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EDITORIAL

This is a fairly thin number of the "Victorian." We hope those Old Boys who have sent in for copies of it will not feel that they have been conned out of their half-crowns. There are always routine reports of School activities put in for the record, and to give people the satisfaction of seeing their names in print ; and if you like you can pad these out with a great series of repetitive "Notes." But a chronicle of events, many of them the same year after year, does not deserve to be called a school magazine. There should be plenty of reading material contributed by the pupils : articles about school life, stories, bits of verse, letters to the editor. Here Queen Victoria School is miserably weak. Hardly a senior boy has made any effort to contribute. Some scraps have come in, mainly from junior boys. There are ideas here and there, but not the persistence to work something out properly and make a finished job of it.

The younger boys, and not many of these, try to write little poems or to make up stories. The poems often have the germ of an idea and could be made into something worth printing if they would do a bit more work at them. The stories are likely to be based on comic paper characters and situations, mainly on cops and robbers. Sometimes these could be printed as comedy pieces, but that would be too cruel to the earnest authors. For the "Victorian" they would be better to write about their own life and experiences from their own viewpoint, or to make up stories about the sort of people they know, mainly boys and girls.

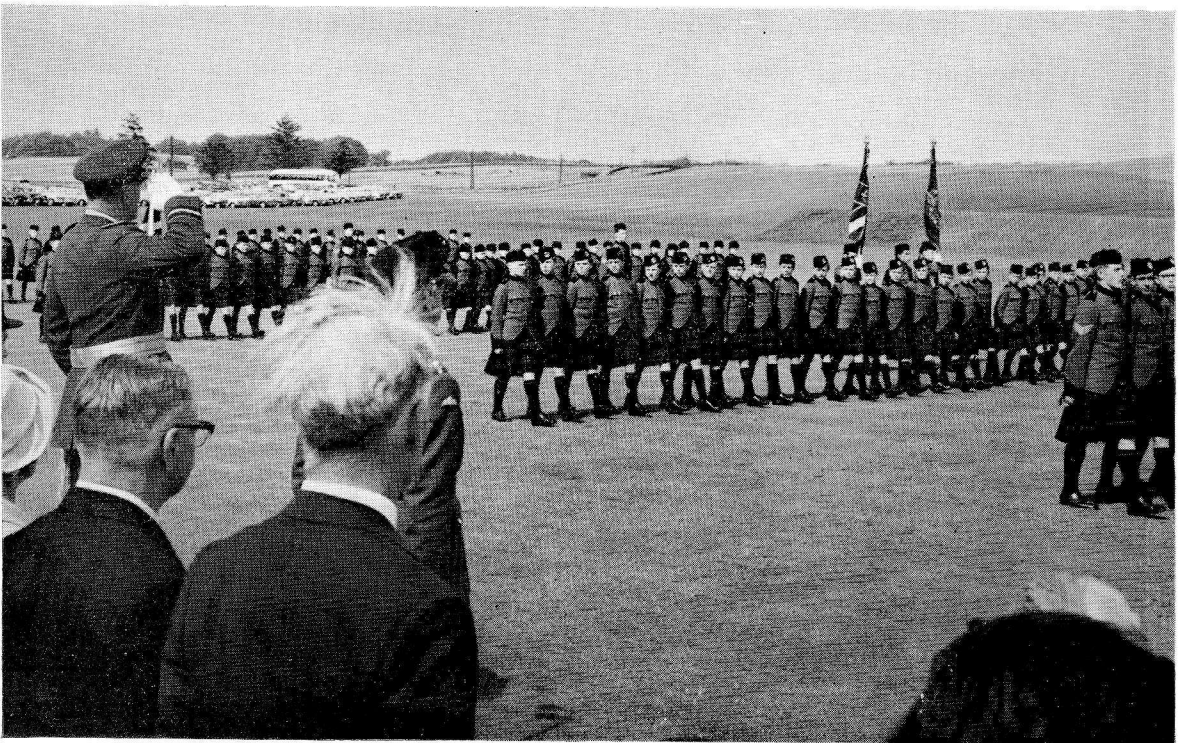
Some of the present senior boys turned in sparkling contributions a year or two ago, but now seem to have dried up. There is a heap of material in present school life, especially in a period of changes and new developments, on which senior boys should be expressing their views and of which the record as

they see it would be much more interesting than the official statement of what has happened. Holiday life should offer plenty more. Here we have a school from which the boys disperse on holiday to stations all over the world. Journeys by air and sea, life in foreign countries, unusual holiday activities, plenty to describe for the "Victorian," and to record for yourself before you forget what it felt like.

For the summer "Victorian" we hope it will be possible to get an active committee of boys who will do the main work of the magazine themselves and get many more contributions out of the others. By that time there will be some who can no longer offer the stock defence that they are busy preparing for examinations. This is in danger of becoming a standard get-out. It applies to any service you do not want to give in your free time, but not, of course, to anything you want to do like listening to records or watching a television programme, or playing a game of football, or chatting in bunks. These are the necessary relaxations to fit you for the tremendous amount of extra work you are going to do sometime. A few seniors know they are exempt from this criticism and will not take it to themselves. Not all.

In the box-file holding the efforts of aspiring contributors there are a number of scraps of paper of various shapes and sizes with poems, etc., mainly written out in a very rough-and-ready fashion. Among these rejects there are some that might well have been worked out into acceptable contributions. We thank any disappointed contributors for at least making an effort. Will they please remember that their contributions should be written neatly on one side of a proper sheet or sheets of paper. They can always get foolscap for the asking. They should keep on trying. If they have something in rough and are doubtful if it is worth going on with, they can

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always ask for advice. Being "good at English" in the class-work sense is by no means a necessary qualification for getting a contribution into the "Victorian." If the happy situation ever arises when we have so many contributions deserving to be

printed that the magazine would be too big and cost more to print than we can afford, the first solution will not be to cut out some of the boys' contributions but to condense severely the reports of things that happen every year.

A Merry Christmas

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL R. F. NASON

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. Nason, late the Seaforth Highlanders, who was Commandant of Queen Victoria School from January, 1950 to December, 1956. Colonel Nason had suffered a long and trying illness, borne with characteristic courage. Like his successor, Brigadier Finlaison, he was in charge of the School during a period of change, at that time mainly in staffing and organisation, and in this period he was particularly concerned to preserve our military traditions. His name will always be associated with the work that he did to beautify the School chapel, especially with the stained-glass window in the Memorial Chapel, unveiled in 1954. It was also his idea to plant the memorial trees at the time of the coronation. Since leaving his post here, Colonel Nason had been poultry-farming at Trean. At the funeral service in Callander tribute was paid to his deep and active interest in the church. Belatedly we would express the sympathy of all here to Mrs Nason, always a popular figure with staff and boys, and to his sons.

Mr W. MORTON

At the end of October the sad news reached us of the death in London of Mr W. Morton. Mr Morton, who served in the Black Watch from 1918 to 1937, reaching the rank of C.Q.M.S., came to Queen Victoria School as a clerical officer in 1946 and worked here till his retirement from the civil service in 1959. His three sons, all Victorians, went each to one of the three services: Navy, Army, and R.A.F. This was a family record of which he was justly proud. All who knew him here offer sympathy to his wife and family.

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Wednesday, 15th July was Grand Day. The public proceedings began as usual with the distribution of prizes in the Play Hall. Speakers on these occasions cannot offer the standard consolatory remarks to boys who have not won prizes, for once parents and visitors are in, and boys who have prizes and certificates to get, the Play Hall will not hold any more. So it is a limited audience that gets the benefit of advice from the platform.

Before making his report on the school year, the Headmaster welcomed General Sir George Gordon Lennox, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Scottish Command and Vice-President of Her Majesty's Commissioners, also General Graham, a valued new Commissioner, and our new Commandant Brigadier Hope Thomson at his first Grand Day. The Headmaster said that the last time he made a speech was on Old Boys' Day. Then he had five things he wanted to say. Five people spoke before him, and each in turn dealt at length with one of his five topics. He was glad no-one could do that to him this time. Education was a fascinating subject not only to schoolmasters but also to journalists. Almost every day his hearers would be reading something about educational theory and about all the different kinds of schools: primary, prep., public, private, grammar, modern, senior, junior, bilateral, comprehensive. They must sometimes wonder what these all are, and what sort of school ours is. He could say with pride that it was just a school. Our schools, whatever their names, were trying to do two things. First there were traditional virtues which they all, boarding-schools in particular, tried to help parents to give their boys: decency, kindness, courage, and independence. Independence was taught by putting a boy into a boarding-school where his life was regulated from morning to night. Why that should make him independent was hard to understand, but it generally worked. Decency, kindness, and courage had to come a little from precept, and largely from example. He had emphasised the fact that we in boarding-schools were trying to help parents. We could, and should, be only helpers, and if we were to help, we had to count all the time on active support from parents. The second task was to teach. In both the normal and the academic sphere, Q.V.S. had

something special to offer. It could provide a stables background and a continuous education for boys whose fathers were still serving and who would otherwise have to move frequently from school to school. In the previous year he had said a good deal about new and renovated buildings. We still liked these—all except the boys on whose heads part of the dining-hall ceiling had fallen the week before. The Headmaster then went on to report the school's academic results and other activities, which have been recorded in the "Victorian." He mentioned that soon the school leaving-age would be going up to sixteen, a welcome development. The extra year for junior secondary boys would call for a new and less academic syllabus to which thought had to be given. A happy fact was that this year he did not have to say goodbye to any of the staff, only to welcome new arrivals. He thanked the staff for their devoted work throughout the year. In conclusion, the Headmaster welcomed the Lord Justice Clerk, the Right Hon. Lord Grant, P.C. It was, he said, a delicate task to introduce a judge. He felt that he had only to overstep the mark with some little joke, and two tipstiffs would appear to lead him away. So he would only say that Lord Grant already did a good deal for the School as a Commissioner, and they were all grateful to him for undertaking the additional task of presenting the prizes.

