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EDITORIAL

It is three years since the primary school boys moved across the square into the new Wavell House building. There they live under the supervision of their own masters, those who teach the primary classes, and their own two matrons. The policy has been to make Wavell House the junior school of Q.V.S., and, as far as possible, a separate community within the school. The Wavell boys still attend chapel with the seniors, and have breakfast with them, but otherwise they have their separate activities and time-table. They still compete with the senior houses in Highland dancing, and Wavell have won the shield two years running. Their athletic competition is still done as part of the general school sports. These are about the only events for which they are lumped with the seniors. Two further bits of separation this term have been the introduction of staggered meal-times, with Wavell having mid-day meal, tea, and supper by themselves, and the holding of their swimming competition on a different day from that of the seniors.

When Wavell House moved to their new quarters, that put an end to the institution of Wavell House prefects, appointed from senior boys of the secondary school, who had "bunks" in the junior dormitories and were the direct bosses of the primary boys. The change was not popular with some seniors. It meant a reduction in the number of prefects appointed, and therefore a reduction in their own chances of becoming prefects. Wavell now had their own house captain and dormitory leaders, drawn from Wavell House itself. The grudge seems to linger in a few minds. There are still senior boys who say that Wavell House can't be run properly without prefects—and seem to believe what they say. Some younger boys of the senior school too have been heard to grumble about the separation of Wavell House. Some of them envy the small boys their private play

area in "Wavell Wood". Probably most just want to have the juniors among them again, so that they can boss them and play the stale old jokes on them (key of the big square, etc.). None of the critics know what they are talking about. Anyone able to compare the Wavell House of today with what it was like six or seven years ago has no doubt about the improvement. It is far better organised and managed; there is a much greater variety of occupations and house events for the primary boys to enjoy, and they get far more care and attention. Senior boys who cast envious eyes on Wavell House activities and recreations should remember what they have that the junior boys do not have: for example shooting, squash, unrestricted access to the MacRobert library, and the monopoly of the small square that they exert when they want to. "We had to put up with it. Why shouldn't they?" is the silliest argument of all.

This term more contributions than usual have been offered to the "Victorian". But the number has been higher than the quality. Please, we do not want repetitions of ideas used in the previous issue, nor jokes copied out of comic papers. Also, contributions do not always have to be humorous. Some excellent fresh ideas turned up here and there, but a bigger expense in time and patience was needed to work them out. We are indebted to the Commandant for articles in this issue about the system of choosing entrants to the School, dress changes, the progress of works and buildings, and the activities of the band and the Highland dancers; and to the Headmaster for his note on the opening of the MacRobert library. We wish a happy holiday to all, good fortune to the leavers, and enjoyable times to those who are going away in organised School parties during the holiday: to A.C.F. camp, to Aviemore, and on the School trip to France.

Obituary

Mrs E. STUART

Victorians of the past ten years, especially those who were in Trenchard House, will be very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs E. Stuart on 20th March. She was one of the original House Matrons who joined the School about the end of 1956, and had been Matron of Trenchard House from its first term of existence. At the time of her death, she was on the point of retirement. This was her own decision, that she should retire rather earlier than she had expected, because she had been in poor health for some months and unable to carry on her duties. Just before her last illness she was at the School to clear up her quarters here, and she was saying then that the only thing she feared in retirement was missing the boys. Trenchard House boys of her time will always remember her kindly care. Mrs Stuart was buried in Dunblane cemetery. The School chaplain officiated at the funeral, and all departments of the School were represented. The leaving present from the administrative staff of the School, which had already been obtained before her death, was sent to her daughter as a memento of Mrs Stuart's faithful service to the School.

Mr JOHN BURRELL

Mr John Burrell died in Stirling Royal Infirmary on the 1st of February at the age of seventy-five. He was a native of Berwickshire, and had worked as a gardener in Dunblane for over twenty years before joining the staff of the School as one of the outside maintenance workers. He remained at Q.V.S. till his retirement a few years ago. He was a well-known character, and many old boys will be sad to hear of the passing of this veteran servant of the School.

CAPTAIN W. A. MCBRIDE, M.M.

With deep regret we have to record the death of a prominent old boy of the School, Captain W. A. McBride, who was here during the first world war. He died suddenly at his home in Yorkshire on 2nd June from a heart attack. In the December number of the "Victorian", we mentioned him as a visitor to the School last summer and gave some details of his great record in the second world war. His brother-in-law, Colonel C. R. Lane, who wrote on behalf of Mrs McBride, to inform the School of Captain McBride's death, tells us that he escaped five times when a prisoner-of-war in North Africa. Captain McBride was a very good Methodist church-man. At his funeral service, the church was full, with people standing at the back. The sympathy of all Victorians who knew him will go out to his widow and to his surviving brothers and sisters.

Mr WILLIAM MACBEAN SCOTT

It is with regret that I have to report the death of William MacBean Scott who although not in the "First Hundred" was at the School in the very early days. He was the youngest brother of Adam (34) and Fred Scott (35) who were in the "First Hundred".

William died on the 2nd March in hospital in Vancouver Island, British Colombia. He had served with the Merchant Navy for 43 years. For many years he was Chief Steward with the Furness Withy Line, and during the war he was a Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy.

H.J.H.

STAFF

Since the "Victorian" was last published, there have been several new arrivals. Major O. W. Hughes is the new Housemaster of Trenchard House. He graduated with the degree of B.Sc. (Economics) from London University and then entered the Army to do his national service. He was commissioned in the R.A.O.C., and served in Hong-Kong for two years. After leaving the army, he spent 18 months with the Esso Petroleum Company, working in their Head Office in London. After that, he taught for 3½ years in a comprehensive school in south London, which contained 2,200 pupils and had a staff of 140. In 1961 he rejoined the Army, and served in Gibraltar for more than three years. Then, after a year at the Army School of Education, he was posted to Queen Victoria School. Major Hughes is married and has three children: Caroline, aged four, and the twins, Andrew and Sara, aged two.

Captain N. Davies, who joined us this term, taking the place of Captain Sansom, is a native of Wellington, Shropshire. He was educated there and at Loughborough College. After 18 months of national service with R.E.M.E., he taught in the Manchester area, before joining the R.A.E.C. in 1965. In the Parachute Regiment, T.A. he learned to parachute and later to sky-dive. Captain Davies has also played football with Wolverhampton Wanderers and with various non-league clubs.

Another newcomer, whose stay at the School has been regrettably short, is Mr G. B. Marjoribanks. He has held a temporary post here for the past two terms, specialising in speech and drama. Mr Marjoribanks' home is in Falkirk. He attended the High School there, and then went to the Edinburgh College of Speech and Drama, from which he graduated in 1964. Meantime he had been playing in top-class professional football, with Hibernian from 1960 to 1963, and with Heart of Midlothian in 1963-64. After leaving the Drama School he had a contract for 18 months with the Gateway Theatre in Edinburgh, then took parts in television shows: Dr. Finlay's Casebook, the Jimmy Logan Play Hour, and United. After two terms here, his interest in teaching has been confirmed, and he is now an applicant for teacher-training at Jordanhill. He has done great work here in developing boys' ability—at all ages—to express themselves clearly and effectively.

The new Matron of Trenchard House, is Miss V. M. Clark. She has had a wide range of experience in nursing, in social work with deprived children, and at schools in Scotland and England.

We heartily welcome all the new members of the staff, and Mrs Hughes and family, and wish them a happy stay at Q.V.S.

About the beginning of May, Captain E. W. Sansom departed on a posting to Germany. He has been with us for about four years, teaching in the primary school and assisting with the management of Wavell House. Captain Sansom has been an immensely popular figure in the School, with his

colleagues, and with the boys of all ages. Everyone here wishes him the best of fortune in his new post.

Among the administrative staff, we note that Mr McRoberts, Stores Supervisor, and Mrs Ogilvie, Head Laundress, have both recently completed 20 years of service in the School. We congratulate them on these anniversaries and wish them many more years of service here. Early this term, Miss I. Ritchie retired—in her 70th year—from the work in the School sewing-room, which she has been doing for the past twelve years. We thank her for her efforts at the unending task of keeping boys' clothes in repair, and wish her a long and happy retirement. The staff of laundry and sewing-room are the backroom girls of Queen Victoria School, whose services are taken too much for granted because they operate out of the public eye. So we take this occasion to assure them that they are not unrecognised. Finally, in another important department, the arrival of Messrs. Calder and Mann has brought the complement of cooks up to the number officially recommended.

MONITORS AND PREFECTS, 1966

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE—

<i>Monitor :</i>	J. Allan.
<i>Prefects :</i>	D. T. Jagger.
	C. McLaughlin.
	M. B. O'Connor.

HAIG HOUSE—

<i>Monitor :</i>	D. I. Marshall.
<i>Prefects :</i>	M. G. Scoggins.
	A. S. Brown.
	C. A. Lannen.

TRENCHARD HOUSE—

<i>Senior Monitor :</i>	E. D. Gillespie.
<i>Monitor :</i>	N. S. Donaldson.
<i>Prefects :</i>	A. W. Morrice.
	I. M. Smith.

WAVELL HOUSE APPOINTMENTS

ABERCROMBY DORMITORY—

<i>Leaders :</i>	D. J. Barnes, S. Grant.
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LYNEDOC DORMITORY—

<i>House Captain :</i>	C. G. Robinson.
<i>Leader :</i>	G. C. Stevenson.

MOORE DORMITORY—

<i>Leaders :</i>	K. T. Ross, D. Todd.
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SCHOOL COLOURS

This is a list of boys who have School colours for any sport, irrespective of the year in which these were awarded.

E. D. Gillespie : Rugby, Athletics, Cross-country running.
 A. W. Morrice : Rugby, Athletics, Shooting.
 R. H. Newman : Rugby, Cricket, Swimming.
 J. Allan : Rugby, Cricket.
 T. A. Bonar : Rugby.
 I. Fraser : Rugby.
 J. S. Grigor : Swimming.
 D. T. Jagger : Cross-country Running.
 C. McLaughlin : Rugby.
 D. I. Marshall : Cricket.
 W. Shields : Cross-country Running.
 I. Smith : Rugby.

It can be seen from the shortness of the list that colours are not handed out widely. They go, as a general rule, to a limited number of the best consistent performers, though in a good year in Rugby, for example, nearly all the team might get colours.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Official Visitors to the School since the "Victorian" was last published have included :—

JANUARY

Colonel L. McL. Young, Chief Engineer, Scottish Command who saw sons of Royal Engineers.

FEBRUARY

Rear Admiral J. H. F. Crombie, as Visiting Commissioner for the term.

APRIL

Lieut. Commander Pascoe, R.N. Schools Liaison Officer.

MAY

Colonel A. C. T. White, Deputy Colonel Commandant of the R.A.E.C. and former Commandant of the School.

General Sir A. F. Philip Christison, Bart., as Visiting Commissioner for the term.

JUNE

Lieut. S. Wilmshurst, R.N., who gave a talk to 2nd and 3rd year boys on the Navy as a career.

Brigadier N. G. A. Noble, late the Black Watch, Commanding 153 Highland Brigade, T.A., who saw sons of the Black Watch.

The Earl and Countess of Mar and Kellie.

Colonel J. L. Maxwell (Retd.), Scottish Organiser, Army Benevolent Fund.

VALETE

(Note : Full leaving notices are given only to those completing their course here. In Life-saving, only the highest award gained by the boy is shown. The order from lowest to highest is Intermediate Certificate, Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Scholar-Instructor's Certificate, Instructor's Certificate and Award of Merit, Distinction Award. There is one higher still, the Diploma, but that is for older swimmers and includes a written examination. S.C.E. qualifications are those gained last year or in 1964. 1966 results not known till the end of July.)

Form VI

J. R. ALLAN—4/7th Royal Dragoon Guards. Joined September, 1957. Cunningham. Monitor. 1st XV 1963-64-65-66, Vice-Captain 1965-66, colours. 1st XI 1964-65-66, Vice-Captain 1965-66, Colours. Shooting Team 1966. Squash Team. A. C. F. Sergeant, Certificate A Parts I and II. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze Series. S.C.E. Higher Maths, Science ; Ordinary Arithmetic, English, French, Woodwork, Mechanics, Technical Drawing. Addison Smith Prize 1966. Dux of School. To Edinburgh University. Home address : Kinnaird House, Ballinluig, Perthshire.

N. S. DONALDSON—Royal Artillery. Joined September, 1958. Trenchard. Monitor. 1st XV 1964-65-66. A.C.F. Sergeant, Certificate A Parts I and II. President Photographic Society. Secretary Squash Club. S.C.E. Higher English, Maths ; Ordinary Arithmetic, French, Chemistry, Physics, Woodwork, Mechanics, Technical Drawing. Provisional entry to University of Essex. Home address : 2 Melville Avenue, Greenford, Middlesex.

E. D. GILLESPIE—R.A.S.C. Joined September, 1957. Trenchard. Senior Monitor. 1st XV 1962-63-64-65-66, Captain 1965-66, Colours. 1st XI 1965-66. Open Cross Country winner, Colours. Squash Team, President. A.C.F. C.S.M., Certificate A Parts I and II. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver Series. Life Saving, Bronze Medallion. S.C.E. Higher Art, English, History ; Ordinary Arithmetic, French. Candidate for Glasgow Art School. Home address : Crown Hotel, Ripon, York.

D. I. MARSHALL—R.A.O.C. Joined September, 1958. Haig. Monitor. 1st XI 1963-64-65-66, Captain 1966, Colours. A.C.F., C.Q.M.S., Certificate A Parts I and II. Editor of "Victorian". Librarian. S.C.E. Higher English, History ; Ordinary Arithmetic, French, Maths. Cranston Memorial Essay Prize, 1964. Home address : 2 Spring Meadow, Glemsford, West Suffolk.

Form V

M. HEWGILL—R.A.P.C. Joined September 1959. Trenchard. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. S.C.E. Ordinary Arithmetic, English, French, History, Maths, Physics. To Winchester College of Art. Home address : 77 Old Kennels Lane, Oliver's Battery, Winchester, Hants.

Form IV

A. W. J. COID—Scots Guards. Joined September, 1960. Haig. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Life Saving, Award of Merit and Instructor's Certificate. Personal Survival Gold Award. Junior Secondary Certificate. Employment not yet decided. Home address : 12 Dartmouth Close, Rayleigh, Essex.

J. DEMPSEY—Royal Scots. Joined September, 1959. Trenchard. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Life Saving, Award of Merit. Drummer in Band. Best Drummer and Bugler 1963-64-65. Emigrated with family to Australia in May, 1966, with his brothers W. Dempsey, IIB and J. Dempsey, Primary 6B.

G. H. FOX—R.A.F. Joined September, 1960. Haig. A.C.F. Lance-Corporal, Certificate A Parts I and II. Piper in Band. Best Piper, 1966. Continuing education at home. Home address : 10 Ash Grove, Finningley, Nr. Doncaster, Yorks.

L. C. HERON—Cameronians. Joined September, 1959. Cunningham. A.C.F. Lance-Corporal, Certificate A Parts I and II. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Silver Series. Life Saving, Award of Merit and Instructor's Certificate. Personal Survival, Gold Award. Drummer in Band. Junior Secondary Certificate. Continuing education at home. Home address : 12 Riccarton Drive, Currie, Midlothian.

R. J. JEFFREY—Scots Guards. Joined September, 1959. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Life Saving, Bronze Medallion. Junior Secondary Certificate. To Technical College. Home address : 30 Dale View Crescent, Chingford, London, E.4.

S. LEITCH—R.A.O.C. Joined September, 1960. Cunningham. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Continuing education in Germany. Home address : 3 B.A.D., B.F.P.O. 40.

C. G. ROBERTSON—R.A.F. Joined September, 1959. Haig. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Junior Secondary Certificate. To school in Cyprus. Home address : c/o Flt. Lt. Robertson, Officers' Mess, R.A.F., Pergamos, B.F.P.O. 53.

