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EDITORIAL

The new "walking-out" dress, or School uniform, whichever you want to call it, that was discussed in the summer "Victorian" of 1965, has now materialised. Most of the secondary school are equipped with the kilt-jacket, grey-green shirt, and school tie. The exceptions are the smaller boys, that is the first year secondary and some of the second year, who could not be fitted from the sizes procured. The Wavell House (primary) boys were not scheduled to receive it in the first issue. The new uniform is shown in the photograph published in this number of the magazine. It was a great day, and one long awaited, when we first saw Q.V.S. boys out in this new dress. There is a story of one of our boys visiting a museum in which he saw the service tunic of 1910 displayed as a military-historic relic. The boy was wearing the same thing. Anyone who deplores the disappearance of the khaki tunic will hardly find a rational argument in favour of keeping it. It should be emphasised again that the new uniform is only for going out and for travelling to and from School. The red tunic remains for ceremonial wear, at Sunday services and on special occasions.

The new type of shirt is also worn with everyday clothes along with the school tie. This again is a big improvement on the open-necked khaki shirt, which usually revealed an area of woollen vest at the neck. The colours in the tie, designed by Mr LeMaistre, sound rather startling—green, yellow, and red. In fact, the basic colour is dark green, with thin alternate stripes of yellow and red. To conform with the

School colours adopted in the tie, there are new rugby jerseys, of which the first lot is already in use, with a green stripe added to the former combination of yellow and red. These are no less distinctive than the old kind. There is little risk of confusion with any other team's colours. A Q.V.S. team on the field can be identified from half-a-mile away.

As also has been remarked in an earlier issue of the "Victorian", there has been a rapid growth in the numbers of boys at the top of the school. In 1956 the total in Forms IV, V, VI was fifteen. Now there are 48, and it seems certain that next school year there will be over 50. The general effect is to produce a much bigger list from which prefects, school teams, etc. can be selected. Also, of course, masters are teaching forms for S.C.E. are more economically employed than they were with the tiny groups of certificate candidates that we used to have. But it is not likely that this upward trend in numbers of senior boys will continue steadily. Though it may surprise some of them to be told so, the present Form V has been something of a vintage year academically, with a big proportion staying on to the Higher level, and therefore a reasonably large Form VI in prospect for the school year 1967-68, and for the new Certificate of Sixth Year studies which is to be introduced in 1968. We hope the present 3rd and 4th year boys can prove us wrong, by producing a record crop of Higher candidates.

A happy Christmas and New Year to everybody who reads the "Victorian".

Obituary

Mr WILLIAM COSGROVE

We have to record with the deepest regret the death of Willie Cosgrove, which occurred suddenly in October. He joined the School in 1911 and left it in 1916 to join the Cameronians. He went to India with the regiment in 1919, along with his brother, who had joined it in 1918. They were both in the Pipe Band. After leaving the service he took civilian employment in Glasgow, and had a post with Glasgow Corporation Transport for over thirty years, till ill-health compelled him to retire about two years ago. For many years he was a member of the Transport Pipe Band, and he was an active member also of the Glasgow Branch of the Old Boys' Association. Perhaps his proudest moments, says his brother Jimmy, occurred in 1923, when the Cameronians were ordered to quell a rising in Mosul. They had to march the 500 miles from Quetta to Mosul, and to fight their way through. What was left of the regiment was played into Mosul by what was left of the Pipe Band—namely three Q.V.S. Old Boys, Pat and Willie Cosgrove, and Gibson (of whom we regret we have no details except the surname). Willie Cosgrove was intensely proud of his old school, and he was a well-known figure at Old-Boy reunions here, taking a leading part in the proceedings. We shall miss him on these occasions, as he will also be sadly missed among Old Victorians, especially those who belonged with him to the School's first decade.

Mr J. R. S. OWENS

Following the death of Willie Cosgrove came the sad news that Jack Owens (Bobby to his contemporaries at school) had died in

London. He joined the School in 1913, his father being a Gordon Highlander, and left in September, 1918. At school he was a member of the old study class, preparing to be an Army Schoolmaster. When he left, the war was still on, and he enlisted at Stirling Castle into the Royal Artillery. Later he was at the Military College of Science at Woolwich, where he distinguished himself both at work and in games. He was always a keen sportsman, and had played games in many parts of the world. He left the army after fourteen years, but rejoined it when the second world war broke out. On being discharged from the Army through ill-health in 1946, he resumed his work as a civil servant, which he had been doing from 1936. Promotion came very rapidly, in fact with record speed for the time, and he held a position as Executive Officer in the Post Office Savings Bank from 1955 till his retirement a year or two ago. In 1954, his son Denis joined the School; and Denis is now following his father's footsteps as an Executive Officer in the Civil Service. Jack Owens made a success of two careers, and he made hundreds of friends, for he was always thinking about how he could help people, and he would take endless trouble to do so.

He was also devoted to the School, which he visited regularly year after year, as often as he could get away. It is sad that he never realised his hope of finding a house in or about Dunblane and settling in the district he loved. He was one of the kindest and most modest men I have ever known, and his death is mourned far beyond his family circle, by people he assisted in the course of his work, by his old comrades and schoolfellows, and by the personal friends that he made at Queen Victoria School.

STAFF

There is unusually little to record in the way of staff comings and goings. One new master has joined us. He is Mr Titterton who is part-time teacher of music here, coming to the school on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. He joined the Army as a young musician and served with the Grenadier Guards Band, under Lt. Colonel George Miller, transferring later to the Royal Yacht Band. His band service took him frequently abroad, to Paris regularly with the Guards band and to many continental band festivals, where, he says, the bands played real music. With the Royal Yacht Band he performed at the Canadian Exhibition, and with Sousa's Marine Band he played also in Washington. Then he emigrated to Canada as Band-Sergeant to Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. In the first twelve months of this service, he crossed the 'Rockies' twelve times on Band duty. From Canada he went to Korea with the Royal Canadian Signals, and toured Japan with the band giving concerts in all large cities. Next he transferred to the Black Watch of Canada as Band Sergeant-Major. He retired from the Canadian Army in Germany in 1964, and is now settled in Scotland, teaching music, clarinet, and flute in Alloa schools. He has certainly had a varied and eventful career.

An impending change is that Mr Jamieson is relinquishing his post as Housemaster of Cunningham House, which he has held since September, 1962. We understand that it is his intention in the near future to seek a pastoral charge as Parish Minister. Many Cunningham boys of the past four years have benefited from his kindness and his unselfish attention to their wants and needs. The new Housemaster there will be Mr I. T. Williams, who is at present Deputy-Housemaster in Wavell House. Many Old Boys will remember him as an officer of the R.A.E.C. here in the early 1950's, and others will recall him as a civilian teacher, in which role he returned here after some years on the staff of Strathallan School.

There have been two retirements among the ancillary staff of the School. Mrs A. MacDonald, for sixteen years Sewing Mistress in charge of the school sewing-room retired in October, to settle with her husband in a house they have bought in Fife. As we have said before in the 'Victorian,' sewing-room and laundry staff are not commonly seen about the school, and get less notice than they deserve. Mrs MacDonald has done a lot of work for at least two full generations of Q.V.S. schoolboys, many of whom might hardly know her by sight. But they have every reason to be grateful to her, for they have certainly kept her busy. Mr J. Young, an 'indoor pioneer' since January 1958 retired about the same time. He still lives in Dunblane. To both these former employees of the School we wish a long and happy retirement.

APPOINTMENTS

Senior Monitor : D. T. Jagger (Cunningham).

Cunningham House

Monitor : C. McLaughlin.
Prefects : M. B. O'Connor, J. R. Willmott,
G. Slater.

Haig House

Monitor : A. S. Brown.
Prefects : I Fraser, C. A. Lannen, G. H. Fox.

Trenchard House

Monitor : R. H. Newman.
Prefects : I. M. Smith, P. A. D. Evans, A. N.
King, J. W. Moore.

*Captain
of Rugby* : R. H. Newman.

Wavell House

House Captain : P. Sayer.
Abercromby I : J. A. Harrison.
Abercromby II : G. A. McNally.
Lynedoch I : S. Langlands.
Lynedoch II : D. Todd.
Moore I : K. T. Ross.
Moore II : P. Sayer.

*Captain
of Football* : K. T. Ross.

SALVETE

We welcome the following boy recruits to the School, all into Wavell House.

- 3186 Adams, Paul Alexander—Scots Guards.
- 3187 Anderson, Gary James.—R.A.F.
- 3188 Armstrong, John—Cameronians.
- 3189 Barr, David Ian—Black Watch.
- 3190 Black, George Charles—Q.O.H.
- 3191 Burns, David—Q.O.H.
- 3192 Carmichael, Alexander—R.A.F.
- 3193 Carmichael, Stuart—R.A.F.
- 3194 Carmichael, Thomas—R.A.F.
- 3195 Common, Charles Smyttan—K.O.S.B.
- 3196 Copland, Donald—R.H.F.
- 3197 Crawford, Andrew Ian—R.A.F.
- 3198 Crawford, Duncan Neil—R.A.F.
- 3199 Darling, David—Royal Scots.
- 3200 Docherty, Trevor John—R.N.
- 3201 Dolan, Michael John—Dragoon Guards.
- 3202 Doyle, Grant George Dalrymple—Black
Watch.
- 3203 Egan, James Vincent—R.N.
- 3204 Fiddes, Alistair Graham—R.A.F.
- 3205 Fitzgerald, Ian David—Scots Guards.
- 3206 Gale, Kevin John—K.O.S.B.
- 3207 Gemmill, John Robertson—R.A.F.
- 3208 Gemmill, Thomas Murray—R.A.F.
- 3209 Grant, Ian Donald—Scots Guards.
- 3210 Hamilton, Iain Seamus—A. & S.H.

- 3212 Irvine, James Scott—A. & S.H.
- 3213 Kempself, Ian Douglas—R.N.
- 3214 Mackay, Alexander Munro—Q.O.H.
- 3215 Miller, Colin Alfred—K.O.S.B.
- 3217 Morrison, Derek Stewart—A.C.C.
- 3218 Myles, Ian David—Black Watch.
- 3219 Nicolson, Michael—Royal Signals.
- 3220 Roe, Neil Mitchell—Scots Guards.
- 3221 Ruderham, Lawrence Talbot—R.N.
- 3222 Shannon, Hugh Samuel—Royal Signals.
- 3223 Shepherd, Kenneth Trevor—Black Watch.
- 3224 Spiers, Gordon Mackenzie—R.N.
- 3225 Stear, Gary Colin—Royal Signals.
- 3226 Stear, Michael James—Royal Signals.
- 3227 Stewart, James Kerr Sutton—R.A.F.
- 3228 Sutherland, William John—Cameronians.
- 3229 Thomson, James Bruce Gordon—Gordon Highlanders.
- 3230 West, William Webster Wisely—Gordon Highlanders.
- 3231 Walker, Simon Courtney—Royal Signals.
- 3232 Richardson, Geoffrey Allan Murray—R.A.F.