Lord Grant's speech, as could be expected, was full of wit and wisdom. The audience liked his story about the schoolboy who consulted a master about his choice of career. The boy had passed only two O levels, Scripture and Woodwork. After some thought, the master hit on the career best suited to these qualifications. He recommended the boy to become an undertaker. The choice of career, said Lord Grant, was one of two important such decisions in a man's life, the other being his choice of a wife. Modern divorce laws perhaps made it easier to change a wife than to change a career—not that he was recommending divorce. He specially warned boys against dead-end jobs. Early money was a temptation, and they must look well to the future, even if they had to work for little money in the early stages. In his own profession there was a long period before earning, but he had not heard of a lawyer needing public assistance or unemployment benefit. Education, as the Headmaster had said, was a fascinating subject. He recalled the definition given by an Oxford professor that education is what is left when you have forgotten everything you ever learned. It meant acquiring, not facts, but qualities of mind and the virtues of initiative, self-discipline, and leadership. No-one could be a leader without first disciplining himself. Thinking for oneself was a product of good education, for example learning not just to accept newspaper accounts, which often gave totally different versions of the same event. People should not be uncritical. It was important to ask why, to think things out for oneself, and have the courage to stick to one's own view. Lord Moran had said when speaking of medical science that probably

about fifty per cent of what we thought we knew was not true at all. However, Lord Grant assured the boys, he was not suggesting that pupils should query everything that masters told them. He ended his speech with good wishes to the leaving boys and to the School and staff.

At the parade which followed, the Inspecting Officer was Air Vice-Marshal K. V. Garside, Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland. In his address after the march past he said it had been an honour to take the parade and a pleasure to take it in such conditions. In a year he took many inspections of all the services, men and cadets. In turn-out, bearing, and drill he would put Queen Victoria School near the top of the list. The school had close Army affiliations and Army traditions. However, there were about 40 sons of R.A.F. men in the school, and the number would be increasing the next year. He was grateful to Her Majesty's Commissioners for giving the benefits of the School to the R.A.F., and he was pleased that an organisation connected with the R.A.F., the Lady MacRobert Trust, was contributing a new library to the school. Queen Victoria School boys enjoyed three great advantages. They avoided change of school. They had a boarding-school education. This was a controversial matter, but he had no doubt that boarding-school education was best. Also they had Army instructors, and the training of young people growing up was a job the Army did superbly well. His advice to the boys was to have a sense of purpose, to make up their minds and stick to their aims. In this way they could develop their talents to the fullest capacity and not waste the education they were receiving at Queen Victoria School. Air Vice-Marshal Garside thanked the staff of the school from the Commandant downwards for their good work, and expressed his best wishes to all present.

After Mrs. Garside had presented awards and trophies, there followed the usual displays. Grand Day does not vary much, but there seemed to be a feeling about that this had been a particularly good one. We could not say why, unless it was just that the weather went back to its old Grand Day form and gave us no doubt and anxiety.

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL, PRIZE LIST, 1964

Prizes Presented at Grand Day Rehearsal on Monday,
13th July, 1964

PIPING (Boyd Prizes)—

Class A Slow March—D. C. K. Robertson.
Open Strathspey and Reel—I. Fraser.
Class A March, Class B March and Slow March,
Class B Best Piper, Class C Chanter—A. J. M.
Hill.
Scots Guards Chanter for Best Progress—A. N.
MacDonald.

DRUMS AND BUGLES—

Senior Bugling—A. I. MacLean.
 Senior Drumming—J. Dempsey.
 Tenor Drumming—A. W. Stace.
 Best Junior Drummer—W. Dempsey.
 Best Junior Bugler—A. M. Cassells.
 Best Junior Drummer and Bugler (Glasgow Old Victorians' Trophy)—J. R. Hossack.

HIGHLAND DANCING—

Class A Sword Dance and Class A Highland Fling—J. Murray.
 Class B Sword Dance—R. Grant.
 Class B Highland Fling—A. S. Grey.
 Best Junior Dancer—B. Webb.
 Junior Dancing, Best Progress—R. R. Stevenson.
 House Dancing Shield and Shaw Stewart Medals for Winning Team—Cunningham House (J. Murray, J. S. Grigor, G. B. Johnstone, J. Lee).
 MacRae Quaich for Tidiest Dormitory in Wavell House—Lynedoch.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS—

Silver Series—P. C. Kay, W. P. L. Stewart, D. C. K. Robertson, E. D. Gillespie.
 Bronze Series—R. H. Newman, C. McLaughlin, N. R. Clark, D. V. Scott, A. W. Stace.

Prizes presented by The Rt. Hon. Lord Grant, P.C., at the prize giving ceremony in the School Play Hall.

PRIMARY SCHOOL—

P.6A—1 B. Murton, 2 J. Murdoch.
 (Progress prizes—J. Shannon, and R. Watt)
 P.6B—1 S. Grant, 2 N. Houston.
 P.7A—1 D. Wrenn, 2 A. Grey.
 P.7B—1 G. Aitkenhead, 2 N. Byres.
 Art Prize—M. Wood.

SECONDARY SCHOOL—

IA—1 R. McKerron, 2 K. Robinson, 3 M. McNaughton.
 IB—1 D. W. Parker, 2 G. Hill.
 IIA—1 J. Wood, 2 G. McManus.
 IIB—1 A. Coid, 2 R. Jeffrey.
 IIIA—1 (Equal) D. Jagger and A. Morrice, 3 R. Newman.
 IIIB—1 B. McLaughlin, 2 J. Murray.
 IVA—1 A. Warwood, 2 J. Allan, 3 N. Donaldson.
 IVB—1 W. Stewart.
 Art Prizes—Intermediate—M. Hewgill ; Senior—D. Watson.
 Technical Subjects—J. Allan.
 Senior Woodwork—W. Stewart.
 Junior Woodwork—J. Murray.
 Metalwork—A. Aitkenhead.
 Addison Smith Prizes for Public Speaking—1 A. Kay, 2 D. Watson, 3 M. Owens.
 Cranston Memorial Essay Prize—D. Marshall.
 Eric Drew Memorial French Prizes—Senior—R. Smith ; Junior—R. McKerron.

Prize for Chapel Reading—A. R. Faulds.
 Forms V and VI Dux of the School—R. I. Smith.
 Proxime accessit—K. M. Douglas.
 Junior Secondary Certificates—A. Aitkenhead, G. Cassells, D. Clark, S. Cobb, J. Dunlop, M. Forsyth, B. McLaughlin, J. Murray, D. Nealon, R. Ramage, J. Tait, J. Watters, M. Wills, D. Kilgour (already left).

Prizes presented at the Grand Day Parade by Mrs Garside, wife of the Inspecting Officer.

Prince Philip Medal (best boy of 15 years old)—R. H. Newman.
 Best Piper—A. J. M. Hill.
 Best Drummer and Bugler—I. M. Smith.
 Best Bugler (Silver Bugle)—A. I. MacLean.
 Best Drummer (London Old Victorians' Trophy)—J. Dempsey.
 Best Highland Dancer—J. Murray.
 Best Shot and British Legion Jubilee Prize for best lever joining services—K. M. Douglas.
 Wavell Memorial Cup (for best boy in outdoor pursuits)—W. P. L. Stewart.
 First Hundred Trophy (for best A.C.F. Section)—Haig House.
 Sir Charles Grant Cup (Champion Dormitory in Wavell House)—Abercromby Dormitory.
 House Championship Shield—Haig House.

SCOTTISH CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1964

We show below the passes gained by boys of the School in the 1964 examinations. The subjects shown first, not in brackets, indicate passes gained this year. Afterwards in brackets are shown passes from previous examinations, so as to give a complete picture of the group obtained by each boy. Where a boy has passed a subject at the Higher Grade, it can be assumed that he has earlier passed it at Ordinary Grade too. Ordinary Grades are not shown when the boy has passed Higher in the subjects concerned.

Forms V-VI.

M. J. ARMSTRONG—Higher English, Maths. (Ordinary Arithmetic, Modern Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Tech. Drawing, Mechanics, Woodwork.)

H. R. BOWES—Higher English, Maths, Tech. Subjects. (Ordinary Arithmetic, History, Modern Studies, Physics, Chemistry.)

D. T. W. COULTER—Higher Maths ; Ordinary English, French. (Ordinary Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry, Tech. Drawing, Mechanics.)

K. M. DOUGLAS—Higher English, Physics. (Higher Maths, Science, Tech. Subjects ; Ordinary Arithmetic, Chemistry.)

A. R. FAULDS—Higher English. (Ordinary Arithmetic, Maths, French, History, Physics, Chemistry.)

A. C. KAY—Higher English, French, History, Maths, Science. (Ordinary Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry.)

P. C. KAY—Higher English ; Ordinary Arithmetic, Maths, Chemistry, French. (Ordinary History.)

D. T. KELTIE—Higher History, Maths, Science. (Higher English; Ordinary Arithmetic, French, Physics, Chemistry.)

D. A. MAXWELL—Higher English ; Ordinary French, Maths. (Ordinary Arithmetic, History.)

K. MURRAY—Higher English, History, Maths, Science. (Ordinary Arithmetic, French, Physics, Chemistry.)

M. J. H. OWENS—Higher English, French, History. (Ordinary Art.)

A. D. M. RICHARDSON—Higher English, French ; Ordinary Maths. (Ordinary Arithmetic, History, Physics, Chemistry.)

R. I. SMITH—Higher French, Physics. (Higher English, History, Maths, Science ; Ordinary Arithmetic, Chemistry.)

D. J. WATSON—(Higher English, Art ; Ordinary Arithmetic, French, History.)

Form IV. (All at Ordinary Grade.)

J. ALLAN—English, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Woodwork, Tech. Drawing, Mechanics.

J. M. BROUGH—English, History, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Woodwork, Tech. Drawing.

I. COCKBURN—Maths, Woodwork, Tech. Drawing.

N. S. DONALDSON—English, Arithmetic, French, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Woodwork, Tech. Drawing, Mechanics.

