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EDITORIAL

1962-63 will surely be remembered in Queen Victoria School as the year of weather and works. The bad winter could not have come at a worse time. The date of moving into the new buildings kept receding from us, and the period of cramped and makeshift accommodation stretched out to a length that would have been unendurable if we had known from the start what we were in for. The total extinction of the Easter term games programme made matters worse. Then came a wet summer to wipe out cricket fixtures. No gymnasium and no swimming-bath to occupy people on wet games-days. The move to the new Junior House still postponed. There is no better proof of the resilience of spirits in the School than the fact that we came through this period without feeling that everything had been dislocated and that nothing much could be done. Nor was there any epidemic, such as used to sweep the School year after year not so very long ago. It was perhaps the carrot before our noses that kept us going.

The School year that began a month late in October has made up in eventfulness what it has lacked in length. There have been major changes in staff: a new Headmaster and a new Administrative Officer. A novelty for Forms IV and V was to have part of the Christmas and Easter holidays docked, and come back a week or so earlier, for trial examinations in January and extra revision in April. Thus for the Scottish Certificate candidates a part of the lost month was recovered. Wavell House is at last operating as more or less a separate section of the School, though sharing the class-room block, the dining-hall, and games facilities with the Senior

school. No more senior boys as Wavell House monitors or prefects. The juniors have their own captains and leaders with insignia of their own.

The summer term, always busy, has seemed more so than ever. The Certificate examinations ran into the second half of May. Since then it has been one thing after another: engagements for band and dancers, A.C.F. swimming and athletic sports, relay baton meeting, athletics match at Rannoch, school play rehearsals and performances, day of exodus to the new junior house, school photographs, and a number of lesser distractions. The gaps in this programme have been occupied with school-work and preparation, for those not engaged in medical, dental, optical, physiotherapeutic appointments, interviews, lectures, medical examinations, and educational excursions. And of course there was a half-term holiday to be fitted in.

The oldest Victorians leaving this summer, 1955 vintage, have seen plenty of re-construction and building in their time here. It is hard now to realise how much. For example, when they came, the two "cross-dormitories" were still in existence, and one still in use; there were no squash courts and no shooting-range; the Play Hall was just about to be renovated, and equipped with its present stage and lighting; and in eight years accommodation has been changed so often that nearly everything is the old something else. Next term should see us back in the renovated gymnasium and swimming-bath. Sometime after that we shall recover the lost area of playing-field, newly raised and levelled. The best prospect is a school year without moves and upheavels.

HER MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS

It is with great regret that we record the death of Major General N. McMicking, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., which occurred in April, 1963. General McMicking, who lived at Dunkeld, represented the Northern Counties of Scotland on the Board. Appointed in 1948 he was the senior Commissioner at the time of his death. He took great and experienced interest in the affairs of the School and recently gave much of his time to us as chairman of the committee which revised our Royal Warrant and Standing Orders in 1961. He will be greatly missed by all of us at the School.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Grant, P.C., having replaced the late Rt. Hon. Lord Thomson, P.C., as Lord Justice Clerk, was appointed in 1962 by the Lord Justice General to be an ex officio Commissioner of the School. We were very glad to welcome Lord Grant recently when he came to the School as Visiting Commissioner for the summer term 1963.

Air Vice Marshal R. Graham, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.,

D.S.C., D.F.C., D.L., who had been a Commissioner since 1958 has resigned from the Board because, living as he does in Arran, he found it too difficult to make the journeys necessary for regular attendance at the Board meetings. His place as a Commissioner has now been taken by Air Vice Marshal Andrew MacGregor, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., who lives at Crieff. It is a considerable advantage to the School when a Commissioner is appointed who, living close at hand, is readily available for consultation when required. We hope that we shall see much of Air Marshal MacGregor in the future.

We are delighted to see the appointment of Mr A. C. W. Drew, C.B., as Permanent Under Secretary of State at the War Office. Mr Drew was a Commissioner from November, 1957 to July, 1962, while he held the appointment of Deputy Under Secretary (A) at the War Office. He then left the Board on transfer as a Deputy Under Secretary at the Home Office. He has now returned to the War Office, but not to the Board of Commissioners, on promotion.

Obituary

JAMES FARQUHARSON

By the death in Edinburgh on 11th March, of James Farquharson (No. 12), the School has lost one of its most prominent old boys. Joining the School at its very beginning, he was the first of its many Boy Pipe Majors and he was also a member of the Colour Party who received the colours from King Edward VII at Balmoral. Leaving school for civilian life, Jim joined the R.A.M.C. at the commencement of the first World War and served throughout its duration, later joining the R.A.F. with whom he served for the next 27 years, finally retiring with the rank of Flight Lieut. and the possessor of eight medals, among them the Long Service and Good Conduct Award. Jim Farquharson enjoyed his visit to the School on Old Boys' Day and was looking forward to attending again this year. His proudest day was, I believe, three years ago when he took the salute at the March Past. He is survived by a brother and two sisters to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

JAMES CHALMERS

James Chalmers (No. 75), one of the First Hundred, passed away early in April at his home in Edinburgh after a long and painful

illness. A member of the Military Band, Jim joined the Royal Scots Greys on leaving school in 1912 and during the first World War he was transferred to the Seaforth Highlanders and was twice wounded in action.

An engineer to trade, Jim worked for many years with St. Cuthbert's Co-operative Society. He leaves a widow to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

ROBERT HUTCHISON

Robert Hutchison joined the School when it re-assembled in October, 1962, as a first-year secondary boy starting a senior secondary course in Form 1A. A few days after the beginning of the following term in January, we received the shocking news that he had died at home. In his brief time as a Victorian, he was noted as a quiet and pleasant boy. He had been handicapped by asthma, but showed courage and cheerfulness in face of his difficulties, which we hoped he would overcome here. Each "Victorian" brings its necessary tale of obituaries, and School numbers are often quoted as a guide to age and period. It is with special sorrow that we have to record the death of one who bore the School number 3004.

STAFF CHANGES

Yet again, there are several departures to be reported. Most notable of these has been that of the Headmaster, Lt. Colonel Fowler, whose photograph we printed in our last number. Lt. Colonel Fowler left us early in May, to take up an appointment in Germany, where he will be concerned in the management of Army schools. He came here as Headmaster in September, 1957, and has therefore been Head for nearly six years, a long tenure by recent standards. In that period the School has seen many necessary reforms, with which Lt. Colonel Fowler's name will be associated, in particular the development of a sound six-day routine and of many hobbies and recreations for boys' leisure-time. He had a keen personal interest in every boy in the School and could speak with knowledge about any of them. For several years he personally undertook the work of careers-adviser for those boys who thought of entering the services. With his guidance and encouragement, the number of recruits to the services direct from School has risen rapidly and remained high; and boys from Q.V.S. have gone to the services with confidence and eagerness. The enthusiastic letters which he has so often received from recruits to boys' units and the smartness and keenness of the many who come back to visit us are the best proofs of his success in kindling their interest and ambition. Before his departure the boys of the School presented Lt. Colonel Fowler, for himself and his family, with an inscribed reproduction of the painting of "the boy," which hangs in the front hall, and with a tea-trolley. At a dinner held the same evening, the Commandant and masters gave him an inscribed silver cigarette-box. We are glad to report that the Fowlers have become infected with the atmosphere of Scotland, and have taken a house in the neighbourhood as a family home in this country. Lt. Colonel Fowler, in his after-dinner speech, assured us that he had no intention of obeying the instruction white-washed in large letters along the wall of the main road just where he turns off to his new home. It reads: "Scotland for ever. English go home." Mrs Fowler though often busy with literary work has taken an active and leading part in the social life of staff families as well as conferring on us some borrowed lustre from the novels written here, and acclaimed by the critics. There may one day be a plaque on the Headmaster's house at Queen Victoria School. To Lt. Colonel and Mrs Fowler, and to Richard, Catherine, and Lucinda, all of whom have been receiving some at least of their education in Scotland, we wish every happiness and success, and we know that every Victorian of the past six years will want to associate himself with these sentiments.

There are some other departures to report. At Easter Major Acres, an energetic and industrious Administrative Officer, left us to take up an appointment at the War Office. His constant companion, the dog Toby, is still with us, in the care of Mr Martin, till his master is established in a new home.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to two R.A.E.C. officers, Major Davies and Captain Stewart. "Farewell" come very soon after "Hail" for the genial Major Davies, who for only a year has been teaching Science here, somewhat elementary Science for a physicist of his (scientific) stature, and looking after the boys of Haig House. Thus Haig House will soon be having its fifth Housemaster since Companies became Houses in 1956. The other officer to leave, Captain Stewart, has been here scarcely longer, teaching in the primary school and helping for a time with house management, but has been in the School long enough to become respected and liked for his quiet efficiency and helpfulness. Major Davies goes to the Army Apprentice School at Chepstow, and Captain Stewart to Germany, where a strong colony of former Q.V.S. masters is now being built up. To all these officers and to Mrs Stewart and family we offer our best wishes.

Lt. Colonel P. B. CLARKE

Our new Headmaster, Lt. Colonel Clarke, is a North-Englander. He spent his early childhood in the lovely little Westmorland town of Appleby, and his home since then has been in Cheshire. From Wrekin College, where he was a school prefect, he went to University College, Oxford. Then came the war. Having taken a war-time degree in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, he joined the Royal Armoured Corps in December, 1939, and, a year later, was commissioned in the 18th King Edward's Own Cavalry, with whom he served till 1946. He was in action with his regiment in the desert and served all over the Middle East, and in India, on the North-West Frontier and as Tank Gunnery Instructor to Officer-Cadets. In 1946 he returned to Oxford, where he took an honours degree in Modern History, and rowed for his College. Thereafter he taught in schools in Reading and London. In 1952, he returned to the Army as an officer in the R.A.E.C. Since then he has served with an Infantry Boys' Battalion, in Nigeria, at the War Office, where he was concerned with the planning and administration of Army children's schools, and at Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine.

Lt. Colonel Clarke is married with two children: James, aged 10, who is at a preparatory school, and Elizabeth, aged 7, who has joined the growing contingent from Q.V.S. families at Morrison's Academy. His favourite recreation is one for which, unfortunately, Dunblane offers no facilities. He is a keen dinghy-sailor. We offer a very warm welcome to Lt. Colonel and Mrs Clarke and to their family, and we hope that they will enjoy life in the turbulent atmosphere of Queen Victoria School.

Major C. P. KISLINGBURY

Major C. P. Kislingbury, Royal Signals, arrived here in May to take up the arduous appointment of Administrative Officer. Major Kislingbury served in

the Territorial Army before and in the early part of the war with the 4th County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters). In 1941 he was transferred to the Royal Signals and was commissioned in 1942. During the war years he served in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy (where he met his wife who was also serving there). Since the war he has served in Singapore and West Africa and with N.A.T.O. at Fontainebleau, with spells of duty at the War Office interspersed. Though his antecedents are southern, he is not unfamiliar with Scotland, for his final tour of duty as a serving Officer, before coming here, was a period of three years at H.Q., Scottish Command. His hobby he claims to be gardening "at home and on the golf course." Mrs Kislingbury is also a keen gardener (at home), and they have been observed hard at work in the garden of the Administrative Officer's house which itself is not yet ready for their occupation. The Kislingburys (if that is the right spelling of the plural) have a son aged 15, Martin, who is at school at Hurstpierpoint. We welcome them to Q.V.S., and hope that they will long remain here to enjoy the improvements they are making in their estate.

Mr J. P. URIE

The new teacher of Technical Subjects, replacing Captain A. Smith, R.A.E.C., is Mr J. P. Urie. He was educated at Hillhead High School, Glasgow. During the war he served for six years in the Royal Artillery and in R.E.M.E., with overseas service in Italy and Austria. He first taught in Glasgow, and then for three years at Kelso High School, before coming to Q.V.S. in January, 1963. He brings a wife and three children: Alan aged 10, Jennifer aged 7, and Linda (another one for Q.V.S.) aged 2½. He has listed three hobbies in order of preference. They are golf, golf, and golf. A low-handicap player, he is the only other master in the Petrie class, and they have already made a name for themselves in foursome play. He has also distinguished himself by reminding other golfers of their obligations to replace turf. We hope that Mr and Mrs Urie and family will have a long and happy stay here.

OLD BOYS

The annual Old Boys' Day was Sunday, May the 5th. Between 40 and 50 Old Victorians turned up for the occasion, some, like Stuart McArthur from East Anglia, making long journeys for the sake of being at Old Boys' Day. The ceremony of placing wreaths on the war memorial at morning service in chapel was performed by Victorians of different generations; William Cosgrove, a well-known visitor, and John Ross, who left in 1961 and is now at Edinburgh University. The lesson was read by George Stirrat. There is little to write about Old Boys' Day, which followed the set pattern. The School football team, a very young team this year managed to beat the Old Boys by 4 goals to 1, despite

the superior skill of three Quinn brothers. The spare field at Cultybraggan and the new tarmac square have been great training-grounds.

Prominent among the older Victorians present was Mr H. J. Harrison, who maintains a tireless interest in the School and in his fellow-Victorians. One of the first hundred boys in the School, he spent a great deal of time and work in the School's jubilee year, tracing and communicating with the others of the "First 100," so that as many as possible could be got together for Grand Day. In that year the "First 100" presented the School with the splendid trophy for which the House A.C.F. sections compete yearly. Mr Harrison has kept in touch, and has continued to gather and record information about earlier days of the School. Recently he has been concerned with the list of Old Boys who have won commissions. There are undoubtedly some omissions on the School board and Mr Harrison has set himself to trace the missing names and get authoritative details. In autumn, Mr Harrison retires, and he is going to live in West Suffolk, from which he will not find it so easy to visit the School. We are most grateful for all the work he has done among the Old Boys and for his unflagging devotion to the School. We print below some notes he has sent us about the "First 100."

From Mr W. Cosgrove we have received a copy of the magazine, "The Scottish Co-operator," for 27th January containing an article by him under the heading "Queen Victoria boys have zest." It gives an account of the School and its activities, a glowing picture we may say.