GRAND DAY 1966

As recorded in the programme which forms the centre pages of the July 'Victorian,' this year's Inspecting Officer was Vice-Admiral Sir David Gregory, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., Flag Officer, Scotland and Northern Ireland. In his speech Admiral Gregory expressed his pleasure at seeing such a big assembly of parents and visitors. To the boys he said that so far they had been on the receiving end, and they must use their future to repay what they had gained here. In looking for a job they must choose one that was worth while. The services still offered a first class career. There were three factors that made for success: ability, knowledge—and a good slice of luck. This last he wished to all the boys of Queen Victoria School.

At the Play-hall ceremony Mr C. P. Smith, M.A., formerly Warden of Trinity College, Glenalmond and Headmaster of Haileybury and I.S.C., distributed the academic prizes. A Scot, who had spent a good deal of time in England, he said, he was now back to Scotland in retirement, and was pleased to be associated with this essentially Scottish School. He spoke of the lessons about life to be learned from opportunities at school—which could not be judged from prize-lists or school record books. The best things could not be catalogued. At a previous school, he recalled, there was an inscription over the entry, quoted from St. Paul, 'A great gate is open to me.' At the exit there was another inscription: 'Freely you have received; freely give.' There were many things that one acquired imperceptibly in growing up. Physical education gives a dependable body and from

lessons boys should learn to think for themselves—the country's greatest need was for people who could think for themselves. At school one could also learn to get on with others and to serve the community. He asked the boys to remember the two mottos he had quoted—though experience told him that school often teaches boys to sit looking attentive while their thoughts are far away.

The Headmaster, in his speech at the prize-giving, reviewed the events of the school year, which have already been recorded in the 'Victorian.' He had intended, he said, to make his usual reference to Scottish Certificate of Education examinations, that we had so many candidates and the results were awaited. But the examiners had upset his expectations by publishing this year's S.C.E. results on the morning of Grand Day. He had not had time to study these in detail, and would only say that they were reasonable. (These results are recorded elsewhere in the magazine.) In conclusion the Headmaster referred to the fact that this was the last Grand Day over which General Sir George Gordon Lennox would preside. He had been Vice-Chairman of the Commissioners for all too short a time. They would miss him and Lady Gordon Lennox.

The customary programme of drill and displays was carried out successfully. Grand Day weather was back to normal after one or two shaky years.

OFFICIAL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

LATE JULY—Brigadier W. T. Lunt (Headmaster Q.V.S. 1925-32) and Mrs Lunt.

7th OCTOBER—Sir Alec Douglas-Home, K.T., M.P., and Lady Douglas-Home.

13th OCTOBER—The Marquess and Marchioness of Ailsa.

18th OCTOBER—Major-General James Bowes-Lyon, O.B.E., M.C., G.O.C. 52 (L) Div./Dist.

25th OCTOBER—Lieutenant-Colonel (Retd.) T. G. B. Slessor, Regimental Secretary, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

4th NOVEMBER—Major A. T. Philipson, H.Q. Scots Guards.

17th NOVEMBER—Lieutenant-General Sir William Turner, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., Visiting Commissioner.

22nd NOVEMBER—Major-General E. Maitland-Magkill-Crichton, O.B.E., G.O.C. 51 (H) Div./Dist.

1st DECEMBER—J. N. McIntyre, Esq., Command Secretary.

SCOTTISH CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

The results of the 1966 S.C.E. examinations arrived unexpectedly early—on the morning of Grand Day. We had 18 candidates in 5th and 6th Year forms, attempting a total of 53 subject-entries at the Higher Grade and 20 subject-entries at the Ordinary Grade—the Ordinary Grade entries being nearly all attempts by 5th Year boys to pass subjects at which they had failed in the 4th Year. Of the 53 Higher entries we had 35 passes, and 17 passes from 20 entries at the Ordinary Grade. The 23 Ordinary Grade 4th Year candidates, including 6 boys from the Junior Secondary stream, tried 164 subject-entries between them, and there were 120 passes. The results are neither good enough nor bad enough to call for any comment.

A feature of 1966 was that for the first time the School presented candidates in Latin. Three boys from 5th and 6th Year, who did a little basic Latin in odd periods before the arrival of a regular Latin teacher, and began the subject seriously in the school year 1963-64 all gained passes at the Ordinary Grade. The first candidates who have done Latin from the start of their secondary course are now in Form IV, and will be trying the Ordinary Grade in 1967.

Passes gained in 1966 are listed below by candidates and groups. Higher or Ordinary passes gained before 1966 by 5th and 6th Year boys are not included—only what they got at the last examinations, the earlier results having been recorded in previous December "Victorians".

6th Year.

J. ALLAN—Higher English, Art, Physics, Chemistry, Dynamics.

J. BROUGH—Higher English.

N. S. DONALDSON—Higher French, Physics, Dynamics.

E. D. GILLESPIE—Ordinary Maths. (He had already obtained the "Highers" needed for his career, and devoted most of his 6th Year to Art, in preparation for Art College.)

D. I. MARSHALL—Higher French, Ordinary Latin.

K. S. SMITH—Higher English, Maths, Science.

5th Year.

A. S. BROWN—Higher English, History, Ordinary French.

P. A. D. EVANS—Ordinary Maths, Physics, Mechanics, Woodwork.

I. FRASER—Higher Woodwork, Ordinary French.

M. HEWGILL—Higher English, History, French, Art.

D. T. JAGGER—Higher English, History, Maths, Science, Ordinary Latin.

A. N. KING—Higher Maths.

C. McLAUGHLIN—Higher English, Ordinary Maths, French, Physics.

A. W. MORRICE—Higher English, History, French.
R. H. NEWMAN—Higher History, Maths, Ordinary Chemistry.

M. B. O'CONNOR—Higher History, Ordinary French, Chemistry.

M. G. SCOGGINS—Higher English, Ordinary French.

I. M. SMITH—Higher English, History, Ordinary French.

4th Year (all at Ordinary Grade).

T. A. BONAR—English.

A. W. J. COID—Arithmetic, Maths, Art, Physics, Woodwork, Technical Drawing.

J. DEMPSEY—English, History, Arithmetic, Maths, French, Physics.

D. M. FINGLAND—English, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Mechanics.

G. H. FOX—Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Mechanics, Woodwork, Technical Drawing.

J. S. GRIGOR—English, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Mechanics, Woodwork, Technical Drawing.

L. C. HERON—Woodwork, Technical Drawing.

R. J. JEFFREY—Arithmetic, Physics, Mechanics, Woodwork, Technical Drawing.

C. A. LANNEN—English, History, Arithmetic, Maths, Art, Physics, Chemistry.

J. LEE—English, History, Arithmetic, Maths, French, Physics, Chemistry.

S. LEITCH—English, Arithmetic, Maths.

M. T. LONG—English, History, Arithmetic, Physics.

R. J. McDUGALL—English, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Mechanics, Technical Drawing.

D. MACINNES—English, History, Arithmetic, Maths, French, Physics, Chemistry.

R. MCKENZIE—Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Mechanics, Technical Drawing.

G. I. McMANUS—English, History, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.

J. W. MOORE—English, Arithmetic, Maths, French, Physics, Mechanics, Woodwork, Technical Drawing.

C. G. ROBERTSON—Arithmetic, Technical Drawing.

G. SLATER—English, History, Arithmetic, Maths, French, Physics, Chemistry.

A. J. SMITH—English, Arithmetic, Art, Technical Drawing.

J. R. WILLMOTT—English, Arithmetic, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Mechanics, Woodwork, Technical Drawing.

J. A. WOOD—English, History, Arithmetic, Maths, French, Physics.

For the 1967 examinations, we have the biggest number of prospective candidates yet produced by the School, with 25 boys in 5th and 6th Years, and 23 in the 4th Year, including 5 Junior Secondary boys. Looking further ahead this number is likely to be surpassed in the school year 1967-68, but that depends mainly on how 4th and 5th Year boys do in 1967.

SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

On 1st November, Lieutenant-General Sir George Gordon Lennox handed over Command as G.O.C. Scottish Command to Lieutenant-General D. B. Lang, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., who is now ex-officio the Vice-Chairman of the School's Board of Commissioners.

The Military Band of the Scots Guards visited the School in October and gave us a much-appreciated indoor concert in the Play Hall. Also in October there was the Cormack Bequest Lecture, now an annual feature. It was given by Mr N. G. Matthew, F.R.A.S., F.R.S.E. of the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh. He talked to Forms I and II on "The Earth as a Planet". This lecture was illustrated with excellent slides, and Mr Matthew also showed the colour film, "Walk in Space". In November there was another informative lecture for the senior school, on the subject of "Famous Dams of North America". It was given by Mr Donald Grant, a well-known professional lecturer.

The Scottish Piping Association Championships were held at the College of Piping in Glasgow in November. In the annual amateur championship of the Association for Piobaireach, A. J. M. Hill of Form 3A was the winner, gaining the Farquhar Macrae trophy and a personal medal. A. N. MacDonald, also of 3A was, sixth in the march competition, gaining a medal. There were more than forty competitors. Andrew Hill is fourteen years old, and Angus MacDonald is thirteen.

The School again did well in the Army Art and Craft competitions. C. Hynd won the second prize in the junior painting section, and in the same section J. A. Corrigan and M. Hewgill were highly commended. E. Gillespie won the first prize in junior drawing, and J. Brough the first prize in junior pottery. M. Hewgill got the second prize in pottery and was highly commended. The School won the junior unit shield.

Life-saving instruction is still going strong. Classes for the R.L.S.S. awards at the various levels are being held on Monday and Wednesday evenings and after lessons on Tuesday afternoons.

The School re-assembled in September to the smell of fresh paint, and painters have been about the School for most of the term. The repainting in more cheerful colours of the corridor and staircase walls provide a suitable occasion for the introduction of a long-projected rule, that P.T. shoes must be worn above the ground floor of the main building. Hard shoes are being kept and cleaned in the ground-floor common rooms. The result has been a great improve-

ment in the appearance of the upstairs premises, previously disfigured with black marks where boys had skidded or braked or put their feet against the wall. The effect on the common-rooms is quite another matter.