J. FLYNN—English, Maths.

E. D. GILLESPIE—English, History, Art.

J. W. HAY—English, History, French, Maths, Art.

N. McCONNELL—English, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Woodwork, Tech. Drawing.

D. I. MARSHALL—English, History, French.

*J. MORRICE—English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Woodwork, Tech. Drawing.

D. NIX—English.

D. C. K. ROBERTSON—English, History, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.

*D. V. SCOTT—English, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Woodwork, Tech. Drawing.

S. P. S. SCOTT—English, Arithmetic, Maths.

J. SHARP—English, History, Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry.

A. J. SINCLAIR—English, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Woodwork, Tech. Drawing.

K. S. SMITH—English, History, Arithmetic, Physics, Chemistry.

M. W. SMITH—English, History, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.

A. W. STACE—English, Arithmetic, Maths, Chemistry, (Physics, Tech. Drawing, Mechanics.)

*W. P. L. STEWART—Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Woodwork, Tech. Drawing.

A. I. WARWOOD—English, History, Arithmetic, Maths, French, Physics, Chemistry.

Some observations on these results. The three boys whose names are starred deserve a special mention because they came up the junior secondary side of the school. The number of subject passes gained at the Ordinary grade is not necessarily the best indication of potential in school-work. At this grade a boy may take a wide range of subjects, including three separate technical subjects for those who are on a technical course instead of say French or History. Though it is a great credit to a boy to have shown himself an all-rounder at this level and scored a large number of passes, there are still some with comparatively few Ordinary passes who will go on to a higher standard in a few subjects than may be reached by other boys with less special ability. However, it is silly to think of "dropping" subjects before O grade. Most authorities rightly require evidence of ability up to at least Ordinary grade in a range of subjects, for example English, some mathematical or scientific subject, and a foreign language. A group including varied subjects is quite good evidence that a boy is willing and able to work at the tasks set to him.

Mr C. J. N. WILLMAN

Mr Willman joined the staff at the beginning of October as a teacher of Latin. He was born in Manchester and received his primary education in England, but his family then moved to Scotland, and Mr Willman attended the High School of Stirling for seven years. From there he went on to St. Andrews University, where he spent, he says, four happy years. After graduating M.A. with honours in Classics, he worked for a year in the personnel department of the huge Singer sewing-machine factory in Clydebank. Then he went to the Aberdeen College of Education for the one-year course of training as a teacher, and from there to a post as teacher of Latin and English at St. Modan's High School, Stirling. His next move was to Queen Victoria School.

Mr Willman was married just after he left Aberdeen, and his wife and he are now "the proud, if rather weary, parents" of a three-and-a-half month old son, Peter John. His hobbies are mainly on the sporting side. He is extremely fond of tennis, badminton, and golf, all of which he intends to pursue keenly during what he hopes will be a long stay at Q.V.S. We welcome Mr Willman and his wife and son, and we also hope that their stay will be long and happy in what he calls "this delightful school." We hope too that he will find no reason to qualify his description.

SALVETE

We welcome the following boys as recruits to the School.

3086 Allan, George Alexander (Wavell)—Q.O.H.

3087 Binks, Martin Christopher (Wavell)—R.A.C.

- 3088 Brown, Colin William McIntosh (Cunningham)—Royal Scots.
 3089 Brown, Jonathan Graham (Wavell)—Royal Navy.
 3090 Buchanan, James (Wavell)—Royal Scots.
 3091 Campbell, John Russell (Haig)—Royal Air Force.
 3092 Carmichael, Alastair Tudor Wingate (Wavell)—Royal Air Force.
 3093 Cobb, Allan Eaton (Wavell)—R.E.
 3094 Common, William Allan (Wavell)—K.O.S.B.
 3095 Cooper, Peter Brian (Wavell)—Royal Navy.
 3096 Cowie, Richard David (Wavell)—Black Watch.
 3097 Coyle, Thomas Walker (Haig)—Royal Air Force.
 3098 Crawford, Ian Fergus (Wavell)—R.E.
 3099 Creighton, John Robert (Wavell)—R.M.P.
 3100 Crichton, William (Wavell)—Royal Air Force.
 3101 Cruickshank, Ian Davidson (Wavell)—R.E.M.E.
 3102 Fleming, James Middleton (Wavell)—K.O.S.B.
 3103 Freeman, Robert Campbell (Haig)—Royal Air Force.
 3104 Gilchrist, Peter John (Wavell)—A.P.T.C.
 3105 Goldie, Thomas Lydia Gibb (Wavell)—Royal Scots.
 3106 Hamilton, Barry Campbell (Wavell)—Scots Guards.
 3107 Kent, Gordon Edward Wilson (Wavell)—Gordon Highlanders.
 3108 Langlands, Scott (Wavell)—Scots Guards.
 3109 Langton, Colin Victor (Wavell)—Q.O.H.
 3110 McKay, Eric Sim (Wavell)—Gordon Highlanders.
 3111 MacKinnon, Neil Cameron (Wavell)—Royal Navy.
 3112 McLean, Stuart (Wavell)—Q.O.C.H.
 3113 McMillan, William James (Wavell)—R.H.F.
 3114 McNally, Gary MacGregor (Wavell)—K.O.S.B.
 3115 McNally, Glen Alistair (Wavell)—K.O.S.B.
 3116 MacVicar, Ross (Wavell)—Royal Marines.
 3117 Martin, Christopher (Wavell)—Q.O.H.
 3118 Murdoch, Robert Campbell (Wavell)—Royal Air Force.
 3119 Nicol, Trevor Bertram (Wavell)—Royal Navy.
 3120 Nicolson, Steven Andrew (Wavell)—Royal Signals.
 3121 Pocock, Alan John (Wavell)—Royal Signals.
 3122 Pocock, Derek James (Trenchard)—Royal Signals.
 3123 Powell, Stephen Michael (Trenchard)—Scots Guards.
 3124 Robertson, Allan (Trenchard)—R.A.O.C.
 3125 Robertson, James Swanson (Wavell)—R.E.
 3126 Robinson, Colin Graham (Wavell)—Cameronians.
 3127 Ross, Kenneth Trevor (Wavell)—Royal Air Force.
 3128 Sherwood, Peter Frank (Wavell)—Q.O.H.
 3129 Stevenson, Gordon Cunningham (Wavell)—R.E.
 3130 Strachan, Liam James Mark (Wavell)—Intelligence Corps.
 3131 Todd, David (Wavell)—Cameronians.
 3132 Weir, John (Cunningham)—Royal Air Force.
 3133 Weir, Ronald (Wavell)—Royal Air Force.
 3134 West, Daniel (Wavell)—Royal Air Force.
 3135 West, Ronald Anneas McKenzie (Cunningham)—Gordon Highlanders.
 3136 Willmott, Craig Anderson (Wavell)—R.M.P.
 3137 Wrenn, John Graham (Wavell)—A.P.T.C.
 3138 Young, Stuart Douglas (Wavell)—R.S.F.
 3139 McHardy, Christopher Stuart (Haig)—R.A.S.C.
 3140 Grey, Robert Ian (Wavell)—Royal Scots.

CORRIGENDA

In the summer "Victorian," through some error in assembling the Valette column between typescript and proof, the name of K. Murray was left out. We apologise for missing out the name of so prominent a member of the School. His notice appears below, and can now include the four Highers that he got in the 1964 S.C.E. examinations. To the July leavers we have also to add the name of D. Isitt. It was not known in July that he would be leaving school. Another correction: S. Leitch, who was included among the leavers, is back at school. This again was a change of plan that came too late for the Valette to be altered.

VALETE

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Form V.

K. MURRAY—R.S.F. and A.P.T.C. Joined September, 1956. Cunningham. Monitor. 1st XV 1961-62-63-64. Colours. Victor ludorum, 1964. Williamson (100 yds.) Cup, 1964. A.C.F. Sergeant. Certificate A Parts I and II. Piper in Band. Life-Saving: Bronze Medallion and Bar, Scholar-Instructor's Certificate. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver Series. S.C.E. Higher English, History, Maths, Science; Ordinary Arithmetic, French, Modern Studies, Physics, Chemistry. Candidate for Army commission. Home address: 74 Montgomery St., Edinburgh, 7.
Form IIB.

D. ISITT—Q.O.C.H. Joined September, 1959. Cunningham. A.C.F. Certificate A, Part I. Piper in Band. Gym team. Life-Saving, Bronze Cross. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze Series. Continuing education at home. Home address: c/o W.O.'s and Sgt.'s Mess, 1st Bn. Q.O.H., Mercer Barracks, Osnabruck, B.F.P.O. 36.

November, 1964

Form V.

A. R. FAULDS—R.A.O.C. Joined September, 1957. Cunningham. Prefect. A.C.F., C.Q.M.S., Certificate A, Parts I and II. Life-Saving : Award of Merit and Instructor's Certificate. Champion Swimmer, 1963-64. Swimming Colours. Colour Sergeant. S.C.E. Higher English, Ordinary Arithmetic, French, History, Maths, Physics, Chemistry. Career not yet finally decided. Home address : c/o Captain A. F. Faulds, R.A.O.C., 16 B.V.D., Advance Base (British Forces), B.F.P.O. 21.

J. W. HAY—R.A.F. Joined September, 1959. Haig. A.C.F. L/Cpl. Certificate A, Parts I and II. Life-Saving : Intermediate Certificate. S.C.E. Ordinary English, French, History, Maths. Continuing education at home. Home address : 2 Almond Court, Thistle Foundation, Edinburgh, 9. Form IIIB.

A. W. AITKENHEAD—R.A.S.C. Joined September, 1961. Haig. A.C.F., L/Cpl., Certificate A, Parts I and II. Life-Saving : Intermediate Certificate, A.S.A. Bronze Award, personal survival tests. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze Series. Junior Secondary Certificate. To Army Apprentice School, Carlisle. Home address : c/o W.O.1 R. Aitkenhead, H.Q., R.A.S.C., 5 S.R.D., Advanced Base, B.F.P.O. 21.