A. J. SMITH—R.A.F. Joined September, 1959. Cunningham. 1st XV 1965-66. A.C.F. Lance-Corporal, Certificate A Parts I and II. Life Saving Award of Merit. Drummer in Band. To Army Apprentice School, Arborfield. Home address : 13 Lime Tree, Branton, N. Devon.

Form IIIB

I. A. COLLIE—Gordon Highlanders. Joined September, 1963. Haig. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. To Royal Navy. Home address : 71 Davidson Drive, Northfield, Aberdeen.

D. DODDS—R.A.F. Joined September, 1960. Haig. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Life Saving, Scholar Instructor's Certificate. Junior Secondary Certificate. To Metropolitan Police Force. Home address : 53 Old School Lane, Milton, Cambridge.

S. HARTLEY—Scots Guards. Joined September, 1961. Cunningham. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze Series. Life Saving, Bronze Cross. Gym Team. Home address : 1 Old Hospital Block, H.M. Tower of London, London, E.C.3.

G. B. JOHNSTONE—Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Cunningham. Joined 1961. A.C.F. Certificate A part I. Life Saving, Intermediate Certificate. School Dancing Team. Best Highland Dancer 1965. Junior Secondary Certificate. Continuing education at home. Home address : 15 Gamston Walk, Corby, Northants.

A. I. MACLEAN—Scots Guards. Joined September, 1960. Haig. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Personal Survival, Bronze Award. Drummer in Band. Junior Secondary Certificate. Employment undecided. Home address : Balvie Bank, Mains Estate, Milngavie, Dunbartonshire.

F. A. G. MITCHELL—Scots Guards. Joined September, 1960. Haig. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Life Saving, Bronze Cross. Personal Survival, Bronze Award. Employment undecided. Home address : 10 Gratton Drive, St. Leonards Hill, Windsor, Berks.

R. MURDOCH—R.A.F. Joined October, 1962. Trenchard. A.C.F. Certificate A Part I. Employment undecided. Home address : 28 Glenaylmer Road, Kirkconnel, Dumfries-shire. With him left his brother, J. S. Murdoch of IA.

J. T. ROBERTSON—A.C.C. Joined October, 1962. Cunningham. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Life Saving, Bronze Medallion. Personal Survival, Bronze Award. Junior Secondary Certificate. Electrical Engineering. Home address : 38 Belwood Crescent, Milton Bridge, Penicuik, Midlothian.

G. J. SCOTT—Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Joined September, 1961. Trenchard. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Drummer in Band. Junior Secondary Certificate. Employment undecided. Home address : Boat Cottage, Thankerton, Biggar, Lanarkshire.

W. F. SHIELDS—R.A.F. Joined September, 1961. Haig. A.C.F. Certificate A Parts I and II. Personal Survival, Bronze Award. 2nd in Open Cross-Country, Colours. Junior Secondary Certificate. Employment undecided. Home address : c/o Flt. Lieut. Shields, Officers' Mess, R.A.F., Nicosia, Cyprus, B.F.P.O. 53.

SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

Doctor J. N. M. Fairley, one of the School's medical officers, was married in April. A framed and inscribed reproduction of the picture of "The Boy" which hangs in the front hall was given from the School as a wedding present, and as an expression of our good wishes and our appreciation of all that he has done for the School.

A handsome piece of silver has been presented to the School by the former Caledonian Society of Tanga. It is a quaich which was a golfing prize in the Society, and which will be used for the same purpose here. It is to be played for in a handicap competition among members of the staff. But there is one condition applied in Tanga which will not be observed here. It was that the first pair in the competition should be off the tee not later than 9 a.m. on New Year's morning.

Last term for the first time in several years, the School was smitten by a serious epidemic, or rather epidemics of influenza and dysentery. First-floor dormitories had to be converted into wards and nursing help procured from outside, in the fashion that Old Boys will remember as happening fairly regular in the Easter terms. On doctor's advice the whole School below Form IV was dispersed home about two weeks early. Boys in Form IV and upward stayed on to continue working for Scottish Certificate examinations.

Elsewhere in this number we refer to the official opening of the MacRobert Library. Major O. W. Hughes is the School Librarian, who has been busy this term adding about 500 new books. Two more bound volumes of the "Victorian", covering the years 1939-1954, have been added too. So the library now has a run of bound volumes with "Victorians" from 1939 to 1961. The next volume will be made up at the end of 1967 from copies set aside for that purpose. Though we have many of the pre-1939 numbers we have still some gaps particularly in the earliest years of the magazine, and are not yet able to provide a complete set for the library. Hopes of getting the missing numbers are greatly diminished, for we have appealed several times for any old back numbers that Old Boys may have, and it seems that those we need have all disappeared.

Among recent visitors to the School, as recorded in this number was Colonel A. C. T. White, V.C., M.C., B.A., formerly Commandant of the School. Colonel White has presented two handsome books to the MacRobert Library in commemoration of his visit. These are "Great Military Battles" and "Living Birds of the World". This year seven V.C.'s who won their awards in the Somme battles from July to November, 1916, are to attend the 50th

anniversary ceremonies to be held on the battlefield between June 30th and July 3rd. Colonel White is one of these.

An experimental arrangement this term has been the staggering of all school meals except breakfast, with the Wavell House boys having their meals first and the senior school half-an-hour later. The advantages in speed of service and management of boys in the dining-hall are obvious. But there has been some opposition to the system on the grounds of the time-table changes and gaps of unfilled time for junior boys that it creates. Whether it will continue next term is not yet settled.

Some years ago an attempt was made to form a School sailing club, with a boat on Loch Earn. It did not last long, because of the difficulties of transport, and the very limited number of boys who could be taken sailing. This term the idea has been revived. The School has acquired two Daily Mirror sailing dinghies, 10 feet 9 inches. They are kept on the shore of the Lake of Menteith, on which the sailing is done. The Headmaster and Captain Bull are in charge, and twelve boys form the upper forms, who have life-saving qualifications have been taken in turn to sail at week-ends and on Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons when the weather is suitable. The Lake is sixteen miles from the School, and the lucky members of the sailing club have been transported by taxi in groups of three and four. Most of the boys have not sailed before, and they have been taught this term.

For some years the institution of a football match between staff and boys has been in abeyance, chiefly because the staff could not muster enough youthful members (under 40). This year with two masters who had top-class experience of professional football and some available who were comparatively young, the staff hastened to revive the fixture. The staff team's play centred round Mr Marjoribanks and Captain Davies, the two professionals, but there were others, two anyway, who had some football skill as well as being not altogether senile. A 2-0 lead by the boys was wiped out as soon as the staff team got moving, and the final result was 6-3 for the staff. Mr Marjoribanks scored five goals, and Captain Davies one.

Staff team: Shaw (Cookhouse); Paterson (Science Lab.) and Wilson (Haig House); Reid (P.T.), Davies (Wavell and Wolverhampton), Bull (Wavell); Hughes W. (Trenchard House), Williams (Wavell and Stirling County Rugby), Marjoribanks (Hearts, Hibs, and "United"), Walker (Department of Mathematics), and Willman (Ancient Romans).

Boys' team: J. Robertson; Gillespie and Cunningham; C. Robertson, Allan, and Marshall; R. Murdoch, I. Fraser, I. Smith, K. Robinson, and T. Bonar.

Referee: Mr William Orr.

In a photographic competition for readers of "Practical Photography" early this year, R. Long of 2A won third prize with a photograph of the School firework display taken and developed by himself, and reproduced in the magazine in February. The prize was three guineas. Chicken-feed compared with the prize won this term by three Cunningham House boys, who entered for a place-the-ball competition in the "Daily Express". (In case anyone does not know, a photograph of an incident in a football match is published with the ball omitted. Competitors have to mark the place where they think the centre of the ball was.) This feat of skill brought £500 to the boys. To save them from being flooded with begging letters, we are not publishing the names.

Once again we sent two pairs of boys on Outward Bound courses at Burghhead. W. Shields and A. MacLean of 3B went on the junior course during the Easter term, and P. Evans and R. Newman of Form V on the senior course in summer. Also Mr Paterson again took a party for a week to the National Trust Adventure Camp at Brodick Castle in Arran. Their activities included dragging timber and burning cuttings on a huge bonfire, mountain climbing, investigating geological specimens in the hills and on the beach, and a tour of the southern half of the island on hired bicycles. On the last day they scrubbed and painted metal railings round Brodick Castle gardens, and easily beat the record distance set by a previous group. Mr Paterson speaks highly of the spirit with which the boys tackled the tasks allotted to them both in the forest and in the hostel. The party consisted of D. Marshall, D. Jagger, A. Coid, S. Leitch, G. A. Barclay, M. Anderson, I. Collie, G. Hill, R. Murdoch, D. Parker, and J. Robertson.

During the first week-end of the National Trust Camp, Captain Walker organised a camp on the south side of Loch Tay for the 3B boys not going to Arran (D. Dodds, S. Grant, S. Hartley, A. MacLean, F. Mitchell, I. Roe, G. Scott, and W. Shields). They did some canoeing and a trek to Ben Lawers, and earned a good report for their work and behaviour.

From chapel collections a number of donations have been made to church funds and charitable organisations. These include a donation to the Dunblane Christian Aid Week Appeal, which the pipe band also supported by Beating Retreat outside Dunblane Cathedral. There will again be a substantial contribution to the Spastic Fund from the great number of boys who have had to retrieve lost property from the box in the front office. Some have been particularly generous by delaying their payment till pennies have mounted into shillings at the sharp rate of interest charged. But we shall let the contributors remain anonymous.

The annual Inter-House drill competition had to be held on the big square instead of on the field, which was far too soft and wet. It was won by Haig with Trenchard second and Cunningham third. The judges were Major I. A. D. Gordon and R.S.M. Kirbee, M.B.E., of the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

A rash of periodicals, some not reaching their second issue, has broken out this term in Wavell House: The Daily Troll, The Banner, The Herald, and others, which have struggled against each other for circulation, with mutual abuse, and inducements to the reader, e.g. the competition—"Name six countrys in Europe and if you can get the same as us or closest you will get six anny balls." The law of libel is not considered, and many items of news are given briefly and baldly; e.g. "On Sundy _____* saw a rat. He lifted it up with a sports jersey and strangled it."

* Name of Wavell House boy given.

In the new boys' "Passing-Out Parade", the best performers were adjudged to be 1. D. Fisher, 2. P. Sayer, 3. K. Walker. Fisher therefore won the medal presented annually by R.S.M. Lowdon for the best recruit on this parade.

THE ADMISSIONS BOARD

The Annual Admissions Board, under the Presidency of Major General F. C. C. Graham, C.B., D.S.O., representing the Board of Her Majesty's Commissioners, with The Commandant and Headmaster as Members, sat on the 17th to 20th May, and again on 25th May, to consider one hundred and sixteen eligible applications from parents for the admission of their sons to Q.V.S. in September, 1966. The Board had a difficult task, since only forty-five could be accepted, out of more than twice that number of deserving and suitable boys. The actual results, in terms of the father's Service or Corps, of those accepted were:—

Royal Navy sons	....	....	5
Army sons	....	....	28
R.A.F. sons	....	....	12

Of the 116 candidates the great majority had fathers in The Army. Ninety-one out of the total number of parents applying were still serving, in most cases with the prospect of many years service ahead. The Board were able to interview 76 of the parents and their sons, but gave equal consideration to the fully documented files of all absent and overseas candidates. On the average, the Board spent about twenty minutes in consideration of each application, including interviewing time, but excluding preparatory work.

In case boys or parents, whether disappointed or otherwise, tend to believe either that the Board employs a pin or tickets-in-a-hat method, or operates under prejudicial preconceptions, it may be well to explain that The Admissions Board uses a quite clearly defined selection procedure, about which there is no secret. Here it is.

The Board uses a letter grading code varying between A+ and C—. This code is used to grade Reports, the boy himself, and the application as a whole, in this sequence.

The boy is first graded, taking into account his Headmaster's Report, his academic ability and intelligence based on tests, and the Board's own assessment of the boy if seen.

The whole application is next graded, using the same code, and taking into consideration, as well as the grading of the boy, a number of additional important factors such as the Service record of the father, his liability for posting and foreign service, the need of the boy for steady boarding school education, and other special circumstances. The grading thus arrived at may come out quite differently from the grading first given to the boy.

When this procedure has been followed for all applicants, and all the applications sorted out by the lettered grades it is usually clear enough which few applications will almost certainly be successful, and which few are unlikely to be. The difficulty lies in the fact that there are certainly a large number of applications in the middle, with much the same gradings, greatly exceeding the number of vacancies left after the strongest applications have been allowed for.

All the graded applications are then sorted out, with their gradings, into the priority classes laid down in the Royal Warrant, and are given individual consideration again, in this order. Where several applications of almost indistinguishable merit are competing for a single place, consideration is additionally given to the specific suitability of each boy, by age and academic attainment, for the actual places available in each of the receiving Forms. Also some weight may be attached, at this stage, when all other factors are equal, to giving a fair proportionate allocation to each Service and ensuring that, in the case of the Army, no single Regiment or Corps get an unfairly disproportionate allocation of vacancies.

As with all human methods of selection, dealing with human beings, this one is not infallible. However it is hoped that this brief account will be enough to show that, if the Board sometimes makes decisions which to the individual may seem mistaken and unjustified, it is never prejudiced or consciously unfair. Every application receives the same consideration. There are no "favourite" Services, Regiments, or Corps. The School does not accept only the boys cleverest at school work, but, above a necessary minimum level, a fair cross-section of academic ability.

DRESS CHANGES

The desirability of getting rid of the khaki, high necked "band-boys" tunic, and replacing it by a more comfortable and appropriate dress has been widely accepted for a long time. The successive stages of the fairly protracted efforts being made to achieve this have also been common knowledge, at any rate in Q.V.S. and associated circles, over the past eighteen months. So the title of this note should not cause much curiosity or surprise.

What may not be so widely known is that nearly two years of negotiations, meetings and correspondence with the Ministry of Defence and the Treasury have now been decisively and successfully concluded and not only has authority been given to reclothe the Senior School this year, but a contract has been placed with Messrs. Caird & Co. of Perth for the supply of the garments. The Senior School will be equipped next term with a Tweed Highland Jacket, pullover and civilian type collar-attached grey shirt, and School Tie. These shirts will also be worn for everyday wear at school, replacing the khaki shirts.

Wavell House will be similarly re-equipped in 1967.

Another, though less important change in the School dress will be the abandonment, next term, of the khaki battle dress blouse worn with trews by the older boys. The trews will be retained but all in will future wear the blue corduroy blouse for everyday working dress.

No one need fear that the abandonment of an uncomfortable, disliked and anachronistic dress for "walking out" and all other occasions, other than ceremonial, when the boys are seen in public, marks any weakening, far less abandonment, of the School's Service traditions, or the symbols and customs by which these are preserved. The scarlet tunic will, of course, continue to be worn for Church and all public ceremonial occasions, such as the Grand Day Parade, when the School Colours are carried.

WORKS AND BUILDINGS

On the construction side the situation remains bright with promise, even if, and for many months past, the emphasis has had to be put rather more on the promise than on the works—with some exceptions, as is described elsewhere. The MacRobert Library, built by private contractors, has been opened and is in full use, a handsome acquisition to the School. Another real gain has been the completion of the reconstructed Band Building. The Band and the Dancing Team now have stores and practice rooms worthy of their talents.

In June the long awaited Wavell Playhall was, we were told, positively due to begin being built. This building having changed its proposed site and target date several times, and having developed in the planning stage into a considerably more splendid and

The MacRobert Library



complex hall than the modest enclosed space we had originally diffidently asked for, is now, it seems, going to join itself to the new Sports Pavilion ; the whole to form an imposing pile flanking the cricket ground. Since, at the time of writing, the only evidence of implementation of this plan is the cutting of a few trees around the site area, we can but hope that the Pavilion will be ready for next summer and the Wavell Hall come into use in time for the rigours of the winter after the next one. July is the latest forecast for beginning.

If any weather in Scotland can be called fit for tennis, we suppose it is the months of the "summer" term. In a year's time our two new hard tennis courts, so long fought for, surely must actually be there. Another positive achievement has been the completion of four new Masters' houses. If one had not actually watched their almost imperceptible growth, season after season, few people not in the business would have believed that four such tiny houses could have taken so long to construct. There is more we could say about them but perhaps it would be churlish as they are, at long last, at any rate, actually finished, and even occupied.

