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### EDITORIAL

This school year has seen us start with just over 250 boys, the number regarded as a full complement now that the new accommodation is in use. For some years past the School has been running with about twenty fewer. The reduction in numbers was made necessary by reconstruction inside the school. Just beyond the memory of the oldest senior boys, there were two "cross-dormitories" running the full length of the areas on the second and third floors now occupied by wash-rooms, lavatories, and drying-rooms. In 1956, the "cross-dormitories" were converted into quarters for matrons, single masters' rooms, and two small rooms housing a few boys each. About the same time, new bunks were erected in the big dormitories remaining, four per dormitory. After the conversion, the existing regular dormitories could not take even the reduced numbers, and there was an overspill into various small rooms, which came to be known as the "annexes." The big reconstruction of 1962 not only swept away what had been done in the way of quarters and "bunks" in 1956, but also eliminated the two smaller end-dormitories on the top floor. However, with the junior boys moving out, the six original big dormitories could take all the rest, the three senior houses. We thought at first that there would be space and to spare in the dormitories; but it turns out that they are just comfortably full. This is not another application of Parkinson's Law. One reason is that the new bunks are bigger, spacious by the standards of the "studies" in many other boarding-schools. On the other hand "bunks" are now at a premium. Previously most boys in Form IV could expect to get one, but the situation is different with only fifteen bunks available and an increase in the number of senior boys.

With about forty boys in Forms IV, V, and VI, we have the biggest top to the school in recent memory. One reason for the increase is simply a higher proportion than usual of boys expected to go on for the full Senior Secondary course and get some Higher grades. Also the introduction of the fourth-year Scottish Certificate, the Ordinary Grade, has had an effect. Some boys who might formerly have left at fifteen, because a group of Highers and Lowers was felt to be beyond their reach, can now be encouraged to stay another year and go for Ordinary Grade qualifications. Then, as the Headmaster explained in his prize-giving speech, a few boys from the Junior Secondary stream are back for a fourth secondary year, and attempting some subjects at the Ordinary Grade. The increase at the top has had its effect on school Rugby. Now a first game can be arranged without depleting the third year, and annoying the master who is trying to train a third-year team. As an unfortunate side-effect, a few senior boys are aggrieved because they cannot be fitted into regular practices. There is no doubt that the 1st XV has benefited; and we have the fairly uncommon experience of winning 2nd XV matches.

Just for comparison. Eight years ago the senior section of the school, 4th form and upwards, contained a total of 15 boys; and there was a 1A boy in the 1st XV. A look much further back shows us that the school once housed nearly 300 boys. The first number of the "Victorian," which appeared in 1923, records the strength of the school by companies. The total is 298. Admittedly, those were the good old days with no staff quarters on the upper floors, and no inconvenient adults there by night. Even so, where were they all put? Perhaps someone will write and tell us.

## A Merry Christmas

### Mr JAMES WHITE

During the summer holiday, Mr James White died peacefully in his sleep in Stirling Infirmary after a long illness. Though for some time we had known that there was no hope of his recovery, the news of his death was still a sad blow to all who knew him.

Mr White came to Queen Victoria School in August, 1945, after serving for 22 years in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and reaching the rank of C.S.M. Here he was C.S.M. of D Company till 1953, and of C Company (junior boys) from 1953 to 1956. In the reorganisation that then took place, with the introduction of Housemasters and Housematrons, Mr White chose to continue in the service of the School and for his last seven years he was one of the porters in the front office. He also used to run the school tuckshop. Perhaps he will be remembered most for his unfailing interest in Old Boys of the School and his great generosity and hospitality to Old Boy visitors. The White household was always feeding and accommodating them. His funeral service in Glasgow was attended by many representatives of the School and its Old Boys. Mr White was the head of a devoted family, whose sorrow has been shared by his and their many friends in and outside the School.

### STAFF CHANGES

As usual in a new school year, we have a chronicle of arrivals and departures. Space does not let us do full justice to all the people concerned.

First, we have two new masters. Major O. R. Wilson has taken the place of Major Davies as housemaster of Haig House, keeping the Welsh succession. He was born and educated as a schoolboy in Cardiff, and graduated with honours in English from the University of Wales. He joined the Army in 1952, was trained as an infantry officer, and transferred to the R.A.E.C. in 1953. Since then he has served in Germany and Malaya, as well as in England and Wales. Before he came here he was with the All-arms Junior Leaders' Regiment at Tonfanau. Here he teaches English and helps with games and shooting. Major Wilson is married with three children who have a fine selection of Welsh names : Sian aged 8½, Gareth aged 7, and Rhodri aged 5½. The other new master is Mr R. Paterson who was born near Kelso and educated at the Kelso High School and Edinburgh University. He has a great record as a Rugby player : a university blue, several appearances for the Universities' XV, Kelso 1st XV, and a place in the final Scottish Rugby trial in 1956. Mr Paterson is married with one child, Douglas aged 2. Before coming here

as a Science master, he taught Science at Lasswade Secondary School in Midlothian. Mr Paterson is interested in photography and crafts, and so is a useful addition to the organisers of hobbies. He has also been coaching the 1st XV in co-operation with Mr Williams. They have had notable success. We welcome both these masters and their wives and families, and wish them a happy stay here.

Early in the term two veteran servants of the School went into retirement : Mr J. Diamond, and Mr E. Blake. Mr Diamond's service is referred to in the accounts elsewhere in this issue of presentations to him. Mr Blake, porter since 1948, is a veteran of both world wars. He served in the Machine Gun Corps in the first war and with R.A.F. ground crew in the second. He was formerly a painter by trade, and is well-known for his skill in the design and painting of signs. Much of his work, for example the Company shields in the dining-hall, is to be seen about the school. For Mr Blake, retirement from the school's service is not total. He is now in charge of the tuck-shop as a part-time job here.

Of Pipe-Major J. Sanderson, B.E.M., there is much to be written that we have not room to print ; but we need hardly go into details, for our retiring Pipe-Major is a celebrated character not only among Victorians, not only in the school but in Scotland generally. We could almost let his photograph speak for itself. Let us say that no man ever better looked the part, whereof, as Shakespeare said " shall witness live," in sculpture and in many photographs. He served in the Cameronians for 21 years, but Queen Victoria School has had him for longer than that, and we wonder if he is not more a Victorian than a Cameronian. His service here has been recognised in a series of presentations, from the Scottish Rugby Union and from Old Boys' Associations. At one time a C.S.M. here as well as Pipe-Major, Mr Sanderson has regretted the loss of some military qualities and virtues in the school's changed organisation and routine. But with those who have come in as representatives of change he has always been on the best of terms, and there is no question of the respect and affection that he commands from all of us in the school. Generations of boy pipers, in particular, will never forget him. Mrs Sanderson too has long given valuable service to the school.

At a late stage of the term we have learned of two other imminent departures. The first news concerned Mrs MacRae, Matron of Wavell House since it was first formed from the old C and D Companies as a separate junior house, starting her duties here in January, 1957. Except for the few who have entered the school as secondary boys, all the present Victorians have been under her care in their early days at the school, and all of these will remember her inexhaustible patience and kindness. Her own two boys, Hugh and Roderick, passed through the school in her time here and are now serving with the R.A.F. At the end of this term she leaves us to take up a post at the new Drummond School, Inverness. We

have just heard that another leaver is the Hospital Matron, Miss M. McLaren, who has been with us since January, 1961, doing her difficult job with quiet good-humour. She tells us her future plans are not yet definite, but she is not going into retirement. The best wishes of the school go with both these ladies.

There have been some changes in the jobs that people do. Mr W. Sinton, a new employee of the school, is one of the three porters who man the front office and the telephone switchboard by day and night. Mr Kirk, who was doing that job temporarily, has gone to the stores. Mr Sinton has a close connection with the school, for his father worked here and he grew up in school quarters. The other porters, people on whom we depend a great deal, are Mr C. Thompson and—another change—Mr G. Martin. Mr Martin has been a man of many parts here. Some of us remember him as C.S.M. of D Company, a kind and active supervisor of junior boys. When Houses were instituted, he went to work in the stores, and was about at all hours seeing that people got what they needed and usually getting it to them himself, even after a tendon injury had left him limping. He has also been a great figure in school boxing, coaching as a labour of love, refereeing the competition bouts, and giving a new trophy to encourage the junior boxers. We hope that his new job will be congenial.

## TWO CEREMONIES

We are indebted to the Editor of the "Stirling Observer" for permission to reproduce the following account of a ceremony which took place at the School on Sunday, 6th October.

"On Sunday Brigadier A. M. Finlaison, Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, presented the Imperial Service Medal to Mr James Diamond, The Cottage, Ramoyle, who recently retired after 27 years' service as a pioneer at the School.

Accompanying Brigadier Finlaison was Major Kislingbury, administrative officer at the Queen Victoria School, and R.S.M. G. Lowdon.

The schoolboys were formed up in line of threes behind Mr Diamond and after the presentation of the medal the "March Past" took place.

A native of Govan, Mr Diamond retired on Friday, 6th September. During the first world war he served with the 62nd Machine Gun Corps, Highland Division, and he was wounded in action in France.

Mr Diamond is a keen gardener and a Freemason, his mother lodge being Dunblane Lodge No. IX.

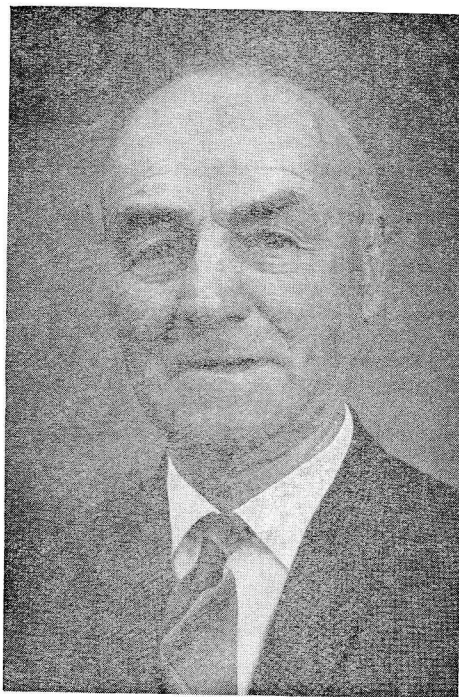
He is married with one son who is at present a serving soldier in the 1st K.O.S.B. in Aden."

