEVENSON, G. W.
1st Primary Football XI.
- ✓ SYCAMORE, J. A.
- ✓ TURNBULL, P. B.

Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

It was agreed that the School should take part in the Pilot Scheme for the above awards and three boys from each Senior House were selected for the first stage and two from each House for the second stage. The first stage boys are C. Stewart, J. Laughlin, D. Baird, P. Finlay, T. McNamee, B. Leitch, R. Maxwell, D. Scully, and R. Bird. The second stage boys are C. Geary, H. Johnston, G. Thomson, A. Leitch, G. Ross, and G. Leaman.

The Scheme was put into operation in September and the boys are busy with their various pursuits—first-aid and life-saving—which are part of the tests for the awards.

On Saturday, 15th November, the film "The Way Ahead" was shown to the whole School. This film explains and demonstrates the work for the awards. After hearing and seeing Sir John Hunt explaining this scheme many more boys would like to take part, but as this is our first year we wish to keep the numbers small until we find the best way to operate this most interesting and useful scheme.

Stamp Club

This term has seen a further increase in our numbers and it is now necessary to have meetings on four four evenings a week. A great deal of enthusiasm has been shown and many useful collections are being formed. Although it is far too soon to start specialisation, nevertheless there has been a lack of purpose in some members who attempt to collect all the world. Those who confine themselves to a particular group of countries are finding more satisfaction from their hobby.

Club books have been introduced this term and have been most successful. Not only do they teach a sense of values, but prove a very useful method of getting rid of members' better class duplicates. Up to the time of writing 22 books have been in circulation and about 75 per cent.

of the stamps in each book have been bought. It is hoped that next term the number of books will increase considerably.

We again thank our good friend, Mr Harrison, for his gift of stamps and catalogues, as indeed all others who send us stamps on occasions.

The Cave

The warm morning breeze was blowing strongly, and long before I reached there I could hear the strange but wonderful music which came from the cave as the wind rushed through the inner sections of it, and the harmonious echo dying in the distance. The huge waves on the sea came rolling and broke fiercely on the rocks, showering me with spray as I rushed forward. I climbed down the rocky cliff face, spotted with moss and clumps of tough bell-heather, and entered the mouth of the cave. This might have appeared dangerous, but it was perfectly safe at low tide, for there are pathways engraved by the sea stretching to the back of the cave, or as far back as it is possible to go.

As the bright rays of the sun shone into the dark interior I could see the water glistening on the projecting rocks all round. Green slime hung from the walls but it looked to me like the drapes of an oriental palace in the dazzling light. I could still hear the roar of the sea in the distance although I was a long way away, and the warm salt water trickled around my feet.

The howl of the wind was getting louder, and as I advanced it rose to a high pitched whine in my ears and finally became utterly unbearable, so I realised I could go no further. Somewhere at this point I knew there was a break in the roof which led to the surface of the ground and I soon found it and clambered up over the natural ledges. I finally reached the surface and emerged into the warm sunshine again.

L. T. MCGAVIN, Form IIa.

Guy Fawkes Night

November the 5th is a night of great celebration and there are surprises for boys and girls.

The children have been getting ready for weeks and are very elated when the day of joy dawns. At night everybody troops down to the old mill on the common for that is where the fireworks are kept. When the fireworks have been collected the party gathers round the bonfire as it sparkles and splutters merrily away. I don't think that even Walter de la Mere could have wished for a more beautiful range of colours. The scene is more than any artist, great or small, could have painted. This sight stays with you for life. A lone rocket soars into the wilderness of a dark night. The children bring forth their rockets and with a mighty "Swoosh" the rocket squadron is space-born. Some adults have baked potatoes under the fire, as they are nice to eat. The bonfire feels warm and all that touch its beams are bathed in a sea of golden light. At last the bonfire dies out and the only remnants are a few ashes. The children troop wearily off to bed and are soon in the "Land of Nod."