Now that the School library is housed in its splendid new premises, the old library has been re-decorated and re-furnished, and is to be known as the music-room. The former music-room downstairs next to the Play Hall now becomes the drama-room. In the new music-room there is a television set, but television programmes can be watched there only by official groups directed by a master to watch some particular programme. In fact its use is strictly limited, and it is something of a show-place gleaming with paint and polish. For normal television viewing ("Batman," etc.) two television sets have been provided downstairs, one in a senior and one in a junior common-room. These common-rooms were originally allotted to houses, one senior and one junior for each house, with a ban on entering any common-room other than that of your own house, and on seniors entering junior rooms and vice-versa. That ruling soon broke down and was abolished, since boys are likely to have friends of their own form and age group without regard to what house they are in, and it was clearly absurd to keep them from playing table-tennis, etc. together just because they were in different houses. Anyway houses are nearly as fictitious as they are in day-schools, for the whole lot live in one building.

Having assisted the masters' football team to its first victory over the boys for many years, Captain N. Davies was naturally selected to captain the Scottish Command team in a match with the Navy. The result was a 3-3 draw.

Some reflected glory touched the School recently when Sergeant R. G. Binks (soon promoted to be Squadron Quarter Master Sergeant) the father of Martin Binks (1C) and Stephen Binks (P7A) was awarded the Military Medal for gallant and distinguished services in the Aden Protectorate.

A collection in the School made by Mrs Wilson, wife of Major Wilson, for the Aberfan Disaster Fund realised the highly creditable sum of £40. Mrs Wilson is to be congratulated on the energy and success with which she extracted money from us for this cause.

The Tanga golf trophy, to which reference was made in the last number of the "Victorian", a silver trophy for which staff golfers are to compete annually, was played for on Dunblane Golf Course at the beginning of the summer holiday. The competition was decided by one round of stroke play, under handicaps. The first winner of the trophy is Mrs J.

Innes, probably best remembered by Old Boys as the Commandant's Secretary, though she has now moved on promotion to the post as clerical officer previously held by Mr Meek.

A number of trees have been felled in the "Wavell Wood" area, but so far there is no other noticeable sign of the projected Wavell play-hut; nor has the new playing-field (1962) yet been fit for any game to be played on it. It is beginning to assume the character of a monument, but the law of libel restrains us from suggesting what it is a monument to or of.

Commandant's orderlies for this School year are :—

Senior orderly—D. H. Fisher.
Junior Orderly—S. D. Young.

These boys are in the first year secondary and are selected from the previous year's Wavell House boys for their general smartness.

Since the Aviemore summer camp is a fixed annual event, it is not regularly reported in any detail in the "Victorian". However, Mr Bruce has spoken so enthusiastically about the behaviour and good spirit of the boys who attended the 1966 camp, and of the work of the other members of staff who accompanied him there that we should like to record the names at least. The adults in this party were the two R.A.E.C. officers of Wavell House, Captains Bull and Davies, Miss Bruce the Hospital Matron, and Mr and Mrs Girvan. Thanks are due to all these as well as to Mr Bruce himself for giving their time to this valuable enterprise. The boys who attended were mainly from the first year secondary, with a number of Wavell House boys.

Cunningham House—W. Barbour, K. Cockburn, M. Findlay, A. Hill, C. Matheson, B. Murton.

Haig House—P. Gilchrist, I. Burgess, J. Shannon, N. Houston, I. Playle, A. Robertson, R. Kent, C. Fraser, N. McMurdo, B. Goldie.

Trenchard House—I. Matthews, D. Pocock, S. Powell, J. Sayer, C. Hynd, A. Robertson.

Wavell House—C. Robinson, J. Robertson, R. Grey, R. Weir, A. Hewgill, T. Goldie.

Also in the summer holiday, a party of ten boys with two masters in charge spent ten days in France, four in Paris and the remainder in the historic and beautiful town of St. Malo in Brittany. Accommodation in Paris was in a small hotel, very near the Folies Bergeres, though it was not chosen with that in mind. In Brittany the party was accommodated in a private school right on the seaside. A pleasant feature was that, though the tour was arranged through an organisation catering particularly for school parties, the Q.V.S. contingent was never

swallowed up in a mass of British boys and girls: none at all beside us in Paris, and in Brittany just one party from an English school in the same building as us for the first two or three days. This was a mixed party of Secondary Modern pupils from Nottingham. Their behaviour and the ready acceptance of the control exerted over them by their two women teachers gave some food for thought, and certainly did not accord with the horrid pictures that newspaper correspondents sometimes paint of the conduct of such parties on the continent. In spite of mixed weather, and occasional difficulty in establishing the whereabouts of K. Owens, the party seem to have enjoyed themselves. It seems doubtful whether we shall be able to repeat the French trip this year. Though about five boys are keen to go, the number is not sufficient so far to let us go at the kind of cost that was possible in 1966. Boys who went—R. Gill, A. D. Grey, G. Hill, J. Hossack, D. MacIver, A. G. MacKenzie, G. Neill, K. Owens, K. Robinson, J. Weir.

Among the minor office-holders of the School are the church orderlies, four of the Church of Scotland and three of the Episcopal Church. Their job is to assist the clergyman of their denomination at services in the School chapel. (It is not true that they get a percentage of the collection.) What distinguishes them from other office-holders is that they are not chosen and they are not elected. They fill their vacancies by co-option. This has been going on for some time with the Church of Scotland orderlies. Whenever an orderly has left school, or given up his office on reaching the upper part of the secondary school, the remaining orderlies have chosen someone whom they have invited to be the successor. It now seems the Episcopal orderlies are going to adopt the Presbyterian system, for they co-opted a new orderly to fill a vacancy this term. Church of Scotland orderlies: A. Cassells, S. Corrigan, K. Cockburn, D. Crombie. Episcopalian Orderlies: A. S. Grey, D. Wrenn, K. Ross.

N.B.—No great theological knowledge, nor outstanding saintliness of conduct, is demanded.

We have just learned that the School is to take part in a series of services at Dunblane Cathedral to be shown on television in late January or early February. There is to be a morning service attended by about 30 senior boys, who will play no special part in the service, a Schools service attended by the whole school, at which the senior monitor will read one of the lessons, during which the School will be mentioned by name and the cameras will be on the boys for some time, and an evening service, "Songs of Praise", to be attended by the whole School choir. The School will be mentioned, and the choir high-lighted, especially during the singing of Hymn 373, "Far round the world . . .", the tune of which, "Dunblane Cathedral" was composed by a former headmaster

of Q.V.S., Captain (as he then was) A. F. Barnes, M.C. We are told that school work will be disrupted for the two days of rehearsing and recording that are required in the middle of January. These outside activities and public appearances will widen the reputation of the School—as they lengthen the faces of the masters who are preparing boys for Certificate examinations.

PICTURES IN THE SCHOOL

Time there was when most wall areas in the School were covered with military prints of enormous size and doubtful merit. None were in colour and most of the subjects were obscure. The good ones, mostly small, were overwhelmed by the far greater number of prints whose area seemed to be in inverse proportion to their importance.

Over the years a drastic weeding out process has been going on. The good military prints are being displayed in selected places, e.g. the Music Room, and the corridor outside the Commandant's office. In the latter place has been collected that delightful set of original water colours painted in the 9th (H) Divisional sector of the First World War.

Recently a set of 5 military prints were presented to the School by the 1st Battalion, The Scots Guards, and 2 prints by the Queen's Own Highlanders.

Elsewhere in the School are displayed a very wide selection of good prints representing most of the schools of painting and with the modern movements well to the fore. There is something to suit all (good) tastes and it would be a pity if we treated our pictures as a sort of back-ground and did not accept them as the individual statements of very individual people and well worth a little bit of study.

Enjoy some of the pictures, hate some of them if you like—but never be indifferent.

V. H. LeM.

OLD BOYS

These few paragraphs of news about Old Victorians must start on a sad note. Since the magazine was last published, we have lost two of our most devoted Old Boys, Willie Cosgrove and Jack Owens, whose obituary notices appear in this number of the "Victorian". From Mr Joe McLeod in Glasgow, we have heard also of the death of another Old Boy, Neil Cameron which occurred in Edinburgh a few months back. Mr McLeod says that Neil Cameron was a real Cameron, having served for many years with the Cameron Highlanders. Unfortunately we have no other details of his dates or career.

Our first note is about another Cameron, and Cameron Highlander. This is Mr Allan Cameron, an Inverness man resident in London, who had the

very early School number of 36, and left the School in 1913. We have a cutting from a northern newspaper, of which we do not know the source, describing how Mr Cameron, while on holiday in Inverness, played two pipe tunes of his own composition at an open-air concert, using a set of bagpipes borrowed from one of the British Legion pipers. The tunes were a slow march, composed at the time of Sir Winston Churchill's state funeral, and a lively march composed in honour of the Ghurka soldier recently awarded the Victoria Cross.

We were pleased, at the end of October to see a letter from Mr H. R. Harrison. His recent history has been one of mishaps. Having recovered from illness, he had a fall which damaged his left shoulder and arm and cracked a rib. His writing shows no signs of infirmity. In this letter he tells of a pleasant incident. He was visiting his son, another Victorian, of course, in Germany last August, and he visited the sergeants' mess. They sat at a table with several other people. In the course of conversation, the name of the School cropped up. Another of the people at the table, Sergeant Burns of the R.A.P.C. immediately said that he had a son at the School. "So have I" said Mr Harrison's son. They then found that sitting at Mr Harrison's right was Staff-Sergeant McHardy who also had a son at the School. And none of them knew each other before that meeting.

Mr Joe McLeod, another regular correspondent, wrote to the Headmaster on 17th October, recalling that for him it was a special day, for on that date, fifty years before, he left School. He recalls that when he left, the Pipe Band, as was the old custom, played him to the gate (he was Boy Pipe-Major). He walked to Dunblane Station, and took the train to Stirling, where within two hours of being a schoolboy he was enlisted in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders for twelve years. He did not feel lonely at Stirling Castle, for there were many other Old Boys there.

During this term there have also been letters from Mr R. V. L. Stewart of Glasgow and Mr J. R. Handford of Birmingham, both offering material for the "Victorian". Mr Stewart describes Grand Day at the Duke of York's School, and the history and lay-out of the school. We cannot print all of this, but we can assure Mr Stewart that his account of the recent extensions there make us feel a bit envious, despite all that we have ourselves acquired in the past decade. Mr Handford, who re-visited the School in September, for the first time since he left it in 1919, was then inspired by the notion of writing a few of his own reminiscences of the School as it was in the period of the first world war. He mentions the time when boys dug up the lawns in the front entrance of the School, at a rate of 1d an hour, and grew potatoes there. Such reminiscences are always welcome, and we hope Mr Handford will press on and let us have them in time for the next "Victorian".