So much has been so eloquently said and written about the "new" playing field (the passing of the years renders the "quotes" appropriate) that any further comment must be redundant. Only the Commandant, perhaps, knows how bulging the file on this sad subject is and the expostulations, explanations, abortive plans and negatived hopes it contains.

Perhaps the position can be best summed up by saying that though the snipe and other waterfowl seem to have abandoned the field there is, to misquote Kipling, still much too much mud for even the "muddled oafs" and no prospects whatever for the "flanneled fools".

Promise there is, too, of a playground for the staff children, with all the potential excitement of swings, roundabouts, and sandpits. We hope to get it early next year.

So much for building and reconstruction. In the sphere of re-adaptation and redecoration of existing accommodation there are two items of interest. Part of the interior of one of the outside huts has been completely re-decorated and refurnished to form a comfortable sitting room and meeting place for the male administrative staff in the day time, and the Q.V.S. Branch of the S.W.R.I. for their evening meetings, and we are already well advanced in the redecoration and equipment of the old Library, now vacated, to be used as a Lecture Hall and Debating Chamber occasionally, and as Senior School Television Room constantly.

Some may wonder why no mention has been made of the seven new garages. That is because we have lived so long with the prospect of these that they have become a tradition or a myth, part of the content of our imaginative life. Latest target date for beginning? Well, now, actually.

To conclude, although we have commented in this account on delays in fulfilment of our hopes, we do appreciate that some of these delays are not avoidable and are caused by staff, financial, and technical difficulties which arise and have to be surmounted, before construction can begin.

THE MacROBERT LIBRARY

The MacRobert Library was formally opened and presented to the School at a simple ceremony on Friday, 29th April, 1966. The commemorative plaque designed by Mr Le Maistre was unveiled by Colonel A. Irvine Robertson, T.D., D.L., who bestowed the Library on the School as representative of the Trustees of the MacRobert Trust. He reminded the small group present that this gift was in memory of Lady MacRobert's three sons, all of whom gave their lives while serving in the R.A.F. during the 1939-45 War. Air Marshal Sir Brian E. Baker, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C., received the Library on behalf of Her Majesty's Commissioners.

I. G. M. G. Dorward, Esq., D.A., A.R.I.B.A., representing the Architects, and James Craig, Esq., W.S., LL.B., Treasurer of the School, were present, together with the Commandant, the Headmaster, V. H. Le Maistre, Esq., and Michael T. Long, a boy librarian.

The Commandant gave a luncheon party after the ceremony at which the official party were joined by the Senior Master and other representative masters.

The MacRobert Library is a light and spacious building designed to combine the functions of a recreational and a working library. Its pleasant atmosphere and appearance will be conducive to study and attractive to those who come to seek a book or to read the papers. We are sincerely grateful to the Trustees of the MacRobert Trust for this generous addition to the amenities of the School.

OLD BOYS

Of the older generation of Victorians there is remarkably little news this time. But we understand that a strong contingent of London Old Boys will be at the School on Grand Day. Mr Grassick has sent several letters on behalf of the London Branch of the Old Boys' Association. It now has 72 members, with almost every year of the School's history represented among them. At the meeting in March, new members welcomed were Ian Cockburn, Danny Dempsey, Charles Mackenzie, and Robert Miller. Back from a tour of duty in Germany was Roy Davies, now a Corporal in the Sappers. Mr Grassick has written about George West, who recently completed his service in the Scots Guards as Superintendent Clerk, and has now taken up the appointment of Sergeant-Major of the Combined Cadet Force at Eton.

Sergeant-Major West was born into the Guards, in the Guards Depot at Caterham, where his father was stationed. He joined the Guards Band as a boy soldier just before the war. Back from Malaya as a Drum Sergeant in 1951, he decided to leave the band. After a period as Drill Sergeant at the Depot, he was promoted to the rank of W.O.1, and became Superintendent Clerk at H.Q. London District—in charge of a sort of Press and Public Relations Office. His face is well-known to many, for he was one of Britain's "pin-up" soldiers, featured some years ago in a series of holiday publicity posters by the British Travel Association. Mr Grassick also reports the successes of Victorians in the annual competitions of the Scottish Piping Society of London. Pipe-Major J. B. Robertson, M.B.E., late Scots Guards, had a second prize in the Open Piobaireachd (Bratach Gorm and Flora MacDonald award) with "MacCrimmon's Sweetheart". In the Amateur Piobaireachd, Andrew Hill (now finishing his second year secondary at Q.V.S.) had a second with "MacIntosh's Banner", and in the Amateur March, Strathspey and Reel (Highland Society of London Challenge Trophy) he won the first prize with "John MacFayden", "Caledonian Canal", and "Duntroon". Mr Grassick wants it to be known that a London Branch meeting is not a dreary business affair, but a social event which all enjoy.

The reference to publicity posters reminds us that a Scots Guards piper of the following generation of Victorians has been catching the public eye in London. The "People's Journal" last April had a feature about Edward Lawson, with a photograph. What made him a tourist attraction at the Changing of the Guard was his combination of full-size moustache and mutton-chop whiskers. The newspaper disguises his identity by calling him Piper E. Dawson, but in the photograph, the features of Edward Lawson are quite recognisable, even behind moustache and whiskers.

Captain R. Smith has written to the Headmaster from Swindon with some notes about Old Boys who are now Officers of the Royal Artillery. R. Quinn, who left School about the beginning of the last war, enlisted in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders as a band-boy. This year he has been appointed Director of Music, Royal Artillery Band, Woolwich, one of the plum musical posts in the Army. Captain Smith thinks that Captain Quinn is the first Old Boy to become a Director of Music. (If you know of another, write and tell us.) Before being commissioned, he was Bandmaster of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and the Cameronians. P. N. Gill, another Captain in the Royal Artillery, left School in 1948. His recent regimental soldiering has included a tour with a Gunner Commando Regiment and one as a Light Aircraft pilot. Captain Smith met him recently at Camberley on an Army Staff Course. R. Field was Senior Monitor in 1949, and joined the R.A. as a gunner. He was a Sergeant within a year, and became one of the youngest R.S.M.'s in the

Army in 1963, when only 31. He served as R.S.M. of 45 Field Regiment in Malaya and gained a Short Service Combatant Commission in 1965. He is now serving as Assistant Adjutant of 14 Field Regiment in Dortmund, in the rank of Lieutenant. Finally, Captain R. Smith himself. He left School in 1951, for Sandhurst, and was commissioned in 1963. He is now on No. 1 Army Staff Course, Division 2, at R.M.C.S., Shrivenham, where he will be till December of this year, and next year at Camberley. He has recently been an Instructor in the Gunnery School of Artillery, Larkhill, working on Green Archer Radar. That was in 1960-62. He was a Troop Commander and then Adjutant of 94 Locating Regiment, B.A.O.R. from 1963 till 1965. Then he gained a competitive entry to the Staff College. Also in his letter, Captain Smith draws attention to the names of several Old Boys whom he knows to have commissions, but whose names are not shown on the School boards. In addition to the three R.A. officers mentioned here, he gives the names of N. McL. Dick, R.A.F., and V. McGuirk, R.A.E.C. As has been said before in the "Victorian", it is probable that a number of Old Boys have gained commissions who are not named on the boards. The news has to come from themselves.

There are a few bits of news about the younger section of the Old Boys, those of the last ten years or so. M. J. Nixon has been commissioned in the R.A.O.C. on passing out from Sandhurst. P. R. Gibson, Senior Monitor of 1956-57, has been appointed to the English staff of Hutcheson's Grammar School, Glasgow. At the Army Apprentice School, Carlisle, J. H. Watters has passed the silver series of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and both he and B. McLaughlin have won their weights in the Army Individual Boxing Championships, and gained Army colours. Barry McLaughlin is thus repeating the achievement of his brother Terry. Ralph Masterson, Merchant Navy, has recently passed his 1st Mate's Examination in Hong Kong. The Headmaster has had a letter from R. J. Marshall, eldest of three brothers who were at the School a few years ago. Robert Marshall is now with the R.A.D.C. in Cyprus. John McPhail, another Old Boy in the Merchant Navy has sent a post-card from Japan, and we have heard from his father that John has signed on for two years with the New Zealand Shipping Company, and is on their M.V. "Turakina" plying between New Zealand and Japan. A letter from Alan Kay at Edinburgh University tells us that both Jim and he are awaiting examination results. This is Jim's final year, and he is intending to go to Moray House (teacher-training) next year. Peter Kay at present has a temporary job as an audit clerk in the Ministry of Labour, based on London, but has the prospect of a post with Air Traffic Control in the Ministry of Aviation. Last year's Senior Monitor, Dougald Robertson, who has been doing his last year of school in Wick, has found some disadvantages in day-school life, particularly where sport is concerned.

But he has joined the Caithness Rugby Club, and has obviously had a successful season with them. He was picked for their "seven" to play at Inverness in the North Seven-a-side Tournament. Club Rugby he finds a good deal harder in play than school games. He was knocked unconscious in a match on New Year's Day. Dougald is a candidate for Jordanhill College, where Graham Matthews, his predecessor as Senior Monitor, already is. John Welsh, last year's Prince Philip medallist, has been seen at his duties as a Police Cadet in Stirling. His elder brother George, Customs and Excise, is now married. And so are many Victorians who seem to the staff to have left school only the other day.

About fifty Old Boys, a fairly regular number each year, turned up for Old Boys' Day on 1st May. For the first time in recent years there was neither rain nor chilling wind, but a day of beautiful sunshine. The Old Boys won the football match fairly easily. The General Meeting of the Old Boys' Association was held before the afternoon proceedings, and was attended as usual by the Commandant, Headmaster, and R.S.M. The Old Boys' Visitors Book has proved rather disappointing as a source of information for this article. Again we appeal to Old Boys, especially the veterans and those who come from faraway places, to put their names legibly in the book, rather than only in signature form, and to add their School admission numbers or years of entering and leaving the School. Two quite recent visitors give addresses in Canada. One was R. Dingley, serving in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and stationed in Kingston, Canada. The other gives Montreal as his address, but we cannot read the name. Early numbers represented are those of A. C. Brett (28) and, a regular visitor, G. Stirrat (43). Both left the School in 1913. At Christmas there was a card from A. D. Swan (A2) from Victoria, Australia.

Since inquiries from Old Boys about joining the Old Boys' Association, buying ties, etc., are fairly common, we re-print the following details of the Association. There is no annual subscription, but a life-membership fee of £1. In return for this, members receive the July number of the "Victorian", and a news-letter early in each year. The December issue of the magazine is not distributed free to Old Boys, but anyone who wants to get a copy can do so by sending a request form with a postal order for 2/6d, which should reach us by the end of November. Ties and lapel badges can be got from the R.S.M. at the School at a cost of 12/6d and 2/6 respectively. Blazer badges are available from Messrs. William Thomson, Dormie House, Union Street, Glasgow at a cost of £3 15s 0d.

ADDENDUM.

Since these notes were written, the results of final examinations at Edinburgh University have been published. We congratulate J. G. Kay and J. A. Ross on their success in gaining the degree of B.Sc. with honours, Kay in Mathematical Science, and Ross in Physics.

FIRST HUNDRED NEWS

(We print below a short article recently received from Mr Herbert Harrison. We are sorry to hear, from his covering letter, that he was taken ill not long ago. We hope that he has now completely recovered.)

This past year I am happy to say, has been very kind to us and so far as I know, our number remains the same as last year, 42, and from most of them I have heard at least once during the year. Several have had serious illnesses but happily, all have made good recoveries. We have now all retired from regular employment but several have taken part-time work, mainly I think, to fill in the time.

I get many cheery letters and all speak highly of their years in the School. We are all very proud of the part we played in helping to give the School a good start. Those of our time who haven't been able to visit the School in recent years, would, if they were to pay a visit now, be amazed at the vast changes made, both inside and outside the School. Apart from the fact that the main building is still the same shape, everything else appears to have changed and all the alterations and additions are very much to the benefit of the boys and, I am sure, to the staff also.

It is now eight years since thirty of us gathered at the School for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations and I hope a few of us will be able to return in 1968 for the 60th anniversary.

As most of you know, my grandson was admitted to the School last September, thus starting the third generation of boys there. Owing to his father being stationed in Singapore at the time, it fell to me to take John to the School and it was a very happy day for me when I did so. I have now, walked up the Drive on three admission days, the first in 1909 when I was myself admitted, the second in 1937 when my son followed, and now in 1965 when it was the turn of my grandson. It seems a strange coincidence that there were twenty-eight years between each admission. I wonder in which year the fourth generation will appear.

The good wishes of the First Hundred are extended to the Commandant, Headmaster, all members of the Staff, and the boys, old and young, wherever they may be.

H. J. HARRISON.

THE BAND AND THE HIGHLAND DANCING TEAM

Since November, 1965, the School Pipes and Drums Band, and the Highland Dancing Team, have been operating under a new policy, which was submitted to Her Majesty's Commissioners and approved by the Board at their November meeting.

Traditionally the School Band, and also the School Exhibition Highland Dancing Team had, within

certain limitations, operated rather like an Army Regimental Band. It was largely self supporting financially, drawing the income necessary for its maintenance mainly from substantial donations from establishments and organisations for whom the Band and Dancing Team performed on what was, in fact, more or less a "commercial" basis. The boys were paid "Extra Duty Pay" for such performances and the Band Fund usually showed a surplus over expenses at the end of the year. The necessary limitations were, of course, that only a few of the large number of requests received during the year for the services of the Band and Dancing Team could be accepted without detriment to the boys' work and games, and some types of engagements had to be refused, as only suitable for adult performers.

Even within these restrictions it had become increasingly felt that, under contemporary conditions, such principles of operation could no longer be regarded as appropriate for the public appearances of the Band and Dancing Teams of a School of the status and character of Queen Victoria School.

Accordingly it was proposed to Her Majesty's Commissioners that in future the only public engagements which should be accepted would be those which came within one or other of the following classifications :—

Those which contribute to liaison between the School and the Armed Forces in Scotland.

Those which contribute to the repute of the School in the eyes of the Scottish Public, or in the District and County.

Those which have an element of public service, for the benefit of a worthy or charitable cause or institution.

Within the definition of the above categories, donations to the Band Fund would still be accepted when offered, but would no longer be regarded as a factor in considering acceptance of an official engagement.

Extra duty pay for the boys in the Band and Dancing Team was discontinued but, as some additional recognition of the extra hours and work they put in during the year, a Band/Dancing Team Outing, entailing a "day off" during the Summer Term, has been instituted.

Her Majesty's Commissioners accepted the fact that, under this policy, the Band and Dancing Team would no longer be self-supporting financially, and agreed to meet any resultant annual deficit in the expenses of maintaining them.

Within the spirit of this policy, some excellent engagements have been carried out by the Band and Dancing Team.

The Band played at the two Murrayfield Internationals and received, perhaps, even more than their usual expressions of approval from experts among the audience afterwards.

As a start to the Summer Term, the Band played

at the Schoolboys' International between Scotland and Wales in April. In May the Band Beat Retreat outside Dunblane Cathedral, at the request of the Provost, as a start to Dunblane Christian Aid Week. In the same month a special Retreat was arranged for the visit of Colonel A. C. T. White, V.C., M.C., B.A., a former Commandant of the School.

Early in June, at the request of Colonel Boyle, the School's Commissioner who is also Commandant of the Princess Louise Hospital at Erskine for ex-servicemen, a full performance of both Band and Dancing Team was given at the Hospital, and very greatly appreciated by the inmates, many of whom are disabled, and by the large number of relations and friends who were visiting the Hospital on that Sunday.

On 18th June the Band Beat Retreat on The Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle and had the exceptional honour paid to them and to the School in having the Salute taken by Lieut. General Sir George C. Gordon Lennox, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding in Chief, Scottish Command, Governor of Edinburgh Castle, Vice-President of Her Majesty's Commissioners and Colonel, the Gordon Highlanders.