P. D. CRAGGS—Cameronians. Joined September, 1961. Trenchard. A.C.F., Certificate A, Parts I. Finishing education at home. Home address : 50 Rugby Road, Rainworth, Nr. Mansfield, Notts. Form IA.

I. H. DUNLOP—R.H.F. Joined September, 1961. Trenchard. Continuing education at home. Home address : Fairwinds, Carrbridge, Inverness-shire.

HOUSE APPOINTMENTS

Cunningham House

MONITOR : M. J. H. Owens.

PREFECTS : J. Allan, A. R. Faulds (left in November),
A. D. M. Richardson.

Haig House

SENIOR MONITOR : D. C. K. Robertson.

PREFECTS : A. C. Kay, D. I. Marshall,
J. R. Welsh.

Trenchard House

MONITOR : E. D. Gillespie.

PREFECTS : N. S. Donaldson, A. W. Morrice,
R. H. Newman, A. I. Warwood.

Wavell House

HOUSE CAPTAIN : B. Murton (Abercromby).

DORMITORY LEADERS :

A. Martin (Abercromby).
I. Robertson (Lynedoch).
J. Burgess (Lynedoch),
J. Murdoch (Moore),
A. Hewgill (Moore).

SENIOR LIBRARIAN : J. Shannon.

SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

The visiting Commissioner for this term was Colonel W. I. French, D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., who visited us on 6th October, making the customary tour of the School and meeting boys and staff.

Last term saw the beginning of great changes in school meals. The excellence and variety of the catering in Army Boys Units is well known ; and the Commandant and Administrative Officer have made it their aim to get the same sort of thing going in Queen Victoria School. That aim was soon realised, with the assistance in the early stages of Captain Symons, Command Catering Adviser, and a Warrant Officer, Mr Grant of his staff. For lunch, after the soup course, the boys now regularly have the choice of three main courses and of two puddings. Many new dishes have appeared and such extra trimmings as fried bread and toast. There are many second helpings too. Menus are typed and displayed on the school notice board, so that boys may look forward to what they are going to get and make up their minds about choices. Such gastronomic terms as "Braised Beef Jardiniere" are becoming well known if not well pronounced. There has been noble work by Mr Walker and his staff in the kitchen, which we hope is properly appreciated by the consumers. Some younger boys are getting a voice on the messing committee too, and the Commandant has caused the committee to meet more frequently.

Another recent improvement, instituted by the Commandant and Miss Bruce, the Hospital Matron, has been in the amenities for patients in the school hospital. They now have a television set, new games and puzzles, and a new supply of books for which a special grant was obtained from the Ministry of Defence. The danger of making hospital life so attractive that it would bring a great influx of malingerers was not ignored. You still have to be ill to get into hospital.

There was great concern in the School earlier this term when Major Kislingbury, the very popular Administrative Officer, was taken seriously ill and had to be rushed off to Stirling Infirmary. The bulletins of his progress were watched, with anxiety at first and then with great relief. We are glad to say that he is now back with us looking like his old self. We all sympathise both with him and with Mrs Kislingbury, and we congratulate them on his quick recovery.

Hallowe'en party report. Stuff, swill, splash, yell, fizz, bang, scream. Dooking : Trenchard. Bogles : D. Jagger, J. A. Corrigan, I. Crawford. Fancies : B. Murton, M. McLaughlin.

Mid-morning milk was a new—or rather we believe a revived—institution at Q.V.S. in recent months. It was at first consumed at morning break in the covered area between the doors of the new class-room block. Then, as the weather grew colder, it was moved indoors to the front hall. When the growing number of bottles left unused showed that the demand had fallen away, the boys were asked if they would rather go back to the previous system of serving the milk at breakfast. The hardy minority who still wanted it at break were heavily outvoted. So mid-morning milk is off again till the winter is over.

One or two boys in the School have done some Latin as an extra subject when their projected university courses require it, and last school year one or two small groups began taking it regularly on a limited scale. With the arrival of Mr Willman as a Latin specialist, it has now been introduced as a regular feature of the curriculum beginning with Latin sets in 1A and 2A, while a few senior boys who began Latin before are continuing with it on a more systematic basis. Again, Latin is not entirely an innovation at Q.V.S. There were still some Latin books surviving, though unused, in the book-stock ten years ago. We think we are right in saying that it was brought into the time-table instead of French, but believe we have not before had boys on a two-language course.

Work was begun this term on the new library building at the north end of the School beyond the play hall. The metal framework went up rapidly, and then there was a technical hitch that lasted for several weeks. Now building has been resumed. Meantime the existing library does good business. It has benefited greatly by the work of Mr Cowe, who put in new shelving all round. These shelves, waxed by him, have settled down to a most agreeable colour, as well as accommodating more books and making their arrangement more easier.

The new Science syllabus for 1st and 2nd year boys has led to a popular interest in astronomy. Books on this subject are in demand from the library, and many more boys now point out and name the stars. The School possesses a naval telescope which Mr Orr and Mr Paterson have brought into use. Last year's Senior Monitor, Keith Douglas, made a stand for it, and groups can be seen using it to examine stars, and anything else of interest in the neighbourhood. Where did the telescope come from? We do not know. A theory overheard from boys is that "some Admiral" must have given it to the School. Leave this alone and we will soon have a suitable legend about its origin. But perhaps some reader knows.

Mr Roger Trafford, an actor who tours schools giving lecture recitals on Shakespeare's plays, visited us this term and gave his exposition of "The Merchant of Venice." This was attended by forms from 2A upwards, and was a great success. A combination of narrative, explanation, and acting of various parts helped to make the play, which most had read in school, much clearer to us all. His representation of Lancelot Gobbo caused roars of laughter. The attention with which the recital was followed, and the complete absence of chattering and fidgeting, proved beyond any doubt that this was a valuable and entertaining performance. We hope to hear him again.

AVIEMORE CAMP 1964

Since so many previous accounts of Aviemore Camps have appeared in the "Victorian" we are not putting in a full report. It was held this year from 16th to 28th July. Mr Bruce as usual, was in charge, helped by Major Wright and Captain Sansom, and Mr Girvan as cook. The boys who attended the camp are named below:—

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE—G. Cunningham, D. Fenner, S. Hartley, J. MacDonald, A. McKenzie.

HAIG HOUSE—I. Craig, D. Dodds, D. Langlands, W. McKerron, A. MacLean, K. Robinson.

TRENCHARD HOUSE—R. Gault, S. Grant, I. Sneddon.

WAVELL HOUSE—G. Aitkenhead, J. A. Allan, J. Barnes, R. Campbell, A. Cassells, I. Dunlop, J. Hossack, C. Matheson, I. McKenzie, R. Morrice, B. Sutherland.

THE DANCING FESTIVAL AT SCHOTEN

This summer Mr Mortimer and a group of dancers, accompanied by Captain Frost, travelled to Belgium to take part in the Sixth International Folk Dance Festival at Schoten, near Antwerp. The dancing team consisted of J. Corrigan, S. Corrigan, R. Grant, A. Greig, J. Grigor, G. Johnstone, J. Learmonth, M. McNaughton, A. Morrison, R. Stevenson and A. Burns.

After a hot and tiring journey, the party arrived just in time for the opening ceremony. Though no-one was feeling very convivial at this point, any initial lack of enthusiasm was soon dispelled by the friendly welcome given by the Reception Committee.

The setting for the Festival, Schoten Castle, was decorated with huge flags. These formed a colourful background to the dancers in their gay national costumes. Over two hundred and fifty participants had come from all parts of Europe, and one group from America.

The Festival proper lasted for three days, and five performances were given, one of which was televised throughout Belgium. The numerous teams provided

a varied and spectacular programme to the exhilarating foot stamping of the Czechoslovakians and the rhythmic acrobatics of the Americans. The Highland dances of the School group were much appreciated by the Belgian audiences. Local school-girls besieged the boys for autographs and Mr Mortimer was the most photographed man of the Festival.

After three strenuous days everyone was ready for a good rest, so the Festival Committee provided coaches for a lightning tour of Belgium, including the Scheldt Tunnel, half an hour in Ghent, forty minutes in Bruges, and a dip in the sea at Blankenburg.

The following day the Q.V.S. party joined the French group to visit the small town of Wijnegen. After a reception in the Town Hall, where the Mayor was presented with a souvenir ashtray, everyone visited the beautiful castle at Gravenwezel. In return for the hospitable welcome given by the owner, the boys entertained him with a Foursome Reel, danced on the forecourt of the Castle. After returning to Wijnegen the party split up to visit private houses for tea and assembled again in the evening to perform in the local cinema.

The last day was occupied with a visit to Antwerp for shopping and sightseeing. Unfortunately there was time for only a few of the places of interest in this fascinating city. The skyscraper with its panoramic view, the harbour and the Zoo appealed most to the boys.

The Festival ended with a farewell Ball, in which folk-dancing gave way to the Twist and the Shake, and thus brought a happy week to a lively end.

The School party returned with two attractive souvenirs of their visit, a carving of a legendary giant associated with Schoten, which was presented by the Mayor and Town Council, and an inscribed and mounted medallion from the Festival Committee.

HOBBIES

Winter evening hobbies are again in full swing. These go on in the period between tea and prep. There is something for everyone and a number of boys are engaged in something every evening. Included with the hobbies is preparation for some sections of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and for the awards of the Royal Life-Saving Society and Amateur Swimming Association, as well as for School productions such as the Christmas Nativity Play, school drama, and the gym display. The Pipe Band also has a practice in hobby time.

SECONDARY HOBBIES—

Aero-modelling—Mr Jamieson ; Art—Mr Le Maistre ; Badminton—Messrs. Willman and Urie ; Boxing—Mr Martin ; Chess—Mr Hughes ; Choir and Drama—Mr Bruce and Captain Frost ; Debating Society—Headmaster ; First Aid—Miss Bruce ; Fly-tying—Mr Malkowski ; Gymnastics—Mr Reid ; Golf Tuition—Captain Petrie ; Life-Saving—Mr

Reid ; Photography—Mr Paterson ; Science Club—Messrs. Orr and Paterson ; Shooting—Messrs. Lowdon, Mortimer and Morrison ; Speed Swimming—Mr Reid ; Squash—Mr Urie and E. Gillespie ; Stamp Collecting—Capt. Sansom ; Woodwork—Mr Finlay.