D. I. MARSHALL, P. 6a.

TO THE FIRST HUNDRED

Jubilee Grand Day, 2nd July, 1958, had a special significance for all those who, past or present, have some connection with the School. Perhaps to none more than to the "First Hundred." Here was adventure indeed. The first boys to enter a new school; the first faltering steps in a journey destined to be long. It would be an interesting flight into fancy to try and imagine the thoughts of some of those "First Hundred" in this experiment, for experiment it was; but behind the experiment was the faith of those directly responsible for the project in particular and the faith of the people of Scotland in general. For it must not be forgotten that the School was built by public subscription by the people of Scotland as their memorial; probably Scotland's greatest memorial to the memory of Queen Victoria and to Her Scottish Sailors and Soldiers who died in the South African War. That faith has been justified, for many hundreds of the boys have gone into the Services and many have died to defend that Empire which their fathers and grandfathers had helped to build in the days of the Great Victoria; and here we may aptly quote:

*God will save Her fear ye not
Be ye the men you've been,
Get ye the sons your fathers got
And God will Save the Queen.*

These "First Hundred" without knowing or without realising, were destined to lay the foundation of the tradition of the School. That they did it well may be judged now by the high esteem in which the School is held, not only in Scotland, but in many parts of the world. Some of these "First Hundred," and many of those who came after, who while at School have been imbued with the spirit of service, a sense of discipline, of sportsmanship, and of good citizenship, have carried these truly British characteristics to the prairie, the veldt and the bush. A Regiment would welcome the coming of a Q.V.S. boy into their ranks, for here they had almost ready made the potential N.C.O. and Warrant Officer, who could and did maintain the highest tradition of the Service. Not only did the Services gain, but also civil life, for where a boy decided to take up some civil occupation he took with him those same characteristics and became an element of stability wherever he went.

Those of the "First Hundred" who came back for the Jubilee Grand Day must have been impressed with the very changed outlook of the School. They must have been struck by the look of maturity, and no doubt compared it with their first days at School. Then there was the main building only; they were yet to see the building of the hospital, of the married quarters, of the swimming baths. Then the School stood in lonely grandeur, for the bushes, the trees, shrubs, were yet to grow. The vision of the planners was yet to become substance.

The 45 members of the "First Hundred" who were able to be present came from all the airts, from Eyemouth to Bournemouth, from Campbell-

town to London town. A few arrived the night before and were accommodated in Stirling Castle, through the kindness of the Depot The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. They started to gather at the School on the morning of the 2nd July. They came in twos, threes and singly, and it was very pleasant to see faces now beginning to wrinkle, brighten up as they saw someone whom they hadn't seen for about half a century. Many were the tales re-told, many a battle re-fought, for one or two had last met in some stricken field in Flanders. They were still deeply engrossed in that pleasant pastime of "Do you remember" when they were asked to take their places for the parade. It must have been a proud moment for Bert Harrison when he conducted H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh along this line of old comrades. H.R.H. had a word with each of them and cracked a joke here and there as he passed along a line of men who fifty years ago had taken part in the parade at which they were now spectators. It was indeed a personal triumph for Mr Harrison, for it was only through his untiring efforts that the "First Hundred," or those of them still with us, were traced; and the enthusiasm of the 45 who were able to turn up was much appreciated by the School. In fact they showed their abiding interest in the School by getting together and passing a resolution that the occasion should be commemorated. The result was a presentation of a silver cup.

The cup was presented at a pleasant little ceremony at the School on 8th November, 1958. Again it fell to Bert Harrison to perform the handing over. It was taken over on behalf of the School by the Commandant, Brigadier A. M. Finlaison, C.B.E., D.S.O., in the presence of the Headmaster, Lieut.-Col. A. L. Fowler, M.C., M.A., Major Jimmy Cosgrove, Administrative Officer, and R.S.M. Lowdon. The occasion was suitably toasted.

For the benefit of those who were not able to attend Grand Day, 1958, a few notes about those who were traced are added here.

Eighty had been traced. Of this number fifteen lost their lives during the course of the first war and seventeen have died since. The first Old Boy to lose his life during that war was, I believe, Eddie Brett (57) who died as a prisoner of war on the 21st May, 1915. W. G. Crichton (3) who was killed in action on the 25th September, 1915, has for a long time, been considered to have been the first.

Members of the Hundred were traced and found in Australia, South Africa, Rhodesia, Canada, Newfoundland, and one even in Arizona, U.S.A.

Of the eighty traced, all (with the exception of one who had suffered a serious accident, resulting in the loss of part of his foot) had served at some time or another in the Forces, some for the duration of the War, but most of them on Regular engagements. In all, their total years of service amounts to more than eleven hundred. The number of medals awarded to

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them is near to the three hundred mark.

The Old Boy with most medals is Andy Swan (2) with ten, including the M.B.E., John Kerr (8), John McIlroy (5) and Albert Lenton (64) follow closely with nine each, then comes Jim Farquharson (12) with eight.

