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School Notes and Notices

THE outbreak of war having put an end to our customary termly publication, we find ourselves with a full year's activities to record. As the Christmas issue of the "Strathallian" was more than half in type when the decision to publish annually was reached, we find ourselves with the unenviable task of revising proofs, so that, by steering a middle course between bald statement of facts and a more leisurely survey, we may give all the essentials and yet be able to practise that economy in paper which we are in duty bound to do, as part of the war effort.

Only now, indeed, is Strath. beginning really to feel there is a war: there was some little disorganisation of normal schedule in the early weeks of the Autumn Term while the "black out" of the School buildings was being made effective; there remain the nightly patrols by the prefects round the house to ensure the efficacy of the arrangements: there has been the organisation of a fire fighting squad, and air raid drill, entailing the evacuation of the classrooms and the seeking of shelter in the trenches dug down the slopes of the dell; but as these precautionary measures had not been put to the test by the time the Summer Term closed, we cannot help feeling that the majority of the boys are conscious of hostilities only in so far as they are affected by rationing.

The year has been one of solid work, despite the nervous strain of the times; and the results of the Leaving Certificate Examination are fully up to the standard of past years. Unfortunately, a small group of successful candidates found itself

plunged in the early weeks of the Summer Term into preparation for the Cambridge Senior Examination, and the luckless individuals remained behind after the remainder of the School had gone on holiday to pit their wits against an examining body. In this connection we should like to congratulate Hamish Lowden upon his success in the Scottish Examination. We are sure that he must be the youngest Gold Medallist the School has ever had.

Delay was inevitable in commencing the social activities, and at one time it seemed as if all the rugby fixtures would fall through. As, however, the schools in the cities reopened, several of the fixtures were rearranged. Often it was Friday night before the team knew for certain it had a match on the Saturday, but after all, the game is the thing, particularly after six weeks of nothing but practice games. This long practice, however, was not entirely wasted, for by mid-October, when fixtures once more became possible, the teams had knit together into sound combinations. The forwards have been outstanding in both teams, and, though comparatively small when compared with past eights, they are fast and tremendously hard working. We can recollect only the packs of 1926-27 season to rival them for combination and "devil," and we cannot help feeling that those packs owed not a little to their size and weight for their successful scrummaging. Considering the youthfulness of the team generally and the slight build of practically all the backs, the success enjoyed this season is all the more meritorious.

V. Lowden has proved a very good leader, and if he and his scrum-half did not arrive at complete understanding, both have done well individually. Edmonds, back into the first team as a wing three, has unquestionably proved the most thrustful and consistent in attack, but the promoted Scott, Houston and Sandeman have all shown brilliance in certain games and are quickly learning one another's play and combining well. Gregory has developed into a first class full back, and few, if any, of the tries conceded can be attributed to faulty play on his part.

Cricket fixtures also were considerably curtailed. Smith proved a very capable captain and set such an example to his men on the field that he was sure of getting the best out of them. If the batting has not reached the brilliance of J. G. Forrest's second year of captaincy, at least it has been sound, and, with one lamentable exception, interesting to watch. The home defeat by Melville College is incapable of any explanation other than that of the glorious uncertainty of the game: the defeat in the previous game by Stewart's College was largely due to the failure of the "tail" to wag, with Smith's injury having a demoralising effect upon the side. The fielding has reached a much higher standard than that of recent years, and the bowling, with Youth well to the fore, has been effective without being spectacular. Nothing in the season's play, however, gave Smith and his men so much pleasure as the effective way in which they turned the tables upon Glasgow Academy, at whose hands the School has hitherto suffered ignominious defeat since the fixture was initiated.

The Debating Society had a highly successful session, particularly in view of the limited number of meetings that were possible. Among the new members are several very promising speakers, who not only have something to say but also know how to say it in the most forceful and convincing manner.

The same is true of the Dramatic Society, where enthusiasm ran higher than usual. The production of "I Killed the Count" on the last Tuesday of the Christmas Term was enthusiastically received,

and was in the nature of a real triumph. Certainly it has been some years since the players themselves have been so conscious of so smooth-running a performance, and this despite the fact that an enormous call was made upon the stage managers to provide what was almost a film technique in the matter of lighting. The enthusiasm was fully maintained during the Spring Term, which was concluded by a performance of a one-act play, "Good Old Uncle Amos" before the Society members.

We were privileged to have a visit from Capt. Knight, of Golden Eagle fame, on November 8th. His racy narrative of adventures with eagles, lions and other wild life of Africa was superbly illustrated by his films—the birth and growth of the baby eagle being a real triumph of photography. His lecture fully deserved the enthusiastic reception it was given.

In the Spring Term, on February 5th, we received a visit from Mr. Edward Broadhead. His lecture-recital upon the characters of Charles Dickens was a truly remarkable achievement. His subject was, naturally, of great use to the examination candidates, but we trust that the ease with which he put on the characters with his make-up in full view of the audience was not lost upon our own amateur actors. There was no weak spot in his programme, and particularly brilliant were his interpretations of Barnaby Rudge and Grandfather Smallweed. The following week Mr. Allan Browne delivered a magnificently illustrated lecture upon the Northern Island of New Zealand, and his intimacy with the country and its people deservedly aroused great enthusiasm among his hearers. At this stage, it is impossible to know whether it will be possible to continue these lectures during the coming year; but if lecturers are available in Scotland—a very moot question in view of the difficulties of travelling—we feel their very popularity would fully justify their continuance.

Owing to the War, Commemoration Day was not held, and Sports Day was reduced to a strictly private function, and held after the Exams. were over. Although the boys were thus deprived of the inspiration that accompanies the presence of known

admirers, the event was a great success, and competition very keen. We congratulate Simpson House upon their emergence as "Cock House." This is the first time that they have achieved this distinction, though they have shared the honour twice before. They were particularly well served by their Juniors—they are beginning to reap the harvest of past lean years—but Molison gave them a fine example. The struggle for the Victor Ludorum Cup was a very keen one, and we congratulate D. Stevens upon his success. Similarly, while we are handing out bouquets, we would congratulate I. Petrie as Junior Victor Ludorum, V. Lowden and R. W. Gregory as Senior and Junior Fives Champions respectively, and A. Frame and J. Lowden as the two Tennis Champions.

In one respect the War has begun to hit the School; members of the Staff have answered the call. Mr. C. Shaw, who succeeded Mr. Alty as games master, was the first victim of the general mobilisation, for he left at Christmas. Easter saw Messrs. Craven and Burn disappear; but the raising of the reserved age for teachers will shortly make Messrs. Langstaff, Pritchard, Leithead of the permanent Staff and Messrs. Mountain and Plummer of the temporary members eligible for enlistment. We have to record also with regret the departure of Mr. Norton, who is going to Norfolk. He has been at Strath. since September, 1926, and has taken an active part in most of the activities of the School. His place as organiser of the Dramatic Society will be especially hard to fill. We wish him every success in his new post.