Hobby-time shooting is for first year boys under the tuition of the R.S.M., the Highland Dancing Instructor and the Drum Major. Older boys do shooting in "trades" periods with Major Wright and Major Wilson.

PRIMARY HOBBIES (Wavell House)—

Boxing—Mr Martin and Mr Williams ; Choir and Drama—Mr Bruce and Capt. Frost ; Indoor Games—Mr Hughes ; Model Making—Mr Robertson ; Science Club—Mr Orr ; Stamp Collecting—Capt. Sansom.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

At the beginning of the school-year Colonel Clarke agreed to remain as President of the Debating Society (Forms IV, V and VI). Under his supervision E. D. Gillespie was elected Chairman and A. I. Warwood Secretary. The Society is as popular as it was last year and there are many new members to replace those we have lost. The President has taken a less active part this year, preferring to help us only on points of procedure.

At the first meeting on 1st October the members decided on subjects and speakers for the following weeks. So far we have debated the following motions :—

8th OCTOBER—

"Scotland and Wales should have Committees for dealing with domestic affairs."

Proposer—D. Marshall ; Seconder—A. Morrice.

Opposer—P. Gilder ; Seconder—R. Irvine.

The motion was defeated by 7 votes to 3.

15th OCTOBER—

The President thought it apt that the Society should have party political speeches.

The Conservatives polled 7 votes ; the Communists 6, the Labour and Liberals 0. There was no Scottish Nationalist speaker.

Con.—A. Kay ; Com.—R. Newman ; Lab.—A. Faulds ; Lib.—D. Marshall.

22nd OCTOBER—

A sharp practice was held during which 13 motions were briefly discussed.

29th OCTOBER—

"The Society Deplores the Cost of the TSR 2."

Proposer—M. Hewgill ; Seconder—P. Gilder.

Opposer—M. Scoggins ; Seconder—N. Donaldson.

5th NOVEMBER—

"Teenagers under 18 should be allowed to drink in Public Houses."

Proposer—R. Irvine ; Seconder—M. Scoggins.

Opposer—J. Flynn ; Seconder—D. Marshall.

The motion was passed by 8 votes to 4.

12th NOVEMBER—

"The Society does not deplore Apartheid."

Proposer—A. Faulds ; Seconder—P. Gilder.

Opposer—R. Newman ; Seconder—N. Donaldson.

The motion was defeated by 7 votes to 5.

19th NOVEMBER—

"The Society has no confidence in the Government."

Proposer—Mr Hughes ; Seconder—A. Kay.

Opposer—Mr Willman ; Seconder—E. Gillespie.

The motion was defeated by 8 votes to 3.

26th NOVEMBER—

"This Society regrets the failure of Christianity to meet the challenge of contemporary Society."

Proposer—S. Robertson ; Seconder—M. Hewgill.

Opposer—A. Morrice ; Seconder—R. Irvine.

The motion was defeated by 5 votes to 3.

A.I.W.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Following the procedure of last term, the Photographic Society started the term by holding elections to appoint officials. The chosen committee were then given their various duties, and the programme for the rest of the term was decided.

Unfortunately, most of our experienced members left the school last term, and consequently we have had to start training new members all over again. This instruction has taken up all of the hobby period this term. Members who had films to develop, however, were able to process them during these periods. We have also operated the same system as last year for photographic work in free time. Members are allowed to use the dark-room provided that a committee member is present. We have been unable to take many orders this term because the few experienced members have been preparing for examinations ; but by next term we should have enough trained members to do many more.

The committee members are N. S. Donaldson (President), A. I. Warwood and A. S. Brown (Secretaries) and J. R. Welsh (Treasurer).

N.S.D.

THE SCHOOL ELECTION—AN UNBIASED REPORT

This term a mock election was held by the senior boys of the school. Five parties were represented : Conservatives, Labour, Liberals, Scottish Nationalists and Communists. For each party there were two speakers. A system was worked out whereby each party spoke to each Senior House once before the election. The system was devised by a Conservative. The other parties duly claimed that the programme was "rigged." The speeches were made before "lights out" in the dormitories, thus making sure that the speakers got an audience. Most of the

speeches lasted for approximately fifteen minutes ; the Liberals, long-winded as usual, lasted for much longer.

Voting was held on the night of Thursday, 15th October, the day of the national General Election. Voting slips had been prepared beforehand, with the names of the candidates and their parties. The house monitors supervised the voting which was held in the house "quiet"-rooms. The result was read out the following morning. Labour gained a wholly undeserved victory with 66 votes. The Conservatives were unfortunately beaten with 49 votes. 27 people in the School were senseless enough to vote Liberal. Englishmen who wished to bring about the downfall of Scotland voted Scottish Nationalist. They numbered 15. The school Communists, like their candidate for Kinross and West Perthshire, came bottom of the poll with 7 votes.

A. Kay and J. Allan spoke for the one true party ; D. Robertson and A. Faulds spoke for Labour, the "Liberals" were D. Marshall and M. Owens and the Scottish Nationalists I. Smith and J. Moore. Last and not least, the Communists were J. Sharp and R. Newman.

A. Kay.

RUGBY v. OLD BOYS (A Historical Problem)

There is a story about a historian—I believe it was Sir Walter Raleigh—who was writing a history of England when he was disturbed by a commotion in the street outside his window. He went out to see what had been happening and questioned several people, from each of whom he got quite different stories of the cause of the disturbance. When he went back to his work, he reflected that if he could not get a reliable version of what had been happening outside his own house a few minutes earlier, he could not expect to arrive at a true account of events that had happened centuries before. The same problem came to our attention in the attempt to get a report of the Rugby fixture against the Old Boys. The only contemporary manuscript went missing. Even it was suspect, because it showed the Old Boys' team as containing only twelve players, who did not, it appeared, play in any fixed positions. A later version based on sound eye-witness evidence did reconstruct a full Old Boys' team and an order of positions that seemed credible. But by then details of the scoring had become confused. The Old Boys were said to have scored a push-over try near the end of the game. Those who were near the ball at the time said it was the School team that got this try. M. Owens admitted that he had converted a try for the School, but denied that he had scored a try for them in the first half. That try seems to have been put in as an attempt to balance the change in the general score caused by switching the push-over to the Old Boys. Even so the scores mentioned in the account did not add up to the total given in the result.

After considering the historical evidence, we are able to say with certainty that the match was played on 17th October and was refereed by Mr W. H. Stevenson, of Causewayhead. From school orders, a very early source and generally reliable, we take the score to have been 35-8 for the Old Boys. G. Matthews certainly did some of the scoring for the Old Boys including kicking some goals. Other names have been mentioned as those of scorers, but these are omitted as conjectural. The Old Boys undoubtedly had a strong team including one or two of the type so aptly described by Shakespeare: "full of strange oaths and bearded like the pard." It is unlikely, however, that their big victory was due to supernatural aid. The Old Boys' team is believed to have been as follows:—Full-back: G. Matthews; Three-quarters: A. Stace, A. Hamilton, R. Anderson, A. McGill; Halves: K. Murray, P. Finlay; Forwards: J. Kay, J. Ross, D. Keltie, K. Douglas, M. Armstrong, H. Johnston, J. Fairbairn, B. Fitzpatrick. If any details are wrong, do not bother to write to the "Victorian" about them.

OLD BOYS

News of Old Boys is rather scanty. Naturally we depend very much on letters, and this time there are not many in the file. There is a great flow of Old Boy visitors to the School, but, as could be expected, it is during the summer holiday that most of them have the chance of coming, or happen to be passing this way on holiday trips and drop in to see what the School is like now. As a result, many of them just look round the School by themselves and do not meet any of the staff to talk with them.

The Rugby fixture School v. Old Boys is recorded elsewhere. We are glad to say that this event is now firmly established, and is so popular that it has become a double fixture, with matches in both winter terms. Old Boys come a long way to play in these, even from the south of England.

In the last issue of the "Victorian" Mr H. J. Harrison, from whom we hear regularly, offered what he called a challenge or enquiry, to see if any other Old Boy could match the record of the senior Old Boy, Andy Swan, in number of medals: ten altogether listed, plus two bars and three mentions in dispatches. There is now an answer. Brigadier D. A. L. Mackenzie has the following medals: C.B.E., D.S.O. and bar, British G.S. and Victory medals of World War I, old Indian General Service medal (Waziristan 1924), new Indian General Service medal (Waziristan 1936, 1937-8), and five medals of World War II, namely the General Service, Africa, and Burma stars, the defence and Victory medals, as well as the Indian Independence medal of 1947. To these are added four mentions in dispatches. This is a record that nobody is likely to equal. Mr Harrison, enjoying his retirement in Suffolk, is always mindful of the School and of the boys. We are indebted to him for a magnificent parcel of stamp

catalogues and foreign stamps from his own collection, which he wishes to be passed on to the young stamp-collectors here. This gift has brought great joy to the members of Captain Sansom's stamp club.

Mr J. Grassick, Secretary and Treasurer of the London Old Boys, has sent us a report of a social function held by the London branch on 17th October, and attended by a company of sixty. This was the occasion for the chairman, Mr Donald McQueen, to introduce the new President, Colonel A. C. T. White, V.C., M.C. Colonel White, in addressing the members, referred to his visit to the School, recorded in the "Victorian" in 1963, and spoke very highly of what he found here. Coming from a man of Colonel White's experience, these remarks made a big impression. He also presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs Carruthers, as a token of recognition of her services to the branch during the period of office of Mr John Carruthers. New members welcomed at this meeting were Major J. Cosgrove, and Messrs. H. J. Harrison, B. Currie, C. Wilson, Charlie Smith, C. Smith and Alex Richardson. Denis Owens gave a selection of pipe tunes and a raffle was held for a pullover knitted in the School colours by Mrs Robertson, wife of a notable Old Boy, Pipe Major J. B. Robertson. Visitors from Dunblane, Glasgow, and Edinburgh were Messrs. J. Mortimer, Jimmy White, Matt Anderson, and Peter Taylor. Mr Grassick asks us to request any Old Boy or boys leaving the School, who live within 60 miles or so of the London area, to get into touch with him. He will be pleased to give them news of the branch and of old comrades and to welcome them at the bi-annual functions in London where they can enjoy the company of other Old Victorians.