Welcome letters come in to the Headmaster from Old Boys, especially from the more recent leavers, and chiefly from boys in the services. An Old Boy who has distinguished himself is Alan Tulleth, who left in 1956 for St. Andrews University. After completing his B.Sc. degree, with honours, he started a graduate apprenticeship in the Scottish Electrical Training Scheme. Soon he was given the chance of returning to Queen's College to do research work leading up to the M.Sc. degree. He was the first person in any branch of engineering to take this degree. His thesis was submitted in March, 1962, and the degree of M.Sc. was conferred on him in June of that year. A great achievement. He is now working in the research department of Bruce Peebles & Co. in Edinburgh.

"FIRST HUNDRED" NEWS

I regret to report that two more of our number have passed away in the persons of Jim Farquharson (12) and Jim Chalmers (75) both of whom attended the Golden Jubilee reunion at the School in July, 1958. Further mention of them is made in the obituary column of the "Victorian." We are now reduced to a total of under forty. Not surprising after two wars and the fact that the oldest of us will be 69 in July while the young set will be 65 next year. John McIlroy (5) who will be the 69 is thinking of

emigrating to New Zealand where several of his family reside. I hear from most of the 100 fairly regularly and I am glad to say, apart from the usual seasonal illnesses, all are in pretty good health and able to take every interest in life.

Three of us attended Old Boys' Day this year, Jock Edmonds (29), George Stürrat (43) and H. Harrison (67). As members of the School's first pipe band we were particularly pleased with the performance of the present band and congratulate them very heartily, and tell them they are nearly as good as we were.

In passing I would like to say how sorry we are that the School is losing the services of Pipe Major Sanderson, B.E.M., who has done so much for the School pipe bands for over 20 years. A long and happy retirement, "Pipey."

I wonder if any separate 100 of the School has a record like that of the first 100 who amongst them have held every rank in the Army from Boy to Colonel and that includes, Pipe Major, Drum Major, Band Sergeant and Bandmaster. I am pretty certain no other 100 has totalled as many years service. Amongst them they collected 24 Long Service Medals and several served for 40 years or more. Any challengers?

This is my first report to the "Victorian" but I hope, now I have made a start, to send along news once yearly.

H. J. HARRISON.

THE IMPROVEMENTS

The original main building of the School was first occupied in 1908 and by 1915 all the other permanent buildings were built and taken into use. Excellent accommodation and teaching conditions were provided, by the standards of those times, and it was not until after the 1939-45 war that it began to appear that the School had become somewhat old-fashioned. It also happened at about this time that the War Department, faced with modern requirements of accommodation, ruled that on the space available the strength of boys at the School was to be reduced from 250 to 220: an uneconomical state of affairs because the expense of the staff which is the main item in the cost of the School is nearly as great for 220 as for 250 boys. Efforts were then made to provide better teaching facilities by building a number of temporary classrooms but it was inevitable that this should prove to be only a palliative.

About 1950 the Commissioners decided to bring the whole scheme of education at the School up to date in order to conform fully to the current system of primary and secondary education in Scotland. This led them on to the introduction of some civilians into what had been a purely military teaching staff and, later, to the abolition of the old companies and the re-organisation of the School into one primary and three secondary houses each in the charge of a

housemaster assisted by a housematron. They were also determined to restore the School to its proper planned strength of 250 boys, to get rid of as many as possible of the somewhat unsightly temporary buildings and to provide suitable quarters for the housemasters and housematrons and for the bachelor teaching staff. Planning for the considerable structural alterations and new building involved in these projects began in 1954. Various schemes were examined in some detail at great length. Work eventually began on the site in January, 1962. It is now virtually completed.

The following work has been done:—

THE MAIN BLOCK. All the old small dormitories have disappeared. Each of the three upper floors now contains one senior house. Each house has two long dormitories, each with its separate wash place, showers and long baths, and has quarters for its housemaster and its housematron on the same floor. There are five single masters' quarters divided between the top two floors. The six original classrooms on each side of the Main Hall and Dining Hall have been converted to common-rooms, two for each senior house. The whole central heating system has been renewed and better lighting installed throughout the building. A big central wash-room and cloak-room has been made on the ground floor so that boys coming from the classrooms can wash on their way to the dining hall without going to their houses. The tiles on the walls of the corridors have been replaced by painted plaster.

THE DINING HALL. The old formica-topped dining tables and folding chairs have been replaced by polished oak refectory tables and benches.

THE KITCHEN. This has been re-designed and some equipment renewed or added. A canopy with extractor fans removes all cooking smells. Special preparation rooms and a better-designed washing-up area have been provided.

THE NEW CLASSROOMS. These are grouped in the North half of the big new block which stretches the whole length of the east side of the Square. There are eighteen new classrooms including a metalwork and a woodwork shop, two laboratories, an art room and a technical drawing room. This enables all the teaching work of the School to be carried out in one compact area instead of, as previously, in classrooms some of which were widely separated from the others. Special mention is made of the two tiled murals, one on each of the two main staircases of the classroom block. These were suggested, designed and executed by Mr Le Maistre, the Art Master at the School, who has made a free gift of his talent and labour to provide these excellent decorations for the building.

THE JUNIOR HOUSE. The South end of the new block contains the new Wavell House for 84 junior boys under 12 years old. There are six dormitories, each designed for 14 boys and each pair of dormitories has its own wash-place with showers and baths and its own drying room. The square block between

the Junior House and the Chapel contains quarters for one married and some single masters and for the housematron. This enables the whole staff of the Junior House to be on the spot to control and administer their boys.

THE CHAPEL. The electric lighting and the central heating have been entirely renewed.

THE HOSPITAL. A new waiting room has been built. Boys awaiting treatment had previously only a covered way in which to wait.

THE GYMNASIUM. A changing room with showers and a better equipment store have been provided. The floor has been relaid. Lighting and heating have been renewed.

THE QUARTERMASTER'S STORES. These have had minor alterations and new lighting and heating. A Sports store and a Hairdresser's shop have been provided.

THE LAUNDRY AND SEWING ROOM. The laundry has been converted to one big room instead of two narrow rooms separated by the Boiler House. The temporary sewing room has been replaced by one of permanent construction.

THE HOUSEKEEPER'S FLAT. A new flat for the Housekeeper has been provided above the kitchen.

THE BOILER HOUSE. The old coal-fired boilers have been replaced by automatic oil-burning ones. The main and auxiliary boilers are now together in one house.

THE SWIMMING BATH. The swimming bath has been relined, to cure its tendency to leak, and is being tiled throughout to make it easier to clean. It will probably not be ready by Grand Day.

THE PLAYING FIELDS. Part of the Burn, between the Swimming Bath and the Headmaster's House, has been piped and now runs underground. A big area, bounded by the old Second XI cricket square, the pavilion and the Short Range, has been levelled to provide more flat playing pitches. This area has only just been sown. It will not be ready for play before the autumn of 1964.

THE SMALL PLAYGROUND. A new small tarmac playground has been made on the site of the old Joiner's Shop to offset the loss of playing space caused by the building of the new block on the side of the Square.

Major alterations and improvements of this size could not be, and were not, made without involving everyone concerned in a great deal of inconvenience and improvisation. The changing of the boilers meant no heating, hot water or steam for cooking for six months. To overcome this difficulty the School moved to a hatted camp at Cultybraggan near Comrie for the summer term of 1962. Some of the staff lived permanently at the camp. Others were ferried daily from and to Dunblane. Most of the School work was done at Cultybraggan but classes for science, woodwork and metalwork were ferried to Dunblane where some of the temporary classrooms were kept in use. By these means, including the Easter holidays, and an extra four weeks summer holidays we kept out of the main block from the end

of March to mid-October. This was just long enough. Steam came on in the new boilers two days before the boys came back and all the necessary services were available in time. The fact that this complicated operation worked so well is greatly due to the admirable assistance given to us by Headquarters Scottish Command and Highland District, and by Major Hutchison and his staff at Cultybraggan Camp.

When the School returned to Dunblane from Cultybraggan it was to very congested conditions. The old small dormitories had disappeared and the new junior dormitories were not yet ready. The new classrooms were incomplete but some of the old classrooms had been converted to other purposes. Most of the boys were double-bunked, sleeping one above the other, from October, 1962 until June, 1963. The Playhall had to be used as a Chapel. The gymnasium was unusable. The Q Stores were temporarily accommodated in various places. The roads were up. Mud was everywhere. Those responsible for the organisation and management of the School during all this improvisation have much to be grateful for in the cheerful acceptance by the staff, both teaching and administrative, of difficult conditions and much extra work, and for the sensible behaviour of the boys which made everything a great deal easier than it might have been.

It is important that we all should realise that a very large sum of public money, over £330,000, has been spent in bringing our buildings up to date and giving us the most modern facilities for education and for school life in general. This is a matter for which we must be most grateful. It is now up to everybody at the School to see that we make the best possible use of its advantages, so that the present and future generations of boys may benefit from the exceptional opportunities offered to them by the far-sightedness of the original founders, which has now been renewed by the confidence of those who have planned and provided funds for these present improvements.
A.M.F.

SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

The Rugby international between Scotland and Ireland on February 23rd this year was, as the "Stirling Observer" said, a sentimental occasion for Pipe-Major Sanderson, for it was his last appearance with the School pipe band at Murrayfield. Before next Rugby season he will be in retirement. After the Irish match there was a ceremony in the committee-room at Murrayfield, at which, in the presence of representatives from other national unions, the Scottish Rugby Union presented the Pipe-Major with an inscribed silver quaich, in recognition of his many appearances at Murrayfield. "Pipey" has become a familiar figure to all watchers of home internationals in the past 20 years or so; and we are all delighted that he should have this recognition of the contribution that he and his band have made to the big occasions at Murrayfield.

His many friends among the old boys of the School will be sorry to know that Mr James White, for some years a guardian of the front office, and formerly C.S.M. of C Company, has been laid up for three or four months. At the time of writing he is still in Stirling Royal Infirmary, where he has borne a long and trying illness with great spirit. We hope he will soon regain health and strength.

Some fruit of Captain Petrie's golf instruction during the winter months has now appeared. Six boys are junior members of Dunblane New Golf Club and are authorised to play golf in games periods and free time. They are not, of course, the first boys of the School to be club members. In 1956 and 1957 two boys played there fairly regularly at week-ends. But recognition of golf as an official occupation for games afternoons is an innovation.

In recent years a few selected boys have been sent annually to take part in Outward Bound courses. In fact to get a place on one of these courses is something of a status symbol in the School. As we write, two Monitors C. Brown of Haig House, and S. Donaldson of Trenchard House are at the Moray Sea School, on ground familiar to Monitor Brown, at Burghhead. They will be back for the final stage of the term. C. Brown writes that they "are both fit, no wonder, though slightly overawed by the weight of the packs and the length of the six-day hike, ninety-six miles," on which they were at the time about to set off. There is no doubt that they have enjoyed the tests of endurance, however gruelling, and they were clearly eager to be off on the big test.

Old boys will remember the mural depicting Scottish history which runs along the walls of the dining-hall by the main door. This has now been rejuvenated by Mr Le Maistre's Art pupils, who have coloured the original so that it now catches the eye and brightens the dining-hall. It is amazing how many people have since been found studying this remarkably patriotic version of our national history.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, which has been operated most successfully in the School for several years, has run into difficulty this year, since we use the awards of the Royal Life-Saving Society to fulfil the conditions of the public service section. Because of the early closing of the School swimming-bath and the long delay in the work on it, our boys have not been able to complete their life-saving training and so could not be presented for examination. We hope that the bath will be ready for the next term, so that the life-savers can sit for the various awards. At present, we have 6 boys working for the gold award, 7 for the silver, and 10 for the bronze.

THE GHOST TRAIN

The School play this year was Arnold Ridley's "The Ghost Train." As usual, it was presented on two nights, 29th and 30th May, the first show being mainly for the boys, and the second for parents, friends and grown-ups generally. This corny old play with its absurdities of plot and character and its loose ends, proved to be a surprisingly good choice. A generation has grown up to which "The Ghost Train" is new, and there is plenty of swift action and broad humour to help a school cast to carry it off. The producer wisely did not try to bring the story up to date. It was played as a 1926 episode with the appropriate clothes and slang. Only the setting was changed, with Scottish names and places for the English originals. There was just one point at which the alteration broke down; when Deakin said he did not know how they got the arms into *England*. But he was so obviously a silly ass from the south that he could not be expected to put it any other way.

Looking back over productions of the past five years or so, one can surely say that the latest one has marked another stage of progress. There was a rather uneven and lifeless performance of one-act plays. "Androcles and the Lion" was a step up, but that play required a fairly large cast and was clearly over the heads of some of the players. Then came a really sparkling show, "H.M.S. Pinafore." Here the singing and dancing were seen to be much more in the boys' line than straight play-acting. As is not uncommon, the first public performance of "The Ghost Train" was preceded by some evenings of gloom and despair in the management. They can never really believe that it will be all right on the night. This time it was predicted that the prompter would steal the show. As it was, we got a splendid entertainment. The improvement in elocution was most noticeable. You could hear every word at the back of the play hall; even from those who are far from clear in ordinary conversation. The casting was good. There was no weak spot; but most people would probably agree that the best performances came from those who filled outstanding roles, J. Watters, D. Watson and M. Owens; and along with them must go S. Scott, who entered completely into the spirit of his part, and whose accent, intonation, and clarity of speech were excellent. J. Wood, the youngest player, acted with great spirit. Perhaps a little too difficult for him was the transformation at the end from frightened lady to gangster's moll. J. Watters managed pretty well his change from silly ass to resourceful hero. Supported by some very good effects, the train noises and the passing lights of carriage windows, the show as a whole went with a swing. The biggest difficulty for boy players was to express the reactions of horror and fear to ghostly visitations and intrusive corpses. At these one or two points there was a suspicion of flatness. The ending of this play is rather confused, but by then the audience were enjoying themselves so much that

they were ready to accept all improbabilities, including a policeman who kept his hand sternly on the arrested criminal's shoulder throughout, even though he had to reach well up to get there.