By coincidence two letters arrived about the same time in August. One was from Mr C. V. Douglas of Edinburgh, about to emigrate to Australia, and the other from Mr L. A. Peyman of Perth, West Australia. He left School in 1941, and Mr Douglas in 1955. Mr Douglas has been in the Army since he left School, except for a short period of poultry-farming just after leaving. He served with the Cameronians, visiting Cyprus, Jordan, Kenya, and Germany during his service with the battalion. He has, he says, been most impressed by the changes in the School which he has seen on coming here for the last three Grand Days. But he does add that the modern Victorian seems to have less self-discipline as his generation were taught it, and he thinks it sad that this particular, invaluable gift should have been allowed to slip. This is not a new complaint from Old Boys, and nobody here is going to take up the cudgels and say that they are wrong. But those of us who are here as representatives of the new order in the School sometimes wonder if arguments about discipline may not arise from a difference in ideas of what the word means. Mr Peyman, in writing to order his copy of the summer "Victorian", asked to be put in touch with any other Old Boys in his part of the world. The Headmaster was able to send him a list of names and addresses. He says that Australia has a lot to offer, and he is willing to sponsor any young lad who may want to settle there. We hope this generous offer will not cause him to be swamped with applications.

Two other correspondents from far overseas have been Mr William Monaghan of Tucson, Arizona, whose name we mentioned in a recent number of the magazine, and Mr J. D. Oliver of Ontario. We apologise to Mr Monaghan for some trouble he has had in getting his copies of the "Victorian". He was in the School from 1909 till 1912. Mr Oliver, who left in 1936, was on holiday in Scotland this summer, and we had the pleasure of showing him round with his charming wife and daughters. After leaving School, he joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was with the regiment for twelve years, and was commissioned in the field in Normandy. When his service ended in 1948, he emigrated to Canada and joined the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department. He is still with that force, with the rank of sergeant. His brother, Jack Oliver, at the School from 1931 to 1936, recently retired after twenty-eight years with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He was the Regimental Master Tailor, and still carries on the business of kilt-making. He now lives in Stirling, and his son, James Oliver, a recent Victorian and piper will be well remembered by most of the staff here and many of the boys. James went to an apprenticeship when he left school, but he then decided he must try to carry on his education full time, and he is now at Stirling High School seeking higher qualifications, which he well deserves to get.

Before leaving the older generation of "Victorians" we should mention that some veterans of the earliest days of the School have their names in the Visitors' (Old Boys) Book on dates after the last magazine was published. These are Alex Sutherland (53), who was here in August, John Edmonds (29), Alex. Brett (28), John Stewart (74), and George Stirrat (43). All of these joined the School in 1909.

A younger Old Boy who has recently written a long letter to the Headmaster is Michael Smith, who left in 1964. He is an apprentice on the M.V. "Baron Inverforth", which he joined about a year ago, and has been it seems both busy and happy. During the trip on which he was engaged when writing, he had visited the U.S.A., Sydney, Australia, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, and India. The ship is on charter to a Japanese company, and in Japan he is making full use of the chance to build up his photographic equipment, at prices far below those in Britain. The apprentices have the run of the bridge, share cargo-watches when in port, and keep journals of their observations and experiences. He is also doing a correspondence course with the University of Strathclyde. He mentions that he has had letters from T. A. G. Milne, who left School to emigrate to Australia in 1963, and is now studying engineering with the intention of going to sea with the Australian Merchant Navy, in the Engine Room Department. At Sandhurst, M. W. Gillespie, has been promoted to Cadet-Sergeant. A photograph cutting from a unit magazine shows us K. Boyne, inter-services butterfly-swimming champion, receiving his prize from the Commander, Yorks District. A recent visitor to the School was Peter Gibson, now teaching English on the staff of Hutcheson's Grammar School, Glasgow. He has just become engaged and plans to marry next summer. Another visitor, and correspondent, has been Dougald Robertson, now living in London, and working as a pupil quantity-surveyor. He chose that in preference to teacher-training (physical education) at Jordanhill. His course lasts five years and is divided between college work and "sites". He has soon bumped into other Victorians about London: William Stewart still serving at Chepstow and studying hard for his Ordinary National Certificate in Building Technology, Neil Donaldson, and Michael Owens. Another visitor to the School in July was W. Dallas, who gives his address as H.Q. 97th Signal Battalion, U.S. Army.

As a foot-note we mention that only one son of an Old Boy was among this year's new entrants to the School. That is Neil Roe, son of Pipe-Major Roe, B.E.M., late the Scots Guards, and brother of Ian Roe who is in Form IV. There is also an Old Boy's younger brother. That is Geoffrey Richardson, brother of Adrian who is now an officer in the R.A.F. He bears the latest School number 3232.

We print below a notice about London O.V.'s social meeting sent to us by Mr Grassick.

Q.V. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (LONDON BRANCH)

A Social was held on the 15th October by the Queen Victoria School Old Boys' Association (London Branch) and we were delighted to have with us some of the younger members, i.e. Michael Owens, Bob Bird, Peter Kay, and Fraser Mitchell who, we understand, left the School only three months ago. It is very encouraging to see the younger members taking an interest and I hope more will do so. In all 60 attended which made the evening a great success.

Letters of regret for their absence were received from the President and various members who were otherwise engaged.

Thanks are due to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle and who asked to be nameless.

One of the highlights was the buffet which was prepared by Mrs Hill, and it was a great pity that no one brought their camera; and George Hogg of the "Scotsman" informed me that with the members around the table it would have made an excellent photo for his paper.

We had from Edinburgh their Old Boys' Chairman, Peter Taylor and his charming wife, along with his sister; also from Scotland came Matt Anderson and Jimmy White who, incidentally, are looking forward to our next social.

Jimmy Robertson (Junior) brought his pipes along and played various selections and we had Mrs Mairi Perron, a daughter of Pipe-Major Hill to dance for us—which was loudly applauded.

I regret to announce the recent deaths of two of our very dear friends, namely Willy Cosgrove and Bobby Owens. They will be sadly missed.

J. GRASSICK,
Secretary and Treasurer.

THE PIPE BAND

After a fairly weak start to the term because of the introduction of so many new members, we have now settled down to a reasonable standard of playing. We were fortunate not to lose any pipers at the end of last year, but we had to form a complete new drum corps.

As usual in the Christmas Term we have had only one engagement, which was at R.A.F. Leuchars on "Battle of Britain Day", and at the start of the Christmas holidays we are playing at Murrayfield. We have had time to learn a number of new tunes including a six-parted march "Donald Cameron" which we are using in our competition set next summer. If all goes according to plan, we shall be entering two or three competitions.

Band Members

Pipers—I. Fraser (Boy Pipe Major), J. Wood, A. N. King, G. Fox, G. Slater, A. Brown, R. McDougall, D. Fingland, I. Roe, A. Hill, A. MacDonald, J. Pryde, A. Martin, P. Gilchrist, M. Greig, C. Fraser, D. MacDonald, A. Robertson, I. Robertson, J. Will.

Drummers—G. McManus, I. M. Smith, R. Gill (Boy Drum Major), W. McKerron, I. Graham, J. Duncan, B. Murton, B. Knox, J. Buchanan, M. Binks.

DEBATING SOCIETY

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Chairman : R. NEWMAN.

Secretary : D. JAGGER.

All members of Forms IV, V, and VI are in the Debating Society, except for a few who are in the choir. The Society has 33 members.

So far this term, there have been three meetings, the first being spent in electing a Chairman (R. Newman) and Secretary (D. Jagger) and the others in actual debate. Despite the fact that the Society is not entirely voluntary (you might have noticed the sudden increase in our numbers since last year), the debates have been a great success. We got off to a good start with "That this Society deplores the banning of the Pirate Radio Stations" and followed up with "That this Society supports the American Policy in Vietnam". The first motion was surprisingly enough defeated, probably because of the combined eloquence of Messrs. Morrice and Scoggins, opposer and seconder; but in the second debate, even A. Morrice's oratory failed to stop the President from swaying the votes to another rather unexpected result, the motion being again defeated. After the first initial coaxing almost everyone said something even if it was only "Sir, I have no comment to make", and for a change this year, there is hardly anyone who really "hogs the floor".

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

To begin this year's Photographic Society, we followed the practiced routine of electing the committee members. This year we had a large number of "professionals" from whom we could elect our committee, and so the voting was very close with many members being proposed. We decided that there should be six members on the committee, but those who became sufficiently proficient through the session and were not on the committee should be given the privilege of going into the laboratory and doing their photography without supervision.

The members given posts are :—

President : R. LONG.
Secretary : K. ROBINSON.
Assistant Secretary : D. LANGLANDS.
Assistant Treasurer : C. J. ROBINSON.
On Committee without position : B. SUTHERLAND
 and M. ANDERSON.

The following four weeks were devoted to teaching our new members the fundamentals of photography. By half-term most of our members had experience of all the apparatus we use, and had developed and made prints themselves.

On the 14th November Mr Buettner, from the Stirling Camera Club, came to our meeting and gave us a demonstration of "Print-Finishing". I may say that, in the hour which he spent with us, we learned more about print improvement than all we had been taught in the club. He demonstrated how, by careful use of chemicals, we could cover over the little white spots which often ruin photographs. He also demonstrated how and when "backgrounds" could be changed. Altogether I am sure that was the most worth-while evening of the term.

For the last meeting in November we had Mr Stewart, also a member of the Stirling Camera Club to give us a talk. He taught us how much your prints depended on the type of negative produced. He told us how best to use heavy-grained negatives and fine, light-grained negatives. This was another evening well spent in enlarging our knowledge of photography.

P.S.—If anyone reading this article has photographic equipment which he no longer requires, and wishes it to be put to use, he may get in touch with our Society which will gladly accept any photographic equipment.

K.R.

THE SCIENCE CLUB (Senior School)

The Science Club has 30 members, 17 of whom take Physics as their hobby and 13 take Chemistry. Mr Orr and Mr Paterson hold the Science Club on Wednesday evenings from 6 o'clock to seven in the laboratories.

The boys in Physics make circuit boards and radios, study astronomy (with the help of the School telescope), construct apparatus for Physics classes and experiment with electric motors and other appliances. One boy is taking Science for his pursuit for his Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.

The boys in Chemistry do experiments on ion exchange and electrophoresis, make copper brooches from real leaves, study rocks, make atomic models, and finally are making a new periodic table with samples of the elements on it.

K. BOWLT.

THE SCIENCE CLUB (Wavell House)

A few Primary 7 boys take Science Club as a Monday evening hobby. It has a wide and varied selection of things to do, including growing seeds, growing crystals, simple photography, and investigations on finger-prints, light, magnetism and colour.

The following are members :—D. K. Coleman, S. Gilroy, M. S. Haston, K. McAllister, R. J. McMurdo, J. Pearson, K. T. Ross, P. Sayer, M. J. Stear, and B. G. Will.

M.S.

THE CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club got off to a good start this year, with 19 boys attending, including Major Wilson's sons, Gareth aged 10 and Rhodri aged 8. These are both good players and are by no means left out. The writer has been beaten by Rhodri.