We are grateful to Andrew Whyte of Glasgow, who will be remembered by senior boys now in the School, for sending in a copy of the "Victorian" number 53, for a copy of which we appealed in the summer. That fills the one gap in a long sequence. Also to a well-known Old Boy, George Stirrat for copies of two very early numbers, 10 and 13. He points out that the School cricket photograph, 1928, in number 10, includes two Victorians who later reached high rank in the services, Colonel R. Linton, Chief Signal Officer for Scotland at Scottish Command, and Colonel George Thomson, late Royal Signals, now retired in Wolverhampton. George Stirrat, who was the first Old Boy to be married in the School Chapel, with George Thomson as his best man, recalls also that he was at Sandhurst with our recently-retired Commandant, Brigadier Finlaison, and that when he was Drum Major at Queen Victoria School, he met Baden Powell and Lord Roberts, legendary figures to the present generation.

Since we are on the topic of old magazines, let us recapitulate the facts. We are trying, too optimistically perhaps, to collect a complete series of the "Victorian," which we can get bound as a duplicate to the one set now in our possession, and can put into the new school library when it is built. The missing numbers are 1 to 9 inclusive, 11 and 12, 14

and 15, 17, and finally number 29, of which we have only a mutilated printer's copy. So there has been progress since we first started the search, and we are not without hope that there are still copies in existence somewhere to fill the remaining gaps.

There is a little news of more recent Old Boys. In a letter to Pipe-Major Sanderson, the mother of Alan MacDonald tells that he is now a Trainee Representative for the National Cash Register Company—and at 6 feet 4 and 19 stone in weight, he must be an impressive representative. Two more Old Boys have graduated: Brian Fitzpatrick, B.Sc. with honours at Edinburgh University, and James McArthur with a degree in Social Science at Queen's College, Dundee. Unfortunately we have lost touch with McArthur, and do not know exactly what his degree was; but his graduation was given a special mention in the local press because he and his wife had taken the same course and received their degrees together. Among Old Boys to visit the School recently was W. Anderson, who recently passed out from the Junior Guardsmen's Company at Oswestry, and was, at the time of his visit, about to join the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards. He says he thoroughly enjoyed his training and represented his Company at Rugby and Athletics. He was tall enough at School, but now towers above us. Among visitors on Grand Day we met Danny Nisbet, with his wife and two daughters. But so many other Old Boys of recent years have been up to School, not all of whom have recorded their visit in the book, that we can hardly start giving a list, particularly as we should be sure to leave some out. More news, we hope, in the summer number.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I think more people should be aware of the literary genius that recently left our midst. His poems were famed throughout the school, and I think the time is ripe for the reading public to learn of them. His name is David Kilgour, known to his friends and fans as "wee Andy," though he modestly called himself Dave Shakespeare. I would like to quote two of his better known poems which he has left in our memory:—

Burning sands, golden sun,
Water nowhere to be seen,
Radiation has come and gone,
Look—three-headed vultures.

I is to you,
As we is to them,
As they is to us,
People.

I think it is a shame that this genius's works have not been published in the "Victorian" for he is, beyond any doubt, a person of unbounded talent.

Yours faithfully,

R. H. Newman.

THE WALL GAME AT Q.V.S.

Near the start of this term a new game made its appearance in the senior school. The ban on ball games on the main square had been lifted, and immediate advantage was taken of this concession.

The game has no name. The name Bally-Wally, claimed for it by the correspondent of the "Victorian," is pure fiction of his own. The origin of the game is already forgotten.

Its aims were simple: to exhaust your opponents and knock them out of the game, in order to be able to call them uncomplimentary names. First the order was arranged in which the players were to take their turns. A ball was thrown against the school wall as hard as possible by the first player. The second player retrieved the ball and repeated the process from the spot where he had collected the ball. If he missed the wall or hit the ground first, or if the ball was caught off the wall by the third player before it hit the ground, then the thrower was out. The game continued thus till only one player was left, who was the winner.

Besides being a test of strength and stamina the game involved a great deal of skill. The lower down the wall the ball bounced, the more difficult it was to catch it, or to stop it from rolling along the ground. The circular waste-paper basket on the most-used wall provided a means of making the ball bounce in unexpected directions. The game did not die out, as some people already believe. It was finally banned, after the fifth window had been broken, but other ball games on the square are still allowed.

J.W., 3A.

SCENARIO FOR A PLAY

Skool Foude

SCENE 1.

Dining hall. Thyme dinner.

Maitron: Come, come boys eat upp youre nice currie it is nice and hott.

Boys (mutering to themselves): Call this currie, my ole gran can do better than this and thats something.

SCENE 2.

Hospitle with long Q of boys moaning.

Hospitle maitron to first boy: Whats the matter with you, I supose youre skiving chapel and shaming.

First boy: Ouch (he faints).

SCENE 3.

Emergansy Ward ten. Enter Doc Kildare.

Doc Kildare: Sister Yung this boy looks verrey bad. Call the strecher barers.

Enter strecher barers and put boy on strecher.

Enter Comandant.

Comandant: This boy is ded. We must strike him of the rashin strenth imejudly. I will writ and tell his parants next weak.

Curtain.

B.W. IA.

A TRAWLER AT MY BACK GATE

I live in the village of Cawsands on the west coast of Cornwall, about fourteen miles from Plymouth, on the other side of the Tamar. Lord Nelson's ships used to anchor in the bay, and on the wall of the Inn there is a plaque saying that Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton often met there. Our house is one of a block of three, and it is an old smugglers' den. There are two signs of the smugglers. One is a cupboard under the stairs, and the other is a recess that was hidden behind the boards of the wall, a step up from the floor. The front of the house looks down on an old cobbled road. The house actually stands on the boundary of Cornwall and Devon. At the back there is a concreted yard which slopes down to the back gate. From the gate there are a few steps down to the pebbles at the top of the beach. At high tide the sea comes up to the steps, and at spring tides it comes under the gate and into the yard.

One day during the summer holidays a storm broke, and a trawler from Fowey (pronounced Foy) was driven aground on the beach only about ten feet from our back gate. The crew managed to escape without being hurt, and they secured the trawler by getting some local men to hold ropes thrown from the trawler. Later the ropes were fastened to metal brackets in the stonework at the back of the houses. We were watching all this from the wall round our garden, if it can be called that, as it is only a large concrete yard. As each wave came up, the trawler rolled. Quite often it nearly rolled right over on its side. The trawler itself was about twenty or thirty feet long, and the bridge was only about five feet off the deck at the highest point. The trawler's name could not be seen, as just the bows were towards us, but we could see the code number FY248.

After two or three days the storm blew itself out and a spring tide helped a motor-boat to lift the trawler off the sand. Luckily, the boat had suffered no real damage, but all the same it had to be towed back to Fowey by the naval launch.

P.B., 1A.

ANNOYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular contributions to the "Victorian" are so hard to come by that we have to fill up space by printing any literature that we find lying about. That is the origin of the following (unsigned) article.

Meals

When I first came to this school 4 year's ago. The meals were awful and mainly because we had a different Headmaster and Commadnt. The meat use to be un cooked, fatty, and tasted horrible. Just about all things weren't cooked our cleaned. One boy found a slug in his cabbage. But everything has changed a man came to see about the food probalby at the Headmaster's and Commadnt request he said the food was awful and even tested it. And then a

newe cook came to help out for a term and we had another cooke who came when he went back to his camp. Now the food is up to standard. It is being cooked probably and we are choicies which we did't have before. It is not choice but 3 or 4 choices. And there's more cook's to prepare and cooke. We are getting better things for supper we are having hot drinks for supper and biscuits and bread and jam and chocolate rock cakes. Were getting swiss roll. You are getting more of things you like. You even get steak. Roast potatoes every meal. Lovely meat well cooked with hardly any fat..

Note.—This writer should go far. He knows the right things to say. Give the top people full credit for what they have done and add the credit for anything good from the past. Increase the credit by blackening everything that went on before their time. Never mind what dirty hints you make about their predecessors. These are no longer in office.

A PLOT EXPOSED

The following document was also found, carelessly left about by a conspirator.

Princess Anne

PLAN : to kidnap her while on holiday at Ballater during summer holidays, 10th to 20th August 1965. As she gets of the train she will be in charge of one or two corgis. One of us will fire a poison dart at the dog or dogs, the lead will be cut to the extent that they will break when a sudden pull. A car will be running so that we can make a clean getaway when we break from the crowd a drag her into the car and drive to Q.V.S.

ROUTE : drive away from stolen Jagaur E-type and dump it 10 miles outside Ballater and change into a Morris 1100. Anne shall be put into a suitcase behind the drivers seat and infront of the back seat. The boot shall be filled with luggage as to look as if we were going on holiday. When we arrive at Q.V.S. she shall be put into a mock cell with plastic bones and skulls, straw on the floor with blood stains on it (red paint) and a sour smell.

TIME : will be given later.

This is volintery so uf you don't want to join please return slip.

P.S.—I'm counting on you.

P.P.S.—Burn this after you have read it.

ARMY CADET FORCE

Annual Camp

We returned to the T.A. Centre, Oban, for a fort-night's camp from 17th to 31st July. The scorching weather of our previous visit two years ago was still fresh in our memories and we hoped for similar conditions, but the weather was the antithesis of what we had on our last visit.