From the "Stirling Observer" also we learned of another ceremony which was held on 20th October.

We have since received an account of this from the Chairman of the Glasgow Branch of the Old Boys' Association. This we reproduce below.

"Sunday, 20th October, 1963, will be a day long remembered, by that small company that met in a well-known hotel at Dunblane.

The small, but very active 'Glasgow Branch' wanted to say 'thanks' to Pipe-Major Sanderson and Mr J. Diamond on their retiral from the Queen Victoria School, after over 50 years' service between them. A party of ten from Glasgow travelled through to Dunblane, where they were joined by



Mr. J. DIAMOND

Brigadier Finlaison and Mrs Finlaison, Lt. Colonel Clarke and Mrs Clarke, Pipe-Major and Mrs Sanderson, Mr and Mrs J. Diamond, R.S.M. Lowdon, Mr Mortimer and Mr Morrison. It was a grand little gathering, and everyone enjoyed the real spirit of this unique occasion.

After a first class lunch, Major J. C. Harvey from Glasgow introduced the Chairman of the Glasgow Branch, Mr J. M. McLeod.

Mr McLeod spoke at great length, paying tribute to the wonderful job performed by these two grand 'old soldiers,' concluding by reminding the company that Pipe-Major Sanderson had been awarded the British Empire Medal and Mr Diamond the Imperial Service Medal, two awards richly deserved.

Mr McLeod, on behalf of the Old Boys of Glasgow,

thanked Pipe-Major Sanderson and Mr Diamond, and presented both gentlemen with a suitably inscribed Pewter Mug and to Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Diamond, a lovely brooch. Toasts were drunk to these two grand chaps, who then replied. So finished a unique lunch party, thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The small, but very active party from Glasgow, had not forgotten, and on Sunday, 20th October said 'thanks a million' to Pipe-Major Sanderson and Mr Diamond."

#### COLONEL A. C. T. WHITE, V.C., M.C., R.A.E.C.

An occasion that deserves special note was this term's visit, nearly the proverbial forty years on, of Colonel White, Commandant of the School from 1925 to 1929. We have been consulting the "Victorian" article which welcomed him to his appointment in 1925. There Scottish ancestry is claimed for him, for "his family originally came from Caithness." His service in the first world war is epic material: Gallipoli, Egypt, France, Murmansk; twice wounded, mentioned in despatches, awarded the Military Cross at Passchendaele, and won the Victoria Cross at the Battle of the Somme, by a tremendous feat of leadership and personal gallantry. The arts of peace are there too: it is recorded that the new Commandant of 1925 is a graduate and Honorary Fellow of King's College, London.

This great man has vivid and interesting recollections of the School in his time. He warmly approved the changes and progress that have taken place in provision for the boys' education and general welfare. They are such as he long ago envisaged, looking forward to the developments that had to come with changing social conditions and changing ideas.

At home Colonel White has associations to remind him of Queen Victoria School. In his time there was Captain Walter Lunt, M.B.E., arriving as a new Headmaster, and Monitor James Cosgrove (Administrative Officer here not long ago) among the pupils. Both these gentlemen are now near neighbours of Colonel White.

#### SALVETE

We welcome as recruits to the School the following boys, who joined us this term, showing House and Father's Regiment.

- 3037 Anderson, George Michael (Cunningham)—R.A.F.  
 3038 Barclay, Gordon Alexander (Trenchard)—R.E.  
 3039 Barclay, Grant (Wavell)—R.E.

- 3040 Barnes, Derek John (Wavell)—R.A.O.C.  
 3041 Brown, John William Slessor (Wavell)—R.A.  
 3042 Bruce, George Julian Stephen (Wavell)—R.C. of Signals.  
 3043 Burgess, Ian (Wavell)—R.A.C.  
 3044 Collie, Ian Arthur (Haig)—Gordon Hdrs.  
 3045 Crawford, Andrew (Wavell)—R.A.F.  
 3046 Crookston, David Rosemond (Wavell)—R.A.F.  
 3047 Diack, James Frederick (Haig) R.A.F.  
 3048 Docherty, Terence (Wavell)—A. & S.H.  
 3049 Duckett, Michael Charles Alexander (Wavell)—K.O.S.B.  
 3050 Duff, Grahame Currie Millar (Wavell)—R.A.O.C.  
 3051 Duncan John Alexander (Wavell)—R.A.F.  
 3052 Fenwick, Robert William (Wavell)—Black Watch.  
 3053 Ferguson, Alexander (Wavell)—R.A.F.  
 3054 Fraser, Colin (Wavell)—R.A.M.C.  
 3055 Goldie, Brian James (Wavell)—Royal Scots.  
 3056 Grant, Stephen (Wavell)—Scots Guards.  
 3057 Greig, Michael Frank (Wavell)—Royal Scots.  
 3058 Grey, Andrew David (Trenchard)—Royal Scots.  
 3059 Harte, John Graham (Wavell) A. & S.H.  
 3060 Hewgill, Alastair (Wavell)—R.A.P.C.  
 3061 Houston, Norman Fraser MacKay (Wavell)—R.H.F.  
 3062 Hynd, Charles (Wavell)—R.H.F.  
 3063 Jeffrey, Alan Nicol (Wavell)—R.E.M.E.  
 3064 Kelt, John Charles (Trenchard)—R.A.F.  
 3065 Kent, Rodger James (Wavell)—Gordon Hdrs.  
 3066 Knox, Bruce Samuel (Wavell)—Royal Scots.  
 3067 Lawrence, Keith Ramsay (Wavell)—Q.O. Highlanders.  
 3068 Macdonald, Duncan Alexander (Wavell)—R.A.S.C.  
 3069 Macdonald, Jack (Cunningham)—Black Watch.  
 3070 McMurdo, Norman George (Wavell)—Royal Navy.  
 3071 Martin, Anthony John (Wavell)—Q.O. Hdrs.  
 3072 Matthews, Ian Hartley (Wavell)—K.O.S.B.  
 3073 Moss, David Geoffrey (Wavell)—R.E.M.E.  
 3074 Murdoch, James Sloane (Wavell)—R.A.F.  
 3075 Playle, Ian Francis (Wavell)—Black Watch.  
 3076 Pryde, James Grant (Wavell)—R.S. Greys.  
 3077 Robertson, Ian Alasdair (Wavell)—R.A.F.  
 3078 Ross, Kelvin (Wavell)—R.A.F.  
 3079 Sheret, George McIntyre (Wavell)—Scots Guards.  
 3080 Sinclair, Michael Paul (Wavell)—R.A.  
 3081 Tovey, John Fraser (Wavell)—W.R.N.S.  
 3082 Watt, Roderick George Edward (Wavell)—R.A.F.  
 3083 Webb, Bryan (Wavell)—A. & S.H.  
 3084 Will, James Allan (Wavell)—R.A.F.  
 3085 Shannon, James Hugh McRobert (Wavell)—Royal Signals.



## CORRIGENDA

We apologise for two errors in the last issue of the "Victorian." The name of R. J. Miller was omitted from the Valette. It was only during the previous Christmas holiday that he decided to leave school, too late for his departure to be recorded in the Christmas "Victorian." We failed to include his name when listing leavers in the summer number. The omission is repaired below. The other error was in the list of school athletic records. Any reader who studied these must have been amazed at the feat credited to D. Isitt in the Minor section, composed of the smallest primary boys. We gave him a record long jump of 18 feet 8½ inches. The same reader, going down the list, would have seen that whereas Isitt achieved this distance in 1962, he managed only 14 feet 1½ inches the following year when setting a record for the youngest group of secondary boys. This was not another case of the phenomenal young athlete who fails to live up to his early promise. For 18 feet, please read 13 feet; and that was pretty good.

## VALETTE

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Form IVB.

R. J. MILLER—Black Watch. Cunningham House. Joined September, 1957. A.C.F., Certificate A, Parts 1 and 2. Life-saving, Bronze Cross. Junior Secondary Certificate. To civilian employment in London. Home address: 14 Muswell Road, Muswell Hill, London, N.10.

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Form IVB.

J. C. R. JEFFREY—Scots Guards. Haig House. Joined September, 1958. A.C.F., Certificate A, Part 1. Life-saving, Bronze Medallion (December candidate). Piper in band. Continuing education at another school. Home address: 30 Dale View Crescent, Chingford, London, E.4.

R. E. MATHESON—Royal Artillery. Cunningham House. Joined September, 1959. A.C.F., Certificate A, Parts 1 and 2. Assistant librarian. Junior Secondary Certificate. Employment not yet decided. Home address: 40 Banbury Road, Oxford.

Form 3B.

J. L. FRASER—R.A.M.C. Haig House. Joined September, 1959. A.C.F., Certificate A, Part 1. Life-saving, Intermediate Certificate. Highland dancing team. Church Orderly, To Army Apprentice School, Crookham. Home address: 45 Christian Crescent, Edinburgh, 15.

C. W. STEVENSON—Cameron Highlanders. Trenchard House. Joined September, 1958. A.C.F., Certificate A, Parts 1 and 2. To Junior Leaders Battalion, Oswestry. Home address: 3 Loganlea Gardens, Edinburgh, 7.

Form 2B.

S. D. McMillan—Joined September, 1960. Royal Engineers. Trenchard House. Continuing education. Home address: 129 Fulford Road, York. Form Primary 7B.

A. J. McMillan—Joined September, 1962. Wavell House. Other details as for brother, above.

## OLD BOYS

Our article giving some news of old boys is bound to be disjointed. News come in in bits and pieces, mainly in letters from old boys, in which they often give news of others, sometimes from visits of old boys to the School, and sometimes from press cuttings sent in by friends who have spotted references in local papers. So here we give some scraps we have collected this term. There is no particular order of time or seniority about these, and some of them are sure to be out of date already.