The club meets every Tuesday night, and is supervised by Mr Hughes, who has got together a large number of chess sets for us to use. It is considered a great honour to beat Mr Hughes at chess, and it rarely happens. The first two weeks went by without much happening; then it was decided to have two leagues, the first one a scratch league competition and the second one with handicaps. The first league is to find out who are the master-minds, and so in the second league, in which there are prizes, the best players will be handicapped. At the moment we are nearing the end of the first league competition with A. S. Grey, J. Shannon and I. Burgess, all old-timers, in the top positions.

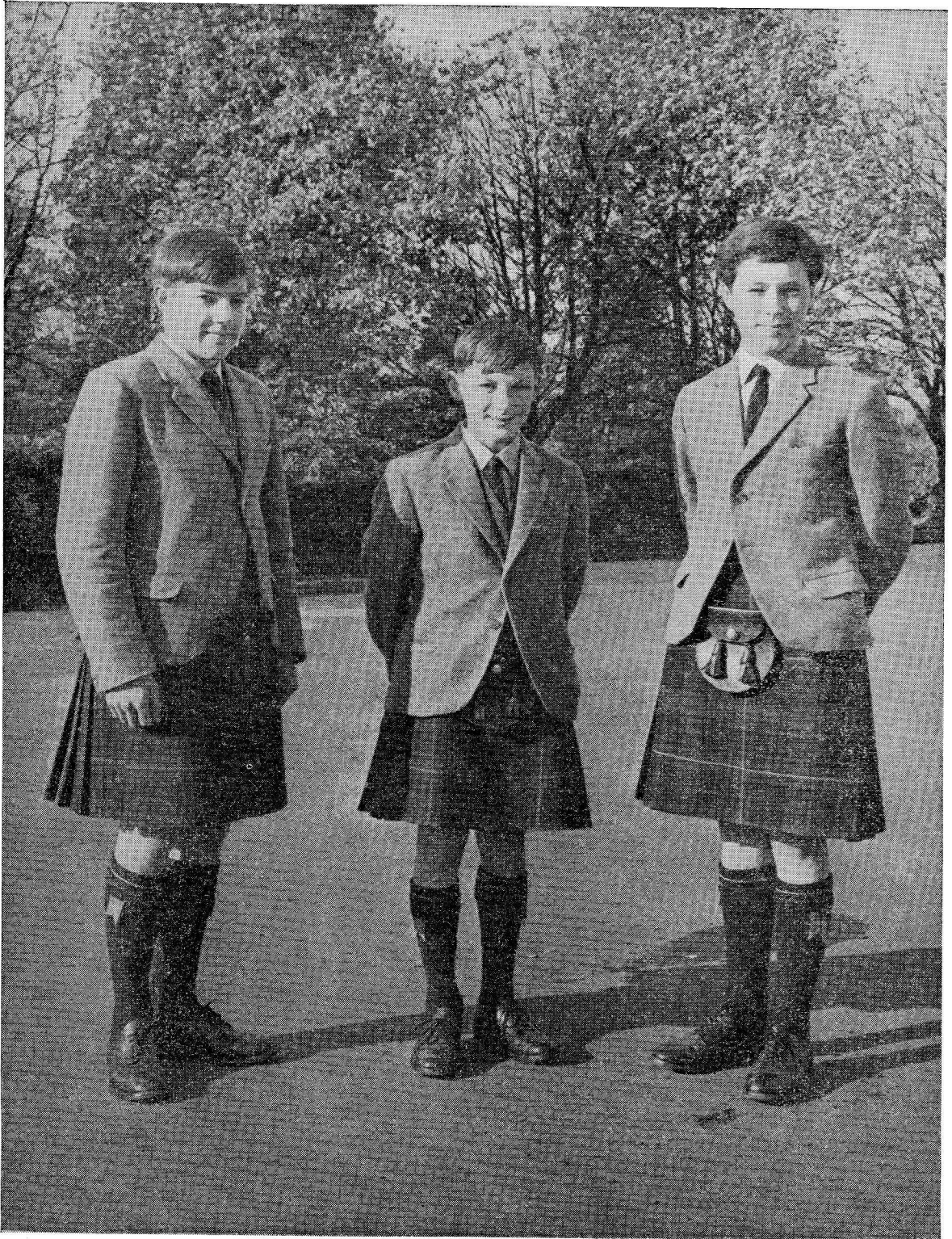
I.B.

THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

The Model Railway Club has been revived this year for Wavell boys. Up to now the Club has lacked a home, but we hope to move into the Theatre Room shortly. The time has been spent so far in making various models—buildings, rolling stock and accessories, and in cleaning up the trackwork left over from the previous layout.

Actual operation of the new layout should start early next term. As the baseboard has to be portable, this layout will not be as large as the last one, but it is hoped that what it lacks in quantity, it will make up in quality and operational efficiency.

The New School Uniform



Left to Right: S. W. Grant, J. Sayer, D. Langlands

SMALL BORE RIFLE SHOOTING

.22 shooting continues to be a popular hobby, with more boys wanting to participate than can be accommodated. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings are reserved for first year this term, but after Christmas second year boys will have their chance. It is hoped to have some better rifles for the beginners soon, so if and when we do obtain them, there will be no excuses for low scores.

Senior Shooting takes place on Monday evenings and Friday afternoons. This year the School has entered a team in the Perthshire Small Bore Postal League and this should give the senior boys an incentive to improve their performances. One or two boys are showing considerable promise and should develop into good shots.

Thanks again are due to R.S.M. Lowdon and C.S.M. Mortimer for their assistance.

The following have represented the School in the League Matches this year :—C. McLaughlin, G. M. Anderson, J. Corrigan, D. MacIver, D. Wrenn.

THE NEW UNIFORM

Last year the khaki jacket was still being worn with the kilt as the School's walking-out dress, and because of its military style, the glengarry had to be worn with it. I was very much against the wearing of the jacket, though, as I was a prefect, it did not affect me, for I was allowed to wear "civilian" clothes which, I must confess, I preferred to both the old and new forms of walking-out dress. Many of us believed, and still believe, that the pre-war jacket was not only very uncomfortable for the wearer but also very ugly to look at, and I remember when I wore the jacket that I used to curse it many times over. While outside, boys from Queen Victoria School were made out to be poor little orphans who could afford nothing but war surplus for their uniform; but now this situation has been changed. I remember feeling awkward and self-conscious when I was wearing the old uniform outside, and this added to its physical discomfort. Though I do prefer civilian clothes to the kilt, in which I feel uncomfortable, I still agree that the new uniform is over one hundred percent better than the old one.

When the new shirts, jackets, jerseys and ties were issued this term; they were given to the monitors and prefects first of all so as to stop us from wearing "civilian" clothes. I am afraid that I was bitterly against this at the time, but once I had given the matter some thought, I agreed that this was the best thing to do. After all no other school will allow its prefects or monitors to go out in private "civilian" clothes. We were allowed to do that only because we looked ridiculous in the old form of dress; but now that the School authorities have provided a newer, much smarter uniform it stands to reason that

all boys should wear it irrespective of position in the School. The jacket, shirt, tie and pullover are both comfortable and neat. When a party of boys went to Leuchars to watch the air display, they received many compliments on the new uniform.

One last question remains to be answered, and that is the question of distinguishing prefects and monitors from the other boys. My views on this question are that no form of visual distinction should be made and that the monitor's or prefect's authority and example should distinguish him from the other boys. I am sure it is better for a smaller boy to follow an example, than to follow somebody just because he wears an armband or some other distinguishing mark.

C.L.

THE RUGBY MATCH

- 1.30 p.m. Opposing team arrive.
- 1.45 p.m. Opposing team getting changed while Q.V.S. boys make their way to the pitch.
- 1.55 p.m. Opposing team go down to the pitch running the gauntlet all the way.
- 1.58 p.m. Nearly time for kick-off, with all the spectators shouting for Q.V.S. (Q.V.S. boys having compelled opposing side's spectators also to shout for Q.V.S.)
- 1.59 p.m. Referee spins double-headed coin. Q.V.S. win toss.
- 2.00 p.m. Q.V.S. kick-off, and the ball goes to the opposing side's winger who runs up the touch line for Q.V.S. line.
- 2.01 p.m. Fifteen attempted tackles later and winger confident of scoring.
- 2.02 p.m. Foot comes out of spectators and the winger goes flying and is dragged off the pitch and into a crowd of screaming spectators.
- 2.10 p.m. Winger gets kicked back onto the pitch, beaten up.
- 2.11 p.m. Game is stopped while winger is taken to first-aid post manned by boys eager for blood.
- 3.00 p.m. Q.V.S. now winning 50-0.
- 3.10 p.m. Game finishes with spectators rushing on to the pitch, and uninjured players of opposing team are hanged from crossbar.
- 3.15 p.m. Q.V.S. team carried off pitch, leaving referee lying trampled in the mud.

D. CROMBIE AND S. CORRIGAN, IIIB.

NIGHT IN A SENIOR DORMITORY

- 9.25 p.m. Boys swapping stamps. Dopey is mixing his concoction of opium and water, Fourth year boys having a wash.
- 9.30 p.m. Lights out. Prefect tells boys to go to the lavatory. Everyone dashes out.
- 9.35 p.m. Senior boy in bunk tells us how many days there are till the end of term. A third year boy contradicts and is flattened.
- 9.45 p.m. Boys playing "catch" and not saying prayers. Also exercising by doing "roly-polies".
- 9.55 p.m. Crinkling of penny-chew wrappings and aniseed balls breaking. Senior boys mooch from the "scoffers".
- 10.05 p.m. Non-prefects' lights go out and defaulters are punished. Some boys with cat's eyes read comics by the light from the Prefects' bunks.
- 10.30 p.m. Silence ! All lights go out.
- 10.35 p.m. All is quiet.
- 11.00 p.m. A bed creaks, a head, shoulders, body and then legs appear from Starling's bed. He creeps to the end of the dormitory. He's trying to fly ! He runs up and down flapping his arms and clucking like a chicken. He jumps up and down. A third year boy throws a soft shoe, and he stops and crawls back to bed.
- 11.15 p.m. All quiet again.
- 12.01 a.m. Salmon goes to lavatory, and trips over his pyjama-cord, and breaks his leg.
- 12.10 a.m. Salmon carried off to hospital.
- 3.15 a.m. Poor Johnny is sick. Housemaster gets it cleared up and boy is sent to hospital.
- 6.45 a.m. Fifteen minutes to reveille. Starling yells out, "Spaceships ! spaceships ! scores of them ! They're going to attack us !" (again) "Man the life-boats (he climbs on to his locker) we're sinking." "Aggh, Gluggg, Glugg, Glug !"
- 7.00 a.m. Bringgg, Bringg, Bring ! Reveille ! Nobody moves.
- 7.05 a.m. Senior master comes in calling for buckets of cold water. All beds in dormitory squeak, creak and twang to the warning of "skip". All boys get ready.
- 7.20 a.m. Five-minutes bugle call goes.
- 7.21 a.m. Dormitory is deserted.