The Senior members of the School also leave us this term, some of them to begin military or naval training. We specially mention the School Captain, W. Hunter, and J. A. Smith, the Cricket Captain, whose services to the School were recognised when they were awarded jointly the Houston Medal for the year. To all who leave we wish "God Speed" in whatever spheres they find themselves.

The mention of the Houston Medal reminds us that certain past winners of replicas of School cups have not yet received these tokens of prowess. Mr.

Riley asks us to apologise for this delay, but wishes us to state that the fault is not his, as he has been informed that his orders for the replicas could not be executed in the present emergency.

73rd Perthshire Scout Troop

WE regret the loss of Mr. Wenham, who had been our S.M. for the past three years, and of Mr. Lewis, our A.S.M. Mr. C. Shaw, who succeeded him this term, has unfortunately not been able to devote every Saturday to the Scouts owing to his having other calls upon his time as Senior Games Master.

Nevertheless, the meetings have been held as usual, and there has been an un-failing enthusiasm in the troop. There were thirty-four recruits, and about forty of the old troop. All the recruits passed their Tenderfoot. Despite the wood shortage, the usual industrious corner work is proceeding.

In view of the proposed O.T.C., it was decided at the beginning of term to cut down the number of patrols from nine to six. The patrols were accordingly so arranged that even if the troop were to lose its senior members, there would be sufficient juniors available for each patrol to carry on. Later, it was decided to revive one of the old patrols, however, because of the increased number of boys wishing to join after the first three weeks of the term. The following were the officials for the term:—

S.M.: Mr. C. Shaw.

Troop Leader and Q.M.: W. R. Hunter.

Otter Patrol: P.L., R. C. Miller; 2nd, I. Petrie.

Seal Patrol: P.L., J. Wright; 2nd, R. McIntyre.

Swift Patrol: P.L., B. George; 2nd, A. Bird.

Lion Patrol: P.L., D. Lennox; 2nd, A. D. Ritchie.

Wolf Patrol: P.L., I. Gray; 2nd, E. Linton.

Rattlesnake Patrol: P.L., J. Marshall; 2nd, C. Davidson.

Hawk Patrol: P.L. J. Porter.

W. R. H.

The School Concert

ON the day following the Concert, which was held this year at the end of the Easter Term, a questionnaire was set to some of the Senior Classes in which the boys were asked for their appreciation or criticism of individual numbers, as well as suggestions for future concerts. Their answers have been carefully noted, and it is intended to take them into consideration when drawing up the next programme.

Let it be straightway said that the Concert was considered an undoubted success. Indeed, there are those, especially among the adult members of the audience, who hold that it was the best and most enjoyable one ever staged at Strath., and we think that this verdict might very well be unanimous but for one almost universal criticism, to which we ourselves subscribe, viz., that the piano solos were too "heavy" and, in some cases, too long—a criticism of selection but not of execution, for it is noteworthy that even among the sterner young critics not a few were found to refer quite spontaneously to the decided improvement in the musical part of the programme. The fact that modern boys, notoriously unappreciative of classical or even "straight" music, should notice such things as "improved orchestral and choral work" is in itself, perhaps, no small reward for Mr. Pasfield's efforts to get his pupils to understand the music of Beethoven, Handel or Chopin. After all, the boy who can feel that a sonata was well played is, musically speaking, more advanced than the enthusiast whose supreme expression of aesthetic enjoyment is: "Boy, oh boy, can't he swing it?"

And it is, indeed, this improvement in the standard of the singing and playing which represents, we feel, the outstanding fact about this year's concert. Mr. Pasfield in the first place, and the performers also, and hardly less, deserve to be heartily congratulated.

The Choir, with perfect purity of tone and equally perfect synchronisation—unison songs really were sung in unison—rendered five pieces, of which two may specially be mentioned: "The Dream Ship" for its composer, Cecil Sharman, a

former music master at Strath., and "A Wet Sheet and a Flowing Sea," for its flawless part-singing.

About the orchestra we have only one complaint to make, an *Oliver Twist* kind of complaint: we could have done with further helpings. What they did was superbly done. Throughout the three pieces they played we listened, but listened in vain, for a screeching violin or a performer playing just that split second out of time. Their music had that almost indefinable flowing quality of many strings in perfect harmony; and the "Lady Betty Cochrane's Minuet" with which the Orchestra opened the proceedings came to many of us as a joyful surprise, the kind of surprise that makes you suddenly sit up and open your eyes—and ears—very wide. And if you had closed your eyes again, you might have imagined you were listening not to a mere handful of players, as in reality you were, but to a full sized string orchestra. The conductor's share in the success of the Orchestra is, perhaps, most evident when it was realised that the same players were heard again in the rather ragged performance of the Jazz Band, listed as "Roy Cole and his Hot Dogs."

In this comparison we are finding no real fault with the performers; rather with the absence of performers. Mr. Cole and his Boys did very well, all things considered, and if the band numbers were rather "thin," it was probably because jazz needs a saxophone to be "put across." We can only thank Mr. Cole for taking charge of the band in spite of the difficulties, and hope for the unsuspected existence in Strath. of a budding saxophonist. Special mention must be made of Don's trumpet solo, "La Palomo," which received well-deserved applause.

Of the piano solos we have already said something. The choice of numbers was perhaps not the happiest for a school concert, but we have nothing but praise for the execution. If, of the many pieces rendered, we voice a preference for "The Trout" by Schubert, we are merely saying that we liked best this piece of Schubert and that J. Scott played it as it should be played. This latter can, however, equally well be said of R. Harrington who, after

introducing Markham Lee and Grieg, gave a spirited rendering of Schubert's "Marche Militaire"; and of Davidson, who played remarkably well the long and difficult Sonata No. 20 in G by Beethoven. To add that two movements of the "Peer Gynt" Suite as well as an arrangement of Scottish Dances were played by Messrs. Ward and Pasfield is to say that we received what we expected, a musical treat.

As regards the non-musical part of the programme, Mr. Shaw, as usual, bore responsibility for the majority of the items upon his capable shoulders. Although the length of the programme left no time for his customary kind of compèring, he was something more than an announcer, and an appreciative audience looked forward to his appearances, enjoying especially his allusions to various boys and members of the staff.

Among the sketches performed, the Staff's performance of "Rory Aforesaid" by J. Brandane, stood out for all round excellence. After a rather slow start, in which the characters did not really convince us that they believed in the story themselves, the players (Messrs. Cole, Burn, Norton, Craven, Langstaff and Shaw) settled down to a first rate performance. An entirely English cast overcame the difficulties of dialect with considerable success. The part of the rascally Rory McColl gave Mr. Norton ample scope for showing his ability in a character part. He obviously enjoyed acting it as much as we did watching it. Mr. Langstaff was excellent as the Judge. Mr. Norton must be congratulated upon the make-up of the whole cast; and the only real criticism one could make was that the arrangement of the stage left all action that went on at the back of the stage obscured by the witness box.