An old boy of some five years ago, Ralph Master-son, earned a headline in the Newcastle press last summer. He is now serving in the Merchant Navy, and during a typhoon off the coast of Manila, he was one of four British officers from his ship who took out a boat to rescue 14 of the Chinese crew of a ship that had gone down. The survivors were clinging to a raft in mountainous seas. The boat from Ralph's ship rescued them all, at the risk of their own lives, and his ship landed them safe at Manila. Those of us who remember and know Ralph Masterson are not surprised to hear that his own account of the incident in a letter home was brief and modest. His father, Mr W. A. Masterson of Gosforth, who was kind enough to send the school a cutting from the local paper describing the rescue, formerly worked as a clerical officer at the School and has often visited us in recent years. We are proud to record this news. In November, as we write, Ralph is about due back in the United Kingdom, to sit the examination for his Second Mate's certificate.

Another press cutting sent in by the chairman of the Glasgow Old Boys tells us that William McColl of Fallin, serving with the Scots Guards, is, or by now has been, on a course at Edinburgh Castle for prospective Pipe-Majors. He belongs to a rather older generation of Victorians, ten years ago or so, since when two younger brothers have passed through the School.

There is a letter from Neil Roy to the Commandant. We also saw him here to play in the Old Boys' Rugby team. He is now working for a degree in Social Science at Queen's College, Dundee, coming there from the War Office. Also at the War Office are Donald MacLennan, J. R. Fraser and L. T. McGavin. Neil tells us that he has often seen David Ray in London, and has practised piping at "London Scottish" with Denis Owens, another War Office employee. He has also seen Malcolm Watt, trans-

ferred by the B.B.C. to a television centre, and at an Old Boys' meeting talked to Ian Gray who works at an atomic power station in Essex. Peter Roy, who went from here to Bedford is now a Monitor at his school and sits "A" level examinations this year. London old boys seem to stick together pretty well.

Colonel Fowler, recently our Headmaster, received a long letter from K. J. Davies, who left school a few years ago to emigrate to Australia. As a car salesman, he has, at the age of 18, been earning a wage that would make most of us envious, and has already owned five cars, the latest being a Fordomatic sedan. At the time of writing he was about to sit an entrance examination for a post in Mental Nursing. He says, "There is plenty of money to be made out here." Another point of interest. He says that though "never a brilliant pupil" at Q.V.S., when he went to school in Australia, he topped his class in everything but History (Australian), in which he came fourth. Incidentally, he has also done well in pipe bands there, and gives the credit to Pipe-Major Sanderson. That name keeps coming up. A visitor to Lt.-Colonel Fowler in Germany has been Blyth Leitch posted to Headquarters, B.A.O.R., as a photographer.

It is not altogether out of place to speak of Lt.-Colonel Fowler himself in this column. After Queen Victoria School he finds it a revolution in his life to have Saturdays and Sundays completely free. However, he has had to work hard enough on the other days, filling the post of the Brigadier, Chief Education Officer, who has been rendered hors-de-combat by an accident. He is clearly still with us in heart, maintaining his interest in old Victorians and eager for news of all the boys he knew so well here. He asks us to say that he will be delighted to see any Victorians who find themselves in Rheindahlen.

### SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

An innovation of this term is a new uniform for members of Forms V and VI. Their day-to-day dress now consists of a battle-dress blouse, cotton khaki shirt, and semi-stiff khaki collar, worn along with the traditional senior boys' trews of tartan. They have now learned how to put on the collars and ties. For the first few days some are reported to have got up at 6.30 in order to be in time for breakfast.

*Sports note*—Staff wives—We are pleased to report that Mrs W. Orr won the West of Scotland Women's Bowling Association Singles Championship at Pollokshields on 23rd August last. In the final she beat Mrs Brown of Milngavie by 21 shots to 20.

*Sports note*—Staff—On Dunblane golf course, Major Wilson in September equalled the feat of a predecessor by doing the sixteenth hole (Hitchman's hole) in one.

Since we moved into the new class-room block for lessons and prep., it has been the rule for all except the most senior forms to use ball-pens instead of dipping or writing with fountain-pens. The chief idea was to keep ink out of the new block and not have the new rooms and desks splashed with it. At first the school provided ball-pens but there were difficulties in getting supplies or authority to buy them. A simple solution has been found. The boys buy their own, and there are stocks in the tuck-shop.

At the start of the term there was a welcome return to the gymnasium, improved and equipped with new changing-room and showers, which now accommodate visiting teams. Only when we have several visiting teams together is there an overflow into the wash-rooms in the old building. (Perhaps "overflow" is an unfortunate word to use when one is writing about the new gymnasium.) There was also great joy when the swimming-bath, renovated and tiled, came back into use. It would be silly to pretend that everything has been perfect. The new gymnasium showers have given trouble. Also the deep end of the swimming-bath is now such that all but the smaller boys can stand up in it, and the diving-platform has had to be put out of commission for safety's sake.

On 14th November a party of 80 boys went in two buses to see the Perth Theatre's production of "The Merchant of Venice." All agreed that it was an excellent show. There was a moment of suspense when the curtains were drawn so that the Prince of Aragon could make his choice of casket, and his task was seen to be simplified by the fact that the golden casket had been left open by the Prince of Morocco. However, this oversight, if it was one, was put right by Portia, who crossed the stage during the preliminary conversation and put the lid down again, to the relief of the audience.

*Note*.—At further theatre visits there will be a ban on the consumption of sweets, fruit, and nuts by our party during the performance. Almost throughout there was steady eating and steady rustling of bags and wrappings.

Though we have heard little recently about the projected school library, plans for this are going forward. The proposal is that the building will be in the area north of the music-room where there is a grass patch at present. The planning of the new library is in the hands of a sub-committee consisting of Air Marshal Sir Brian Baker, the Commandant, and the Headmaster.

The Hallowe'en-bonfire night celebration was held on 5th November, and was as noisy as usual. The apple-docking contest was won by Haig House, and the winners of the "Tumshie" lantern competition were J. Murray and H. Paterson in the Fancy section and D. Cormack, G. Sheret, and D. V. Scott in the Bogle-type section.

The following distinguished officers have visited the School this term—

15th October—Major-General A. L. Collier, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Visiting Commissioner for the term.

8th November—Colonel A. J. C. Seymour, Lieutenant Colonel Commanding the Scots Guards.

12th November—Major-General F. C. C. Graham, C.B., D.S.O., the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

19th November—Colonel A. C. T. White, V.C., M.C., late R.A.E.C., Commandant of the School from 1925 to 1929, and Deputy Colonel Commandant of the R.A.E.C.

The "Daily Telegraph" recently had an account of a new windowless school in New York, built without outside windows because of the enormous annual cost of repairing school windows in New York. The news has inspired the following suggestions for applying the same principle to Queen Victoria School. For the senior houses : floorless common-rooms, soapless wash-rooms, and lightless dormitories. For Wavell House : waterless showers.

#### GRAND DAY, 1963

This was another special Grand Day, for it was also the occasion of the first inspection of the new buildings. The inspection of the annual parade and of the new buildings was carried out by Mr James Ramsden, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War, now promoted to be Secretary of State for War. For the occasion, there was a special souvenir programme, including a description of the "improvements."

The proceedings began as usual with the prize-giving ceremony in the Play Hall. In his opening speech, the Headmaster, Lt. Colonel Clarke, said he counted himself fortunate to have come to the School at a time when long planning and hard work had produced a tangible result, a firm basis for the future. He wished to thank all who had helped him to take over his post in the middle of a school year and at a time of change. In the Scottish Certificate examinations for 1962, there had been an excellent result at the ordinary grade, with 95 passes out of 116 subject presentations, but less success at the higher grade in which there had been 18 passes from 35 presentations. In the 1963 examinations there were 25 candidates taking between them 51 higher and 94 ordinary grade subjects. Their results would not be known till the following month. In the County Junior Secondary Examination 13 candidates out of 16 had gained the certificate. Lt. Colonel Clarke referred to the innovation of keeping on for a further year in 1963-64 a few boys from the junior secondary side of the School, normally expected to leave at 15. This extra year should prove of benefit to the boys and to the School, but it was a privilege

that had to be restricted to those who could benefit academically from it and take some subjects in the ordinary grade examinations, for it had to be remembered that every boy staying on meant one fewer admitted. All boys would benefit from staying in a boarding school till they reached the age at which they began to undertake the responsibilities as well as the privileges of boarding school life. As Monitors, Prefects, or even as senior boys, they would have to accept the responsibility of looking after other boys, one of the few ways we knew of learning something of that relationship between man and man which was the basis of all leadership and of much of the adjustment to adult life. There was however another side to the question, since there were benefits of a different kind for boys who left at 15 : there was much to be said for an early start, especially for those who were going to apprenticeships. The School's games programme had been sadly handicapped by weather. One success had been winning the Stirling County Club's seven-a-side competition. The Headmaster then referred to other School activities : athletics, Army Cadet Force, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, in which J. Watters had to be congratulated on gaining the gold award, and the "trades" competitions in piping, drumming, bugling, and Highland dancing, the standard of which had seemed to him extremely high. Of the 33 boys leaving the School during or at the end of the School year, 10 were continuing their education elsewhere, and 15 of the remaining 23 were going to the services. In welcoming new members of staff and saying goodbye to those who were leaving, the Headmaster referred particularly to Pipe-Major Sanderson. They were happy that he was not going to be far away, and he hoped that the School would have the pleasure of his company and benefit of his advice for many years. The audience would soon have the chance of hearing for themselves the quality of the Pipe-Major's work. By next Grand Day the Commandant would have retired. He would not thank the Headmaster for putting the spotlight on him, but it would be unforgivable to let him slip away unmentioned. Under his guidance the School had passed through a period of great change. The Commandant and Mrs Finlaison would be sadly missed. Finally, the Headmaster welcomed Mr Crichton-Miller, the distinguished Headmaster of Stowe, a Commissioner and a valued friend and adviser of the School, on whom he called to present the prizes.