A. KIRKWOOD, IIIB.

GETTING UP

- 7 a.m. Bell goes, sound asleep.
- 7.5 a.m. Sound asleep.
- 7.10 a.m. Starting to come round.
- 7.15 a.m. Stick nose from under blankets. Too cold. Back to sleep.
- 7.16 a.m. Swotty Prefect comes out of bunk and we get dragged out of bed asleep.
- 7.17 a.m. Crawl out for a wash.
- 7.18 a.m. Stagger back from a wash.
- 7.19 a.m. Back to bed.
- 7.20 a.m. "Five minutes" goes ; sound asleep.
- 7.23 a.m. Swots get up and get dressed.
- 7.24 a.m. Normal person gets up and gets dressed.
- 7.24½ a.m. Lazy one gets up and gets dressed quick-style.
- 7.24¾ a.m. Tumble down the stairs still getting dressed and collapse in a heap at the bottom.
- 7.25 a.m. Bugler ready to blow "G". Threaten him with death not to blow yet. Stumble into Central Hall just in time.

D. CROMBIE AND S. CORRIGAN, IIIB.

NOT MEANT FOR PUBLICATION

As usual we are so short of contributions that we have to fill up with any material of interest that we find lying about the school. The first is an unfinished letter which runs as follows :—

"Chere Briggitt

Je m' appelle (*name suppressed*). Je Travaille a l' ecole que (*name suppressed*) y travaille. Il est mon ami. Il m'a dit que vous l' avez vu a Saint Malo en ete. Il m' a aussi dit beaucoup de bons choses au soujet de vous. J'ai quatorze ans. Je joue bien de _____*. Je joue aussi assez bien au football. Je suis dans l'equipe de l' ecole.

J' aime tres beaucoup les fillies. J'ai eu deux ou trois amies cette annee. Je n' ai aucune amie ici a ce moment, mais quand je vais chez moi je trouverai une amie pour les vacances.

A l'ecole je vais souvent pour une fume, mais une maitre souvent me voit fumant et il me punis."

Here the letter ends, and we do not know if it was ever completed and sent. The poor chap was doing his best to impress her with his personal prowess as an athlete, lover, and law-breaker, but the second paragraph might not go down very well.

* He couldn't find the word, or couldn't think of any other game he could boast about.

The second, retrieved from a common-room floor, seems to be a sort of fable. It tells us that a master was proceeding along the corridor when he saw a fourth-former leaning against the wall at two minutes past seven, two minutes late for prep. The master

asked him what he was doing (a thick question) and he replied that he was holding the wall up. Thinking that he has said this sarcastically, the master ordered the boy to move at once. He did so, and the wall fell on the master.

The moral seems to be that it sometimes pays to believe what boys say.

ADEN

The place in which I used to live was Aden. I was quite thrilled when I heard I was to go to Aden for my holidays. I was to go to Turnhouse then on to London, then Rome and Cairo. As I was nearing Aden, I could feel myself a little warmer than usual. We touched down in Aden and as I walked out through the door of the aircraft I felt the hot rush of air.

I had heard on the radio and read in the newspapers that Aden was at civil war, but I was very surprised to see soldiers guarding the aircraft. As we were taken from the aircraft, I noticed the vast squadrons of "Hawker Hunters" and helicopters which you can see at any time of the day flying over the houses.

When we eventually got home I was soon relieved to change into cool clothing. I was told a few safety precautions against the dangers in Aden.

One of the things lots of boys like doing is picking up junk such as bottles and smashing them against walls. These themselves are booby-traps used by terrorists. The bottle is filled with acid, nails, and explosive, and when it is thrown hard, it explodes and inflicts a mortal wound. Watches are put on the ground and someone may find a watch and pick it up, and it has a time fuse. Its explosive inside can blow your hand off. Comic papers are laid on the ground and young children must be watched. You see, the comic has a grenade underneath, and the child is killed. By keeping a careful look out, I had an enjoyable holiday.

R. STEVENSON, IIB.

PRIZE-GIVING

At the annual prize-giving at Queen Victoria School, the Headmaster, presenting his report of the school year, said that this year's examination results were even worse than usual. While a great part of the blame for this state of affairs must rest on the boys themselves, because they had been thoroughly idle and irresponsible, the staff could not hope to escape criticism. If we had a decent set of teachers, declared the Headmaster, we might hope for some decent results. As it was, the outlook was pretty gloomy. He was surprised that so many parents and relatives had turned up for this ceremony. Parents were a confounded nuisance. They kept asking awkward questions, and they were always full of big ideas about their sons' capabilities. Even good

teachers could not hope to achieve anything with pupils who were handicapped by hereditary stupidity.

The usual set of phony figures had been produced to show how well we were doing in games and other out-of-school activities—as if one could honestly use the word "activity" to describe what the pupils did in their spare time. For most of them, leisure meant lying on their beds reading comic papers, and the nearest thing to exercise that any of them voluntarily did was skulking round the playing-fields trying to get off with the masters' daughters. It would be noticed that we had won all our home fixtures and been beaten every time we went away. It should be obvious to the meanest intelligence—which was well represented there both among the audience and on the platform—that it was the referees who were winning the matches for us. As for the gold and silver awards, etc., it might be worth notice that Q.V.S. teachers did the assessments of these candidates. He knew for a fact that most of the expeditions got no further than the bar of the Sheriff-muir Inn. It was true that the School again had no non-swimmers. They had all drowned long ago. He was usually expected to say something in his speech about the number of boys leaving to take up military service. That was still going on. In the course of the School year fifteen boys had joined the Viet-Cong forces. To sum up, he was utterly disgusted with the conduct of everyone connected with the School. How could he hope to get any promotion if people went on letting him down all round the place? He now had to introduce Air-Marshal Blockbuster, who was the only Commissioner they could get to give away the prizes.

The Air Marshal said he was delighted to have the chance of talking to this audience. It was not exactly the kind he would have chosen if he had had any choice, but anyway he liked making speeches and people hardly ever let him do so. While the Headmaster had been talking away about school-work and rubbish of that kind, he had been having a look round. He could see the usual crowd of pie-faced swots sitting in the front rows waiting to get prizes. Having had a chance too of looking at the prize-books on the table, he thought they were just about getting what they deserved. To the boys he said that the choice of a career was still important. The best thing was to get into some racket that would enable them to get rich quickly. Failing that, they should look for a cushy job with little work attached to it and a good pension at the end. Those who were unable to find a soft job in civilian life might have to go into one of the services, but that was not a career he could recommend to anybody. It was all right for the top brass like himself who had wangled their way up by knowing the right people, but down below it was getting a bit tough, with all this insistence on adventure-training and knowing your job. If they went into the Army, for example, they might even find themselves pushed off overseas to some unhealthy climate, or some wretched outpost with no television

or bingo-halls, and be expected to risk their lives keeping order among a lot of wogs. There was something to be said for a career of crime, but the big monopolies were getting in there too, and unless they got a job with a well-organised gang of operators, they might easily spend most of their life in the nick. Whatever they did, the important thing was to look ahead and have a second plan ready in case the first one didn't work out. This was the sort of thing they could learn at school. For instance, if they were going to run away, they should not only choose the right time and route, but should also have a good sob-story ready that would help them to escape punishment if they were unlucky enough to be caught and brought back.

Finally, said the Air Marshal, they should not be taken in by all the talk about service to the community that school-teachers had to dish out in order to keep their jobs. There was only one golden rule for life, and that was to look after yourself and never mind what happened to other people—unless they were in a position to do you some good.

There was a sensational termination to the ceremony. While the Air Marshal was engaged in throwing out prizes at random to the boys in the audience, two police-officers entered the hall to arrest a pupil of the school whose home is behind the Iron Curtain. He has been charged with smuggling truth-drugs into Britain.

WAVELL HOUSE ANTHOLOGY

THE SEA

Gentle at times
Though it can be rough
Dangerous at times
But calmer at dusk
Sometimes a light-house
White against the sky
Its yellow beam a warning
To all ships passing by
Crash go the big waves
Splash go the small,
Some of them are tiny
Some of them are tall
Sometimes there's a large wave
That towers like a wall
I love to watch the sea
And all the waves that sprawl
But there are many, many waves
I'll never see at all.

ANDREW CRAWFORD.

THE CASTLE

It stands on the hill,
Very near to the crown,
Moss on the walls and the door broken down.
Stilled are its guns and dumb their booms,
And nobody visits its dark, damp rooms.
Nobody cares,
Nobody sees,
Nobody pays his entry fees,
A broken tower, a ruined steeple,
No longer attracting any people.

G. RICHARDSON.

IT HAPPENED TO ME

I was alone in my dorm on Sunday 3 o'clock
And heard someone or something beginning to talk.
I got such a fright when I opened the door,
The desks were running along the corridor.
They stopped and stared at me with open lids and wells.
Should I ring the fire bells?
They rushed past my form and towards Aber. fire door.
I wanted to run but was rooted to the floor.
Once in Aber. Dorm they had such a scare
Seeing Wavell boys in outsize underwear.
They fled in terror with such a fright
And back to their forms from that horrible sight.
They try to tell me it was one of those hallucinations
after eating all those pies,
But I saw it, I really did see it—I saw it with my very own eyes.

MARK HASTON, Primary 7A

EATING

Breakfast and dinner,
Tea and supper.
Eating and eating.
We eat and eat.
Meal after meal,
First course, second course
Often-times third course.
What else do we do?
There's the tuck-shop of course !

MICHAEL FOGARTY, Primary 7A.

THE STEAM TRAIN

It stands at the station,
Old, rusty, and brown.
It stands on the siding,
Just half-way down.

Quiet its whistle, dumb its toot,
It's quite unable to budge a foot.
Its big brown wheels are rusty and worn ;
Its windows broken, its fabrics torn.

It just stands there and gives a sigh,
As the electric trains go rushing by.

G. C. BLACK.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

The following boys have been recommended for the Award :—

Gold Series—*L. C. Heron.

Silver Series—J. Lee, G. Cunningham, G. Slater, *S. Hartley, A. D. Grey, I. Roe, S. Grant, J. S. Grigor, G. Hill, *G. A. Barclay.

Bronze Series—A. Kirkwood, R. Davies, I. Graham, K. Robinson, P. Docherty, B. Sutherland, S. Pope, D. MacLean, R. Grant, *G. Barclay, J. C. Kelt, J. Weir, M. McNaughton, A. S. Grey, G. C. Aitkenhead, M. C. Wood.

* Have since left School.