The following day, as a contribution to Service Liaison, the Band and the Dancing Team performed at the "Keep the Army in the Public Eye" display at Dundee.

In the furtherance of local and civilian relationships the Band and Dancing Team gave an open air performance at Pitlochry on 29th June and the Band played for the Dunblane Agricultural Show, early in July.

It will therefore be seen that the new policy for the public engagements of the Band and the Dancing Team has not resulted in any falling off of their activities and it is certain that the only limitation of the demand for their services for such events will be the necessarily severe restriction which must be placed on the number which can be accepted in any one term, particularly the summer term.

Both the Band and the Dancing Team are, at the present time, probably as good as they have ever been, if not better, as it is hoped that those who see and hear them on Grand Day will agree. Some evidence of the standard of playing produced is the winning, this year, of the Scottish Piping Society of London's amateur March, Strathspey and Reel Competition by Andrew Hill, aged thirteen. He also came second in the Society's Piobaireachd competition.

For the attainment of this standard, great credit is due to their Instructors, Pipe Major MacKenzie and Drum Major Morrison. In the new Band Building they have at last, a "home" worthy of them and their pupils.

THE BAND

Pipers—I Fraser (Boy Pipe-Major), A. Brown, A. N. King, G. Slater, J. Wood, G. Fox, I. Roe, D.

Fingland, R. McDougall, A. Hill, A. McDonald, J. Pryde, I. Robertson, A. Robertson, D. McDonald, J. Will, A. Jeffrey, P. Gilchrist, A. Martin, C. Fraser, M. Greig.

Drummers—R. Gill (Boy Drum-Major), I. Smith, G. McManus, A. Smith, G. Scott, L. Heron, I. Graham, A. MacLean, B. Murton, J. Buchanan, J. Duncan.

THE HIGHLAND DANCING TEAM

J. Lee, A. S. Grey, S. Corrigan, R. Grant, J. Shannon, N. Houston, M. Sinclair, P. J. Docherty.

COMPETITIONS IN PIPING, DRUMMING, BUGLING, AND HIGHLAND DANCING

Piping

- Class A* Slow March : G. H. Fox.
March : G. H. Fox.
Strathspey and Reel : D. McG. Fingland.
- Class B* Slow March, March and award for best Class B piper all won by A. N. Macdonald.
- Class C* Slow March : S. Grant.
March : A. A. Macdonald.
Winner of Class C chanter : S. Grant.
Runner-up : S. Cowie.
Best piper : G. H. Fox.

Drums and Bugles

- Senior drumming : B. S. Knox.
Tenor drumming : A. I. MacLean.
Senior bugling : I. M. Smith.
Junior drumming : W. J. McMillan.
Junior bugling : A. J. Burns.
Best junior drummer and bugler : M. C. Binks.
Best drummer and bugler : B. R. Murton.
Special Prize for drumming and bugling : I. Graham.

Highland Dancing

- Class A* Sword Dance and Highland Fling both won by J. A. Learmonth.
- Class B* Sword Dance : S. D. Young.
Highland Fling : B. Webb.
- Best junior dancer : E. Cuthbert.
Junior dancing, best progress : S. G. R. Gilroy.
Best Highland Dancer : B. Webb.
House dancing shield : Wavell House. Winning team (Shaw Stewart medals) : B. Webb, S. Young, K. T. Ross, W. Crichton.

The judges in these annual competitions were Captain D. R. MacLennan, Seaforth Highlanders and Mr George E. Fox (piping) ; Drum-Major W. Hall, Gordon Highlanders (drumming and bugling) ; Messrs. L. Georgeson and A. McKillop (Highland dancing). We thank them cordially for their services.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITIONS

Since we had the services of Mr Marjoribanks, who has been taking speech and drama in the School for the past two terms, it was decided that we should extend the range of speech and reading competitions. In addition to the usual competition for senior boys, there was one for second and third year boys, held in the Play Hall, and one is to be held in class for first year boys.

For the senior (Addison Smith) competition, there was a disappointing entry of only five boys, and the competition itself was disappointing too. Preparation of recitations and speeches was inadequate. There were bad lapses of memory and omissions in the recitation of a twentieth century poem of the candidate's choice, which was the first part. Speeches too were much weaker than usual, and of the range of topics offered three candidates had chosen the same one—a repetition which it is easy to avoid if candidates begin work early, and decide their choices with some consideration for variety in the programme. In general the speeches were over-facitious in their material or dull and confused. It seems to have been overlooked that the most important factor in speaking to an audience is having something interesting to say, and having it well planned. All the expertise possible in poise, articulation, rhythm will not make a good speech out of bad material ; but a consciousness of good material well arranged in one's mind gives a confidence that may sweep away difficulties in delivery. Candidates were perhaps handicapped to some extent by not knowing on what lines it would be acceptable to treat their subjects : particularly this year the subject chosen by three of them, which was a speech on the occasion of a leaving presentation to a veteran (fictitious) member of the school staff. Two chose to guy the subject, and did raise laughs from the boy audience. The other, the eventual winner, treated the occasion, on the whole, as a serious one, though one felt that his invented facts about the retiring master were improbable. The judges—the Commandant, and Messrs. Willman and Marjoribanks—decided to award only one prize, which went to J. Allan.

For the second/third year competition there were so many entries that an eliminating contest was held, and eight candidates went forward to the final. These were A. Mackenzie, M. McNaughton, and D. MacIver of 3A, D. Dods of 3B, and A. Hill, M. McLaughlin, and D. Maclean of 2A. In Part I of the final, each had to talk for about four minutes on his favourite book, film, periodical, or television programme. 75 marks were allocated to this part. In Part II, he had to read a passage of prose given to him a week before the contest. There were 25 marks for this part. In both sections the marking system stressed the importance of voice and speech clarity, deportment, and contact with the audience. After an exciting competition, in which only four marks separated the first three candidates, A. Mackenzie of 3A was placed first, M. McNaughton of 3A second,

and D. Dobbs of 3B third. The weakness evident in speeches was a tendency to recite by heart a number of statements about the writer or work, that sounded like material from the dust-jacket read aloud, instead of talking to the audience about what had been read or seen. The judges were Mr Marjoribanks, Mr Le Maistre and Major Hughes.

The first-year competition has still to be held. Its result will be included in the prize list, if we are able to get that in time for publication at the end of this number of the magazine.

THE SCHOOL PLAY

This year's School play has caused us some editorial difficulties by coming so late in the school year, the last week of the summer term, that we are not able to give it as much notice as it deserves. The play was Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer" in the dramatised version by Charlotte B. Chorpenning. The proceeds from the production open to the public were donated to Christian Aid.

In this play, where the main characters are boys, and the adult parts are comparatively minor, a big strain falls on the younger boys who have to support the leading roles. It fell on Michael McLaughlin, Andrew Hill, and Duncan Macdonald to sustain these parts, which they did with great success. In the adult parts there were some excellent character studies. The appearance of known personalities in strikingly distinctive costume was enough to raise delighted laughter from the boy audience, and the sermon from the Minister (A. W. Morrice) was a high spot of the performance. Colourful costumes and some magnificent sets helped to carry the play on, and there was some good "business" to support the dialogue. The American accent was used throughout—another big demand on boy actors, which they managed far better than one had a right to expect. The professional touch was most evident in the management of the crowd scene, when Muff Potter was accused of the murder; and C. McLaughlin made a convincingly sinister figure of Injun Joe. We must congratulate the producer, the cast, and all behind the scenes on a very lively and enjoyable show.

CAST

(In order of appearance)

<i>Tom Sawyer</i>	....	....	M. McLaughlin.
<i>Aunt Polly</i>	....	....	K. Owens.
<i>Sid Sawyer</i>	....	....	S. Munro.
<i>Ben Rogers</i>	....	....	J. Sayer.
<i>Joe Harper</i>	....	....	D. Macdonald.
<i>Huck Finn</i>	....	....	A. Hill.
<i>Becky Thatcher</i>	....	....	P. J. Docherty.
<i>Muff Potter</i>	....	....	M. G. Scoggins.
<i>Injun Joe</i>	....	....	C. McLaughlin.
<i>Dr. Robinson</i>	....	....	M. Anderson.

<i>Hooper</i>	....	....	A. Greig.
<i>The Sheriff</i>	....	....	I. Smith.
<i>Judge Thatcher</i>	....	....	E. Gillespie.
<i>The Minister</i>	....	....	A. Morrice.
<i>The Minister's Wife</i>	....	....	R. Davies.
<i>Widow Douglas</i>	....	....	P. F. Docherty.
<i>Mrs Thatcher</i>	....	....	D. Kennedy
<i>Mr Harper</i>	....	....	R. McDougall.
<i>Mrs Harper</i>	....	....	A. McKenzie.
<i>Bud Riverson</i>	....	....	D. Fingland.
<i>Townspople</i>	....	....	I. Matthews, J. Robertson, S. Hartley. C. Matheson, B. Murton, S. Powell, J. Brown, P. Brown.

<i>Producer</i>	....	....	Brian Marjoribanks.
<i>Stage Manager</i>	....	....	Derek Marshall.
<i>Assistant Stage Managers</i>	....	....	Ian Fraser, Kenneth Cockburn, Hamish Grigor.
<i>Wardrobe Mistress</i>	....	....	Mrs M. F. Le Maistre. Miss M. L. Le Maistre.
<i>Make-up</i>	....	....	Mr V. H. Le Maistre.
<i>Scenic Designer</i>	....	....	Eric Gillespie.
<i>Sets Painted by</i>	....	....	Eric Gillespie, James Allan.
<i>Carpentry</i>	....	....	Woodwork Department.
<i>Lighting by</i>	....	....	Paul Evans.

Pianoforte—Mr N. C. Bruce.

"REMINISCENCES"

By an Old Victorian

(This article was contributed by a distinguished Old Boy, who prefers it to be unsigned. But many readers will have no difficulty in identifying him.)

My father was killed in action with the Royal Scots Greys at the Relief of Kimberley in February, 1900. I was then five months' old.

The Royal Scots Greys had subscribed to nominate a boy to represent the Regiment at the opening of the School in 1909. On July 9th, my mother and I arrived at Dunblane Station en route to Queen Victoria School. Victor Hayes—later Lieut. Colonel—and his mother arrived by the same train. We all took the road together.

The first intake of boys stood at 50 for a long time; and thereafter, we were always referred to as "The First Fifty". By April, 1910, 170 boys had entered the School. We had at that time, a Pipe Band, a Military Band, and a Drum and Bugle Band. In 1910, the Pipe Band played at the Glasgow Exhibition held in Kelvingrove Park. Boys who showed special aptitude, were trained as students with a view to becoming Army Schoolmasters. Included in "The First Fifty" were two boys from The Duke of York's Royal Military School, Chelsea, and two boys from

The Royal Hibernian Military School, Dublin. John McIlroy, whose father was on the School staff became No. 5. All were made monitors. (I met Stevenson from R.H.M.S. Dublin, in France, the night before he was killed in late 1917.)

In those days we wore long ankle-length night shirts. The beds had beautiful red and white counterpanes. The floors throughout the School were polished with "Ronuk", by the numerous maids employed. All lighting and cooking was by gas. The Dining Hall had an impressive display of Armoury, lances, tiger and bear skins and battle pictures of soldiers. From time to time, two boys were selected to sing "Grace". Corporal punishment was administered by the staff Drum-Major—came across the shorts whilst touching toes, or across the bare bottom, by a tawse, for a more serious breach of the rules. Fire drill was practised occasionally in the night. When "Fire Alarm" sounded, it was a case of Get-up—dress-up—shut-up. We foot-drilled on the square almost every morning—except when wet. Occasionally, we marched up the Perth Road or to Kinbuck. We had to sing. Because of an outbreak of scarlet fever in 1911, some of us had to sleep in the chapel until our dormitory was fumigated. It was during this time, that the cross on the crown of the lion in front of the pulpit, was broken off—and still is! In those days horse-drawn trams travelled between Stirling and Bridge of Allan. The depot shed still stands on the Causewayhead Road. The motor car was in its infancy.

In July, 1911, 25 boys were sent to London for the Coronation of King George V. We were joined by 25 boys from The Duke of York's R.M. School, Chelsea, and 25 boys from The Royal Hibernian Military School, Dublin. We were quartered in Old Scotland Yard Police Barracks.

On Coronation Day, all three detachments marched in column down The Mall, headed by a small Q.V.S. Pipe Band. We passed through the Scots Guards and the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders who lined the route. We played the regimental march of each regiment as we reached it. We were given a very prominent position opposite Buckingham Palace. The following day—The Royal Progress—we were positioned beside the Gordon Highlanders on Constitution Hill.

We stayed a week; during which time we were taken to The Tower, the Zoo and other places of interest. I was reprimanded for sitting on the wool-sack in the House of Lords. We saw Martin Harvey in "The Only Way" at the Lyceum and Anna Pavlova in "Swan Dance" at the Palace Theatre.

Because I was boy Drum-Major, I had the singular honour of being introduced to Sir Robert Baden Powell, Hero of Mafeking and founder of the Boy Scout movement, Field Marshall Lord Roberts, V.C., Hero of the Indian Mutiny, and Sir William Smith who raised the Boys' Brigade.

King George V came to Scotland in July, 1912, and

the entire School paraded in a review at King's Park, Edinburgh. I overheard the Prince of Wales say, "Aren't they smart!", as he passed along our ranks in a carriage.

In July, 1913, the Pipe Band and dancers took part in the Royal Naval and Military Tournament at Olympia. We stayed in Chelsea Barracks with the Coldstream Guards. Many times on our way to Olympia we heard suffragettes harangue crowds outside Sloane Square Underground Station. How well I remember Queen Alexandra bowing so graciously when I saluted her as we marched out of the arena.

During my stay at the School, Bleriot had flown the Channel, King Edward VII died, Paulham flew from London to Manchester for a prize of £10,000, Dr. Crippen was on the run, arrested and executed, Captain Scott and his brave men perished returning from the South Pole, the "Titanic" struck an iceberg on its maiden voyage, and sank with a terrific loss of life; and Winston Churchill had directed the "Siege of Sidney Street" when "Peter the Painter" and his gang of Russian Anarchists were eliminated.

When I was a small boy, I had a latent desire to be a soldier and fight for my country as my gallant father had done. Four days after my fourteenth birthday I left Q.V.S. to enlist in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, at Stirling Castle recruiting centre. I soon obtained a 2nd Class Certificate of Education and was appointed "Drummer". This meant I was on the fighting establishment of the regiment. In August, 1914, less than a year after leaving school, I left Edinburgh Castle with my battalion as a drummer to join the British Expeditionary Force in France. Two companies, of which one was mine, became escort to General Sir John French, Commander-in-Chief. After the retreat from Mons, my battalion replaced what was left of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, in the 1st Infantry Brigade, prior to the first Battle of the Marne. It was here I saw enemy soldiers for the first time. German Horse Artillery burst a few shrapnel shells over us while we were advancing in extended order, then rapidly withdrew.

Three days later, at the Petit Morin, I had my baptism of fire. We were marching along a hillside in wooded country when suddenly, rifle fire from a German rearguard caused us to deploy for action. When I heard my platoon officer shout, "Fix Bayonets", my mind went back to pictures of soldiers in action in bygone wars. I was not yet 15. I saw many dead soldiers that day! Six days later, September, 14th, we were again in action at the Chemin-des Dames in the Aisne country. My battalion had over 600 casualties—mostly from rifle and machine-gun fire. In late October, 1914, we moved to Belgium to halt the German advance to the Channel Ports. As we marched through Ypres, The Cloth Hall, now famous, stood unscathed; and people were sitting outside cafes quite oblivious to what was going on elsewhere. They merely waved

Annual Inspection

WEDNESDAY, 13th JULY, 1966, at 3.45 p.m.

Inspecting Officer :

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR DAVID GREGORY,

K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.