In any school, particularly in one of our size, there is unlikely to be much natural dramatic talent available at one time, and school plays are frequently carried by one or two stars. So the evenness of this performance of "The Ghost Train" reflects great credit on the people who worked away for months at it. They got everyone to make a good job of his part. As for the sets, we can only say that they were of the usual standard. Mr Le Maistre's and Mr Finlay's work is coming to be taken for granted. We could nearly do with a period of empty stage to let us concentrate on the sets, so as to appreciate them properly.

The following took part in the production of "The Ghost Train":

Cast (in order of appearance)—Angus McIver, stationmaster at Duncarron station, M. J. Owens; Charles Murdoch, D. Watson; Peggy, his wife, J. Hay; Richard Winthrop, junior partner in Winthrop & Son, J. Flynn; Elsie Winthrop, his newly married wife, D. Nix; Miss Murray, S. P. S. Scott; Teddy Deakin, J. Watters; Julia Price, J. A. Wood; Herbert Price, W. J. Logue; John Sterling, T. Monaghan; Jackson, W. Cockburn; Smith, S. Cobb.

The Administration—Producer, Captain M. J. Frost; Sets, design and painting, Mr V. H. Le Maistre and pupils of the Art Department; Carpentry, Mr J. Finlay and pupils of the Technical Department; Lighting and special effects, Rev. A. N. Jamieson; Costumes and Make-up, Mr and Mrs Le Maistre; Prompter, N. McConnell; Stage Managers, D. I. Marshall, A. J. Sinclair; Curtain and Lights, J. Matheson, H. A. Paterson.

THE ADDISON-SMITH PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The public speaking competition goes back to 1939, when Lt.-Colonel C. L. Addison-Smith, the Honorary Treasurer of the School instituted a prize for public speaking, to be competed for each year. The original conditions of the competition are of interest. In wet weather during the Senior Division games period, a School Parliament was to be held at which subjects of national or School interest were to be debated. (This idea might appeal to the games master, who was getting near his wits' end last winter trying to devise occupations for games-day after games-day of ice and snow.) The supervising teachers were to form a panel which was to award a mark out of ten to each speaker, these marks being recorded by the English master "in a register kept for that purpose." In the summer term the ten boys with the highest marks were to compete before a panel of teachers, having at this stage to declaim a set speech. Two famous speeches of the past, one serious and

one "in a lighter vein" were to be set each year and the competitors were to do one or the other. This stage was to reduce the competitors to three finalists, who were then to compete again, this time in the presence of the whole School, for the final placings. Since those days the competition seems to have gone through various phases. A few years ago competitors were doing a combination of reading and recitation. More recently the competitors have had first to recite by heart a piece of prose or verse, a wide choice being given so as to provide variety, and then to deliver a speech, using brief notes only, on one of a number of set topics. The Secondary School has provided the audience, and a panel of masters has judged the contest.

Last year, at Cultybraggan Camp, the competition had to be abandoned, because of the pressure of events and the absences of senior pupils on other activities. This year, seven boys competed before an appreciative audience in the Play Hall. In the first stage each had to recite a poem of his own choice with the stipulation that the chosen poem had to be either tough and shocking or sentimental in tone. The topics for the speeches were as follows:—

- (1) A leaver's speech to the School in which you look back and offer some advice;
- (2) The speech you would make as boys' representative at the official opening of the new buildings;
- (3) Your speech at a dinner thirty years hence at which you are proposing the health of the guest of honour, one of your school contemporaries who is now a distinguished public figure;
- (4) A speech on behalf of a new political party founded by yourself.

All of those topics were chosen by one or other, the most popular being the political speech, chosen by three of the seven. Many novel policies were propounded in the effort to catch the schoolboy vote. The Headmaster, Mr Robertson, and Captain Frost were the judges. The proceedings were chaired with great urbanity and confidence by Monitor P. Finlay. For obscure reasons of his own he did not enter for the competition, but his performance as chairman left us with an uneasy feeling that he should perhaps have been given the prize. The winner was D. J. Watson, who recited a poem by Wilfred Owen with clarity and understanding, and made an amusing speech proposing the health of the world-famous film-producer, Sir Jeffrey Watters, O.B.E. It was perhaps unfortunate that his reference to the imaginary exploits of Sir Jeffrey in his school-days inspired some imitative wit to reproduce one of these exploits the same night. The runner-up was J. Watters, as yet not knighted or decorated, and the third was M. Owens, whose political speech, magnificently fruity in tone, aroused such a response that he was detained on the platform for much longer than the stipulated time. The other competitors were A. Stace, who dressed his part as Kipling's "Tommy" and supported his political speech with posters, A. Faulds, D. Keltie, and A. Kay. The general quality

of recitations and speeches was probably rather below that of 1961. Then the School had more 6th and 5th year boys interested in the contest, and the level was uniformly high. None the less all this year's candidates acquitted themselves well, and there is no doubt that they learned something from the preparation and delivery of their poems and speeches.

OLD BOYS IN SERVICE TRAINING

Letters come in fairly often from boys who have left School in the last few years and are now at service schools or colleges, or in junior leaders' units. Many visit the School when they are on leave. But we have not got a complete record of old boys in these units. Some enlist after they have left school, and some are moved about. This term we wrote round to a number of units asking for names and news of Victorians, and we had many replies for which we are most obliged; but we cannot yet claim that we have a full list. We hope that as this magazine goes out to boy units and is read there by our old boys, one of them in each unit will take it on himself to act as correspondent and write to us with names and news. Perhaps for Christmas or next summer we can get a complete record.

At Cranwell, there is Neil Burrows who came to see us not long ago and gave the School a talk, with a film, about life in the R.A.F. Welbeck has three Victorians: Rodney Maxwell, Michael Nixon, and Murdoch Gillespie. We are told that Maxwell is head prefect (we hope that is the right term) and he seems to be leading a full life of work and sport. He has been sitting A level examinations. The Army Apprentice school at Carlisle has a strong representation of Victorians: Victor Edgar, now C.S.M., J. A. McDonald, G. Scott, W. McFarquhar, P. Barbour, and T. McLaughlin, who distinguished himself by getting boxing colours in his first term. At Arborfield there are Sgt. D. Turnbull, D. Towns, a member of the school's pipe band, and J. McF. McDonald, boxing champion in southern command and winner of the Imperial Services championship in the light-weight class (9 stone 7 lbs.). He is also in the pipe band and the cross-country running team. Chepstow has J. Johnstone, described as a leading member of the school pipe band, and L/Cpl. J. Bell, tenor drummer in the band and hooker in the Rugby XV with colours. At Harrogate there are C. Hedges and D. Fraser, and with the junior leaders' regiment, R.A.C., at Bovington is R. D. Clater. The Junior Leaders' Battalion at Oswestry has L/Cpl. J. A. Kilcullen, who swims for the battalion and is commended as a very good highland dancer. The other Victorians there are J. Nimmo and D. J. McKue. In the K.O.S.B. recruiting letter there is mention of William Young as an Army Boxing Association junior champion. With the R.A.F. there are J. Matheson at Credenhill, Hereford, and R. D. Nunn at Halton. Robin Munn has been at Halton since 1960 and passes out this year. Recently he chose as his topic

for a long set-task essay an account of Queen Victoria School. Elsewhere in the R.A.F. are T. Barbour, J. Hide, M. Arnett, J. McKenzie, M. Murphy, R. Craggs, I. O'Donnell, T. O'Connor, J. C. Brown, and the two MacRaes. No doubt there are Victorians in other boy units, whose names we have omitted. We hope that all those whose names are not mentioned here will write and complain, letting us know who they are and where they are and what they are doing.

Finally we might mention that though we have so far no Victorian under instruction in the junior tradesmen's regiment at Dundonald Camp, Troon, one of the staff there is Lieutenant V. McGuirk, R.A.E.C. who left Q.V.S. in 1951.

25 YEARS AGO

1938, the last pre-war year, was also the year of the Empire Exhibition in Bellahouston Park, Glasgow. A popular item in the Services Display at the exhibition was provided by the boys of Queen Victoria School. This was a Toy Soldiers' Display, in which a contingent of our boys, suitably daubed and dressed, performed their drill as toy soldiers under the command of Sergeant McCallum, who "amazed even senior Army officers with his stentorian word of command." Uniforms for the display were prepared in the tailor's shop, by boys, for in those days tailoring was a regular School "trade." The accessories for the display included mock rifles and machine-guns, and there was a toy ambulance drawn by a horse of the pantomime kind. The Editor of the one "Victorian" published in 1938 described the Q.V. horse as "a weird animal which sometimes reminded us of a horse, sometimes a donkey, sometimes a mule, and generally as if it were a consequence of Noah's careless stowage of his quadrupeds." Boys not taking part in the display were treated by H.M. Commissioners to a School visit to the Exhibition.

A new amenity of the year was the installation of gas-lamps on the pillar at each School gate. The Editor recalls how on descending from a well-lit bus people had to grope in the dark over a large area to find the School entrance. A familiar touch is that the School was for a long time occupied by workmen, who were renewing the electric wiring and putting in lamp-shades. The workmen "were so long with us that we now miss their wire traps and topical ditties filling the corridors." Nor was their equipment always safe from interference. One of them learned not to leave porcelain lamp-shades on stairs down which fifty boys are about to make their way to the swimming-bath. As he surveyed the fragments he paid tribute to the School in the words: "It's a great ----- place, this is."

When the annual inspection of School work was made by officers from the War Office, they were accompanied this time by a representative of the Scottish Education Department. The object was to survey the possibility of presenting Q.V.S. boys for

the Department's Junior Leaving Certificate. The proposal caused "anxious thought," for the requirements of the Scottish Education Department were bound to affect the existing time-table, but it was officially said to be a change worth making. A number of years had yet to pass before the School did in fact, to use the words of the 1938 editor, "appear on the map of Scottish Education."

There are some other items of interest in the 1938 "Victorian." That year on 1st April, "as an experiment," the School held a cross-country race. It was started by the Commandant, and there were 100 competitors, boys of all ages. G. Long was the first individual winner of the School cross-country race. Swimming flourished in 1938. The new harness for non-swimmers, similar to that used in the Dunblane Hydro pool at the time, was found very effective. By the end of the summer term many boys had qualified for the various swimming certificates awarded by the School, and thanks to the efforts of C.S.M. Gutteridge, there were no non-swimmers in the School. (A similar happy state prevailed a few years ago. Did we think it was the first time?). There was also a considerable number of R.L.S.S. awards for life-saving in 1938. The Rugby and Cricket reports show that a system of "leagues" was in operation, with each Company playing the others in rotation. There are some who think we could well adopt a system of House Leagues now. The interest and incentive provided might mitigate the disappointment caused by the cancellation of school fixtures. A contributor to the "Victorian" of 25 years ago was George Stirrat, a familiar figure on Old Boys' occasions. He had a forthright article on discipline and the qualities denoting good discipline. An article headed "Over the Hills and Far Away" also strikes a familiar note. It describes an *all-day "hike"* arranged to occupy the boys on a holiday given for Empire Day. Please note, the thirty or so boys who spent the summer half-term holiday here, that it was an all-day "hike," and that the walkers carried their own food. The menu included sandwiches, tinned apricots, and "duff." The writer mentions in passing that it is rather difficult to eat apricots from the tin without spoons or forks. The 1963 "hikers" who merely did the few miles to a spot beyond the Sheriffmuir Inn, and there ate royally, with the Headmaster acting as the carrier in his estate car, and the main server too, of lemonade, tea, meat, sardines, salad, bread-and-butter, cake, biscuits, oranges, apples, ice-cream, apple tart, tinned fruit, and sweets, should notice how times have altered in their favour.

Finally, we might mention just one or two of the names that occur in the 1938 "Victorian," and hope we offend none whose name is overlooked. The R.S.M. was Mr W. Watson, a great father-figure to the boys who were here in his time. A compliment is paid to Mr Watson's kindly manner by a contributor to a later magazine, who was playing the old game of finding passages from Shakespeare to apply

to various people in the School. For the R.S.M. this passage is quoted from "The Tempest":

"Speak you so gently? Pardon me I pray you! I thought all things were savage here."

Another name is that of Mr F. Lax, the Bandmaster, another legendary character, whom Old Boys always want to visit. As mentioned in the reference to swimming, there was also Mr Gutteridge, C.S.M. of B Company and Sports Instructor. These three veterans of Q.V.S. are all living in the neighbourhood. Their service here is not forgotten.

THE "VICTORIAN" MAGAZINE

In the news-letter which the Headmaster sends out at Christmas to members of the Old Victorian Association, mention was made of a project to gather enough back numbers of the School magazine to make a complete bound set. Owing to a misunderstanding, the position was not quite correctly stated. There is, in fact, in the School one complete bound set of the "Victorian" for the years 1923, the first year of the School magazine, to 1954. One bound set had always been maintained in the School. From 1955 we started collecting duplicate copies of each issue, and so for the years 1955 to 1961, when binding was last done, there are two bound volumes: one kept as a record, and the other available for boys to read in the School library. Similarly, when next we have accumulated enough numbers to make a volume, there will be one for the record and one for the library. What we should like to do, if it proves possible, is to collect copies of all back numbers of the "Victorian" from No. 1 (of the year 1923) to No. 53 (of 1954). If we can do so, it will be possible to have these bound and let the School library have its own set, for boys to read, of the "Victorian" from its very origin. Though we have the one complete set, we do not risk putting it in the library, where there might be damage or even loss.

Of numbers 1 to 53 of the "Victorian" we already have in the School certain copies, but by no means a complete set. We list below those numbers of which we have no copies, other than in the single set of bound volumes. What we hope is that there will be Old Boys who have preserved old copies and are willing to let the School have them. If any Old Boy who reads this notice actually possesses copies of the "Victorians" bearing any of the numbers listed below and is willing to let us have them, we shall be most grateful if he will write to the Editor saying which he has and is willing to give to the School. Please do not send in actual magazines yet, for there may be some numbers which several people are able to give. We hope that these magazines, mainly very old numbers, still exist somewhere and can be got for us.