The following boys have entered the scheme this year :—

Bronze Series—A. MacDonald, S. M. Powell, J. R. Creighton, N. F. M. Houston, A. Crawford, D. W. Wrenn, A. J. Hill, A. Robertson, S. W. Munro, A. Ferguson, M. F. Greig, I. F. Playle, A. Robertson, P. J. Gilchrist, G. M. McNally, B. R. Murton, P. J. Docherty, J. Sayer, P. D. Brown, M. McLaughlin, S. Corrigan, D. C. A. Crombie.

Silver Series—D. Kennedy, G. M. Anderson, D. W. Parker, A. G. MacKenzie, W. McKerron. All direct entry to this series.

Boys continuing from Bronze into Silver Series are :—K. Robinson, G. Neill, P. F. Docherty, S. Pope, R. Grant, D. MacLean, B. Sutherland, R. Davies, A. Kirkwood, J. Weir, M. C. Wood, I. Graham, D. Langlands.

Boys continuing from Silver into Gold Series are :—G. Cunningham, S. Grant, I. Roe, G. Hill, J. Lee, G. Slater, J. S. Grigor, A. D. Grey.

Boys working for Gold Series having completed part of it are :—

C. A. Lannen, D. T. Jagger, C. McLaughlin.

ARMY CADET FORCE

The training year started with 126 Cadets enrolled. All cadets who had passed Certificate A, Part II last year moved en bloc to Special to Arms. This makes us have a four-year training course, with the first year working for Certificate A, Part I—50 cadets, 2nd year Certificate A, Part II—32 cadets, 3rd year Special to Arms—Infantry, 21 cadets and N.C.O.'s or potential N.C.O.'s—23. This scheme makes it possible for us to cope with such large numbers, but will not be rigidly held to as far as promotion is concerned. If a Special to Arms cadet is outstanding he will most certainly be made an N.C.O. In our training we receive help from Sgt. McCulloch of the Black Watch who takes the Special to Arms section.

Promotions—

Sgt. C. McLaughlin to C.S.M.

Cpl. A. Brown to C.Q.M.S.

Cpl. A. King to Sgt.

Cpl. J. Willmott to Sgt.

Cadet G. Fox to Cpl.

Cadet J. Lee to L/Cpl.

Cadet J. Moore to L/Cpl.

We still have vacancies from L/Cpl. to Sgt. but they will not be filled until we feel that the Cadet has the ability and has shown us that he is worthy of being an N.C.O. in the Corps.

A.C.F. SUMMER CAMP

The Annual Camp (15th July to 29th July, 1966) was at Milton Bridge, Penicuik, just across the road from Glencorse Barracks, home of the Lowland Brigade. A party from the School visited the Barracks during the term and the Brigade Commander and Officer Commanding offered us assistance when they heard we were coming there for our Annual Camp. This was our first experience of Regular Army assistance and it certainly made light work of our training programme, domestic and administrative affairs, and entertainment.

They set up a demonstration of weapons used by the Army of today and the cadets were allowed to fire some of the weapons. The assault course, which the timid started somewhat unenthusiastically, eventually inspired them literally to great heights. This was a high spot in training. A day on the range with an officer and two N.C.O.'s lent to us turned out to be a competition not only in shooting skill but also in stamina and strength. The Company was divided into sections which had to double over some very rough country, then fire at and knock down a dozen targets, all against the clock. Each day we were able to introduce something new and at the end of each day the question "Can we do that tomorrow Sir?" proved that the cadets were enjoying it.

Domestic and administrative problems were made easy with the help given by the Q.M. and R.Q.M.S. The modern equipment of the very modern cook-house made "spud peeling" and "chipping" much sought after jobs. Perishable food was placed in refrigerators and wastage was down to a minimum. We were lent odd bits of equipment, which we could have managed without, but which, when you get them, make life a lot more pleasant. The Officer Commanding the Junior Soldiers Unit arranged cricket matches and got permission for our cadets to use their section of the N.A.A.F.I., a privilege which was much appreciated by our boys.

Even with all this assistance from our friends in Glencorse, the officers and adult warrant officers were kept busy with normal training and camp chores.

The second week was devoted to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme expeditions for the Bronze and Silver series. The candidates were unfortunate in that the weather broke for a day and night while they were out, and in place of the glorious sunshine we got bitter, wet, misty weather. They took this in their squelching stride and all candidates were successful.

We had visitors to camp. I dare not try to name them, as we had so many and I will give offence if I miss a name out. So, to all who visited us, let me say, we were delighted to see you.

A.C.F. ATHLETICS

Eight members of our Athletic Team were selected for the Scottish Command Athletic Team to compete in the Inter-Command Championships at Leeds on 23rd July, 1966 :—

Class A—

R. Grant—2nd Long Jump, 3rd 220 yards.
K. Robinson—880 yards.

Class B—

A. Coid—220 yards and Relay.
G. Cunningham—Relay.

Class C—

E. Gillespie—2nd Discus.
A. Morrice—2nd High Jump, 2nd Long Jump.
J. Willmott—3rd 880 yards.
C. McLaughlin—3rd Javelin.

A.C.F. INTER-COMMAND SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight members of the School Corps were in the team of cadets selected to represent Scottish Command A.C.F. at the Inter-Command Championships at Aldershot Military Baths in November.

Junior Section—

66 2/3 yds. Back Stroke—Cadet J. Allan 3rd.

66 2/3 Breast Stroke—Cadet R. Stevenson 3rd.

100 yds. Free Style—Cadet D. Langlands 5th.

4 × 66 2/3 yds. Free Style Relay—Scotland 3rd (School members—K. Robinson, A. Martin, D. Langlands).

3 × 66 2/3 yds. Medley Relay—Scotland 4th (School members—J. Allan, R. Stevenson).

Senior Section—

100 yds. Back Stroke—Cadet R. Gill 3rd.

100 yds. Free Style—L/Cpl. J. S. Grigor 5th.

4 × 100 yds. Free Style Relay—Scotland 4th (School member—I. Roe).

3 × 66 2/3 yds. Medley Relay—Scotland 3rd (School members—R. Gill, J. S. Grigor).

Team Placings : Junior—Scotland 4th.

Senior—Scotland 3rd.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

1st XV

So far this season, there has been a feeling of frustration, a feeling that we should have won when we haven't. We have been well beaten by a better team twice only, against Keil and against Rannoch. The forwards have played consistently well, getting the superiority or containing the opposing scrums, and they are to be congratulated. The three-quarters have played well too, but their weakness has been inability to penetrate their opponent's defence. Their play has been varied, moves have been set up, but they often come to nothing. In some games we have done most of the attacking, as against Morrison's Academy and Aberdeen Academy, and we have lost. Hence the feeling of frustration. In one game the three-quarters did click and get through, the result being a 14-0 win against Strathallan.

All our players have done well, and no individual has excelled the rest. This year's team is the best we have had for some time. Therefore we hope that next term we shall play with more confidence in ourselves and meet with more success.

Results

v. Keil	lost	0-30
v. Morrison's Academy, 2nd XV	lost	0-3
v. Strathallan, 3rd XV	won	14-0
v. Glenalmond, 3rd XV	drawn	3-3
v. Grangemouth	won	31-0
v. Aberdeen Academy	lost	5-11
v. Alloa Academy	won	11-8
v. Stirling High School	lost	3-9
v. Rannoch	lost	0-22

Team: G. Cunningham, J. Wood, G. McManus, R. Newman (captain), C. McLaughlin; T. Bonar, P. Evans; R. McDougall, I. Fraser, D. Fingland, J. Willmott, C. Lannen, D. MacInnes, I. Smith, A. Morrice.

Others who played for the 1st XV are D. MacIver, J. Moore, G. Neill, and S. W. Grant.

2nd XV

With increased numbers at the top of the school, we have been able to turn out a 2nd XV of senior boys, many of whom are close to 1st XV standards. There have been three fixtures this term. We beat Alloa 24-8 and Morrison's 12-0, and lost 24-5 to Rannoch.

3rd Year XV

RESULTS OF MATCHES :

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
					For	Against
A XV	9	4	4	1	109	58
B XV	2	0	2	0	0	55

As last season, there have been some fixtures for B XV's (2nd teams of the group concerned) of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Year against teams of day-schools which have not had much experience of Rugby. The 'A' XV is the first team of the group.

The 3rd Year 'A' team started with an excellent game against Morrison's Academy at Crieff, which Morrison's won with a last-minute score after Q.V.S. had equalised three times. A 13-3 victory over Strathallan suggested that we were heading for a good season. There followed two defeats, by a big and well-drilled Glenalmond team (12-0) and by Grangemouth, who play kick-and-rush Rugby and beat us 8-0. In a new fixture with Aberdeen Academy at Aberdeen, played on a heavy pitch with a slippery ball, our boys adapted their game to the conditions. There was some good scrummaging, with breaks by Morrice from No. 8, intelligent cross-kicking by Pope, and good runs and dribbles by Johnston on the wing. We won 21-0. The match with Alloa Academy was drawn 5-5, and we beat Stirling High School 6-3, largely because of the hard tackling round the scrum of S. Corrigan. In the return match with Morrison's Academy we were even more narrowly beaten than before (14-13), and again in the last minute, because of failure by three defenders to fall properly on the ball. The last game of the term was against Rannoch at Dunblane. This was a great victory by 42-0. It is noteworthy that when the teams met last year at the 2nd Year stage, Rannoch beat us without much difficulty. The big swing in the score is good evidence of the value of Mr Reid's coaching. A good pack of forwards has been well led by R. Morrice, who has also been successful with his goal-kicking. S. Pope

(captain) and S. Corrigan have been a first-class combination at half-back, and have been outstanding in defence. The other backs have not been determined enough in defence or direct enough in attack.

Team players : Backs : K. Cockburn, M. Wood, C. Matheson, A. S. Grey, R. Grant, D. Johnston, S. Pope, S. Corrigan.

Forwards : D. Wrenn, J. Barnes, D. Pocock, R. Long, J. Allan, D. MacLean, S. Powell, J. Campbell, R. Morrice, A. Cassells.

'B' XV

This second team of third year boys has had two matches. The first was against Queen Anne School, Dunfermline. This was an ill-matched, in fact dangerous game, for the Dunfermline team equalled our school 2nd XV in size and weight. The result 41-0 was not discreditable to our boys who kept fighting till the end. Against Alva we lost 14-0, through bad defence and lack of speed.

Team players (excluding those mentioned with 'A' XV) : Backs : B. Sutherland, C. McHardy, J. Hossack.

Forwards : G. Aitkenhead, D. Crombie, P. Brown, R. Stevenson, R. Davies, C. Robinson, N. Byres.

2nd Year XV

The full second-year team has been beaten twice, both times, as we have almost come to accept, by Morrison's Academy. In the first match, we held them to 6-3, on a very wet pitch, and a small one, which did not give their backs much scope. In the return fixture, also on our new small pitch and on wet ground, the Morrison's boys gave a sparkling display of well-drilled forward play, with close passing, and quick switches when an opening appeared for the backs. We got two penalty goals, and Morrison's ran up 29 points. We had easy wins against two day-school sides, Grangemouth (17-3) and Stirling H.S. (21-0), and finally a good win on merit over Rannoch (26-3).