The journey to Oban was uneventful and orderly,

but our arrival arrangements at the T.A. Centre were completely upset when we were told by the C.O. of the 8th Argylls and the P.S.I. that we could not have the two Drill Halls, as previously arranged. One was still under repair and was going to be used by the joint Pipe Bands of the 7th and 8th Argyll T.A. for the Saturday night. This explanation seemed to contradict itself, but we managed to settle the cadets in dilapidated huts next to the Drill Hall which we were allowed to use. It was a disturbed night. A threat to call the in civilian police eventually quietened the unit in the Drill Hall.

On Sunday morning we attended service at the Old Parish Kirk, where we received a very warm welcome from the minister, session and congregation. The afternoon and evening were free for the cadets to relax and explore their surroundings.

The Corps was divided into "A" and "B" Companies which set out on separate exercises on Monday morning: "A" Company by ferry to the Island of Kerrera for three days and two nights under the command of Lieut. I. T. Williams, where they had to bivouac, cook, pitch camp, strike camp, pack and carry everything on a man pack, map-read and learn the procedure to be followed if one of their party was injured. Lieut. Williams collected daily reports on the cadets' behaviour from the local farmers. In return he helped to shear sheep, and this newly-revealed talent made him a firm friend of the island community.

"B" Company in the meantime took to the mountains to practise map and compass exercises. They were under the experienced eye of Lieut. J. G. Finlay who asked last time we were here, "Do all the mountains in Argyll go up hill?" He found out, that after 20 miles of climbing up, the next 20 miles is climbing down. This year he explored routes from Loch Scamadale south to the Crinan canal. It was here that the party saw 34-pounder salmon—so they say—jumping to clean themselves of sea lice before going up river to spawn.

The Companies changed over on Wednesday, "B" Company to Kerrera and "A" Company to the mountains. Worst of all the weather changed, and we were treated to all types of rain, soft mist and "smirr," heavy drops and sheets and all varieties in between. From now until the end of camp we became experts in all degrees of wetness from damp to drookit.

The week-end was spent in drying out and on Sunday morning we attended the Service at the Old Parish Church.

The second week we decided to carry out the programme as planned, an exercise of marching over the hills from Oban to the Crinan Canal, camping down at predetermined sites each evening. The rain, starting with a gentle soaking shroud of mist and building up to wave after wave of blinding sheets of water, made us cancel the camping part of the scheme. The Padre, Captain A. N. Jamieson, and his 3 ton truck became angel and chariot, collecting the cadets and transporting them back to the warm comfort of

Base. This warmth was organised by R.S.M. Lowden, who saw to it that fires and furnaces were well stoked up for the boys' return. Mr Walker, assisted by C.S.M. Morrison made sure that stomachs were filled; and once again we thank Mr Walker for his magnificent cooking.

This camp, for various reasons, is one we want to forget, but no doubt will be the one we remember as being difficult and different. The Commandant, the Headmaster, and Brigadier Crawford from Highland District all visited us. Quite a number of other people said they would call in and see us, but I suspect they had listened to the weather forecast and stayed at home.

The boys attending camp were:—

C.Q.M.S. A. Faulds, Sgt. K. Murray, Cpl. W. Stewart, L/Cpl. N. Donaldson, L/Cpl. J. Hay, L/Cpl. D. Marshall, L/Cpl. A. Richardson.

Cadets—A. Aitkenhead, T. Bonar, K. Boyne, J. Campbell, D. Clark, A. Coid, J. Flynn, M. Forsyth, P. Gilder, L. Heron, R. Irvine, R. Jeffrey, A. Kay, A. King, C. Lannen, N. McConnell, D. McInnes, A. McKean, R. McKenzie, C. McLaughlin, A. Morrice, J. Morrice, D. Nealon, C. Robertson, I. Reid, M. Scoggins, J. Sharp, D. Stainthorpe, M. Wills, J. Wood.

School Year 1964-65

The Training Programme for this session is gradually moving into top gear. We started with a strength of 107, which is now down to 105, divided into three sections: Certificate A Pt. I 37, Certificate A Pt. II 38, and Post Certificate A 30. This last group are sub-divided into Instructors and "Special to Arms, Infantry."

This year our affiliation to the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry/Scottish Horse ended and we are now affiliated to the Black Watch. Sgt. Harrison, Black Watch P.S.I. at Dunfermline, attends all our parades and takes the Special to Arms, Infantry Section. This is rather a difficult section, for one or two boys in it seem to think that everything should be done for them in the way they want, and that they should do nothing in return. This attitude cannot be tolerated in the A.C.F. The first promotions in the Company are listed below, but the position of one Sergeant and of C.S.M. have yet to be filled, and we are leaving them open meantime, so that they will be filled on merit.

C.Q.M.S.—D. I. Marshall.

Sgts.—E. Gillespie, M. Owens, D. C. K. Robertson.

Cpls.—J. Allan, N. McConnell, A. Richardsdon, A. Kay, A. I. Warwood, N. Donaldson.

L/Cpls.—C. McLaughlin, J. Wilmott, A. Aitkenhead, A. Brown, M. Scoggins, N. Clark, A. King, R. Newman.

A.C.F. Athletics

During the summer holiday, E. D. Gillespie and A. W. Morrice represented Highland District in the A.C.F. National Athletic Championships in London. Each won his event, Gillespie the discus throw, and Morrice the long jump.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

From last year, 1963-64, we have 14 boys recommended out of 21 candidates for the Bronze Series. This was the only series working, for a vacuum had been caused by the long closure of the baths, and the clearing up of the backlog of boys who had to complete their Life-Saving test to finish the Personal Service section of Silver and Gold series. The boys recommended are :—A. Aitkenhead, K. Boyne, J. Campbell, A. Coid, H. Grigor, L. Heron, D. Jagger, C. Lannen, D. MacInnes, G. McManus, D. Stainthorpe and J. Wood, also D. Isitt and M. Wills who have since left the school.

This year, 1964-65, we have the scheme working back to normal with 38 boys for the Bronze series, 9 for the Silver and 1 for the Gold.

SWIMMING

The Life Saving classes are working well two nights per week. In the near future, candidates will be examined for the following awards :—32 Intermediate Certificates, 14 Bronze Medallions, 1 Bar to Bronze Medallion, 5 Bronze Crosses, 2 Awards of Merit, 4 Scholar Instructor's Certificates and 2 Instructor's Certificates.

This year the new syllabus for Life Saving is in force and we find it much more realistic with much more emphasis on swimming and rescue, and a lot less on drill.

The Speed Swimming class is of necessity, a small class because of the size of the swimming bath and the need for the individual training to have room to move. Numbers are limited to nine, and we have a waiting list. The class was used to try out the Personal Survival Test of the Amateur Swimming Association. This test is graded Bronze, Silver and Gold and becomes quite difficult at the Gold stage. To date 44 awards have been gained, 38 Bronze and 6 Silver.

A. R. Faulds, the school swimming champion, left in November ; and in the Swimming section we shall miss his help in coaching and encouraging both speed swimmers and life savers.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

At the start of this season Mr Paterson took over from Mr Williams as 1st XV coach. Mr Williams has done great work with the 1st XV for several years, as the record shows. Even in the one lean year when, as sometimes happens, there was a dearth of size and talent, he ended the season triumphantly by producing a young seven to win the Stirling County trophy. His duties in Wavell House and the Primary School made it impracticable for him to go on with senior games as well. We are lucky in having Mr Paterson, who shared 1st XV coaching with him last

season, and who has, of course, a distinguished record as a player himself, to take on the responsibility of the 1st XV. He has had a bit of a task, for the necessary size and weight are not there in the top forms and there are not enough outstanding players to make the nucleus of a really strong team. The team started better than might have been expected with a draw against Dollar. Then followed a smashing defeat from Keil, and further defeats from Morrison's and Glenalmond. By now, however, the team was improving, and there were victories over Grange-mouth, Alloa, and the Junior Training Regiment, Dundonald, and a one-point defeat by Strathallan. In between, an unusually strong Old Boys' team beat us heavily. Then Rannoch beat us 23-0, and the Fettes 3rd XV, against which we have been winning fairly regularly, got their own back with a 16-3 win against us. So it has been an up-and-down season so far. The 1st XV correspondent says that we have not yet got together as a team, forwards playing well on one day and backs on another but never both together. Undoubtedly the game of the term was the one here against Dundonald. This is a new fixture, and it was a great success. The Dundonald side was relatively inexperienced as a team. It is hard to produce one when the demands of military training may take team members away for periods of weeks. After an uncertain start, Dundonald played with tremendous spirit, tackling and running strongly and doing some fine handling. Down 6-0 they got back to 6 all. Then with Q.V.S. up 12-6 and minutes to go, the result seemed in no doubt. Instead, Dundonald came back with two quick scores, a penalty goal and a converted try. Now Q.V.S. were up against it, 14-12 behind with no-side expected any second. Back they came, cheered on by a frantic gallery. A quick handling movement found the Dundonald backs out of position and Newman went over for a try, to give us a last-minute win by a single point. A feature of this match, regrettably absent at many school matches, was the enthusiastic support from the touch-line in the closing stages. The apathetic, including too many senior boys, had been drifting away, but the remainder got really excited and that had its effect on the play of the School team. A bit more of this kind of support would do a lot for school rugby.

The regular members of the 1st XV have been :—J. Allan ; R. Newman, D. Robertson (captain), D. Nealon, A. Broughton ; S. Robertson, N. McConnell ; J. Sharp, A. Kay, M. Owens, I. Smith, N. Donaldson, J. Flynn, E. Gillespie (vice-captain), A. Morrice. Positions have varied a bit. R. Irvine and C. McLaughlin have also played.

2nd XV

There have been two 2nd XV matches, but, as has been pointed out before, we cannot really turn out a 2nd XV with our numbers, especially if there is also a 3rd Year match on, as there was against Rannoch. So we lost 28-0 to Dollar, and Rannoch were able to run up 66 points against us.

