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EDITORIAL

Past, present, and future are all to some extent reflected in this number of the "Victorian." We look back to some School events of the 1930's and further back to the earliest days of the School's existence. Our present is all Cultybraggan Camp, with its many novelties. Since school life is always so very much in the present there is already a faintly historical aura about what used to happen at Dunblane. We feel, for example that the Senior Monitor's article about traditional games in the School should really be in the past tense. He refers to "the empty dormitory, Duncan, which has now been converted into living quarters for the Matrons," and we suddenly realise that although the article was written only a month or two ago, we must now regard these rooms as what used to be the Matrons' quarters. From time to time reports come back of the astonishing changes inside the old building, especially of spacious "bunks" and elegant colour-schemes in dormitories. We are not going to gaze into the crystal ball further than to say that we hope our next number will tell how we are all managing to live in the accommodation now designed for Senior Houses only, and the summer number, if all goes to plan, about the glories of existence in the full new buildings. At least 1962 and 1963 are bringing some variety into our school life.

All these changes have another advantage for those who produce a school magazine. They do give us something to write about. We may have some disgruntled customers who object to a magazine which is largely devoted to telling them what they already know. To that objection we have several answers. We can plead that Old Victorians want to read about what is going on in the School, and that some parents too may like to get the official version of School activities. We can point out again that the magazine has to serve as a record. Then we know that the boys themselves like to read about their own particular activities. In fact, we are pretty sure that most

of them turn first to the bits of the magazine in which they hope to see their own names mentioned. Finally, if you think there is too much of what you all know, you ought to see that it is your own fault. What only you, or only a few, can notice about school life is just the material for contributions to the "Victorian." The most interesting, and probably the most valuable contributions would be some revelations of what escapes the official chronicle . . . subject to ordinary limits of course.

A clear proof of the closeness with which boys study the routine reports in the "Victorian" is the rapidity with which errors or omissions are detected and denounced. Last Christmas we were really trying hard to create a record by producing a "Victorian" without any error of fact in it. We thought we had done so too, not counting one or two misprints which did not affect the sense and were, we thought, likely to escape notice altogether. But within the hour we were greeted with the reproachful cry of "There's a mistake!" We now formally offer our apologies to G. Cunningham of Wavell House for giving to somebody else the credit of being runner-up in the Junior House Major swimming of 1961. If he looks in the bound volume of "Victorians" in the library next term, he will find that the error has been corrected there, so that posterity may not be misled by false information. Incidentally, we have dropped from the magazine the full School roll that used to be so useful a space-filler. So there may now be boys who find no mention of their names in the "Victorian." Our advice to them is to get busy and do something to earn a mention. If ever there was a snare for an editor, it was that School roll. It was ground for complaint that some obscure pupil had not been credited with membership of the 5th XV, and, perhaps more justifiably, that a highly senior boy had been deprived of his official existence by the total omission of his name.

We are now faced with the ghastly prospect of a

summer holiday stretching away into October. By that time everybody will be bored stiff ; there will be no-one to play with at home ; parents' nerves will be shredded ; and everyone will have got so out of touch with his lessons that he will never be able to catch up again. This bleak prospect the Victorians are facing with the greatest fortitude. At least there will be some school activities to break the monotony : A.C.F. camp at Oban, hill-walking camp at Aviemore,

Primary School camp at Kingsbarns near Crail, and, of course, the great cruise to Northern Europe on the "Dunera." Finally, we sincerely hope that this edition of the "Victorian" will be sold in large numbers to sun-drenched visitors on 11th July, not snatched from their chilled hands by the gales with which we have recently been punished for bragging prematurely about our luck with the weather during our stay at Cultybraggan.

Obituary

The School has suffered a real loss with the deaths of two of Her Majesty's Commissioners : Colonel E. P. Buchanan, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., who died in January, 1962 at Stirling, and the Rt. Hon. Lord Thomson, P.C., the Lord Justice Clerk, who died at Gibraltar in April, 1962.

COLONEL BUCHANAN

Colonel Buchanan had been a Commissioner since 1950. He was a retired regular officer of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and a considerable land-owner in the Stirling area. Living as he did close to the School he was one of the most easily accessible of the Commissioners and we tended to refer to him for advice more often than to those Commissioners who lived further away. He was always most ready to help and took the greatest interest in and trouble with the affairs of the School. His long experience of our problems made him one of the most valuable members of the Board. He will be greatly missed.

LORD THOMSON

Lord Thomson held an ex-officio appointment as a member of the Board because it has been laid down since the School was founded that either the Lord Justice General or the Lord Justice Clerk shall be one of Her Majesty's Commissioners. He joined the Board in 1947. As one of the two senior Judges in Scotland he was an extremely busy man, but that did not prevent him from being always available for consultation, and from taking his full share of the duties of a Commissioner. He invariably attended the Board meetings and it was often left to him to sum up, always shortly and generally humorously, the point of a discussion and to propose a course of action. With his death we have lost a great friend of the School and a most wise and experienced counsellor.

MAJOR J. T. HETHERINGTON

By the death of Major John T. Hetherington (Indian Army), the School has lost one of the oldest of her old boys.

John who was 64 years of age, died at Bradford on the 3rd of January after a long illness.

He was the eldest son of the School's first Drum Major and was admitted to the School in July, 1909, his School number being 33. He was a member of the military band and on leaving School in October, 1911, he was enlisted into the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and so began a long and distinguished military career, lasting in all for 36 years, during which he rose from enlisted boy to the rank of Major in the Indian Army.

John served with the Argylls during the first world war and later, in India, where in 1923 he left his regiment and was commissioned into the Indian Army. He attained the rank of Major in 1943 and was bandmaster to the 5th Ghurka Regiment until 1947 when he returned to the United Kingdom on discharge.

The funeral took place at Bradford and his ashes were scattered over the grave of his parents in Saughton Cemetery, Edinburgh. To his widow, son and two daughters, and to the other members of his family we extend our deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

The Hetheringtons were a real Queen Victoria School family, as in addition to John and his father, the two younger boys, Bert and Frank, were also admitted to the School and in due course, they too enlisted into the Argylls, Bert serving for 26 years and Frank for 12. Bert now lives in Bournemouth and Frank in London.

PETER HENDRY

The death occurred at Camelon in March of Peter Hendry (School number 91).

Peter who was present at the Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1958 as one of the "First Hundred" joined the Royal Navy on leaving school and served for fifteen years, after which he returned to Camelon and worked with the Carron Iron Company.

He has left a widow and a grown up family of five and to them we extend our sympathy in their sad loss.

THE BOARD OF HER MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS

This year has seen three changes, either made or impending, in the Board of Commissioners for this School. Colonel J. D. L. Boyle, O.B.E., M.C., has been appointed in the place of the late Colonel E. P. Buchanan, O.B.E., M.C. Colonel Boyle since his retirement from the regular army has been farming for some years at Easter Tullybannocher near Comrie. He recently commanded the 7th Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Territorial Army) for five years and was made O.B.E. at the end of his tenure of command. He has now been promoted Brevet Colonel and is the Deputy Commander designate of 153 Infantry Brigade Territorial Army. He has also been appointed to the post of Regimental Secretary of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Stirling Castle.

Mr A. C. W. Drew, C.B., who is to present the academic prizes at Grand Day this year, is giving up his appointment as Commissioner because he is vacating his appointment as Deputy Under Secretary (A) at the War Office on transfer as Joint Deputy Under Secretary to the Home Office in London. Mr Drew has been a Commissioner since 1957 and has been of the greatest help to the School, particularly in the negotiations concerning the building programme which is now in progress. His successor as Deputy Under Secretary (A) at the War Office, Mr W. Geraghty, C.B., has kindly agreed to accept nomination as a Commissioner to replace Mr Drew.

No nomination to the Board has yet been made in the place of the late Lord Thomson, P.C., The Lord Justice Clerk. Our Royal Warrant lays down that the Lord Justice General, or the Lord Justice Clerk if nominated by him in his stead, shall be an ex-officio Commissioner of the School.

VISITS

The Visiting Commissioner in the Easter Term was Mr G. I. Stewart, who presented the prizes in the Play Hall last Grand Day. He visited both the School at Dunblane and the camp at Cultybraggan which we were to occupy in the summer. This term the Visiting Commissioner was Admiral Sir Angus E. M. B. Cunninghame Graham. We also, earlier in the term, had a visit from our new Commissioner, Colonel Boyle, who was accompanied by Admiral Crombie. Another visitor to Cultybraggan, on 2nd June, was the G.O.C. Highland District, Major General D. B. Lang. In a brief morning visit he inspected the camp and saw us at work.

STAFF CHANGES

This year we have to record the departures of three R.A.E.C. Captains who have finished their tours of duty at Queen Victoria School. The first to go at the end of the Easter Term was Captain A. L. M. Russell, who has been with us since 1959, teaching English to secondary forms. He has now left the

R.A.E.C., and goes to take up a teaching appointment in Pakistan. In the interim he has been teaching in the school in Fallin where Mrs Russell has also been employed as a teacher. Then in May we said goodbye to Captain A. D. Monteith. Captain Monteith has been on our staff since 1958, teaching a Primary class and taking history with senior boys including this year's "Higher" candidates. Coming in the mid-term and in the carefree atmosphere of Cultybraggan Camp just after the S.C.E. examinations, his departure was made the occasion of a certain amount of frivolity. After leaving his final classes on Saturday morning, Captain Monteith had to retrieve his new (export) car from the centre of the playing-field and to remove from it a number of facetious notices and champagne bottles. Some suspicion, however unjust, must fall on the only senior pupil who holds a driving licence. Captain Monteith now is posted to Munster to the Command Instruction Unit. The third Officer to leave us is Captain M. E. Lees. His official duties here have included teaching Science, organising squash and photography, and managing the business side of the Victorian. We have found also that such duties as representing the School outside and receiving visitors have fallen as a matter of course to the elegant and urbane person of Captain Lees. He is now about to start on a course in Arabic at Durham University.

To Captains Monteith and Russell and their wives and families and to Captain Lees we offer our sincere good wishes for the future.

At the end of last term, Captain M. J. Frost arrived as a replacement for Captain Russell, and the more recent arrival is Captain R. F. Stewart who takes Captain Monteith's place. Both these Officers are somewhat reticent about their careers, but we have managed to squeeze a few facts out of them, mostly from Captain Frost because he has been here longer.

Captain Frost comes from Burton-on-Trent in Staffordshire and is an honours graduate in English, with subsidiary music, of Leeds University. He held a short-service commission in the Royal Navy as Instructor Lieutenant. During this period he served in the aircraft carrier H.M.S. "Indefatigable," which was part of the training squadron for young seamen and officer cadets. He made two training cruises to Gibraltar, circumnavigated Scotland twice, helped to show the flag in Denmark, and took part in the Spithead Coronation Review of 1953. He also spent some time at the Royal Marine School of Music in Deal, teaching band-boys. After leaving the Navy, Captain Frost went back to teach at his old school (co-educational) in Burton, where, he tells us, he taught advanced English to nineteen-year-old girls. In 1961 he joined the R.A.E.C., and served on the staff at H.Q. Northern Command before coming to Dunblane. Among his duties was that of acting as usher at the Duke of Kent's wedding. Captain Frost is keenly interested in drama as well as in music, and has had a good deal of acting experience both at the University and in the Burton Shakespeare Society, having played such diverse parts as those of Iago and of Bottom. He is also a horseman and a rugby

player though he disclaims any prowess at the latter sport. We notice that though stand tickets for the Calcutta Cup Match at Murrayfield were like gold this year, Captain Frost had managed to secure one within two or three days of his arrival in Scotland.

Captain Stewart is a Scotsman from Dundee. He graduated M.A. with honours in Moral Philosophy and Political Science from St. Andrews. In Primary 6B he will not perhaps be able to make the full use of his qualifications in these subjects. At the University he also served in the O.T.C., reaching, as he says, "the power-crazed rank of Sergeant." He joined the R.A.E.C. in 1958, and from 1959 till 1962 and his posting to Q.V.S., he was stationed with the Army Air Corps at Middle Wallop in Hampshire. He assures us that there is such a place, and Over and Nether Wallops too, and confesses that air transport did not suit him. Though temporarily living as a grass widower at Cultybraggan, he is married, with a son bearing the fine Highland name of Niall. That is all the information we have managed to extract from Captain Stewart.

A warm welcome to both these Officers. We look forward also to meeting Captain Stewart's family when we return to Dunblane.

MAJOR R. E. BATCHELOR

Since we wrote of the staff changes among the R.A.E.C. Captains, we have learned that Major R. E. Batchelor, will also be leaving us at the end of this term. He has been posted to York, to the Headquarters of the Yorkshire Infantry Brigade. Major Batchelor has had a comparatively short tour of duty at Q.V.S., for he joined us only in 1960, but in that period he has certainly had a variety of experience. In the School year 1960-61, Major Batchelor was Housemaster of Wavell, and in September, 1961 he moved to a senior House, taking over Haig from Mr Stewart. As a teacher his work has varied from Primary 7B to S.C.E. History candidates. What many boys will associate chiefly with the name of Major Batchelor is canoe-building. The canoe-building club, which he started last autumn, and continued throughout the winter terms, proved highly successful and the fruits of his enterprise have been gathered at Cultybraggan in many enjoyable hours on the river. Mrs Batchelor will be specially remembered for her kindness and solicitude towards the boys of Wavell House, and Simon leaves many friends at Q.V.S. To all three we wish the best of fortune.

THE REV. J. A. S. PHILSON

At the end of this term we are losing the Rev. J. A. S. Philson, who has been Rector of St. Mary's Church, Dunblane and Episcopal Chaplain to the School since 1953. Mr Philson gives up his charge in Dunblane at the end of August, and in September

he sails with his family in S.S. "Canberra," to take charge of a parish in Beverley, West Australia. Beverley is about 80 miles east of Perth, where our former Church of Scotland chaplain, the Rev. James Muir, is now on the staff of Scotch College.

Mr Philson has been with us long enough to see a complete generation of schoolboys come and go. In fact, the senior member of his flock at Q.V.S., Neil Burrows, began at the School when Mr Philson did, and has spent his whole nine years in Mr Philson's congregation. In his period here, Mr Philson has made a deep impression on Episcopalians and gained many friends outside his own church. He will be remembered for his clear, vigorous, and informal preaching, his concern for the boys, and his excellent influence on their singing.

We are glad to print the following message, which Mr Philson has sent for the School, and we wish most sincerely that he and his wife and family will find success and happiness in their new life.

Commandant, staff and boys of Q.V.S.

"In thinking of what I would like to say to you, it has occurred to me that in leaving the Queen Victoria School I am only doing what so many have done before and what you will, in time, do yourselves. So now I can tell you a little of what it feels like.

"I find myself filled with a sense of very deep gratitude for the privilege of having been here at all, and I know that wherever I go in the rest of my life I shall be making comparisons which will have as part of their basis the standards of the Queen Victoria School. I shall always be glad to hear of or to meet anyone who has had an association with OUR School, and so I know that while I cannot but have regrets at this parting, never the less I am better fitted for the tasks that lie ahead, and take courage.

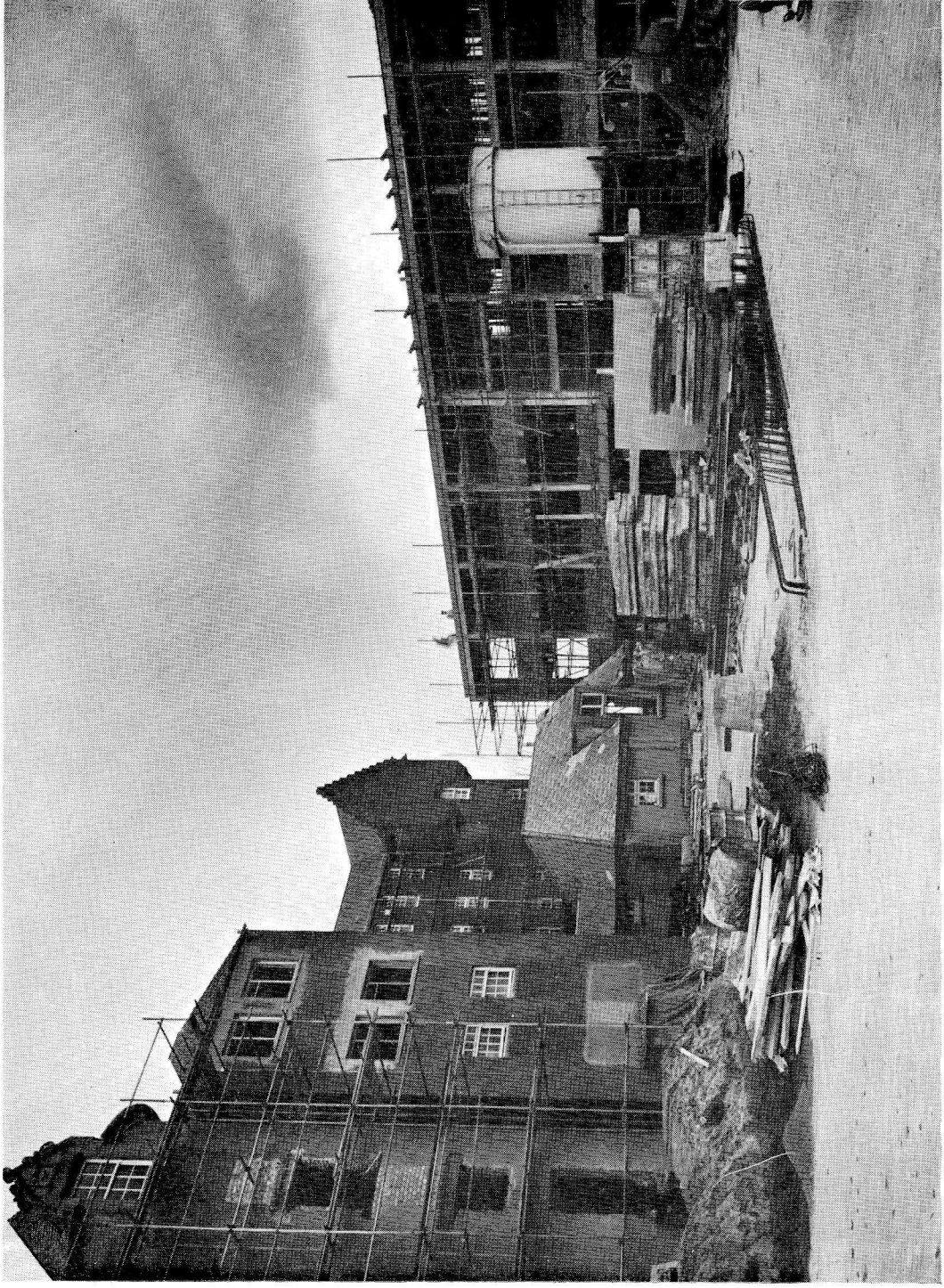
"Good luck, Victorians, and may God bless you all."