"The Pres. Room in Fact and Fiction" was perhaps the least successful of the sketches. The idea behind the sketch was distinctly clever, but the shortness of time available necessitated the cutting out of the middle episode of the sketch, which probably robbed it of some of its point. The fact remains, however, that despite Fraser's efforts, the tempo of the performance was far too slow.

The first of the Grub Room efforts, "It's a Libel," was very well received and deservedly so. W. Kerr was one of the successes of the evening: he had evidently made a very close study of the long suffering Mr. Ward. We wonder what the School concert would do without the latter. Indeed, half the fun of the whole business lies in watching his reactions to the shafts. No one enjoys them more than he himself. G. Wilson, as Mr. Shaw, suffered somewhat in comparison with Kerr, but he often succeeded in catching intonations and mannerisms of his model. Most of the other members of the cast were themselves quite successfully.

The second Grub Room sketch, "Fire, Fire!" was topical. Their suggestion of how the house fire-fighting squad performed its tasks was unorthodox but by no means unexciting. Thomson and Campbell threw themselves wholeheartedly into their parts, and O. Milne gave another successful, if somewhat less libellous, impersonation, this time of Mr. Riley. There was not a dull moment in the sketch, and we must not forget to mention Harkness's highly effective brief entrance. J. A. L. S.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION RESULTS.

In the Scottish Higher Leaving Certificate examination held this last year twenty-one boys succeeded in obtaining a complete certificate. Some of the boys took four higher in their five subjects, and in every case these boys succeeded in passing in every subject.

In the Cambridge School Certificate examination every boy passed in every paper, and one boy obtained the highest mark, namely "very good" in every paper that he took and another boy obtained similar marks in every paper except one. These two boys were the Gold Medallists of the School this year, John M. Scott and James S. Lowden. These two boys have been very keen rivals throughout their schooldays, first one and then the other leading by a unitary number out of a total of two or three thousand marks. Although such keen rivals, these boys have remained very great friends and we offer them our sincerest congratulations on their success.

The Dramatic Society

Chairman: W. R. Hunter.

Vice-Chairman: V. Lowden.

Secretary: K. Jack.

Treasurer: R. S. McColl.

Committee: J. Scott, H. Lowden, M. Thomson, O. Milne, S. Fraser and G. Wilson.

THE first meeting of the term, delayed somewhat by black-out restrictions, was devoted to the election of the various officials, and a discussion of activities and the end of term play.

In the two subsequent meetings several plays, which included "Money Makes a Difference," "The Dear Departed," and "The Grey Parrot" were read by new members of the Society, in a search for new talent. These were highly successful, and four of the newcomers found parts in the end of term play, which, after much discussion, the executive decided should be "I Killed the Count," by Alec Coppel.

The remaining meetings were given over to rehearsed readings. On October 23rd Mr. Norton was responsible for "The Master of the House," followed the following week by W. Hunter's production of "A Collection will be Made," both of which set a high standard which was maintained in the subsequent productions by Messrs. V. Lowden, K. Jack and Mr. Norton, of "Morgan, Sometime Governor of Jamaica," "Sentence of Death" and "The Tender Passion" respectively.

On Wednesday, Nov. 8th, variety was introduced by a visit of Captain Knight with a lecture, with films, upon "African Adventures," which was, deservedly enthusiastically received.

On Tuesday, 12th December, the annual play was presented in the Gym. It was a tremendous success and went without a hitch despite numerous lighting and other

effects. It was the best balanced production for many years and was a fitting reward for the unselfish devotion by the individual members of the cast of their time to rehearsals. We would thank the audience for their appreciative reception of the play, no less than for their generous contribution of £4 11/6, a record, towards the Society's expenses. A criticism, by other hands, will be found elsewhere.

During the Spring term interest was maintained by the visits of Mr. Edward Broadhead and Mr. Alan Browne—the former's portrayal of Dickensian characters appealed strongly to the active members of the Society—and by rehearsed readings of plays new at least to the present members. These included "The Traveller Returns," "Wurzle-Flummery," "Leave it to Psmith," and "Shall We Join the Ladies?" Wodehouse's three-act farcical comedy, well acted by a large company of veterans and produced by Mr. Norton, was most successful and attracted a very large membership, as did Sir James Barrie's unfinished thriller. It is a tribute to the reading and the play that the audience on this occasion were left angrily asking for more. Only the actors appeared to enjoy the whole of the joke.

At the end of the term, a one-act comedy which had been prepared as an "emergency" item for the School Concert but was not required, called "Good Old Uncle Amos," was acted before the Society in the Common Room. The audience owes Messrs. Norton, V. Lowden, Draper, McColl, Mill, I. Fraser and J. Aitken a debt of gratitude for a pleasant half hour's entertainment.

Many of the successful actors will be returning for another year at least, so that the Society may face the future with confidence, the more so since financially also

it is very sound, as the appended income and expenditure account will show.

INCOME.

By Balance, Easter 1939—			
At Samuel French Ltd.	£0	3	1
Reserved by Mr. Riley ...	14	8	3
At Bank ...	4	4	1
			£18 15 5
„ Subscriptions, reserved by Mr. Riley—			
Christmas Term ...	6	4	0
Easter Term ...	6	4	0
„ Collection, Christmas Social ...	4	11	6
			£35 14 11

EXPENDITURE.

To Expenses of Christmas Social—			
Hire of Uniforms & Post'ge	£1	16	0
Cigarettes ...	0	8	6
Grease Paint ...	0	1	2
Sundry Expenses ...	0	5	0
			£2 10 8
„ Purchase of Plays (S. French Ltd.)	2	7	1
„ Cheques and Postages ...	0	1	10
„ Balance—			
Reserved by Mr. Riley ...	£24	16	3
At Bank ...	6	3	4
Less Debit Balance with S. French Ltd. ...	0	4	3
			30 15 4
			£35 14 11

K. JACK and R. S. McCOLL.

Dramatic Society Social

Count Victor Mattoni	D. Littlejohn
Polly	I. Fraser
Divis. Inspector Davidson	Mr. M. Norton
Detective Raines	V. Lowden
Martin	R. McColl
P.C. Clifton	M. Thomson
Louise Rogers	J. Scott
Renee La Lune	O. Milne
Samuel Diamond	H. Lowden
Johnson	A. Mill
Mullet	K. Jack
Bernard K. Froy	W. Hunter
Viscount Sorrington	J. Draper

ON the evening of Dec. 12th, the School Dramatic Society celebrated the close of the Autumn Term with Alec Coppel's "I Killed the Count." It was an excellent entertainment.