The numbers we are looking for are as follows—1 to 14 inclusive; 16 to 19 inclusive; 21 to 23 inclusive; 29, 34, 36, 40, 52, 53. Veteran O.V.'s please respond.

FOOD

There are few things dearer to a boy's heart than food. A hungry man is often a dangerous man, but at the same time a gluttonous man is a abomination.

During the recent holidays I was discussing the food at his public school with my son. His pet aversion happened to be any form of suet pudding. My mind immediately returned to days at Dunblane and, should my memory serve me well after some 35 years, my *bête noire* was served with utmost regularity on a Tuesday and Saturday—that by product of the siftings of hard grains of flour—semolina, the sight of which rose before me like a spectre. However, my son's suggestion that it might have been a more revolting dish had it been "the pudding of a million eyes"—tapioca—was no doubt very true—at least according to some tastes.

It is obvious that no school can or does cater for the gourmand. A surfeit of food no doubt makes the brain sluggish and hampers its retentive qualities. There appears to have been a school of thought at Dunblane in my day that any food which was not steamed or boiled was unsuitable for consumption by healthy young Scotsmen, which indeed we were.

Let me return to the menu of the 1920s, subject of course to memory, and I am quite prepared to be corrected by other Victorians of my age.

The Sabbath Day is undoubtedly the best day to start my reminiscences. Breakfast consisted of one and a half boiled (or steamed) sausages which were repeated on a Wednesday morning. Repetition was purely culinary and not digestive. At tea time on a Sunday part of the rations consisted of five ginger snaps. These delicacies were of great commercial value, and many a chore was performed during the week in return for ginger snaps on a Sunday. The collection of these debts was an extremely hazardous task, for the debt collectors felt it necessary to collect during the meal. This undertaking must surely have been many a Victorian's first bit of "fieldcraft." To slide surreptitiously off one's seat and creep along between the tables, to attract the attention of the debtor without undue fuss, to receive rapid payment and to return to one's table without being observed by the C.S.M. on duty, was no mean feat. The penalty for failure in these missions could indeed be very painful, for crawling along on hands and knees naturally exposed one's vulnerable parts, and C.S.M.s were always properly dressed in those days, being fully equipped with a Wand of Office, and their dexterity in its manipulation was quite outstanding. They were always on target.

Most mornings of the week, porridge was the basis of breakfasts, and having been born in England of Scottish parents, who permitted the use of sugar, I found myself tending to shy away from the genuine "home brew." However, time taught me to appreciate the product of "John the Bun," for such was the nickname given to the extremely large Cook Sgt. of the period.

Now "John the Bun" was the proud possessor of

an enormous moustache, a really magnificent growth, carefully tended, which was stroked with the hand of an artist. His voice was deep and rich and well matched this luxurious growth. I was privileged on one occasion to witness him downing a large plate of porridge, and I can recall the fascination this had for me, for not a drop was permitted to touch his moustache. I stood spellbound at the kitchen door watching this navigational feat, and not without a certain amount of boyish admiration. Needless to say this wonderful character had more hair on his upper lip than was permitted on my head, for in those days "Crew Cuts" were the standard style at Dunblane.

Various methods were in vogue from time to time to supplement one's rations, all of which were without approval. The acquisition of raw potatoes and later their roasting (or burning) in their jackets upon the hot ashes dumped from the stokehold was seldom very successful as someone always seemed to appear at the crucial moment. It is extremely difficult to stand still and look unconcerned with a hot potato in one's pocket or protruding in a sinister manner from under a jersey.

On a recent visit to the School, I noticed that a copse which once stood adjacent to the playing fields had gone, and no doubt with its departure must have gone the perils of being caught out of bounds. Raw turnips eaten in this wood had a particularly succulent flavour. I can recall one penalty for such misdemeanours, and that was a spoonful of castor oil administered by a Hospital Sister with a baleful eye, and with an assurance that it was good for me.

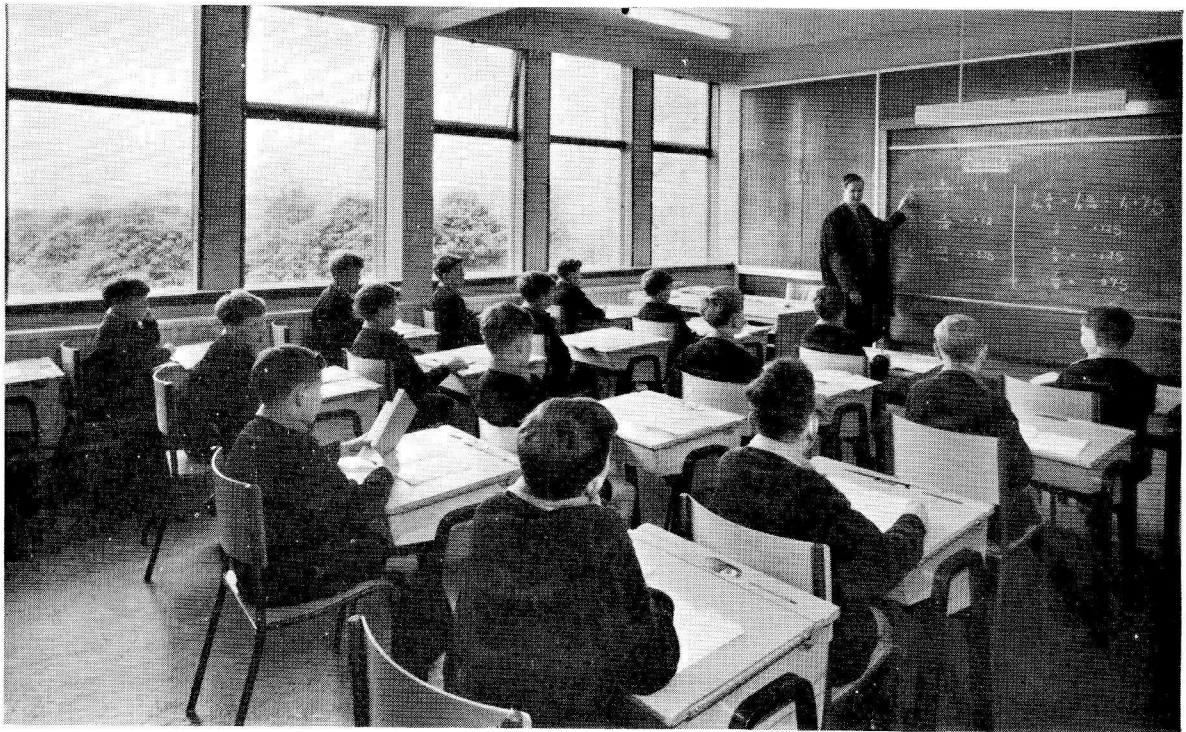
With the many improvements which have taken place at the School in all its spheres, I feel sure the authorities have not overlooked the gastronomic side, though it would be a pretty dull establishment if all its residents were to agree with me.

L.V.D.D.

FOOD IN 1963

As a parallel to the essay on the food of the 1920s in Queen Victoria School, we of the present ration strength should like to begin by heartily reiterating the opening sentiments of our Old Victorian.

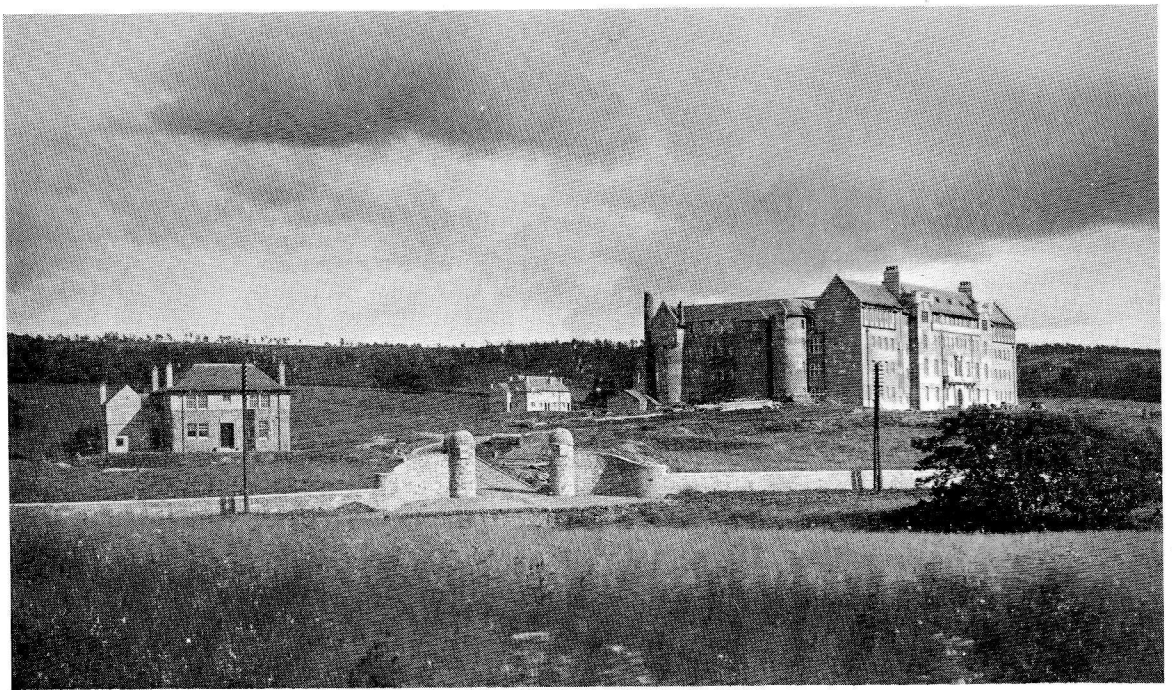
Food is vital, but many people would be staggered to know the importance attached to it at this School. It is almost regarded as sacred. Perhaps because of its inflated importance, it receives fierce and widespread criticism. I think I shall never see that day when the boys of this School will be satisfied with their food. From a survey throughout the School, it appears there is still discontent over the food. Semolina and butter-beans are the most unpopular items on the School menu, whereas trifles and chips top the poll of the favourite foods. The Sunday menu is regarded as the best of the week. A cereal, followed by fried eggs and bacon is served at breakfast. The three-course lunch comprises chicken-noodle soup, a main course of boiled and roasted potatoes, cabbage and fine slices of cold meat, and