J. A. S. PHILSON.

ORTHODONTICS

For many years the boys in this School have had exceptionally good dental treatment from a series of Army dental officers who have visited the School on certain days each week. Recently because of the run-down of National Service, it has become more and more difficult to find junior dental officers for this duty, and we have been looked after by very senior Army dentists who have made the time to deal with our needs. The time, however, has now come when the re-grouping of the Army in Scotland and the opening of the Junior Tradesmen's Unit at Troon require the services of these senior officers elsewhere. No Army dental officers are now available to look after our School, and we are to be put in the care of a civilian dentist in the same way as we are looked after medically by civilian doctors. We are lucky in being able to obtain the services of Mr Garden, who is well known to many of us, and welcome him to his association with the School. We look back with

RECONSTRUCTION AND NEW BUILDING



gratitude to many years of admirable service from the Royal Army Dental Corps, and particularly to our last two dental officers, Colonel Gemmell and Lieutenant-Colonel Rooke, both of whom have given the most enthusiastic care and skilled attention to all who passed through their hands.

THE BUILDING PROGRAMME

After almost eight years of continuous planning and negotiations, work on our very large modernisation building project began in January, 1962. It is in three phases: firstly, the modernisation of the old Main Block, secondly, the building of a new classroom and Primary dormitory block and, thirdly, various smaller jobs. It is hoped that all will be finished by the beginning of the autumn term of 1963.

The most urgent matter is the completion of the work on the Main Block. It was calculated that the School could continue to function efficiently if it was moved temporarily to a hutted camp for the summer term, but that we would be in some difficulty if we found ourselves still in huts in the late autumn or winter. This meant virtually that we could only vacate the Main Block from the beginning of April, when we broke up for the Easter holidays, until early in September when we would normally come back from the summer holidays. In the event, the tremendous amount of alteration, replacement of central heating, re-wiring of all the electrical circuits and re-decoration which we required could not be fitted into five months. We have had to allow the contractors a full six months, and do not plan to get back to Dunblane until early October. This has meant a summer holiday of three whole months—a very long time for all concerned.

The second phase, the building of a three-storey classroom and Primary dormitory block on the east side of the square, was begun early in January, 1962. This project is planned to be completed in fourteen months and we hope to be able to occupy the new block at the end of the spring term of 1963. The third phase consists of various smaller jobs, such as the tiling of the swimming bath, the re-flooring of the gymnasium, the re-wiring of the Chapel and the building of three more married officers' quarters. We expect these works to start by the spring of 1963 and to be finished in the autumn of that year.

At the time of writing there seems to be much confidence that the work is up to schedule and that the first phase will be finished in time to allow us to re-occupy the Main Block in October. There will then be two terms during which we shall be living in some congestion until we can get into the new block and clear off the eighty Wavell boys to their own new dormitories. After that is done, the remaining phase will present small difficulty to the School although it may have its problems for the architects and builders. All our hopes are, therefore, now fixed on making a safe return to Dunblane by the beginning of next term, and it can at least be said that at present the chances seem favourable that we shall be able to do so.

OLD BOYS NEWS

Since the introduction of the new Life Subscription we now have 171 life members. Any old boys reading these notes are asked to use their influence with their former fellow pupils with whom they are in touch and remind them that Life Membership cost £1 only, which should be sent to the Headmaster, who is the Secretary of the Association.

Old Boys' Day was held as usual on the first Sunday in May, 1962 and in spite of the weather and the restrictions of Cultybraggan as opposed to Dunblane, 41 former pupils turned up, the normal Annual General Meeting took place under the Chairmanship of Mr H. J. Harrison, the football match took place (won by the School) and the Pipe Band entertained us in the late afternoon.

The Glasgow Old Boys continue to flourish. They held a Dinner Dance on the 27th October, 1961, the guests being Mr J. Grassick from London, the Rev. T. Low, the Headmaster and Mrs Fowler and other members of the School staff. It was a most enjoyable evening. On the 8th March, 1962, they held a Film Show and then a Supper Dance. The Edinburgh Branch are not so fortunate in that they are still without a meeting place in Edinburgh. The membership, however, is continually growing and surely it is only a matter of time before meetings can take place again. The London Branch held their General Meeting on 24th March but unfortunately no member could attend Old Boys' Day this year. They report that four boys of the School, Monitor Roy and Prefects Owens, Bird and Finlay, attended their General Meeting together with Mr G. B. Robertson, late of the R.A.E.C., who taught in the School in 1923. They also report that last September, at the meeting held in the home of Mr and Mrs J. S. Carruthers, they met Peter Peres (No. 164) late R.A.E.C. who is now teaching in Dover.

We regret to hear of the deaths of John Hetherington (No. 33), Peter Hendry (No. 91), Alexander Centre (No. 100), and D. Scobie (No. 2466). We are also sad to hear of the continued illness of Mr J. McLeod ex-Chairman of the Glasgow Branch and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

A most encouraging sign is the number of old boys who either visit or write to the School. We have heard recently news of Rodney Maxwell who is at Welbeck College and is boxing, fencing, playing bridge (and the drums) and reports that Michael Nixon has settled in well. We also had an interesting letter from L. V. Dewar (No. 906) who is now Warden of H.M. Detention Centre at Werrington, Stoke-on-Trent. We seem to get more and more letters from Australia and hope to some time to hear news of an Australian Branch being formed. In addition to this we have had several visits in the last two terms from the many boys who are now at Army Apprentice Schools and Junior Leaders' Units. Many of these boys are doing well and we would particularly mention D. Scully who is now Boy C.S.M. at the Junior Leaders' Bn. at Oswestry.

MR BULL

Mr Bull, who has been the Chargehand Engineer at the School for seventeen years, has left us to take up a situation near Kippen. There can have been few better-known figures at the School than 'John' Bull. Coming from service as a Pioneer Sergeant in the Highland Light Infantry he had much experience of Scottish ways and manners but remained in outlook very much of a Southron. His major preoccupation was originally the School independent electric lighting system, but when we were put on to the mains, that duty ceased and he became more concerned with the day to day maintenance of the buildings and with urgent repairs to plumbing, heating and electric fittings. He possessed an encyclopaedic knowledge of the various pipes and circuits in and around the School and was at his best in a real emergency. Services such as his tend to be taken much for granted, but we should all long remember how much more we should have been inconvenienced by breakdowns had Mr Bull not been there to put things right. We wish him and his family great happiness and prosperity in their new home.

VALETE

In the last number of the "Victorian," we listed the leavers' names along with a record of their dates of joining, positions, and achievements at School, their home address—requested by the Old Boys' Association—and, wherever possible, a note of the careers to which they were going. Below, we give in the same form a list of the Summer and Easter leavers. There must be some doubt about what is worth mentioning in the Valet column, for most boys can rake up some such distinction as a Primary Progress prize or a junior boxing medal gained years ago. Generally speaking, we have restricted the entries to Certificates gained in open examination at the highest level reached by the leaver, to major school prizes, and to First teams and high placings in open events. We have to qualify our notes about future careers with the expression "candidates for." No doubt, nearly all the future occupations will be definitely settled by the time the "Victorian" appears, but the printers cannot wait till everything has been confirmed. The educational qualifications shown are those gained in 1961. There will be more to come at the end of July.

Easter, 1962

Form V

H. MILLER—Joined 1954. Haig, Monitor of Wavell House. A.C.F., Corporal, Cert. A Parts I and II. 1st XV (colours) 1958-62, Captain 1960-62. Scottish Midland Schools XV. 1st XI (colours) 1958-61. Victor Ludorum Athletic Sports, 1961. School record holder long jump. Piper in band. R.L.S.S. Instructor's Certificate. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver series. Scottish Leaving Certificate : Higher

Art ; Lower English, History, Maths. Emigrated to Australia.

Form IIA

J. MILLER—Joined 1959. Haig, A.C.F. Cert. A Part I. R.L.S.S. Intermediate Certificate. Emigrated to Australia.

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Form VI

R. L. BIRD—Joined 1956. Trenchard. Prefect. A.C.F. L/Cpl., Cert. A. Parts I and II, Marksman. 1st XV 1961-62. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze series. Scottish Leaving Certificate : Higher English, Maths, Science ; Lower French, History, Arithmetic. To St. Andrews University. 47 A.M.Q., R.A.F., Swanton Morley, Dereham, Norfolk.

N. BURROWS—Joined 1953. Cunningham. Monitor. A.C.F., C.S.M., Cert. A. Parts I and II, Technical Certificate, Marksman. 1st XV (colours) 1960-62. 1st XI (colours) 1960-62. Piper in band. Addison Smith prize : 2nd 1961, 3rd 1958 and 1960. S.L.C. : Higher English, Maths, Science ; Lower History, Arithmetic. Candidate for R.A.F. Cranwell. Alternative, St. Andrew's University. 14 North Gyle Drive, Edinburgh, 13.

J. G. KAY—Joined 1953. Haig. Monitor. A.C.F. Sgt., Certificate A Parts I and II. 1st XV (colours) 1961-62. R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion. Cranston Memorial Essay prize, 1961. Prize winner Army Arts and Crafts Exhibition, 1959. S.L.C. Higher English, Maths, Science, History ; Lower Arithmetic. To Edinburgh University. 13 West Savile Terrace, Edinburgh, 9.

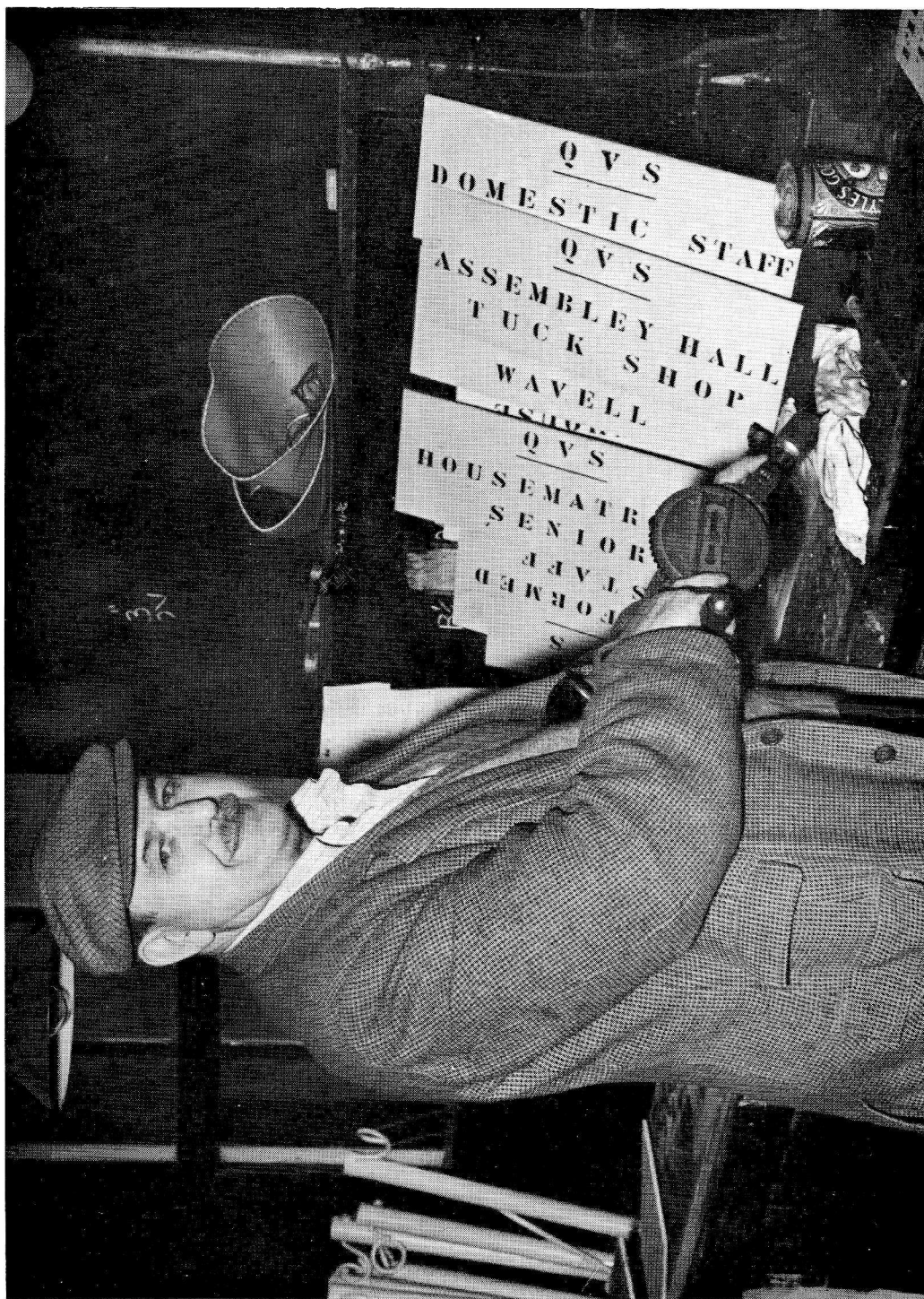
R. N. ROY—Joined 1954. Haig. Monitor (Haig and Wavell). A.C.F., C.Q.M.S., Certificate A Parts I and II, Technical Certificate. 1st XV (colours) 1961-62. 1st XI. R.L.S.S. Award of Merit. Boy Pipe Major. Best Piper 1960 and 1961. Addison-Smith Prize, 1st, 1961. S.L.C. : Higher English, Science, Maths ; Lower French, History, Arithmetic. To Civil Service (War Office). 42 Elliot Crescent, Goldington, Bedford.

C. C. WALKER—Joined 1953. Trenchard. Senior Monitor. A.C.F., Sgt., Cert. A. Parts I and II, Technical Certificate, Marksman. 1st XV (colours) 1960-62. 1st XI (colours) 1959-62. Captain 1960-62. School Athletic team. R.L.S.S. Award of Merit. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver series. Best Shot 1962. S.L.C. Higher English, Maths ; Lower French, Science, Arithmetic. Emigrating to Canada. 23 Muirbrae Road, Blairbeth, Rutherglen, Glasgow.

Form V

J. R. FRASER—Joined 1953. Haig. Prefect. A.C.F., Cpl., Cert. A. Parts I and II, Technical Certificate, Marksman. 1st XV, 1st XI. Head Dancer. Best Dancer 1961. Best Shot (colours) 1961. S.L.C. : Lower English, Maths, Science, History, Arithmetic,

MR JOHN BULL IN HIS WORKSHOP



Candidate for Civil Service. 13 Balgate Drive, Kiltarlity, by Beaul, Inverness-shire.

T. D. GAVIGAN—Joined 1953. Cunningham. Prefect in Wavell. A.C.F., Cpl., Cert. A Parts I and II. 1st XV 1961-62. One 1st prize and two 2nd prizes Army Arts and Crafts Exhibition, 1961. S.L.C. : Higher Art ; Lower English, Maths, French. To Art School, Dundee. 58 Southdeen Road, Scheme 3, Drumchapel, Glasgow, W.5.

D. R. OWENS—Joined 1954. Cunningham. Prefect. A.C.F., Cpl., Cert. A Parts I and II, Technical Certificate, Marksman. 1st XV (colours) 1959-61. 1st XI (colours) 1960-61. R.L.S.S. Bronze Cross. Piper in band. S.L.C. Lower : English, Maths, Science, History, Arithmetic. Candidate for Civil Service or University. 6 Norman Court, Stapleton Hall Road, London, N.4.

Form IV

I. C. GRAY—Joined 1956. Haig. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts I and II. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze series. Junior Secondary Certificate. Candidate for post as Draughtsman in Research Station. 12 The Approach, Rayleigh, Essex.

Form IIIA

I. S. AITCHISON—Joined 1956. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts I and II. Intending to join Police Force. 24 Gilmour Street, Kilmarnock.

J. MATHESON—Joined 1959. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts I and II. Candidate for R.A.F. Boy Entrant. 5 Shore Road, Bonahaven, Port Askaig, Islay.

E. THOMSON—Joined 1956. Cunningham. A.C.F., Cert. A Parts I and II. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze series. Piper in band. Employment not yet decided. 1 Hutchison Crossway, Edinburgh, 11.

Form IIIB

J. BROWN—Joined 1956. Haig. A.C.F., Cert. A Part I. R.L.S.S. Intermediate Certificate. Candidate for R.A.F. Boy Entrant or Apprentice. 54 Trenchard Crescent, R.A.F. Kinloss, Morayshire.

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Abbreviations :

S.L.C.—Scottish Leaving Certificate.

R.L.S.S.—Royal Life Saving Society.