The play itself is not remarkable. It presents a foreign count found shot in his flat, two detectives—an experienced and self-confident inspector and his amateurish

assistant—to solve the mystery, and a varied collection of accessories to attract our suspicions and to amuse. It is, in short, the familiar murder mystery, of the type which we know so well from the cinema. The action is a tissue of improbabilities and surprises; but we were in the mood to accept them: and if, at the end of the play, the characters are left very much in the air—well, we never took them so seriously as to worry much about them when the curtain had fallen! After all, on these occasions, the main requirement is that the play should suit the tastes of the audience and the talents of the actors. From this point of view, "I Killed the Count" was an excellent choice. Obviously designed merely to grip our interest, to surprise and amuse, it was excellent fare for an audience of schoolboys at the end of term; and its rapid action, the three dramatic presentations of the "crime" as it was supposed to have occurred, and the characterisation which was broad and varied without requiring subtle interpretation, tested to the full, and yet did not overstrain, the stagecraft and dramatic ability of the actors.

Everyone, players and audience, was very well satisfied with the production. Its success was due in a very large measure to the choice of play and to the admirable casting. Each player started with this great advantage, that he really looked his part. A dressing gown and side-whiskers transformed D. Littlejohn into a plausible Italian Count; H. Lowden, with remodelled nose, looked well as a Jewish business man; J. Draper played Viscount Sorrington with becoming distinction; and K. Jack was obviously very much at home in the part of Mullet. Nor were the female parts the least convincing, in spite of obvious difficulties. Ian Fraser, as Polly, the servant; J. Scott, as the rather fragile Louise Rogers; and O. Milne, as the vivacious Jewish-American actress, left us with no regrets that the Society has none but male members.

It is to the credit of the actors that any adverse remarks must be made from a high critical viewpoint. We usually go to performances by school dramatic societies

prepared to be indulgent, to derive our entertainment as much from the nervous shuffling of our acquaintances on the stage as from the intrinsic merits of the play; and we are satisfied if the voice of the prompter is not heard too frequently from the wings. The Strathallan Society sets a much higher standard. The hard working detectives (Mr. M. Norton and V. Lowden) might with advantage have introduced more individuality and humour into their parts; Samuel Diamond (H. Lowden) sawed the air with rather too stereotyped gesticulations; and Bernard K. Froy (W. Hunter) attracted unnecessary attention at a dramatic moment in the play by going out with a cigarette and returning next moment sporting a pipe. Nevertheless, the main requirements were fulfilled: the scenery was adequate, the effects efficient, the standard of acting of the minor roles

(by R. McColl, M. Thomson and A. Mill) and the principals was uniformly high, and the production ran smoothly from beginning to end.

After the curtain had fallen, Mr. Norton, who had himself, both as producer and actor, contributed so much to the success of the performance, assured us that it had been the most successful production for years. It was due, he said, to the extraordinary enthusiasm of the players, to the efficiency of the stage managers, D. Glen and J. Keighley, and to the generous assistance of the school workmen. After he had thanked the audience for their appreciation, we returned to the House, the audience delighted with the evening's entertainment, and the players content that weeks of preparation had culminated in so very successful a performance.

A. C.

Debating Society

Officers of 1939-40.

Chairman: S. D. Fraser.

Secretary: W. R. Hunter.

Committee: M. Thomson, J. Sim, K. Jack, R. McColl, J. Scott and J. Molison.

NATURALLY the absence of the older members of the Society was felt at the beginning of the term in the inexperience of many of the speakers, but it is safe to say that the Society has so far been very successful in its meetings, one of which set up a record by way of attendance, over sixty members being present. There has been a certain lack of polish about some of the speeches, but they made up for this by the real enthusiasm which animated them.

At the first meeting the officials for the session were elected as noted above. At the next meeting Mr. Norton addressed the House briefly upon "How to Debate," which proved most acceptable to those present. Two impromptu debates concluded the evening: "That Beer is Best" and "That Glasgow is superior to Dundee." The former motion, proposed by R.

McLeod and opposed by I. Campbell, was carried by 28 votes to 8; the latter, proposed by I. Macnaughton, was strenuously opposed by V. Baillie, who found plenty of support from the floor of the House, so that the motion was surprisingly defeated, despite the arguments of the Glaswegians, by 22 votes to 14.

The first full debate was "That the A.R.P. is efficient." The speakers, A. Mill and D. Littlejohn, proposing; I. Fraser and J. Aitken opposing, were new but nevertheless did very well, and after a lively discussion the motion was eventually carried by 30 votes to 6.

The next debate "That Co-Education is to be desired" was very popular. Perhaps it was the speakers—J. Sim and K. Jack, proposers; R. McColl and J. Scott, opposers—that drew the crowd. J. Sim and J. Scott treated the subject with becoming gravity, but their respective partners let themselves go, much to the delight of an appreciative House. McColl's speech was delightfully witty. The floor of the House contributed many points for both sides during the lively debate which

followed, but Mr. Norton provided a clinching argument in the unequal mental and physical development of the two sexes, and the motion was defeated by 35 votes to 7.

The final meeting of the term was again occupied with impromptu debating, the first motion being "That Scotland should have her Independence." This somehow failed to arouse the interest that might have been expected. Perhaps the examinations had had a deadening effect upon the members. D. Littlejohn led the attack on the motion so well as to bring about its defeat by 24 votes to 8, despite the efforts of D. Turnbull. A. Duncan was then called upon to speak for the motion "That the Pipe is superior to the Cigarette." He spoke with becoming authority, but all would not avail and R. Harrington was

able to secure a defeat of the motion by 19 votes to 12.

The outstanding meeting of the session, however, was the much-postponed Staff debate held on February 13th, which attracted a record attendance. The motion "That nothing is comparable to Youth" was proposed by Messrs. Craven and Leithead and opposed by Messrs. Ward and Norton. The latter, true to precept, alone attempted to define Youth; but the opposition's arguments, whether negating the merits of Youth or providing alternative ages as being comparable with Youth, carried little weight against an audience preponderantly youthful, and the motion was carried by 60 votes to 16.

W. R. HUNTER, *Hon. Secretary.*

Sports Day

SPORTS DAY was held privately this year, but this did not rob it of its interest, nor was the competition less keen. Indeed, the Individual Championship was more hotly contested than usual, D. Stevens winning the Victor Ludorum Cup with 14 points, followed by Edmonds and Sandeman with 10 each. Similarly Petrie won the Junior Cup with 16 points from S. Baillie with 10.

Thanks to all round work—they gained first or second place in all the sports events—and fine work by their juniors who gave them most qualifiers for the Sports, Simpson began the day with 95 points, a lead of 31 and 32 over Ruthven and Freeland respectively, and they were never in danger of losing the lead, for their juniors took every point in the under 14 events, and the seniors managed at least to hold their own, so that the end of the day saw them Cock House with 148 points. The other three Houses battled desperately for the second place, and here Stevens' and Edmonds' work turned the scale in favour of Ruthven (107). The final place, however, was not decided until the close of the programme when Nicol's second place in the tug of war enabled them to beat

Freeland into the last position by two points.

