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# EDITORIAL

Though this is the 65th edition of the "Victorian" we are not going to charge you more to raise an old age pension. We hope that from reading the magazine you will be able to gain a vivid picture of the life in the School since our last publication.

With only a couple of cricket matches and the Drill competition to go, it seems that Haig are certain to take the House Championship Shield for the second consecutive year. Their junior section of this House has helped a great deal in gaining the points, and Haig must be optimistic about the future. The margin between the Houses has again been fairly close.

Our sport this year has matched that of neighbouring schools, as can be seen from the cricket and rugby tables. The 1st XV lost only one match this season, and the 1st XI, without as many fixtures as usual, have held their own throughout this term. Again we came last in the Inter-schools Relay Baton Meeting, but the margin between the winners and ourselves was greatly decreased from last year. We can be very pleased at coming so close to these other schools who have many more boys than we have here.

It was reported in the magazine last year that the School was moving to spend this Summer Term at Aultybraggan Camp. There has, however, been a hold up somewhere and we are not going until next year. Preparations for the building of the new School have now been started, and surveyors and draughtsmen are frequently seen making notes all over the School.

Of the many events that have taken place during this year, the production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" has been one of the most outstanding successes. As this topic is fully covered in

this magazine we shall not give you a detailed account of the performances.

Once again our A.C.F. sports team won both Senior and Junior Cups at the Athletics Championships, and seven boys won their events. These boys are going to Cardiff to represent the Scottish A.C.F. in the National A.C.F. Championships. In general there has been an improvement in athletics at the School since the introduction of athletic standards, by which every boy who attains a certain level in any event gains one point for his House.

A change has been made in the short chapel service held every morning. Instead of the daily lesson being read by one of the staff, the duty is now performed by a senior boy, in an effort to get the boys used to speaking publicly. Though some unusual pronunciations of ancient Greek names have been heard, the experiment has been a success. Another change this term was the introduction of conditional prep on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If the weather was bad we did prep; if not, we either played cricket or practised athletics.

Three masters are leaving us at the end of this term: Major E. G. Hitchman, Mr J. C. Ross, and Captain R. A. N. Turner. Major Hitchman is being replaced by Major J. Wright, and Captain Turner by Captain A. Smith. No one has yet been appointed to take Mr Ross's place. Since the last edition of the "Victorian" the only new-comer to the staff is our new Hospital Matron, Miss McLaren. We hope that she will continue to look after the boys' health as well as she has done for the past two terms.

We hope that this editorial has given you a general outline of our activities; an outline which is more fully expanded in the rest of the magazine.

## PRESENTATION TO LONG-SERVICE EMPLOYEES

A pleasant ceremony took place at the School on Thursday, 8th June, 1961 when General Sir Gordon MacMillan of MacMillan, who was the visiting Commissioner for the summer term, presented framed and inscribed reproductions of the picture of *The Boy*, which hangs in the Main Hall, to ten members of the Administrative Staff, all of whom had completed at least fifteen years service at the School.

Those who received these awards were :

Mr W. Dowling, Boilerman, since 1927.  
Mr P. Simons, Plant Attendant, since 1929.  
Mr J. Diamond, Pioneer, since 1936.  
Mr J. Monaghan, Handyman, since 1940.  
Pipe Major J. McL. Sanderson, B.E.M., Pipe Major, since 1940.  
Mr W. Milne, Gardener, since 1943.  
Mr W. A. Bull, Chargehand, since 1945.  
Mr J. White, Gate Porter, since 1945.  
Mr A. McRoberts, Stores Foreman, since 1946.  
Mrs T. Ogilvie, Head Laundress, since 1946.

All the boys, and the families of some of the recipients were assembled in the Playhall to witness the presentation. In his remarks before presenting the pictures General MacMillan drew attention to the great contribution made to the smooth running of the School and to the comfort and efficient education of the boys by the Administrative Staff as a whole, and particularly by those who were now receiving these awards. They had been working continuously at the School since before most of the boys present were born and deserved well of all boys and parents whose interests they had served so faithfully for so long.

As the recipients came forward to receive their pictures each was received with genuine and grateful acclamation by the boys who clearly showed that they appreciated how much they owed to these pillars of the School.

## FAREWELL

At the end of this term three members of the teaching staff are leaving us : Major E. G. Hitchman, Mr J. C. Ross and Captain R. A. N. Turner.

Major Hitchman has been with us now for five years and during this time he has been housemaster of Trenchard House. Under him the House has run smoothly and efficiently and all the boys will miss his help and encouragement. Mrs Hitchman too has has done much for the School by giving invaluable assistance in the production of choral works. Major Hitchman is leaving the Army and is going to the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion, Oswestry in Shropshire as a member of the educational staff.

Mr Ross came to the School in January, 1956, and is leaving in July to take up the post of Headmaster at Leverhulme Memorial Junior Secondary School, Leverburgh, Harris. He has been our Senior Science Master during his stay, and has consistently produced

a very high percentage of passes in S.L.C. examinations. Besides Science, Mr Ross has been a great asset to the A.C.F. and to the Primary Football, for he has by his knowledge and experience produced improvements in both fields.

Since November, 1956 Captain Turner has been the Metalwork Master at the School. His good work will be appreciated by all the parents whose sons have brought home articles made under his instruction, and in fact by all those who visit the Arts and Crafts Exhibition on Grand Day. Captain Turner has also been responsible for the instruction of Technical Drawing, and has got several boys through their G.C.E. 'O' level in this subject. After leaving the School Captain Turner is going to take a permanent Commission in the Education Branch of the R.A.F.

On behalf of all past and present pupils who have been at the School with these three masters, I should like to extend our fullest gratitude for the work they have done here, and wish them all the best in the future.

## CAPTAIN A. SMITH, R.A.E.C.

Captain Smith will soon be replacing Captain R. A. N. Turner, R.A.E.C., as a teacher for Technical Subjects in the School.

Captain Smith is a "right Lancashire lad," born in the cotton town of Royston, educated in the local state schools, and in 1949 winning a scholarship to Ashton-under-Lyne Junior Technical College. Here he studied engineering full time for two years, and then became an apprentice tool-maker at Ferranti, Ltd., at the same time continuing his education as a part-time student at the local technical college. After five years he gained the Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering, and two years later the Higher National Certificate in Production Engineering. Shortly after he was admitted to both the Institutes of Mechanical and Production Engineering as a graduate member.

In August, 1959, Captain Smith joined the Army, and in February of the following year was commissioned in the R.A.E.C. and, after a period of initial training, was posted in August, 1960 as Unit Education Officer to 29 Field Regt., R.A.

Captain Smith is very fond of canoeing and recently qualified as an instructor. His chief hobby is model making in wood or metal, making marionettes and model boats.

Captain Smith will be joining the School in July, and we extend to him a very warm welcome.

## MAJOR J. WRIGHT, M.A., R.A.E.C.

Major J. Wright, M.A., R.A.E.C., will be joining the teaching staff in September, replacing Major E. G. Hitchman, B.A., R.A.E.C.

Major Wright's father saw thirty years' service in the Gordon Highlanders, and latterly as Recruiting Officer, Aberdeen.

Major Wright was educated at Robert Gordon's

College, Aberdeen, and joined the Royal Navy in 1944, as a sub-lieutenant R.N.V.R., serving in East India and the Pacific.

At the end of his naval service he entered Aberdeen University and graduated M.A. in English and History and also gained a Diploma in Education. He then taught in Aberdeen Schools for a year before joining the R.A.E.C. in 1953. He served for four years in Scottish Command, mainly in Edinburgh, before being posted to East Africa in December, 1956. Here he acted as Senior Education Officer of the newly formed Junior Leader Coy. K.A.R. Major Wright says "The job was not unlike that at Dunblane, except that the faces were black, and the thirst for education unquenchable to an embarrassing degree." We hope that Major Wright will be similarly embarrassed at Queen Victoria School! Later Major Wright acted as S.O. II (Education), at H.Q. Nairobi.

Major Wright is married, with four children, so there will be a sizeable increase in the juvenile staff population here in September.

Major Wright says that he is looking forward to joining us at Dunblane, and we reciprocate his sentiments in extending to him and to his family a warm welcome and a hope that they will have a happy and profitable time here.

#### ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY AWARD TO MR JOHN MONAGHAN

On 2nd December last year Robert Hepburn of Dunblane was working in a twelve foot manhole to clear a blockage in the Queen Victoria School sewer. He was overcome with sewer gas and became unconscious. Two workmen from a nearby housing scheme, not without considerable danger to themselves, effected a rescue. Mr Hepburn was still unconscious when brought to the surface, and but for the presence of mind and prompt action of Mr John Monaghan, in the immediate and sustained application of artificial respiration, there is every likelihood that Mr Hepburn would have lost his life.

At a meeting of Dunblane Town council on June 13th, Provost MacLellan, in addition to presenting the two rescuers with the Royal Humane Society Testimonial on Parchment, also awarded Mr John Monaghan the Society's Resuscitation Certificate.

We should like to congratulate Mr Monaghan on his quick thinking and sustained effort which prevented a probable tragedy.

#### CAROL SERVICE—7th DECEMBER, 1960

The annual Christmas service of carols and lessons, now traditionally heralds the end of the Christmas term in the School.

As usual, the service was conducted with joy and reverence, and the carols sung by the choir were tuneful and harmonious. The choir in addition gave a good lead to the congregation in the general carols. All in all, the service fully maintained the high standard set up by previous carol services.

#### DAVID SCULLY

It is always pleasant to hear of old boys who have done well after leaving School. Most of us remember David Scully, the "flying winger," and we are glad to hear of his success.

After leaving Q.V.S., he went to the Infantry Boys Battalion at Oswestry, where he won a tankard as the fastest runner in his battalion. He also played Rugby and Association football with distinction. He soon gained his first stripe, and after six month's service was awarded his second stripe. The latest news is that he has now received his third stripe, and is therefore a sergeant after fifteen months' service as a Junior Leader. He has passed all his examinations successfully, and his Commandant, commenting very favourably on his report, says that if his present progress continues he will go higher still before he passes into mens' service.

We remember David at School as one who was always conscientious and good humoured, ready to tackle anything that lay within his capabilities, and we are glad to see that he has carried these virtues beyond School life to a wider environment.

R.E.H.

#### AT THE FAIR

It all started when I got up in the morning, awakened by the clatter and clang of heavy lorries I quickly got out of bed and ran to the window, and to my amazement I saw a huge fair.

After that the day seemed to go past very slowly before the fair opened. At last you could hear the music, loud and clear above the noise of the traffic. The music seemed to be beckoning us to go to the fair and have a go on the roundabouts.

As soon as I had eaten my tea off I went to the fair, and the gaiety was unbelievable. The lights, red, blue, green, yellow and white in colour, were to be seen everywhere and some were flickering whilst the electricity was being produced by the roaring generator parked amongst the caravans. The tents were colourful and looked like red and white stripes standing on end. There was many a gaudy and contemporary design on the roundabouts and caravans. You couldn't bear the noise if your nerves were bad. There were men shouting to come to their stalls and have a go at their game. There was a whistle and a screech of the big dipper and screams of those who were on it. There was the noise of the little aeroplanes, guns, dodgems and speedsters. I liked the speedsters with gay colours painted on them. There were gay faces, round, chubby, fat, thin, dirty and clean, but no matter what kind of face you saw there was always a big smile.

At last people were beginning to go home and soon the ground was deserted and desolate looking. The noise died down, the generator stopped, the lights were put off, and the gay and gaudy colours were not seen again. As I climbed into bed I wondered what it would be like to-morrow if it was still there.