THE SCHOOL ROUTINE

The School year began with a major change in our weekly routine. Saturday morning school—long projected and postponed—was introduced as a regular feature of the time-table. This change had its opponents. One can hardly suppose that if the proposal to have Saturday morning lessons had been decided by popular vote it would have got much support among the boys. There is strong natural conservatism, as well as a fear of getting more work and less free time. Though we have not taken a poll of public opinion, and would not much trust one if we had, the general impression is that Saturday morning school is now accepted as an improvement. Instead of reducing free time—never the intention anyway—it has spread the free time more conveniently over the week, and has given at least the illusion of more leisure.

Briefly what happens now in the two winter terms is as follows. On two mid-week days, Monday and Thursday for the Secondary School, and Tuesday and Friday for the Primary School, lessons finish at 12.30. On these afternoons the classes released have games from 2 till 3.30 (Secondary) or 3.15 (Primary). Thereafter comes a trades period one day and free time on the other, before tea at 5.15. On Wednesdays lessons finish at 3 o'clock for all, and are followed by A.C.F. parades for the senior boys, and games for the primary boys and for those Secondary boys who are too young for the A.C.F. The benefits are evident. Victorians of recent years will remember that games used to follow lessons, starting at 3.15, and that in consequence, darkness cut them short in the winter months. An expedient brought in two years ago was to reverse the order, having games before lessons for that part of the year when the darkness came early. The new system, however, is clearly better. It allows enthusiasts to stay on the field practising by themselves after games. Then, on the free afternoon, boys have time after games to change and go out to Dunblane, if they want to do so, before tea. On Saturday, lessons for all finish at 11.45, giving a free hour before dinner. On Saturday afternoon, there are often matches; and when the First Fifteen are playing at home, boys are expected to turn out and give their support. Otherwise they are free or are engaged in team practices or matches of their own. It will be seen that the Saturday morning periods do not make up for the lessons cut out on Wednesdays and games days. The Secondary boys get the missing periods back on Tuesdays and Fridays, when school goes on to 4.30, with a mid-afternoon break. We end up with just the same amount of school as before, but with a better distribution of the time.

The evenings are well occupied. From Monday to Thursday, the hour after tea is given to hobbies, of which there are many, organised by different masters, and involving most boys pretty regularly. On Friday evening there are choir practices. Prep., under supervision of Prefects, is done every evening, 7 to 8 for the Primary boys, and for the Secondary boys 7 to 8.30, except on Saturdays when their prep.

too finishes at 8. Thus there is a free hour after tea on Saturday, and another after prep. Happily these have coincided with the favourite television programmes, and Saturday evening is the one time in the week when there is a crowd for television. The traditional film show is held in the play Hall on Sunday evenings, projected by boys, and makes the building miraculously quiet for a couple of hours.

The time-table at Cultybraggan has been special. There have had to be many modifications, to get out-of-class activities fitted in by sections, and prep. has been reduced to make time for A.C.F. parades and for sport. An innovation of recent years is "provisional prep." On Tuesday evenings we normally have games, including some School cricket matches. But, if the weather makes games impossible, prep. is substituted, and we hope to regain the games period the following evening.

This account of the basic routine does not, of course, take note of numerous other activities that are fitted in as time allows: for example, rehearsing for plays. Even so there are still breaks, and dinner-hours, and odd periods of 15 or 20 minutes for unorganised play to flourish. The new routine spreads everything better, eliminates long periods of wet-weather boredom, and makes time for a variety of organised recreations, while still leaving opportunities for private amusements.

OUR FATHERS (AND MOTHERS)

Ever since this School began in 1908 the rules laid down by Royal Warrant for the admission of a boy have required that his father should have served in the ranks, on a regular engagement or on active service, either in a Scottish regiment or, being a Scotsman, in any other of the armed services. Recently these rules have been expanded slightly to admit boys whose fathers are ineligible but whose mothers, being Scotswomen, have had comparable service in the Women's Services.

As a result of these conditions of entry we have boys from all three Services and a great diversity of corps and regiments. At the beginning of the present School year the position was as follows:—

Royal Navy	.....	5
Royal Armoured Corps	.....	7
Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers and Royal Signals	.....	37
Scottish Infantry (including the Scots Guards)	.....	94
Other Infantry	.....	4
Royal Army Service Corps	.....	20
Other Corps of the Army	.....	26
Royal Air Force	.....	40
Women's Services	.....	2
Total	.....	235

We would like to have more sons of Scottish sailors but their low strength is easily explained: the big manning ports of the Navy are all in the south of England, it is to those ports that the ships return and it is there that many Scottish sailors meet their future

wives and tend to live while their families are growing up. The fact that our boys from Scottish regiments equal those from the rest of the Army put together can be readily understood. Most Scotsmen who join the Army are attracted to their local infantry regiment; we live in the centre of the regimental districts; we keep in touch with the regiments through their magazines; and most of the regimental Colonels have at some time had close connection with the School, either as Commissioners or in some other way.

It is interesting to see the strong representation of the Royal Air Force. This has grown annually and is still growing. In 1955 there were 17 R.A.F. boys, in 1959 28 and in 1961 40. There are, however, 190 Army boys in the School compared with 5 from the Royal Navy and 40 from the Royal Air Force and we, therefore, remain what we have always been, primarily an Army School, although boys from both the other Services are more than welcome.

EXAMINATIONS

Our summer number normally has contained a report of the boys' results in the Scottish Leaving Certificate examinations, held, until this year, in March. 1962 has seen a change in the examination system. In the new examination for what is now called the Scottish Certificate of Education, the Lower Grade, which pupils not yet up to Higher standard in the subject concerned could attempt in their fifth year, has been abolished. It has been replaced by an Ordinary Grade examination, taken in the Fourth Year secondary and equivalent to the "O" level in England. The examinations at both Higher and Ordinary grade are held in May, and the results will not be available till the end of July, when candidates receive a notification of their results directly to their homes from the Scottish Department of Education. So this year's results will appear in the Christmas "Victorian."

We have received, and we print below, the results of the examination taken by 3rd Year, fifteen-year-old, leavers. That is the Junior Secondary Certificate, instituted a few years ago by the Perth and Kinross County authority. This certificate, though not a national one, warrants that the successful candidates have reached a satisfactory standard in the three-year course, and provides an objective and an incentive for those who finish school at fifteen. The new Fourth-year examination, however, should encourage pupils who may feel that "Highers" are beyond their capacity, to stay at least another year beyond their fifteenth birthday and try to get "O" grade qualifications, themselves the stipulated requirements for entry into several careers. Until we get this year's results, we must remain in some doubt about the standard demanded in the "O" grade papers. Consequently the 1962 examination results are awaited with special interest.

County Junior Secondary Certificate, 1962

The following boys have been awarded the certificate—I. S. Aitchison, J. Brown, A. M.

Cooper, D. S. Fraser, R. T. Kilcullen, J. McDonald, W. McFarquhar, J. McKenzie, T. B. McLaughlin, K. McMillan, R. M. MacRae, E. J. Mayo, R. J. Miller, A. J. Murtagh, A. D. Towns, I. M. Wilkie, J. C. Williamson, J. T. Wright.

CULTYBRAGGAN

The School term at Cultybraggan camp has passed with astonishing rapidity, and, looking back over our time here, we think most people would agree that we have been remarkably lucky. The big fear was that we would get a solid spell of heavy rain. In spite of variations in temperature, showers, and winds, we have not had any conditions to make our lives really uncomfortable. Almost forgotten are the chilly nights of our first week or two here. It was soon established—one night was enough—that for the time being hygiene must give way to comfort. Vests and jerseys were worn in bed; reserve blankets were issued to all; coke fires in the dormitory huts were authorised. It was amazing how fires were kept going in class-rooms and elsewhere with no apparent organisation. There was always someone willing to clear and light a stove.

It did not take long to settle into a school routine. Morning prayers took place in the large N.A.A.F.I. hut with Mr Bruce at the piano, two open fires blazing in the centre, and, later, companionable birds twittering and swishing round. The division of dining accommodation among five huts, one for each senior House and two for Wavell, proved in some respects an improvement on Dunblane arrangements. Meals were noticeably quieter, and behaviour seemed better altogether. The long dormitory huts had one disadvantage from the occupants' point of view, though they were slow to recognize it. What never seems to be understood is that what is out of sight is not necessarily out of earshot, particularly if the intervening wall is only a thin sheet of metal, and has several open windows in it. School Chapel services in the Church of Scotland Canteen went well and smoothly. We wonder if people realised how much backstage work was involved. It was the unadvertised work of the Jamieson family, cleaning and sorting for hours, that made and kept the "chapel" as attractive as it was.

For most of the staff, school at Cultybraggan meant daily journeys by school bus or by car. Eight masters, comprising five bachelors and three grass-widowers were permanently resident in the camp, and the others travelled from Dunblane when required here. Each day the School bus delivered and carried away its quota of masters and of "administrative" staff. Science and Technical Subjects were still done at Dunblane; so that secondary classes had days there in turn and were able to keep an eye on the progress of the building and alterations. A "Duty Master's Room" in a section of a Nissen hut accommodated the master on duty, who slept there—by night we mean—so as to be at hand in case of emergency. Non-resident masters took turns of occupying this room at week-ends, while residents

did the duty on week-nights. The Commandant and Headmaster continued to live at Dunblane, but both spent one or two nights a week in the camp. Besides the bus, a duty truck made daily runs transporting dinners, boys requiring medical or dental attention, and other odd bodies going on various errands or missions. Mr Morrow and his kitchen staff had to deal with constant fluctuations in numbers for meals in camp and numbers of dinners to be conveyed to Dunblane, where the boys and masters down there for the day were served with their mid-day meal in the Technical Drawing hut set up as a dining-room. All these arrangements went remarkably smoothly. The staff who dealt with our food and heating and other comforts worked with noble cheerfulness in conditions that were not always of the easiest. For the first few weeks the boilerman on duty walked and stoked without respite; and Mr Girvan—good-humoured as ever—was heard to compare the kitchen to that of the Flintstones.

Some summer activities were inevitably curtailed at Cultybraggan, notably cricket and swimming. Nor could the running track on the sports field there bear comparison with our own at Dunblane. But there were advantages too. When they had only to hop over a wire fence to reach the field, boys were much more inclined to practise athletics on their own. Even when sports equipment was not available, and that was very seldom, the shot-put was practised with big stones. In fact the stone-put assumed the status of a new event with record throws marked out. The extra half-hour permitted in the evening before bedtime also helped athletic practice to flourish. There was some swimming too, rather cold, in the river pool. It is hard to say how much of their time the "swimming parties" actually spent on swimming. These excursions tended to develop into games by the river rather than swimming in it. Cricket is reported elsewhere. Golf acquired an official standing when the staff and boys of the School were admitted as temporary members of the Comrie golf course for a small block subscription. A few boys were eager to take advantage of this opportunity, but after a few weeks official golf games dwindled away. It is an unescapable condition of golf that you should have some clubs to play with. As far as we know, only two boys observed this condition, and too many others expected to take the use of these boys' clubs. In the evenings there were official "expeditions," "hikes" or "walks"—whatever you care to call them. The putting green next to the Officers' Mess drew a steady clientele for some time, and then that diversion palled too. The fishermen, who had the privilege of a stretch of river as their preserve, were disappointed by the lack of water. Probably the most popular of the new organised activities was the canoeing arranged by Captain Smith, himself an expert. This sport was always over-subscribed, and turn about was the rule. A most successful venture was the taking of parties to Loch Earn to canoe there. The Third Year leavers got this privilege. It was evident that they thoroughly enjoyed the outing, even the fourteen-mile walk back. We perhaps should assure any anxious parent who happen to see this

account that all activities in and on the water were fully safeguarded, by the supervision of qualified life-savers and a lavish provision of life-saving equipment.

For unorganised play, Cultybraggan camp was a true paradise. Not that a great variety of games could be seen at any one time. Fashion ruled the play. A few eccentrics might spend their breaks hacking moodily at golf-balls by themselves, and one splinter group devoted many days to the game of "peevee" (anglice "hopscotch"). But generally speaking there was a game in fashion, and that game was played most regularly at morning breaks and after dinner. For a long time it was "stick and billet," a game revived by a Monitor from his memories of early days at Q.V.S. This game swept the camp, and for weeks hardly any other was seen. It died as suddenly as it had started. At the time of writing the game is "three lives." This is a most satisfactory game. It authorises you to hurl a ball violently at people, and even if you miss them, you have the pleasure of hearing it clang against a Nissen hut, plus the delightful risk of breaking a window. When "stick and billet" died out in Wavell House, it was at once replaced by a passionate craze for marbles. We are assured that a count taken once in in the Wavell play area showed 50 boys at one time playing or watching marbles.

As we write we are faced with the task of packing it all up again, when it feels as if we had only just unpacked. This cheerful episode in the history of the School is nearly over. We shall soon be done with daily journeys in the School bus, with hot dinners travelling in ration-cans, with duty trucks and "days at Dunblane," with curious drainage behind hessian screens, with the noise of the tractor in the early morning and the clang of missiles on hut walls. We shall be glad in many ways to get back to the Dunblane amenities and to try the new buildings; but we shall look back with pleasure on the term at Cultybraggan, not least because of the treatment we have had from Major Hutchison and the camp staff. Unobtrusively, they have done everything to make the School comfortable. How refreshing it is to deal with people who are always courteous and whose one aim is to help you to get what you require.

THE SCHOOL CHAPEL

The highlight, perhaps the most dramatic, and certainly the most tuneful of our services is the United Carol Service at the end of the Christmas term. Yet, to many, the most moving is the Service of Remembrance, with its solemn dignity, its distant bugle calls, its lone piper and a host of memories.

A visitor, familiar with our traditional Sunday morning service, would find few changes over the past five years. However, he would notice that the boys' offerings are received during the service, after the address. The Monitors now carry round four light oak plates, made in the School workshop, by Mr Finlay. The staff still use one of the original

plates, which is now placed at the door of the gallery. When all the offerings have been presented at the Communion Table, we now offer a short prayer of dedication.

At the daily morning Prayers, there has been one change, introduced last year experimentally, and continued this year. During the summer term the Scripture Lessons are now read by the boys of Forms IV, V and VI, from a specially bound copy of the New English Bible, presented to the Chapel by the Glasgow Branch of the Old Boys' Association. A prize is given for the best reading.

The Kirk Session, at present, consists of the Moderator, the Chaplain, and the Members, Messrs. Reid, Orr and Robertson all of whom were ordained Ruling Elders before coming to serve here. Our Communion Service is held on the second last Sunday of term, and all the Presbyterian boys are present as observers, while those who are Members of the Church and who wish to Communicate, sit at the front, in the Body of the Kirk. The Congregation use a recently-acquired Individual Communion Service, while the Kirk Session continue to use the Common Cup when they set the example. We had a record Communion in the summer of last year when there were 77 Communicants.

While the outside of the Chapel is now surrounded by the hustle-bustle of building activity, the inside lies quiet and deserted looking, for we have moved to Cultybraggan Camp. Nevertheless, the worship of the School continues uninterrupted. Morning Prayers and Assembly are held in the smaller N.A.A.F.I. building, at the centre of our part of the camp, while the Presbyterian Sunday morning service is held in the Church of Scotland Hut, just outside our lines. The Form and Order of the Sunday service remain unchanged, except that the Colours are placed in position before the service and removed afterwards, since the cross beams of the Hut are too low to allow them to be carried in the traditional manner.

We miss the organ, but on the whole, I think we still make a . . . "joyful noise, unto the Lord . . ." which is, after all, the most important thing.

On Sunday, the 20th May, we welcomed back Major and Mrs Ashworth for the Christening of their fourth child, Kevin Donald Wishart.

Commonwealth Youth Sunday fell on the 3rd of June this year, and the message from Her Majesty the Queen was read at the morning service.

The School found that this Hut was useful as an examination room for the S.L.C. examinations, as it was sufficiently far removed from the inevitable noises of School and Camp life, and yet not too far removed from the central control.

The Staff Sunday School has continued to flourish, and although our numbers are small—18 at full strength—the attendances have been very good. It was with reluctance that we had to decide to close the Sunday School for the summer until the School returns to Dunblane.

A.N.J.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

We last published a note about the School library in July, 1956. Since then there have been fairly big developments in the library. Thanks to generous annual grants, supplemented by additional issues from the War Office and by occasional gifts, the number of books has greatly increased. The library proper still remains the preserve of the secondary boys, Wavell House having their own independent library of books more suitable to their age group, and there is also a separate "class library" of some 200 volumes chosen for the use of Form 1B in their prep. reading time. The number of books in the main library is now close on 4,000 about 1,500 of which are works of fiction. To accommodate these we have had to extend the shelving. Four long sets of shelves made by Mr Mackay, the former School carpenter, have occupied the centre of the room and taken all the fiction; and these have also served us well at Cultybraggan, holding the portion of the library taken with us. Then Mr Cowe, our present carpenter, made us a new and more commodious set of shelves to occupy the right-hand wall of the library in place of the rather irregular shelving and cases that were there before. Our aim is to extend similar shelving all round, thereby making more room to keep up with the steady expansion of the library.