The full awards were as follows:—

Open Events.

100 Yards—1. Edmonds, F.; 2. Stevens, D.
 220 Yards—1. Edmonds, F.; 2. Stevens, D.
 440 Yards—1. Molison, J.; 2. Scott, J.
 880 Yards—1. Fulton, J.; 2. Mill, A.
 High Jump—1. Stevens, D.; 2. Buchanan, H.
 Long Jump—1. Sandeman, W.; 2. Stevens, D.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—1. Sandeman, W.;
 2. Buchanan, H.

Under 16 Events.

100 Yards—1. Petrie, I.; 2. Baillie, S.
 220 Yards—1. Petrie, I.; 2. Baillie, S.
 440 Yards—1. Petrie, I.; 2. Lyle, S.
 880 Yards—1. Lyle, S.; 2. Mill, A.
 High Jump—1. Baillie, S.; 2. Petrie, I.
 Long Jump—1. Wright, J.; 2. Petrie, I.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—1. Macrimmon, E.;
 2. Baillie, S.

Under 14 Events.

100 Yards—1. Campbell, A.; 2. MacIntyre, J.
 220 Yards—1. MacIntyre, J.; 2. Campbell, A.
 440 Yards—1. MacIntyre, J.; 2. Campbell, A.
 High Jump—1. MacIntyre, J.; 2. Campbell, A.
 Long Jump—1. MacIntyre, J.; 2. Campbell, A.

Under 12 Events.

80 Yards—1. Pate, A. R.
 High Jump—1. Pate, A. R.

Other Events.

House Relay Race—1. Ruthven; 2. Simpson.
 House Tug of War—1. Simpson; 2. Nicol.

Other Awards.

The Houston Medal—W. Hunter and J. Smith.
 Dux of the School—H. Lowden and J. Scott.
 Junior Dux—R. Harrington.

For King and Country

Pilot Officer David Wood.

IT is with very great regret that we have to record the death of Pilot Officer David Wood of Perth while on active service with the R.A.F. He was carrying out his duties on 1st May in the North of Scotland where he crashed. A detachment from the R.A.F., and Mr. Riley and one or two Old Boys representing the School attended the funeral in Perth.

At School Mr. Wood excelled rather on the games field than in the class room, although in this latter respect he passed his Cambridge Junior Examination and left School to serve his apprenticeship with his father before reaching the Cambridge Senior standard. At games he gained his rugby cap and cricket colours and later gained prominence as a golfer. He was a most popular boy and was liked and respected both by masters and fellow pupils. The news of his death will come as a shock to all Old Strathallians who knew him and who will always remember the wonderful zest that he showed in life. We extend our deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

Capt. Ian R. Wood.

Capt. Ian R. Wood, who has been serving in the Army with the R.A.S.C., has been missing for a considerable time, but we are happy to report that he is now officially declared as being a prisoner of war in Germany. Many Old Strathallians will note with great sympathy that his brother David's death, followed by the anxiety as to the fate of Ian, brought about Mrs. Wood's death at the beginning of August. We extend our deepest sympathy with Mr. Wood.

Capt. David J. Bogie.

Captain Bogie, who was in the 51st Highland Division, has been taken prisoner and has been officially reported as such by the German authorities. Captain Bogie is, of course, a director of Strathallan School and is one of the School's trustees.

Sergeant-Pilot Ian L. MacDonald.

We are sorry to have to report that Sergeant-Pilot Ian MacDonald of Glasgow

met his death whilst on service with the R.A.F. Many of the older generation of Strathallians will recall his brother, Gordon MacDonald, who is now practising as a lawyer in Glasgow. Sergeant-Pilot MacDonald was always a popular boy at School and among a large circle of friends in Glasgow. He was a member of our first rugby side and one who played a robust game.

We express to Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald and family our deepest sympathy.

Obituary

Mr. Robert Balfour.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Robert Balfour who died in the British Hospital, Buenos Aires, on 6th January after an illness of about ten weeks. Mr. Balfour was working on an estancia as an assistant manager.

At School Mr. Balfour will be best remembered as a member of one of our most successful rugby teams. He played in the forwards and his great height and strength and "do or die" methods caused him to be a great favourite with the spectators and a terror to the opposing side. One of the best matches which will be recalled by those who were present was against a touring side from Oxford and Cambridge which Strathallan beat quite handsomely.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Balfour and family who are farming in the Argentine, and to Dr. George Balfour who is in practice at Gloucester.

EVACUATION.

Dawn breaks
 Across the plain;
 A lark awakes,
 Then upward flies
 And flings his song
 Across the skies.
 The bugles call
 Imperiously.
 The soldiers fall;
 But while the larks still sing
 For them,
 Death has no sting. C. R.

Sports Notes

RUGBY

TEAM-BUILDING has not been without its difficulties this year, not through lack of talent so much as through the task of finding how it might best be utilised. One of the difficulties confronting the team builders soon resolved itself; for Gregory showed such sterling form in the full back position during practices that his choice became automatic; and his turn of speed and his crash tackling, repeatedly saving his line, have given plenty of confidence to the men in front of him.

The scrum-half position caused most worries. That the ultimate choice should coincide with the initial one is a tribute to the many qualities that Wilson possessed; but the fact remains that the halves were not an ideal combination. Edmonds played magnificently on one wing; Sandeman and Houston filled the inside berths, and both had highly successful games, Houston particularly making rapid progress and showing good combination with his wing, J. Scott.

The forwards, however, were the real strength of the side. Though comparatively light, they were fast and clever, and in none of the games were they really mastered by their opposite numbers. Jack continued to hook well, and Molison, J. Fulton and T. Blair were repeatedly conspicuous in a pack which must rank as one of the best the School has had for many years.

The long spell of severe frost practically washed out the whole of the Spring Term fixtures and the final record of the team was:

P. 9, W. 6, D. 1, L. 2; pts. for, 99; pts. against, 51.

Team Criticism.

V. Lowden (1st XV, 1938-9-40) proved himself to be a popular and capable captain, and the fact that the team combined so well was largely due to his inspiration and example. His selection for the stand-off position at the opening of the season was largely experimental, but proved a happy choice, for his handling and

passing were sound, his running strong, and his cross-kick to Edmonds the source of many a try. He has developed a deceptive body swerve. In all, he was the right man in the right place; and his only fault was that he did not move quickly enough up on his man and allowed him too much room to move.

J. D. Molison (1st XV, 1939-40) had a brilliant season and was easily the outstanding forward in a very capable pack. He excelled in loose play, either relieving his captain by taking the opposite stand-off half or dropping back to fill a gap left by a man out of position. His place-kicking is weak; he has much to learn as regards run, position of feet, etc., but otherwise he is very sound indeed.