Flag Officer, Scotland and Northern Ireland

INSPECTION

The parade is drawn up in line with the Pipes and Drums in the rear. The Colours are marched on to the parade to the School March "Victorians". (*Spectators rise as Colours are marched on.*)

The Inspecting Officer arrives and is conducted to the Saluting Base. (*Spectators remain seated.*)

The Inspecting Officer is received with a General Salute. He inspects the parade, meets the South African Veterans, and returns to the Saluting Base.

MARCH PAST

The parade moves off and forms Columns of Guards on the left of the Saluting Base. The Pipes and Drums play "Loch Tummelside".

The Guards march past in slow time to the tune "The Mist-Covered Mountains". (*Spectators rise as the Colours pass them.*)

The parade reforms line to the tune "The Barren Rocks of Aden", then advances in Review Order to "Scotland the Brave" and gives a General Salute.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES AND TROPHIES

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

The Inspecting Officer addresses the parade.

Lady Gregory, wife of the Inspecting Officer, presents non-academic prizes, medals, and trophies.

The Senior Monitor (E. D. Gillespie) calls for three cheers for Vice-Admiral and Lady Gregory.

MARCH OFF

The parade reforms line and marches off, headed by the Pipes and Drums playing "Highland Laddie".

Programme

(Tea will be served during the execution of the following programme)

1. PHYSICAL TRAINING : (Physical Education Master, Mr G. Reid).
2. HIGHLAND DANCING : (Instructor, Mr J. Mortimer, Late K.O.S.B.)
Foursome Reel
Eightsome Reel
3. BEATING RETREAT : (Pipe-Major, Mr J. M. Mackenzie, Late Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.)
(Drum-Major, Mr A. K. W. Morrison, Late Scots Guards.)

Retreat Marches	....	....	....	....	....	....	My Faithful Fair One
							I See Mull
Slow March	....	....	....	....	....	....	Harken My Love
March	....	....	....	....	....	....	Macneil of Ugadale
March	....	....	....	....	....	....	The Haughs of Cromdale
Strathspey	....	....	....	....	....	....	The Maids of Islay
Reel	....	....	....	....	....	....	The Bowmore Reel
March	....	....	....	....	....	....	Rab's Wedding
March Off	....	....	....	....	....	....	The Old 93rd
							Highland Laddie

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Displays of work done by the boys are on exhibition in the Band Building (immediately behind H.M. Commissioners' enclosure) throughout the afternoon.

us on our way. Then followed the first battle of Ypres. In December, 1914, King George V and The Prince of Wales visited us in billets. Some time later in the year, I became a casualty. When I reached hospital in Boulogne, a doctor examined me. At this time, I had worn a kilt for 5 months and my knees were brown with exposure. He said to me, "You're a Jock, aren't you? You've legs like a lassie. How old are you?" When I said I was 15 and 3 months, he murmured "My God!" Then he turned to the sister and said "This boy must go home tomorrow". I went to France again in 1916 and marched into Germany in November, 1918.

Time marches on. I represented my regiment in the Victory marches in Paris and London in July, 1919. I passed out of Sandhurst in 1923, and I entered my regimental depot in Inverness, exactly 10 years to a day, after having enlisted at Stirling Castle.

In October, 1933, when I was Sergeant-Instructor in the Police Training School, Glasgow, I married Georgina Fraser Bain Scotland, second daughter of R.S.M. Peter Scotland, D.C.M., who served 25 years at Queen Victoria School, and who had endeared himself to hundreds of Old Victorians. It was the first occasion on which an old boy had married in the School Chapel. My Best Man, was an old boy, 2nd Lieut.—later Lieut. Colonel—George Thomson, Royal Corps of Signals

I have a unique boast—call it what you will—of having worshipped, slept, and married in the School Chapel, which was erected as a memorial to those gallant soldiers who fell in the South African War, 1899-1902, of whom my father was one.

TODAY'S TELEVISION

- 7.00 Raise your Spirits. The music of the school bell.
- 7.01 Close Down.
- 7.25 Beat the Clock.
- 7.30 The Latecomers. Interviewed by I. T. Williams.
- 8.00 Today's News. Read by the prefects.
- 8.15 The Skivers. Hospital series.
- 8.40 United Church Service. R.C.'s and Orangemen.
- 8.55 Laws of Disorder. An explanation of some school rules.
- 9.15 Bong Joor. Regional French programme.
- 10.00 3B Projects. A programme for the very young.
- 11.00 Wavell House Regatta. From the burn.
- 12.00 Halve your Money. Racing forecasts from the front office.
- 12.30 Football from the small square.
- 1.00 Mid-day Moan.
- 1.05 Zoo Time. From a 4th Year Mess.
- 1.30 Points from Letters.

- 3.00 Football. The second half of one of today's matches in the West Perthshire Primary League.
- 3.45 Junior League Cricket. The entire match broadcast live.
- 4.00 Roller-skate Scramble.
- 5.00 Today's football and racing results analysed by Tich Crawford.

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- 6.30 Bottom of the Class. Q.V.S. A v. Q.V.S. B.
 - 7.00 Noughts and Crosses. From a Senior Classroom.
 - 7.30 Coronation Avenue. The life of simple people.
 - 8.00 Dr. Fairley's Case-Book.
 - 8.30 Disbanded. A series about the masters' football team.
 - 9.00 Meeting Point. From the drum store and shooting -range.
 - 10.00 Bed-Time Stories.
 - 11.00 Round the Bunks. Discussion and Popular Music (Including senior dormitory conversation broadcast live and uncensored from our secret microphone).
 - 12.00 (Approx.). Shut Up.

LOOKING BACK

(These reminiscences were written by two seniors who are leaving school this term.)

My first three years at this school were comparatively hard. I was ridiculed, bullied, and given the nick-name "Simple". I can remember being thrown into the Ryland burn at least three times. Before coming here I had been a particularly innocent and retiring little boy.

It is not true to say I was introduced to the "art" of boxing here, because my father once took me to a Professor Marks for instruction. This step was taken by my parent because the boy next door, who was older and stronger than I, used to beat me with a cricket bat and whatever else came to hand. My training in this gentleman's sport had effected no significant change in my character and outlook: I was no bolder. One day when I was poking around in some of the rooms at the back of the boxing school building, I saw a giant, dripping, nude, negro towelling himself. I was startled and ran away. He frightened me so much that I was unwilling to return the next Saturday.

When most of the bullying was over and I was getting to be a fairly big boy, I was introduced to one of the romance languages. This now became the bane of my life—during the Sunday night films I could never concentrate for thinking that I had French first period on Monday morning and I had not done

my prep. I would prepare all sorts of wild excuses, sometimes losing my jotter, or forgetting it. I did not use a "swick paper" because I could not imagine myself being unable to talk my way out of the situation when one was caught red handed. Still, all the people I ever remember sitting next to me were artists in the use of swick papers, and it depended on the extent of the sadistic quality of their natures whether I was allowed to borrow one in a time of extreme stress.

The best weeks I ever spent at school were at Cultybraggan. When there was sunshine we could go up into the mountains and bathe in the rock pools. It was completely natural. We rejoiced in the abandonment of clothing and swam in the "raw". When there was rain, we went inside the huts and listened to the staccato of water drops on the corrugated iron roofs. One could be late for tea, and no one would notice. There was no curbing of noise. Groups of boys could go into an old hut and twist themselves into knots to the sound of good, rollicking pop music. There were all sorts of hobbies, interesting pastimes too, like "grassing". I pride myself on never having been grassed once at Cultybraggan. I, or "Donny" or "Stew", would shout, "Let's grass Thomas", and the gang would turn on Thomas and stuff wads of grass up his trousers, in his shirt and down his stockings. It was great fun. The toilets at Cultybraggan were good fun too. The actual "loo" was a great pipe with a series of seats upon which one could sit. Water ran along this pipe all the time. If one stood in one of the sacking-partitioned cubicles while one's mate was unsuspectingly sitting reading in another cubicle further down the pipe, one could pop in a penny banger, or fourpenny depending on the confidence in one's timing, and virtually blow him off his seat.

Nothing of real consequence has happened to me since then at school. My third year was fairly settled. In my fourth year I suffered from a series of complexes—I have weathered my fifth and sixth years and now, with four weeks, five days, 6 hours and one minute to go before I leave school, at the time of writing this article, I look forward to spending a couple of months' holiday pulling pints behind a hotel bar.

This school has changed so much in eight years, that I can't remember all the details of my first years here. I do, however, remember my first feelings on arrival for interview. I had already told myself that I wasn't going to like the place and was quite prepared—until the time came—to tell my parents so. I remember feeling I must have been very bad to have been sent here by my parents; I had always thought they loved me. For a term or more I moped and was homesick, but after that, despite myself, I began to enjoy being here, and the best part of the holidays was the end.

To my conscious knowledge, I have never been part of a "crowd", I have never had any close friends, but have co-existed with many friends, or at least, non-enemies. The juniors in my day used to discuss, after "lights-out" if no other time was available, their three sets of enemies, and how to dispose of them. These were the prefects, the masters, and IIIB. This latter was a much more formidable organisation than it is now, but to a certain extent the 4th year have taken over their "duties". I remember being allowed to call of the IIIB boys by his nick-name of "Dobbin" after I had found his handkerchief for him. That privilege boosted my self-esteem no end. Friendship with authority was very important and I remember I used to sleep next to Eric (Eck) T——— who was our dormitory leader. Consequently, when the prefects went out leaving him in charge to report any talking or fooling about, I was never included in the mass punishments that followed these activities. "Eck's" best friend was J. B——— who through his school life had to put up with the reputation of being the boy who shouted in class, "'Eck' or 'Eek'", (there are two versions), a baldy mouse!"—when he saw a mouse run over the floor. He was also involved in a romance with Jane B———. Still around the school in odd places are the words "J.B. loves J.B.". I suppose he must have been twelve at the time, but we all looked upon the relationship as a passionate love-affair and were not slow to tease him about it.

The funny things that are remembered, are those that I have done, or have seen done, to other people. The things that happened to me were never funny. There is only one incident of note that I can remember well. I had been sent to Stirling Hospital for an examination to decide whether or not I had some vague disease or condition. I noted with shock that the doctor was a Negro. I was young at the time and was scared of Negroes. He told me he was going to give me a blood test, and I was so surprised by his command of English that I forgot to resist. He drained off a syringe of blood and then began praising it. "What beautiful blood!", he said—by this time I was convinced he was a vampire. Just then a nurse came in and my courage returned.

It's the little things, perhaps only because I am straining to recall them, that are funny to remember now, though they weren't at the time: prayers during tea for thunderstorms so that Grand Day drill would be washed out, playing "one-man chasey" around the school, the pleasure of not being in detention, or of being at the dentist's and hearing him telling you not to come back. Many of these simple things have ceased to please me so much. I enjoy listening to the pipe-band more than I ever did. The event I miss most is having my parents come up unexpectedly, even only once a term, to take me out. Even if I didn't especially enjoy the afternoon, it was a high-spot in my school life.

FROM Q.V.S. WITH LOVE

Dear Mum and Dad,

I hope you are feeling well for I am not. I have just been whacked for taking too much soup. Bully Bletcher hit me on the ear this morning and it's gone all red and big. Got shoved in a cold bath today for not getting up at the bell. In class I had a rotten time. I got three for not doing my prep and another three for not crying. Then we had sums and he gave me two for not knowing the square times the cubic root of 3,225. But when I asked him what it was he didn't know, so he gave me four more. I've got no L plates, I assure you. Then we had French and I got three for singing. Then we had a break. And that's where I am now. In break. I'll have to go now and do Latin with Plagosus Dominus. Cheerio. Having a lovely time. Glad you're not here.

Love,

Johnny.

P. J. DOCHERTY 1A.

THE MODEL SCHOOLBOY

He rose with the bell and washed his face, brushed his teeth, and looked awake.
He was in fact the model schoolboy, for he was never late and never caused complaint.
At breakfast he ate with the best of manners never making sandwiches of his bangers.
At chapel he sang above the rest, listened to the reading, and prayed his best.
Then school would come and give him the greatest of pleasure, never wasting time on leisure.
At French he gave his greatest attention, learning his prep and never in detention.
For games he loved to have cross-country, running his hardest and always arriving in time.
In short he did what he was told and always did his best,
And was praised by all the masters, and jeered at by the rest.

J. CORRIGAN 3A.

THE RULE-BREAKER

One boy in this school
Breaks every single rule.
He is known to the masters as a trouble-maker,
But we shall call him the rule-breaker.
When reveille goes the Rule-breaker sleeps on
And fifteen minutes after breakfast has started, he runs out of the dorm.
Wearing hard shoes, he slinks down the back-stair,

Goes through the servery and takes three spoonfuls of beans,
Three sausages, two spoonfuls of egg, two bits of bacon,
Three slices of toast, and then walks calmly to his place.
For classes he wanders in late.
He never does prep, just leaves it to fate.
During lessons he does no work.
Before games he says he is hurt.
In free time he does nothing constructive,
Just reads literature which is never instructive.
At night he steals out of the school
And goes to the swimming pool.
He smokes and drinks while he is there,
And after an hour or two he goes back to bed via the back stair.
We will be glad to know if other boys like this exist.
If you know any, send us a list.

A. GREIG 3A.

A CONFESSION

Why was I born?
I'm as thick as can be.
I add two and two,
And end up with three.

I don't know my name.
It's Smith or it's Jones.
I give the dog mince,
And I eat the bones.

I comb my hair with a toothbrush
And cut my nails with a knife.
I don't know why I do these things,
But I've done them all my life.

G. BRUCE 1A.

A BONNIE WEE LAD

There wis a bonnie wee lad,
A richt wee lad,
And afu' sad.
His faither's name wis Willie,
And his mither wis Willie's Lilly.

He bides in a wee hoosie up the brae,
But then he deed one day.
I wis afu' sad.
They tak'd him awa, yet still a bairn,
And they buried ma bonnie wee lad
In Nairn.

R. PATERSON (frae Keith) P. 6A.

THE SOFT SHOE

In Wavell House with Mr Bruce,
You always must be neat and spruce.
For uncleaned shoes or unbrushed hair
The soft shoe's always waiting there.

In the wash-house throwing soap?
Don't be such a stupid dope.
Things like this are very rare,
Because the soft shoe's waiting there.

If you are a foolish lout,
And talk when dormitory lights are out,
Take heed now, take the greatest care,
Because the soft shoe's waiting there.

Sliding on a polished floor?
A master's standing at the door.
Although it was a double dare,
The soft shoe's always waiting there.
A. HEWGILL P7A.

SONG

Nobody likes me.
Everybody hates me.
I think I'll eat some worms,
Big fat juicy ones,
Small thin shiny ones,
Ones that wriggle and squirm.
I'll bite their heads off.
I'll suck their blood out,
And throw their skins away.
Nobody likes me.
Everybody hates me.
I'm going to run away.

(Based on a chant we used to sing on the school bus in Germany.)

D. TODD P.6A.

THE ONLY BOY

When I came to Queen Victoria School, the place
looked empty and dead.
There was one small boy on the square alone and this
is what he said :
"You won't see the dancers dance today and you
won't hear the pipe band play.
"To make up for all the outings they've had, they've
been taken out for the day.
"And some of the boys are outward bound, and
several have run away ;
"And others have gone to Arran, to compete in
bicycle races,
"And many have gone on visits to educational
places :
"To a sewage farm and a slaughter-house, and a
second-hand junk emporium,

"And a refuse tip, a betting shop, and the Glasgow
crematorium.
"And a party has gone off sailing, in a fleet of hired
cars,
"And a few are working at theses in the Stirling
coffee bars.
"And now if you will excuse me, I'll blow five
minutes for tea,
"And hurry to lay my table, and dash out to blow
the G,
"And then fall in, and shout 'Lead in' and rush to
the servery,
"And serve my food and gobble it up, and talk to
myself for a while,
"Say amen to the grace, and check my own mess,
and walk out in single file.
"There's one thing I know for certain, that is
absolutely new :
"I won't have to run in the passage tonight to be first
in the tuckshop queue.
"And excuse me again for leaving you, but as you
can clearly see,
"The rest of the school are all away, and there's
nobody here but me."

OPINIONS ABOUT POP MUSIC

(A sample from Q.V.S.)