Much of the routine work of the library is now done by boy librarians. Library work is now treated as a "trade," and for the past five years there have been some six or eight boy librarians working there in "trades" periods and taking their turn of dealing with loans in the prescribed library hours. Though there are set hours for borrowing and returning books, the library is always open when the boys are free, and in addition to books we have a regular supply of periodicals. These are housed in compartments added as a superstructure to a long oak table, a conversion job also done by our former carpenter. Boys occasionally ask what librarians find to do in "trades" periods. The first routine job, of course is dealing with the accumulation of returned books. These are examined to see if they need to be re-bound. If so, they are put aside for the next binding consignment. If not, they are put back on their shelves in the proper places. In the course of doing this work, even the most thick-headed librarian is bound to acquire some knowledge of the library system and of the Dewey Decimal classification of libraries. At times books have to be listed and packed for the binder, or checked back from binding, and re-stamped with their class and accession numbers. Parcels of new books come in, and these have to be checked, stamped, and entered in the catalogue. A running card index is kept of books which we intend to order, and indents have to be compiled periodically. These are some of the routine jobs. In addition between January, 1958 and early 1961, the entire library was catalogued and indexed. We worked round the shelves entering the full details of every book in a new regular accession register and adding new books to the same register as they came in. Along with this work went the writing and

arranging of index cards for all the books. When the job was completed, we possessed for the first time a full accession register showing details of every book in the library, a card index to all the fiction arranged in alphabetical order of authors, and another index to all the non-fiction arranged by subjects according to the Dewey system, that used in our public libraries. It will be appreciated that to carry out these tasks while the library was in full use, needed great care and vigilance on the part of the boys concerned. For example, they had to know how far the cataloguing had gone at any time, and to extract from the "returns" any belonging to a section already done, which had escaped the catalogue by being out on loan. Finally a lengthy job each year is making the check of our stock of books. The books are checked against the index cards, often having to be traced on wrong shelves where casual readers have put them, and restored to their right places. The cards of missing books are taken out, and then we go through the loan cards to see how many of the books can be traced as out with readers. We are always left with an obstinate core of books still missing. Most of these turn up in mysterious fashion; and the boy librarians have to know which are missing and spot their reappearance.

In 1956 we recorded that over 600 books had been issued in the summer term to boys of the secondary school. We were quite pleased with that figure. 99 boys out of 113 had borrowed at least one book, and the best customer had 25. Of the 600 plus issues, 195 were "war books"; and of the novelists Nevil Shute was easily the most popular. We possessed 8 books by Shute and there had been 60 issues of these. We can now offer some up-to-date statistics about what our boys read.

Firstly here is a table showing the progress of issues from the library over the past five years, no details being available for the year 1957-58. The number of pupils in the secondary school has averaged about 140.

	Loans to boys Main Library	Loans to boys Class Library	Loans to Staff	Total Issues
1957-58	—	—	—	3,231
1958-59	3,930	300	482	4,712
1959-60	3,657	463	717	4,837
1960-61	3,877	451	715	5,043
1961-62	3,114	276	492	3,782

(two terms only)

It can be seen that there is fairly steady reading going on, with no sensational increase, though in normal conditions this year's reading, passing the 3,000 mark in issues to boys from the main library alone at Easter, must have set up a new record. Naturally the outdoor attractions of Cultybraggan have diminished reading, and it has been possible to use only about a third of the library while we are in the camp. The extension of the programme and range of hobbies in the past few years has tended to stabilise the reading figure, which was soaring away before.

We recently made an analysis of the library reading

over the past two terms, based on the reading records of boys now at Cultybraggan and excluding those borrowers who have left school before the Summer term. The issues totalled 2,956, of which 1,096 were works of non-fiction, and 1,860 fiction.

Of the non-fiction loans easily the largest number came from sub-section 940-548 of the library; that is the one containing stories of escapes and personal exploits in the war of 1939-45. But all sections were well patronised. Below are shown the numbers of issues from the most popular sections:—

940-548	War, 1939-45. Escapes and Exploits	310
700-799	Games and Hobbies—outdoor and indoor	119
600-699	Crafts and Engineering	94
910-919	Travel	90
500-599	Science	76
800-900	Literature	55

Unexpectedly, the number of issues from the sub-section 940-545, which contains books about the war at sea (1939-45), totalled only 49, and from the sub-section about the air war there were 32 issues. There was a great boom in sea-war books about a year ago. Either the fashion has passed, or our regular readers have exhausted the stock of such books before this school year. However, it can be seen that nearly 400 books about the war were issued from the non-fiction library in the 21 weeks during which the library was open.

When taking figures for the fiction, we had to cast our net wide. We found that there were many authors with regular followings and none who dominated the market. Books of collected short stories—chiefly ghost stories—took top place with 76 issues. The top ten authors were as follows:—

1.	C. S. Forester	70
2.	Agatha Christie	67
3.	Conan Doyle	61
4.	Bruce Graeme	59
5.	John Wyndham	49
6.	H. G. Wells	48
9.	John Masters and Nevil Shute	38

Close behind came Rohmer, Buchan, and George Orwell. Of course, the poll is dominated by the reading of the more junior boys. The 1st and 2nd years contain well over half the secondary school. It was interesting to see how diverse the choices were, and to find that certain authors have lost their hold. One or two steady adherents accounted for the 32 issues of books by W. E. Johns. Certain authors acquire one or two devotees each year who go through all their books: Simenon and Maurice Walsh are examples. After taking figures for 17 authors, we still had about a third of the total issues of fiction scattered in small lots among the rest. There are some voracious readers in the School. One 3B boy had 89 books out. Perhaps he did not read them all, but he still did a good deal of reading. There are several others who have read 2 to 3 books per week throughout the winter terms.

A word about the boy librarians. At present M. W. Gillespie is the chief librarian, succeeding J. Kay

who has been occupied with examination work this year. The other librarians are R. I. Smith, D. T. Keltie, D. S. Fraser, W. McFarquhar, and D. I. Marshall. Several of the Monitors and Prefects have served as librarians in the past. They have been pressed into service again at Cultybraggan now that their examinations are over, for time-table complications have made us abandon the regular twice-weekly trades periods in the library while we are at Cultybraggan. In general, 5th and 6th Year boys do not have time to act as librarians. This year we have drawn from Forms IV, 3B, and 2A. Two years ago, we made the boy librarians sit a written trade test in which they had to answer detailed questions about library organisation, and were expected to know the main classifications of the Dewey system by heart. They emerged with fair credit, with J. Kay, as usual, scoring a high mark.

Finally, we can look forward to even more interesting developments in the School library. The news reached us this term that the magnificent sum of £8,000 had been offered to the School by the executors of the Lady MacRobert and Douneside Trusts, to build a library "with facilities for private study." What form exactly the new building will take, and how the money will be apportioned between building, furniture, and books, has not yet been decided. It is certain, however, that with this bequest at our disposal Queen Victoria School should have one of the finest school libraries in the country.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

In 1932 Britain was in the grip of the great slump. National affairs hardly touch a school magazine, and the "Victorian" of that year contains no reference to the crisis of the world outside, except for a passing allusion to its effect on the School. In the interests of national economy the numbers in the School are being "rapidly reduced to 200." The big event of the year was the treat given to the whole School by Bertram Mills, who invited all the boys to the circus in Edinburgh and gave them tea before the show. The forecast of the arrangements says that there was to be a special train to Edinburgh. To mark the School's visit the letters Q.V.S. were traced out in the sawdust of the ring. In the same year there was a visit to H.M.S. "Hood." Many of our present boys must have read in the School library the story of "The Mighty Hood" and of her tragic end.

Sport occupies a fair proportion of the magazine, but not so much as it now does. The Rugby record of 1931-32 did not reach the heights of 1961-62, but was pretty good. We drew with Alloa, of course. The School XV was beaten by Stirling High School F.P. XV. The report says: "We have dropped this fixture because of the disparity in the ages, weight, and physique of the two sides." The score was only 8-16. The season ended with a win 43-0 against Newstead School, in which "Robertson amazed the spectators with a fine display of place-kicking." A few years ago there was excitement and cheering round the score-board when a School XI reached a score of 100. No-one remembered such a feat before,

and bolder spirits were disposed to claim that this was the first time a School XI had reached these figures. In 1932 the School made 130 against the Glenalmond 3rd XI and 104 against Newstead. The programme of the School sports reads rather differently from that of today. It includes a "mystery race," a ladies' egg-and-spoon race, a maids' race and a "T.T." race, in which the contestants had to push tyres. We notice that the ladies' race was won by Mrs G. Dowling, and that the team to win the "mystery race" included Mr G. Dowling.

Mr G. Dowling, formerly school gardener, is the brother of our present boilerman. Since the school opened there has always been at least one of the Dowling family in its service.

There is also a report of the School team's performance in the annual athletic match against the Duke of York's School. It appears that this was a postal match, for the writer says: "We anxiously await news as to whether we have been successful." Unfortunately we were not. The School results were as follows:—

High Jump—12 ft. 3 ins.
Long Jump—42 ft. 10 ins.
Cricket Ball—191 yards 1 ft. 9 ins.
 $\frac{1}{4}$ mile relay—59.4 secs.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile relay—2 mins. 6.6 secs.

Unless there really were giants in those days, the School score must represent the aggregate of three jumps and throws. Athletic standards in all schools, not least in Q.V.S., have come a long way since then. Consider the high jump of 4 ft. 8 ins. by a 13 year old boy against Rannoch this summer. There is a photograph of the principal winners in the sports of 1932. Even Monitor J. McLean, winner of the "Monitors' Challenge Cup," seems a comparatively youthful figure.

The summer "Victorian" of the year has an interesting article by J. D. M. McIlroy (No. 5) giving his reminiscences of the School's earliest days. The writer's father came to Dunblane in 1908 to be Institution Clerk at the School. The writer himself was apprenticed to a chemist in Dunblane for the period before the School opened, having then no idea of being eligible for the School himself. He says: "The people of Dunblane had very vague ideas of the School, and I had many an argument trying to convince them that it was not to be a reformatory or such like. In fact I was generally known as the 'Home' laddie." Away from Dunblane, ideas are still occasionally vague about Q.V.S. In that year he saw the opening ceremony and laying of the foundation stone of the Chapel by King Edward VII, on 28th September, 1908. Contingents from all the Scottish Regiments attended, and the 2nd Battalion K.O.S.B. and the Black Watch sent 250 officers and men, bands, pipes and drums. "The whole town was thronged with visitors." "A covered way was erected from the main building to the Chapel." The writer was the School's first Monitor, and when he conducted the earliest recruits from station to School, he wore a red tunic (Duke of York's) blue trousers (Royal Hibernian School),

a K.O.S.B. glengarry, and a silk sash, for the Q.V.S. uniform had not yet been finally approved. He recalls too that the Orderly Monitor had to detail four or five boys to sing the grace at meals.

The "Victorians" of 1932 contain several references to the earliest winners of the School Scholarships: George Thompson, Robert Linton and Alfred Cruickshank. The present generation have seen these names on the boards in the front hall, and may have wondered about the board headed "Scholarships," with its brief list and early ending. A special fund was raised to provide a School scholarship which would enable successful candidates to go to the Service Academies or Colleges. Times have changed, and the cadets no longer have to pay fees. Consequently, we no longer have single winners of the School Scholarship. Instead, the fund provides grants which the Commissioners award to Victorians at Academies, Colleges or Universities, to help them during their courses.

A few other extracts may be of passing interest. In the Playhall the permanent stage had just been demolished and replaced by a "fit-up" stage, so that the whole of the Playhall became "available for its legitimate purpose." The legitimate purpose has now changed, and with its present stage and lighting, the hall has come to be the place for plays, not for play. The oldest of the present Victorians may remember roller-skating in the hall. At the Perthshire Musical Festival, the School dancers, trained by Miss E. Taylor and Pipe-Major F. Ross, won first place, and the choir, under Mr W. Pole, got a first and second prize for their songs. The summer holiday camp was held at Barry. The term, we note, ended on 30th July. Both magazines contain fairly copious news of old boys, and the first dinner of the Glasgow Old Victorians is reported. The Editor of those days appeals, with evident success, for reports of what old boys are doing, and bewails the financial problems of the "Victorian," calling for subscribers, to increase the readership and fill the gap in the funds. At any rate, he does not seem to have been any more successful than we are at exacting literary contributions from the pupils of the School.

TIME

Those boys who feel that school life is over-organised and that they do not have enough free time will be surprised to find out just how our time is spent and how much time boys themselves spend on trivial matters.

A school year contains 38 weeks or 6,384 hours, of which, assuming lights out to be at 9.30 p.m. and reveille at 7.15 a.m., very nearly 2,600 hours, or more than our total holidays, are spent in bed. Lessons last for 1,013 hours 40 minutes; so for every minute spent in class room $2\frac{1}{2}$ are spent in bed. In school time, if we allow 10 minutes per double period for changing classes, getting books, sharpening pencils and opening windows, the figure can be reduced by $126\frac{2}{3}$ hours. Subtract 50 hours for such events as the taking of school photographs, medical inspections, band and dancing engagements, visits to

chocolate factories and appointments with the doctor, dentist and optician, and we realise that all our school work could be done in 5 weeks, working day and night.

About 530 hours, over three weeks, are spent in the dining hall of which only 260 are spent on eating and drinking. A boy who is mess orderly twice a term spends over 30 hours a year laying a table and collecting plates. The people in IIIB who make it their duty to bring out the food, serve it and collect in kettles or bread baskets use up in this way 130 hours a year, the equivalent of nearly all their Maths periods. Before going into the dining hall boys have to wait for 50 hours a year, counting week days only. At the weekend when it is common to see most of the lower school waiting 20 minutes early for tea another 45 hours a year of standing at ease, gazing at the Commissions Board can be added. One boy admitted that he sat on a radiator reading a comic paper from 2.30 until tea at 5.15. If he passed Saturdays and Sundays in this way for his whole school life (5 years) he could in the time have done a year's school work and a year's duties as mess orderly, and still have an hour and 40 minutes free.

We spend more time in the wash houses than on all march-pasts and Grand Day rehearsals in a year put together. From observations made of various boys on different days it was calculated that 99 hours are spent in the wash houses. If a basin takes 15 seconds to fill, we spend about 4 hours a year pressing a hand on a tap. 4 hours a year are spent looking into a mirror and combing hair, and 35 hours are spent on washing and drying. In the remaining 56 hours a boy living in Glasgow could travel home and back to school 30 times and spend the equivalent of a period of school there each time.

Various activities in the dormitories take up together more time than the 95 hours of organised games. On the average a boy cleans his shoes 10 times a week (twice on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays) and cleans his A.C.F. uniform and No. 1 dress once a week. From times taken, it was calculated that he thus spends over 24 hours a year. Bedmaking uses up the same time. Changing clothes, whether into games kit, pyjamas or No. 1 dress, takes up nearly 50 hours of a boy's time. In some cases it was noticed that boys on dormitory duty once a fortnight spent 30 hours a year straightening bed irons or dusting window sills.

Several boys admitted that they played marbles for about an hour a day. A boy who plays marbles for 3 ten minute periods a day devotes 130 hours a year to this pursuit; the Pipe Band practise together for 99 hours a year. By playing an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ hour on Saturdays and Sundays, the piper will play for the equivalent of all hobby-time, including A.C.F., and only 10 hours less than the 228 hours of prep.

In other instances boys spend time doing things which seem to have no value at all. Forms V and VI spend 200 hours walking round the School premises. Many boys waste 75 hours sitting on the railings round the square waiting for chapel call and those who spend their weekend free time lying on their beds spend 300 hours there; and if every boy who

watched the workmen during the breaks worked on the new building for the 70 hours of last term's breaks it would take about a month less to complete the building. In fact if everyone had spent the estimated 500 hours a year in which he does nothing on learning the art of building and working on the site we could have finished the building work ourselves in $2\frac{1}{2}$ years.

R.N.R. VI.

TRADITIONAL GAMES

In former days the "big" square was the rendezvous for the boys streaming from classes. After much argument, the last boy to arrive was sent to the middle of the square. From there he called the name of another boy whom he would try to catch before the boy reached the other side of the square. This game was called "Cock-a-Rosie" and persisted till 1960, but it is now almost non-existent. Football, with a ball not bigger than a tennis ball, (new School rule), has taken its place. White lines, originally intended for basketball, have been drawn on the square, and serve admirably for the football field.

Old boys will remember that they also used to play games with a tennis ball. In all probability their chief game was "kingball" or the other form known as "three lives." These games are still played, but not very often. Football is predominant. Other boys may remember that they preferred to play marbles, and will be pleased to know that this fine sport is still carried on. The pitch, however, has been moved. No longer is it by that large tree between the coal and the path leading to the field, but has been changed to the gravel pavement in front of the quartermaster's stores.

In winter the old ritual of snowball fights between the monitors and prefects and the boys is still carried on, but the greatest source of amusement is gone; namely the slide which covered the length of the path leading to the "Pipe Store"—what in the old days used to be the Military Band Hut. Unfortunately for the boys, certain members of the staff found it exceedingly difficult to cross the bridge, for apart from the bridge's being covered in ice, the boys were hurtling across it in a continuous stream. The path has since been covered with gravel. Thus no more does the nocturnal wanderer see a group of boys creeping down to the burn with an assortment of pails and buckets full of water to sluice down the slide, so that in the morning it will be a solid sheet of ice.

Many indoor games were played in the empty dormitory, "Duncan," which has now been converted into living quarters for the matrons. The most popular activity in this "games room" would have seemed strange to anybody looking in. In the centre, he would have seen a swarm of boys trying to lift a struggling victim off the floor. The game of course was "British Bulldog." After a few weeks all the hooks round the wall had been knocked off and several panels had been broken. It was little wonder that this game was stopped. Before long "Hopping Charlie" was just as popular. The man

who was in the centre endeavoured to knock the others on to both their feet, as they were hopping about on one leg. Sometimes when spirits were high, the dormitory was the arena for a "free-for-all."

After tea, when there used to be plenty of spare time, boys could be seen racing round the school and its grounds, with others hard in pursuit. All eagerly playing "One Man Chasie." Though running in the School building is forbidden, the game is still carried on. The historic game of "kick the can" is still played too. Some eight or nine years ago organised hobbies were introduced; small games like chess and snakes and ladders were played in what is now the sewing room, while table tennis, darts and billiards (Monitors and N.C.O's. only) were played in the hut on the square.

The games one played regularly on Sunday mornings before church all seem to have disappeared. "Hunch-cuddy-hunch" is seldom played, for there are complaints that the plaster is knocked off the ceiling and lights are rocked in the dormitory beneath. Even the quiet game of "fives" played with buttons torn from Inverness capes, is hardly ever seen, nor is "running the gauntlet"—running the length of the dormitory between two lanes of boys who batter the runner with pillows.