In his speech, Mr Crichton-Miller told the boys that Grand Days could be regarded as milestones. For the young they were far apart, but as you got older they went past faster, till finally they seemed very close together. The important thing was to make use of the time and distance between the milestones. When you were boys, you had more chance of changing between years. Older people had lost that chance. He offered special good wishes to boys leaving school, and to the Commandant and Pipe-Major Sanderson. Leaving boys also had to be thanked for what they had done for the School. He

hoped they would have happy careers and come back to School. Life was a one-way street, and they could not return as schoolboys, but they could still be members of the School in a different way.

After the customary inspection and march-past, Mr Ramsden presented prizes and trophies, and then addressed the boys and those who had gathered to see the parade. He said that when he was invited to make this inspection, he had found that friends in London already knew all about the School. He himself had no Scottish connection, although he had formerly tried hard to find one in order to qualify to play Rugby with the London Scottish. He congratulated the boys and all concerned with the parade and on the smartness of turn-out and the standard of marching. The first guard, he thought, was outstanding, and the youngest guard had done well to get themselves so straight when passing the saluting base. Grand Day was always a special occasion for the School, and this one was a special occasion for him. It was the first time a member of the Army Council had seen the improvements. Large sums had been spent by the Army Council and War Office—over £330,000. They were only too glad to be able to do so. All the services accepted responsibility for this School, and it was their desire to make the School as good as it possibly could be. He thanked the architects and contractors, who had worked on a very tight schedule, and hoped all were pleased with the result. Queen Victoria School was highly valued by the War Office, for two main reasons. First, it was a problem to provide continuous and settled education for servicemen's children, and a long and settled time was possible here. Secondly, growing numbers of boys were going from the School to the services, especially to Junior Leaders' units. If the sons of servicemen were joining up, it was proof that there was not much wrong with the services. To the parents—he was one himself—Mr Ramsden said that they were very wise to choose a boarding-school education for their sons. Here the boys got not only a first-rate academic education, but also a chance of learning to stand on their own feet and be useful members of a community. To the boys he said that they should take the great opportunities they got at Queen Victoria School. They must not only learn, but get the habit of learning, concentrating, and working hard. They should get that habit early and so make a success of life. Also at school they could learn loyalty and self-discipline. One of the most important things in life was to do things for other people. This attitude, said Mr Ramsden, making a nice distinction, helped "*your country and our island*" to make their mark in history. It was a current fashion on television and in the press to decry or belittle these virtues. But if the boys stuck to them, they would gain more and more from them as they went on.

For this Grand Day there was a variation in the remainder of the programme. The traditional displays of Highland dancing and gymnastics were omitted. After tea, the visitors were invited to

follow the inspecting party in a tour of the School buildings, to see both the new accommodation and the alterations in the old building. At the same time they were able to see the displays of boys' work in the new Art Room and Woodwork and Metalwork shops. The ceremonies of this memorable Grand Day ended with the beating of retreat by pipes and drums on the main square in front of the new buildings. The band marched off to a great round of applause, a spontaneous tribute to their performance, and, in the minds of many, to the Pipe-Major particularly, at the finish of his last Grand Day parade.

### THE PIPE BAND'S VISIT TO NORWAY

Clutching coats and cases, pipes and passports, we stumbled up the gangway of M./S. "*Devonia*" at Rosyth Dockyard on a drab September morning. There was scarcely time to deposit our baggage and get our bearings before we were whisked ashore again to play the rest of the passengers aboard. The morning drizzled on.

The National Trust for Scotland had chartered the boat, a converted troop ship, for a week's cruise of Norway and the Islands. They had lined up a formidable array of experts—experts on birds, on flowers; experts on geology, on hill-farming; experts on Norwegian customs, on Highland traditions. Our job was to relieve this solid Scottish diet with an occasional blow and thump. All was found bar pocket-money and the cost of getting us onto the boat. We had been told that we were to beat Retreat in Stavanger and Bergen—beyond that we knew nothing.

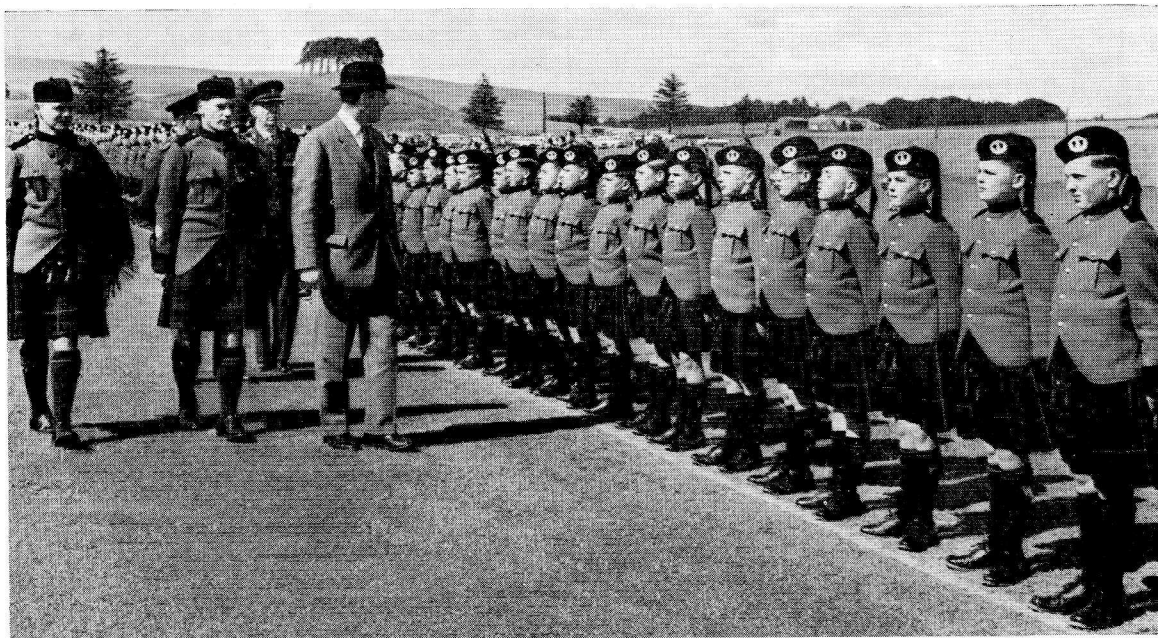
A routine soon developed. We played on deck for about twenty minutes before lunch and again for about the same length of time in the evening. Except for these periods the day was ours, though I seem to remember a whole afternoon cleaning kit, and the muted strains of the buglers putting the finishing touches to their sounding Retreat. There was little restriction on our movements on board, but we kept mostly to the Lounge at the front of the ship, where other people of our age gathered. It was not really a cruise for young people, so we felt a bit neglected but we were allowed to watch the film show twice, even though it was rather late, and we went to a ship's dance once—it was quite dead. There was a small heated swimming pool we splashed about in when the ship didn't roll too much. Some of us even attended the odd lecture and found it quite entertaining and instructive. But then we hadn't really come for the things you can get at home. We wanted to see new places and meet the people who lived in them.

On Sunday evening, in pouring rain, we played as the ship was slowly coaxed into its berth in Stavanger harbour. The local children, all in oilskins, cheered and clapped and marched up and down. A group of





Brigadier A. M. FINLAISON, C.B.E., D.S.O.



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Pipe-Major J. SANDERSON, B.E.M.

teenagers (slightly more sophisticated) smiled and waved politely. A man did arms-drill with his umbrella. On the other side of the cobbled street which followed the line of the quayside we could just make out a long frontage of tall wooden buildings with steeply sloping roofs, obviously warehouses. There was nothing more to be seen. The downpour made exploration impossible.

The next day was ours till 6 o'clock in the evening. We spent the morning looking more closely at the town which we had barely made out through the rain the previous evening. Shops were scrutinised for presents at prices which would not break us. We managed to find some, but most goods were away beyond our pockets. The National Trust treated us to a "sight-seeing" bus trip that afternoon. Our guide, obviously rather nervous, pointed out the places which she felt would interest a group of school children and, mercifully, omitted the usual stack of statistics.

In the evening we played in the courtyard of the Cathedral School. Afterwards, and this came as a complete surprise, we were grabbed by the pupils of the school and taken off to the biggest hotel in town to eat, drink, talk and dance. Most of the Band agree that this was the most enjoyable evening of the tour. Many of the contacts made at that time have since developed into friendships.

Leaving Stavanger the boat made its way through calm seas, staying briefly at places in which the Trust had an interest. Fair Isle, where an attempt is being made to bring in people who will settle and farm; Orkney, where the excavated remains of pre-historic settlement show the extent of early exploitation of the Islands; Inverewe, where you can wander round gardens planted with an infinite variety of flowers many not usually associated with the Highlands.

A week is but a week, and we were soon sailing up the Firth of Clyde, where, at Greenock, we would disembark. The Trust and the Company seemed to have enjoyed having us on board. Their factor, Mr Donald Erskine, thanked Pipe-Major Sanderson and Drum-Major Morrison for their part in looking after the Band and congratulated them on the excellence of its performance. Mr Eric Linklater, a connoisseur of native arts, told us how much he had enjoyed the playing. We packed up and walked for the last time down the rickety gangway. Soon we were speeding towards Q.V. and another term, a good week's work done, our understanding broadened by contact with another people.