Fourteen of the Hundred were awarded Commissions and several of them reached high rank, including one Colonel, one Wing Commander in the Royal Australian Air Force, and no less than eight Majors.

The late Major J. W. Lindsay (90), R.E.M.E., holds pride of place for years of service, he having served for forty-three years. He is followed by Andy Swan (2) and Albert Lenton (64), who both served for nearly forty years. After them come J. McIlroy (5), John Kerr (8), Jim Farquharson (12), Willie Ritchie (17), Lackery Wood (24), John Hetherington (33), M. J. McGregor (38), Tommy Hayes (46), Pat Fennessey (79), Jim Pirie (81), and Willie Tucker (97), all of whom served for more than thirty years. In all 24 of the "First Hundred" were awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. A noteworthy achievement regarding this medal is that of John McIlroy (5) who received the award after completing the necessary service in the K.O.S.B.s. On discharge to pension he joined the Royal Engineers (T.A.) and with War service counting double, he was also awarded the Territorial Army Long Service Decoration. John will be remembered as the son of the School's first R.Q.M.S., and he was actually at the School before the building was complete. He was rigged out in a uniform of sorts, complete with Sergeant's stripes and was sent down to Dunblane Railway Station to meet the first boys joining, and conduct them to the School. John was also the first boy to leave the School, and joined his father's Regiment, The King's Own Scottish Borderers. For some years after 1945 John was the owner of a very flourishing Tourist Agency in Luton where he now lives in happy retirement.

Andy Swan (2) after a really wonderful career now lives in Melbourne, Australia, where he is on the staff of a large insurance company. He is proposing to pay the old country a visit in 1961, and I know the School will be seeing him. Andy joined the R.A.O.C. in 1910, and in 1913 he transferred to The Black Watch, in which he served until 1924. In that year he took his discharge, and from India proceeded to Australia, where he joined the Royal Australian Air Force. He very soon received promotion and was a Warrant Officer, Class 1, when he was granted his Commission. During the War he commanded a R.A.A.F. station here in Britain, with the temporary rank of Group Captain, and after commanding the station in Australia, where he first set out on his Air Force career, he finally retired with the rank of Wing Commander and the letters M.B.E. after his name. Incidentally Andy's son Adrian represented Australia in the ice skating events in the 1952 Olympic Games. Roddy Martin (6) from Stirling served for 25 years in the A. & S.H. and later in the Civil Service in London, and now lives in retirement in Campbelltown, Argyll. Bob McLeish (7) after 23 years with The Black Watch, is now despatch manager with one of the big film companies.

John Kerr (8) after over 30 years' service, covering both wars, retired with the rank of Captain and is now in the service of one of the Glasgow Colleges.

Jim McDonald (9) was badly wounded in the first War and now lives in Canada. Jim Gillon (10) works and lives in Paisley. James Farquharson (12) has the distinction of being the first Boy Pipe Major of the School. He also has the distinction of being the only one of the "First Hundred" to join the Royal Air Force. He served during the first war with the R.A.M.C. and later joined the R.A.F., with whom he served for another 27 years, and attained the rank of Flight Lieutenant. Jim now lives in Edinburgh and is employed in one of the City Clinics as a chemist. Bob Edwards (13) is clubmaster to the Glasgow Musicians Society. Bill Ritchie (17), Mac McGregor (38), Tommy Hayes (46) and A. W. H. Macdonald (59) were all Army School Masters and all were granted Commissions. Bill Ritchie at one time, I believe, was i/c Military Education with the rank of Colonel. He now lives in Watford. Mac McGregor is teaching in Witney, Oxon, while Tommy Hayes is similarly employed in Surrey. A. W. H. MacDonald is now retired and living in Montrose. George Prentice (60) also served in the R.A.E.C. and after 21 years' service was in the Civil Service until his retirement. He now lives in Northumberland. John Veitch (16) served in the Royal Engineers and is now living in Batley, Yorks. Alf Archer (19), the original of the full life sized painting which hangs in the Central Hall, served for many years in the R.A.O.C. and is now in the Postal Service in London. Lackery Wood (24) with more than 30 years' service in the Scots Guards Band is now a clerk and lives in Surrey. Alex Brett (28) who, I believe, is the only one of the "First Hundred" to reach the rank of Band Sergeant in the Army, is employed by the British Aluminium Company and lives in Burntisland. John Edmonds (29), after serving with both The Black Watch and The Seaforth Highlanders, is now working as a printer. Bert Gamack (31) was the first boy in the School to play the pipes. He did so on Pipe Major Wilson's pipes, is now in Fraserburgh, and is employed as a security officer there. Donald Innes (32) ended his Army career as Pipe Major of the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He now lives just outside Aldershot. John Hetherington (33), the son of the original School Drum Major, served for over thirty years and finally retired from the Indian Army with the rank of Major. He can be found in Bradford, Yorks. Adam Scott (34) served in The Cameron Highlanders for 25 years and is now a whisky blender in Inverness. Allan Cameron (36) also served in the Camerons and is now living in London. Willie Burnett (39) (now disabled through the effects of a stroke) has had a wonderful career. Serving with The Black Watch, he was taken prisoner on the Somme in 1916. He later joined the Hudson Bay Company as a trapper and dog team driver, worked in a logging camp, then had several voyages on a whaler. Then he moved to New Zealand, where he worked on a sheep station for a while before going to Australia to work as an assistant chef. During the second war he joined the Merchant Navy and was twice torpedoed. Willie now lives in Perth. Ronnie