J. McManus, P. 7A

### SALVETE

- 6/1/61 Kerr, Randall Peter, R.A.F.  
21/4/61 Mackenzie, Alisdair George, Royal Pioneer Corps  
21/4/61 McManus, Gerald Irvine, Scots Guards

### VALETE

- Boys who left between Christmas and Summer—  
15/11/60 Truswell, H. McK. Pending enlistment R.A. Junior Leaders' Unit.  
9/12/60 Baillie, J. D. Apprentice Chefs' Wing A.C.C. Aldershot.  
9/12/60 Hide, J. Radar Mechanic, R.A.F. Apprentice School, Lockinge, Weston-Super-Mare.  
9/ 1/61 Truswell, C. G. McD. Withdrawn by Parent.  
4/ 2/61 Black, W. C. Withdrawn by Parent.  
29/ 3/61 O'Donnell, I. W. R.A.F. Boy Entrant.  
29/ 3/61 McArthur, S. R. Withdrawn by Parent.  
29/ 3/61 McNeill, A. S. Withdrawn by Parent.  
29/ 3/61 McNeill, R. J. Withdrawn by Parent.  
29/ 3/61 Connelly, J. C. Withdrawn by Parent.  
26/ 4/61 Miller, T. Civilian Employment.

### SCHOOL DAYS OVER

The following boys are leaving at the end of the Summer Term, 1961—

- Senior Monitor A. D. Leitch (Army), 7 Paterson Crescent, Northallerton, Yorks.  
Monitor G. M. D. Thomson (Civil Service), 1 Hutchison Crossway, Edinburgh, 11.  
Monitor J. W. Wilkie (Civil Engineering), 17 Argyll Avenue, Stirling.  
Prefect A. J. McGill (Actuary), 165 Sinclair Drive, Langside, Glasgow, S.2.  
Prefect R. Maxwell (Wellbeck), Crescent View, Leasowe Road, Moreton, Cheshire.

- Prefect J. Ross (University or I.C.I.), 9 Alexandra Street, Perth.  
M. Arnett (R.A.F.), Blenheim Brook Lane, Sarisbury Green, Southampton, Hants.  
P. Barbour (Army), 4 Oxfangs Place, Edinburgh, 13.  
J. D. Bell (Army), 50 Washington Street, Glasgow.  
A. Fallone (Forestry Commission), 1 Maybank Street, Queens Park, Glasgow.  
C. C. Hamilton (Civilian Employment), 60 Malcolm Street, Ballingry, Fife.  
J. A. Kilcullen (Army), 20 James Street, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.  
M. Laughlin and D. Laughlin (Australia).  
J. A. McDonald (Army), 24 Charles Street, Dunblane.  
M. McLean (A. Engineer), Balvie Bank, Stockiemuir Road, Milngavie, Glasgow  
I. McConnell (Civilian Employment), c/o W.O. II T. McConnell, att. 10 Signal Regt., Krefeld, B.F.P.O. 34.  
R. McKenzie (Army), 16c "J" Block, The Common, Fort George, Inverness-shire.  
H. McRae (R.A.F.), c/o Mrs McRae, Queen Victoria School, Dunblane.  
S. Marshall (Apprentice Joiner), c/o Anderson, 44 Kingsford Avenue, Muirend, Glasgow, S.4.  
T. J. O'Connor (Army), 89 Burdiehouse Drive, Edinburgh, 9.  
C. J. Robson (R.A.F.), Head Gardener's Cottage, Jervaulx Abbey, Ripon, York.  
G. Ross (Forestry Commission), 28 Queenshill Street, Springburn Road, Glasgow, N.  
G. Scott (Apprentice Engineer), Burnfoot Cottages, Hartree, Biggar, Lanarkshire.  
A. J. Sinclair (R.A.F.), 13 Watson Crescent, Edinburgh, 11.  
C. J. A. Stewart (Army), 34 Katewell Avenue, Drumchapel, Glasgow.  
R. Watt (Cinema Projectionist), 4 Logie Place, Aberdeen.  
W. Young (Army), 757 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, 4.

### SCOTTISH LEAVING CERTIFICATES

The following passes were obtained in the Scottish Leaving Certificate Examination, 1961 :

| Name             | Highers                             | Lower                            | Pass       |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| R. L. Bird       | English, Maths, Science             | History, French                  | Arithmetic |
| N. Burrows       | English, Maths, Science             | History                          | Arithmetic |
| J. R. Fraser     |                                     | English, History, Maths, Science | Arithmetic |
| T. D. Gavigan    | Art                                 | English, Maths, French           |            |
| J. G. Kay        | English, History, Maths, Science    |                                  | Arithmetic |
| A. D. Leitch     | English, History                    |                                  |            |
| A. J. McGill     | English, Maths, Science             | History, French                  | Arithmetic |
| G. Matthews      |                                     | English, Maths                   | Arithmetic |
| R. Maxwell       | Maths                               | English, History                 | Arithmetic |
| H. Miller        | Art                                 | English, History, Maths          |            |
| D. R. Owens      |                                     | English, History, Maths, Science | Arithmetic |
| J. A. Ross       | English, History, Dynamics          |                                  |            |
| R. N. Roy        | English, Maths, Science             | French, History                  | Arithmetic |
| G. M. D. Thomson | English, History, Science, Dynamics |                                  |            |
| C. C. Walker     | English, Maths                      | French, Science                  | Arithmetic |
| J. W. Wilkie     | English, Maths                      | History, Technical Subjects      |            |



### AN HISTORICAL TRIP

A bus load of boys from forms 2A and lower 3A set off from Queen Victoria School on 22nd June with cheers. It was the start of an historical trip, with Mr Hughes, our History Master and Major Acres.

We arrived at Falkland about ten minutes too early so we roamed round the village for a time. After the ten minute break we met outside the main visitors gate at Falkland Palace. A guide met us as we entered the gate. We first of all went through a doorway into a passage which led to an old room. In the left hand corner of the room was an old oven. There was also an old fireplace where the red hot coals were heated for the great oven. From here we passed through an actual old oak door of the Palace into the gardens. From the centre of the lawn we saw the layout of the Palace.

Facing us to the south was the newest part of the Palace. On the walls facing us were portraits, carved in the stone, of the people associated with the Palace. Behind us were the foundations of King James II's hunting lodge, after Cromwell and his men had put fire to it. Also to the east of us were the remains of what the fire had left, which used to be rooms for the courtiers. All that was left standing of this was a part of a wall and a first floor. Nothing was ever built on the west part of the Range.

We went back through the old oak door and up a spiral staircase which still had the remains of the hand rail from the old days. We walked up an alley way past lovely tapestry on our left hand side. On our right hand side of the passageway were lovely stained glass windows bearing the names and arms of the Monarchs and their Queens who were connected with Falkland Palace. We then went through another door at the top of the passage into a small chapel. As we walked down the Aisle, on our right hand side were more stained glass windows of the Monarchs and their Queens. On our left was a piece of tapestry and an old wooden carved chest. At the front of the Aisle is a small table with candles and candlesticks bearing the badges of Scotland, England and France. In the right hand corner was an old lectern and sounding board.

We then went out into the east Range. From the East Range we could see the gardens and the old, "Happy Hunting grounds." From there we went into an old bedroom of the captured King James III, from whence he escaped. The bed was a lovely four poster golden bed.

From here we went to an old dungeon where the Duke of Albany died of starvation after being fed by a lady who was afterwards executed.

This ended the tour of Falkland Palace. We had our lunch on a little green and afterwards set off towards the House of Binns.

All the way from Falkland Palace to the Binns, which runs past Burntisland, we were listening on the wireless sets to the Test Match between Australia and England. I mentioned Burntisland

because at the back of our bus was an inhabitant of Burntisland and as we passed it the cheer went up, "Up the Fifers."

At the Binns we were met by Mrs Eleanor Dalyell who asked us if we cared for an ice-cream. The boys including myself, did not turn down this luscious proposition. After the ice-cream we were shown round the house.

We started, as at Falkland Palace, with a bakery. We saw the great oven and also a salt cellar. I do not mean a salt cellar which sits on the table but one as large as the oven which was in the wall. The salt was kept warm to keep it dry. From here we went into a dining room and were shown portraits of Mrs Dalyell's ancestors. Among these was one of Mrs Eleanor Dalyell herself. We also saw some relics, a sword and a pair of riding boots belonging to Thomas Dalyell.

From here we went into another room where there were more relics such as statutes, clocks, swords and even an old table. We passed through a small door into a room with its wall covered with a marvellous collection of different pieces of china mostly of the Willow Pattern all bearing the Dalyell Coat of Arms.

In the adjoining room we saw portraits and pictures of David Wilkie the artist. This aroused our interest as we had an Ian Wilkie in our party and he was pleased to hear the name Wilkie.

We now went upstairs to the King's Room. Here we saw the lovely Plaster Decorations on the walls and ceiling.

The next part of our visit was paid to the sea-room. Here also the ceiling was covered with Plaster Decorations. From its window you could see a perfect view of Rosyth Docks.

We next went into a very small chapel where Mrs Dalyell herself had been married. It was very small, with a small table and candles.

This was the end of our tour so we went down some trick stairs after Mrs Dalyell had told us, "Stand on your right foot and step off with your left foot." No one came to grief, and we emerged safely into the yard. We were given tea which was very welcome. After this we thanked Mrs Dalyell, and boarded our bus for Q.V.S.

A. Stace, Form 2A.

### SIR ROBERT CRANSTON MEMORIAL ESSAY COMPETITION

Candidates were asked to write an essay on one of :  
Teaching, training and example in the making  
of a citizen ;

Lessons in citizenship you have learned (a) at  
school (b) at home.

The best essay was submitted by J. G. Kay who  
wins an inscribed pocket-watch, and the runners up  
were R. N. Roy and N. Burrows.

## CAST OF H.M.S. PINAFORE



Back—K. Gavigan, M. Owens, A. Sinclair, A. Leitch, R. Maxwell, W. Aitken. Front—D. Marshall, P. Finlay, J. Watters, G. Slater, J. Hay

### H.M.S. PINAFORE

Two performances of this work were given at Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, Thursday and Friday, 25th and 26th May.

This was a very successful performance from every point of view. When one considers the comparatively small number of boys who could take part, and that all the female parts had to be taken by boys, the success of the venture is all the more gratifying. Sincere congratulations are due to Mr V. H. Le Maistre, the producer, and to Mrs E. A. Hitchman and Mr N. C. Bruce, who were responsible for the musical direction.

All the principals performed more than adequately, but if I were compelled to choose the one who did best, I should have no hesitation in selecting Captain Corcoran (P. Finlay). He has a pleasing light baritone voice, and, sartorially impeccable, he walked the deck of H.M.S. Pinafore with dignified imperturbability, an ornament of the "Queen's Navee." He danced delightfully, and his duet with "Little Buttercup" A. Sinclair was to me the most aesthetically satisfying item of the evening. This is not to say that he outshone the other principals, who all gave a polished performance. The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B. (J. Watters) was sufficiently bland, dignified and pompous to satisfy the most rigid canons of official behaviour, and also showed his skill and agility as a dancer. Ralph Rackstraw (M. Owens) sang well but nasally. However, as all those who have had anything to do with choral work know too well, good tenors are extremely hard to find, and Ralph Rackstraw has one quality that more than made up for a nasal intonation. He kept in tune from beginning to end, even when singing pianissimo, which is a most difficult thing to do. He too had a very enjoyable duet with his sweetheart, Josephine (D. Marshall) who has a true, clear treble voice of great sweetness and surprising power. Even if the embraces of this loving pair were sometimes reminiscent of the crash tackles employed by centre three-quarters at Murrayfield and similar places, we must not question the course of true love. Dick Deadeye (T. Gavigan) was satisfyingly sinister; Bill Bobstay (R. Maxwell) and Bob Beckett (A. Leitch) the latter seeming to be a larger edition of the former, supplied an effective bass, and Hebe (J. Hay) like the heroine of the Westerns, in the end "got her man."