K. Jack (1st XV, 1938-9-40), whether because he has had better support or because he has touched the height of form, has hooked much better this season than last. However, among such a good pack, he was not seen to such an extent as last year in the loose, although his standard of play was as good as ever. If open to criticism at all, he must be held culpable on the grounds that in the opposing "25" he is apt to ignore all support and make for the line himself—sometimes at the expense of a certain try.

M. Thomson (1st XV, 1939-40), apparently took training seriously this year, and the results were soon evidenced in his improved standard of play. No one worked harder in the scrums, and the line-out rushes "with the ball" were usually led by him. Another outstanding feature of his play was the quickness with which he broke away from the scrum, either to back up or lead a forward rush.

F. Edmonds (1st XV, 1939-40) played consistently well throughout the season and represented the spearhead of the School attack. In this respect he was well served by both Sandeman and Lowden, but it was his strong running and aptitude for fielding awkward balls which allowed him to take full advantage of the opportunities offered. He has a strong hand-off and a devastating tackle, which on more than one occasion proved invaluable in defence,

when he was brought inside to deal with a troublesome opponent.

J. Fulton (1st XV, 1939-40) was probably the fittest man in the side and one who played hard in every game. His tackling was sound and he never failed to break up a "wheel" by going down on the ball. His outstanding quality was his enthusiasm, both an asset and a drawback, for in his desire to be up with the ball he was apt to get in the way of other players and interfere with the movements. In part consequent upon this, he failed to give adequate protection to his scrum half.

R. W. Gregory (1st XV, 1939-40) more than justified his trial at full back before the end of the season. His positioning was sound and his tackling very good; further, he never failed to get down to a forward rush. His chief weaknesses — which showed signs of steady amelioration — were that he kicked only with the right foot, he gained length rather than accuracy, and has repeatedly failed to "make his angle" before kicking. A feature of his game is to run with the threes in order to join an attacking movement, though the full advantage of the manoeuvre did not always materialise since it was not realised that the object of the extra man is to work the ball out to the wing as quickly as possible.

D. Creerar (1st XV, 1939-40) proved himself an admirable second row forward who did more than his share of pushing in the tight. In the line-out work he was second only to Thomson, and in forward rushes he was always prominent. The only criticism to be levelled at him is his attempt to pick up the ball in a forward rush — a habit that usually meant a knock-on.

D. Houston (1st XV, 1939-40), apart from a bad patch at the beginning of the season, has reached a remarkably consistent standard of play. He excelled in defence, possessing a good tackle and a sound kick. In attack he had a strong hand-off which he used to advantage to break through. He possessed a good eye for an opening, but once through, tended to loose contact with his wing, and frequently spoilt a brilliant movement by a bad pass.

W. Sandeman (1st XV, 1939-40) shone in attack, though his defence was sound enough to avoid serious criticism. He combined well with Houston and Edmonds, cleverly exploiting the short kick ahead. He always had an eye for an opening, relying mainly upon cutting inside his man. He would do well to cultivate a hand-off, rather than rely exclusively upon change of direction and pace.

G. Wilson hardly settled down as a scrum half until the last few weeks of the first term. This was not entirely his own fault as he undoubtedly suffered from being moved from the scrum half to wing positions; but the fact remains that he did not strike his real form until the Spring Term. His passing, at first inclined to be erratic even if strong, showed none of this weakness in the second term, although he attempted to steal away from the scrum too often. When he succeeded, he ran hard and well, but often a clean pass to Lowden would have served a better purpose.

J. Scott had a fairly successful season on the right wing, although he did not perhaps receive the same number of chances as Edmonds. At first his defence was rather weak, but by the end of the season he had developed a useful smother tackle. He has an effective cut-in, but repeats the movement too often for it to retain its element of surprise; and his failure to pass back brought many successful openings to nothing. Like Sandeman, he sadly lacked a hand-off: even when he did develop one towards the end of the season, it was more in the nature of a push than a thrust.

J. Calder, one feels, without in any way wishing to detract from a useful performance, was capable of much better play. In the line-outs he rarely made adequate use of his height, and in the scrum his repeated failure to give weight often caused a complete unbalancing of the pack. On the other hand, his loose play was very sound and his covering work excellent, especially his corner flagging and tackling.

T. Blair was a hard worker who gave his full weight in the scrums and backed up well in the line-outs. His chief defect rests upon an inadequate knowledge of the game,

and this was evident from the steady improvement shown as the season progressed and the game became better understood. He does not lack enthusiasm, but sometimes this is apt to run away with him and make him lose his head.

D. Robinson was disappointing in that he certainly did not fulfil the promise shown last season. As lock forward, he bound the second row quite well but constantly failed in his second function, corner flagging, with the result Molison and Calder were called upon unduly. In the line-outs his work was solid without being brilliant.

Other people who have been called upon to fill occasional vacancies in the team are **R. McColl**, **W. Hunter** and **N. Low**, and always they played up to, and even beyond, expectations. McColl shows the makings of a very useful forward, similar in style to Jack's, but, unfortunately, he lacks Jack's weight. Hunter shoved well and could always be depended upon to play solidly, but he lacked the pace of the rest of the pack. Low, playing at scrum half, revealed great promise, and we hope that he will live up to expectations in the next season.

W. Hunter, N. Low, R. McColl, O. Milne, D. Stevens and J. Stark were awarded Second XV Caps.

Strathallan v. R. Gordon's College, played at Aberdeen on Saturday, 14th Oct.

In the opening game the School made a good draw against opponents always difficult to beat on their own ground. Play opened evenly, but after twenty minutes, a dribbling movement by Wilson and Lowden ended in the latter touching down for Gregory to convert to give the School a five point lead, which was held until soon after the interval when the home side equalised. Edmonds put his side once more ahead with a try in the corner, the result of a well judged cross kick. The attempt at converting the try failed. Both sides attacked in turn, and ten minutes before the close a close passing movement among the Gordon's forwards resulted in an unconverted try, with which the scoring ceased

despite desperate efforts by both sides to secure the victory.

Result: Strathallan, 8 pts.; R. Gordon's College, 8 pts.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School, played at Forgardenny on 28th Oct.

This rearranged fixture gave the School their first victory, though it was a narrow one, and almost snatched from them at the eleventh hour. Strath. attacked strongly at the start, and soon had a penalty goal by Gregory, a well earned try by Edmonds, and a somewhat lucky one by Lowden to their credit, while the visitors scored an unconverted try to reduce the leeway before the interval.

Immediately after the restart, the School increased the lead when Edmonds went over from a cross kick and Gregory made a good conversion. The Grammar School then staged a rally and scored an unconverted and a converted try in quick succession and were still pressing hard when the final whistle went. This was the first victory over the Grammar School for three years, but was deserved, for the forwards held a definite superiority, and Sandeman and Edmonds showed brilliant combination. Low, deputising for the absent Wilson, fully justified his inclusion.

Result: Strathallan, 14 pts.; Aberdeen Grammar School, 11 pts.

Strathallan v. R.A.O.C. XV, played at Forgardenny on Wednesday, 1st Nov.