After lights out all is comparatively quiet, and the game of "Dares and Double Dares" seems to have been lost. Even the old practice of "doming" at the end of term is forgotten. Boys going on holiday the next day were hit over the head with a chair leg or similar instrument at some time during the early part of the night. This operation of doming served two purposes: it brought the victim good luck during his holiday, and it allowed boys a means of getting revenge. Perhaps it is just as well that this ritual has ceased. Were heads thicker in those days?

C.C.W.

FLY TYING

I belong to the Angling Club which meets every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in the two Winter Terms under Mr Malkowski.

At this hobby we make flies; not flies that go "buzz," but flies that help Scottish fishermen to catch trout, sea trout and salmon. There are many types of flies, some made of silver tinsel and wool, while others are made of feathers and wool. There are literally hundreds of different flies. Each one has a different name and each one is a different colour and size and shape. The body of one fly may be longer and fatter than the body of another fly. The commonest fly, used on all types of days, is the "bloody butcher." We tie flies for the pleasure of it but he who tries to do this must have one thing—and that is patience. If he has not got this, then he will find it rather depressing. For the beginners, fly tying is rather a slow and depressing job and that is why we need patience. A beginner might not successfully tie a fly in two hours, yet someone used to fiddling with wool, tweezers, hackle clips and minute pieces of tinsel and feathers will be able to make a good fly in 10 minutes or even less. Anyone who is a keen

Annual Inspection

WEDNESDAY, 11th JULY, 1962, at 3.45 p.m.

Inspecting Officer :

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM TURNER, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.,
General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command

INSPECTION

The parade is drawn up in line with the Pipes and Drums in the rear. The Colours are marched on to the 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 form Columns of Guards on the left of the Saluting Base. The Pipes and Drums play "Tel-el-Kebir."

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

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

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

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

Lady Turner, wife of the Inspecting Officer, has kindly consented to present some medals and trophies.

The Inspecting Officer addresses the parade.

The Senior Monitor (C. C. Walker) calls for three cheers for Lieutenant-General and Lady Turner.

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 Huts at the South side of the Parade ground.

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

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fiddler and can also stand hours of waiting on a dull windy day or a cold shivery day should take up angling, for he would find it an interesting hobby. It says in a book I saw yesterday that the boy who does not like fishing has yet to be born ; so really every boy should be interested.

To be able to make good flies we must first of all have a good supply of hooks, tinsel, silk and wool, plus a few feathers. The "bloody butcher" has a red feather for its tail which is at the bend of the hook and runs along the shank. It then has a piece of black wool turned over and under the shank for its body. On top of this is a piece of silver tinsel over the black wool. For the final step, we tie on with our black or red silk a hen's feather. This is applied to the end of the hook with hackle clips. Varnish is then applied to the completed fly, and when it is dry, the fly is ready for anyone to use.

The reason for tying and then using a fly is that the fish think that the fly is an insect which has landed on the surface of the water. Because it is either inquisitive or hungry, the fish goes for it, snaps at it, and is then impaled on the hook.

If the fly tying goes well and the season is still on we sometimes walk down the river to fish. Mr Malkowski explains to us how to fish with wet and dry flies. The wet fly sinks and the dry fly stays on the surface, the only difference between the two flies being that the dry fly is more fluffy than the wet fly. We also discuss different ways of fishing and the different kinds of fish there are, and thus with what seems to be a boring subject like fly tying, we are not bored at all. Now, at Cultybraggan, we hope to put our learning to practice ; so look out the fish of the waters of Ruchill.

A. WASHINGTON IIA.

MY INVENTION

I have been an inventor for many years, and a number of the inventions that you use every day, such as the "Plonk Machine," the "Bibble Maker," the "Zorker" and the "Swanky Swisher" were devised by me.

My greatest ambition, however, is to construct the "Sper-lash" machine. Scientists all over the world will pay thousands of pounds to see it, and far more to own it.

As a matter of fact, I have already invented a "Sper-loosh" machine. The "Sper-loosh" machine is similar to the "Sper-lash" machine, but it is not quite the same. Unfortunately it has a "loosh" instead of a "lash." What is the use of having a "loosh" instead of a "lash," or for that matter, having a "lash" instead of a "loosh"? If you have a "loosh" instead of a "lash," or a "lash" instead of a "loosh," then you must admit that your "Sper-loosh" machine, or "Sper-lash" machine, as the case may be, is a failure, and you ought to be looshed—or even lashed.

And now I will disclose my great secret, the one you have all been waiting for. I am going to tell you

how my "Sper-loosh" machine worked. First of all I washed my white overall. After that I placed it neatly in a little basket, and I carried the basket out to the garden. I hung my overall on the clothes line and waited for it to dry. When it was dry, I took it down and ironed it. As soon as I saw how clean it was, I resolved that from that moment on, I would use only "Sudso" washing powder. I then stripped off all my other clothes, and put on my overall. I found a small pebble, sterilised it for three hours and carried the pebble over to my special machine. Having pushed the pebble into the hole marked "In," I stood back, waiting to see what would happen. As the machine was transparent, I could watch the pebble while it wound its way round the machine. It moved slowly up and down in the Pumping Section, shot through the Fast Section, and spun round and round in the Spiral Section. It turned slowly and began to fall through a vertical tube, bursting paper hoops as it did so. Suddenly it came out of a hole marked "Out," and fell fifty feet into a basin of water. It entered the water with a loud "sper-loosh." I was so overjoyed, that although it was midnight, I ran through the streets, waving my overall, and shouting "Eureka ! Eureka !"

In prison, I decided to start work on a more ambitious project—the "Sper-lash" machine, which will certainly provide material for an even more sensational report.

J. HAY IIIA.

ORDERS

Unhappy day-boys, wretched boarders
In schools that have no weekly orders,
You cannot understand the joys
Experienced by the Q.V. boys.
When Thursday night comes round at length,
We rush to learn the Ration Strength.
We like to know if Mr M . . . k,
Is working on a Five Day Week,
And eagerly we note which day
He has a Holiday with Pay.
Breathes there a boy with soul so dead
That has not thrilled as he has read
About the Board Composed as Under,
Alert to pounce on every blunder ?
But if some rogue escapes detection,
The Periodical Inspection
Of R.E. Fixtures in the School
Is made by men he cannot fool.
That boy who had a nasty cough,
Alas, poor chap, he's been Struck Off !
Occasionally as a treat
They give us something to Delete.
How keenly too we all obey
The word to see Appendix A,
See how on days predestinate
The Weekly Washings circulate.
Unhappy day-boys, wretched boarders
In schools that have no weekly orders,
We lucky people pity you,
And wonder what you have In Lieu.

ON MARS

I climbed on to the dull red soil of Mars. It was not as dull as the view. Around the foot of the ship scampered a horde of creatures, undoubtedly Martians.

The inhabitants were strange one-legged creatures, who bounced around on their one leg at an alarming rate. They were not very tall, about four feet, but they were enormously fat, resembling pink beach balls from a distance. They had many little blue animals with them, which I took to be the Martian form of dog. Both kinds of creatures scampered round my legs, chattering, stopping, screeching and then dashing off again, like mad things.

My first look at their houses confirmed my opinion that the Martians were not quite sane. I walked towards a town, with the gibbering mob behind me, and reached a gate in a low wall. On going through this, I saw about eighty little houses in one straight row, along a road of sorts. Or was it one of the famous canals? It certainly bore no resemblance to the Caledonian Canal. The houses were about seven feet high, and judging by their shape, seemed to have danced around as vigorously as their owners. Smaller versions of the Martians hopped down the canal to meet me. Things really began to heat up when a huge Martian appeared. He was fully five feet high, and he bounced around me, gurgling like a child. By the respect shown to him, I took it that he was the chief. Soon he led me to one of the houses. I had got as far as the door when I was knocked flying by a crowd of Martians rushing out. Thoroughly fed up with my reception, I stood up and yelled. Miraculously the mob stopped, and everything was perfectly silent.

I walked away in disgust. Trust these Wavell House boys to do things wrong and to misbehave. Anyway, it was far too ambitious an idea for a school play.

J.M. IIIA.

MY PERSONAL AMBITION

My ambition is a modest one, and concerns my own relations. The aim of my life is to succeed to the Earldom of Tate, in Ayrshire. The present Lord Tate, my mother's cousin, is childless. Consequently, his brother's son is first in line, his brother is next in line, and third in line is his brother's grandson, with myself fourth. As it is very unlikely that I shall succeed to the title legally, I must dispose of those obstacles in the way of my ambition.

First I shall deal with my mother's, cousin's, brother's son, whom I shall murder. On the 11th August, 1962, he goes to a dinner. I shall visit his house in Moscow, Ayrshire, and cover his bath-towel with sodium tricosulphate. When he comes home he will kill himself while drying after his bath. This apparent accident will happen because sodium tricosulphate is poisonous, and enters the body via the pores where it pollutes the blood stream leaving no trace. Once this job is done two other people will stand in my way.

Second comes my mother's cousin's brother, but I need not worry about him, for he has been imprisoned for life in the Siberian salt mines. If chance will have it that he be released, I shall dispose of him before he reaches England. I am employed by the Government as a security officer aboard the North Sea Ferry. When the second in line comes aboard the ferry, I shall strangle him and throw his body into the sea. Then there will be only the baby in my way.

Dealing with him is the easiest task of all, for I need not murder him. Kidnapping is the answer to the baby. I shall present him to an old couple I know who lives in the Highlands. They will gladly accept the baby for they have no children of their own. This task completed, the title would be mine.

You may wonder why I am revealing my secret now. The fact is that I have a serious heart condition, and the doctors have given me a week to live. A week is not long enough for all I have to do. So I can only write about the title that was so near, and is so far away.

M.W.G. (IV).

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE NOTES

HOUSEMASTER : Mr N. C. Bruce.

ASSISTANT HOUSEMASTER : Captain M. E. Lees.

HOUSE MATRON : Miss M. Chalmers.

MONITOR : N. Burrows.

PREFECTS : D. R. Owens, P. R. C. Finlay.

Since coming to Cultybraggan the House has been accommodated in two tunnel-like Nissen Huts. At first the interiors presented a rather austere picture, but the boys soon set about making themselves comfortable, and in no time screens, curtains and sacking had been produced from nowhere, and cubicles sprang up at the end of each dormitory in which the Monitor and Prefects sought a little privacy.

After the first few freezing nights when the fires were lighted and extra blankets were issued, everyone settled down to the new routine and found that camp life had its compensations after all. The Nissen huts and pathways provided a wonderful maze for chasing games and bed-time was half an hour later. New crazes began, and Monitor Burrows introduced Stick and Billet, which was played with enthusiasm by young and old for a short period. Many of the senior boys have been regularly canoeing on the Ruchill Water, and some have ventured further afield to Loch Earn, where James McKenzie distinguished himself by upsetting his craft and being flung into the Loch. Fortunately help was near.

The House has had a very successful year in all forms of sport. Both senior and junior teams won their Cross Country races. Peter Finlay won the senior event and David Jagger came third in the junior race. We also gained the Rugby Shield and won the Squash tournament. A wild shot which ricocheted down the indoor range took with it our chances of winning the Shooting competition, but at the time of writing, we lead in the House Championship and hope to do well on Sports Day. James

McKenzie has run very well this season, winning all his events at Rannoch and in the A.C.F. Sports. He should be a great asset to us in the Athletic Championships.

Monitor Burrows and Prefect Finlay have been away on an Outward Bound Course for a month and R. Bowes, K. Murray and J. McKenzie have been acting as Prefects under Prefect D. Owens during their absence.

At the end of the term we say goodbye to Denis Owens, Ian Aitchison, John Matheson, Eric Thomson, Malcolm Cooper, Ian Lorimer, William McFarquhar, James McKenzie, Roderick McRae and Alan Towns. Ronald Clater left earlier in the term to join a Junior Leaders' Battalion. We wish them every success and happiness in their chosen careers. Monitor Burrows will also be leaving us. It has been largely due to his efforts that the House has had a settled and successful year, and we should like to thank him for all his hard work and the encouragement he has given us. Captain Lees, our Assistant Housemaster, is exchanging his Sprite for a camel, and is going to Aden via an Arabic course at Durham University. We wish him the best of luck in his venture.

HAIG HOUSE NOTES

HOUSEMASTER : Major R. E. Batchelor.

ASSISTANT HOUSEMASTER : Captain A. Smith.

HOUSE MATRON : Miss I. Johnstone.

MONITOR : J. G. Kay.

PREFECTS : C. Brown, J. R. Fraser.

Although we seem to be out of the running for the House Championship, this has been an enjoyable year, especially the term at Cultybraggan.

In the Easter, we won only the Junior Sevens. Fine efforts were made in the Cross Country Running by A. Stace in the Senior and D. Robertson and J. Miller in the Junior events. One of the highlights of last term was the preparation for the move to Cultybraggan. Lockers, chairs and tables were taken down to the Shooting Range by Houses, Haig also helping the small boys in Lynedoch Dormitory. Here we saw fully the disadvantage of living on the top floor. On Friday morning we were to start carrying beds down at 7 a.m. At 5.30 a.m. the boys in the bunks were wakened by those in "Clyde" who had been up since 4 a.m. knocking down the beds, to the annoyance of people below, and piling up mattresses and blankets.

Life at the camp this term has just run as smoothly, but perhaps not quite so comfortably, as it did at Dunblane. At least, now we do not have our six flights of stairs to climb to reach our dormitories; but on cold nights we certainly missed our central heating. Boys went to bed wearing vests, sweaters, socks and even sports shorts. Activities this term have been somewhat different from the usual; for example "guddling" for fish has become very popular. This "sport" is performed in a small stream near the camp. Judging from the numbers of fish taken back to the camp, it would appear that J. R. Fraser is the School's champion "guddler," with A. Aitkenhead as a distant second. With no House

Cricket matches this term, we have had more time to concentrate on our athletics and House drill. I must not forget to congratulate, on behalf of the House, D. Watson, A. Stace and D. Robertson who did exceptionally well in the A.C.F. Sports held in Edinburgh. As a result of Monitor Hugh Miller's departure last term, we have a new Prefect in J. R. Fraser. Jim Kay became our Monitor when Neil Roy left us to take on Wavell House. Monitor Kay is at present doing an Outward Bound Course at the Moray Sea School. To help with the control of the House during his absence, D. Watson has been appointed temporary Prefect, to assist Prefects C. Brown and J. R. Fraser.

With the School year drawing to a close we say goodbye to many of our older boys: R. N. Roy, J. G. Kay, J. R. Fraser, I. C. Gray, J. Brown, T. Hughes, I. McGregor, E. Mayo, I. Wilkie, J. Williamson, J. Wright and M. Hill. To these boys, we, who return next year, wish every success and hope they will return and visit us at the new School.

During the term, Major Batchelor, Captain Smith, and Miss Johnstone have had to put up with many inconveniences to keep the House functioning. I am sure I can safely say that the House appreciates their efforts, and hopes that the long summer holiday will give the House authorities time to recuperate before dealing with next term's inrush of newly-promoted Wavell boys.

TRENCHARD HOUSE NOTES

HOUSEMASTER : Major J. Wright.

ASSISTANT HOUSEMASTER : Captain A. F. P. Petrie.

HOUSE MATRON : Mrs Stewart.

MONITOR : C. C. Walker.

PREFECTS : G. Matthews, R. L. Bird.

The Easter Term was, on the whole, rather quiet. There were only three sporting activities—cross country, seven-a-side rugby, and shooting. In the sevens the seniors were second while the junior team brought up the rear. Cross-country showed a lack of runners in Trenchard, but MacDonald and E. Gillespie did very well. Our only success was in the shooting, which we won, with Monitor Walker scoring a possible.

The end of term proved to be the busiest time. All classroom equipment had to be loaded on to trucks, and this operation was done in record time by the boys, mainly because there was a B.B.C. camera filming the work. The boys returned from holiday straight to the camp, which seemed at first sight bleak and desolate. By this time we have settled down, but are still puzzled by the washing arrangements which involve a long walk in near nudity. There must be a reason.

Our activities here have included "hikes," bathing parties, and weekend camping in the surrounding hills. The athletic and drill competitions are still to come, the results of which will decide the House championship.

Apart from the usual minor ailments, sore throats and stomach pains, the health of the House has been

very good. We have, however, had some misfortunes. A broken arm put Murdoch Gillespie out of action for the swimming and rugby, and now this term he is out of the athletics because he has pulled a muscle. Within the last fortnight Martin Hewgill cracked a bone in his wrist while practising the high jump, and two boys have been "spiked" by running-shoes.

The most harassed person in the camp must surely be the House Matron. Invariably some boy forgets to lay out his laundry, so causing extra bother when the Matron has to stop work and send someone to find the boy. The excuses are always the same. In the lovely summer evenings, the boys have been so happily occupied running around playing games that they forgot the time and the laundry. They now apologise, and most sincerely thank the Matron, Mrs Stewart, as well as the Housemaster, Major Wright, and his assistant, Captain Petrie, for all their hard work during the last year. We wish well to these Trenchard boys who are leaving, and hope that they will prosper in their chosen careers: Prefect R. Bird, J. Donnelly, R. Kilcullen, J. MacDonald, K. McMillan, A. Murtagh, J. Nimmo, and Senior Monitor C. C. Walker.

WAVELL HOUSE NOTES

HOUSEMASTER: Mr V. H. Le Maistre.
 ASSISTANT HOUSEMASTER: Mr W. W. Malkowski.
 HOUSE MATRON: Mrs MacRae.
 MONITOR: R. N. Roy.
 PREFECTS: T. D. Gavigan, M. W. Gillespie, W. A. R. Aitken.