The sailors, the crew of H.M.S. Pinafore, were a credit to Captain Corcoran and to H.M.S. Pinafore. Their choral work was excellent, and the faint Scottish accent added a touch of piquancy to their singing. I do not think however that the song and chorus extolling the virtues of being an Englishman was rendered with quite the same fervour as, say, in Tonbridge Wells or Bath!

What shall I say of Sir Joseph's sisters, cousins and aunts, the demoiselles of the chorus? Seldom, if ever, has the stage of Queen Victoria School been graced by such charming and attractive young ladies. It has been suggested that they should retain their

feminine appearance for a considerable time, in order to brighten the spartan and monastic life in a purely masculine environment! Moreover, they sang delightfully, and afforded adequate support to the principals and to the sailors.

Lastly, we must not forget those who, although unseen, worked so efficiently behind the scene. Mrs M. F. Le Maistre, the wardrobe mistress; the Rev. A. N. Jamieson, Stage Manager, and his assistant J. Kay; the Art and Woodwork Departments in making scenery and props, all played a large part in the successful venture. We hope that this success will encourage further productions, and possibly we may see in future more ambitious projects such as "The Mikado," *Iolanthe*, or the *Gondoliers*. We hope so.  
R.E.H.

### DRAMATIS PERSONNAE

Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B. (First Lord of the Admiralty), J. Watters; Captain Corcoran (Commanding H.M.S. Pinafore), P. Finlay; Ralph Rackstraw (Able Seaman), M. Owens; Dick Deadeye (Able Seaman), T. Gavigan; Bill Bobstay (Bosun's Mate), R. Maxwell; Bob Beckett (Carpenter's Mate), A. Leitch; Tom Tucker (Midshipmate), G. Slater; Sgt. of Marines, W. Aitken; Josephine (the Captain's daughter), D. Marshall; Hebe (Sir Joseph's First Cousin), J. Hay; Mrs Cripps (Little Buttercup, a Portsmouth Bumboat Woman), A. Sinclair; Sailors—C. Brown, N. Burrows, P. Kay, J. McDonald, R. MacRae, T. Milne, G. Matthews, A. Murtagh, N. Roy, J. Nimmo, A. Richardson, W. Scott, W. Thomson, A. Towns, D. Watson; Sir Joseph's Sisters, Cousins and Aunts—L. Adams, J. Allan, T. Bonar, J. Brough, N. Clarke, I. Fraser, M. Forsyth, J. Givens, M. Hewgill, R. Jeffrey, D. McKue, H. Paterson, K. Smith, B. Tiernan, A. Stace, W. Young; Marines—J. Barbour, H. McRae, J. Gillespie.

SCENE—Quarter-deck of H.M.S. Pinafore, off Portsmouth.

ACT I—Noon. ACT II—Night.

Stage Manager, A. Jamieson; Assistant Stage Manager, J. Kay; Make-up, M. C. Davidson and I. T. Williams; Wardrobe, M. F. Le Maistre; Stage Set, Arts and Woodwork Departments; Musical Direction by E. A. Hitchman and N. C. Bruce; Produced by V. H. Le Maistre.

### SYNOPSIS

*Act I.*—Little Buttercup is welcomed aboard by the crew, meets the strange Dick Deadeye and later Ralph. The latter tells them of his love for the Captain's daughter, Josephine. Captain Corcoran then appears and is greeted by his crew. He confides to Buttercup that Josephine's hand is sought by Sir Joseph Porter, the First Sea Lord, but that she shows little enthusiasm for the idea. After a talk with Josephine he persuades her to comply with his wishes and marry Sir Joseph.

Sir Joseph, accompanied by his relations, comes aboard and gives a brief account of his successful

career. He is very averse to bad language. Josephine alone with Ralph spurns his suit but, much to the disgust of Dick Deadeye, relents when he prepares to shoot himself.

*Act II.*—The Captain muses over his changing fortunes and is consoled by Buttercup but tactlessly annoys her and is warned that “Things are seldom what they seem.” Sir Joseph assures Josephine that love equals all ranks, little realising her reasons for asking the question, and both he and the Captain rejoice in what they think is Josephine’s acceptance.

Dick Deadeye, however, warns the Captain that an elopement is planned and the Captain catches Josephine and Ralph as they are running away together. Angrily he points out the difference in their stations only to be reminded that “Ralph is, after all, an Englishman.” This so infuriates the Captain that, overheard by Sir Joseph, he swears. Sir Joseph, hearing of no explanation, orders him to his cabin. Subsequently Sir Joseph discovers the true state of affairs and orders the arrest of Ralph.

Buttercup now intervenes and confesses that she had the care of the Captain and Ralph when they were helpless. She unfortunately mixed them up and Ralph is really a Captain and the Captain is really an ordinary seaman. They return with their roles reversed. Sir Joseph foregoes his claim on Josephine’s affections because she had such a humble father and the latter, resigned to his somewhat rapid demotion, proposes to Buttercup. Sir Joseph accepts, rather reluctantly, a proposal from his first cousin. All are now paired off happily and the story ends in general rejoicing.

#### THE ADDISON-SMITH PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

This competition was held on 8th June. Candidates had to recite a piece of poetry of their own choice and then deliver a 3-6 minute speech on one of the following subjects :—

- (a) A speech that the Senior Monitor might make at prize-giving ;
- (b) A debating speech for or against motions :
  - (i) that Cricket should be played in Scottish schools ;
  - (ii) that this House is in favour of the Scottish Teachers’ strike ;
  - (iii) that tidiness cannot be too heavily emphasised.

Either the poem or the speech had to be humorous, and many laughs were raised at the expense of various school activities and personalities. The final decision, as reached by Mrs Russell, Major Hitchman and Major Batchelor, was—

First R. N. Roy ; Second N. Burrows ; Third J. Watters.

#### VISIT BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO THE FORCES

General Sir Richard Goodbody, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., the Adjutant General to the Forces, visited the School on the morning of the 20th of February,

1961. In doing so he followed a custom, which it is hoped may be long continued, of successive Adjutant Generals coming to see us on one of their earliest visits to Scotland after taking up their appointments.

For many years now the distinguished officers who have held the appointment of Adjutant General have accepted nomination as one of Her Majesty’s Commissioners for the School. The pressure of their other duties generally prevents them from regular attendance at the Board meetings of the Commissioners, but the fact that they are members of the Board can be of great value to the School and is much appreciated. Occasional visits, such as the one that General Goodbody has now kindly paid to us, ensure that they know what we look like and understand our aims and problems.

#### “TAE A BUDGIE ”

This poem was sent to Jimmy Shand by Eddie Greenhorn, a former pupil of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, and now living in Adelaide—and, incidentally, at present in hospital. Jimmy went to see him after Eddie’s sister had told him about Eddie at one of the Adelaide shows.

Eddie had written the verses about Fee—“the friend and companion of the kindest old couple I know, Mr and Mrs Lax, 38 Charles Street, Dunblane.” Mr Lax is the retired bandmaster of Queen Victoria School.

Jimmy passed the poem on to us, and we thought readers would like to see it, too.

It’s grand tae gang tae some auld folk’s hoose,  
An’ see ye’ fleeing’ free and loose.  
They lo’e ye, e’en when ye’ mak’ a din,  
But, fegs, ye’ve worked gie hard their hearts tae win.

Wi’ a’ yer impident tricks and games,  
Ye’ve won yer ain place in that hame.  
Ye’ whistle an’ kiss them about the lips  
An’ mak’ them laugh at a’ yer quips.

Ye’ prattle awa’ on the back o’ a chair,  
And pull awa’ at silvery hair,  
Then, sly wee thing, ye’ screech fae yer thraiple,  
And ane aye gies ye’ a bit o’ an aipple.

Ye cock yer head awa’ tae the side,  
As if a sly wee grin tae hide,  
An’ then awa’ tae yer perch ye’ gang,  
And’ try yer hardest tae gi’e us a sang.

Then doon ye’ loup an’ tear at papers,  
An’ ha’e us in stitches at yer capers,  
Ye loup an’ dance, an’ tum’le o’er.  
Jings ! Ah’ve never laughed so much afore.

As time gangs on, and Ah’ve got tae leave,  
Ah’ve e’en tae shake ye’ aff my sleeve,  
And afore Ah go ye let me hud ye’,  
An Ah make yup m mind tae buy a budgie.

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### LIFE'S TUSH

Before I start this poem of mine,  
I'll explain a word in the title line.  
Many of you will have heard it enough ;  
"Tush" simply means that life is tough.

Pet phrases which masters often lend,  
Make hard this poem to comprehend.  
The phrases, coined by one and all,  
Are scribbled on every classroom wall.

Mark you, the "tushness" is not only  
In what the masters make melancholy,  
Although these onslaughts do comprise  
"Tushness" in a Q. Vian's eyes.

As such, a Q. Vian is unable  
To keep his elbows off the table,  
But certain masters shout and frown  
If we do not keep them down.

Many fall short of their high calling,  
And "tushness" is mainly the cause of this  
falling ;

But in actual fact those who pull through  
Great things in later life will do.

Though school life usually is serene,  
"Tushness" does sometimes intervene ;  
And all our, "as it were," recreation  
Is spoiled by boring Preparation.

So rally together calm and cool,  
And fight the "tushness" at Q.V. School,  
So that all the boys who follow us  
Will never know Q.V. as "tush."

A Suffa-Ring Boy.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

Somebody once said that it would be possible to make up a course in social history on the basis of the names in a class or school register. All of us have at least two names : a surname (*sur nomme*) and one or more Christian names. People often grumble about their Christian names, which are bestowed on them at an age when they are unable to voice any coherent objection to the names chosen by the parents : names which are often given to children in the hope of future pecuniary advantage from ageing relatives, or in order to perpetuate a family tradition ; names which the children themselves, had they had any say in the matter, would have rejected with scorn and contumely. It has been suggested that children at an early age should not be saddled with Christian names at all, but should be known as "A," "B," "C," and so on, together with their surnames ; and that when they had reached more mature years they should then choose their own Christian names. They could not blame anybody but themselves.

At one time Christian names only were the custom, and out of this there came a vast confusion, when numbers of people living in the same locality, bore the same Christian name. Out of this confusion came the need for a surname—a "*sur nomme*,"—

an extra name to distinguish one person from another similarly named.

One of the most common ways of so distinguishing people was to add the word "son" to the Christian name. Thus if in a village there were two Johns, and the father of one John was called William, and the father of the second John was himself called John, the first John would be called John William's son (Williamson) while the second John would be called John John's son (Johnson). Since Christian names tended to be handed down from father to son, in time the name Williamson would automatically be used for the first family, and the name Johnson to the second family, no matter what the Christian name any member of those two families might bear. Just think of the number of surnames there are which end in "son." This method of forming a surname was extensively used in Scandinavian countries.

From earliest times people have commented, favourably or unfavourably, upon personal appearance or facial characteristics of their relations, friends or enemies ; and in this way also surnames were formed. If there happened to be two people in the same village with Christian name of William ; one of whom had dark hair and eyes, while the other was fair, it would be an easy way of distinguishing between the two Williams by calling one of them William Black or Brown, and the other William White. Since family colouring tends to be hereditary, the sons of William the Brown would be likely to have the same dark hair and colouring, and the family would come to be known as the Browns or the Blacks. Surnames of this kind were not always complimentary. We hear of Magnus Barelegs, Harold Harelip, Sweyn Blutooth, and others.