It was obvious from the outset that the visitors laboured under the disadvantage of lack of practice and unfamiliarity with one another's play, and the School gained a comparatively easy victory. But this is not to disparage the play of the home team which would have carried them on to victory against almost any opposition. Scott and Houston on the right wing showed excellent form and combination, and were responsible for three of the five tries scored. Houston opened the scoring with a clever cut through, but neither this try nor the second, scored by J. Fulton after a forward rush, was converted. Before the interval, Houston again broke through and

passed out to Scott who went over after a determined run down the line.

After the breather, the Army team played better but could make little progress and only once looked like scoring, but Gregory was safe. The School went further ahead when Houston again cut through brilliantly and sent Scott over for a try which Gregory converted. Five minutes before the close, Edmonds, to whom the play had not hitherto run kindly, the cross kicking repeatedly beating him into touch, scored a further try which Gregory again converted.

Result: Strathallan, 19 pts.; R.A.O.C. XV, nil.

Strathallan v. G. Heriot's School, played at Edinburgh on Saturday, 18th Nov.

Strath. kicked off against the wind, and after some even play during which both defences were almost pierced, play settled down in the Strath. half after about a quarter of an hour. Heriot's exerted a strong pressure, and eventually their efforts met with reward when one of the insides broke through cleverly, ran up to Gregory and then passed out to the wing for a try too wide out for conversion.

After the interval Strath. made a determined effort to get on terms, but, though the forwards were more than a match for their opponents, it was rarely that the ball was hooked cleanly, so that the halves were harassed and the ball failed to move smoothly among the backs. Towards the end, the School defence, under constant pressure, was again pierced, the home captain getting over right in the corner for an unconverted try. When the whistle went, Strath. were once more attacking.

Result: Heriot's School, 6 pts.; Strathallan, nil.

Dollar Academy v. Strathallan, played at Dollar on Saturday, 25th Nov.

For the first time this term the game was played on a heavy pitch, though the surface had in places been hardened by frost. The game was for the most part confined therefore to the forwards. Strath.'s pack was undoubtedly superior to

the home eight in the first half and virtually dictated the course of the game. Ten minutes from half time a long dribble by the forwards resulted in Lowden dropping a good goal; and almost immediately afterwards, Sandeman secured the touch down in the corner after Wilson had made a good run; so that Strath. changed over with a seven point lead.

On the resumption Strath. seemed to rest on their laurels, and it was Dollar who did the attacking. They scored two unconverted tries to reduce the lead to a single point; and in the concluding five minutes launched a series of attacks which taxed Strath.'s defence to the limit, and the final whistle came as a great relief, to the visitors at least. Dollar were certainly unfortunate in their efforts to force a win.

Low was again played at scrum half in this game, Wilson ousting Scott from the wing position. This move was only partly successful, for while Wilson acquitted himself well on the wing, Low received a severe drubbing from the heavy Dollar forwards, which tended to upset him.

Result: Strathallan, 7 pts.; Dollar Academy, 6 pts.

Perth Academicals v. Strathallan, played at Perth on Saturday, 2nd Dec.

This game against a senior side replaced the fixture usually made with Perthshire, now, owing to the war, non-existent. Wilson resumed in the scrum half position. Low not having recovered from the injuries sustained in the Dollar game, and H. Buchanan was given a trial on the wing. Strath. opened strongly, as usual, and were soon eight points up, Edmonds scoring two good tries; the first from a kick ahead in his own half and a determined run down the line; the second, a touch down between the posts secured by his superior speed. Gregory converted the second try. After the break, however, the home side reduced the lead with a converted try, and as in the previous games, a sorely harassed defence just managed to hold out till the final whistle.

Result: Perth Academicals, 5 pts.; Strathallan, 8 pts.

Melville College v. Strathallan, played at Edinburgh on Saturday, 9th Dec.

The ground was soft and the ball consequently extremely greasy in this game. Territorially and tactically Strath. held the upper hand throughout, but lacked that finishing touch that makes for tries. Early on, before the ball became slippery, Lowden broke beautifully through the middle, drew two men and slung the ball out to Houston who made ground before passing back inside to Sandeman who crossed wide of the posts. Molison just failed with the kick. A bad defensive lapse enabled the home side to draw level, one of their forwards being allowed to dribble fully thirty yards to score an unconverted try. Strath. pressed hard and exploited every trick they knew; but the cross kicks failed to bounce kindly or rolled into touch, and the home defence was too strong in the centre. Ultimately, Lowden dropped a nice goal from just within the twenty-five and to the right of the posts. The School was unlucky not to add to the score, but at no time did the home side look like reducing the lead.

Outstanding players were Fulton among the forwards and Lowden and Scott among the threes. The latter played probably his best game in the term. Cross kicking was perhaps somewhat overdone, but it was unquestionably the correct policy under the weather conditions and with Scott and Edmonds definitely faster than their opposite numbers.

Result: Melville College, 3 pts.; Strathallan, 7 pts.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen G.S., played at Aberdeen on Saturday, 20th January.

The ground being unplayable in the morning, the kick-off was postponed till 1.30, and the game played in brilliant sunshine. The home side kicked off, and for the first quarter of an hour there was a ding-dong battle in mid-field, but it was clear that with a superiority in weight and height, Aberdeen forwards would gain the upper hand and allow their threes to utilise their greater speed and combination. Eventually, as the pressure increased, the

ball swung out for the left wing to go over in the corner and the try was converted with a lovely kick. Five minutes later the home side added to their score with a nicely dropped goal from a well heeled ball from a scrum ten yards out and in front of the posts. Strath. fought back, and Edmonds was all but over, being brought down a yard from the line after a fine run.

Midfield play opened the second half, and the Strath. pressure was relieved only when Lowden's drop at goal was charged down. Aberdeen attacked, and a quick passing movement right across the field enabled them to score a further unconverted try. Strath. dominated play for the remaining ten minutes, and a rush by the forwards took play to the Aberdeen line, where Robinson and Calder were held up when all but over. Aberdeen fully deserved their victory, though the margin flattered them. The School forwards played a sparkling game, with Fulton outstanding, but the threes never got really going, and the bulk of the work was in defence, where Houston shone. Gregory played his best game of the season, for his positioning was uncannily accurate at times, and his kicking always safe.

Result: Strathallan, nil; Aberdeen G.S., 12 pts.

Strathallan v. Crieff Army XV, played at Forgardenny on Wednesday, 28th February.

The best description of this game is that it was a delightful exhibition of rugby on the part of the School against a side whose enthusiasm failed to offset their lack of practice and combination. From the start it was clear that the School team work more than made up for lack of weight, and that we had extra pace outside. After a short spell of midfield play, Lowden exploited the cross kick to send Edmonds over wide out, but not so wide that Gregory could not convert. The latter landed a nice penalty a few minutes later. Smart work by forwards and backs kept up the pressure and Wilson scored a delightful try, after a smart run by Lowden. Molison converted. Almost from the restart, the ball went right along the line for Scott to round off the movement by

diving over in the corner; and immediately afterwards the forwards scored a further try through McColl.