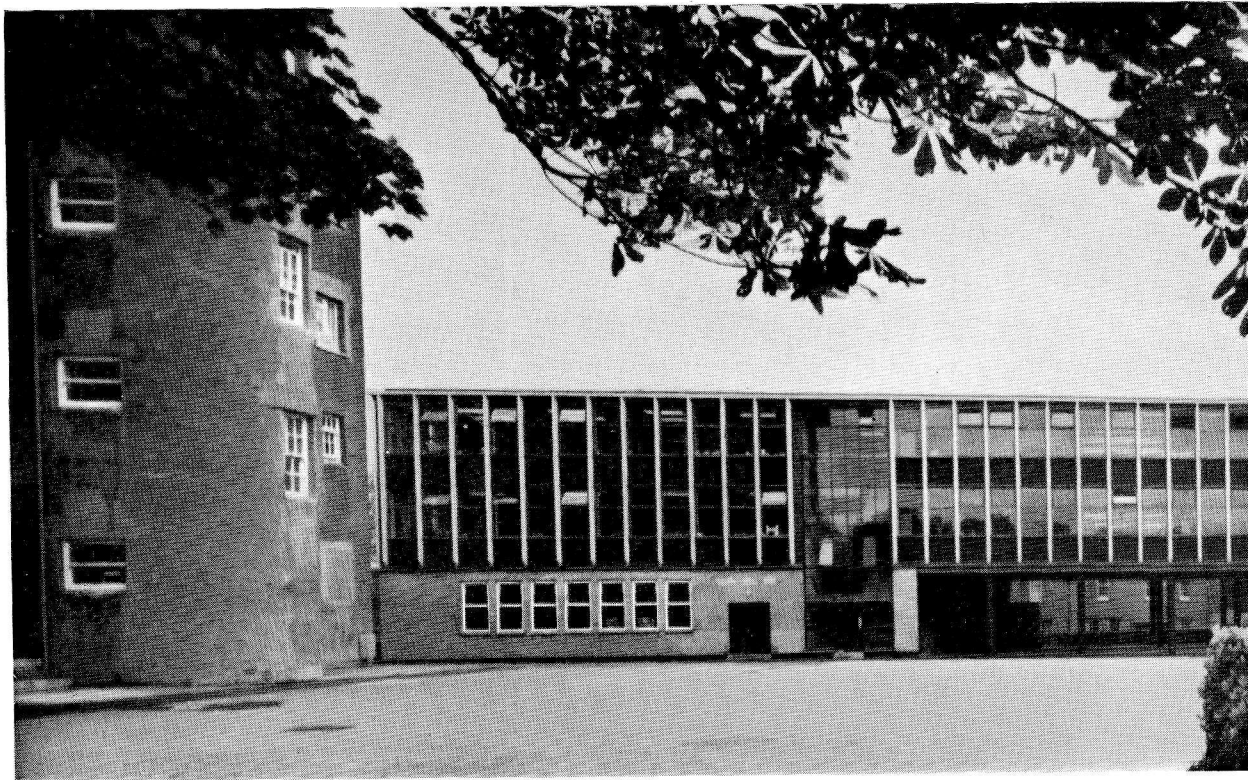
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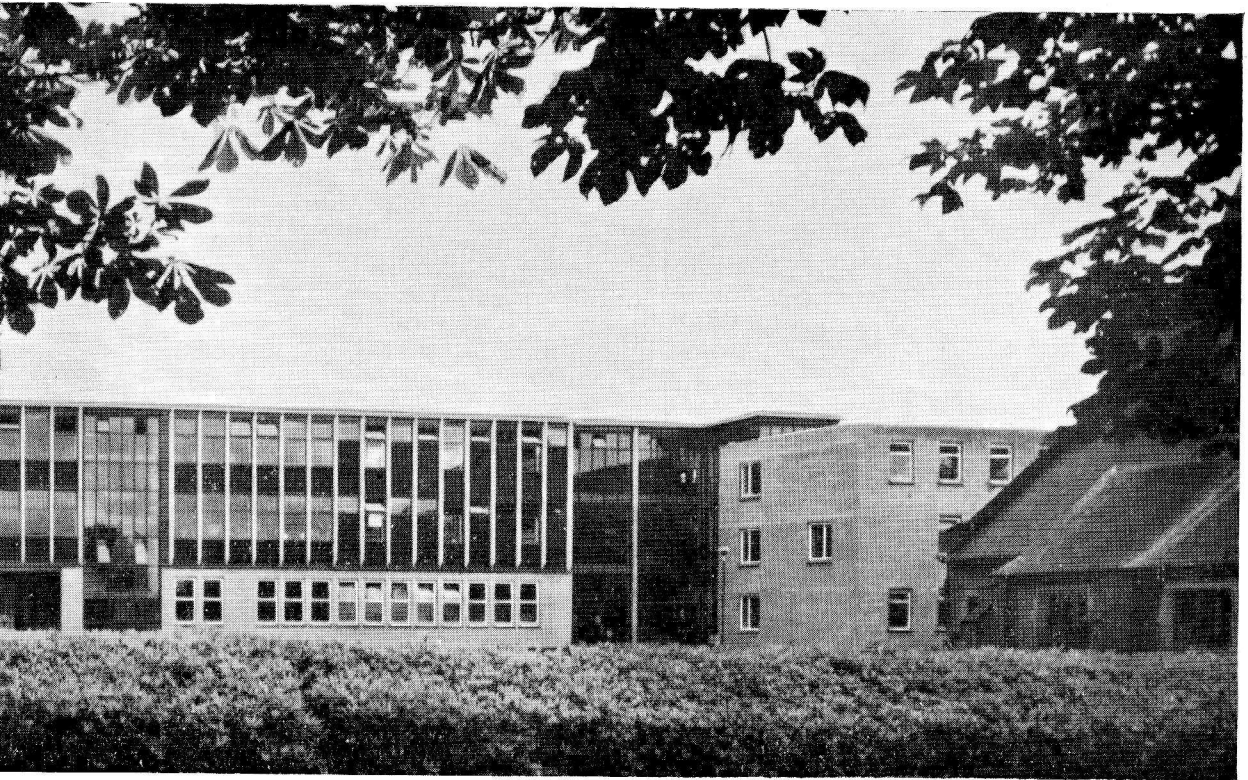
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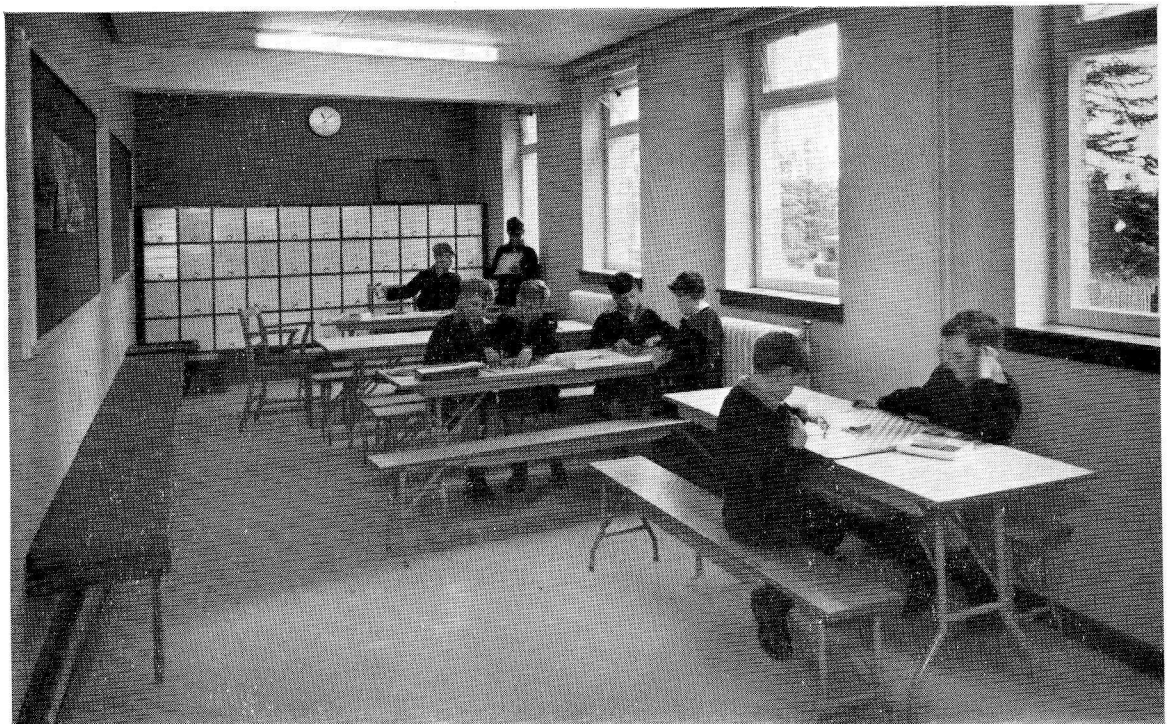
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fruit salad and custard. A salad is usually served for tea, and Swiss Roll and milk at supper-time complete the menu. The Old Victorian will be pleased to hear that sugar is now provided as an optional extra with the porridge which appears on the hot plates regularly during the winter and once every three days in the summer-time. Other more recent additions to the menu include melon, ice-cream and coffee, and pies are served once a month instead of sausage rolls.

The privilege of helping to serve these delicacies falls on certain boys in each House. They are usually in the second or third years, and are selected for their physical attributes, in order that they may, with impunity, deny other boys their fair share of chips or trifle, thus leaving more than "Ane pie per poy" for the Prefects and Monitors at the end of the queue. Occasionally friction occurs when these servers return to their seats with the fruits of their greed. A lively slanging match ensues, the servers being labelled "Jews." In the Primary School the habit of dipping one's bread into the bacon or sausage fat has become very popular, whereas the Senior School is tireless in its efforts to find a combination of bread and meat, that defies the standard School ruling of "One slice of bread on top of another constitutes a sandwich"—sandwiches being forbidden.

There have also been many improvements and changes in the dining-hall since the days of our Old Victorian contributor. We remember when we had to drink from chipped tin mugs, and spread our bread on the table. China cups, saucers and side-plates are now provided, turning eating into a skilled art. More complicated yet is the method of gaining one's seat after entering the dining-hall. The present self-service system is probably the most efficient, though confusion still reigns at the "cross-roads" and in the "dual-lane traffic." One advantage is that every boy gets his food much hotter from the new large hot-plates. Paintings from the French schools are other additions that brighten the appearance of the dining-hall. These paintings, and the new refectory tables and benches have transformed the dining-hall for those of us who remember it as it was in the "good old days."

During the years that we have been in the School, there has been a considerable increase in co-operation between the catering staff and boys. Mess-meetings, where the boys have the chance to comment on the food, are a regular feature of the School routine. We know Mess-meetings were instituted many years ago, but lately we have the feeling that far more attention is being paid to the boys' demands.

In conclusion, may we reassure our contributor that though the facilities and food have been greatly improved, there are yet many who grouse over what is served to them. Though we ourselves have no personal grievance against the catering, may we take this opportunity of disputing the favourite argument of certain Duty Masters, who, when faced with a complaint, declare, "We eat exactly the same food as you do."

P.R.C.F.

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VALETE

January, 1963

J. A. GIVINS—Joined 1960. IA. Trenchard. Emigrated with family to New Zealand.

March, 1963.

A. DOYLE—Joined 1958. IIIB. Haig. Certificate A, Part I. Life Saving Intermediate Certificate. Employment not decided at time of leaving. 6 St. Andrew's Road, Ardrossan, Ayrshire.

D. J. A. MCKUE—Joined 1959. IIIB. Cunningham. Certificate A, Part I. Best Highland Dancer 1962. To Junior Leaders' Bn., Oswestry. 4 Redford Walk, Colinton, Edinburgh, 13.

P. K. O'CONNOR—Joined 1957. IIIB. Cunningham. Certificate A, Part I. Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze Series. Drummer in Band. Civilian employment in Edinburgh. 89 Burdiehouse Drive, Edinburgh, 9.

July, 1963.

Form V

S. J. DONALDSON—Joined 1958. Trenchard. Monitor. 1st XV 1961-62-63, Colours. Corporal in A.C.F., Certificate A, Parts I and II. Life Saving Bronze Cross. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver Series. S.C.E. Ordinary: Arithmetic, Chemistry, Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics, Technical Drawing, Woodwork. Marine Engineering Apprentice (Shell Tankers). 2 Melville Avenue, North Greenford, Middlesex.

P. R. C. FINLAY—Joined 1955. Cunningham. Monitor. 1st XV 1960-61-62-63, Colours. 1st XI 1960-61-62-63, Colours. Cross Country (Open) Race winner 1960-62-63, Colours. C.S.M. in A.C.F., Certificate A, Parts I and II. Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver Series. G.C.E. Ordinary English Language, French, History, Mathematics, Physics-with-Chemistry. S.C.E. Higher English, Ordinary Arithmetic. Candidate for St. Andrews University, or Law Office. 28 Arthur Street, Bushey, Hertfordshire.

L. T. MCGAVIN—Joined 1956. Trenchard. Prefect. 1st XV 1961-62-63, Colours. Corporal in A.C.F., Certificate A Parts I and II. Boy Pipe Major. Best Piper 1963. G.C.E. Ordinary: English Language, French, Maths. S.C.E. Higher English, Ordinary: Physics, Chemistry, Arithmetic. To Civil Service. Balnain, Inverness-shire.

G. MATTHEWS—Joined 1955. Trenchard. Senior Monitor. 1st XV 1959-60-61-62-63, Colours. Captain 1962-63. 1st XI 1960-61-62-63, Colours. Captain 1962-63. Victor Ludorum, 1963. Sgt. in A.C.F., Certificate A, Parts I and II. Gymnastics Display Team Leader. Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze Series. Prince

Philip Medal 1961. G.C.E. Ordinary : Arithmetic, French. S.C.E. Higher : English, Mathematics, Ordinary Physics. Candidate for Sandhurst ; alternative Jordanhill College (Teacher of Physical Education). 9 Seaview, Highfields Estate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

W. J. SCOTT—Joined 1956. Haig. Prefect. 1st XV 1962-63. Corporal in A.C.F. Certificate A, Parts I and II. Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver Series. S.C.E. Ordinary : Arithmetic, Art, Chemistry, English, Mechanics, Physics, Technical Drawing, Woodwork. Marine Engineering Apprentice (Shell Tankers). 67 Dodney Drive, Lea, Nr. Preston, Lancashire.

J. WATERS—Joined 1956. Trenchard. 1st XV 1962-63, Colours. Swimming Champion, Colours 1961. L/Cpl. in A.C.F., Certificate A, Parts I and II. Highland Dancing Team. Gymnastic Display Team. Life Saving Award of Merit. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Gold Series. G.C.E. Ordinary English Language. S.C.E. Ordinary : Arithmetic, English, French, Modern Studies. Candidate for Jordanhill College (Teacher of Physical Education). 1 Queen's Terrace, Auchterarder, Perthshire.

Form IV

C. MCK. BROWN—Joined 1956. Haig. Monitor. 1st XV 1960-61-62-63. 1st XI 1963. C.Q.M.S. in A.C.F., Certificate A, Parts I and II. Highland Dancing Team. Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver Series. S.C.E. Ordinary : Arithmetic, English, Chemistry. Candidate for R.A.F. 70 Queen Street, Lossiemouth, Moray.

A. MCG. MICHAEL—Joined 1958. Trenchard. 1st XI 1963. L/Cpl. in A.C.F. Boy Drum Major. Best Bugler 1963. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze Series. To R.A.F. 195 Hogarth Road, Elizabeth, Nr. Adelaide, S. Australia.

T. A. G. MILNE—Joined 1957. Trenchard. L/Cpl. in A.C.F., Certificate A, Parts I and II. Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Highland Dancing Team. To Australian Merchant Navy. Emigrating to Australia. Address not yet known.

D. E. WARWOOD—Joined 1958. Trenchard. L/Cpl. in A.C.F., Certificate A, Parts I and II. Gymnastic Display Team. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze Series. Future employment not yet decided. The King's Head Hotel, Richmond, Yorkshire.

Form IIIB

P. A. GIBSON—Joined 1961. Cunningham. Certificate A, Parts I and II. Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Junior Leaving Certificate. To Army Apprentice School, Chepstow (Royal Engineers). c/o W.O. II A. Gibson, R.E., Engineer Branch, British Support Unit, S.H.A.P.E., Paris.

I. JOHNSTON—Joined 1959. Trenchard. Certificate A, Parts I and II. Junior Leaving Certificate. To

Army Apprentice School, Harrogate (Royal Signals). c/o C.Q.M.S. J. Johnston, 14 Coy. R.A.S.C., B.F.P.O. 39.

W. J. LOGUE—Joined 1959. Haig. Certificate A, Part I. Life Saving Intermediate Certificate. Junior Leaving Certificate. To Army Apprentice School or Junior Leaders' Unit. Kingsland School House, Rosetta Road, Peebles.

J. MCCONAGHY—Joined 1960. Haig. Certificate A, Parts I and II. Life Saving Intermediate Certificate. Junior Leaving Certificate. To Junior Leaders' Bn. R.E.M.E., Arborfield. 7 Burnside Road, Paisley.

T. E. R. MONAGHAN—Joined 1957. Trenchard. Certificate A, Parts I and II. Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Highland Dancing Team. Gymnastic Display Team. Junior Leaving Certificate. Employment not yet decided. 65 Northumberland Avenue, Rainham, Kent.