Men with similar Christian names could often be distinguished by the craft which they pursued. Robert the Smith and Robert the Hunter and Robert the Farmer were ways of knowing which particular Robert was wanted at any time ; and since crafts and occupations were also very often hereditary, the craft surname came into common use. We need only remember the vast number of people nowadays with the surname of Smith to realize this. We have in the School a Miller, a Walker (a walker was a craftsman who carried out a process in the craft of cloth making), a Lorimer (a lormer or lorimer was a man who made the metal parts of a horse's harness) and of course a Fowler. It is interesting to note that in some parts of Wales this custom is still carried out, although here the name of the craft or occupation is attached to the surname. The surname Jones is one of the most common in a Welsh village, and in conversation, to distinguish between the various Joneses, the terms Jones the Butcher, Jones the Gas, Jones the Post, and so on are often used.

Surnames sometimes come from localities. If there were several Adams in a village, one of whom lived near a hill, another near a wood or forest and a third by a moor, what could be a more useful way of differentiation than by calling one of them Adam near the Hill, or Adam Hill ; the second by the



name of Adam Wood or Adam Forest, and the third Adam Moor? There are many such surnames.

It would need a separate article to deal fully with Scottish names, where you have the added complexity of Gaelic words. The use of the prefix Mac, sometimes shortened to Mc was of course very common, particularly in Highland Scotland, although there are some very interesting surnames beginning with Mac or Mc to be found in Galloway. "Mac" means son of, and in theory every member of a particular clan was related to the head of the clan, and had the right to bear the same name. All those, for example, who bear the name McDonald are in theory the descendants of that legendary Donald who founded the clan Donald. Here again, there is a similar custom in Wales. The Gaelic "Mac" is the same as the Welsh "Mab" or "Map," shortened to "Ab" or "Ap," but meaning son of Dafydd ab Gwilym is David the son of William. That is why so many Welsh names begin with a B or a P (Bowen, Bevan, Price, Probert). The "mab" or "map" has been shortened to "b" or "p" and Bowen means the son of Owen, Bevan the son of Evan, Price the son of Rhys or Rice, and so on.

Think about your own name. There is more in it than you imagine!

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#### PIPING NOTES

As usual the summer term has been taken up mostly with preparations for Grand Day.

Last term T. Miller left us, and for a replacement we were compelled to look to the Junior School. Fortunately both I. Fraser and N. Clark were sufficiently able players to take a place in the Band.

The dry weather has made it necessary for the pipes to be blown at nearly every opportunity. After only a day or two the bags become dry and the Pipe Major has found it necessary to condition the bags with syrup nearly every week. As a result, the band now practice together four times a week.

What little time we have had for chanter practice has been taken up by learning and revising tunes. The retreat "Heroes of Vittoria," the reel "Sleepy Maggie" and the march "Black Bear" have been learned. Several other tunes have been re-introduced: "Cameronia," "Neuve Chapelle," "Highland Cradle Song," "Atholl and Breadalbane Gathering," and "Highland Harry." Incidentally, from a survey taken on the pipers by one of the senior boys, it was established that we must be playing at least 40-50 tunes in the band at the moment.

At the end of this most progressive season we are losing three pipers: Monitor Thomson, Monitor Wilkie and Malcolm MacLean. We wish them success and hope that they will continue their piping.

As a final note, I should like to add how pleasant it was to see Pipe Major Sanderson being presented, amid loud cheers, with a long-service award. Pipe Major Ramsay, the judge at our annual competition, said "There's not a man in the world who has taught more pipers than your own Instructor."

#### A.C.F. NOTES

Last summer we returned to Stromness for our annual camp. We arrived on time for the opening of the carnival week and provided the Guard of Honour at the crowning of the Queen ceremony. This was of special interest to the old timers among us, as the Queen was recognised as the girl who used to play Carroll Geary at putting three years previously!

Our first week was largely taken up helping the Orcadians put on a show for the week. Each evening some of our number entered the boxing ring with Scotland's three representatives in the Olympic Games, Dick McTaggart, who has just won the European Light Weight Title, and Willie Fisher and Danny Lee who have since turned professional. The exchanges were fast and furious and our boys gave as good as they got. Mr Henderson, Secretary of the S.A.B.A., was delighted by their showing and presented each cadet with the buttonhole badge of the S.A.B.A.

We won prizes in the swimming gala and in the fancy dress parade, we gave an exhibition of rugby and a dancing display, criticised the visiting Pipe Band, shot at the fun fair, watched the fireworks display, and in general thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

During the second week we crowded in as much cross country work as possible and had three days trek-camping in which we saw a good deal of the Orkney mainland and made the acquaintance of various farmers. When we sailed from Stromness every office must have been empty and shop closed for we were far outnumbered by the people who came to see us off, from the Provost downwards. We sailed out with the pipes playing "We're no awa' to bide awa'," and we sincerely hope that our wish comes true.

The work of the year has gone smoothly. We had an intake of 44 recruits and all of them succeeded in passing Part I of Certificate A. Part II of the same Certificate proved a stiffer obstacle than usual, bringing down 5 of our 28 candidates, but this compares favourably with a 50% pass in the rest of the County. Every Cadet has shot the .22 Empire Test and the .303 Classification and most have had the thrill of firing the Bren.

We have now been in existence for five years and the last of our original members are due to leave this summer. Sergeants Leitch, Ross and Wilkie have progressed from B/D sizes Ex-small to B/D sizes 10 and 11 and now lay them aside. We wish them well.

We are suffering a grievous loss in the departure of Captain J. C. Ross to the Headship of Leverburgh Junior Secondary School. Captain Ross has been with the Company since its formation and as training officer during the winter programme, and quartermaster for our camps, has put in a tremendous amount of work, the volume of which will be fully realised only when we try to cope with it after his departure. We wish him every success and happiness in his new sphere.

### DANCING NOTES

Thursday, 13th July, brings to an end a fairly uneventful term for our Highland dancers. Old Boys' Day, on 7th May, would have been more pleasant for us had it not been for the collapse of the crudely-made platform during a performance of the sword-dance by J. R. Fraser and J. Watters. During our trades period on Tuesday, 9th May, Mr Mortimer taught us a new first step for the Argyll Broadwords. Wednesday, 24th May offered glorious weather for a combined Dance and Pipe Band engagement to a garden fete at the "House of Ross," Comrie.

Several weeks later, on Wednesday, 24th June, nine boys were invited to Gleneagles Hotel; two teams of four and a solo dancer who danced the Sailor's Hornpipe.

To judge our annual dancing competition on Friday, 30th June in the Playhall, we were delighted to have Mrs G. Reid and Lt. Colonel J. E. B. Whitehead (late of the Cameronians). The results were as follows—

Class "A" Highland Fling—1st J. R. Fraser, 2nd J. Allan, 3rd J. Watters.

Class "A" Sword Dance—1st D. J. McKue, 2nd J. R. Fraser, 3rd J. Watters.

Class "B" Highland Fling—1st J. Murray, 2nd J. Givins.

Class "B" Sword Dance—1st J. Murray, 2nd J. Givins.

The Shaw-Stewart medal for Inter-House competition was won by Wavell House (Murray, Givins, Laughlan, Jagger).

Champion all-round Dancer—J. R. Fraser.

We must congratulate the young junior team who succeeded, in spite of the experience of the senior teams, in winning the Inter-House competition and have managed to secure the Shaw-Stewart medal now for the last two years.

The following afternoon, we were accompanied by the Pipe Band at an Agricultural Show held on the Keir Mains Estate, Dunblane. Incidentally, having seen our undignified means of transport, no member of the public could be blamed for mistaking us as entrants for, shall we say, the Fresian or even Aberdeen-Angus live stock section!

At the end of term we say "au revoir" to Billy Young and J. Kilcullen, both willing and active members of the dancing team.

J.R.F.

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### DRUM NOTES

Once again as the School year draws to a close, it is my duty to write, for the last time, the Drum Notes.

In the last edition I told readers we were looking forward to the three Murrayfield Internationals. These three engagements were, without doubt, immensely appreciated by all the drummers. Although the term was without quantity of engage-

ments, the perfect quality of the Murrayfields adequately compensated for this.

This term also found us with three outings on our hands, one at the House of Ross near Comrie, another at Alloa for the Agricultural Show there and one in Dunblane, also an Agricultural Show. In spite of the fact that we only had these three engagements away from the School, we also played for the Old Boys on Old Boys' Day.

At the time of writing, the Drumming Competition has not yet been held, and consequently we are all looking forward to the outcome of the competition with mixed feelings.

This term we unfortunately lose three of our Drummers. They are firstly Terry O'Connor, the Leading side drummer, whose remaining brother is also a member of the Band; "Ting" Bell that ever amazing syncopating bass-drummer, and lastly, but I hope by no means least, myself. The band will not be found wanting, however, for these three leavers are to be replaced by just as competent drummers, who, I am sure, will keep the drums part of the band alive.

Before I close I would like to say that we, the drummers, realise that our present good standard of drumming and bugling would not have been possible had it not been for our instructor, Drum Major Morrison. I therefore take this final opportunity, on behalf of the band, to thank him for all he has done for us throughout the year.

R. Maxwell,  
*Boy Drum Major.*

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### MINIATURE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

The shooting competition was again held at the end of the Easter Term. Each House entered a team of four and shot the Empire Test. The House possible was therefore 320 and the individual possible was 80.

House Championship—1st Trenchard (303 points), 2nd Haig (294 points), 3rd Cunningham (272 points).

Individual Championship—1st J. Fraser (80 points), 2nd I. McConnell (78 points), 3rd K. Douglas (77 points).

Both Championships were won by clear margins and Fraser deserves a special mention for shooting a possible.

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### HIGH SCORING

The Senior House this year deserve a special mention. The standard of the cricket was good, particularly the batting and the fielding. I do not remember a series of house matches, over the past ten years, where the scoring ran so high. In one match both teams scored over a hundred. Cunningham v. Haig.

Cunningham batted first, and by solid batting, reached a total of 121. This was a formidable total for Haig to face, and wickets fell fast at first, but a long and profitable stand followed between H. Miller and McLean.

It is worth noting that in all the three senior and three junior house matches the side that batted first won.

# Annual Inspection

WEDNESDAY, 12th JULY, 1961, at 3.45 p.m.

*Inspecting Officer :*

AIR VICE-MARSHAL R. B. THOMSON, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C.,  
Air Officer, Scotland

## INSPECTION

The parade is drawn up in line with the Pipes and Drums in the rear. The Colours are marched on to parade to the march "Victorians." The Inspecting Officer arrives and is conducted to the Saluting Base. (*Spectators should remain seated.*)

The Inspecting Officer is received with a General Salute. He inspects the parade and returns to the Saluting Base, meeting on the way a party of South African veterans.

## MARCH PAST

The parade moves off and forms Columns of Guards on the left of the Saluting Base. The Pipes and Drums play "Kitchener's Army."

The Guards march past in slow time to the tune "Mist Covered Mountains." (*Spectators should stand when the Colours pass before them in the March Past.*)

The parade re-forms line to the tune "Dovecote Park," advances in Review Order, and gives a General Salute.

## PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

The parade forms three sides of a square and marches forward.

Mrs R. B. Thomson, wife of the Inspecting Officer, has kindly consented to present some medals and trophies.

The Inspecting Officer addresses the parade.

The Senior Monitor (A. Leitch) calls for three cheers for Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs Thomson.

## MARCH OFF

The parade re-forms line and marches off, headed by the Pipes and Drums to the tune "The Jubilee."

## TEA INTERVAL

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

Exhibitions of work done by the boys are to be found in the Band Room, which is open throughout the afternoon.