The party on this cruise was in charge of Captain E. R. Sansom, with the Pipe-Major and Drum-Major, and Mrs Innes, the Commandant's Secretary. Captain Sansom has Norwegian ancestry and speaks the language fluently. The boys were greatly impressed by his ability to join in Norwegian songs. At school they are more accustomed to his solos. The lucky boys who went on the cruise were as

follows :—S. Cobb, J. Dempsey, K. Douglas (Boy Pipe-Major), D. Fingland, G. Fox, I. Fraser, L. Heron, R. Irvine, J. Jeffrey, A. King, N. McConnell, R. McDougall, G. McManus, K. Murray, M. O'Connor, J. Oliver, M. Owens, D. Robertson, J. Sharp, G. Slater, I. Smith, A. Stace (Boy Drum-Major), J. Wood.

### AVIEMORE 1963

We were all eager to get away from school routine to the freer life of the annual camp in the Cairngorms. Mr Bruce, who has looked after the expedition for many years now, had asked me along to give a bit of a hand with things. I had never been to the Highlands before, so, even though I had visions of "roughing it," I accepted.

In fact the accommodation was far better than I expected. Some years back a troop of the Royal Canadian Engineers erected a log-cabin on the ground given by the Grant family just below Castle Hill at the entrance to the Lairig Ghru, the most famous of routes from Strath Spey to Strath Dee. Improvements are being made as money becomes available. Cooking, which was originally done on a wood-burning stove is now managed far more easily on a large gas oven. Washing is now far pleasanter than before, and hot showers have been installed.

The walks we took were not particularly long, not particularly hazardous, but just enough to tire us out and give us a tremendous appetite. We would start out at about 10 o'clock in the morning and return home as the sun was setting. Our aims and the conditions in which we achieved them were equally varied. We did the long haul up to the cairn of Cairn Gorm on a scorching hot day without a breath of wind. We crossed the great marshy plateau to the north of Brae Riach with the wind buffeting our tired bodies and the mist swirling above us in the corries. We clambered up the steep side of the Lairig and scrambled down the course of the Feidh Buih on a day of clear skies and gentle winds. All these walks presented a challenge and happily not one of the boys failed to meet it.

Of course we didn't walk all the time. Loch Morlich lies about a mile and a half south of the hut. Here a sandy beach is sheltered from the wind by a spinney of Scotch pines. The water is clear, but very cool, and we enjoyed bathing in it at the end of a hot dusty day.

Our evenings were spent quietly in the hut, nursing blisters, searching for "One-eyed Jacks," exaggerating our exploits on cards home. Throughout the ten days we were sustained by the steaming messes and innumerable cups of tea produced by Mr Girvan, whose record for the "Four Corners" now stands at 12 seconds. Major Wright and his wife maintained contact with the outside world, doing a roaring trade in fizzy drinks, comic papers and picture post



cards. They also dealt with our minor casualties and with the business of pocket money.

On the last day but one we were invaded by the advanced party of a C.C.F. detachment, who were to take over from us and use the hut as the base for excursions of a highly tactical nature into the hills. Their commander was such a snorer that it was a considerable relief to the writer when the dawn saw us aboard a superb example of the coachbuilder's art, speeding for the School and the next, less exhausting, weeks of the summer holidays.

E.R.S.

#### The Aviemore Party (boys) :

*Cunningham*—D. Jagger, D. Clark, S. Leitch, L. Curl, D. Stainthorpe, M. O'Connor, G. Slater, R. McKenzie, J. Wilmott, G. Cunningham, J. Lee.

*Haig*—C. Lannen, J. Campbell, D. McInnes, K. Boyne, M. Anderson, J. Welsh, R. Jeffrey, A. Coid.

*Trenchard*—A. Watt, J. McPhail, P. Evans.

*Wavell*—D. Dodds, R. Gill, I. Sneddon, I. Roe, K. Robinson, G. Neill.

#### SCHOOL PRIZE-LIST, 1963

Class and subject prizes presented by Mr D. Crichton-Miller, T.D., M.A., at the prize-giving in the School Play Hall.

##### PRIMARY SCHOOL—

P.6A—1 C. J. Robinson, 2 D. W. Wrenn.

P.6B—1 A. Robertson, 2 B. R. Murton.

P.7A—1 K. L. Robinson, 2 G. A. Neill.

P.7B—1 G. F. Hill, 2 G. B. Johnstone.

Art Prize—J. A. Corrigan.

##### SECONDARY SCHOOL—

IA—1 G. McManus, 2 J. Wood.

IB—1 D. Isitt, 2 A. Coid.

IIA—1 R. Newman, 2 M. Hewgill, 3 D. Jagger.

IIB—1 J. I. McCorkle, 2 B. McLaughlin.

IIIA—1 A. Warwood, 2 J. Allan and N. Donaldson.

IIIB—1 W. Stewart, 2 J. Morrice.

IV—1 A. Kay, 2 D. Coulter.

V—R. I. Smith.

Intermediate Art—J. Hay and E. Gillespie.

Senior Art—D. Watson.

Technical Subjects—Senior—S. Donaldson.

Junior—D. Nealon.

Eric Drew Memorial Junior French Prize—J. Wood.

Headmaster's Prize for Chapel Reading—G. Matthews.

Cranston Memorial Essay Prize—D. Watson.

Addison Smith Prizes for Public Speaking—1 D. Watson, 2 J. Watters, 3 M. Owens.

Dux of School—P. R. C. Finlay.

Perth and Kinross Junior Secondary Certificate—  
R. Matheson, P. A. Gibson, I. Johnston, W. J. Logue, J. McConaghy, L. McKenzie, T. E. R. Monaghan, J. C. Morrice, J. D. Oliver, D. V. Scott, W. P. L. Stewart, J. A. Sycamore, B. J. Tiernan.

Prizes and Trophies presented at Grand Day Parade  
by Mr James Ramsden, M.P., Parliamentary Under

Secretary of State for War.

Prince Philip Medal (Best boy of 15 years old)—  
D. C. K. Robertson.

Best Piper—Boy Pipe-Major L. McGavin.

Best Drummer and Bugler and Best Individual  
Drummer (London Old Victorians' Trophy)—  
J. Dempsey.

Best Bugler—Boy Drum-Major A. Michael.

Best Highland Dancer—J. Murray.

Best Shot—A. D. M. Richardson.

Wavell Memorial Cup (for best boy in outdoor  
pursuits)—C. McK. Brown.

First Hundred Trophy (best A.C.F. Section)—  
Trenchard House.

Sir Charles Grant Cup (Champion dormitory in  
Wavell House)—Abercromby Dormitory.

House Championship Shield—Cunningham House.

#### Prizes presented at Grand Day Rehearsal

Piping (Boyd Prizes)—

Class A Slow March. Strathspey and Reel—  
L. McGavin.

Class A March, Class B March and Slow March,  
Best Piper in Class B—J. Wood.

Class C Chanter—W. G. Nelson.

Drumming and Bugling—

Senior Drumming—J. Dempsey.

Tenor Drumming—I. Smith.

Junior Drumming—I. Sneddon.

Senior Bugling—A. Michael.

Junior Bugling—F. Mitchell.

Highland Dancing—

Class A Sword Dance and Highland Fling—J.  
Murray.

Class B Sword Dance and Highland Fling and  
Best Junior Dancer—J. Learmonth.

Junior Dancing, best progress—S. Grant.

House Dancing Shield and Shaw Stewart Medals  
for winning team—Cunningham House (J.  
Murray, G. Cassells, J. Lee, H. Grigor).

MacRae Quaich (for tidiest dormitory in Wavell  
House)—Lynedoch.

House Drill Cup—Trenchard House.

### REGIMENTAL AWARDS

The following awards were made for the school year 1962-63.

**Seaforth Highlanders**—M. J. Armstrong.

**Seaforth Highlanders (Mackenzie Prizes)**—W. J.

Scott, D. Keltie, W. Stewart.

**Gordon Highlanders (White Prize)**—J. G. McPhail.

**Black Watch**—D. Nix, I. M. Smith.

### HOUSE DETAILS

#### Senior Houses

##### Cunningham

HOUSEMASTER : Rev. A. N. Jamieson.

MATRON : Miss M. Chalmers.

MONITOR : K. Murray.

PREFECTS : H. R. Bowes, R. I. Smith, A. R. Faulds.

##### Haig

HOUSEMASTER : Major O. R. Wilson, R.A.E.C.

MATRON : Miss I. Johnstone.

MONITOR : M. J. Armstrong.

PREFECTS : D. J. Watson, A. W. Stace, D. C. K. Robertson.

##### Trenchard

HOUSEMASTER : Major J. N. Wright, R.A.E.C.

MATRON : Mrs E. Stuart.

MONITOR : K. Douglas (Senior Monitor).

PREFECTS : D. Keltie, D. A. Maxwell, E. D. Gillespie.

#### Juniors

##### Wavell House

HOUSEMASTER : Mr N. C. Bruce.

DEPUTY HOUSEMASTER : Mr I. T. Williams.

ASSISTANT HOUSEMASTERS : Captain M. J. Frost, R.A.E.C., Captain E. R. Sansom, R.A.E.C.

MATRON : Miss A. MacRae.

#### Dormitory Leaders

ABERCROMBY DORMITORY : M. C. Wood (House Captain), B. R. Murton.

LYNEDOC DORMITORY : C. J. Robinson, D. A. MacLean.

MOORE DORMITORY : A. S. Grey, I. H. Dunlop.

### ARMY CADET FORCE

We returned to Ness Battery, Stromness, Orkney for our Annual Camp from 19th July to 2nd August, 1963. This was a triennial visit and we received a true Orcadian welcome which under normal circumstances we would have enjoyed but the crossing on the St. Ola from Scrabster to Stromness was the worst we have experienced ; the members of the Company varied from feeling sick to the green faced character who mumbled " I don't think I'll live to see Stromness." The ladies of the S.W.R.I. had a meal ready for us on arrival but after such a journey the

boys could not show their appreciation of the ladies' efforts. Fortunately keen appetites returned. Mr Walker and Mr Linning were right in business. Mr Walker did the cooking and Mr Linning was the Quartermaster, and no camp ever had a better catering company.