Unfortunately we cannot give the results of all the inter-dormitory competitions as the athletics, drill and Macrae Quaich have yet to be decided.

Soccer occupied most of our interest during the first two terms. Saturday morning school put paid to our participation in the West Perthshire Primary League. We miss these games very much—the contact with the other schools, the two-car jaunts to Aberfoyle, Callander and Doune—and, without appearing conceited, we feel that the competition will not be the same without the participation of our two teams.

Our internal league competition between the Lions, Tigers, Huskies, Eagles, Leopards and Panthers was keenly fought, and eventually the Huskies proved to be the champions with the Lions a very close second. The Huskies' team was chosen from the following boys:—Docherty, McNaughton, Learmonth, Graham, Kennedy, Stainthorpe, Slater, Milne, Lee, Campbell, Coid, and Boyne (Captain).

The inter-dormitory soccer shield was won by Abercromby, and very comfortably too, Lynedoch were second.

End of term saw all the hustle and bustle of moving all our goods and chattels up to Cultybraggan in readiness for the Summer Term. It was even considered spectacular enough for television!

Our lines at Cultybraggan are compact and as convenient as could be expected. Each dormitory has one big hut so that we have kept more or less to

our house routine. While the Monitor's accommodation is slightly better, the Prefects' is rather worse. We have found it much easier to keep out of sight of authority, thus being able to remain gloriously dirty for much longer periods!

At the end of our Easter Term we said good-bye to our House Monitor, Hugh Miller, who has emigrated with his family to Australia. We wish him all happiness and good fortune in his new life.

Neil Roy was moved from Haig to replace Miller. We hope his transfer to the "kindergarten" was not too much of a shock.

The last inter-dormitory competition to be decided has been the Cricket Shield. We had some extremely keen tussles and once again poor old Lynedoch, who seemed likely to win, had to give way to Abercromby and only managed to share second place with Moore.

At the moment Abercromby are leading in the Inter-dormitory Championship. They have 12 points to Moore's 10½ and Lynedoch's 7½.

In a few weeks our sojourn here will be over. Some of us will be going to the Primary Camp at Kingsbarns before we go off for our extra long summer holiday. We take this opportunity of thanking all who have been, and will be, in charge of our welfare until we leave for home. We wish Neil Roy and Terry Gavigan the very best of luck in their chosen careers (and remind them to join the Old Boys Association!) and we hope everyone has a really enjoyable holiday.

THE MILLER FAMILY

Hugh and James Miller, who left at Easter to emigrate to Australia, were two of a notable trio of games-players in the School. The third, the middle brother Tom, who suddenly decided to leave at the end of 1960 after one term in Form IV, had already won colours for Rugby. Hugh had the impressive record indicated in the Valet column and in various reports in the magazine, and young Jim, in the Second Year was outstanding in his games group. All three were pipers in the School band.

The Headmaster has had a letter from Hugh. As one would expect, it is interesting and is well-expressed, and contains some of the familiar spelling mistakes. He is at present staying in a hostel in Freemantle. The Reverend James Muir of Scotch College, Perth, former chaplain at Q.V.S., soon routed him out and showed him round Freemantle and Perth. Had Hugh Miller stayed in Scotland, it was his intention to go to the Art School, and he seemed quite certain to have got the necessary qualifications if he had stayed on for the S.C.E. examinations. In Australia he finds that he can attend night classes at the Art College and get a diploma that way while doing a job by day. He says that Australians seem to have a mania for intelligence tests. He has had two since he arrived. Employers rely on these rather than on interviews. We hope soon to hear more news of the progress of the Millers in Australia.

ARMY CADET FORCE

COMMANDING OFFICER : Major G. Reid.

OFFICERS : Captain A. N. Jamieson, Lieutenant J. Finlay, Lieutenant I. T. Williams.

WARRANT OFFICERS : R.S.M. G. Lowdon, C.S.M. J. Mortimer.

CADET RANKS : C.S.M. N. Burrows, C.Q.M.S. R. N. Roy.

Cunningham House Platoon—Sgt. P. R. C. Finlay, Cpl. D. R. Owens, Cpl. T. Gavigan, L/Cpl. W. Aitken, L/Cpl. H. R. Bowes, L/Cpl. A. R. Faulds, L/Cpl. K. Murray.

Haig House Platoon—Sgt. J. G. Kay, Cpl. C. Brown, Cpl. J. R. Fraser, L/Cpl. W. J. Scott, L/Cpl. M. J. Armstrong, L/Cpl. R. L. Bird, L/Cpl. D. Watson.

Trenchard House Platoon—Sgt. C. C. Walker, Cpl. G. Matthews, Cpl. K. Douglas, L/Cpl. L. T. McGavin, L/Cpl. S. Donaldson, L/Cpl. M. Gillespie, L/Cpl. J. Watters.

This has been a year of bringing in the new. We started the process with 48 new recruits, bringing the Corps strength to 107, our highest membership yet. A new type of Certificate A, Parts 1 and 2,



came into operation this year, and after five years of the old type, we were a bit apprehensive ; but results have proved that we adapted ourselves to the change. 48 Cadets passed Certificate A, Part 1, and 31 passed Part 2. Thus all candidates presented at both grades passed the examination. New ground was also

broken by our senior boys, who, with the aid of Mr Orr and an old Ford van, tackled the Technical Certificate in Motor Electrics. The following gained the Certificate :—C.S.M. N. Burrows, C.Q.M.S. R. N. Roy, Sgt. C. C. Walker, Cpl. D. R. Owens, Cpl. J. R. Fraser, and L/Cpl. S. Donaldson.

Shooting has been restricted this year. The first two terms we practise in our own .22 range, but we use the 303. range for evening shoots in the summer. This term the programme has had to be compressed into two all-day shoots, on Sunday, 27th May and Sunday, 10th June. Next year we hope to return to normal, and, if possible, increase the number of practices.

Our most distinguished visitor of the year was General Sir Lashmer Whistler, who was on a tour of A.C.F. contingents in Scotland. He visited us on Monday, 21st May. This year our N.C.O.'s have been given wider responsibilities than they have been granted before. Our confidence in them was such that they commanded the parade, inspection, and march past for the General. This distinguished soldier appreciated their efforts, and expressed his satisfaction with the quiet, self-confident manner in which they conducted the whole parade. Such also

was the impression made on Colonel Moir when he visited us on 2nd May.

Our annual camp is at Oban this year. 60 boys will have a busy, and, we hope, a happy fortnight training on the Isle of Kerrera and the mountains inland from Oban.

CERTIFICATE "A" EXAMINATIONS

The candidates—all passed—are shown in order of marks scored :—

PART I

Cadets W. Stewart, D. Marshall, N. McConnell, T. McLaughlin, A. Doyle, J. Flynn, E. Gillespie, R. Kilcullen, J. McConaghy, L. McKenzie, A. Richardson, D. Scott, S. Scott, A. Towns, D. Robertson, A. Warwood, J. Wright, J. Allan, D. Coulter, I. Johnston, R. Matheson, R. Miller, T. Monaghan, D. Fraser, P. Gibson, J. Hay, A. Kay, D. McKue, J. Morrice, A. Sinclair, N. Donaldson, D. Nix, S. Robertson, T. Black, I. McGregor, J. Miller, P. O'Connor, J. Sharp, R. Killey, N. Menzies, A. Washington, D. Cormack, I. Cockburn, A. Cooper, J. Donnelly, J. Brough.

PART II

L/Cpl. M. Armstrong (Credit) ; Cadets M. Owens (Credit), I. Aitchison, J. McDonald, R. MacRae ; L/Cpl. H. Bowes ; Cadets K. McMillan, A. Murtagh, A. Stace, D. Keltie, J. McKenzie, A. Michael, D. Maxwell, W. McFarquhar ; L/Cpl. K. Murray ; Cadets P. Kay, T. Milne, R. Smith ; L/Cpl. A. Faulds ; Cadets I. Gray, E. Thomson, D. Warwood, I. Wilkie, J. Williamson, T. Hughes, I. Lorimer, J. Matheson, J. Nimmo, M. Smith, D. Watson, E. Mayo.

A.C.F. SHOOTING

In the Empire Tests, shot on the open range this term, these scores (maximum 80) and qualifications were gained by the Cadets :—

Marksmen—73 Sgt. C. C. Walker ; 72 C.S.M. N. Burrows, Cpl. J. R. Fraser ; 70 Cadet T. A. G. Milne ; 69 Cpl. D. R. Owens ; 67 L/Cpl. W. J. Scott ; 66 Cadet D. Maxwell, Cpl. K. Douglas ; 65 Cadet J. Allan ; 64 L/Cpl. K. Murray, L/Cpl. R. L. Bird.

1st Class Shot—62 Sgt. J. Kay ; 61 L/Cpl. L. McGavin, Cadets P. Kay, I. Wilkie, T. Monaghan ; 60 L/Cpl. J. Watters, Cadet A. Stace ; 59 Cadet J. McDonald ; 58 L/Cpl. D. Watson ; 57 C.Q.M.S. R. N. Roy, Cadet D. Nix ; 56 Cpl. T. Gavigan, L/Cpl. W. Aitken, Cadets D. Warwood, A. Murtagh, E. Mayo.

2nd Class Shot—53 Cpl. C. Brown ; 52 Cadets R. MacRae, A. Michael, R. Kilcullen ; 51 Cadet J. McKenzie ; 49 Cadets J. Matheson, J. Nimmo, D. Marshall ; 48 Cadet A. Doyle ; 47 L/Cpl. M. Armstrong, Cadet L. McKenzie ; 46 Cadet S. Robertson ; 45 L/Cpl. H. Bowes, Cadet D. C. K. Robertson ; 44 Cadets D. Cormack, J. Donnelly ; 43 Cadets W. McFarquhar, A. Washington ; 42

L/Cpl. A. R. Faulds, Cadet J. Sharp ; 41 Cadets T. Black, N. Donaldson ; 39 L/Cpl. M. W. Gillespie, Cadets P. O'Connor, R. Matheson ; 38 Cadets I. Aitchison, A. M. Cooper, E. Gillespie ; 36 Cadets D. V. Scott, N. McConnell, J. Sycamore.

SCOTTISH A.C.F. ATHLETICS, 1962

The A.C.F. Athletic Championships in which Perthshire is represented by the Q.V.S. Athletics Team, were held at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh on Saturday, 9th June, 1962.

The Junior team retained the Championship Cup, but the Senior team were defeated for the first time in five years. They were placed second to Stirling County A.C.F. Q.V.S. competitors fared as follows. Not all their times and distances were recorded. These are given where known.

SENIOR

High Jump—2nd S. Donaldson, 5 ft. 1 in. ; 3rd J. R. Fraser, 5ft 1 in.

Shot—4th J. Watters, 30 ft. 3 ins.

880 yards—3rd J. McF. McDonald, 2 mins. 20 secs.

120 yards Hurdles—3rd C. C. Walker.

Discus—1st L. McGavin, 105 ft. 4 ins. ; 3rd K. Douglas, 84 ft. 4½ ins.

220 yards—1st D. Watson, 25.5 sec. ; 2nd M. Armstrong.

440 yards—1st D. Watson, 58.5 sec.

100 yards—3rd R. L. Bird.

1 mile—3rd J. McF. McDonald, 5 mins. 10 secs. ; 4th A. Towns.

Long Jump—1st L. McGavin, 19 ft. 0½ in.

Javelin—3rd C. C. Walker.

Relay 4 × 110 yards—2nd (L. T. McGavin, C. C. Walker, R. L. Bird, M. J. Armstrong).

JUNIORS

Long Jump—1st J. McKenzie, 18 ft. 5½ ins. ; 4th A. Stace, 16 ft. 7 ins.

220 yards—1st D. C. K. Robertson, 26.5 sec. ; 3rd A. Stace.

High Jump—2nd A. Murtagh, 4 ft. 11 ins.

880 yards—1st J. McKenzie, 2 mins. 15.3 sec.

100 yards—1st D. C. K. Robertson, 11.7 sec. ; 2nd A. Michael.

Relay 4 × 110 yards—2nd (A. Stace, P. Kay, A. Michael, D. Robertson).

PIPING NOTES

The main efforts this term have been concentrated on preparation for Grand Day and for the forthcoming trip to Scandinavia and Soviet Russia.

At the beginning of the Easter term J. Oliver, J. Jeffrey, and J. Wood, a junior, took places in the band, and after the departure of H. and J. Miller three other juniors, G. Fox, D. Isitt and R. McDougall were brought in. Of the senior special class, A. Brown, A. Broughton, A. King and R. Irvine have all had practice with the band and should be ready by next term.

The move to Cultybraggan changed some of our

trade times. For the time being the band now plays together for two periods of an hour a week. The first and second years have another period lasting an hour, and the juniors have altogether 3 hours 20 minutes a week. The tunes which will be played on Grand Day are those which are popular with the band at the moment. They include a new retreat, strathspey, and reel : "The Meeting of the Waters," "Orange and Blue," and "Kate Dalrymple."

In the Easter term we played at the two Internationals at Murrayfield. During the holiday R. N. Roy, N. Burrows, and L. McGavin played on a "Dunera" Cruise round Scotland which lasted for five days. This term we have had engagements at sports meetings at Kirkcaldy and Newburgh, with one at Comrie to come.

It is in the "Dunera" that 16 pipers, 8 drummers and 10 dancers will visit Stockholm, Copenhagen, and Leningrad during the summer holidays. They have been asked to come back early from the holiday and will leave for the two-week cruise on 14th September. With only 16 pipers required, and R. N. Roy and N. Burrows unable to go, there were three candidates for one place. Those who were selected are D. Owens, P. Finlay, L. McGavin, K. Murray, K. Douglas, R. Miller, R. MacRae, D. Robertson, N. McConnell, J. Sharp, N. Clark, I. Fraser, J. Oliver, J. Jeffrey, J. Wood, and R. McDougall.

At the end of the term we are losing Boy Pipe Major R. N. Roy, Monitor Burrows, Prefect Owens, and R. MacRae ; we hope that they will keep up their piping.

Pipe Major Sanderson has had to work hard to keep the pipes in working order during the hot spells, and to him the success of the band is due.

The regular pipers this term have been : R. N. Roy, N. Burrows, D. Owens, P. Finlay, L. McGavin, K. Murray, K. Douglas, R. MacRae, R. Miller, D. Robertson, N. McConnell, J. Sharp, N. Clark, I. Fraser, J. Oliver, J. Jeffrey, J. Wood, G. Fox, R. McDougall and D. Isitt.

R.N.R.

DRUM NOTES

Undoubtedly one of the most exciting engagements the School Pipe Band has ever been offered is coming off on the 14th of September when we are going on the Baltic cruise on board the "Dunera." As there is room on board for eight drummers only, we shall have to leave behind two of our ten regular drummers. Consequently, after much picking and choosing, it was decided to take the following eight boys :

Drum Major A. Michael ; M. Owens, Bass Drum ; I. Smith, Tenor Drum ; A. Stace, Tenor Drum ; Prefect W. Aitken, Side Drum ; E. Thomson, Side Drum ; P. O'Connor, Side Drum ; A. Richardson, Side Drum.

Up to the time of writing these notes we have had two engagements this term. The first one was at a sports meeting in Kirkcaldy, and the second was at Newburgh Highland Games. Both were very satisfactory. The following is a list of those boys who took part in these engagements :—Drum Major A.

Michael, M. J. Owens, J. McF. McDonald, R. Kilcullen, Prefect W. Aitken, E. Thomson, P. O'Connor, A. Richardson, S. Cobb, H. Paterson.

A third engagement is due at Comrie Highland Gathering on the last Saturday of term.

We are saying goodbye to three of our drummers at the end of this term :—James McDonald, Robert Kilcullen, and Eric Thomson. On behalf of all the drummers I would like to wish them the best of luck in their new jobs. In their places will be Alfred Stace, Ian Smith and Michael O'Connor.

Once again I would like to thank Drum Major Morrison for all his patient work with the drummers and buglers.

DANCING NOTES

We have not had much to do since the winter edition of our magazine ; but at the beginning of last term, eight boys made their annual appearance at the British Legion's Christmas party, at Perth.

Since our move to Cultybraggan we have had to practise in C.13, one of the many Nissen huts of which the camp is composed. Our dancing periods have been somewhat altered to suit our revised timetable. On Wednesdays after 3 p.m., the 1st and 2nd years only have had trades, while on Friday evenings, every boy has attended. With the start of Grand Day drill on Friday evenings, the dancers of the 3rd year and above have no "trades" period.

Our engagements so far this term have been at Kirkcaldy, where eight boys performed, and at Kirriemuir, with ten boys dancing. By the time of publication of this article, we shall have had our engagement at Comrie. The dancing competition results will also be known by then.

We are always happy to hear of improvements in the junior boys' dancing : Mr Mortimer informs me that Lee, Givins and Learmonth are doing very well.

Several of our boys have been picked to go on the summer cruise on the "Dunera" as a Highland dancing team. We are certainly looking forward to this engagement.

At the end of the year we say goodbye to three of our dancers : J. Wright, K. McMillan and Prefect J. R. Fraser, to whom the other dancers wish every success in their careers.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS

Since the names of this year's candidates were announced in the last issue of the "Victorian," much quiet hard work has been done for the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. The "Pursuits," or hobbies, section in all three series has been completed without a failure, as has the "Public Service" section. Boys attempting the First Series (bronze award) take First Aid for their "Public Service." Miss Maclaren gave them instruction for this, and when the twenty candidates were examined by Mrs Sutherland, Local Commandant of the Red Cross Society, they all

passed. The candidates for the Second and Third Series, silver and gold awards respectively, have to gain awards of the Royal Life Saving Society. For the silver award the Bronze Medallion, Bar to the Bronze Medallion, or Bronze Cross is required. To pass in the final series, the gold award, it is necessary to gain the Award of Merit of the R.L.S.S. and either the Instructor's Certificate or the Scholar-Instructor's Certificate. Again we are fortunate in that Mr J. Leitch, Royal Life Saving Society examiner is willing to come to the School and test all our candidates. At present we are busy completing the Physical Fitness section, in which the boys have to pass in one event from three of the five sections : running, jumping, throwing, swimming, and physical fitness.