Swan (40) served twelve years in The Black Watch, paid a visit to Australia, and is now employed in Highland House as a clerical officer, Perth, in which city he lives. George Stirrat (43) can be found in Doune. He joined The Cameron Highlanders, and was one of the youngest members of the British Expeditionary Force in 1914. George was later Commissioned in his Regiment and when he married R.S.M. Scotland's daughter he had the distinction of being the first Old Boy to be married in the School Chapel. Reg Hide (44) is employed with the Metropolitan Water Board, and is domiciled in Kent. Bill Watt (55) joined the Scots Guards on leaving School, and later was a postman in London. He recently retired and has gone to Nottingham to live. His brother Tom (56) is employed with the Marconi Company in London and lives in Essex. Willie Johnston (61) lives and works in Dunoon, while Alistair Graham, after twelve years with The Black Watch, joined the Glasgow Police Force, from which he retired a few years ago. He has remained in Glasgow on his retirement. Albert Lenton (64) after nearly forty years' service with the R.A.O.C., is now employed with the War Office in Woolwich. Bert Harrison (67) joined The Black Watch and was badly wounded and discharged. He now lives in Edinburgh, where he is the receptionist in an insurance office. John Stewart (74) is a signalman on the railway and resides in Forfar. Jim Chalmers (75) is in Edinburgh and working as a motor engineer. Bill Monaghan (78) emigrated to America after leaving School and served in France with the American Forces and was badly gassed there. He now lives in Arizona. Pat Fennessey (79) lives in Kirkcudbright where he has a post with the Ministry of Supply. Pat had a fine career in the R.A.O.C., and after more than thirty years' service he retired with the rank of Major. Jim Pirrie (81), who passed away a few years ago, served for over thirty years with The Royal Scots. He was a prisoner of war in Japanese hands from the fall of Hong Kong, and when he retired through ill health he had attained the rank of Major. George Wilson (83) lives and works in Glasgow where he is employed in one of the city hospitals. Jack Sutherland (85) is in Edinburgh and after many years in the Merchant Navy he is now with Edinburgh Corporation. Eddie Coutts (86) served in the Royal Artillery and is now a mine trainee instructor and lives in Musselburgh. Tim Kelly (89) was very badly wounded while serving with The Black Watch in the first war. He now works as a watchmaker and lives in Dundee. Peter Hendry (91) resides in Camelon, where he is employed by The Carron Company. Peter was the only one of the "First Hundred" to serve in the Royal Navy, and this he did for fifteen years. Henry Findlay (92) served for twelve years with the 11th Hussars and now lives in Berwick on Tweed. Willie Tucker (97) joined the Cameronians from School and retired as Captain Quartermaster after more than thirty years' service. J. H. K. G. Mackie (98) is in South Africa where he served for many years with their Air Force. Last but not least is Sandy Center (100) who served with The Gordon Highlanders for twelve years and now lives and works in the City of Glasgow.

Bert Harrison's work is done. He set out to find as many as possible of the "First Hundred" and to bring them together at Jubilee Grand Day. It is felt that the effort was worth while. When the day had ended they drifted away in twos and threes and as the last two were walking down the drive I swear I heard faintly: "and George do you mind the time when . . ." J. C.