Other matches included an enjoyable one, as always, against Dalhousie. We leave out the biggest boys so as not to swamp the prep. school team through sheer size. The score of 21-9 for Q.V.S. did no justice to Dalhousie, who were on or in our twenty-five for most of the second half and almost invariably beat us in set scrums. But some opportunist tries, and infallible goal-kicking by B. Murton (two penalty goals and three conversions), were too much for them. Their full-back was a ten-year-old ! The so-called 'B' team's early fixtures turned out disastrous. They could hardly cope with Alloa's second-year team (lost 26-0) and when our 'B' side, mainly small and inexperienced boys, went to Queen Anne School, Dunfermline, they found themselves against far bigger and older boys and were fortunate to lose by only 29-5 and to escape without serious injury. Our small scrum-

half was badly knocked and off for most of the game. The Dunfermline boys were by no means unskilful and did some very good handling movements. Having learned our lesson, we stiffened up the team to play Alva by putting in a number of the bigger boys from our 'A' team, and we beat them 29-5. The play was of very poor quality, but the sides were at least reasonably matched for size.

Most boys in the second year have had a chance to play in one or other team, and we have kept varying the side to spread the match-experience. Indeed there is a wealth of sound Rugby talent in this second-year group. But tackling and covering have often been deplorable. There are plenty of good forwards, A. Ferguson being outstanding, and the best players behind have been N. Houston, I. Burgess, A. Martin and B. Murton. Murton is our best goal-kicker for some years.

Those who deserve to be mentioned as team players are :—

Backs : C. Hynd, M. Duckett, I. Burgess, B. Murton (captain), M. Findlay, N. Houston, A. Martin.

Forwards : A. Ferguson, R. West, P. Gilchrist, A. Robertson, G. Bruce, C. Brown, A. Jeffrey, M. Greig, J. Brown, G. McNally, J. Pryde and N. McMurdo.

P. J. Docherty has been a very good reserve scrum-half.

1st Year XV

The modest note from 1st-Year Rugby sources tells us only that the 'A' team has played 4 matches, of which they have won one, drawn one, and lost two and the 'B' team two matches, one won and one lost. In fact the performance of 1st-Year boys in the junior house-matches at the end of November was an eye-opener. They showed a knowledge and skill far beyond what might have been expected of players starting the game only this term, and plenty of dash and courage to go with these.

The players names as having represented the school in the 'A' team are :—C. G. Robinson (captain), G. Allan, D. Barnes, M. Binks, D. Fisher, T. Goldie, S. Grant, C. Langton, W. McMillan, R. MacVicar, C. Martin, T. Nicol, A. Pocock, J. Robertson, B. Webb, R. Weir, J. Wrenn.

Rugby House Matches

This year's inter-house Rugby matches, played in the last week of November were keen and close, and some excellent Rugby was seen. The only apparent weakness was the occasional reluctance of some

senior players to do their part in defence. Once or twice in recent years there have been bits of viciously rough play, but this year's matches seem to have been played in a much better spirit, and the spectators were behaving better too. It is a pity that one or two players copied the antics of professional footballers, leaping in the air when their side scored and making the standard world-cup gestures when they scored themselves. The side that has had a score against it is bound to feel a bit sore, and it is neither good manners nor safe policy to rub it in with demonstrations of this kind. There is still a code of the game which forbids exhibitions of triumph and questioning of decisions, both of which are likely to cause bad temper in the play. As often happens, many team-members who have not been very conspicuous at other times played right above themselves in the house-matches, and sides that seemed likely to be easy winners had to struggle desperately for their victories.

RESULTS

Senior Matches (3rd Year and upwards)

Haig 6 Cunningham 0

Trenchard 8 Cunningham 3

Trenchard 15 Haig 5

Junior Matches (1st and 2nd Year boys)

Cunningham 6 Trenchard 0

Cunningham 16 Haig 3

Haig 10 Trenchard 3

In the inter-house competitions the points for senior results are allotted 6-4-2, and for junior results 3-2-1. Consequently the House points for Rugby were as close as they could be without an actual tie :

Trenchard 7, Haig 6, and Cunningham 5.

WAVELL HOUSE SPORT

Association Football

News of the enthusiasm for the game of football and the high standard required in Wavell House has percolated through to the Forces Schools overseas. It is being rumoured that football ability is now considered as an added qualification for entry to the School. Whether this is so or not, the fact remains that this year's entry were able to field an XI good enough to draw in a match against the senior Wavell boys. Six new boys have played for the 1st XI :—D. Barr, D. Burns, D. Copland, D. Darling, J. Gemmill and K. Shepherd. Of the other new boys M. Stear (2nd XI), G. Black, G. Doyle, I. Fitzgerald, T. Gemmill, N. Roe, H. Shannon (all members of the 3rd XI), J. Armstrong, S. Carmichael, D. Crawford, I. Hamilton, I. Myles, L. Ruderham and W. West (of the 4th XI) have represented the House in matches against other schools. One significant and

disturbing factor of this new entry is that they could produce only one goalkeeper—G. Anderson (7th XI). The Selection Board might consider this when at their deliberations in May.

Keen rivalry exists in the 5th, 6th and 7th XI's practice games, and new talent is constantly being looked for. The present Captains of these XI's are D. Brown (5th), W. Murray (6th) and A. Allan (7th).

In the West Perthshire Primary League our 1st and 2nd XI's hold first and third positions respectively.

Both teams have done well. The "A" team remain unbeaten, but it is likely they will share the top with St. Ninians "A" by the end of the first half of the competition, as the latter have a game in hand and are only two points behind.

Our present 1st team are probably the most naturally skilful side we have had, but they are a very light side and when up against direct, strong-tackling opponents, they tend to lose their poise. This was particularly noticeable against St. Ninians' "A" when their two-goal lead was wiped out in the first few minutes of the second half. They got very rattled, lost three more goals, and then managed to get to level terms almost on the whistle.

The 2nd team have done remarkably well and play with great enthusiasm, and we look forward to a really interesting second leg of this League competition in the Summer Term.

The teams, with number of individual appearances in brackets, has been chosen from :—

1st XI—K. Ross, Captain (6), D. Barr (6), S. Binks (6), D. Burns (6), D. Copland (6), D. Darling (6), J. Gemill (6), K. Shepherd (6), D. Todd (6), T. Cassells (5), G. Glass (5), D. Coleman (1), K. Walker (1).

2nd XI—A. Menzies (Captain) (5), R. McMurdo, Vice-Captain (6), E. Cuthbert (6), G. McNally (6), J. White (6), T. Wilson (6), G. Bowden (5), M. Ferrigan (5), K. Walker (5), M. Haston (4), M. Stear (4), T. Armstrong (2), R. Barbour (2), D. Coleman (2), T. Cassells (1), S. Langlands (1).

3rd XI—The 3rd XI have increased their fixture list this season and have added two games with a Dunblane Primary Select XI to their two fixtures with St. Mary's Episcopal School. The matches have been keenly contested with more skill shown than has hitherto been associated with the 3rd XI. The team has been chosen from the boys named (number of match appearances again in brackets) :—M. Haston, Captain (3), S. Langlands, Vice-Captain (2), G. Black (4), G. Doyle (4), T. Gemmill (4), S. Powell (4), N. Roe (4), P. Sayer (4), H. Shannon (3), T. Armstrong (2), R. Barbour (2), S. Carmichael (2), D. Coleman (2), I. Fitzgerald (2), M. Stear (2).

Record to Date—

Goals					
P	W	D	L	F	A
4	2	1	1	6	5

4th XI—Yet a further page in the history of Wavell House was written when the 4th XI played their much anticipated match with Kinbuck Public School. The fact that our visitors had never played on a football pitch before did not dampen the enthusiasm for, nor the enjoyment of, the game. It was a hard match with much running to and fro and the players challenging each other lustily for the ball. All bruises were forgotten as both victor and vanquished splashed together in the swimming baths after the match.

Result—4th XI 2 (Fogarty, West) ; Kinbuck 1.

Team—G. Gallacher; D. Crawford, S. Carmichael; M. Fogarty (Captain), I. Myles, L. Ruderham; J. Armstrong, A. Piercy, W. West, I. Hamilton, R. Holmes. A. Mackay "guested" for Kinbuck.

SWIMMING

Only nine of the original entry of forty-five boys are now unable to swim a length of the baths and, of these nine boys, six have successfully struggled across the breadth of the baths.

Twelve of our Primary 7 boys have joined the Senior Life Saving class and are busily preparing for their first examination. They are:—R. Barbour, G. Bowden, D. Brown, M. Fogarty, J. Harrison, R. Holmes, S. Langlands, G. McNally, A. Menzies, C. Murray, A. Piercy, and S. Powell.

In the competition for standards Abercromby, with 56 points, are leading Lynedoch (38 points) and Moore (16 points).

CROSS COUNTRY

The competition for standards has been keenly contested with some voluntary weekend practices being encouraged by the Dormitory leaders. At the time of going to press Moore, with 15 points, have edged in front of Lynedoch (14 points) and Abercromby (13 points). Conditions permitting, a fixture with St. Ninians School, Gartmore, will take place during the last week of term.

STANDARDS COMPETITION

The position on 1st December was :

Abercromby—69 points

Lynedoch—52 points

Moore—31 points

M. Fogarty and G. Glass are to be complimented on having already obtained the maximum possible points to date—one cross-country and six swimming standard points.

TABLE TENNIS

All the new boys have been introduced to the game and the 'ladder' system well established. Although many of the boys are still endeavouring to master the skills of ping-pong some of them are showing above average skill as real T.T. players. Heading the respective 'ladders' at the time of going into publication are :

Abercromby—K. Walker and G. McNally

Lynedoch—R. McMurdo and D. Todd

Moore—K. Ross and P. Sayer

Of the new boys in Primary 6, I. Fitzgerald has shown most success and is the present runner-up in Lynedoch I.

THE CAROL SERVICE

The annual carol service is being held in the school chapel during the last week of the term. Mr Bruce is again producing the carols, as he has now done for many years, and Captain Bull, assisted by Miss Louise LeMaistre, the Nativity Play. The choir is over sixty strong, a number which does credit to them and to Mr Bruce, for much time has to be given to rehearsal. Included in this year's programme is 'The Cowboy Carol', arranged by Mr Bruce, with Ian Fraser accompanying it on his guitar. The cast of the Nativity Play is composed mostly of Wavell House boys but in it also are Elizabeth Clarke, and Elizabeth Jamieson, daughters of the Headmaster and the Chaplain.



A Merry Christmas



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