The "Expeditions" will be undertaken at the Army Cadet Force camp at Oban this summer. The candidates will tramp over many miles of the Argyllshire mountains to pass this test. From past experience in testing this series, I have no doubt that my fellow-officers and I will climb, trudge and stumble double the distance the boys will cover. This section is the most popular, and up to now the standard of personal cleanliness, tidy clean camp sites, determination, and cheerfulness (except when Miller burnt the stew) has been remarkably high, especially in the "Gold" section. I trust it will remain so.

G.R.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY

As we reported in our last issue, the number of candidates for awards of the Royal Life Saving Society has grown enormously. We are pleased to report the large number of successes achieved by these candidates.

On 30th January, 1962 the following awards were gained by the boys whose names are shown below :—

Intermediate Certificate—J. C. Brown, J. Murray, A. Doyle, T. Bonar, J. H. Watters, J. Wright, J. McCorkle, B. Tiernan, T. Hughes, D. Nealon, P. Tait, E. Mayo, P. Evans, B. McLaughlin, R. Newman, P. Kay, M. B. O'Connor, P. Gibson, S. Robertson, J. L. Fraser, T. Black, A. L. Broughton, M. Wills, I. Cockburn, J. Flynn, W. Logue.

Bronze Medallion—D. Keltie, A. C. Kay, C. M. Brown, K. McMillan, D. Robertson, J. C. William, son, D. Fraser, J. McKenzie, T. Monaghan, T. A. G. Milne, W. J. Scott, P. K. O'Connor, D. A. Maxwell.

Bar to Bronze Medallion—M. J. Owens, W. McFarquhar, R. J. Miller.

Scholar-Instructor's Certificate—J. Watters, H. R. Bowes, R. D. Clater, M. W. Gillespie, K. Murray, W. Aitken.

Instructor's Certificate—C. C. Walker, H. Miller, R. N. Roy.

In the examination held on 14th March, 1962, the following awards were gained :—

Intermediate Certificate—J. McConaghy, N. R. Clark, L. McKenzie, W. P. L. Stewart.

Bronze Medallion—P. A. Gibson, T. D. Hughes.

Bar to Bronze Medallion—K. Murray.

Bronze Cross—R. J. Miller, D. J. Watson, M. J. Owens, W. McFarquhar, S. J. Donaldson, H. R. Bowes.

Scholar-Instructor's Certificate—R. J. Miller.

Award of Merit—C. C. Walker, R. N. Roy, J. Watters, H. Miller, W. A. R. Aitken, A. Faulds, M. W. Gillespie.

RUGBY NOTES

In the season 1961-62, we changed to afternoon fixtures, because of the new routine with School on Saturday morning. This arrangement worked all right on Saturdays, but was not always successful in



mid-week in the dark winter months. If a visiting school arrives late, the matches are hardly worth playing for twenty minutes each way. Then the weather in the second half of the season always seemed to be at its worst when we had matches. Between January and March, the 1st XV had four out of six matches cancelled.

Fixtures for the season 1962-63 are now being negotiated, and we are in some difficulty with these because of the late start of next term. Once fixtures are dropped, they are very hard to pick up again, and we are doing our best by offering alternative dates, on the assurance that we get our original fixtures back in the following season.

1st XV

With eight of the previous year's XV away and D. Owens unavailable because of injury, the new season's team was of unknown quality. Only N. Burrows remained of the pack, but P. Roy, J. G. Kay, and J. R. Fraser were replacements with some 1st XV experience. The backs seemed promising with H. Miller, C. Walker, P. Finlay, and R. N. Roy returning, and G. Matthews available for full-back or No. 8 forward.

H. Miller, who started the season at full back, later reverted to his position as centre three-quarter and with Walker produced a formidable and exciting mid-field combination. P. Finlay became a very useful scrum-half, both in attack and defence and had a good understanding with the outside-half, Roy, another greatly improved player. L. McGavin, moved from centre to right wing, added thrust on the wing and pleased everyone by his forceful running. G. Matthews developed into a reliable full-back, often changing defence into attack by timely running and intelligent distribution. The problem position was that of left wing three-quarter. It was occupied by Armstrong, Gillespie, Bird, and Nixon before K.

Murray established himself in it by his play against Fettes. His safe handling, deceptive running, and firm tackling did credit to one of his size and experience.

The small, light scrum depended on fitness and mobility. Though they lost the set scrums, they regularly fed their backs from the loose. Defence was sound, and the second-row covering of Bird and Fraser greatly improved with experience. P. Roy and later Burrows were industrious pack-leaders, rallying their forwards when the odds were against us. Kay was the best of the front-row forwards, but Gavigan and Brown were useful, often showing the "fighting" qualities required. Armstrong and Bowes, the youngest of the side, were hard-tackling wing-forwards. S. Donaldson did well as a stand-in front-row forward in the last three games of the season, and young J. McKenzie, appearing in the match against Glenalmond, had the distinction of scoring the only try in a 3-3 draw.

A tour of some of the Highland schools was arranged for the Christmas holiday, with Fort George and the Abbey School, Fort Augustus, to be the bases. Unfortunately bad weather upset the arrangements, and the tour was called off; but the contacts made may prove useful in the future.

H. Miller was our only representative in the senior trial of the Midland Districts Schools Rugby Association. He played in the matches against Glasgow and West District schools and against the Edinburgh schools, scoring the winning try against the former. Miller also went on tour of Northern Ireland with the Midlands team in the Easter holiday, just before emigrating to Australia. His contribution to Rugby in the School and the Midland District has been valuable, and we look forward to hearing of Rugby performances from him in Australia. Armstrong, Bowes and Murray played for the "Possibles" in the under 15½ trials at Cupar. Armstrong had the honour of leading the side, and Murray was chosen as reserve for the match against the South and Lothians.

Other XVs

The 2nd XV played only one match in the Easter term, against Glenalmond. We had to turn out a weak side because of injuries, illness, and 1st XV requirements, and it was beaten 47-0. The under 14½—3rd Year—team had no more matches at all.

The 2nd Year team, which started with high promise, turned out rather disappointingly. There was too much selfishness with the ball and too little attention to positions. Field discipline generally was not good. Incidentally, it is not necessary to preface every instruction to your pack with the words, "All right, you lot." However, there is talent among these boys, and some of them will be strong 1st XV players in a year or two.

The 1st Year's fixture list was badly knocked by the change to Saturday afternoon games; but there was plenty of enthusiasm, and this section worked hard and took note of the coaching they received. We were able to meet other schools without being at

a disadvantage in size, for this year we had some big boys with Rugby sense. With discipline, drill, and weight, this side played some good attacking Rugby. The team list is shown below. Mention should also be made of J. Tait who made great efforts to gain a place as full back.

The following lists show the teams. No details are given of the 2nd and 3rd XVs, for they have not been engaged in matches since our last report, except for the match at Glenalmond.

Team Lists

1st XV

The list shows the boys who played for the School during the season with the number of appearances shown in brackets after each name. * indicates old colours re-awarded this season, and † indicates new colours awarded this season.

*H. Miller (13), *G. Matthews (13), *C. Walker (13), *N. Burrows (13), †P. W. Roy (10), †R. N. Roy (12), †L. McGavin (13), †P. Finlay (13), †J. G. Kay (12), R. L. Bird (13), M. J. Armstrong (13), T. D. Gavigan (13), C. Brown (11), J. R. Fraser (9), H. R. Bowes (9), M. R. Nixon (7), K. Murray (3), S. J. Donaldson (3), M. W. Gillespie (1), J. McKenzie (1).

2nd Year XV

The question of whether Logue or Cormack would occupy the doubtful wing position was never settled, for we never had a full team. M. Smith, W. Logue/D. Cormack, J. Allan, N. McConnell, W. Stewart, D. Robertson (captain), J. Miller; L. McKenzie (leader), B. Tiernan, H. Paterson; A. Sinclair, D. Scott; A. Washington, E. Gillespie, T. Monaghan.

1st Year XV

D. Nealon; C. McLaughlin, I. Smith, S. Robertson, M. Scoggins; R. Newman (captain), M. Wills; A. Morrice, S. Cobb, M. Forsyth, A. Broughton, R. Irvine, D. Jagger, B. McLaughlin, J. Watters.

Table of Results for the Season

	P	W	L	D	Points	
					F	A
1st XV	13	11	0	2	228	29
2nd XV	4	0	3	1	8	97
3rd Year XV	9	4	5	0	81	143
2nd Year XV	9	8	1	0	170	45
1st Year XV	4	3	1	0	148	5

House Matches

The results were as shown below. As in certain other inter-House events, each House puts out two teams, the senior team being drawn from 3rd Year and upwards, and the junior team from 1st and 2nd Year boys.

Senior Section—

Trenchard 19; Haig 3.
Cunningham 18; Haig 11.
Cunningham 13; Trenchard 8.

Junior Section—

Haig 11; Trenchard 3.
Trenchard 6; Cunningham 0.
Haig 30; Cunningham 3.

The points for the House championship were therefore allotted as follows :—Cunningham 7, Trenchard 6, Haig 5. (The system of scoring is that 6, 4, and 2 points are awarded for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd House respectively in the senior section, and 3, 2, 1, for the juniors.)

Seven-a-Side Tournament

The Inter-House "sevens" were held on 19th March, with the following results :—

Senior—

Cunningham 11; Trenchard 6.
Trenchard 10; Haig 3.
Cunningham 15; Haig 5.

Junior—

Haig 13; Cunningham 0.
Cunningham 16; Trenchard 5.
Haig 18; Trenchard 0.

Points for the House championship :—Cunningham 4, Haig 2½, Trenchard 2½.

Place-Kicking Competition

This annual competition was held on 12th March. After some kicking off by competitors who had tied at first, G. Matthews won the senior prize, P. Finlay was second, and H. Miller third. In the junior group P. K. O'Connor was the winner, and J. Allan the runner-up.

Stirling County Seven-a-Sides

A team was entered for the schools section of the Stirling County "sevens," held at Bridge of Allan on 28th April. Practice for this competition was done on the camp football pitch at Cultybraggan throughout the first two weeks of the summer term.

As top "seeds," the team met Grangemouth, who had already beaten Falkirk High School, in the semi-final. We won this tie by 23 points to 0. Tries were scored by Burrows, Walker, Finlay, McGavin, and Matthews, who also kicked four goals. In the other semi-final Alloa Academy beat Stirling High School, and thus we were promised another good close game against Alloa, with whom we drew in the fifteen-a-side fixture. In the event, Alloa led by 5-0 at half-time, and then our team, which had earlier made some fine individual runs, lost their grip of the game and were beaten by 20-0.

The team was as follows—G. Matthews, C. Walker, N. Burrows, D. Owens, P. Finlay, L. McGavin, R. Bowes.

BOXING

Senior Houses

The final rounds of the School boxing competition were held on Friday, 8th December, 1961. The results were as follows:

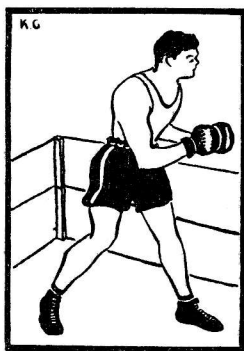
Individual Medal Winners

- 12-13 years M. B. O'Connor, C. McLaughlin, J. H. Watters, A. L. Broughton, M. Forsyth.
 13-14 years R. E. Matheson, D. S. E. Cormack, T. Monaghan.
 14-15 years J. T. Wright, J. W. Hay, R. J. Miller, J. McF. McDonald, E. D. Gillespie, L. McKenzie.
 Open Class R. Tait, P. R. C. Finlay, C. C. Walker, L. T. McGavin.

House Championship

1st Cunningham, 48 points ; 2nd Trenchard, 40 points ; 3rd Haig, 19 points.

The award for the best stylist was won by A. L. Broughton of Haig House and that for the best loser by M. J. Owens of Cunningham House.

Wavell House

Preliminary bouts for the Wavell House competition were held throughout January and February, 1962. 53 boys entered for the competition and were divided into 7 age and weight groups. In the final rounds held on Friday, 2nd March, the inter-dormitory trophy was won by MOORE with 20 points, LYNE-DOCH were second with

18 points, and ABERCROMBY 3rd with 6 points.

Individual Weight Winners

- 67-71 lbs. R. Hewitt.
 71-75 lbs. A. D. McKean.
 76-81 lbs. R. Gault.
 82-86 lbs. D. Dodds.
 87-91 lbs. J. Dempsey.
 97-102 lbs. C. A. Lannen.
 112-118 lbs. D. Finland.

The Martin trophy for the best stylist was awarded to P. D. Craggs.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING*SENIOR HOUSES*

This year's cross country races were held on the 3rd of March, a bitterly cold Saturday afternoon. In accordance with the conditions now established, there were two races in the Senior House contest ; one for boys in the 3rd year secondary and upwards, the Senior section, and one for boys in the 1st and 2nd years of the secondary school, the Junior section. In the Senior section the first eight home in each House counted towards the competition, and the first ten home in the Junior section. Standard points were awarded to all finishing within a prescribed time after the winner.

The first thirteen boys home in the senior race achieved the standard. Their order of finishing was as follows :—1 P. Finlay (C), 2 J. McDonald (T), 3 J. McKenzie (C), 4 A. Stace (H), 5 M. Owens (C), 6 A. Towns (C), 7 N. Burrows (C), 8 J. R. Fraser (H), 9 H. Miller (H), 10 D. Maxwell (C), 11 D. Watson (H), 12 C. Brown (H), 13 R. Bird (T).

It will be seen that Cunningham House filled 6 of the first 13 places, and with T. McLaughlin coming 14th and A. Faulds 18th to complete the scoring team, Cunningham were comfortable winners.

The scores here were :—Cunningham 64 points, Haig 98 points, Trenchard 165 points.

The winner's, P. Finlay's, time was 24 minutes 16 seconds, for a course probably a little over four miles.

JUNIOR HOUSES

In the Junior race 27 runners gained the standard. The individual winner here was D. Robertson of Haig House, with E. Gillespie of Trenchard a good second, and J. Miller of Haig third. The other standard winners, in order of finishing were :—D. Jagger (C), J. Murray (C), M. O'Connor (C), P. Evans (T), H. Paterson (H), S. Cobb (C), B. McLaughlin (C), S. Robertson (C), R. Matheson (C), A. Aitkenhead (H), N. McConnell (T), P. O'Connor (C), A. Morrice (T), M. Wills (C), D. Cormack (C), J. Jeffrey (H), P. Gilder (C), B. Tiernan (H), I. Smith (T), C. McLaughlin (C), J. Brough (C), A. Brown (H), R. Newman (T), A. Sinclair (H).

With 10 men in the first 18 home, Cunningham House had an even easier win here, the points being—Cunningham 107, Haig 174, Trenchard 221.

The result therefore was that for the House championship competition, Cunningham gained 9 points, Haig 6 and Trenchard 3.

A feature of both races was that younger boys did so well. Of the first six home in the Senior race, five were boys from the 3rd year. In the Junior race, four small boys from the 1st year appeared in the first seven, and there were actually nine 1st year boys in the first thirteen.

WAVELL HOUSE (Primary School)

The Wavell House individual and inter-dormitory cross-country race was held on 23rd February. The first ten home were as follows :—1 D. Isitt (A), 2 G. Cunningham (A), 3 C. Robertson (M), 4 K. Boyne (L), 5 I. Roe (L), 6 G. Hill (A), 7 D. Stewart (A), 8 S. Hartley (A), 9 A. Greig (A), 10 I. Dunlop (M).

With eight counting for the team score, Abercromby Dormitory won easily. They had six men in the first nine, and R. Gill (12th) and A. Smith (18th) came in to complete the scoring team. The points were :—1st Abercromby 53, 2nd Moore 116, 3rd Lynedoch 172.

SQUASH NOTES

Sixty-three boys and ten masters played squash this year. From the beginning of October it was the policy to open up the courts to as many players, real and potential, as possible. For this we had a limited number of serviceable racquets from the first year.

The arrangement was not entirely satisfactory until the Houses acquired their own racquets with each playing boy subscribing a nominal sum to cover maintenance. In addition many boys now have their own racquets. This system works well and will be continued next year.

The ladder competition was divided into two leagues containing a maximum of thirty players each at any one time. Captain Petrie headed League I having risen from 10th place during November and December and maintaining his lead during the Easter Term. League II where the changes in position were far more dramatic, eventually had A. W. Stace in first place. He also had started at 10th place, been promoted to League I in January and returned to League II near the end of the term. Three boys in this League showed particularly good progress, J. Watters, A. R. Faulds and E. Thomson gaining nineteen, twenty-five and nineteen places respectively.

The ladders were in permanent use, but there were also two matches between staff and boys. The first, on January 27th, was the "A" match, and the following week the "B" match was held. Results were as follows :—

"A" MATCH—staff won by 4 matches to 1.

1. H. Miller bt. Capt. Lees 6-9, 1-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-7.
2. The Commandant bt. Matthews 9-5, 8-10, 9-10, 9-0, 9-4.
3. Capt. Petrie bt. Burrows 9-5, 9-6, 6-9, 2-9, 9-5.
4. Mr Williams bt. D. Owens 9-7, 9-0, 9-4.
5. Finlay bt. Headmaster 9-1, 9-2, 9-4.

"B" MATCH—staff won by 5 matches to 1.