Why do you like Pop Music?

"I just . . . well some of the queer sounds you get."
"Who says I did?"
"Cos its easy to listen to. Just a lot of noise."
"Cos I am different from my Mum and Dad."
"Good Music."
"Something to listen to."
"Because of the ingredients in it."

What is Pop Music?

"What is Pop Music? Music I suppose."
"Don't know."
"Something played on newly-devised instruments."
"Music sung by pop singers."
"No comment."

Does Pop Music or do Pop Singers influence the average teenager?

"Yes a bit. Well, like you copy their clothes."
"It makes them go all jittery."
"They go out of their heads."
"Cos they're sexy."

The Country's Exchequer is benefiting from Pop Music. Do you think this is right?

"No they get enough."
"It should go to someone else. Not the govern-
ment."
"Give it to OXFAM."
"The government should keep it."

Do you think Pop Musicians are exhibitionists ?

- "Some of them. They show off in front of crowds."
 "They're pansies."
 "Yes. Because of the way they jump around."
 "Some have to be. They can't sing."
 "They take drugs."

How long do you think our kind of Pop Music will last ?

- "A few years yet."
 "At least ten years."
 "Ever and ever."
 "As long as people like."

Why do you think older people dislike Pop Music ?

- "I think it is too fast for them."
 "Because they have been brought up to respect classical music like Bing Crosby, etc."
 "Cos they are squares."
 "They can't do it themselves."
 "Cos they can't twist or shake."

Why would you like to be in a Pop Group ?

- "For the money."
 "Thrills."
 "No work."
 "To go mad."
 "To show off."
 "Plenty of women around you."

Why would you dislike being in a Pop Group ?

- "Most pop musicians are of low intelligence."
 "Who wants to ape around the stage like a monkey."
 "No freedom."
 "You get beat up when you go onto the streets."

SMALL BORE RIFLE-SHOOTING

In the course of this School year, Captain Walker, who is in charge of shooting, has arranged a number of fixtures with clubs outside the School. This is a start towards a regular programme of outside fixtures, which has been projected for some time. The senior team won two out of three postal fixtures with Strathallan, and their season ended with a shoulder-to-shoulder match against Dunblane Rifle Club, in which we were well beaten. The Dunblane team was older and more experienced. Our boys seemed to be overawed by the sight of the visitors' specialist equipment—telescopes, shoulder-pads, etc., and did not shoot as well as they might have done. Two junior teams of second and third year boys had three postal matches each with Duncan House School, Moffat, and won them all. Thanks are due to Major Wilson, R.S.M. Lowdon, and C.S.M. Mortimer for their assistance throughout the season.

SENIOR TEAM RESULTS

2nd February	v. Strathallan. Won by 434 to 414 (J. Allan 93, J. Willmott 93).
28th February	v. Strathallan. Won by 85.25% to 83.4% (average scores).
12th March	v. Strathallan. Lost by 430 to 450.
21st March	v. Dunblane Rifle Club. Lost by 485 to 546.

JUNIOR TEAM RESULTS

(All against Duncan House)

11th February	A team won by 297 to 224 (D. MacIver 84). B team won by 235 to 135 (K. Robinson 83).
26th February	A team won by 277 to 273 (D. MacIver 84). B team won by 279 to 197 (I. Graham 81).
12th March	A team won by 67.3% to 63% (R. Gill 85). B team won by 66% to 41% (S. Pope 78).

Those who have represented the School in the senior team are J. Allan, A. Morrice, T. Bonar, A. Coid, J. Willmott, J. Wood.

The following have been in junior teams : R. Gill, D. MacIver, W. Shields, M. Anderson, G. Neill, K. Robinson, J. Campbell, D. MacLean, A. MacLean, J. A. Allan, M. McNaughton, I. Graham, W. McKerron, G. Hill.

In a first year Shooting Competition organised by R.S.M. Lowdon, who also kindly gave the prizes, the winner was D. Crookston, with D. Macdonald second, and B. Goldie third.

INTER-HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION

	1st Card	2nd Card	Indi- vidual Total	House Total
CUNNINGHAM				
1. J. Willmott	88	88	176	
2. C. McLaughlin ..	92	84	176	
3. R. Gill	86	94	180	
4. J. Allan	86	77	163	
Totals	352	343	695	695
HAIG				
1. T. Bonar	71	80	151	
2. A. Coid	80	88	168	
3. D. Marshall	90	78	168	
4. C. Lannen	76	74	150	
Totals	317	320	637	637

TRENCHARD

1. A. Morrice		92	91	183	
2. I. Fraser		83	78	161	
3. N. Donaldson		82	76	158	
4. D. MacIver		81	81	162	
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Totals		338	326	664	664
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HOUSE COMPETITION—

1. Cunningham—695 points.
2. Trenchard—664 points.
3. Haig—637 points.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION—

1. A. Morrice—183 points.
2. R. Gill—180 points.
3. C. McLaughlin, J. Willmott—176 points.

CERTIFICATE A PASSES

Part II

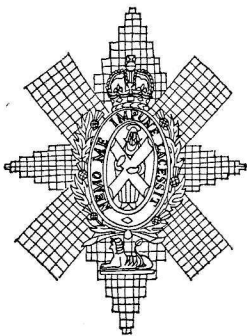
G. Cunningham, G. Slater, R. Gill, J. Wood, G. Anderson, I. Graham, J. Learmonth, G. Neill—all credit passes. G. Hill, K. Owens, S. Grant, A. Greig, W. McKerron, I. Sneddon, D. Dodds, A. Grey, D. Langlands, D. MacIver, D. Kennedy, A. Mackenzie, I. Collie, A. MacLean, S. Hartley, G. Scott, W. Shields, F. Mitchell, I. Roe, J. Robertson, D. Parker.

Part I

B. Sutherland, K. Robinson, C. Robinson, J. Campbell, J. Duncan, J. Corrigan, A. Kirkwood, M. McNaughton, R. Morrice, J. Allan, K. Bowl, J. Kelt, R. Long, R. Grant, J. Weir, K. Ross, S. Munro, P. Docherty, A. Grey, D. McLean, N. Byres, D. Johnston, A. Crawford, M. Wood, D. Crombie, R. Davies, R. Freeman, D. Wrenn, G. Aitkenhead, G. Johnstone, M. McLaughlin, J. Hossack—all credit passes. G. Barclay, S. Pope.

ARMY CADET FORCE

Now that the examinations for Certificate A Part I and II have been completed with 100% success we are engaged on 303 classification tests at Whitestone Range, and with preparations for Camp. Cadets not



not on range practise pitching and striking bivouacs, adjusting man packs, and putting webbing together.

Annual Camp this year is at Edinburgh A.C.F. Week-end Training Centre, Miltonbridge, Midlothian, across the road from Glencorse Barracks.

We were the guests of the Junior Soldiers' Unit at Glencorse on

Sunday, 4th June, 1966, and had a most enjoyable day watching a demonstration of modern infantry weapons on the 30 metre range, visiting the museum of the Lowland Brigade, and the Music and Hobbies centre of the Junior Soldiers' Unit. The afternoon was occupied with a cricket match against the Junior Soldiers.

Five cadets went to Cultybraggan Camp for a week's course for Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions. Four successfully completed the Gold Series expedition and were assessed as one of the two top groups. These were Cpl. C. A. Lannen, Cpl. D. T. Jagger, L/Cpl. L. Heron and Cadet A. Coid. Cadet J. Lee was successful in the Silver Series Expedition.

ARMY CADET FORCE SPORTS

The School Athletic Team represented Perthshire A.C.F. at the Army Cadet Force, Scottish Command, Athletic Championships at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh in June.

They won all three classes, A, B and C thus retaining the cups awarded for A and B classes which they won last year and gaining the cup for Class C. Several new meeting records were set up by members of our team.



In Class B W. McKerron made a record discus throw of 117 ft. 11 ins., and T. Bonar a record long jump of 18 ft. 2 ins. In Class C four boys made new records: C. McLaughlin 125 ft 1 in.

in the javelin throw, A. Morrice 19 ft 8 ins. in the long jump, J. Allan 19.2 sec. in the 120 yards hurdles, and E. Gillespie 116 ft. 6 ins. in the discus throw. (McKerron's throw in the Class B discus event, which was longer than Gillespie's in the open, was made with the lighter discus.)

PLACINGS OF Q.V.S. BOYS

Class A (over 14 years and under 15 years)

100 yards—2nd M. C. Wood, 3rd D. Johnston.

220 yards—1st R. Grant, 2nd D. Johnston.

880 yards—2nd K. Robinson.

High Jump—2nd R. Morrice.

Long jump—2nd R. Morrice.

Class B (over 15 years and under 17 years)

100 yards—2nd J. Wood, 3rd G. Cunningham.

220 yards—1st A. Coid, 2nd S. Grant.

880 yards—3rd A. Greig.

1 Mile—2nd D. Jagger, 3rd S. Hartley.

Javelin—2nd T. Bonar, 4th C. A. Lannen.

Discus—1st W. McKerron, 4th J. W. Moore.

Shot—3rd A. D. Grey, 4th G. Cunningham.

High Jump—2nd J. Wood, 3rd A. Coid.

Long Jump—1st T. Bonar, 2nd A. Smith.

Class C (over 17 years and under 19 years)

100 yards—4th Sgt. N. Donaldson.

440 yards—2nd Sgt. N. Donaldson, 3rd Sgt. J. Allan.

880 yards—1st Cpl. J. Willmott, 2nd C.Q.M.S. D. Marshall.

120 yards Hurdles—1st Sgt. J. Allan.

1 Mile—1st C.S.M. E. Gillespie, 4th Cpl. I. Fraser.

Javelin—1st Sgt. C. McLaughlin, 3rd L/Cpl. I. Smith.

Discus—1st C.S.M. E. Gillespie, 3rd Cpl. J. Willmott.

Shot—2nd L/Cpl. I. Smith, 3rd Sgt. C. McLaughlin.

High Jump—1st Cpl. A. Morrice.

Long Jump—1st Cpl. A. Morrice.

Inter-County Relay 4 × 110 yards—1st Perthshire (C.S.M. E. Gillespie, Sgt. J. Allan, Sgt. N. Donaldson, Sgt. C. McLaughlin).



At Bridge of Allan, in the Stirling County club's sevens, we were beaten 16-3 by Stirling High School, who went on to win the cup. Only four school teams took part. Our seven was—C. McLaughlin, J. Allan, T. Bonar, P. Evans, I. Smith, I. Fraser, and E. Gillespie (captain). Reserves were J. Willmott, G. Cunningham, and A. Morrice. Colours this season have been awarded, or re-awarded to E. Gillespie, J. Allan, R. Newman, I. Fraser, I. Smith, T. Bonar, A. Morrice, and C. McLaughlin.

Early in the Easter term we managed to get in the Rugby House matches, which had to be abandoned in the freeze-up at the end of the previous term. Trenchard easily won the shield, as was expected, their senior and junior teams both defeating the other two Houses. The inter-house seven-a-sides and the place-kicking competition both had to be cancelled because the School dispersed on doctor's advice, a week or two before the date fixed for the end of term.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

The award Scheme has been tackled a bit more determinedly this year, as the smaller fall-out demonstrates. The Bronze Series started with 24 and now has 20, the Silver fell from 14 to 10, and the Gold 4 remains at 4. When a boy reaches the Gold stage, only a failure to complete one of the sections will make him fall out. This determination to gain the Gold is shown in the statement made in the Boys' record books by the Chief Assessor for the Gold Expedition held at Easter, Major D. K. Laird.

"This was carried out in very adverse climatic conditions, ranging from ice, snow and sub-zero temperatures through gales, sleet and mist. Any boy successfully overcoming these conditions showed a high degree of ability, endurance and self reliance." Major Reid and Captain Finlay, who were assessors on this course fully endorse this statement.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

There is hardly anything to be added to the report given in the December "Victorian". First bad weather and then local outbreaks of influenza and dysentery caused all our fixtures to be cancelled. The

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

This sport still suffers from the fact that it is the form of exercise prescribed for games periods when the field is not fit for use. There is a hard core of "rebels" who still think it funny and clever to linger behind or try short cuts. Fortunately they are now few, and there were plenty of the other kind to be seen in this year's races. The first three home in the senior race were awarded School colours, and there was a great effort by A. Greig of 3A, who finished fourth. In the junior race (1st and 2nd year) it is worth notice that three of the first four home, including first and second, were 1st year boys. E. Gillespie's winning time for the senior race was 27 minutes 44 seconds. The length of the course does not seem to be known, but it must, we think, be nearer five miles than four. Over the shorter junior course, A. Martin finished in 16 minutes 45 seconds. In each race there was a team of ten from each House, with eight to count from each team. In the tabulated results below, we show the order of finishing down to the last scoring runner in the inter-house competition.

SENIOR RACE

1. E. Gillespie (T), 2. W. Shields (H), 3. D. Jagger (C), 4. A. Greig (C), 5. D. MacInnes (H), 6. T. Bonar (H), 7. J. Allan (C) and P. Evans (T), 9. K. Robinson (H), 10. G. Cunningham (C), 11. I. Sneddon (H), 12. A. Coid (H), 13. I. Smith (T), 14. D. Marshall (H), 15. C. Lannen (H), 16. J. Willmott (C), 17. S. Hartley (C), 18. C. McLaughlin (C), 19. M. O'Connor (C), 20. C. Robertson (H), 21. I. Roe (H), 22. J. Learmonth (T), 23. G. Neill (T), 24. G. Hill (C), 25. I. Fraser (T), 26. M. Anderson (C), 27. G. A. Barclay (T).

The first 11 home beat the standard time, so gaining points for their Houses in the standards competition.

House placings:—1. Haig—83 points; 2. Cunningham—94½ points; 3. Trenchard—129½ points.

JUNIOR RACE

1. A. Martin (C), 2. M. Sinclair (H), 3. J. Campbell (H), 4. B. Murton (C), 5. J. Hossack (H), 6. S. Pope (H), 7. A. Hill (C), 8. A. S. Grey (T), 9. A. Ferguson (T), 10. S. Corrigan (T), 11. J. Duncan (T), 12. N. Houston (H), 13. C. McHardy (H), 14. P. Cooper (C), 15. J. Murdoch (T), 16. D. MacLean (H), 17. J. Sayer (T), 18. A. McGlone (H), 19. A. Kirkwood (T), 20. B. Goldie (H), 21. G. Aitkenhead (H), 22. C. Matheson (C), 23. J. Brown (C), 24. G. Barclay (T), 25. M. Greig (C), 26. A. Cassells (C).

The first thirteen home got standards.

House placings:—1. Haig—75 points; 2. Trenchard—113 points; 3. Cunningham—122 points.

Points for House Championship (over both races): Haig—9; Cunningham—5; Trenchard—4.

(Points for a senior event are 6-4-2; and for a junior event 3-2-1.)

THE SWIMMING SPORTS

(Secondary School)



RESULTS

Junior Section

2 lengths Breast Stroke—1. S. M. Powell, 2. J. Will, 3. C. Matheson. 37.3 secs.

2 lengths Back Stroke—1. S. M. Powell, 2. J. Shannon, 3. T. Coyle. 39.3 secs.

2 lengths Free Style—1. S. M. Powell, 2. J. Buchanan, 3. A. Martin. 28.6 secs.

Under-water Swimming—1. M. Greig, 2. C. Fraser, 3. A. MacDonald. 2½ lengths.

Section winner—S. Powell (Trenchard).

Runner-up—M. Greig (Cunningham).

Senior Section

2 lengths Breast Stroke—1. R. Grant, 2. D. Langlands, 3. G. Slater. 32.1 secs.

2 lengths Back Stroke—1. J. A. Allan, 2. D. Wrenn, 3. R. Gill. 30.3 sec.

4 lengths Free Style—1. I. Roe, 2. W. Shields, 3. K. Robinson. 57.2 secs.

Under-water Swimming—1. G. Slater, 2. M. Anderson, 3. J. Weir. 2½ lengths.

Section Winner—G. Slater (Cunningham).

Runner-up—I. Roe (Haig).