Our first week was taken up in co-operating with the local authorities for Shopping Week. This is an Orcadian festival which everyone visiting the island should experience, and then have a holiday to recover from it. The week started with a church parade on Sunday, and on Monday we provided a guard of honour for The Shopping Week Queen. The mornings for the rest of the week were used for various exercises in camouflage, patrolling, section and platoon defence and attack. The afternoons and evenings were active periods for The Pipe Band and Highland Dancers under C.S.M. Mortimer when they entertained the locals and visitors, who gave them a very enthusiastic reception wherever they had an engagement. The remaining cadets co-operated with the local police in controlling traffic and crowds. The Local Authorities were most grateful for our help and we in turn learned a great deal from them. This was training in citizenship of a practical kind.

When cadets were off duty, we had our own picket Patrol under the instruction of R.S.M. Lowdon. They were responsible for the discipline of all cadets on pass and had to see that the cadets were, at all times, correctly dressed and behaved in a correct manner. It was our first experiment with this duty and it proved so successful that we will employ it at future camps.

The second week was devoted to preparing, briefing and taking part in the Expedition Section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. All candidates were successful in passing this test. The other cadets set themselves up at base camps, and from them had various tasks to tackle each day.

Those attending camp were :—

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE :—M. J. Owens, R. I. Smith, P. Gilder, L. McKenzie, B. McLaughlin, C. McLaughlin, R. E. Matheson, K. Smith.

HAIG HOUSE—C. Brown, P. C. Kay, A. W. Stace, W. J. Scott, D. J. Watson, A. W. Aitkenhead, A. L. Broughton, J. Flynn, M. Forsyth, J. L. Fraser, J. W. Hay, R. A. Irvine, J. Jeffrey, A. C. Kay, R. P. Kerr, J. McConaghy, J. D. Oliver, H. A. Paterson, I. Reid, D. C. K. Robertson, M. Scoggins, W. Stewart, B. J. Tiernan, R. Wilson.

TRENCHARD HOUSE—L. T. McGavin, N. Donaldson, J. W. R. Dunlop, E. Gillespie, M. Hewgill, I. Johnstone, A. N. King, N. McConnell, J. C. Morrice, D. A. Nix, M. Smith, C. W. Stevenson, J. H. Waters.

The Training Programme for 1963-64 is in full swing, and our strength is now up to 123 members, divided as follows :—Certificate A Part I 47, Certificate A Part II 38, Post Certificate A Part II

Instructors 14, Post Certificate A Part II Technical 6, Post Certificate A Part II "Special to Arms—Infantry" 18. Candidates for Certificate A Parts I and II present no problems as they are instructed by Platoon Commanders, S.M.I.s and Cadet N.C.O.s. The Technical Section are all Cadet N.C.O.s of age to hold a driving licence and are instructed in driving by Cpl. Dolan, P.S.I. of the Dunblane T.A.

The "Special to Arms—Infantry" Section we are at present training ourselves although this should be done by the Regular Army or T.A. Our local T.A. is an armoured unit and therefore cannot help us with infantry training. We have requested help from The Argylls and the Black Watch, but up to now nothing has happened. It may be that a change of affiliation to the Black Watch would help, as all our training is based to that of Infantry Troops.

Cadet promotions for 1963-64 :—

C.S.M. A. Stace. C.Q.M.S.—A. R. Faulds.

Cunningham Platoon—Sgt. M. J. H. Owens, Cpl. J. Allan, L/Cpl. D. I. Marshall, L/Cpl. A. Richardson.

Haig Platoon—Sgt. D. C. K. Robertson, Cpl. W. Stewart, L/Cpl. A. Sinclair, L/Cpl. J. Hay.

Trenchard Platoon—Sgt. D. A. Maxwell, Cpl. M. W. Smith, L/Cpl. N. Donaldson, L/Cpl. D. V. Scott.

Technical Section—Sgt. K. Douglas, Sgt. R. H. Bowes, Cpl. K. Murray, Cpl. D. Watson, Cpl. M. Armstrong, Cpl. R. I. Smith.

"Special Arms" Section—Cpl. D. Keltie, L/Cpl. P. Kay.

### THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

1962-63 has, because of upsets to normal progress, been a difficult year for the boys who entered this scheme. All we have to show for a year's hard work is that 6 boys have been recommended for the Bronze award (first series), and in the silver (second series) and gold (third series) 6 and 3 boys respectively have completed all parts necessary for the award except the public service section, which is taken in life-saving. For the year 1963-64, we have 21 boys entering for the Bronze series, 4 for the Silver, and 4 for the gold series.

### THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Although there has been photographic work going on in the school for some years, it was only recently that the present photographic society was formed. This change for the better was due to the arrival of Mr Paterson. Throughout this term he has worked hard organising the society's activities, and we are very grateful to him.

The society meets every Monday evening in the Physics Laboratory. So far this term has been devoted mainly to the instruction of newcomers by the senior members. The seniors are allowed into the dark-room at other times to do their own work.

The new dark-room is situated in the Chemistry Laboratory. It is well-equipped and a considerable amount of money has been spent on buying new accessories. We are very lucky to have such excellent facilities for pursuing our hobby. We hope to have some good results by the end of the school year. A display on Grand Day has already been considered, and I believe we shall have some good photographs to show by then.

W. Stewart, Form IV is the president of the society, and the other boy officials are A. Stace, N. Donaldson, and M. Smith, also of Form IV. We have about 25 members.

N.S.D.

### A STRANGE CRAZE

The organisation known as "Les Yobs" was founded during the summer holiday in the town of Blackpool, when the originators managed to get across a busy street and earn sympathetic looks from motorists by putting on exaggerated limps. They brought their new idea back to school, and so Yobism was born.

Only the elite of the third form were allowed to be members of Les Yobs. Various people, disappointed in being refused membership, founded other inferior societies, with such far-fetched names as "The Morons," "The Borstals," and the one-man gang, "The Nidges." These organisations, however, being inferior and lacking a proper code, soon died out.

One of the binding faiths of Yobism was that a Yob should know no shame. This led to many strange rituals, such as shouting "Pow" and leaping into the air, or kicking Yob-sticks about. Every day was one of bewilderment for the boiler-man. People ran past at exactly the same time every day, shooting him with imaginary sten-guns. Another of Les Yobs' activities was a scientific survey of the consistency of Scottish people, of which an account is given below.

At half-term Les Yobs went for a week-end in Dundee. There they performed their rituals in the street with no shame at all. They attended a football-match and helped that excellent team, Dundee United, to beat Falkirk 3-1. Les Yobs were finally disbanded on the return journey, in a ceremony of throwing their Yob-sticks into the Tay at Perth.

### THE CONSISTENCY REPORT

For a period of two weeks a group of seven investigators studied the consistency of some Scottish people at Queen Victoria School. We noted the times at which certain subjects went past the shooting range each day. The subjects were three masters' daughters, the school tailor, and a person whose name has not

become known to us. We refer to him as "Bloke-in-car," because he went past in a car every morning except Saturday and Sunday.

For the first four days all the subjects were fairly consistent, and nobody varied more than a minute either way. On the fourth night there was heavy rain. This had the effect of sending haywire all the subjects except one. Miss M—— and Miss R—— passed two or more minutes late or early on the mornings after the rain. The only one to keep accurate time was Miss J——. At the end of the two weeks' survey, it was found that Miss J—— had been the most consistent of the subjects, with a total variation of only 5 minutes. Miss M—— was 10 minutes 45 seconds out altogether, Miss R—— was 12 minutes out, and the tailor 20 minutes out. The times of the "Bloke-in-car" are unmentionable.

The following deduction has been made. Scottish people become very inconsistent in their habits after heavy rain if the first letter of their surname comes in the last fourteen letters of the alphabet.

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### CONSTRUCTING A SCALE MODEL

If you want to construct a scale model, you need three qualities: a steady hand, an abundance of patience and an interest in what you are doing. If you possess all of these qualities, you should enjoy making scale models.

Suppose you are making a model aeroplane. The need for a steady hand shows itself when we want to cement two parts together. If you have an unsteady hand, you will probably find that instead of two pieces of plastic firmly stuck together, you have a pair of inseparable fingers. You only need a tiny "blob" of cement to stick together two pieces of plastic. The possessor of an unsteady hand will sometimes find, to his disgust, that his model is smothered under a sea of transparent cement, which eats up the plastic with astonishing speed. You have to buy another model because your first "model" has become a mangled mass of corroded plastic.

You have discovered that you need a steady hand, and are all set to go. Now you discover the need for interest. Some of you may suddenly ask yourselves why you should bother to get your fingers stuck together just so that you can have a model aeroplane to stand on the mantelpiece? If you think on these lines, you had better give up making models, and go and play football. A lack of interest will make your work sloppy, and the aeroplane will probably fall off the mantelpiece anyway. You must prove to yourselves that you want to make models; for then, and only then, can you rest assured that you will have many well-constructed models on the mantelpiece for your mother to knock off when she is dusting.

Now you are ready to make your model. You

stick the first two parts together. Suddenly you discover that you have stuck the top half of the right wing to the bottom half of the left wing. At this point, the most important quality, patience, comes to the fore. Those of you with little or no patience will become hysterical and break the aeroplane to bits by jumping on it several times. Then, feeling utterly downhearted, you will flop into the armchair, and find that you cannot get up again, for you have sat on the tube of plastic cement. Those with a little more patience will take this mistake as a joke and laugh gaily, but artificially, as they pull the two sections apart, and construct the wings in the proper way.

I have yet to meet someone who possesses the patience, the interest in what he is doing, and a steady hand, all combined. I myself possess none of these qualities, and I strongly advise everyone to take up, instead of the making of models, the breaking of models. This is a much more enjoyable pastime.

J.W.H., Form IV.

### 3A HAS MORE GLIMPSES OF THE FUTURE—I

#### Diary of Events Christmas Term, 19—

##### SEPTEMBER

- 13—Black Friday. School re-assembles.
- 14—New boys arrive.
- 15—Special film for new boys: "Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde."
- 16—Pipe Band leave for engagement in Dublin.
- 21—Educational visit: Ibrox Park.
- 22—Film: "The Murder of Old Nick."
- 25—P.T. Display by W.R.I. members.
- 26—Pipe Band return from Dublin.
- 27—Go-karting on square. House contest.
- 28—Midland Marbles Championship.
- 29—Pipe Band leave for Torquay. Film: "To Hell and Back."
- 30—End of month. Day off.