# Programme

1. Display : Highland Dancing. (Highland Dancing Instructor C.S.M. J. Mortimer)

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Shean Truibhs

..... Sailors Horn Pipe

..... Highland Fling

2. Display : Physical Training. (Physical Education Master Mr G. Reid)

3. Beating of Retreat. (Pipe Major J. McL. Sanderson, B.E.M.)

Retreat March ..... The Heroes of Vittoria

Slow March ..... Cameronia

March ..... Redford Cottage

Strathspey .... Highland Harry

Reel ..... Sleepy Maggie

March . . . . . Atholl and Breadalbane Gathering

March Off ..... Hielan' Laddie

## HOUSE NOTES

### TRENCHARD HOUSE NOTES

At this time of the year as the term is rapidly drawing to a close, we are all, each House that is, trying to win the House Championship Shield. With only a few competitions left it already seems that Haig and Cunningham are in the fight for the Shield as we are lacking in points from previous competitions.

During last term, since the last edition of the "Victorian," we have had the rugby competitions ; both fifteen and seven-a-side. Though we had a few fine individuals we lacked complete strength in the tail and we were beaten into third place.

Since squash has been introduced to the School the game has been taken up enthusiastically and is now one of the many competitions. Again we did not do too well, but everybody gave of his best, which is the main thing.

Our luck was bound to change sooner or later and we triumphed in the indoor shooting, four of our shots being in the first six. The House's ability to shoot straight served us well in the A.C.F. competition. The shooting, both indoor and outdoor, together with the high percentage of passes in the Part I and II examinations, gave Trenchard the lead for the "First Hundred" Trophy which, by the way, we also won last year. It seems a pity, therefore, that no points go with this Trophy towards the House Championships. Talking about the A.C.F., readers will no doubt be interested to know that three boys of this House will be representing Scotland in the forthcoming Athletic Meeting held this year at Cardiff.

This term, or the latter half at least, has been free from too much rain. As a result of the fine weather we have had plenty of practice in the sports and in cricket. Though we were not first in the sports we put up some stiff competition and our junior boys' relay team deserve credit not only for winning but for breaking the School record.

So far only one game of cricket has been played and that was by our junior team against Cunningham. We were skittled out for twenty-one runs, but contrary to expectations the plucky juniors fought back, bowling quite well and in the end they won by one run. I can only hope that they do just as well in their next match and that the senior team follows this example.

Now we are only a week away from the Drill Competition and we hope that our practice will pay off ! Most boys think that we have enough practice as it is for Grand Day without marching three or four times a week to reach a high standard for this competition.

As always at the end of the Summer Term we say good-bye to a few of our senior members and naturally we wish Prefect Maxwell, Prefect Ross (attached to Wavell), G. Ross, G. Scott, P. Barbour, C. Robson, J. Kilcullen, R. McKenzie, S. Marshall, W. Young and I. McConnell, all the best in their

chosen careers. Their places will be taken by a batch of boys from Wavell whom we welcome to the House. We will then have five sets of brothers to cope with !

In closing, the whole House joins with me in thanking the Matron, Mrs Stuart and our Housemaster, Major Hitchman, for all the hard work they have done for the House. Unfortunately, after a five years' term as Housemaster, Major Hitchman is leaving. His help and that of Mrs Hitchman to the School singing will be missed by all the boys who wish them both good fortune and happiness in their new home at Oswestry where they will meet again two former pupils of this School and House.

C.C.W.

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### CUNNINGHAM HOUSE NOTES

There has been much activity in the House since the last time the notes were written. Last term was quite successful and this term we are doing well so far. The House Championship has not yet been decided, and I think we still have a chance of winning.

Going back to last term, I think we had our most outstanding victory in the cross-country. We won both the Junior and the Senior team races. Here I would like to mention G. Thomson and P. Finlay for being 1st and 3rd in the Senior and J. McKenzie, who won the Junior event. We should congratulate T. O'Connor, M. Nixon, P. Roy and N. Burrows for achieving standard times. In the new competitions—squash and seven-a-side rugby—we were 1st and 2nd respectively. The squash team consisted of five seeded players—A. Leitch, G. Thomson, N. Burrows, A. McGill and P. Finlay—who played against their seeds in the other Houses. We won seven out of ten games. In the "sevens" both junior and senior Houses beat Trenchard and were beaten by Haig. Finally there was the shooting, in which we were third. Unfortunately we have no good shots in the House.

This term has seen the introduction of Athletics standards. As usual we had our athletic groups, and for each event there is a certain standard which, if achieved, gives each House a point. At the end of this term the points are counted, a percentage is worked out, and the House with the highest percentage gains more points towards the House Championship. Some of the boys have really tried to gain many of these standards, but unfortunately there are quite a number who have none at all. I am sure we could do much better. Nevertheless we won the Athletics Cup again, and the Relay Cup. Here we had a better year in the Open with G. Thomson as runner up for the Championship and A. Richardson, who won the Junior Championship. All the boys who took part did very well and I would like to thank them all. As usual this term the School competed in the A.C.F. Sports at Edinburgh and the Inter-School Relay Baton meeting. We had many boys taking



part in both, with less distinction in the latter. Three of our boys, G. Thomson, A. McGill and J. McKenzie are going down to Cardiff to represent Scotland's A.C.F. against the English Counties. We wish them luck. As for the rest of this term's activities, we have only been practising for Cricket and Drill. So far no results have been reached and so we are still practising.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Life Saving Awards have been gained by some of our boys. In the former W. Aitken has gained his Silver Award and K. Murray, C. Heron, D. Maxwell, D. Johnstone, A. Sinclair, T. O'Connor, E. Thomson, M. Owens and J. McKenzie are all taking various awards, but have not yet gained them. In Life Saving T. McLaughlin, M. Owens, A. Richardson, A. Faulds, R. Bowes, K. Murray, R. Miller, W. McFarquhar and R. Clater all achieved their Bronze Medallion; W. Aitken got his Bronze Cross; A. Leitch and G. Thomson got their Instructor's Certificates. We congratulate all these boys.

At the end of the term some of the House will leave, including Monitor Leitch, Monitor Thomson (attached to Wavell), Prefect McGill and some younger boys, T. O'Connor, A. Sinclair, H. MacRae, A. Fallone, R. Watt and J. McDonald. We wish them all good luck in the future.

In closing, I would like to thank Mr Bruce, Miss Chalmers, and of course all the boys for making the year a successful one, and for making my stay here, as House Monitor, a most enjoyable one.

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#### WAVELL HOUSE NOTES

As in previous years, this summer term edition of *The Victorian* contains an accumulation of facts concerning the Inter-Dormitory Competitions. The contest so far has been keen with each Dormitory winning its share of Cups. The "Abercrombie" Dormitory "Walked away" with the cross-country (the first eight to finish were of that Dormitory) and withstood a late challenge from Lynedoch. In other sports Moore Dormitory won the football and swimming, whilst Lynedoch won the boxing. The cricket has been won by Abercrombie. The competitions for the MacRae Quaich and the Drill Cup are still to be decided.

The two football elevens have done well in the Primary Schools League, the "A" team having finished as runners-up to St. Ninian's Primary School. For the fine performance of both teams we must thank Mr Le Maistre and Mr Ross. Details of this football competition will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

The health of the House throughout the year has been excellent. As there has been no Influenza epidemic, the numbers of boys attending hospital has been considerably less than in previous years. One day this term no Primary boy attended hospital, a great achievement in a House of bumps and bruises. Thanks must go to Mrs MacRae for her admirable attention to the boys' health.

In May the results of the Promotion examination were announced. Out of thirty-seven boys, sixteen passed, eleven gaining "A" passes and five "B" passes. No doubt the boys concerned ascribe their success to their own genius and natural ability, but some credit must be given to the masters, whose happy lot it is to teach these prodigies, Mr Williams and Captain Monteith. As a kind of reward for the hard work put in by Primary 7A they were taken on a visit to a chocolate factory and a paper mill in Edinburgh. It is not necessary to say what visit was the more appreciated.

After a satisfactory year two members of the House are leaving the School. The are Monitor Thomson and Prefect Ross, whose quiet efficiency has earned them great respect. D. Laughlin is emigrating to Australia and we wish him every success in his new country. Thirty-six boys will be going to Senior Houses. With them go all our best wishes and hopes that they will not forget the valuable lessons taught to them during their time in Wavell House.

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#### HAIG HOUSE NOTES

At this time of the year, when there are but a few weeks to go until Grand Day, the main interest is the competition for the House Championship Shield. Since the beginning of the year we have done fairly well in the inter-house competitions, and we are at the moment in the lead. Again we could only share first place in the boxing, but we made up for this by convincingly winning both the seven-a-side and the fifteen-a-side rugby. In swimming we came first equal, but in cross-country, squash and athletics we had to be content with second place. We are commandingly placed in the new athletics standards competition, and are doing our utmost to win the cricket. These few successes have given us a slight lead in the over-all competition, and we hope to hold on to this lead and again be champion house.

Some members of our House deserve special mention for their performances in the sports, and though I am well pleased with everyone, these boys seemed to most outstanding: Prefect Miller, (rugby and cricket), M. McLean (athletics and cross-country), A. Stace (Athletics), D. Robertson (athletics), and S. Collie (rugby).

We were unfortunate in losing one of our best sportsmen last term, Tom Miller left School and we in Haig House wish him all the best in his new job. This term we have a fair number of boys leaving, and I would like to wish them luck and thank them for the help they have given to the House in the past—J. W. Wilkie, J. Bell, M. McLean, M. Laughlin, M. Arnett, C. Stewart, C. Hamilton.

Lastly I should like to thank Mr Stewart and Miss Johnston for the way in which they have run the House this year, and also Prefects Miller and Kay for their able help.

J.W.W.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Our two Junior House soccer teams did well this season but lost their hold on the West Perthshire Primary League Shield.

This year the Shield goes to our "A" team's closest rivals, St. Ninian's School "A" team over at Gartmore. They were runners up-last year and we congratulate them on their well earned success.

The two teams finished the first leg of the competition in November with the same number of points but with Q.V.S. having the better goal average. St. Ninians had lost to us and drawn with Callander; we had lost to Callander and drawn with Aberfoyle.

In the second leg the firm grounds and better playing conditions were to the advantage of the team with the football skills. This was proved when the rivals met on the big, spacious pitch over at Gartmore. Here hard tackling, stamina and teamwork were not enough against a forward line of natural ball-players who had plenty of room in which to move. St. Ninians won by four goals to nil and thoroughly deserved their victory. This was the only defeat our "A" team suffered but it lost them the Shield.

Meanwhile the "B" team tackled all comers if not with skill at least with tremendous zeal. Their moment of glory came when they beat Aberfoyle on the latter's own ground by two goals to nil and they also drew with Doune and Dunblane "A".

The "A" team was selected from: Isitt, Watters, Gill, Tait, B. McLaughlin, Boyne, McDougall, Bonar, Nealon, Laughlan, Forsyth, Stewart, Dempsey and I. Smith.

The "B" team was selected from: Young, Cobb, Cassells, A. J. Smith, I. Smith, Forsyth, McDougall, Boyne, Gill, Wills, Jagger, Clark, Stewart, C. McLaughlin and Fingland.

Nine teams participate in the competition.

|          | P. | W. | L. | D. | F. | A. | P. | Pos. |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| "A" team | 16 | 13 | 2  | 1  | 78 | 20 | 27 | 2nd  |
| "B" team | 16 | 3  | 9  | 4  | 30 | 43 | 10 | 7th  |

## BOXING

SENIOR HOUSES—Individual and Inter-House Championships Finals were held in the School Gymnasium on Friday, 2nd December, 1960.

The results were—

1st year Class—70-76 lbs. Stevenson (T) beat Oliver (H); 80-90 lbs. J. Miller (H) beat Cormack (C); 93-103 lbs. McKenzie (C) beat Robertson (H).