Captain A. D. Monteith, M.A.

Captain Monteith spent his boyhood in the pleasant Perthshire village of Abernethy. He received his secondary education at Perth Academy. He entered St. Andrews University in 1948, and remained there until 1951, when he left St. Andrews to study at Edinburgh University. Captain Monteith graduated with honours in History and Geography.

In 1953 Captain Monteith began his period of National Service by entering the R.A.E.C., in which Corps he has remained up to the present time. He served in Germany for two years, and was then Commissioned. He was first posted to Elgin, in 1957, then Stirling, and now to Queen Victoria School, where he teaches in the primary school. Captain Monteith is married and has a family of two young children. He lives in Bridge of Allan.

We welcome Captain Monteith to the School and hope that his association with the boys and the staff will be happy and fruitful.

A Viking Raid

My name is Roderick and I live in a village on the Western shores of Scotland, called Rhu. The village is made up of huts and a few big houses. The whole village is in a state of panic, and the cry "The Vikings are coming" can be heard everywhere. There on the rough sea a few miles out are the Norsemen's long, low built galleys speeding nearer with every sweep of their shining oars which cleavelessly dip into the cold grey sea. A horseman has been sent to the lord's castle ten miles away for soldiers to help the poor people of the village. The men folk and boys are arming themselves and getting ready to fight the foe who are coming nearer and nearer. They are now about four hundred yards away. Some more men have just arrived from the nearby village, but the lord's soldiers are not in sight. The first of the boats has grounded and out of it swarms a horde of mail-coated, iron-helmeted men wielding two-handed swords and vicious looking axes with which they are slaughtering the men defending the shores. Also a party have set fire to the huts and are killing women and children, and are taking horses, cattle, slaves and other spoil down to their ships. Here come the lord's soldiers, riding down on the Vikings who are loading their plunder on to their ships and are sailing away home to the Fiords of Norway.

R. MacKenzie, Ia.

My Career

By V. MALKOWSKI, M.A.

7th February, 1911.—I was born in Krakow, Poland.

1923.—Most of my primary education I received at home. I was bi-lingual from as far back as I can remember—my grandmother was French and French was spoken in our house nearly as much as Polish.

1923-1930.—When my mother married my present stepfather, Dr Adam Mikucki, Polish Consul at that time in Le Havre, I accompanied her there and was sent to the local "Lycee," where I remained as a boarder until the completion of my secondary education. I passed my "Baccalaureat" at the University of Lyons in July, 1930.

1930-1939.—I returned to Poland for my National Service. As I was not due for the service until the age of 21, I spent the year 1930-31 studying for the Polish "Matura" (the Polish counterpart of the Leaving Certificate), without which I should not have been eligible for commission in the Polish Army. I passed my "Matura" in the Spring of 1931 and, having in the meantime decided to make the Army my career, I entered the Artillery Officers' Training College at Torun in the Autumn of 1931. I was commissioned in 1934 and posted to the First Horse Artillery Group, Warsaw.

I was promoted Lieutenant in 1937 and about the same time I was appointed as Physical Education Officer of the Cavalry Brigade. In the Autumn of 1938 I was detached from my regiment for studies at Warsaw Academy of Physical Education, and after a year's course I obtained the required Diploma, the original of which I still have. I was next attached to the Artillery Officers' Training College at Torun as a Physical Education Instructor but, with the political situation deteriorating, after a few weeks there I was recalled to my Regiment for the post of Regimental A.D.C.

On the 21st July, 1939, I married Miss Janina Eugenia Jankowska. On the 23rd of the same month I was sent to the Prussian border to reconnoitre the defence sector to be held by the Regiment. The declaration of war found me there. I fought with my Regiment until the 27th September, when I was wounded and taken prisoner.

1939-1945.—While a prisoner in Germany, I started teaching French to my fellow-prisoners. Later on we started receiving supplies of books from the Y.M.C.A. and the British Red Cross. My linguistic and historical interests developed then and I learned some German, Russian and Spanish. In March, 1945, I escaped (it was my third attempt) and managed to reach the American lines in Westphalia.

April, 1945-August, 1946.—After a short course of re-training in Belgium I was sent back to Germany and attached to 105 Detachment, Military Government at Bad-Rehburg as a Liaison Officer for Displaced Persons. I was then promoted Captain in the Polish Army.