J. A. SYCAMORE—Joined 1958. Trenchard. Certificate A, Parts I and II. Life Saving Intermediate Certificate. Assistant Librarian. Junior Leaving Certificate. To R.A.F. as Boy Entrant. Father's Address : Q.M. Dept., 1st R.H.F., B.F.P.O. 24.

B. J. TIERNAN—Joined 1958. Haig. Certificate A, Part I. Life Saving Intermediate Certificate. Highland Dancing Team. Church Orderly. Junior Leaving Certificate. To Army Apprentice School, Harrogate (Royal Signals). 20 Kowat Place, Tidworth, Hants.

Form IA

D. P. MILNE—Joined 1960. Trenchard. Emigrating to Australia. Address not yet known.

SCHOOL COLOURS

We show below a list of the boys who have school Colours for Games and Sports. It will be seen that Colours are sometimes awarded for performance, in events for which there is no school team or competition against other schools : shooting, cross-country running, and swimming.

Form V—

M. J. Armstrong—Rugby 1963.

S. J. Donaldson—Rugby 1963.

K. M. Douglas—Rugby 1963. Cricket 1963.

P. R. C. Finlay—Rugby 1962, 1963. Cricket 1963.

Cross Country running 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963.

G. Matthews—Rugby 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963. Cricket 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963.

L. T. McGavin—Rugby 1962, 1963.

J. Watters—Rugby 1963. Swimming 1961.

Form IV—

M. J. H. Owens—Cross Country running 1963.

A. D. M. Richardson—Shooting 1963.

A. W. Stace—Cross Country running 1963.

Form IIIA—

E. D. Gillespie—Rugby 1963.

D. C. K. Robertson—Rugby 1963.

GLIMPSES OF THE FUTURE

1. A Visit to the Old School.

I left Queen Victoria School in 1966. Twenty-seven years elapsed before I was able to return on a business trip.

Everything had changed. Now the sign at the School gate read, "For the sons of Scientists, Space-ship Pilots, Technicians and Geologists." The School gates were electrified, and round the perimeter of the School ran an electric fence. While I was standing outside, wondering how I could get in, a porter appeared and opened the gate. He was careful to switch off the current before opening the gates. Three years after I left, the original School building had been demolished and replaced by a construction like an upturned egg-cup.

The masters too were different, I discovered, as a man with a bull-whip under his arm approached me. He introduced himself as Mr Higginbottom, the geology master. Just then, a wizened old creature of about ninety appeared, holding a music book in front of him. His features were vaguely familiar. In a hoarse cracked voice, which wavered on every note, he was singing, "Ding dong merrily on high . . ." Mr Higginbottom explained that the poor old man was demented, but they kept him on because he was useful for patrolling the electric fence at night to stop escaping boys.

I was shocked at the cruel conditions to which the boys were accustomed. Each master was equipped with a bull-whip, which he used generously at every opportunity. As the boys were not allowed to write home or to go on holidays, their parents found out what had been going on only after the boy had finished the three-year course. Visitors were strictly forbidden. Meals had been abolished. Instead, the boys queued up three times a day for vitamin pills. After having slept on a board for three hours at nights, they took their pills and started work. Each day they worked twenty hours non-stop at one subject. When the subject had been learned, they went on to learn another. One hour at night was spent on recreation; unarmed and armed combat. On special occasions all boys were excused work to give an exhibition of armed combat, which was fought to the death. This sport was one way used to keep down the population of the School.

At five o'clock I slunk out of the gates vowing to myself that I would never return to that dreadful place which I had once proudly called my school. At least I had the consolation that I had got a nice little order. I went back with relief to my thriving business as an undertaker.

K.S.S. (IIIA).

2. Old Boys' Day, 1993.

As I approached Zodiac Military College—known as Queen Victoria School to all boys who were there before 1984 when the School was renamed after Major Zodiac, Britain's first spaceman—I saw for the first time the new buildings, of which I had heard

so much. I guided my "Hover-Jet" onto the parking allotment, and noted with surprised pleasure that there was a large attendance, shown by the number of "Jet-Cars," "Hover-Jets," "Heli-Jets" and a few ancient motor cars scattered around the park.

The boys' dress and appearance had changed during thirty years. The uniform was a one-piece suit of light blue plastic material, garters and shoes resembling base-ball shoes, and, in cold weather, a warm form of poncho, made from the same material as the suit. The boys were more adult-looking and their hair was close-cut, giving the impression of baldness. They did not have to walk from classroom to classroom; instead they rode upon "Anti-Gravity" Scooters. As a result of the progress of science, the boys were healthy and happy, being fed and sustained upon pills and capsules, instead of dehydrated foods as when I was a boy at the School.

In accordance with the ancient custom of the School, the Old Boys played the "Boys" at some sport during the afternoon. That was after old acquaintances had been met and dinner eaten. (Dinner in 1993 consisted mainly of pills. Food as we knew it in 1963 could now be bought only at very high prices.) The church service had been omitted since Zono, the Emperor of Britain and Russia, had forbidden all forms of religion to be practised in the countries under his rule. Over the years, the game played between the Old Boys and Boys had changed. Until 1972 it was football. From 1972 to 1991 no games had been played, because people were tired of football, but could not think of any other game to replace it. Eventually in 1991, Mercury-Ball was devised by one of the schoolboys. This game is played by two teams of five; the pitch is 150 sincas long and 50 sincas broad. Apart from the border lines, half-way line, and quarter-way line, there are no markings on the pitch. The goals are simply two pieces of "coriga" at each end of the field. The ball used in this game is, on the outside, soft rubber. On the inside is a hollow space, partly filled with mercury, which makes the ball spin and curl in the air and on the ground. After this game, which the boys won, as usual, our evening pills were served, and all the Old Boys settled down to talk. (Telepathic thought was forbidden after 6 p.m.)

The main subject was the injustice of Zono's rule and the cruelty of his underlings. As the evening wore on, the denunciations became more vehement. If Zono had been present, none of us would have got out of there alive. When I left the school for the last time, I had recorded in my memory all the comments that would be useful to me when I got back to my desk in the Headquarters of the Secret Police.

D.I.M. (IIIA).

3. Daily Routine, 1993.

As Headmaster of Queen Victoria School, on the outskirts of Edinburgh, I announce the following daily routine:

- 7 a.m.—TELEPATHIC REVEILLE. All boys will remain on hovermattresses until told by the duty robot to press "bath buttons." When they have been tipped into their baths, they will wash thoroughly. This operation will not be carried out until the robots have folded the pyjamas. Not until the boys have been dressed by the robots will they switch on the dormitory-sweeping air currents.
- 7.03 a.m.—BREAKFAST. (Any boy who takes more than one capsule will be disintegrated by the duty robot.)
- 7.05 a.m.—FREE TIME. (Any boy caught taking neurotic drugs will be disintegrated.)
- 7.10 a.m.—CHAPEL. (Boys may have instruction in these religions: Mohammedan, Martian Orthodox, English Catholic.)
- 7.20 a.m.—FIRST PERIOD of Instruction in Hypnosis. (Hypnotising the teacher is forbidden.)
- 8.20 a.m.—NUCLEAR WAR STRATEGY or PHILOSOPHY.
- 9.20 a.m.—PHYSICAL TRAINING. (All boys will take wings to the gymnasium, where they will be instructed in flying tactics.)
- 10.20 a.m.—BREAK.
- 10.21 a.m.—ADVANCED MATHEMATICS. (Computors will not be taken to the place of instruction.)
- 11.21 a.m.—MODERN LANGUAGES. (Russian, Chinese, Turkish, Japanese or Irish.)
- 12.21-5 p.m.—PREP.
- 5 p.m.—TEA.
- 5.5 p.m.-6 a.m.—PREP.
- 6 a.m.—SLEEP.

APPENDIX "A"—

All boys who want another routine will submit names for brain-washing.

J.W.H. (3A).

WAVELL WOOD

The little stretch of wood between the burn and the top quarters is now used as a play area by Wavell House (Primary School) boys, and has come to be known as Wavell Wood. Our youngest contributor writes about it.

Wavell Wood is situated on the side of a small hill. One of its chief delights is the small burn which runs through it and forms a boundary. On Saturdays and Sundays, you are sure to find boys playing their games: wading, sailing sticks, or probing small holes with iron bars. Once about six boys, with much difficulty, built a tree-top house on a forty-foot pine tree which quivers when the wind blows. It was a magnificent piece of work, but was demolished because of the danger of falling. Now many other "dens" are being constructed, this time on the ground.

The trees in the wood are mostly pines. High up on the summits of the trees there is a colony of rooks, and there are a few crows. Suddenly you hear a war-cry and see a boy holding a long stick with a

handkerchief on the end imagining himself one of the knights of the Round Table. "BANG" is one of the most common words or noises in the wood. It comes from boys playing Cowboys or Commandos. Seniors sometimes are to be seen looking from the other side of the burn. They look at our games with much scorn, but I sometimes wonder if they are not a little jealous after all.

A. S. GREY, Primary 6A.

WINTER WEATHER

I love the weather winter brings,
When through the air my snowball zings.
A message of goodwill it brings
From me to you.

The snowballs fly all round the place,
But when one hits me in the face,
The culprit I must surely chase.
Revenge is sweet.

When I go sledging on the hill,
I always seem to catch a chill,
But still it takes a lot of will
To stay at home.

D.J.D., Form 1A.

McGONAGALL ON THE NEW BUILDINGS

O beautiful new buildings of Queen Victoria School,
Anyone who does not admire you must be a fool.
For the sun sparkles on your great sheets of glass,
And at the back there is going to be a lovely bank of
green grass.

Also there is the staircase so spacious and wide,
With its banisters on which the boys are forbidden
to slide.

Many years ago the planning was begun,
And now at last this great project is done,
Thanks to the efforts of J. Miller & Partners (London,
Edinburgh and Birmingham) Ltd., Contractors,
Who have been here so long with their cranes and
bulldozers and tractors.

The new Wavell House is also a place to admire,
Especially its beautiful doors for exit in case of fire.
Some people have found reasons for disappointment,
And of course there are always flies in an ointment.
For instance the Williams family will have to get a bit
thinner,

If they are all to sit down together to eat their dinner.
And it is said that when Mr Bruce is no more,
We will have to advertise for a new housemaster not
taller than five feet four.

Also there is not much head-room for a master so tall
and handsome,
As the present assistant housemaster, Captain
Sansom.

Here I must also mention the name of Captain Frost,
So that to posterity it may not be lost.
But since there is much more cause for joy than for
tears,

For the great new buildings let us all give three hearty
cheers.

ARMY CADET FORCE

The total roll is now 95, ten boys having left School during the year. Forty have passed Certificate A Part I and 31 have passed Certificate A Part II. The remaining 24 post Certificate A cadets are



divided into 16 Instructors for Certificate A subjects, 4 learner drivers and 4 who are learning wireless procedure and operation.

This year we gave the Cadet Instructors more responsibility for the coaching of Certificate A subjects and the 100% success shows that they have responded magnificently. Four cadets of age to buy themselves a

Provisional Driving Licence have had instruction throughout the year from the P.S.I., Dunblane T.A. Centre, Cpl. Dolan. They have gained experience on the roads between Perth and Dunblane and are now ready to sit their tests. W. O. Weldon from the T.A. Centre, Dunkeld, has made the journey from his Centre to the School every Wednesday to give instruction in Wireless procedure and operation. We are most grateful for the help given to us by these Permanent Instructors from the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry/Scottish Horse.

The School Swimming team and Athletic team represented Perth County A.C.F. in the National Championships at Rosyth and Edinburgh respectively. In swimming we lost both Senior and Junior Championships by one point. In Athletics we fared better, regaining the Senior and retaining the Junior Championship.

At present our activities are mainly such preparations for camps as pitching bivouacs and packing and carrying man-packs, with the main activity of .303 Shooting at Whitestone Range continuing every Wednesday. Most cadets should gain one of the three badges awarded for shooting.

Fifty cadets are going to camp this year when we return to Stromness in Orkney; and we have already been assured of a warm welcome from our many friends there.

THE DRILL COMPETITION

The Senior Inter-House Drill Competition for 1963 was held on Monday, 17th June, the judges being Major G. M. M. M. Howat, M.C., The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and Regimental Sergeant Major Playle, The Black Watch; the Commanding Officer and R.S.M. respectively of the Training Depot Black Watch/Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Stirling Castle. The results were:—

1st Trenchard....	44 points.
2nd Cunningham	41 points.
3rd Haig	38 points.

Senior Monitor G. Matthews and the Trenchard House team are to be congratulated on their success.

The Competition, in common with most of this term's competitions, was held earlier than usual this year in an effort to avoid an unmanageable confusion of events in the closing weeks of the term. This proved unsuitable to the Drill Competition because the automatic training in drill provided by the end of the summer term by the Grand Day practices had not had time to have its effect. The absence of a Monitor on an Outward Bound course was also felt: the leaders of the drill squads play a very important part in the success or failure of their teams. All in all however the standard of drill and turn-out was good and up to the average of previous years, the steadiness on parade, as usual, being particularly satisfactory.

It was gratifying that the House that had taken the most trouble won the competition. It will do no harm to point out at this stage that it is not worth going to the trouble of organising competitions and providing judges, cups and prizes if the competitors take no pains to prepare for the event and merely turn out on the day to try their luck.

We have been fortunate in recent years in having been able almost automatically to call upon the kind help of the Depot of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders to provide the judges for our Drill Competition. We shall no longer be able to do so in the future because the Depot will move to Aberdeen before next year's competition. We are most grateful for all the help that we have had from them in the past.

PIPE BAND AND DANCERS

At the end of the school year, the band loses a few of its most experienced members: Boy Pipe-Major L. T. McGavin, Boy Drum-Major A. Michael, and P. R. C. Finlay. Fortunately there are plenty of boys for the vacancies. A. Stace will be the new boy drum-major, but who will be pipe-major is not yet announced. Members of the band are looking forward to another summer cruise, this time to Norway on the "Devonia." We show below a list of engagements carried out by band and dancers since our last issue, and the results of the "trades" competitions of this year. Our thanks are due to the judges of these competitions: Brigadier E. Brickman, D.S.O. (piping); Major J. C. M. Baynes (drums and bugles); Lt. Colonel J. D. Aldridge, M.B.E. and A. M. Mackillop, Esq. (Highland dancing).