##### OCTOBER

- 1—Headmaster opens official conker season.
- 2—Visit of the Beatles.
- 5—Rugby 1st XV v. All-Blacks (H). 3rd XV v. Fettes 1st XV (A).
- 6—Film: "The Bloody Assizes."
- 9—Go-kart scramble. Cross-country course.
- 10—Pipe Band return from Torquay.
- 12—Anniversary of boys' rebellion. Parade and banquet.
- 13—Double-feature film programme: "Doctor No." and "From Russia with Love."
- 14—Half-term holiday begins.
- 28—School re-assembles.
- 30—Miss Q.V.S. Contest. Staff daughters compete before school in Play Hall.
- 31—End of month. Day off.



## NOVEMBER

- 1—Visit of Gerry and the Pacemakers.
- 2—Educational visit, Form IIIA : Beacon School for Girls. Murder-ball. Q.V.S. v. Dollar Academy.
- 3—Film : "Facing the Firing Squad."
- 5—Day off. Special feast. Masters burned in effigy.
- 6—Pipe Band leave under sealed orders.
- 7-9—Flying lessons. Forms IIIA and IV.
- 10—No film. Illustrated lecture on "The horrors of the Concentration Camps."
- 11—Educational visit, Wavell House : Cadbury's chocolate factory.
- 12—Annual visit of the ghost of the back stairs : Cunningham House 1.30 a.m., Haig 2 a.m., Trenchard 2.30 a.m.
- 13—Day in bed, to avoid bad luck.
- 14—S.C.E. Trial examinations. Domestic Science. School examinations.
- 15—Day off to recover from examinations.
- 16—Pipe Band return. Educational visit : Tyne-castle.
- 17—Film : "Frankenstein."
- 18—Collection of donations for masters' income tax payments.
- 19—Visit of Inland Revenue Inspector.
- 21—Pet Show.
- 23—Official opening of school greyhound stadium.
- 24—No film. All-comers' beauty and talent competition in Play Hall.
- 25—Judo and all-in wrestling, individual and inter-house.
- 26—Special feast. Celebration of Headmaster's 90th birthday.
- 27—Christmas dinner—Part I.
- 28—Christmas Dinner—Part II and distribution of gifts.
- 29—Term ends. (Re-assemble on January 24th, in time for Burns Supper.)

## MORE GLIMPSES OF THE FUTURE—2

## From the Headmaster's Report.

The Headmaster said that there had again been a school year of progress and new developments. The introduction of bingo as an official school hobby had been a great success. Besides being widely popular, this hobby had served a great educational purpose in accustoming junior boys to the rapid recognition of numbers, and, no doubt, would in time show its effect in the results of the "control" examination. At a higher mathematical level, the football pool group was beginning to pay its way as its members developed their skill in the manipulation of permutations and the evaluation of statistics. Another successful innovation had been the introduction of trading stamps in the school tuckshop. Turn-over and profits had increased amazingly, and it had been possible to make a grant from the tuckshop fund to the school hospital, enabling the hospital to be equipped with stomach-pumps.

An engagement had been accepted for the school pipe band to tour the southern counties of England for three months in the following summer. There had been some concern about the possible effect of this engagement on the school curriculum. However, arrangements had been made for the band to be flown back to Dunblane every other week-end for the march-past, so that there would be no serious interruption of the school routine. About the same time, a team from Wavell House would be competing in the day-and-night marathon dancing contest at the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool. A slight difficulty, said the Headmaster, had been the overlapping of these engagements with certain national and County examinations. Representations had been made to the Scottish Education Department and to the County's Director of Education, and no doubt these authorities would be willing to revise the examination dates so as to avoid a clash.

Turning to examinations, the Headmaster said he welcomed the introduction of the new S.C.L. (Scottish Certificate of Literacy). For some years it had been felt that the existing examinations imposed an undue burden and strain on the pupils presented for them. Young people had many outside interests nowadays, and could not be expected to slave in classrooms all the time. It was something for a boy to learn to sign his name while he was at school, and he was glad that boys who had acquired this skill were now to have their success recorded on a suitable certificate.

In any school there must always be certain problems of organisation and discipline. For some terms unpunctuality at breakfast-time had been a problem. He was glad to report that the situation was now under control. Breakfast was being served to the boys in bed, and since the introduction of this scheme there had been no serious unpunctuality. He would admit, however, that there was now a certain difficulty in getting boys into chapel in time, and there was even a tendency for some boys to miss the first one or two lesson-periods. Various measures were being considered. One possible solution would be the introduction of closed-circuit television in the dormitories so that all morning lessons could be taken in bed. They would then have to study the question of punctuality at dinner.

Satisfactory progress was being made with the new building projects. Nearing completion were the new married quarters for prefects, which, he hoped, would put an end to the unsatisfactory system of bringing up families in bunks. The fittings were already being installed in the Fourth Year smoke-room and bar, where Duty Masters Nos. 3 and 4 would be responsible for the service. These and other improvements had cost a great deal of money, and he hoped they would all appreciate the generosity of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, which provided the funds. In conclusion, the Headmaster called on Mr Kenyatta to present the prizes.

### OUR VISITORS

(We do not associate ourselves with the disrespectful view of our young contributor, especially as we feel this is how he sees members of staff too.)

Most distinguished visitors fall into two categories. There are beefy visitors and bony visitors.

By far the most common type is the beefy visitor. His limbs try to burst out at the seams of his clothes. Underneath his chest he has a comfortable paunch which completely obstructs his view of his shoes. A great bulb of a nose commands his face, which is flanked by heavy jowls, giving him a dog-like appearance. Sagging over his tie is what was once a respectable chin. Now, through senility and good living, it has grown into a mass of blubber. In short beefy visitors are of ample proportions.

Then there is the bony visitor, who is a living skeleton with one foot in the grave. Everything about him seems to be withered and wrinkled, like a dead leaf. His body is wizened and shrunken, and his hands are masses of jutting bones and sinews. The main feature of this visitor's face is his mouth, for it protrudes like a duck's beak. His chin and nose are sharp, and his eyes beady and piercing. There is not enough of this visitor, unlike his beefy counterpart of whom there is too much.

The visit is an occasion for the School. The kilt is donned, whether to make us look smart or to deceive the visitor into thinking that it is the normal dress has never been discovered by the boys. Classes are warned, with threats, to stand up smartly on the entrance of the visitors. While he asks questions or talks to the class, the master in charge stands behind him, smirking or frowning, whether at the simplicity of the boys or at that of the visitor is not clear. When the visitor leaves the school, we at once change from drafty kilt to snug trousers.

There is a third category of visitors. They are strikingly handsome and well-proportioned. All our visitors of this term belong to the third class.

K.S.S.

### ISLANDS IN FICTION

Islands in fiction are of two kinds: those in cartoons, and those in novels. Each has its own characteristics.

Islands in cartoons are tiny and circular, and have a single palm tree growing in the middle. They are occupied by a man in ragged trousers, sometimes accompanied by a beautiful young woman with scanty clothing. By now, the public will laugh as soon as they see this kind of island. The reason is that for years they have learned that cartoons involving islands are funny; their laughter is therefore automatic.

In novels, the characteristics are different. There

are animals in plenty, food is in never-ending supply, and there is enchanting jungle to be explored. The island is never inhabited. There is no hope whatever of a ship's passing near it. On his travels round it, the hero comes across an old man who has been marooned for many years. This old man tells him of all the wonders of the island, and promptly dies. The hero then begins to feel lonely. After burying the old man (where he found the spade is unimportant), he moves to the other side of the island, intending to settle for life. He falls into despair, and is about to shoot himself (he only had a knife when he swam to the island), when he sees a ship through his field glasses. Feeling on top of the world, he rushes to the home-made jetty, where he has tied up his home-made canoe. After a last look at the island, he paddles to the ship and returns to safety and civilisation, taking the treasure with him.

J.W.H.

### LITTER

Paper arrows on the square,  
Toffee paper on the stair  
Keep the school from looking bare.  
If you have a bit to spare,  
Don't just throw it anywhere.  
Choose a spot with proper care;  
Find one empty; throw it there.  
Throw some round about the bin.  
If, by error, it goes in,  
Don't be lazy; take it out.  
Tear it; scatter it about.  
Orange peel and apple cores  
Look their best on polished floors.  
Comics, letters, broken laces  
Help to fill up vacant spaces.  
Boys of Queen Victoria School,  
Try to keep your pockets full.  
You must have your own supplies,  
Ready for emergencies,  
Of paper, cardboard, string, elastic,  
Bits of metal, bits of plastic.,  
Tickets, biscuits, bits of comb,  
And unposted letters home.  
Do not leave yourself without.  
Always carry them about.

P.S.

Do not throw down heavy junk,  
Put it in the nearest bunk.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL

Two years ago, with the change to Saturday afternoon instead of morning games made necessary by the introduction of Saturday lessons, our fixture list was much reduced. Now it is recovering, and we have a reasonable number of matches for the 1st, 3rd,

and 4th XVs. The others we hope to build up each year.

### 1st XV

The 1st XV has had a great run. With only the Scotus fixture remaining this term, we have won every match except the drawn one with Glenalmond 3rd XV. The margins of victory have not been tremendous, but a pleasing feature is that more than once our team has fought back after being down.