August, 1946-September, 1948.—I was sent to Inveraray in Scotland to my new unit, The Polish Artillery Training Centre. I joined the Polish Resettlement Corps and was detached for duty to No. 1 British Advisory Staff. After the closing

up of the Inveraray Centre I was attached directly to Scottish Command and, after a short training at the Dumbarton Local Office, Ministry of Labour, I took over the duties of Polish Displacement Resettlement Officer for Scotland at the Edinburgh Regional Office, Ministry of Labour. By September, 1948, my services were no longer required and I relinquished my commission.

In the winter of 1947 my wife managed to escape from Poland and we met again in this country.

September, 1948-October, 1949.—Being unable to find any other employment, I signed on as a deck-hand on the Peterhead trawler "New-haven," until I could obtain admission to Edinburgh University and a grant for studies under the Teachers' Emergency Training Scheme.

On the 1st December, 1948, my daughter, Anna Maria Malkowski, was born.

October, 1949-Present date.—I studied at Edinburgh University for four years from October, 1949, to June, 1953, and took the M.A. Degree with Second Class Honours in French Language and Literature. My special subject was Anglo-Norman. My subjects outside the Honours Group were European History and Moral Philosophy.

I spent the third year of my University curriculum at the University of Bordeaux, studying Medieval History and Romance Philology. As a result of contacts made there I spent my last two University vacations as guide-interpreter on coach tours in Spain and Portugal (during my first two University vacations I went trawling and am still on the lists of the Granton Pool of Trawlermen).

As I had no hope of my native country ever requiring my services again, I became a naturalised British subject on the 9th November, 1951.

Crystal Sets

It was in 1864 that Maxwell put forward his theories about electric waves. Hertz, Lodge, Muirhead and Marconi helped to advance the new science which we know today as wireless.

Little did they know what was going to happen at Queen Victoria School.

Wires are slung from dormitory to dormitory, like vines creeping stealthily from tree to tree in a dense jungle. They lead into the dormitory windows as though they were the tentacles of an octopus sliding over the sea bed. Once inside the dormitory, the wires are connected to contraptions of many forms and sizes. Some are joined to crystal sets. These wires lead to an "earth" and a pair of earphones, or so we are told.

When properly functioning, these crystal sets produce amazing results. Sound is heard to come from the earphones. But louder are the blasphemies of the unsuspecting visitor when he trips over the wire.

Crystal set owners can be detected easily by the bags under their eyes. This disease is eventually cured by some cunning Prefect who catches the listener awake after lights out. Immediate action follows, and the bags soon disappear.

"M. D. Watt," IIIa.

Model Railway Club

After a lapse of many years the model railway club is once again a fact for better or worse! This term a start has been made on the construction of an electrically operated model railway, and although progress has been slow yet we already have something to show for nearly a term's labours.

The scale chosen was what is usually called "H.O.," which means that one foot in the prototype is represented by 3.5 mm. in the model, which gives us a rail gauge of 16.5 mm.

Since we intend to haul our trains with models of steam and diesel-electric locomotives, the two-rail system of electrification has been adopted. This system does away with the necessity of having a centre or outside third rail for conducting electrical current to the driving motor. Instead the two running rails form the conductors.

We were fortunate in receiving a generous grant to start us off, and this enabled us to make an initial purchase of the raw materials peculiar to our hobby, namely steel rail and fibre sleeping. A number of plastic lineside kits were also purchased, and these have been assembled with varying degrees of success. To the purist the thought of plastic kits, oversized rail and linked sleeping may cause grave shakings of the head, but it must be remembered that at the moment this club is intended for boys in the Primary School. But, and this seems good for the future of the club, some older eyes have lighted on our work with shy wistfulness, and not a few "who ought to know better" have expressed no slight interest, not to mention promises of most welcome and practical help.

As we had been advised, it soon became evident that ability and enthusiasm for railway modelling ought not to be confused, and it was seen clearly that the main interest of the club lay in the operation of the layout. As a result of this we have pushed ahead with the construction of the table-top baseboards, track laying, point making, and station building, whenever and wherever the opportunity occurred.

In this connection we must acknowledge our indebtedness to the Art and Woodwork Departments for their interest, advice and helpfulness, not to mention their patience. Indeed we greatly appreciate the encouragement we have received from all those who have helped us to beat the stigma of "playing trains."