ENGAGEMENTS

Easter Term—Rugby internationals, Murrayfield (2).

Summer Term—

May 11th—Pipes and Drums. British Paper Box Federation. Gleneagles.

May 13th—Dancers. British Paper Box Federation. Gleneagles.

May 31st—Dancers. British Legion. Pitlochry. (Overnight stay.)

June 1st—Pipes and drums. Bathgate Procession.

June 6th—Dancers plus two pipers. International gathering. Gleneagles.

June 18th—Pipes and drums. International conference. Gleneagles.

July 1st—Pipes and drums. Dunbar Town Council.

July 6th—Doune and Dunblane Agricultural Society.

TRADES COMPETITIONS

Piping (Boyd Prizes)—

Class A Slow march : 1 L. McGavin, 2 K. Murray, 3 J. Wood.

Class A March : 1 J. Wood, 2 D. Robertson, 3 K. Douglas.

Class B Slow march : 1 J. Wood, 2 I. Fraser, 3 R. McDougall.

Class B March : 1 J. Wood, 2 I. Fraser, 3 N. Clark.

Strathspey and Reel (open) : 1 L. McGavin, 2 K. Murray, 3 K. Douglas.

Best piper Class A : L. McGavin. Class B : J. Wood.

Junior Chanter : 1 W. G. Nelson, 2 I. Roe, 3 A. Hill.

Drumming—

Senior drumming : J. Dempsey.

Tenor drumming : I. Smith.

Junior drumming : I. Sneddon.

Bugling—

Senior bugling : A. Michael.

Junior bugling : F. Mitchell.

The award for the best drummer and bugler was won by J. Dempsey.

Highland Dancing—

Class A Sword dance : J. Murray.

Class A Highland fling : J. Murray.

Class B Sword dance : J. Learmonth.

Class B Highland fling : J. Learmonth.

Junior dancing (best progress) : S. Grant.

Award for best dancer : J. Murray.

House dancing : Cunningham House (J. Murray, G. Cassells, J. Lee, J. Grigor) winners of Shaw-Stewart medals.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

The 1st XV was the only School team to have a match at all during the Easter term. This was the new fixture with Keil School. Our own pitch was still snow-bound at the time. After a hard game at



Keil, we were beaten by 17 points to 10. An encouraging feature of the game was the performance of younger members of the side : D. Robertson, L. McKenzie, E. Gillespie, and D. V. Scott. Nine members of that day's team will be available next year, with another four who have had first team experience. Below we show the names of those who played for

the 1st XV during the season, number of appearances in brackets after each name.

G. Matthews (6), P. Finlay (7), L. McGavin (7), M. Armstrong (7), C. Brown (7), S. Donaldson (7), K. Douglas (7), D. Robertson (7), H. R. Bowes (6), J. Watters (6), K. Murray (6), J. McKenzie (6, left at Christmas), M. Gillespie (6, left at Christmas), D. Maxwell (5), A. Stace (4), D. Watson (3), E. Gillespie (2), L. McKenzie (2), W. J. Scott (2), M. Owens (1), D. V. Scott (1).

The 1st XV record for the year was—Played 7, Won 1, Lost 6, Points for 23, Points against 85.

MIDLAND DISTRICT SCHOOLS

E. Gillespie, L. McKenzie, and D. Robertson were included in the District's School Colts trial at Cupar. Gillespie and McKenzie were chosen for the team to play against a Border XV in April. Both did well in a fast game in which the Midlands won. D. Robertson also played well in the trial but the selectors had chosen a light and mobile pack, and concentrated on the bigger and heavier three-quarters.

SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY

School teams were entered for the Perth Schools and the Stirling County R.F.C. Schools tournaments. In the former we were represented by G. Matthews, L. McGavin, D. Robertson, M. Armstrong, S. Donaldson, H. R. Bowes, and C. Brown. After a bye in the first round we were beaten 14-8 by Dollar in the second round.

In the Stirling County club's tournament at Bridge of Allan, we had a lighter and less experienced three in the pack, but did much better. By beating Alloa Academy 3-0, our team qualified for the final against Stirling High School, who had beaten Grangemouth and Falkirk, and who were confidently expected to retain the trophy. They scored in the first minute, but our seven fought back and were leading 11-3 by half-time. We finally won 16-11. Matthews had the distinction of scoring all 16 points in his last game for a school team. Thus we ended a rather disappointing season with an encouraging success. The trophy-winning team was as follows—G. Matthews, L. McGavin, D. Robertson, M. Armstrong, E. Gillespie, K. Douglas, and J. Watters.

CROSS COUNTRY RACES

1. Junior Race—Standard Winners

1 D. Jagger, 2 M. O'Connor, 3 G. Cunningham, 4 M. Forsyth, 5 B. McLaughlin, 6 P. Evans, 7 G. McManus, 8 K. Boyne, 9 A. Coid, 10 I. Reid, 11 A. Aitkenhead, 12 P. Gilder, 13 D. Isitt, 14 S. Cobb, 15 A. McKean, 16 R. Hewitt, 17 J. Tait, 18 R. Newman, 19 M. Wills, 20 J. Dunlop, 21 C. McLaughlin, 22 A. Brown, 23 D. McInnes, 24 S. Robertson, 25 J. Murray, 26 D. Nealon, 27 T. Sharp, 28 A. Broughton, 29 P. Tait, 30 G. Cassells, 31 R. A. Irvine, 32 R. S. Wilson, 33 S. McMillan, 34 E. Bonar, 35 T. Bonar, 36 A. J. Watt, 37 L. Curl, 38 A. Morrice, 39 J. Wood.

House Points—1st Cunningham, 107; 2nd Haig, 137; 3rd Trenchard, 265.

Standards—Cunningham 15, Haig 15, Trenchard 9.

2. Senior Race—Standard Winners

1 P. Finlay, 2 A. Stace, 3 M. Owens, 4 E. Gillespie, 5 M. Armstrong, 6 D. Watson, 7 D. Robertson, 8 J. Watters, 9 D. Keltie, 10 D. Maxwell, 11 A. Faulds, 12 L. McKenzie, 13 T. Milne, 14 G. Matthews, 15 K. Murray.

House Points—1st Cunningham, 91; 2 Haig, 96; 3rd Trenchard, 117.

Standards—Cunningham 6, Haig 4, Trenchard 5.

Winner's Time—25 minutes, 10 seconds.

JUNIOR SOCCER

The fixture list of the West Perthshire Primary Football League must have been the only one in Scotland unaffected by the weather during the past season.

The first leg of the competition is played during



the Christmas term and the second leg in the Summer Term. This was agreed on by the initiators of this competition because of the notoriously unreliable conditions during most Easter Terms. Soccer during the Summer Term causes a few eyebrows to be raised, but the programme is over comparatively early and it still leaves time to satisfy the blue-limbed die hards

who enjoy their cricket in the Scottish summer.

The School eleven has had a very successful season in the league, finishing at the top and thereby gaining the shield for the second time in five years.

The winners for the last two years, St. Ninians School, were not their closest rivals. A very close challenge came this time from Doune School. Had the latter not been held to an exciting draw by Callander School a play-off would have been necessary.

The team was selected from the following boys—D. Kennedy, R. Gill (Captain), G. Hill, S. Pope, G. Johnstone, D. Johnston, I. Sneddon, K. Robinson, G. Scott, D. McIver, A. Greig, I. Roe, S. Grant, I. Craig, R. Murdoch, and W. Nelson.

Final positions were as follows:—

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Q.V.S.	12	11	1	0	22
Doune	12	10	1	1	21
St. Ninians A	12	7	5	0	14
Callander A	12	4	7	1	9
Dunblane	10	4	6	0	8
St. Ninians B	11	3	8	0	6
Callander B	11	0	11	0	0

BOXING

Senior

The senior boxing competition was held in December. 108 boys put their names in, but of the first-year entry only those were accepted who had been taking boxing instruction. Thus the numbers were reduced to 91, falling into 13 age-and-weight groups.

Class	Winner	Runner-up
1st year—		
72- 80 lbs.	A. McKean	L. Heron
87- 96 lbs.	R. McKenzie	D. J. Dempsey

2nd year—		
78- 88 lbs.	D. Jagger	V. Smith
87- 93 lbs.	J. L. Fraser	D. Clark

2nd and 3rd year—		
94-103 lbs.	C. McLaughlin	A. Washington
105-110 lbs.	I. Johnston	R. Newman
111-119 lbs.	D. Cormack	R. Miller
	(walk-over)	
122-130 lbs.	A. Broughton	A. Richardson
132-138 lbs.	D. Robertson	N. Donaldson

3rd and 4th year—		
87- 93 lbs.	J. Oliver	P. Gibson
94-104 lbs.	T. McLaughlin	N. McConnell

Open—		
138-143 lbs.	P. Finlay	M. Armstrong
149-157 lbs.	R. Bowes	L. McKenzie

House Points—1st Cunningham, 45; 2nd Haig, 24; 3rd Trenchard, 17.

Trophy for Best Stylist—D. T. Jagger.

Wavell House (March, 1963)

Class	Winner	Runner-up
58- 63 lbs.	R. G. Bonar	M. McLaughlin
65- 68 lbs.	C. R. Matheson	A. M. Sutherland
70- 74 lbs.	S. Pope	R. B. Campbell
76- 80 lbs.	D. Stewart	G. Hill
81- 85 lbs.	I. Sneddon	G. Johnston
86- 90 lbs.	K. Robinson	D. A. McLean
93- 96 lbs.	D. Dodds	A. McLean
103-106 lbs.	J. Robertson	R. Gill

Inter-Dormitory Points—1st Abercromby, 28; 2nd Lynedoch, 22; 3rd Moore, 6.

Martin Trophy for Best Stylist—I. Sneddon.

ATHLETICS

Relay Baton Athletic Meeting

The Relay Baton Meeting was held on the School Playing Field on Tuesday evening, 11th June, 1963. Six schools took part: Strathallan, Glenalmond,

Dunfermline High School, Perth Academy, Queen Victoria School and, a newcomer to the Meeting, Rannoch.



The evening was warm and sunny, perfect for athletics, and eight records were broken. In the 17-19 age group Hepburn from Glenalmond reduced the 220 yards record from 24 sec. to 23.8 sec. and the 100 yards from 10.4 sec. to 10.3 sec. Fleming from Strathallan knocked .4 sec. off the 440 yards record with 51.4 sec. and

added 11 inches to the Long Jump with a leap of 20 ft. 2½ ins. Cunningham from Dunfermline High School High Jumped 5 ft. 10 ins. to improve the record by 4½ ins. In the 15-17 year old group, McMillan of Glenalmond ran the 880 yards in 2 min. 4 sec. cutting the record by .4 sec. and Wallace from Dunfermline High School added 1 in. to make the High Jump record 5 ft. 7 in. Dover of Glenalmond reduced the 13-15 year old group 220 yards from 25.4 sec. to 25 sec.

The final placings were :—

1st	Trinity College, Glenalmond	72 points
2nd	Dunfermline High School	55 points
3rd	Rannoch	38 points
4th	Strathallan	37 points
5th	Perth Academy	34 points
6th	Queen Victoria School	14 points

The School might have fared a little better if the Seniors had been at full strength, but it is not a good year for Athletics in Q.V.S., and we were well out-classed by the other schools.

Athletics Match v. Rannoch School

This annual match took place on Saturday, the 22nd of June at Rannoch. Our team was in two sections : Junior (under 15½ years of age) and Senior (under 17½ years). The Senior team did not shine, and it managed to win only the 4 x 110 yards relay. The Junior team, however, did very well. Their successes are shown below :—

- D. Robertson : 1st in 100, 220, and 440 yards.
- N. Donaldson : 3rd in 220 yards.
- W. Stewart : 3rd in 440 yards and long jump.
- L. McKenzie : 1st in shot-putting and discus throw, breaking the track and meeting record for the shot.
- H. Paterson : 3rd in shot-putting.
- D. V. Scott : 1st in javelin-throw.
- A. Morrice : 1st in high jump.
- A. Broughton : 2nd in long jump.

The Junior team won the 4 x 110 yards relay. The final score for the Meeting was : Rannoch—121 points ; Q.V.S.—94 points.

CRICKET

The 1963 cricket season will be remembered as one of the most disappointing of recent years. After the heavy snow of winter, the cricket square was sodden, and the rainy season that followed made things worse. Most matches had to be cancelled.

The 1st XI had only two matches : against Dollar Academy and St. Modan's. In the Dollar match, G. Matthews gave a fine display of batting, and made 40 runs in 25 minutes, including three sixes. The team made 99. Dollar wickets fell quickly, but heavy rain during and after tea handicapped the bowlers, and the result was a draw. P. Finlay bowled well to take 4 wickets for 21. Against St. Modan's the feature of our batting was a fine innings of 44 by P. Finlay with many beautiful strokes. The bowling was fast and accurate, and the runs had to be earned. St. Modan's collapsed against the bowling of Matthews, who took 9 wickets for 4 runs, so that we had an easy victory. With only three 1st XI cricketers left from last season, we had to draw heavily on the school third year, and fielded what may have been the youngest school side ever. D. Marshall and A. Washington promise well for the future. The wicket-keeping of Douglas showed great improvement. Colours were re-awarded to Matthews and awarded to Finlay and Douglas.



The date of the annual match between staff and 1st XI makes it impossible for an account of this epic contest to be included in the summer Victorian.

The boys who played for the 1st XI are as follows : G. Matthews (captain), P. Finlay (vice-captain), K. Douglas, A. Stace, D. Maxwell, D. Robertson, A. Michael, H. Paterson, J. Allan, A. Washington, D. Marshall, C. Brown.

The minor XI's had a negligible fixture list. It always rained when they were due to play matches. However, the 1st Year XI can boast 100 per cent success : they beat Dollar by 78 to 20 in their only match of the season, chiefly thanks to an unorthodox innings of 25 by E. Bonar.