2nd year Class—70-78 lbs. T. McLaughlin (C) beat E. Thomson (C); 81-90 lbs. Towns (C) beat Nimmo (T); 91-99 lbs. D. A. Maxwell (C) beat J. McF. MacDonald (T); 100-110 lbs. E. Gillespie (T) beat Kilcullen (T); 114-121 lbs. Collie (H) beat R. Wright (T).

3rd year Class—101-110 lbs. Laughlin (H) beat Tait (C).

3rd and 4th year Class—112-122 lbs. Finlay (C) beat Bowes (C); 123-137 lbs. T. Miller (H) beat

Armstrong (H); 134-144 lbs. Bell (H) beat McGavin (T).

Open Class—137-142 lbs. R. Maxwell (T) beat Matthews (T); H. Miller (H) beat G. Thomson (C).

House Championship—1st equal Cunningham and Haig 30 points; 3rd Trenchard 21 points.

Best Stylist—P. R. C. Finlay (C); Best Loser—D. C. Robertson (H).

JUNIOR HOUSE—Individual and Inter-Dormitory Championship Finals, Friday, 3rd March, 1961.

Class—60-65 lbs. Issit (A) beat Hewitt (M); 74-84 lbs. C. McLaughlin (M) walk over; 85-90 lbs. Laughlin (L) beat Tait (A); 91-95 lbs. Broughton (L) beat McGregor (M); 98-103 lbs. Smith (L) beat McDougall (M); 68-72 lbs. Connelly (L) beat O'Connor (A); 79-83 lbs. Watters (M) beat B. McLaughlin (A).

Inter-Dormitory Championship—1st Lyndoch 16 points; 2nd Moore 15 points; 3rd Abercrombie 13 points.

Best Stylist—Watters.

Competitions of this type take a long time to run out to the finals and many thanks is due to Mr Reid for his organisation and Mr Stewart, Mr Williams, Mr Martin, Mr Jamieson, Capt. Russell and R.S.M. Lowdon for judging and refereeing.

## CRICKET

### Staff XI v. School First XI

The annual display of physical grace and beauty known officially as the Staff v. School Cricket Match took place on Tuesday, 27th June. Until two or three years ago the Staff XI were uniformly successful over a long period, but with the departure from the staff of some practised cricketers and with the arrival on the staff of some who were not so practised at Cricket the balance has been tilted in favour of the School XI.

The match this year, as usual, was preceded by a period of psychological warfare, a kind of skirmishing in hints and innuendoes, and before the game commenced many anxious glances were cast at the skies, to assess the possibility of rain; from different motives of course.

The Staff XI won the toss, and batted first. When we use the term "batted" we use it in the technical sense; perhaps we should have said the Staff XI "occupied the crease" first. After a promising opening which produced 9 runs, the Staff XI by various methods amassed 36 runs. Two individuals in the Staff XI deserve particular mention. Mr Reid has now been playing in Staff Matches for five years, and his scores have gradually increased each time, his score of ten in this present game being his highest so far. We reckon that if Mr Reid plays in twenty more staff matches, and improves his score in the same ratio in each game, he will eventually reach an individual score of 50. Mr Bruce contrives to show us something completely new in each match. On

this occasion he showed us how to score a boundary without any perceptible movement of his bat or his body.

The School XI, having scored fairly heavy in School matches, naturally thought that to score the runs necessary to win was a mere formality, but it was not so. Three wickets went down for 14 runs; and at this point the Staff produced their "secret weapon," a fast bowler who had been "co-opted" to the staff for this match. Well as he bowled however, the Staff total of runs was too small to allow the bowler any margin, and in the end the School XI won by three wickets.

We commend the umpires, Major Acres and Monitor Wilkie. More appeals were made during this match than any charitable organisation makes in twelve months, but the umpires, in conscious rectitude, were not swayed by any private predilections.

The whole match, as always, was extremely pleasant and was played in a most sporting fashion.

Details are appended :

| STAFF INNINGS                       |      |      |    |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|----|
| A. F. P. Petrie b. Fraser           | .... | .... | 2  |
| E. A. Harris c. Finlay b. Matthews  | .... | .... | 6  |
| I. T. Williams c. Burrows b. Fraser | .... | .... | 0  |
| R. E. Hughes c. and b. Fraser       | .... | .... | 6  |
| G. R. Reid b. Matthews              | .... | .... | 10 |
| A. N. Jamieson c. Roy b. Matthews   | .... | .... | 0  |
| R. C. Cowe b. Fraser                | .... | .... | 0  |
| J. Finlay b. Fraser                 | .... | .... | 0  |
| N. C. Bruce not out                 | .... | .... | 6  |
| A. Morrison c. Miller b. Matthews   | .... | .... | 1  |
| J. A. S. Philson lbw b. Burrows     | .... | .... | 0  |
| Extras                              | .... | .... | 5  |
| Total                               | .... | .... | 36 |

Bowling : Fraser 5 wickets for 18 runs ; Matthews 4 wickets for 12 runs ; Burrows 1 wicket for 0 runs.

| SCHOOL INNINGS                |      |      |    |
|-------------------------------|------|------|----|
| D. Owens lbw b. Bruce         | .... | .... | 7  |
| G. Thomson c. Bruce b. Hughes | .... | .... | 0  |
| N. Burrows b. Harris          | .... | .... | 2  |
| C. Walker b. Hughes           | .... | .... | 6  |
| A. Leitch lbw b. Bruce        | .... | .... | 14 |
| H. Miller b. Harris           | .... | .... | 1  |
| N. Roy lbw b. Harris          | .... | .... | 0  |
| P. Finlay not out             | .... | .... | 7  |
| G. Matthews not out           | .... | .... | 0  |
| Extras                        | .... | .... | 0  |

Total (for 7 wickets) .... 37

Bowling : Hughes 2 wickets for 16 runs ; Bruce 2 wickets for 17 runs ; Harris 3 wickets for 4 runs.

The beginning of the cricket season will long be remembered as one of the most dismal, cold, and dank beginnings to any cricket season. The first three matches were cancelled owing to these miserable conditions.

#### FIRST XI

First XI. Captain C. C. Walker, Vice-Captain G. N. Thomson.

Played 5, won 2, lost 1, drawn 2. Four fixtures had to be cancelled.

With so many of last year's 1st XI still available for this season, we had been hoping for a very successful time, but the weather was the deciding feature. The five matches played have shown that the 1st XI is quite strong in batting, good scores coming from Burrows, Owens, Thomson and Leitch. The bowling has been variable and erratic, and the steady bowling of Matthews, unable to play for some time owing to injury, has been very much missed. Fielding, with the exception of one match, against St. Modan's, has been good, and in the last match, against Alloa Academy, it was excellent. Cricket colours for 1961 have been awarded to C. C. Walker, G. N. Thomson, A. D. Leitch, D. R. Owens, and N. Burrows.

#### SECOND XI

Captain P. Roy. Played 5, won 3, lost 2.

Like the first eleven, the second eleven has had a number of fixtures cancelled, and has had an in and out season, the best performance being against Strathallan.

P. Roy has played one or two useful innings, and the best bowling performances have come from P. Roy, G. Ross, and McConnell.

#### SECOND YEAR XI

Captain—A. Stace. Played 5, won 2, lost 3.

As usual in junior cricket, the batting has been inferior to the bowling. Only two innings of double figures have been played ; by Collie and Aitchison, but Aitchison, Stace and Thomson have bowled well at times.

#### 1st YEAR CRICKET

Played 5, won 2, drawn 1, lost 2.

Bad weather in the early part of the term destroyed the fixture list, and no proper first year team has developed. Only D. Robertson looks like a cricketer, and he has carried the side, his best innings being 56 not out against Alloa. Any other runs made have come mostly from the edge of the bat or from blind swings across the line. Bowling has been poorer than usual, but shows some promise. In the field, some good natural ability has been apparent, particularly in gathering and throwing the ball, but slackness and inattention have cost many runs. It was noticeable in the final match against Alloa that slow, chattering changes between overs and inaccurate returns to the bowler wasted the time needed to turn a draw into an easy win. However, there is clearly plenty of natural games talent about in this first year, which will appear on the cricket field once there has been regular practice to bring it out.

Saturday, 1st July.

Q.V.S. 104 for 6 declared (D. Robertson 56 not out).  
Alloa Academy 51 for 8. Match drawn.

#### SENIOR HOUSE

The Senior House matches this year have produced some very good and interesting cricket, and the standard of batting in some cases has been as good, or better than, the standard in First XI matches. All the House matches, senior and junior, have been played in an excellent spirit.

|             | RUGBY |    |    |    | Points |    |
|-------------|-------|----|----|----|--------|----|
|             | P.    | W. | L. | D. | F.     | A. |
| 1st XV .... | 9     | 7  | 1  | 1  | 105    | 33 |
| 2nd XV .... | 9     | 5  | 2  | 2  | 105    | 90 |
| 3rd XV .... | 8     | 6  | 1  | 1  | 100    | 38 |
| 4th XV .... | 11    | 7  | 4  | —  | 136    | 95 |
| 5th XV .... | 3     | 2  | 1  | —  | 48     | 14 |
| 6th XV .... | 1     | 1  | —  | —  | 6      | 0  |

In spite of mumps early in season and bad weather late in season we managed to play a good number of matches and as can be seen from the table above the School has had a good season.

J. Wilkie and H. Miller were both selected to represent the Midlands Schools District Rugby Association and H. Miller went on a tour at Easter and played against Schools in the North of England. G. Matthews and P. Roy both played in the Midlands Schools Junior XV against the Border Schools.

#### Inter-House 7-a-side-Tournament

Cunningham Junior 3, Haig Junior 11  
Haig Senior 3, Trenchard Senior 0  
Trenchard Junior 0, Cunningham Junior 6  
Haig Senior 9, Cunningham Senior 5  
Haig Junior 3, Trenchard Junior 0  
Cunningham Senior 14, Trenchard Senior 0  
Placing 1st Haig, 2nd Cunningham, 3rd Trenchard.

#### Place Kick Competition

Senior—1st equal T. Miller, G. Matthews, L. McGavin; 4th J. Ross.

Junior—1st Johnstone, 2nd Cooper, 3rd R. Wright.

#### 4th XV (under 14½)

Matches played 11, won 7, lost 4. For 144 points, against 91 points.

This side generally played well together. The forwards were bigger than usual and did well in scrums, but the lighter members (T. McLaughlin and R. Kilcullen) were the most active and determined. Among the backs, S. Collie, with a deceptively lazy-looking style of running, did most of the scoring; and A. Stace, a fast and hard-running wing three-quarter, is clearly a good prospect for senior teams of the future. Defence, tackling and falling, remained poor. M. Owens, latterly, supplied the need for a place-kicker, which lost many points in the earlier matches.

Team—I. Wilkie, A. Stace, E. Thomson, S. Collie (Captain), M. Owens, R. Miller, J. Wright, D. Keltie, T. McLaughlin (pack leader), R. Wright, J. McKenzie, M. Cooper, R. Kilcullen, R. MacRae, D. Maxwell.

#### 1st AND 2nd XV's RUGBY NOTES

This last season, for the 1st XV, has been a very successful one, despite the fact that our fixture list was depleted by an epidemic of mumps in the winter term.

Of the games we played, we lost only one, to Stirling High School at Stirling. However the game was very closely fought, the result being 6 points to 3. Next year we hope to do better. After a tough and interesting game against Trinity College, Glenalmond, the result was a drawn game, neither side scoring. This was our only other non-winning game of the season.

After a trial for the Midlands Rugby select, in which H. Miller, A. R. Lietch, J. W. Wilkie and C. C. Walker took part, J. W. Wilkie was chosen as wing-forward for the team to meet a Glasgow Schools XV. Unfortunately injury prevented him from playing.