Open

4 lengths Breast Stroke—1. R. Newman, 2. J. S. Grigor, 3. C. Lannen. 71 secs.

2 lengths Back Stroke—1. J. S. Grigor, 2. J. Willmott, 3. D. Fingland. 31.6 secs.

4 lengths Free Style—1. J. S. Grigor, 2. R. Newman, 3. C. Lannen. 53.5 secs.

Under-water Swimming—1. E. Gillespie, 2. P. Evans, 3. C. Lannen. 3 lengths.

Section winner—J. S. Grigor (Cunningham).

Runner-up—R. Newman (Trenchard).

Relay Races

Junior—1. Haig, 2. Cunningham, 3. Trenchard. 51.5 secs.

Senior—1. Trenchard, 2. Haig, 3. Cunningham. 44.2 secs.

Open—1. Haig, 2. Cunningham, 3. Trenchard. 43.7 secs.

Mass—1. Trenchard, 2. Haig, 3. Cunningham. 2 min. 21.4 secs.

House Championship

1. Trenchard (52 points), 2. Haig (51 points), 3. Cunningham (41 points).

LIFE SAVING

Since the last publication of the "Victorian" in December, 1965, 88 life-saving awards have been won by our boys. At the top of these is the Distinction Award won by J. S. Grigor. The tests for it are very arduous and call for a great deal of stamina and skill. As far as we know, this is the first time that any boy of the School has gained so high an award.

Besides the School's award winners, whose names are given below, some members of staff families attempted the tests : William Orr, junior gained the bronze medallion, Miss Linda Reid the scholar instructor's certificate, and Miss Morag Robertson the award of merit and the instructor's certificate.

LIST OF AWARD WINNERS

Intermediate Certificate

S. Grant, K. Lawrence, R. Weir, J. Wrenn G. Stevenson, S. Young—all Wavell House. D. Moss, D. Crookston, G. Bruce, B. White, J. Robertson, R. Davies, C. Matheson, P. Gilchrist, J. Weir, M. McLaughlin, W. Barbour, D. Crombie, D. Pocock, M. Finlay, S. Munro.

Bronze Medallion

A. D. Grey, D. Crombie, M. Findlay, R. Grant, J. Weir, J. Robertson, R. Davies, C. Matheson, G. Barclay, J. Kelt, A. S. Grey, A. Martin, P. Gilchrist, R. West, K. Cockburn, D. Pocock, J. Barnes, S. Hartley, D. Langlands, A. Kirkwood, D. Wrenn, M. Anderson, G. Aitkenhead, D. MacInnes, W. Dempsey, M. McLaughlin, S. Powell, S. Grant, G. A. Barclay, D. Dodds, T. Coyle, F. Mitchell, D. Sample, G. Hill, J. Lee.

Bronze Cross

G. Hill, M. Long, S. Hartley, D. Wrenn, R. Grant, J. Weir, F. A. G. Mitchell, M. McLaughlin, K. Robinson, I. Roe.

Scholar Instructor's Certificate

D. Dodds, R. McKenzie, G. Cunningham.

Award of Merit

D. Jagger, C. Lannen, L. Heron, J. Lee, G. Slater, C. McLaughlin, A. Coid, G. Cunningham, R. McKenzie, A. Smith.

Instructor's Certificate

J. S. Grigor, L. Heron, G. Cunningham, C. Lannen, T. Bonar, A. Coid, D. Jagger, C. McLaughlin.

Distinction Award

J. S. Grigor.

PERSONAL SURVIVAL

Awards of the Amateur Swimming Association

Since results were last published the following boys have gained personal survival awards :—

Bronze—K. Cockburn, D. MacIver, R. West.

Silver—W. Barbour, A. Kirkwood, D. MacIver.

Gold—G. Aitkenhead, D. Crombie, L. Heron, S. M. Powell, G. Slater, J. Weir.

RELAY BATON MEETING

The invitation relay-baton meeting this year was again won by Glenalmond, though Rannoch pressed them hard for a long time. Queen Victoria School, alas, was in the usual position. The ground was wet. One new meeting-record was made, by Dale of Dunfermline in the Javelin (15-17 years). His throw was 153 feet 9 inches. R. Linaker of Dunfermline, who won the mile comfortably in 4 minutes 49.6 seconds, went on, in the same week to win the event in the Scottish Schools Meeting at Westerlands in 4 minutes 27.4 seconds—a remarkable time in the conditions. The "Sunday Times" said that he "ploughed through the churned-up track". The Relay Baton meeting record for the mile remains at 4 minutes 34 seconds.

ATHLETIC SPORTS 1966

The prospects for this year's sports looked very gloomy. The June rainstorms kept the field too wet for preliminary heats, and it seemed as if these could not be completed in time. But one afternoon of rain, and one fine day, got the programme ready for the competition on 30th June, which turned out to be a splendid day. In spite of the restriction which weather had put on training, ten new records were set up, mainly in the younger sections. Most notable were T. Bonar's javelin-throw in the senior section, which easily beat a long-standing record, and J. Robertson's Major half-mile. (Wavell House is in two sections for the sports, divided into Major and Minor by age.) His time was over 5 seconds better than the new record set up in the junior section of the secondary boys by A. Martin, and over 6 seconds better than the winning time in the intermediate secondary section. E. Gillespie took about a second off his own mile record time of last year. It is an indifferent record for this event. P. Evans tried gallantly to push him along in the first three laps, but could not manage the necessary pace. Gillespie showed how much he had in reserve by running the last lap in 62 seconds.

Trenchard won the inter-House competition fairly easily, but only $\frac{1}{2}$ point separated Cunningham and Haig in the second and third places. There are some promising young athletes coming up, particularly A. Martin of Cunningham House, who has a huge stride for a boy of his height, and a good natural style.

Afternoon Programme

Open—Long Jump—1. A. Morrice (T), 2. J. Allan (C), 3. G. Cunningham (C). 18' 7".

Senior—Shot—1. T. Bonar (H), 2. R. Morrice (T), 3. J. T. Robertson (C). 32' 4".

Intermediate—High Jump—1. M. Wood (C), 2. R. Stevenson (H), 3. R. Long (H). 4' 4".

Junior—Cricket Ball—1. S. Pope (H), 2. C. McHardy (H), 3 N. Houston (H). 161' 3".

Minor—Long Jump—1. K. Ross (M), 2. P. Sayer (L), 3. K. Walker (A). 12' 5½".

Major—High Jump—1. B. Webb (M), 2. T. Nicol (A), 3. S. Young (L). 4' 2".

Minor—440 yards—1. K. Ross (M), 2. R. McMurdo (L), 3. M. Ferrigan (A). 69.8 secs. (new record).

Junior—440 yards—1. N. Houston (H), 2. C. McHardy (H), 3. A. Martin (C). 65.8 secs. (new record).

Intermediate—440 yards—1. I. Sneddon (T), 2. C. Matheson (C), 3. J. Learmonth (T). 64.9 secs.

Senior—440 yards—1. I. Roe (H), 2. S. Hartley (C), 3. K. Robinson (H). 63.2 secs.

Open—440 yards—1. E. Gillespie (T), 2. N. Donaldson (T), 3. A. Coid (H). 55.5 secs.

Intermediate—Cricket Ball—1. R. C. Murdoch (T), 2. J. Weir (C), 3. D. Wrenn (T). 163' 3".

Junior—High Jump—1. J. Buchanan (T), 2. A. Hill (C), 3. A. Martin (C). 4' 5".

Open—Discus—1. E. Gillespie (T), 2. I. Smith (T), 3. R. McDougall (T). 109' 3".

Senior—Long Jump—1. T. Bonar (H), 2. R. Morrice (T), 3. A. Smith (C). 16' 11".

Major—Shot—1. W. McMillan (A), 2. J. Robertson (L), 3. G. Stevenson (L). 27' 6½" (new event).

Junior—80 yards Hurdles—1. N. Houston (H), 2. S. Corrigan (T), 3. J. Brown (C). 14.1 secs.

Intermediate—80 yards Hurdles—1. M. C. Wood (C), 2. B. Murton (C), 3. W. Barbour (C). 13.4 secs.

Senior—110 yards Hurdles—1. A. Smith (C), 2. R. Grant (T), 3. S. Grant (T). 18.6 secs.

Open—110 yards Hurdles—1. R. Newman (T), 2. C. Lannen (H), 3. N. Donaldson (T). 16.9 secs.

Minor—High Jump—1. P. Sayer (L), 2. R. Barbour (L), 3. K. Ross (M). 4'.

Senior—Javelin—1. T. Bonar (H), 2. S. Grant (T), 3. D. Johnston (T). 130' 6" (new record).

Open—Shot—1. E. Gillespie (T), 2. I. Smith (T), 3. R. Newman (T). 35' 8½".

Major—Long Jump—1. M. Binks (L), 2. D. Fisher (L), 3. T. Nicol (A). 12' 7".

Major—880 yards—1. J. Robertson (L), 2. B. Goldie (L), 3. G. Kent (L). 2 min. 32.6 secs. (new record).

Junior—880 yards—1. A. Martin (C), 2. M. Sinclair (H), 3. A. McGlone (H). 2 min. 38.2 secs. (new record).

Intermediate—880 yards—1. I. Sneddon (T), 2. F. Mitchell (H), 3. A. S. Grey (T). 2 min. 39 secs.

Senior—880 yards—1. A. Greig (C), 2. K. Robinson (H), 3. I. Roe (H). 2 min. 27.6 secs.

Open—1 Mile—1. E. Gillespie (T), 2. P. Evans (T), 3. D. Jagger (C). 4 min. 58.4 secs. (new record).

Evening Programme

Open—220 yards—1. E. Gillespie (T), 2. N. Donaldson (T), 3. J. Wood (H). 25.5 secs.

Senior—220 yards—1. S. Grant (T), 2. A. Smith (C), 3. G. Neill (T). 25.7 secs. (new record).

Intermediate—220 yards—1. M. Wood (C), 2. I. Sneddon (T), 3. B. Murton (C). 27.8 secs. (new record).

Junior—220 yards—1. A. Hill (C), 2. C. McHardy (H), 3. I. Burgess (H). 30.4 secs.

Major—220 yards—1. G. Kent (L), 2. (equal) T. Goldie (L), and B. Webb (M). 30.8 secs.

Open—High Jump—1. A. Morrice (T), 2. J. Wood (H), 3. J. Willmott (C). 5'.

Senior—Discus—1. S. Grant (T), 2. M. McNaughton (H), 3. J. A. Allan (H). 94' 11".

Intermediate—Long Jump—1. M. Wood (C), 2. B. Murton (C), 3. J. Learmonth (T). 14' 8".

Junior—Shot—1. S. Pope (H), 2. A. Martin (C), 3. A. Robertson (H). 27' 2".

Minor—Cricket Ball—1. K. Walker (A), 2. R. Barbour (L), 3. P. Sayer (L). 135' 3".

Minor—80 yards—1. K. Ross (M), 2. M. Haston (L), 3. R. MacVicar (M). 10.9 secs.

Major—100 yards—1. J. Robertson (L), 2. B. Webb (M), 3. G. Kent (L). 13.7 secs.

Open—100 yards—1. N. Donaldson (T), 2. A. Morrice (T), 3. J. Wood (H). 11.6 secs.

Senior—100 yards—1. S. Grant (T), 2. G. Neill (T), 3. T. Bonar (H). 11.9 secs.

Intermediate—100 yards—1. M. Wood (C), 2. B. Murton (C), 3. I. Sneddon (T). 12.5 secs.

Junior—100 yards—1. N. Houston (H), 2. I. Burgess (H), 3. A. Hill (C). 13.5 secs.

Major—Cricket Ball—1. T. Goldie (L), 2. B. Webb (M), 3. C. Robinson (L). 144' 3½".

Open—Javelin—1. C. McLaughlin (C), 2. C. Lannen (H), 3. M. Anderson (C). 134' ½".

Senior—High Jump—1. T. Bonar (H), 2. S. Hartley (C), 3. G. Neill (T). 4' 9".

Intermediate—Shot—1. R. C. Murdoch (T), 2. I. Sneddon (T), 3. M. Duckett (C). 25' 3".

Junior—Long Jump—1. A. Martin (C), 2. A. Hill (C), 3. N. Houston (H). 14' 7" (new record).

Minor—Relay 4 × 110 yards—1. Lynedoch, 2. Moore, 3. Abercromby. 61 secs.

Major—Relay 4 × 110 yards—1. Lynedoch, 2. Moore, 3. Abercromby. 58.1 secs (new record).

Junior—Relay 4 × 110 yards—1. Haig, 2. Cunningham, 3. Trenchard. 57.8 secs.

Intermediate—Relay 4 × 110 yards—1. Cunningham, 2. Trenchard, 3. Haig. 56.4 secs.

Senior—Relay 4 × 110 yards—1. Trenchard, 2. Haig, 3. Cunningham. 51.3 secs.

Open—Relay 4 × 110 yards—1. Trenchard, 2. Haig, 3. Cunningham. 49.3 secs.

Winning Relay Teams

Open—N. Donaldson, R. H. Newman, A. Morrice, E. Gillespie—Trenchard.

Senior—R. Grant, G. Neill, D. Johnston, S. Grant—Trenchard.

Intermediate—C. Matheson, P. Cooper, B. Murton, M. Wood—Cunningham.

Junior—C. McHardy, N. Houston, I. Burgess, S. Pope—Haig.

Major—G. Kent, C. Robinson, T. Goldie, J. Robertson—Lynedoch.

Minor—M. Haston, R. Barbour, P. Sayer, R. McMurdo—Lynedoch.

Section Winners

Minor—K. Ross, Runner-up P. Sayer.

Major—B. Webb, Runner-up J. Robertson.

Junior—N. Houston, Runner-up A. Martin.

Intermediate—M. C. Wood, Runner-up I. Sneddon.

Senior—S. Grant, Runner-up T. Bonar.

Open—E. Gillespie, Runner-up A. Morrice.

Williamson Cup (100 yards)—N. Donaldson.

Relay Cup—Trenchard.

Inter-House Competition—1. Trenchard (108½ points), 2. Cunningham (84 points), 3. Haig (83½ points).

Inter-Dormitory Competition—1. Lynedoch (53½ points), 2. Moore (27½ points), 3. Abercromby (15 points).

CRICKET

The main feature of the cricket season so far has been the inclement weather during the first month of the term. The incessant rainy weather not only prevented any useful practice, but also brought about the cancellation of three fixtures.

As a result, the 1st XI, under the captaincy of D. Marshall this year, has played only three matches, two of which were lost and the other drawn.

Under these conditions any assessment of the general ability of the team or of individual performance, is valueless, as there is insufficient evidence to form a basis for assessment.

RESULTS

1st XI

Strathallan 46 ; Q.V.S. 16.

Rannoch 125 for 7 dec. ; Q.V.S. 48.

Q.V.S. 68 for 7 dec. ; St. Modans' 56 for 9.

3rd Year XI

Strathallan 81 for 6 dec. ; Q.V.S. 23.

Rannoch 29 and 42 for 6 dec. ; Q.V.S. 46 and 22.

2nd Year XI

Rannoch 20 ; Q.V.S. 88.

R Grant 31 and 3 for 7. J. A. Allan 13 and 3 for 3.

It will be seen from the meagre list of results that fixtures have been few, and these reduced by bad weather. The 1st Year cricketers showed promise and it is unfortunate that the only two fixtures arranged for them were cancelled because of rain. Most prominent in the 1st Year group have been A. Ferguson, J. Will, R. C. Murdoch, B. Murton, B. Goldie, P. J. Docherty, and P. Gilchrist, but there are

a number of other keen and promising cricketers. The system of House Leagues for 1st and 2nd Year boys has been continued this session, and has provided some competitive interest to compensate for the dearth of school fixtures.

SCHOOL TEAMS

1st XI Team from—D. Marshall, J. Allan, I. Fraser, R. H. Newman, P. Evans, C. McLaughlin, M. O'Connor, G. McManus, D. Fingland, C. Lannen, J. S. Grigor, T. Bonar, I. Sneddon, R. Gill.