Cricket House matches proved our point that chance is the decisive element in this competition. In both the Senior and Junior contests, each team succeeded in beating one set of opponents and losing to the other. Result—as if the matches had not been played at all.

THE VICTORIAN

ATHLETIC RECORDS 1956-63

We print below a list of School athletic records as they stand after the 1963 sports. "Major" and "Minor" are the divisions of the primary school.

<i>Event and Class</i>	<i>Holder</i>	<i>House/Dorm.</i>	<i>Time/Dist./Height</i>	<i>Year</i>
MINOR				
80 yards	S. W. Grant	Moore	10.4 sec.	1962
Cricket Ball	B. McLaughlin	Abercromby	146 ft 2 ins.	1961
High Jump	D. Isitt	Abercromby	4 ft. 2 ins.	1962
Long Jump	D. Isitt	Abercromby	18 ft. 8½ ins.	1962
MAJOR				
100 yards	H. Miller	Lynedoch	13.2 sec.	1956
220 yards	S. Grant	Moore	30.1 sec.	1963
Cricket Ball	D. Stewart	Abercromby	162 ft.	1962
High Jump	D. Stewart	Abercromby	4 ft. 3 ins.	1962
Long Jump	H. Miller	Lynedoch	13 ft. 2¾ ins.	1956
JUNIOR				
100 yards	J. Nimmo	Trenchard	12.8 sec.	1961
220 yards	D. Isitt	Cunningham	29.7 sec.	1963
Shot	G. Ross	Trenchard	30 ft. 2 ins.	1957
Cricket Ball	G. Ross	Trenchard	175 ft. 4 ins.	1959
High Jump	A. Dailly	Cunningham	4 ft. 6 ins.	1958
Long Jump	D. Isitt	Cunningham	14 ft. 1½ ins.	1963
80 yards Hurdles	D. Scully	Trenchard	12.8 sec.	1957
INTERMEDIATE				
100 yards	A. Stace	Haig	12.2 sec.	1961
220 yards	D. Scully	Trenchard	28 sec.	1958
440 yards	D. C. K. Robertson	Haig	63.8 sec.	1961
Cricket Ball	D. McArthur	Haig	216 ft. 5 ins.	1959
Shot	R. Maxwell	Trenchard	31 ft. 10 ins.	1958
Long Jump	A. McGill	Cunningham	14 ft. 11 ins.	1957
High Jump	E. Leigh	Trenchard	4 ft. 9 ins.	1957
80 yards Hurdles	J. Finlay	Cunningham	11.4 sec.	1957
SENIOR				
100 yards	I. Scott	Haig	10.8 sec.	1957
220 yards	P. Finlay	Cunningham	26.1 sec.	1961
440 yards	P. Finlay	Cunningham	58 sec.	1961
880 yards	P. Finlay	Cunningham	2 min. 16.8 sec.	1961
Shot	N. Sinclair	Haig	37 ft. 8 ins.	1956
Discus	A. Quinn	Haig	126 ft.	1957
Javelin	I. Scott	Haig	123 ft. 4½ ins.	1957
High Jump	A. Quinn	Haig	5 ft. 1 in.	1957
Long Jump	I. Scott	Haig	17 ft. 10½ ins.	1957
110 yards Hurdles	A. Hamilton	Cunningham	15.4 sec.	1957
OPEN				
100 yards	R. Watson	Haig	10.4 sec.	1958
220 yards	R. Watson	Haig	23.8 sec.	1958
440 yards	R. Watson	Haig	53.8 sec.	1958
1 Mile	G. Thomson	Cunningham	5 min. 3.2 sec.	1960
Shot	J. Wilson	Cunningham	45 ft. 4½ ins.	1956
Discus	J. Wilson	Cunningham	132 ft.	1956
Javelin	R. Anderson	Trenchard	156 ft. 7 ins.	1958
High Jump	R. Chessar	Haig	5 ft. 7 ins.	1958
Long Jump	H. Miller	Haig	19 ft. 3½ ins.	1961
110 yards Hurdles	G. Ferrier	Haig	15.2 sec.	1957
RELAYS				
Minor		Moore Dormitory	60.4 sec.	1962
Major		Lynedoch Dormitory	59.8 sec.	1962
Junior		Cunningham House	60.0 sec.	1962, 1963
Intermediate		Haig House	56.3 sec.	1961
Senior		Haig House	50.7 sec.	1961
Open		Cunningham House	48.7 sec.	1961

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING

House and Individual Championships

House	Target	Team Members	(a) Grouping	(b) Application (Rested)	(c) Application (Unrested)	(d) Snap	Total	
Cunningham	1	K. Murray	20	20	20	15	75	
	2	A. Richardson	25	20	20	15	80	
	3	J. Allan	25	20	12	15	72	
	4	P. Finlay	25	20	17	15	77	
							304	=House Total
Haig	1	A. Stace	25	20	20	15	80	
	2	A. Doyle	25	19	18	12	74	
	3	D. Scott	25	19	20	6	70	
	4	P. Kay	20	20	15	6	61	
							285	=House Total
Trenchard	1	J. Sharp	20	20	18	15	73	
	2	L. McGavin	25	20	19	12	76	
	3	K. Douglas	25	19	18	6	68	
	4	G. Matthews	25	19	19	15	78	
							295	=House Total

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

Individual Championship : 1 A. Richardson, 2 A. Stace, 3 G. Matthews.

SCHOOL SPORTS 1963

After rain had washed out any prospect of School sports on June 29th, it was decided that the sports would be held more or less irrespective of conditions, on the following Thursday. So they were, despite mud underfoot and intermittent drizzle. There were no outstanding performances by older boys, but one or two records went in the lower sections. In the junior section (lowest of the secondary school) D. Isitt set up new records with 29.7 seconds in the 220 yds. and 14 ft. 1½ ins. in the long jump. The Cunningham House junior relay team equalled the record for their relay, in 60 seconds. In the primary school, S. Grant made a new "Major" record with 30.1 seconds for the 220 yds.

Results

PRIMARY SCHOOL (Wavell House)

Major Section—

100 yds.—1 S. Grant, 2 I. Roe, 3 D. McIver.
220 yds.—1 S. Grant, 2 M. Wood, 3 I. Roe. High

Jump—1 S. Grant, 2 W. McKerron, 3 R. Gill. Long Jump—1 M. Wood, 2 I. Sneddon, 3 D. McIver. Cricket Ball—1 W. McKerron, 2 I. Craig, 3 R. Gill. Major Champion—S. Grant. Runner-up—M. Wood.

Minor Section—

80 yds.—1 D. Johnston, 2 C. R. Matheson, 3 W. Dempsey. High Jump—1 C. R. Matheson, 2 D. Johnston, 3 A. Hill. Long Jump—1 W. Dempsey, 2 B. Murton, 3 D. Johnston. Cricket Ball—1 D. Johnston, 2 S. Pope, 3 I. Dunlop.

Minor Champion—D. Johnston. Runner-up—C. R. Matheson.

Relay Races (Inter-dormitory)—

Major—1 Moore, 2 Lynedoch, 3 Abercromby.
Minor—1 Moore, 2 Abercromby, 3 Lynedoch.

Inter-dormitory Competition—

1 Moore 42 points, 2 Abercromby 21 points, 3 Lynedoch 15 points.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Junior Section—

100 yds.—1 C. Robertson, 2 M. Cuthbert, 3 A. Brown. 220 yds.—1 D. Isitt, 2 C. Robertson, 3 A. Aitkenhead. 80 yds. Hurdles—1 A. Aitkenhead, 2 E. Bonar, 3 G. Slater. High Jump—1 D. Isitt, 2 D. Jagger, 3 J. Grigor. Long Jump—1 D. Isitt, 2 J. Murray, 3 A. Smith. Cricket Ball—1 T. Bonar, 2 L. Curl, 3 D. Jagger. Shot—1 L. Curl, 2 J. I. McCorkle, 3 V. Smith.

Junior Champion—D. Isitt. Runner-up—C. Robertson.

Intermediate Section—

100 yds.—1 A. Coid, 2 G. Cunningham, 3 T. Sharp. 220 yds.—1 G. Cunningham, 2 T. Sharp, 3 P. Evans. 440 yds.—1 K. Boyne, 2 T. Sharp, 3 A. Watt. 80 yds. Hurdles—1 J. Tait, 2 P. Gibson, 3 T. Sharp. High Jump—1 G. Cunningham, 2 A. Watt, 3 J. Wood. Long Jump—1 J. Wood, 2 B. McLaughlin, 3 G. McManus. Cricket Ball—1 B. McLaughlin, 2 J. Tait, 3 D. Clark. Shot—1 J. Oliver, 2 D. Coulter, 3 T. Sharp.

Intermediate Champion—G. Cunningham. Runner-up—T. Sharp.

Senior Section—

100 yds.—1 J. Welsh, 2 A. Broughton, 3 A. Morrice. 220 yds.—1 A. Broughton, 2 J. Flynn, 3 I. Smith. 440 yds.—1 A. Broughton, 2 D. Cormack, 3 R. Newman. 880 yds.—1 B. Tiernan, 2 R. Newman, 3 A. Kay. 110 yds. Hurdles—1 R. Newman, 2 J. Welsh, 3 A. Kay. High Jump—1 A. Morrice, 2 S. Robertson, 3 R. Newman. Long Jump—1 A. Broughton, 2 A. Morrice, 3 D. Cormack. Javelin—1 S. Robertson, 2 I. Smith, 3 C. McLaughlin. Discus—1 D. Cormack, 2 I. Cockburn, 3 M. W. Smith. Shot—1 D. Cormack, 2 I. Smith, 3 M. Forsyth.

Senior Champion—D. Cormack. Runner-up—A. Broughton.

Open Section—

100 yds. (*Williamson Cup*)—1 G. Matthews, 2 A. Stace, 3 K. Murray. 220 yds.—1 M. Armstrong, 2 D. Watson, 3 K. Murray. 440 yds.—1 D. Watson, 2 D. Robertson, 3 D. Keltie. Mile—1 A. Stace, 2 D. Robertson, 3 E. Gillespie. 110 yds. Hurdles—1 G. Matthews, 2 A. Stace, 3 K. Murray. High Jump—1 S. Donaldson, 2 A. Stace, 3 D. Scott. Long Jump—1 L. McGavin, 2 K. Murray, 3 A. Stace. Javelin—1 L. McGavin, 2 D. Scott, 3 M. Armstrong. Discus—1 L. McGavin, 2 G. Matthews, 3 D. Maxwell. Shot—1 L. McGavin, 2 L. McKenzie, 3 G. Matthews.

Victor Ludorum—G. Matthews. Runner-up—L. McGavin.

SECONDARY HOUSE RELAY RACES

Open—1 Haig, 2 Trenchard, 3 Cunningham. Senior—1 Haig, 2 Cunningham, (Trenchard disqualified). Intermediate—1 Haig, 2 Cunningham,

3 Trenchard. Junior—1 Cunningham, 2 Haig, 3 Trenchard.

Relay Cup Winners—Haig House, 22 points.

Inter-House Competition—1 Haig, 99 points ; 2 Cunningham, 89 points ; 3 Trenchard, 68 points.

STANDARDS COMPETITION

We show below the results of the Inter-House competition for athletic and cross-country running standards.

1st Haig House—130 standards from 49 boys. 2.65 average.

2nd Cunningham House—105 standards from 47 boys. 2.23 average.

3rd Trenchard House—107 standards from 50 boys. 2.14 average.

In the junior section T. Bonar of Haig gained all possible standards, seven. In the intermediate section K. Boyne also of Haig got all ten. In the open section, where it is naturally much harder to get a big group of standards, the best performers were A. Stace of Haig with nine, and L. McGavin of Trenchard with eight out of the possible twelve.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1962-63

Event	House Points		
	Cunningham	Haig	Trenchard
Rugby	9	3	6
Boxing	9	6	3
Squash	1	2	3
Cross-country races	9	6	3
Rugby, seven-a-side	3	1½	4½
Shooting	9	3	6
Cricket	6	6	6
Drill	6	3	9
Athletic sports	6	9	3
Standards	6	9	3
Totals	64	48½	46½

No swimming competition was held because the bath was out of commission.

Wavell House Dormitory Championship

Full results are not yet known. So far, Abercromby have won the cross-country running and boxing competitions ; Lynedoch have won the football ; and Moore have won the athletics and cricket.

A.C.F. NATIONAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

As a post-script, we are glad to record that in the A.C.F. National Athletic Championships at Nuneaton, Warwickshire on July 6th, six boys from the School were in the Highland District team which tied for first place with City of London. The London team were awarded the championship since they had more first places. The Q.V. boys made a substantial contribution to their team's success, more than might

be thought from the details printed below, for teams from all over Britain compete, and no one team sweeps the board. The boys from Queen Victoria School who scored points were as shown.

14 to 16 years—

Long Jump—W. Stewart 2nd. 17 ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

16 to 18 years—

100 yds.—G. Matthews 1st. 11.2 seconds.

220 yds.—M. Armstrong 2nd. 24.4 seconds.

440 yds.—D. Watson 4th. 55.5 seconds.

Relay Race—Highland District team of four won. The team included Matthews, Armstrong and Watson from Queen Victoria School.

CRICKET

Staff v. Boys

Despite the statement of our cricket correspondent, who perhaps did not want the result published, we are able to announce that the boys' team retained the Iron Trophy. They got the staff out for 34. (This match often gives a boost to the 1st XI bowling analysis.) No member of the staff team reached double figures, roughly the equivalent of a century in English county cricket, but Mr Urie and Mr Hughes came very close with 9 not out and 8 respectively. The boys' XI then went on to win by an unspecified number of wickets. They batted on to make 74 and enable Mr Bruce to take 5 for 26. Definitely over the hill. Meantime a second XI of elderly, infirm, and/or incompetent masters was being beaten by Wavell House XI, 53 runs to 46. Wavell House boys did well to cope with bowling which varied so much in length and direction.

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