1. Capt. Smith bt. Thomson 9-1, 9-4, 9-4.
2. The Headmaster bt. Stace 9-4, 8-10, 5-9, 9-1, 9-1.
3. Mr Orr bt. Richardson 9-4, 9-1, 9-4.
4. Mr Reid bt. Maxwell 9-3, 9-3, 9-2.
5. A. Faulds bt. Mr Le Maistre 9-5, 9-2, 8-10, 9-4.
6. Mr Robertson bt. Aitchison 9-5, 9-7, 9-1.

The House tournament took place on 15th February, Cunningham House winning seven games to Trenchard's four and Haig's four. Trenchard narrowly beat Haig for second place, on the result of the actual match between them. The most memorable event of that afternoon was the long drawn out, intensely exciting game between Burrows and Matthews, Burrows eventually winning 5-9, 8-10, 10-8, 10-9, 10-8.

There were also two evening matches of a combined staff and boys team against Edinburgh Wayfarers in each of which we were soundly beaten. These matches, though, were of immense value in helping us to assess our own standard and gain useful experience.

This is now the end of our second year of playing squash, and the game has established itself, at least to the extent of inclusion in the House Championship Competition. Next term the nucleus of useful players will be much larger than it was in 1961 and certainly in 1960 when no boy had ever seen a squash racquet before. We are confident of our abilities ; but we must have as many matches outside the School as possible.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

An athletic competition between our School and Rannoch School was held on Saturday, 2nd June, at Rannoch. Two teams from each school took part : one of boys under 15 years old, and the other of the

age-group 15 to 17. Two boys from each school were entered for each event. Rannoch were the winners by 121 points to 101.

It will be seen that we dominated the Under 15 section, but we have too few senior boys available for the 15-17 group. J. McKenzie was the outstanding competitor with three firsts. L.



McGavin was an easy winner with his long jump of 19 feet 9 inches ; and A. Morrice, a young boy representing the School for the first time, did very well with a high jump of 4 feet 8 inches. Several performances, including those of J. McKenzie, rank as ground records ; but it must be remembered that this is a new track, and records are still being made rather easily. However, L. McGavin's long jump, in the under 17 class, will take some beating.

We must specially thank the authorities of Rannoch School for entertaining us to this meeting, and for the friendly and hospitable reception of our party.

The placings of our boys were as follows :—

Under 15

100 yards—1st D. Robertson, 3rd A. Stace (11.2 seconds).

220 yards—1st A. Stace, 4th J. McDonald (27 seconds).

440 yards—1st J. McKenzie, 2nd D. Robertson (57.1 seconds).

880 yards—1st J. McKenzie, 2nd J. McDonald (2 minutes 16.9 seconds).

High Jump—1st A. Morrice, 4th J. McDonald (4 feet 8 inches).

Long Jump—1st J. McKenzie, 2nd A. Stace (18 feet).

Shot—1st L. McKenzie, 3rd A. M. Cooper (34 feet 9½ inches).

Discus—2nd D. V. Scott, 4th P. O'Connor.

Javelin—2nd D. Robertson, 4th D. V. Scott.

Under 17

100 yards—3rd M. Gillespie, 4th L. McGavin.

220 yards—3rd D. Watson, 4th M. Gillespie.

440 yards—3rd D. Watson, 4th S. Donaldson.

Mile—3rd M. Armstrong, 4th J. Watters.

High Jump—2nd S. Donaldson, 4th M. Armstrong.

Long Jump—1st L. McGavin, 2nd S. Donaldson.

Shot—2nd L. McGavin, 4th H. R. Bowes.

Discus—2nd K. Douglas, 3rd W. Aitken.

Javelin—3rd L. McGavin, 4th K. Douglas.

ATHLETICS

We are just in time to print the results of the 1962 Athletic sports, which were held at Cultybraggan in the last week of June. The sports field was not big enough to let us have the usual 440 track, or level enough to be on a par with our own field at Dunblane. None the less some good results were achieved. In the Wavell House competition, S. Grant set up a new School record for the 80 yards Minor race and D. Stewart made new records for the Major high jump and cricket ball throw. Moore Dormitory and Lynedoch Dormitory teams made new relay records in the Minor and Major sections respectively. Among the secondary competitors, T. McLaughlin made a new record for the Junior long jump and D. Robertson equalled the existing record for the Senior 220 yards. Great interest was centred on the Open long jump, for L. McGavin had done 19 ft. 9 ins. at Rannoch in the earlier inter-school match, and this jump was well in front of the existing School record. It could not, of course, count as a Q.V.S. record. There were cheers and sighs when he won with a jump an inch or two short of the record. He has another year to try for the record.

The detailed results were as follows :—

Minor—

80 yds.—1 S. Grant (M), 2 I. Roe (L), 3 G. Neill (L), 10.4 secs. Cricket Ball—1 S. Grant (M), 2 D. M. Johnston (M), 3 J. Corrigan (M), 142 ft. 8 ins. High Jump—1 D. Isitt (A), 2 S. Grant (M), 3 A. McLean (L) 4 ft. 2 ins. Long Jump—1 D. Isitt (A), 2 G. Slater (A), 3 L. Heron (A), 13 ft. 8½ ins.

Major—

100 yds.—1 J. Wood (L), 2 K. Boyne (L), 3 A. Coid (L), 13.4 secs. 220 yds.—1 K. Boyne (L), 2 A. Coid (L), 3 J. Wood (L), 33.6 secs. Cricket Ball—1 D. Stewart (A), 2 C. Lannen (L), 3 R. Gill (A), 162 ft. High Jump—1 D. Stewart (A), 2 R. Gill (A), 3 G. Cunningham (A), 4 ft. 3 ins. Long Jump—1 J. Wood (L), 2 D. Stewart (A), 3 K. Boyne (L), 13 ft. 1 in.

Junior—

100 yds.—1 C. Stevenson (T), 2 T. McLaughlin (C), 3 J. Murray (C), 13.2 secs. 220 yds.—1 C. Stevenson (T), 2 D. Jagger (C), 3 B. McLaughlin (C), 32.2 secs. Shot—1 T. McLaughlin (C), 2 C. Stevenson (T), 3 J. Oliver (H), 26 ft. Cricket Ball—1 D. Jagger (C), 2 G. Cassells (C), 3 B. McLaughlin (C), 160 ft. 9 ins. High Jump—1 B. McLaughlin (C), 2 R. S. Wilson (H), 3 J. Ledingham (T), 3 ft. 11 ins. Long Jump—1 T. McLaughlin (C), 2 T. Bonar (H), 3 J. Murray (C), 13 ft. 11 ins.

Intermediate—

100 yds.—1 J. Nimmo (T), 2 R. J. Miller (C), 3 R. Newman (T), 12.3 secs. 220 yds.—1 J. Nimmo (T), 2 R. J. Miller (C), 3 J. Jeffrey (H), 30.8 secs. 440 yds.—1 R. J. Miller (C), 2 D. Cormack (C), 3 R. Newman (T), 68.7 secs. Cricket Ball—1 S. Robertson (C), 2 N. McConnell (T), 3 R. Matheson (C), 154 ft. Shot—1 D. Cormack (C), 2 I. McGregor (H), 3 R. Newman (T), 27 ft. 1½ ins. Long Jump—1 J. Nimmo (T), 2

N. McConnell (T), 3 D. Cormack (C), 14 ft. 8½ ins. High Jump—1 S. Robertson (C), 2 R. Newman (T), 3 J. Tait (C), 4 ft. 1 in.

Senior—

100 yds.—1 D. Robertson (H), 2 A. Stace (H), 3 J. Matheson (C), 11.6 secs. 220 yds.—1 D. Robertson (H), 2 A. Stace (H), 3 P. Kay (H), 26.1 secs. 440 yds.—1 D. Robertson (H), 2 J. McDonald (T), 3 N. Donaldson (T), 60.8 secs. 880 yds.—1 J. McDonald (T), 2 A. Towns (C), 3 D. Maxwell (C), 2 m.ins 25.7 secs. Shot—1 L. McKenzie (C), 2 K. Douglas (T), 3 A. M. Cooper (C), 28 ft. 7 ins. Discus—1 K. Douglas (T), 2 L. McKenzie (C), 3 J. Matheson (C), 109 ft. Javelin—1 K. Douglas (T), 2 P. Kay (H), 3 A. Stace (H), 109 ft. 7½ ins. High Jump—1 A. Murtagh (T), 2 A. Morrice (T), 3 E. Mayo (H), 4 ft. 7 ins. Long Jump—1 A. Stace (H), 2 D. Robertson (H), 3 A. Faulds (C), 16 ft. 11 ins.

Open—

100 yds. (*Williamson Cup*)—1 D. Owens (C), 2 C. C. Walker (T), 3 D. Watson (H), 11.1 secs. 220 yds.—1 G. Matthews (T), 2 J. McKenzie (C), 3 D. Watson (H), 25.8 secs. 440 yds.—1 J. McKenzie (C), 2 D. Watson (H), 3 P. Finlay (C), 57.9 secs. 1 mile—1 J. McKenzie (C), 2 P. Finlay (C), 3 M. Owens (C), 5 min. 8.8 secs. Shot—1 D. Owens (C), 2 L. McGavin (T), 3 G. Matthews (T), 35 ft. 6 ins. Discus—1 L. McGavin (T), 2 C. C. Walker (T), 3 W. Aitken (C), 108 ft. 8 ins. Javelin—1 C. Walker (T), 2 R. Bird (T), 3 C. Brown (H), 124 ft. High Jump—1 J. Fraser (H), 2 S. Donaldson (T), 3 D. Owens (C), 5 ft. 1 in. Long Jump—1 L. McGavin (T), 2 D. Owens (C), 3 C. Walker (T), 19 ft. 2½ ins.

Relays—

Minor—1 Moore, 2 Lynedoch, 3 Abercromby, 60.4 secs. *Major*—1 Lynedoch, 2 Abercromby, 3 Moore, 59.8 secs. *Junior*—1 Cunningham, 2 Trenchard, 3 Haig, 60.0 secs. *Intermediate*—1 Trenchard, 2 Haig, 3 Cunningham, 57.0 secs. *Senior*—1 Haig, 2 Cunningham, 3 Trenchard, 51.8 secs. *Open*—1 Cunningham, 2 Haig, 3 Trenchard, 48.9 secs.

Individual Championships—

Victor Ludorum (open)	D. Owens	....	14	points
	2nd L. McGavin	....	13	points
Senior	1st D. Robertson	....	13	points
	2nd A. Stace	....	12	points
Intermediate	1st J. Nimmo	....	15	points
	2nd S. Robertson	....	10	points
Junior	1st T. McLaughlin	....	13	points
	2nd C. Stevenson	....	13	points
Major	1st D. Stewart	....	13	points
	2nd J. Wood	....	11	points
Minor	1st S. Grant	....	13	points
	2nd D. Isitt	....	10	points

House Championship—

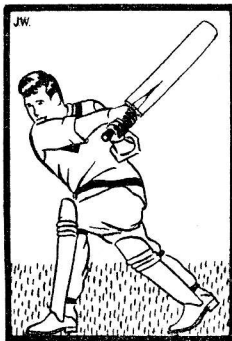
1st Cunningham	....	....	....	143	points
2nd Trenchard	....	....	....	127	points
3rd Haig	....	....	....	81	points

Relay Cup—Cunningham House.**Dormitory Championship—**

1st	Lynedoch	.....	.....	48 points
2nd	Abercromby	.....	.....	40 points
3rd	Moore	.....	.....	27 points

CRICKET

School cricket this season has been sadly restricted. The senior boys, by courtesy of the Comrie Cricket Club, were able to get a few practices at the ground in Comrie. At Cultybraggan the First Year and



Second Year boys were able to get some "coarse cricket" on the camp sports field. It was surprising how many of them came forward regularly for evening cricket games despite the roughness of the ground and—very often—the coldness of the weather. No home fixtures were possible, and we have to record only a handful of away matches. Rather a pity, for we seemed this season to have the makings of a good side.

Results**1st XI v. Strathallan Colts**

Strathallan 59 for 8 declared. (P. Finlay 5 for 20.)

Q.V.S. 64 for 4. (R. N. Roy 39 not out.)

Result—Q.V.S. won by 6 wickets.

Team—C. C. Walker, R. N. Roy, D. R. Owens, N. Burrows, P. Finlay, G. Matthews, J. Fraser, K. Douglas, M. Gillespie, D. Maxwell, A. Stace.

1st XI v. Morrison's Academy

Q.V.S. 64. (G. Matthews 19.)

Morrison's Academy 65 for 5.

Result—Morrison's won by 5 wickets.

Team—as against Strathallan *except* that R. Miller deputised for P. Finlay.

2nd XI v. Strathallan

Q.V.S. 61. (C. Brown 39.)

Strathallan 62 for 6.

Result—Strathallan won by 4 wickets.

2nd Year XI v. Dollar Academy

Q.V.S. 16.

Dollar Academy 17 for 1 wicket.

Result—Dollar won by 9 wickets.

2nd Year XI v. Morrison's Academy

Q.V.S. 55. (A. Washington 37.)

Morrison's 56 for 9.

Result—Morrison's won by 1 wicket.

1st Year XI v. Dollar Academy

Q.V.S. 63 for 9 declared.

Dollar Academy 37. (P. Gilder 7 for 5.)

Result—Q.V.S. won by 26 runs.

1st Year XI v. Morrison's Academy

Q.V.S. 46. (M. Forsyth 24.)

Morrison's 48 for 5.

Result—Morrison's won by 5 wickets.

Because of the lack of a home cricket ground, no House matches have been played this term, and cricket has not featured in the House Championship. When we recall the topsy-turvy results of Junior House matches in the past, we feel that an element of pure chance has this year been eliminated from the competition. On Wednesday evenings a few informal matches have been played on the sporting wicket of Cultybraggan between those boys in the Senior Houses who are too young for the A.C.F. Perhaps one performance is worth recording in detail.

Cunningham House (pre-A.C.F.) XII v. Trenchard House (pre-A.C.F.) XII

B. McLaughlin b. Newman	.....	0
P. Gilder b. I. Fraser	.....	0
M. O'Connor l.b.w. b. Newman	.....	0
D. Jagger b. Newman	.....	0
J. Tait run out	.....	0
K. Smith b. Newman	.....	0
D. Clark b. Fraser	.....	0
S. Cobb l.b.w. b. Fraser	.....	0
J. Murray run out	.....	0
G. Cassells b. Newman	.....	0
C. McLaughlin b. Newman	.....	0
M. Wills b. Newman	.....	0
Extras	.....	0
Total	.....	0

STANDARDS

The competition for athletic, including cross-country running, standards which was introduced last year has proved very successful. At set times throughout the term boys can attempt to get a point for their Houses by achieving the time, distance, or height prescribed as the standard for their groups. After some initial difficulty in fixing the right standards for the various groups, this system is well established and has given a big fillip to athletic training. We note that, with the competition almost at its end, five boys have scored the "possible." In the Junior section of the Secondary athletics, D. Jagger and the brothers T. and B. McLaughlin have gained standards in all six events. In the Intermediate section J. Nimmo has got all nine standards and in the Senior Section A. Stace has achieved the feat of gaining all eleven. No boy has got all the standards in the eleven Open events. M. Armstrong and Monitor C. Walker are nearest with nine.

THE HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

At the closing date for contributions to the "Victorian" the final scores in the House Championship competition are not yet known. At present the points are: Cunningham 50, Trenchard $43\frac{1}{2}$, Haig $29\frac{1}{2}$. Still to be included are the drill competition and the "standards" competition. Cunningham House however, have a commanding position in the standards and are therefore already sure of being Champion House. The first competition of the "House" series was in the school year 1956/67, when the two senior Companies, A and B, were divided to form three "Houses," while the two junior Companies, C and D, were amalgamated into one big Junior "House," Wavell. Since then there has been a triangular competition among the senior Houses, and in Wavell a triangular competition among the dormitories. Haig won the senior championship in 1957 and 1958. They surrendered it to Trenchard in 1959, and won it again in 1950 and 1961. Now Cunningham get the trophy for the first time. We print below the

details of the House championship contests so far, to show the events involved and the system of scoring. Details of the junior inter-dormitory contests will appear in our next issue.

	Cunningham	Haig	Trenchard
Swimming	3	6	9
Rugby 1st XV	6	2	4
2nd XV	1	3	2
Boxing	9	3	6
Squash	3	1	2
Cross Country Senior	6	4	2
Junior	3	2	1
Shooting	6	3	9
Rugby Sevens 1st VII	3	1	2
2nd VII	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Athletics	9	3	6
Standards (9, 6, 3)	Not yet decided		
Drill (9, 6, 3)	Not yet decided		
Total to date	50	$29\frac{1}{2}$	$43\frac{1}{2}$

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING—Scores for House and Individual Championships

In the House shooting competition, held at the end of the Easter term in the School miniature range, the results were as shown below. The Senior Monitor, C. C. Walker, achieved a "possible" in every section to win the individual championship, and was awarded School colours for shooting.

House	Target	Team Members	(a) Grouping	(b) Application (Rested)	(c) Application (Unrested)	(d) Snap	Total	
Cunningham	1	N. Burrows	25	18	19	15	77	
	2	P. Finlay	25	20	19	12	76	
	3	D. Owens	20	20	18	12	70	
	4	K. Murray	25	20	20	12	77	
Haig							300	=House Total
	1	J. R. Fraser	20	19	17	12	68	
	2	W. Scott	25	19	17	12	73	
	3	A. Stace	25	20	18	9	72	
Trenchard	4	P. Kay	25	20	18	12	75	
							288	=House Total
	1	C. Walker	25	20	20	15	80	
	2	G. Matthews	20	20	19	15	74	
	3	J. Sharp	25	20	16	12	73	
	4	K. Douglas	25	19	19	15	78	
							305	=House Total

House Championship: 1 Trenchard, 2 Cunningham, 3 Haig.

Individual Championship: 1 C. C. Walker, 2 K. M. Douglas, 3 N. Burrows and K. Murray.