3rd Year XV

This has been one of the most successful 3rd Year teams for some years. After a rather disappointing start they have played very well in recent weeks and had good wins, notably against Strathallan and Rannoch. Since early in the term we have played with seven forwards and an extra centre three-quarter and this has been a quite successful experiment. It started as a defensive measure because we had lost a number of tries through the centre, but recently we have used the extra man to good effect in attack. This experiment depended on a strong hard-working pack, well led by J. Campbell who had good support from C. Lannen and G. Cunningham. The most successful players behind the scrum have been E. Bonar at stand-off and J. Dempsey at full back. Others who have played in the team this term are :—T. Bonar, J. Fingland, M. Long, R. McDougall, D. MacInnes, G. McManus, A. Smith, J. Wilmott, J. Wood, A. Aitkenhead, K. Boyne, A. Coid, J. W. Corrigan, P. Craggs.

2nd Year XV

There is a good deal of talent here, and, potentially, the best set of attacking backs since the days of D. Robertson, J. Miller, etc. For some positions, the choice is very difficult, especially at scrum half, where I. Roe and A. Greig have been equally good ; and it is always hard to decide the last few team places. Last season, the 2nd Year team was beaten three times, all by Morrison's and twice heavily. Our first match this time was against Morrison's, and though our boys played with courage, and made some good handling movements when they got the chance, they were so completely outsize and outweighed that to lose 37-0 was not at all a bad performance. The rest of the matches, four only, gave us three wins, and a 0-0 draw with Fettes in conditions so miserably cold that neither side could handle properly and play was mostly in mid-field. The weakness in the team as a whole has again been the hesitation that gives opponents time to pass or kick when they should have been caught in possession ; and among the backs passing has often broken down in good scoring positions because the man to take the pass is either too close or too far away. K. Robinson and A. Mackenzie have set a great example of tackling. J. Macdonald's weight and strength have been very useful, and W. Shields is certainly the most improved forward. In as far as there has been a regular team, it is :—S. Grant ; I. Roe, G. Neill, I. Sneddon, W. Nelson ; K. Robinson, A. Greig ; J. Macdonald, D. MacIver, R. Gill, R. Murdoch, M. Anderson, J. Robertson, A. Mackenzie, W. Shields. Others who have played, some of them often enough to feel that they are regular team members, are I. Craig, G. Scott, G. Johnstone, A. Grey, A. MacLean, G. Hill, W. McKerron, J. A. Corrigan. One or two got a game against Dalhousie, when we drop the bigger boys so as not to outweigh the prep-school team, and others have had a match in a B team against Morrison's 1st Year. K. Robinson is the team captain, and A. Mackenzie leads the forwards. We

hope next term's weather will give this team a chance to develop its scoring power. It contains some good material for the future. A good feature too has been the number of boys not mentioned here who play well enough, and are keen enough, to give us a good practice. Some of these have showed up very well in their House junior teams.

1st Year XV

This year's learners, coached by Messrs. Reid, Robertson and Finlay, have been quick to understand and to practise the skills and techniques taught to them. As a result we were able, earlier than usual, to form two XV's to play against each other. In these games the boys have learned rules and drills and had plenty of hard practice. They showed great enthusiasm, and the masters in charge think they will be as good as any previous 1st Year XV. They have had two matches, losing 11-3 to Grangemouth, and winning 12-0 against Alloa Academy. The boys who have played for the team are :—D. Johnston, S. Corrigan, B. Sutherland, A. S. Grey, J. A. Allan, R. Grant, S. Pope, W. Dempsey, R. Long, J. R. Campbell, R. B. Campbell, R. Morrice, A. Cassells, R. Hamilton, D. Pocock, D. A. MacLean, D. Wrenn, J. Barnes.

Table of Results
(to end of November)

						Points	
						F	A
1st XV		P	W	L	D	74	172
2nd XV		2	0	2	0	0	94
3rd Year XV		6	3	3	0	59	69
2nd Year XV		5	3	1	1	32	46
2nd Year B XV		1	0	1	0	0	6
1st Year XV		2	1	1	0	15	11

School Colours

Rugby colours for this season have been re-awarded to D. C. K. Robertson and E. D. Gillespie. New colours have been awarded to N. McConnell, J. Flynn, and A. W. Morrice.

House Matches

This year's house matches were played on wet ground with a greasy ball, but there was plenty of dash and vigour and some remarkably good play. Boys who are not normally in school teams again distinguished themselves in these matches.

In the senior section (3rd year secondary and upwards) Trenchard were clear winners though they had a desperately hard game against Haig. The result depended largely on their keeping out D. Robertson who had only to get his hands on the ball to be a threat to their line. This result gave Trenchard the Rugby Shield, for the junior team (1st and 2nd year boys) once more finished equal all round. Cunningham beat Trenchard, who beat Haig, who then went and beat Cunningham.

RESULTS

Senior XV's—

Trenchard	5 v. Haig	3
Haig	12 v. Cunningham	0
Trenchard	22 v. Cunningham	0

Junior XV's—

Cunningham	14 v. Trenchard	9
Trenchard	6 v. Haig	0
Haig	6 v. Cunningham	3

House Championship points—Trenchard 8, Haig 6, Cunningham 4.

WAVELL HOUSE SPORT

Cross Country Running

Two cross-country races were arranged during the term against St. Ninian's School, Gartmore. A Major and a Minor team were selected from the boys who did best in the cross-country practices.

The first race took place over the Queen Victoria School primary cross-country course. Though the day was a wet one, which filled the water jumps to the brim and turned the paths to muddy tracks, the boys ran very well. The Minors won their race, but the Majors were beaten.

The return match took place over the St. Ninian's course which was new to the Wavell boys and was run through woodland and over moors. The weather again was unkind, and the Minors began their race in a blizzard. Both teams ran very well and intelligent packing gained victories for both. Kenneth Ross won the Minor race, with a great effort, on the finishing line.

RESULTS

Q.V.S. v. St. Ninians at Dunblane.

Major Team—P. Cooper (Capt.), N. Houston, G. Sheret, P. Docherty, M. Greig, B. Knox, I. Playle, B. Goldie.

Minor Team—K. Ross (Capt.), D. West, G. Kent, C. Robinson, S. Langlands, B. Webb, A. Hewgill, S. McLean.

Q.V.S. Major 51 points ; St. Ninians 29 points.

Q.V.S. Minor 27 points ; St. Ninian's 55 points.

Q.V.S. v. St. Ninian's at Gartmore.

Major Team—P. Cooper (Capt.), G. Sheret, R. Murdoch, J. Murdoch, A. Martin, N. Houston, P. Docherty, B. Knox, B. Webb, B. Murton, S. Grant, C. Hynd.

Minor Team—K. Ross (Capt.), D. West, D. Moss, E. McKay, J. Robertson, S. Langlands, G. Kent, C. Martin.

Q.V.S. Major 63 points ; St. Ninian's 120 points.

Q.V.S. Minor 29 points ; St. Ninian's 54 points.

Football

This year we have two teams in the West Perthshire Primary League.

Both teams have played hard, relying more on fitness and team work than on natural footballing ability for their successes. The County Primary teams we play are often ill-balanced in ages, sizes, and weights mainly because of the limited numbers they have to draw from. They still manage, however, to produce about four "naturals" from possibly twelve boys and this is a far greater proportion than ours.

Could it be that overseas the absence of that wonderful training combination of tennis ball, school wall, and playground has something to do with it?

Our "A" team started badly by losing very closely at home to St. Ninian's "A". And it looks as if we are going to regret that defeat because St. Ninian's lead us in the table by those two points.

Apart from that lapse they have dealt competently with most of their opposition, although last year's winners, Doune, and Callander both scored first, but were eventually beaten by three goals to one.

The "B" team naturally suffers from the fact that the cream of natural talent has been skimmed off the top by the "A" team. They can, however, give the latter points on sheer hard work and enthusiasm. A goalkeeper has been difficult to find, but Jeffrey is now filling the bill competently. It is having a settling effect on the team to know that soft goals are not going to be lost and that goal-kicks are going to reach beyond the goal area!

"A" Team—Selection from : A. Ferguson, M. Duckett, C. Robinson, B. Murton (Capt.), J. Murdoch, J. W. Brown, I. Burgess, N. Houston, P. Cooper, B. Webb, A. Martin, M. Greig, B. Goldie, J. Wrenn, S. Grant, T. Goldie.

"B" Team—Selection from : A. Jeffrey, I. D. Cruickshank, S. Grant, M. Greig, B. Goldie, T. Goldie, J. Wrenn, J. Shannon (Capt.), C. Martin, P. Cooper, T. Nicol, J. Harte, A. Robertson, J. Pryde, D. Todd, C. Hynd, R. Murdoch, J. Tovey, P. Gilchrist, C. Fraser, J. Buchanan.

	P	W	D	L	P
Q.V.S. "A"	8	7	—	1	14
Q.V.S. "B"	8	1	1	6	3

SQUASH

A welcome innovation this term was our first squash match, played against Dollar Academy in the School courts on 9th December. We hope this fixture, arranged by Mr Reid, will be followed by other matches and will help to encourage the development of squash as a school game. The result was a tie at three each.

Details (Q.V.S. names first)—

1. D. Robertson lost to J. Crowther—5-9, 9-6, 9-4, 8-10, 6-9.
2. N. McConnell beat R. Young—4-9, 6-9, 9-1, 9-1, 9-0.
3. E. Gillespie beat I. Rankine—9-6, 4-9, 2-9, 9-4, 9-7.
4. J. Allan lost to M. Bryant—9-3, 9-2, 3-9, 4-9, 8-10.
5. D. Nealon beat K. Smith—9-3, 9-2, 9-2.
6. A. Kay lost to C. Pollock—6-9, 8-10, 9-5, 2-9.

RECRUITS' DRILL

At the end of the Christmas term a Commandant's Parade takes place at which new boys 'pass out' in drill. This term all were successful. The winner of the medal given annually by R.S.M. Lowdon for the smartest recruit was P. J. Gilchrist, and two others specially commended were R. Murdoch (2nd) and S. Young (3rd).