3rd Year Team from—K. Robinson (captain), I. Sneddon, D. Dodds, A. MacLean, W. Shields, J. Robertson, S. Hartley, G. Scott, A. Grey, S. Grant, R. Gill, M. Anderson.

2nd Year XI Team from—R. Grant (captain), J. A. Allan, J. Duncan, C. Matheson, J. Weir, G. Barclay, B. Sutherland, S. Corrigan, A. Kirkwood, A. S. Grey, D. Wrenn, J. Campbell, D. MacLean.

WAVELL HOUSE SPORT

Cross Country Running

In the match against St. Ninian's both our teams—Major and Minor—won their races. In the major section we had the first nine home and the eleventh. T. Goldie was first in 19 minutes 48 seconds. The other placings were—2. G. Kent, 3. J. Robertson, 4. B. Webb, 5. E. McKay, 6. C. Martin, 7. D. West, 8. R. Howarth, 9. J. White, 11. A. Burns.

Team result : Q.V.S. 21 points. St. Ninian's 80 points.

The Minor race was more interesting. St. Ninian's boys were leading at half way, but K. Ross and M. Ferrigan then forced the pace. Ross was first in 20 minutes 38 seconds over the same course as the Majors. Ferrigan held off three St. Ninian's boys for second, and our other placings were—6. S. Binks, 7. G. Glass, 8. S. J. Powell, 9. T. Armstrong, 10. S. Langlands, 14. R. Paterson.

Team result : Q.V.S. 33 points. St. Ninian's 48 points.

The Inter-Dormitory races—Major and Minor with ten to count in each section—were run in ideal conditions, and record times were set up in both classes. T. Goldie (Lynedoch), first in 18 minutes 9.3 seconds, and G. Kent (Lynedoch) both beat the previous Major record. B. Webb (Moore) was third. Lynedoch were the winners : Their other team placings were 5. E. McKay, 6. C. Robinson, 7. J. Robertson, 11. S. Young, 13. G. Allan, 15. K. Lawrence, 19. A. Cobb, 20. I. Crawford. K. Ross (Moore) was first in the Minor race, nearly half-a-minute inside the

previous record with his time of 18 minutes 41.1 seconds. S. Binks (Lynedoch), M. Ferrigan (Abercromby) and G. Glass (Lynedoch) who were second, third and fourth, also broke last year's record time. Moore won this event.

Other runners in the first ten—T. Armstrong (M), D. Coleman (L), S. J. Powell (M), J. Brown (A), S. Langlands (L), and S. Nicolson (L).

Inter-Dormitory Competition (Total points)—1. Lynedoch; 2. Abercromby; 3. Moore.

Football

WEST PERTHSHIRE PRIMARY LEAGUE

The two Wavell XI's have just completed their programme in this season's West Perthshire Primary Schools League.

It has been a particularly successful season for both teams because our "A" team have regained the Championship Shield and the "B" team has finished higher up the league than ever before.



The "A" team have proved themselves worthy champions by remaining undefeated throughout the competition. Their hardest match was not against their old rivals St. Ninian's or Doune, but at home against Callander. The latter surprised

them by opening the scoring and it was not until well into the second half that they scored the two goals to give them victory.

The "B" eleven played every game with great enthusiasm and improved steadily as the season progressed. Most to their credit must be the home defeat of Callander and their recent very convincing away victory at Doune.

1st XI APPEARANCES

B. Webb—Captain (14), C. Robinson—Vice-Captain (14), T. Goldie (14), T. Nicol (14), K. Ross (14), D. Todd (14), J. Wrenn (14), R. Cowie (13), J. Tovey (12), W. Crichton (10), S. Grant (7), R. McVicar (7), M. Binks (4), W. McMillan (2), T. Cassells (1).

2nd XI APPEARANCES

S. Grant—Captain (5), C. Martin—Vice-Captain (14), S. Binks (14), M. Ferrigan (13), G. Glass (12), A. Hewgill (12), T. Armstrong (11), T. Cassells (11), M. Binks (10), W. McMillan (10), K. Walker (9), R. McVicar (7), J. Dempsey (6), J. White (5), A. Cobb (3), W. Crichton (2), R. Howarth (2), R. Myles (2), A. Burns (1), G. Kent (1), S. McLean (1), J. Tovey (1), D. West (1), T. Wilson (1).

LEAGUE PLACINGS

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Q.V.S. "A"	14	14	—	—	28
St. Ninian's "A"	14	11	—	3	22
Callander	11	5	2	4	12
Q.V.S. "B"	14	5	1	8	11
Doune	13	5	—	8	10
Thornhill	13	3	3	7	9
Dunblane	10	2	2	6	6
St. Ninian's "B"	13	1	2	10	4

INTER-DORMITORY MATCHES

The Inter-Dormitory Football was run on a system of Major and Minor Leagues, the Major team getting 5, 3 and 1 points for their final positions and the Minors 3, 2 and 1. Moore won the Major League and were second to Abercromby in the Minor, so they won the Trophy with 7 points. Lynedoch and Abercromby were equal with 4 points each, and Lynedoch was placed second because of its better place in the Major League.

Boxing

There were 76 entries for 13 classes in this year's boxing competition. After the semi-finals Lynedoch were leading with 15 good losers' points to Moore's 13. But Lynedoch had ten finalists, and the others eight each. After an interesting evening's boxing, Lynedoch captained by G. Stevenson, won the trophy with 41 points. Abercromby were second with 38, and Moore had 35.

The Martin Trophy for the best stylist was won by S. Binks on the narrowest of margins. Others considered for this award (in alphabetical order) were C. Martin, G. McNally, K. Ross and D. Todd.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Minor

Class	Winner	Runner-up
50-56 lbs.	M. Ferrigan (A)	J. Pearson (M)
57-63 lbs.	M. Fogarty (L)	T. Armstrong (M)
64-70 lbs.	S. Binks (L)	T. Cassells (A)
71-77 lbs.	K. Ross (M)	P. Sayer (L)
78-84 lbs.	R. Barbour (L)	S. J. Powell (M)
85-91 lbs.	K. Walker (A)	W. Murray (M)
92-98 lbs.	D. Coleman (L)	D. Brown (A)

Majors

64-70 lbs.	C. Martin (A)	K. Lawrence (L)
71-77 lbs.	D. Todd (M)	W. Crichton (A)
78-84 lbs.	G. McNally (A)	B. Webb (M)
85-91 lbs.	J. White (A)	S. Grant (A)
92-98 lbs.	J. Wrenn (M)	J. Robertson (L)
99-105 lbs.	G. Stevenson (L)	D. Barnes (A)

Some good boxers were eliminated before the finals: T. Nicol of Abercromby, M. Binks, T. Goldie, R. McMurdo, C. Robinson, S. Young (Lynedoch) and R. Cowie, J. Dempsey, J. Fleming, G. Glass, R. McVicar, A. Pocock, T. Wilson (Moore).

Swimming

Wavell House broke with the past again by holding its own separate Swimming Sports. With more time available on the day of the final, four new events were included: a longer free-style race (5 lengths for Majors and 3 lengths for Minors), under-water swimming, an individual medley and a relay (3 × 1 length medley).

RESULTS

Minor Section

1 length Back Stroke—1. G. Bowden (A), 2. J. Harrison (A), 3. S. Langlands (L), 4. S. Nicolson (L). 16.1 sec.

1 length Breast Stroke—1. C. Murray (L), 2. R. McVicar (M), 3. S. Langlands (L), 4. R. Barbour (L). 18.1 sec.

1 length Front Crawl—1. S. Langlands (L), 2. R. McVicar (M), 3. J. Harrison (A), 4. K. Walker (A). 13.5 sec.

3 lengths Free Style—1. S. Langlands (L), 2. E. Cuthbert (A), 3. J. Harrison (A), 4. C. Murray (L). 52.1 sec.

3 lengths Medley—1. J. Harrison (A), 2. S. Langlands (L), 3. R. McVicar (A), 4. C. Murray (L). 62.9 sec.

Under-water Swimming—1. C. Murray (L), 2. R. McVicar (M), 3. J. Harrison (A), 4. T. Wilson (M). 1 length, 51 ft. 4 in.

Individual Champion—S. Langlands (17 points).

Runner-up—J. Harrison (14 points).

Relays

Medley (3 × 1 length)—1. Lynedoch, 2. Abercromby, 3. Moore. 52.0 sec.

Free Style (4 × 1 length)—1. Abercromby, 2. Lynedoch, 3. Moore. 58.0 sec.

Major Section

1 length Back Stroke—1. R. Weir (A), 2. K. Lawrence (L), 3. W. McMillan (A), 4. J. Wrenn (M). 15.1 sec.

2 lengths Breast Stroke—1. D. Barnes (A), 2. S. Young (L), 3. B. Webb (M), 4. G. Stevenson (L). 38.7 sec.

2 lengths Front Crawl—1. R. Weir (A), 2. G. Allan (L), 3. G. Stevenson (L), 4. K. Lawrence (L). 28.8 sec.

5 lengths Free Style—1. R. Weir (A), 2. G. Allan (L), 3. S. Grant (A), 4. K. Lawrence (L). 1 min. 29.5 sec.

3 lengths Medley—1. R. Weir (A), 2. J. Wrenn (M), 3. S. Grant (A), 4. D. Barnes (A). 60.7 sec.

Under-water Swimming—1. S. Young (L), 2 (equal). S. Grant (A) and J. Wrenn (M), 4. G. Allan (L). 2 lengths, 16 ft. 7 ins.

Individual Champion—R. Weir (20 points).

Runner-up—S. Young (8 points).

Relays

Medley (3 × 1 length)—1. Lynedoch, 2. Abercromby, 3. Moore. 47.0 sec.

Free Style (4 × 1 length)—1. Lynedoch, 2. Abercromby, 3. Moore. 53.3 sec.

The Inter-Dormitory Competition was not decided until the decision of the judges in the final relay race in which G. Allan (L) beat R. Weir (A) to the touch.

Inter-Dormitory Competition—1. Lynedoch (83 points), 2. Abercromby (80½ points), 3. Moore (32½ points.)

Athletics

Wavell House individual and inter-dormitory athletic sports have been included in the account of the School sports meeting. The day after these, there was an athletics match against St. Ninian's School, Gartmore. Conditions were again perfect, and ten of the thirteen meeting-records were broken, six by our boys, with one event where a St. Ninian's boy and one of ours shared a record performance. The outstanding achievement, as in the School sports, was in the half-mile (Major), in which Jim Robertson (young brother of Dougal) had a time of 2 minutes 31.7 seconds, even better than his School record set up the day before, to which we refer in the account of the School sports meeting.

WAVELL HOUSE PLACINGS

Minor Section

80 yards—1. M. Haston, 2. R. MacVicar. 11.1 secs. (new record).

440 yards—1. K. Ross, 3. R. McMurdo. 70.4 secs. (new record).

High Jump—1. P. Sayer, 2. R. Barbour. 4' 1½" (new record).

Shot Putt—2. D. Coleman (24' 1½"), 4th K. Walker.

Cricket Ball—2. R. Barbour (145' 5"), 4. K. Walker.

Relay 4 × 110 yards—1. Wavell House. 59.9 secs. (new record).

Major Section

100 yards—2. B. Webb, 4. D. Fisher.

220 yards—2. G. Kent, 3. D. Fisher.

880 yards—1. J. Robertson, 2. S. Grant. 2 min. 31.7 secs. (new record).

High Jump—2. T. Nicol, 3. B. Webb. Second cleared same height as first—4' 1½" (new record).

Shot Putt—1. W. McMillan (26' 4½"), 4. G. Stevenson.

Cricket Ball—1. T. Goldie (146' 8½"), 4. C. Robinson.

Relay 4 × 110 yards—1. Wavell House. 58.3 secs. (new record).

Match Result—Wavell House won by 80½ points to 64½ points.

WAVELL HOUSE DRILL

The inter-dormitory drill competition was held in June. The inspecting officers were the Commandant and the Headmaster.

RESULT—

1. Lynedoch. Squad Commander : C. Robinson.
2. Abercromby. Squad Commander : S. Grant.
3. Moore. Squad Commander : D. Todd.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

	<i>Haig</i>	<i>Cunningham</i>	<i>Trenchard</i>
Rugby	3	6	9
Cross Country	9	5	4
Squash	2	6	4
Swimming	6	3	9
Shooting	3	9	6
Drill	9	3	6
Athletics	3	6	9
Standards	3	6	9
Cricket	7	4	7
Totals	45	48	63

The Rugby "sevens" were cancelled this year.

SCHOOL PRIZE LIST

Prizes presented at the ceremony in the School Play Hall, by C. P. C. Smith, Esq., M.A., formerly Warden of Trinity College, Glenalmond, and Headmaster of Haileybury and I.S.C.

Primary School

- P.6A—1. K. T. Ross, 2 (equal) G. A. McNally and P. Sayer.
 P.6B—1. W. Murray, 2. T. Cassells, 3. J. White.
 P.7A—1. A. Hewgill, 2. D. Barnes, 3. W. Crichton.
 P.7B—1. T. Nicol, 2. J. Robertson.

Secondary School

- IA—1. J. Sayer, 2. J. W. S. Brown. Progress Prize—J. Shannon.
 IB—1. A. Robertson.
 IV—1. B. Knox, 2. J. Pryde.
 IIA—1. J. Barnes, 2. D. Wrenn.
 IIB—1. S. M. Powell, 2. B. Sutherland, 3. G. Aitkenhead.
 IIIA—1. K. Robinson, 2. A. Greig.
 IIIB—1. M. Anderson, 2. S. Grant.
 IV—1. G. Slater, 2. J. Lee.
 V—D. T. Jagger.
 VI—N. S. Donaldson.
 Art Prizes—E. D. Gillespie and M. Hewgill.

Technical Subjects—Senior—J. Willmott ; Intermediate—S. Grant, M. Anderson, D. Parker.

Addison Smith Prize for Public Speaking—J. Allan.

Public Speaking Prizes—Forms II and III—1. A. Mackenzie, 2, N. McNaughton, 3. D. Dodds.

Form I—P. Gilchrist.

Eric Drew Memorial Junior French Prize—J. Sayer.

Cranston Memorial Essay Prize—M. O'Connor.

Prize for Chapel Reading—T. Bonar.

Dux of the School—J. Allan.

County Junior Secondary Certificates (for 15 year old leavers)—D. Dodds, A. I. MacLean, J. T. Robertson, G. J. Scott, W. F. Shields.

Prizes presented at the Grand Day Parade by Lady Gregory, wife of the Inspecting Officer.

Prince Philip Medal (for best boy of 15 years old)—G. Slater.

Best Piper—G. H. Fox.

Best Drummer and Bugler—B. R. Murton.

Best Bugler (Silver Bugle)—I. M. Smith.

Best Drummer (London Old Victorians' Trophy)—B. S. Knox.

Best Highland Dancer—B. Webb.

Best Shot—A. W. Morrice.

British Legion Jubilee Prize (Best boy leaving to join the Services)—A. J. Smith.

Wavell Memorial Cup (Best boy in Outdoor Pursuits)—D. T. Jagger.

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

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

House Championship Shield—Trenchard House.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The School Photographic Society this year consists of about 26 boys and, of course, the master in charge, Mr Paterson.

Six boys form the Committee, whose job it is to organise society activities and to teach the newcomers ; though this does not mean that we ourselves do not have a lot to learn.

There have been a number of innovations this year, including a visit from the President of the Stirlingshire Photographic Society, who gave us a very interesting lecture on photography in general, for which we are most grateful. We look forward to more such visits.

As before we are hoping to hold a small exhibition of our work on Grand Day, but this depends on whether we can assemble enough prints in time.

The Committee members are as follows :—N. S. Donaldson, President ; R. Long, Secretary ; A. D. Grey, Assistant Secretary ; K. Robinson, Treasurer ; D. Dodds and A. Coid, Members.

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ERRATUM: LIST OF MASTERS

We apologise for omitting from the List of Masters the name of
Captain J. T. Walker, B.Sc. (Durham). Mathematics. (1965).

This was an Editorial mistake which was not discovered till the page giving the List had been printed.

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