In the Midlands under 15½ team trial, we were represented by G. Matthews, P. Roy and J. Bell. G. Matthews and P. Roy were afterwards chosen to play against a Borders XV at Cupar.

Our 2nd XV also played very well. They lost one game, drew one, and won four. This was a very fine achievement, since the team was always being changed to meet the requirements of the 1st XV. They were a very young side and those who will be required for the 1st XV next year should do well.

In closing, I should like to thank everyone who played in our teams this year. Finally I should like, on behalf of the members of the 1st and 2nd XV's, to thank our coach, Mr Williams, for all the time and energy which he has spent with us on the games field, and we hope he will carry on with his good work in the future.

H.M.

#### SWIMMING

##### R.L.S.S. Awards 1960-61

Two classes, one in the summer term and the other in the two winter terms, finished a hard session of training and practice with good results in the exams.

SUMMER TERM AWARDS GAINED 8th JULY, 1960.

Bronze Cross—P. Evans, I. O'Donnell.

Award of Merit—H. B. Johnston, J. A. Ross.

WINTER TERM AWARDS GAINED 20th MARCH, 1961.

Intermediate Certificate—K. McMillan, J. C. Williams, P. K. O'Connor, Ter. Monaghan, J. W. Hay.

Bronze Medallion—S. T. Marshall, H. J. H. Owens, J. A. Kilcullen, S. J. Donaldson, M. W. Gillispie, W. McFarquhar, R. J. Miller, T. B. J. McLaughlin, J. Watters, A. R. Faulds, H. R. Bowes, K. Murray, A. D. M. Richardson, R. D. Clater, D. J. Watson.

Bronze Cross—J. A. McFadzen, W. A. Aitken.

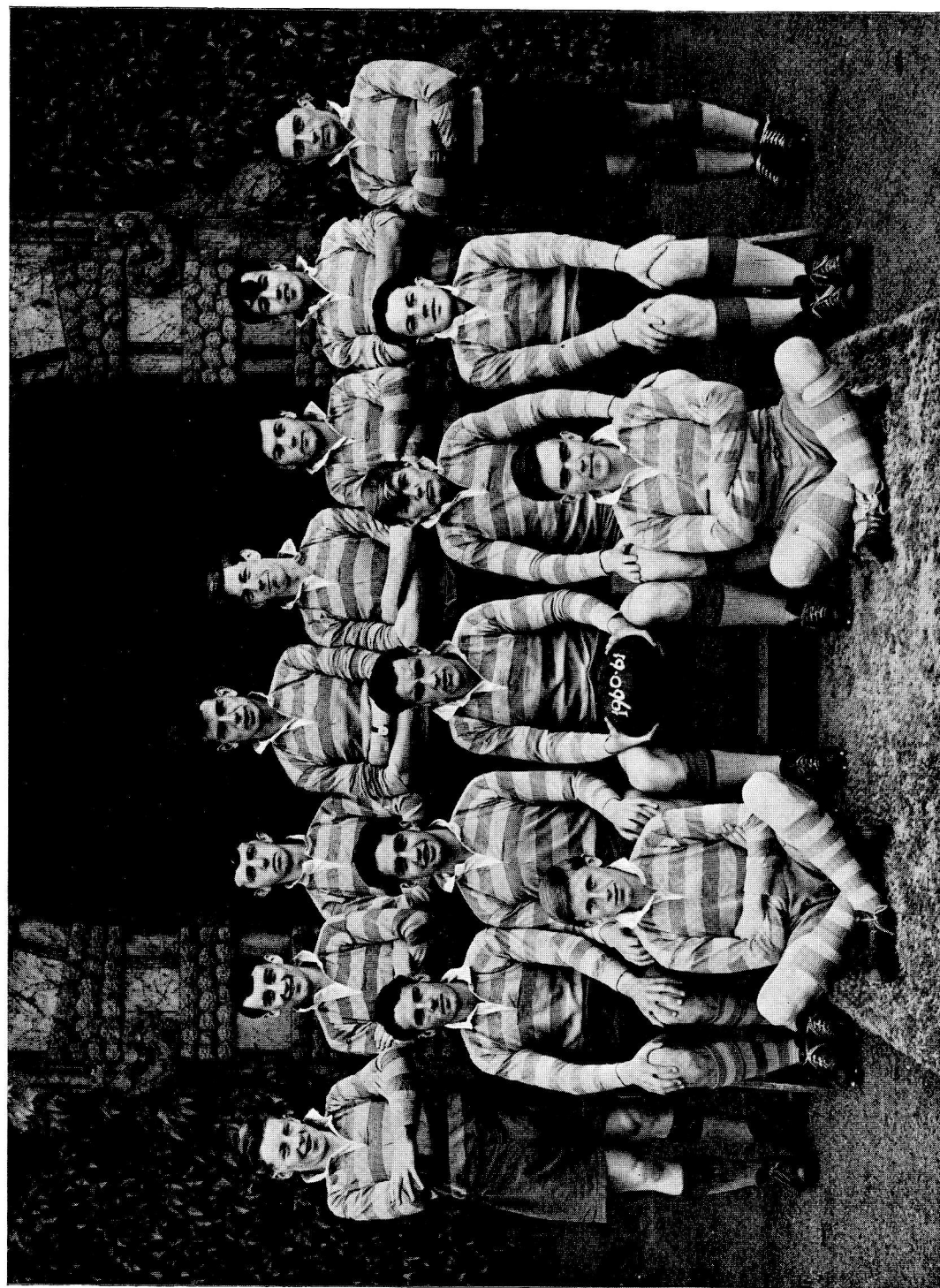
Scholar-Instructor's Certificate—I. W. O'Donnell.

Instructor's Certificate—J. A. Ross, G. D. Thomson, A. D. Leitch.

At present two boys are under training Re Award of Merit, C. C. Walker and J. A. Ross working for a bar to the Award of Merit.

Mr G. Reid is to be congratulated on the success of the above classes and thanked for the hard work in training boys to this standard.

# 1st RUGBY XV 1960-61



A. J. McGill, A. N. Burrows, R. N. Roy, D. R. Owens, G. M. Thomson, G. Matthews, R. Maxwell, J. D. Bell  
 C. C. Walker, A. D. Leitch (*Vice-Captain*), H. Miller (*Captain*), J. Wilkie, J. A. Ross  
 P. R. Finlay, J. G. Kay



# SCHOOL SPORTS

This meeting was held on the morning and afternoon of Saturday, 23rd June, 1961. The weather was not very bright but the athletic performances certainly were and 14 records were broken and 1 equalled. P. Finlay (C) broke the 220 yards by .5 secs., 440 yards by 1 sec. and the 880 yards by 1.2 secs. in the Senior Group Records. In the Minor Group 3 records were broken. McLaughlin (A) increased the Throwing of the Cricket Ball from 141 ft. 7 ins. to 146 ft. 2 ins., Stewart (A) raised the High Jump from 3 ft. 11½ ins. to 4 ft. and Isitt (A) shattered the Long Jump record to make it 13 ft. 3 ins. which makes it higher than the next Group, the Major. Nimmo (T) reduced the Junior Group 100 yards to 12.8 sec. and J. Miller (H) equalled the Shot Record at 30 ft. 2 ins. The Intermediate Group 100 yards was reduced by Stace (H) to 12.2 sec. and Robertson (H) brought the 440 yards record down to 63.8 sec. The record number of Records broken was in the 4 × 110 yards relays, where all but one were reduced. The exception being the Junior Group. Minor, Major, Intermediate, Senior and Open were reduced from 63.6 sec. to 62.2 sec., 62.2 sec. to 61.6 sec., 56.6 sec. to 56.3 sec., 52.4 sec. to 50.7 sec., 49 sec. to 48.7 sec. respectively.

Mrs Finlaison presented the medals and cups to Individual Champions and the Championship House and Dormitory.

## MINOR

80 yards—1st Tait (A), 2nd McLaughlin (A), 3rd Coin (L). 10.9 sec.

Cricket Ball—1st McLaughlin (A), 2nd Clark (A), 3rd Jagger (A). 146 ft. 2 ins, new record.

High Jump—1st Stewart (A), 2nd McLaughlin (A), 3rd Wood (L). 4 ft., new record.

Long Jump—1st Isitt (A), 2nd McLaughlin (A), 3rd Jagger (A). 13 ft. 3 ins., new record.

Champion—McLaughlin ; Runner-up—Tait.

## MAJOR

100 yards—1st Smith (M), 2nd Adams (L), 3rd Laughlin (L). 13.4 sec.

220 yards—1st Smith (M), 2nd Laughlin (L), 3rd Kilgour (M). 32.2 sec.

Cricket Ball—1st McManus (L), 2, McLaughlin (A), 3rd Boyne (L). 129 ft. 7 ins.

High Jump—1st Morrice (M), 2nd Gill (A), 3rd Broughton (L). 3 ft. 9 ins.

Long Lump—1st Boyne (L), 2nd Broughton (L), 3rd Adams (L). 12 ft. 10 ins.

Champion—Smith (M) ; Runner-up—Boyne (L).

## JUNIOR

100 yards—1st Nimmo (T), 2nd Richardson (C), 3rd Thomson (C). 12.8 sec., new record.

220 yards—1st Richardson (C), 2nd Nimmo (T), 3rd Miller (H). 31.2 sec.

80 yards Hurdles—1st Richardson (C), 2nd Smith (T), 3rd Miller (H). 13.9 sec.

Shot—1st Miller (H), 2nd Cormack (C), 3rd Richardson (C). 30 ft. 2. ins., equals record.

High Jump—1st Robertson (C), 2nd McLaughlin (C), 3rd McConnell (T). 4 ft. 2. ins.

Long Jump—1st McLaughlin (C), 2nd J. Miller (H), 3rd Nimmo (T). 13 ft. 3½ ins.

Cricket Ball—1st Matheson, (C) 2nd Thomson (C), 3rd Robertson (C). 159 ft. 9 ins.

Champion—Richardson (C) ; Runner-up—Nimmo (T).

## INTERMEDIATE

100 yards—1st Stace (H), 2nd Robertson (H), 3rd Stewart (H). 12.2 sec., new record.

220 yards—1st Stace (H), 2nd Faulds (C), 3rd MacDonald (T). 28.7 sec.

440 yards—1st Robertson (H), 2nd MacDonald (T), 3rd Faulds (C). 63.8 sec., new record.

80 yards Hurdles—1st Warwood (T), 2nd Faulds (C), 3rd Murtagh (T). 13.3 sec.

Shot—1st McKenzie (C), 2nd Faulds (C), 3rd Maxwell (C). 25 ft. 4½ ins.

Long Jump—1st Stace (H), 2nd Stewart (H), 3rd MacDonald (C). 14 ft. 5 ins.

High Jump—1st Johnstone (C), 2nd Robertson (H), 3rd MacDonald (T). 4 ft. 2 ins.

Cricket Ball—1st R. Kilcullen (T), 2nd McKenzie (C), 3rd Robertson (H). 164 ft. 7½ ins.

Champion—Stace (H) ; Runner-up—Robertson (H).

## SENIOR

100 yards—1st Collie (H), 2nd Bell (H), 3rd Brown (H). 11.1 sec.

220 yards—1st Finlay (C), 2nd Collie (H), 3rd Armstrong (H). 26.1 sec., new record.

440 yards—1st Finlay (C), 2nd Armstrong (H), 3rd McLean (H). 58 sec., new record.

880 yards—1st Finlay (C), 2nd McLean (H), 3rd Armstrong (H). 2 min. 16.8 sec., new record.

110 yards Hurdles—1st equal Collie (H) and Donaldson (T), 3rd Armstrong (H). 17.7 sec.