The layout itself is very simple, though this is to be suitably disguised by scenic effects; indeed it has a single line which appears as quadruple tracks. A train starts from a high level terminus station, passes through a second station at intermediate level, travels four times round the whole layout and comes back to the "through" station on the "up" line and so back to the terminus station into the "up" platform. Provision is made for continuous running on the main line as well as point-to-point working.

The present layout occupies a space of twelve feet by eight feet, although this could be extended indefinitely, and consists of eight table top baseboards, each four feet by two feet for portability. Four of these baseboards and tables have been constructed, and the main lines laid

on two of them. At the moment the points in the goods yards and the platforms at the "through" station are under construction, and this should keep us fully occupied till Christmas, when we hope your stockings will be filled with all that delights you—need you ask our wish? A Very Merry Christmas to you all.

A. J.

Aviemore, 1958

The first reference in the 'Victorian' to Aviemore is in the December, 1952, issue where we read of the doings of Captain Bruce and Boy Ferrier in July, 1952. Times have changed and the camp is now for boys in the Secondary School who are not in the A.C.F. Nevertheless going to Aviemore each summer has become a firm Q.V. tradition and on the 4th July this year 27 boys set out with the Headmaster, Mr Bruce, Captain Bennett, Miss Chalmers and Mr Girvan. What is more this year, as opposed to that first camp in 1952, the weather was exceptional and only for three days of the twelve was there any mist or rain to hide the tops of the mountains, Cairngorm, Ben Macdhui and Braeriach, and the rest.

After the long haul with out kit to the Ski Hut we settled down very quickly and Mr Girvan was soon producing tea, cocoa and hot meals galore. The first peak to be conquered was Cairngorm itself on the 5th of July with Captain Bennett, Bailley, Evans, Horne, McIntosh, Thomson and Stewart. Practically all the others went up the same mountain via "Lurcher's Crags" on the 7th. Meanwhile perhaps our chief memory of those four days is of the magnificent bathing in Loch Morlich where we were practically forced into the icy water by the scorching sun. There were many "dares" and pranks and most of the "staff" received their "duckings."

Perhaps the most exciting trip was the one made to the Shelter Stones via Faith Budhe. This trip was made by the Headmaster, Mr Bruce, Bird, Davies, Horne, McGavin, McIntosh, McNamee, Miller, Stewart and Thomson. Having signed our names in the book kept under the Shelter Stones (where incidentally we found the names of the first party of 1952) we climbed back up Faith Budhe and then did what no other school party had done before, climbed down the March Burn into the Lairig Ghru. It was at the top of the March Burn that one boy, when told he could not throw a snow-ball, pleaded to be allowed to do so as it was his birthday and he would probably never get a chance to throw a snow-ball on his July birthday again. Somewhat naturally he was allowed to do so, with no dire results. Nevertheless the descent down the March Burn was a hair raising experience and one which at least one member of the teaching staff says he will never repeat.

On the 11th July there were two long expeditions, one with Captain Bennett to Ben Macdhui and back via the Cairngorm, and one, under the Headmaster, a flatter walk along a shoulder of Braeriach into the Einich Valley and up to Loch Einich and back. It was here that Blackie, Miller and Walker were climbing the mountain to the west of Loch Einich when, only a few feet

above them, rose a magnificent golden eagle. The eagle soared round in ever-widening circles and meanwhile the small climbing party rather hurriedly returned to base.

We were visited by the Commandant and by the Headmaster's wife and two daughters. Unfortunately their visit was on the one wet weekend. This was a camp of statistics and it transpired that the boy who had walked farthest was Bird with a grand total of 120 miles and five peaks. He was followed by Ritson with 94 miles, including four peaks, and Dailly and Stewart both with 91 miles, including five peaks. Scarcely anyone walked less than 80 miles or so and we all climbed at least two peaks. No statistics were kept of tea drinking but we all feel that this race must certainly have been won by Mr Girvan, the cook.

In the Swimming Baths

A few groups of boys, clad in greatcoats and sports kit, stand outside the swimming baths brandishing frog flippers and face masks at each other. Then suddenly they all form into a ragged line. This action heralds the approach of the baths attendant and a hush descends on them as he strides up key in hand. The door is opened and they are met by a gust of hot air. In a remarkably short time they are filing through the foot bath and spray into the warm water.