#### 1st XV RECORD TO DATE—

- v. Dollar Academy 2nd—won 14-0
- v. Morrison's Academy 2nd—Won 9-8
- v. Glenalmond 3rd—drawn 8-8
- v. Old Boys' XV—won 14-3
- v. Grangemouth 1st—won 15-3
- v. Strathallan 3rd—won 14-5
- v. Alloa Academy 1st—won 16-9

*Team*—M. J. Armstrong (Captain) ; A. W. Stace, J. Allan, D. C. K. Robertson, W. Stewart ; K. Murray, D. A. Maxwell ; K. Douglas (forward leader), A. C. Kay, M. J. Owens, H. Paterson, D. J. Watson, D. Keltie, E. D. Gillespie, D. V. Scott.

Others who have played for the 1st XV during the term are H. R. Bowes and N. S. Donaldson. Bowes was a regular 1st XV player last season, but this year has been injured and off games for almost the entire term.

### 2nd and 3rd XVs

The 2nd XV has done quite well in its limited fixtures. Their team list will appear in the next "Victorian." 3rd XV results have been disappointing, for the team's performances have been promising. Three games have been lost by the odd score. The main weakness has been at centre three-quarter, where none of several permutations has been very successful. The forwards have done well recently, especially Broughton and Smith. They lack a vociferous and experienced leader. Those who have played for the 3rd (3rd Year) XV are as follows—J. Tait, A. Aitkenhead, C. McLaughlin, R. Newman (captain), P. Gilder, A. Morrice, S. Robertson, C. Stevenson, M. Wills, M. Forsyth, J. Watters, J. Welsh, R. Irvine, I. Smith, B. McLaughlin, D. Clark, A. Broughton.

### 4th XV

Of the only four matches played so far by the 4th (2nd Year) XV, two have been away fixtures with a very strong Morrison's Academy side. Our boys did very well to hold them to 0-6 in the second game. The trouble has been to find any scoring backs. Those who are any good are too small. Among the forwards selection has been the difficulty. There are so many active competitors for the team places, and we have kept shuffling players in the effort to find possible three-quarters. Those who have played (and we hope we have remembered them all) : *Backs*—D. Isitt, A. Coid, E. Bonar, J. Wood, G. Cunningham, T. Bonar, C. Robertson, G. Slater, G. McManus, J. Dempsey (captain). *Forwards*—R. McDougall

(leader), D. Jagger, R. Hewitt, D. Fingland, J. Campbell, K. Boyne, V. Smith, P. Craggs, J. Corrigan, C. Lannen, R. McKenzie, D. Stainthorpe, D. McInnes. There was also a single match for a so-called 5th XV. This consisted of a second XV of 2nd year boys.

### 6th XV

Messrs. Finlay, Reid and Robertson were depressed for the first six weeks of the season. The beginners were very slow to respond to coaching. They learned the skills quickly, but did not use them in practice. Then about half-term something happened, and the 1st Year have developed into a group as good as any of their predecessors. Their only game, against Grangemouth, was won 3-0.

*Team*—G. Neill ; G. Anderson, D. McIver, I. Sneddon, W. Nelson ; A. Greig, S. Grant ; R. Gill, G. Hill, B. Nicol, A. McKenzie, G. Johnstone, K. Robinson (captain), A. MacLean, D. Langlands.

#### Team Records

|        |   |   |   |   |    | Points |  |
|--------|---|---|---|---|----|--------|--|
|        | P | W | L | D | F  | A      |  |
| 1st XV | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 90 | 36     |  |
| 2nd XV | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 31 | 22     |  |
| 3rd XV | 5 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 29 | 65     |  |
| 4th XV | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 26     |  |
| 5th XV | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3  | 16     |  |
| 6th XV | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3  | 0      |  |

### Rugby Match v. Old Boys' XV

The annual Rugby fixture with the Old Boys was played on 19th October, in the vilest conditions we have yet had for this match. The Old Boys were strongly represented, with three members of last year's School XV among them. Straight away the School team snatched a lead with a try by Allan. For a long time after that the Old Boys looked the better side. But it was near half-time before one of their numerous three-quarter movements ended in a try by Bird. It was 3-3 at half-time. Again in the second half, the Old Boys lost their chances when handling movements with the muddy ball broke down. The School side showed more dash, and as the Old Boys began to flag, there came tries by Maxwell and Murray and a conversion and penalty goal by Paterson to make it 14-3. Injuries among the Old Boys' side and protracted recoveries stretched out the second half and made the spectators more conscious of the wind and rain. There was no more scoring.

#### School 14 ; Old Boys' XV 3

#### Teams

*OLD BOYS*—G. Thomson ; R. Bird, R. Anderson, G. Matthews (captain), A. McGill ; R. N. Roy, P. Finlay ; J. Ross, J. Kay, R. Chessar, R. Watson, J. Watters, J. Fairbairn, S. J. Donaldson, C. Heron.

*SCHOOL*—M. Armstrong (captain) ; A. Stace, J. Allan, D. Robertson, W. Stewart ; K. Murray, D.

Maxwell ; K. Douglas, A. Kay, M. Owens, D. Watson, H. Paterson, E. Gillespie, D. Keltie, D. Scott.

#### House Matches

A timely break in the weather allowed the Rugby House Matches to be played in December. This was long foreseen as the year for Haig to dominate the House competitions with their wealth of games talent. But in House matches some boys who have not been prominent before suddenly produce a new spirit and determination. So we had hard-fought matches again. The Cunningham first team, who had little chance on form, did some great spoiling against a clearly stronger side, and had their spell of glory when M. Owens converted from the touchline to make them lead Haig by 5 points to 3. It was some time before the big Haig forwards and fast-running backs got their side on top. In junior matches there were the usual reversals of form. Having drawn with Haig, the Cunningham juniors went on to beat Trenchard, who then proceeded to beat Haig.

The results were :—

#### Senior Matches (3rd Year Secondary and upwards)—

Trenchard 6 v. Cunningham 0  
Haig 16 v. Trenchard 3  
Haig 12 v. Cunningham 5

#### Junior Matches (1st and 2nd Years Secondary)—

Cunningham 6 v. Haig 6  
Cunningham 9 v. Trenchard 3  
Trenchard 6 v. Haig 0

House Championship Points—1 Haig, 7 points ; 2 Trenchard, 6 points ; 3 Cunningham, 5 points.

#### SWIMMING

For the first time in memory we have to report no life-saving awards gained in the past year. This is because of the extraordinarily long delay in the renovation of the school bath. We are happy to report that it is now open, and the life-saving classes are working hard on Monday evenings for the Scholar-Instructor's and the Intermediate Certificates. On Tuesday evenings candidates meet to train for the higher awards : the Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Award of Merit, and Instructor's Certificate.

The swimming sports have been postponed till next term, to allow boys more time to practise, after a year without facilities. On Wednesday evenings there is a class for speed-swimming on all strokes, and by this means we hope to improve the standard of swimming in the school.

Another result of the lack of a swimming-bath is that we have a back-log of boys unable to swim. They will be attended to early next term. Our aim is to be able to report once more that every boy in the school can swim.

G.R.

#### PRIMARY SOCCER

The first leg of the West Perthshire Primary League was completed this term and it finds the School eleven in the same position as last year—second in the table, two points behind Doune.

The School eleven lost 4-2 to Doune in the first match of the season and it was unfortunate that this key match had to be played before the team had had a chance to settle down. They followed this defeat with a series of very emphatic wins against the A and B teams of both Callander and St. Ninians.

In the last match of the first leg, against Dunblane, they were surprisingly held to a goal-less draw. A spirited performance by the Dunblane boys, who thoroughly deserved a point from this match, unsettled the School eleven and their play deteriorated into a series of desperate solo efforts by the forwards. Never once did they combine as a team.

#### Results—

|          |    |               |   |
|----------|----|---------------|---|
| Doune    | 4  | Q.V.S.        | 2 |
| Q.V.S.   | 15 | Callander B   | 0 |
| Q.V.S.   | 9  | Callander A   | 0 |
| Q.V.S.   | 10 | St. Ninians A | 0 |
| Q.V.S.   | 5  | St. Ninians B | 1 |
| Dunblane | 0  | Q.V.S.        | 0 |

V.H.LeM.

#### BOXING

#### Results of the Individual and Inter-House Competition 10th December, 1963

| Class                                           | Winner | Runner-up         |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| 1st year—                                       |        |                   |
| 78- 82 lb. A. Greig (C)                         |        | G. Hill (C)       |
| 84- 89 lb. I. Sneddon (T)                       |        | W. Nelson (T)     |
| 90- 95 lb. R. Gault (T)                         |        | S. Grant (T)      |
| 101-105 lb. D. Dodds (H)                        |        | W. McKerron (H)   |
| 109-115 lb. R. Gill (C)                         |        | J. MacDonald (C)  |
| 2nd year—                                       |        |                   |
| 72- 84 lb. R. Hewitt (T)                        |        | C. Heron (C)      |
| 87- 94 lb. D. Jagger (C)                        |        | C. Robertson (H)  |
| 101-105 lb. R. McKenzie (C)                     |        | J. Wood (H)       |
| 107-114 lb. D. McInnes (H)                      |        | K. Boyne (H)      |
| 121-130 lb. C. Lannen (H)                       |        | G. Cunningham (C) |
| 3rd year—                                       |        |                   |
| 92- 94 lb. A. Aitkenhead (H)                    |        | J. Brough (C)     |
| 99-101 lb. C. Stevenson (T)                     |        | M. Wills (C)      |
| 109-115 lb. B. McLaughlin (C)                   |        | J. Oliver (H)     |
| 3rd and 4th years—                              |        |                   |
| 119-121 lb. J. Watters (T)                      |        | C. McLaughlin (C) |
| 128-135 lb. D. Cormack (C)                      |        |                   |
| 3rd, 4th and 5th years—                         |        |                   |
| 140-148 lb. A. Broughton (H)                    |        |                   |
| 4th, 5th and 6th years—                         |        |                   |
| 153-158 lb. M. Armstrong (H)                    |        | D. Scott (H)      |
| Trophy for Best Stylist—D. Jagger (Cunningham). |        |                   |
| House Competition—1st Cunningham, 35 points ;   |        |                   |
| 2nd Haig, 33 points 3rd Trenchard 25 points.    |        |                   |