High Jump—1st McLean (H), 2nd McConnell (T), 3rd Wright (T). 4 ft. 9 ins.

Long Jump—1st Ross (T), 2nd McKenzie (C), 3rd Donaldson (T). 16 ft. 8 ins.

Shot—1st Collie (H), 2nd Ross (T), 3rd Bowes (C). 32 ft. 9 ins.

Discus—1st McLean (H), 2nd Ross (T), 3rd Collie (H). 93 ft. 7 ins.

Javelin—1st McLean (H), 2nd McConnell (T), 3rd Armstrong (H). 114 ft. 3 ins.

Champion—McLean (H) ; Runner-up Collie (H).

## OPEN

100 yards—1st Miller (H), 2nd McGill (C), 3rd Leitch (C). 10.8 sec.

220 yards—1st Thomson (C), 2nd Miller (H), 3rd Leitch (C). 25.2 sec.

440 yards—1st Thomson (C), 2nd Nixon (C), 3rd Leitch (C). 55.5 sec.

1 Mile—1st Thomson (C), 2nd equal Roy (C), Nixon (C) and Burrows (C). 5 min. 10.5 sec.

110 yards Hurdles—1st Walker (T), 2nd McGill (C), 3rd Matthews (T). 16.2 sec.

High Jump—1st Thomson (C), 2nd Maxwell (T), 3rd Fraser (H). 4 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump—1st Miller (H), 2nd Wilkie (H), 3rd Leitch (C). 19 ft. 1 ins.

Shot—1st Leitch (C), 2nd Miller (H), 3rd Maxwell (T). 37 ft. 4 ins.

Discus—1st Maxwell (T), 2nd McGavin (T), 3rd Walker (T). 116 ft. 11 ins.

Javelin—1st Maxwell (T), 2nd Walker (T), 3rd Wilkie (H). 122 ft. 8½ ins.

Champion—Miller (H); Runner-up—Thomson (C).

#### INTER-HOUSE AND INTER-DORMITORY RELAYS

Minor—1st Abercrombie, 2nd Moore, 3rd Lyndoch. 62.2 sec., new record.

Major—1st Lyndoch, 2nd Moore, 3rd Abercrombie. 61.6 sec., new record.

Junior—1st Trenchard, 2nd Cunningham, 3rd Haig. 60.5 Sec.

Intermediate—1st Haig, 2nd Cunningham. 56.3 sec., new record.

Senior—1st Haig, 2nd Cunningham, 3rd Trenchard. 50.7 sec., new record.

Open—1st Cunningham, 2nd Trenchard, 3rd Haig. 48.7 sec., new record.

#### SENIOR SCHOOL INTER-HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Cunningham 98 points, 2nd Haig 85½ points, 3rd Trenchard 62½ points.

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL INTER-DORMITORY CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Abercrombie 32 points, 2nd Lyndoch 24½ points, 3rd Moore 15½ points.

#### RELAY BATON ATHLETIC MEETING

This Inter-Schools Athletic contest was held on Tuesday evening, 13th June, 1961 and all Schools invited sent an athletic team to compete on this bright but cool evening.

The following records were broken—

13-15 years Age Group—440 yards record of 57.8 sec. reduced to 57.2 sec. by Hannah of Dunfermline High School.

15-17 years Age Group—High Jump increased 1 in. to 5 ft. 6 ins. by Murray of Dunfermline High School.

17-19 years Age Group—220 yards record equalled by Cowie of Dunfermline High School. Holgate, Trinity College, Glenalmond increased the High Jump by ½ in. to 5 ft. 5½ ins. H. Miller of Queen Victoria School jumped 19 ft. 3½ ins. to increase Long Jump by 2½ ins. Bryce, Perth Academy exploded the Shot to 50 ft. 1 in., beating the present record held by his brother by 3 ft. 9 ins. and Marshall, Perth Academy threw the Discus 157 ft. 2½ ins. breaking present record of 131 ft. 7 ins.

Dunfermline High School won the contest and retain the Relay Baton which was presented by the Commandant.

#### 17-19 YEARS GROUP

100 yards—1 Marshall (P), 2nd Bowie (D), 3rd Pitkeathly (G), 4th Miller (Q.V.S.). 10.9 sec.

220 yards—1 Bowie (D), 2nd Marshall (P), 3rd Carswell (S), 4th Duncan (G). 24.0 sec., equals record.

440 yards—1st Bowie (D), 2nd Rankin (S), 3rd Baron (P), 4th Thomson (Q.V.S.). 53.7 sec.

1 Mile—1st Borland (S), 2nd Eadie (P), 3rd Miller (D), 4th Munro (G). 4 min. 37.1 sec.

High Jump—1 Holgate (G), 2nd Renny (D), 3rd Robertson (S), 4th Fraser (Q.V.S.). 5 ft. 5½ ins., new record.

Long Jump—1st Miller (Q.V.S.), 2nd Howard (D), 3rd Baron (P), 4th Lothian (G). 19 ft. 3½ ins., new record.

Shot—1st Bryce (P), 2nd Ridland (S), 3rd Beveridge (D), 4th Seton (G). 50 ft. 1 in., new record.

Discus—1st Marshall (P), 2nd Ridland (S), 3rd McDougal (G), 4th Walker (Q.V.S.). 157 ft. 2½ ins. new record.

Javelin—1st Seton (G), 2nd Harrower (D), 3rd McKenzie (S), 4th Wilkie (Q.V.S.). 132 ft. 11 ins.

#### 15-17 YEARS GROUP

100 yards—1st Toft (P), 2nd Norton (G), 3rd Skinner (D), 4th Duncan (S). 10.7 sec.

220 yards—1st Toft (P), 2nd Skinner (D), 3rd Hepburn (G), 4th Nixon (Q.V.S.). 24.3 sec.

440 yards—1st Norton (G), 2nd Proudfoot (D), 3rd Nixon (Q.V.S.), 4th McLeish (P). 54.0 sec.

880 yards—1st Seton (G), 2nd Donnan (S), 3rd Kay (D), 4th Cameron (P). 2 min. 6.1 sec.

High Jump—1st Murray (D), 2nd Tourlemain (S), 3rd McGill (Q.V.S.), 4th Sherwood (G). 5 ft. 6 ins., new record.

Long Jump—1st Toft (P), 2nd McGavin (Q.V.S.), 3rd Strachan (S), 4th Skinner (D). 18 ft. 7½ ins.

Shot—1st Maxwell (Q.V.S.), 2nd Bosshardt (S), 3rd Corry (G), 4th Laing (P). 40 ft. 6 ins.

Discus—1st Corry (G), 2nd Murray (D), 3rd Maxwell (Q.V.S.), 4th Barrow (S). 149 ft. 2½ ins.

Javelin—1st Nicol (D), 2nd Bosshardt (S), 3rd Meldrum (G), 4th Stewart (P). 130 ft. 10½ ins.

#### 13-15 YEARS GROUP

100 yards—1st Ogilvie (S), 2nd Hunter (D), 3rd Watson (Q.V.S.), 4th Ginter (P). 11.3 sec.

220 yards—1st Ogilvie (S), 2nd Graff (D), 3rd Watson (Q.V.S.), 4th Ginter (P). 25.8 sec.

440 yards—1st Hannah (D), 2nd Ross (G), 3rd Watson (Q.V.S.), 4th Darling (S). 57.2 sec., new record.

High Jump—1st Wallace (D), 2nd Gray (Q.V.S.), 3rd McMillan (G), 4th Drysdale (S). 4 ft. 8½ ins.

Long Jump—1st Ross (Q.V.S.), 2nd Ginter (P), 3rd Ogilvie (S), Hunter (D). 17 ft. 4 ins.

15-17 Year Relay 4 × 110 yards—1st Glenalmond, 2nd Perth, 3rd Dunfermline, 4th Strathallan. 46.7 sec.

## ATHLETICS

### Cross Country Running

The Individual Inter-House Championships were held on Thursday, 2nd March, 1961.

This year one standard point was awarded to each competitor home up to 3 minutes after the winner had past the finishing post.

SENIOR HOUSE—Senior Championship—1st Thomson (C), 2nd McLean (H), 3rd Finlay (C). Time 15 m. 54 sec.

House placings—1st Cunningham 81, 2nd Trenchard 124, 3rd Haig 159.

Standards gained—Cunningham 5, Haig 3, Trenchard 2.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP—1st J. McKenzie (C), 2nd Stace (H), 3rd J. McDonald (T). Time 10 m. 7 sec.

House placings—1st Cunningham 75, 2nd Haig 92, 3rd Trenchard 150.

Standards gained—Cunningham 1, Haig 2, Trenchard 2.

WAVEL HOUSE—Individual Inter-Dormitory Championship—

Individual—1st Jagger (A), 2nd Isitt (A), 3rd O'Connor (A).

Inter-Dormitory—1st Abercrombie 36, 2nd Lyndoch 145, 3rd Moore 208.

### TRADES COMPETITIONS 1961

The Piping, Drumming, Bugling and Highland Dancing competitions were held at the School on the afternoon of Friday, 30th June, 1961.

We were fortunate in having the services of a strong panel of judges as follows—

Piping—Pipe Major Donald Ramsay, late City of Edinburgh Police Pipe Band.

Bugling and Drumming—Colonel J. D. Henson, M.B.E., M.C., late the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Dancing—Mrs G. Reid ; Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. B. Whitehead, late The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

The winners were as follows—

#### PIPING

Class "A"—Best Piper, Pipe Major R. N. Roy ; Slow March, N. McConnell ; March, Pipe Major R. N. Roy ; Strathspey and Reel, L. McGavin.

Class "B"—Best Piper, R. Miller ; Slow March, N. McConnell ; March, R. Miller.

Chanter for Best Learner Piper—I. Fraser.

#### DRUMMING AND BUGLING

Senior—Best All Round Drummer and Bugler, J.

McDonald ; Side Drum, W. Aitken ; Tenor Drum, J. Bell ; Bugle, Drum Major R. Maxwell.

Junior—Side Drum, J. Dempsey ; Bugle S. Cobb.

Boy Dempsey was second in the Senior Side Drumming—a fine achievement for a boy of his age.

#### HIGHLAND DANCING

Class "A"—Sword Dance, D. McKue ; Highland Fling, J. R. Fraser ; Best Dancer, J. R. Fraser.

Class "B"—Sword Dance, J. Murray ; Highland Fling, J. Murray ; Best 1st year Dancer, D. Stewart.

House Dancing Teams—1st Wavell House.

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS

H. B. Johnston received the Gold Award from H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh at the Palace of Holyrood on Wednesday, 28th June, 1961. This means that we now have had boys gain awards in each of the three grades, and that the scheme is now operating fully in the School.

#### 1st SERIES BRONZE AWARD

This year 29 boys entered for this award. One boy failed to reach the required standard in his pursuit and one has withdrawn. At present three boys have still one Physical Fitness standard to attain and seven are going on expedition at A.C.F. Camp. In future all expeditions will be done at A.C.F. Camp as the School programme will be so tight that no time can be allowed for this.

#### 2nd SERIES SILVER AWARD

We started out with five boys ; one has withdrawn, and four remain. Two have completed the series ; the other two have the expedition to complete.

#### THIRD SERIES GOLD AWARD

Five boys started, two have withdrawn, two are waiting a year, and one has completed the series except for the expedition.

This scheme does not run by itself, and many people are involved in the organisation who give freely and generously of their spare time. We give many thanks to the masters in charge of pursuits ; to the Hospital Matron, Miss McLaren, to Mrs Sutherland of the British Red Cross Society, to Mr J. Leitch of the Royal Life Saving Society, and in particular to Mr Reid, the Outward Bound Leader in the School, for the many hours and week ends he spends in furthering this admirable scheme.

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