Before the boys came the water had lain shimmering in the afternoon light which shone through the windows in the roof, the reflection disturbed by the regular movement of the ripples. Now it is alive with boys swimming and diving, shouting and splashing. The attendant sits on a chair watching to make sure that there is no dirty work like ducking or pushing people under. Every second there is a resounding splash as somebody dives or jumps in. The attendant's face wrinkles into a smile as he watches the non-swimmers' attempt to swim. First from the steps of the baths the nervous boy flops into the water showering everyone with spray; then he goes along about a foot; then he starts to sink, giving off, so it seems, distress bubbles. There is also the experienced swimmer who dives boldly in, does a few lazy strokes, turns over on his back and paddles along with his feet until he bumps into another swimmer.

But time flies, especially when you are having fun, and after what seems like ten minutes, the attendant's voice is booming forth telling them to get out. There is no response. The attendant disappears, only to appear again with a long stick. Within two minutes the bath is empty.

D. WATSON, Form Ia.

An Egyptian Village

The first thing that strikes you when you enter an Egyptian village is the smell; it hits you full in the face, and you need more than a couple of minutes to recover from it.

Hordes of smelly repulsive people crowd the sidewalks and the street, the men in their long flowing gaberlines reaching down to their bare

feet, with thirty or more small buttons down the front, the women dressed in black shawls with brightly coloured veils covering their faces, and the children dressed in any cast-off garments of their elders.

The one main street has dirty crowded mud brick shops on either side, about sixty per cent. of which are bars and cafes displaying "Pepsi-Cola" signs and blaring out the harsh strident jangle of notes which the Egyptians call music.

If you are brave enough to walk down these main streets, which not many Europeans do without escort, you will instantly be surrounded and pestered by beggars and would-be street vendors with strings of beads and cheap gaudy veils.

The inhabitants are noticeably thin and small compared with Europeans, the result of the lowering of prestige and morale to an extreme state of poverty and wretchedness since the decline of the Egyptian Empire.

If you stay long enough, however, you become sick of the nauseating smell, the rising dust tickles the back of your throat, the flies irritate you unbearably, and you hastily depart in search of the nice cool shelter of a NAAFI Canteen for a nice cool "Coke."

R. BIRD, IIIa.

There was a faith healer of Deal,
Who said, "Although pain isn't real,
If I sit on a pin
And it punctures my skin,
I dislike what I fancy I feel.

There was a young belle of Old Natchez,
Whose garments were always in patchez.
When comment arose
On the state of her clothes,
She drawled, "When Ah itchez, ah scratchez."

There was an old person of Fratton
Who would sit in church with his hat on.
"If I wake up," he said,
"With my hat on my head,
I shall know that it hasn't been sat on."

There was a young man of Monrose
Who had pockets in none of his clothes.
When asked by his lass
Where he carried his brass
He said, "Lassie, I pay through the nose."

There was an old loony of Lyme
Whose candour was simply sublime.
When they asked, "Are you there?"
"Yes," he said, "but take care,
For I'm never 'all there' at a time."

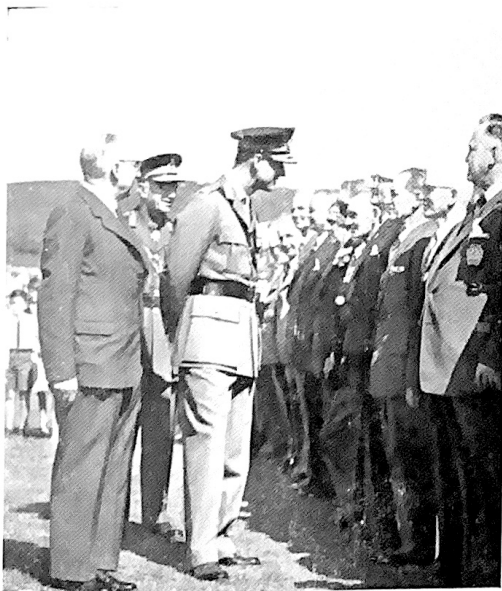
There was an old witch of Malacca
Who smoked most atrocious tobacco
When the tigers drew near,
They trembled in fear
And never would dare to attacca.

A farmer once called his cow 'Zephyr.'
She seemed such an amiable hephyr.
But when he drew near
She kicked off his ear,
Which made him considerably dephyr.

Highlights of Royal Grand Day



The Duke of Edinburgh chatting to Pipe-Major A. A. Blackie, who is now Senior Monitor of the School, on Grand Day.



His Royal Highness also had a word with members of the Old Brigade — some of the First Hundred boys to be taught at the Queen Victoria School.