In the second half the Army sought to keep the ball close, and while, thanks to their additional inches, they succeeded in their object from the line-outs, in the set scrums Strath, heeled when and where they pleased. After some midfield play, Lowden started a passing movement from the left touch line. The ball came to Scott, who wisely made no attempt to pick up, but started a diagonal dribble which put the visiting threes out of position; a kick past the full back enabled him to score half way out on the left, but Molison missed an easy kick. From the restart, Edmonds made a fine run along the touch line, and, handing-off the full back, scored between the posts. This time Gregory failed with the kick. From the restart came the best try of the game. McColl fielded the ball from a line-out, ran a few yards and cross-kicked to Edmonds, who, fielding the bouncing ball, made a further dash down the line. This time the full back got to him a few yards from the line, but when the try seemed lost, Lowden came up from nowhere and took an outside pass to go over at the corner. Finally, Scott made a typical run after a nice cut inside his man, but Molison again failed with the kick.

Result: Strathallan, 36 pts.; Army XV, nil. P.

Second Fifteen.

The second team went through the term without a defeat. True, its fixture list was considerably curtailed, but three of its games were against first teams of Morgan Academy and Stirling High School. The side was without any outstanding personality but played well as a team, the forwards bearing the brunt of the play and coming out of the encounter with bigger opponents with flying colours.

The opening game was against Aberdeen Grammar School at Aberdeen, and a very even game under excellent conditions went to Strath, thanks to an unconverted try by O. Milne near the end of the first half. With a little extra speed behind the scrum the School might have scored several times

in this half, but in the second half the home side had far more of the game, and only some faulty passing by the backs and a really stalwart defence enabled Strath, to retain the lead.

Conditions were poor for the game against Morgan's, but the threes, with I. Petrie promoted to the wing position, were much more effective, and a dropped goal by Stark and a try by Petrie, converted by Stevens, in the first half, and a further unconverted try by McColl in the second proved the all round superiority of the School.

In the home game with the Stirling High School, Strath, had a fairly comfortable win, though an end to end wind put each side in turn on the ascendancy. Milne had two tries in the first half, one of which he also converted, while Petrie and J. Smith added tries in the second half, Milne converting the latter's. In the return game, the team seemed to be suffering from staleness and were somewhat lucky to win, a snap try by Philp settling the issue.

House Matches.

Ruthven won this year's Sevens with some ease, for the real final had been fought in the first round, the Ruthven-Nicol tie. For three-quarters of an hour this tie lasted, after Scott and Sandeman had secured unconverted tries for their respective sides in the opening period. Contrary to expectations, Nicol forwards held their own against the more experienced Ruthven trio, and though Stark, Edmonds and Scott formed a formidable and dangerous attack, they found Lowden, Sandeman, Gregory and Petrie there to save their line. A try by Edmonds in the eighth session settled the issue and enabled Ruthven to pass on to meet Simpson, who had had most of the game with Freeland. Freeland scored first with a penalty, but after the interval, Thomson dribbled over for Simpson, and Molison converted.

The Ruthven threes dominated the final. Scott ran the length of the field to open the score; and in the second half, Edmonds went over from a pass from Stark, fifteen yards out, and Scott made the issue safe

by following up Stark's kick ahead to score between the posts. Stevens converted both Scott's tries.

Nicol Juniors were successful in the Junior Event. They earned their right by putting out Ruthven in the first game and beating Freeland after extra time in the final by 9 pts. to 6. For the winners, J. McGregor was conspicuous, being concerned in all the scoring, which included two penalties. H. Lowden also served his side well as scrum half in both games. Wright, Common and Dawson played well for the losers. Don, Aitkenhead, Sharp and Bird were other juniors who caught the eye as showing promise for the future.

CRICKET

AMID the alarms and excursions of war, we can record a successful season and ponder over what we might have done to the F.P.'s if they had not been engaged elsewhere. Of the eight matches played, the decisive victory over Glasgow Academy after so many dismal defeats ranks as the season's brightest moment. Gordons, Forgandemy, and our end of term guests X Coy. R.A.S.C., were definitely beaten, and to these we feel entitled to add a moral victory over Heriot's. As the two defeats, at the hands of Melville College and Stewart's, were touch and go affairs of the most thrilling sort, the team was never really mastered.

Much of the credit must go to **J. Smith** for his excellent captaincy of the side. He has shown himself very able; varied his batting according to the needs of the side, managed the bowling excellently, and set a good field. The backing he has received from the team has been the better type—that engendered by example rather than command. His keeping has been adequate.

V. Lowden has rivalled his captain in keenness, and developed notably as a bat, particularly with off shots. He has promise as a field at forward short leg but would benefit by watching a pro. fielding in this position.

J. Stark has consistently made runs and is our outstanding batsman. Always on

the lookout for runs, he plays good strokes all round the wicket and he plays them very hard.

Apart from a useful 25 in the opening game, **K. Jack** has had a lean season—uncertain footwork is still his trouble. **S. D. Fraser**, too, opened with great promise but fell away as the season progressed. He possesses a beautiful off drive, but somehow or other it just would not come right in several matches. He ended up with a nice 22 against Glasgow Academy, and we are sure that both he and Jack have lots of runs left "in the bag."

T. Philp has shared with Smith the task of opening, and though no big scores appear against his name, he has done very useful work in breaking up the bowling of our opponents.

W. Sandeman has been fairly successful with both bat and ball, and except for one bad lapse, his fielding has been of a high standard. He still needs to cultivate off shots.

G. Wilson, though facing more competition as a bowler than for some time past, has still been able to send up that "unplayable" express off break just when it is needed. His swashbuckling methods with the bat have been useful and highly appreciated by the spectators.

J. Fulton, however, has taken chief bowling honours with his slow left hand deliveries. His "in swing" and "break back"—were they produced at will and by design, or were they merely the result of blind chance? That we shall never know with certainty, but at least they were effective, which his batting certainly was not. Remember Melville?

T. Nicol has developed as a bowler. He bowls much more to plan than Fulton, but although he can turn the ball both ways and swerve a new ball through the air, he lacks Fulton's deadliness.

A. Low, J. Taylor, E. Macerimmon, A. Frame, M. Thomson and H. Lowden have all at times distinguished themselves with the bat in the Second Eleven; while Macerimmon has obviously a future as a

bowler, as has Blair. H. Lowden has kept wicket in good style for the Second.

Lastly, let me take you back to the final of the House matches. Simpson have scored 94; Freeland have 79 for 9! The last pair are the School Captain, who has no pretensions whatsoever as a batsman, and a junior, D. Leslie. Victory for Simpson is certain! But no! Amid seething excitement the sixteen runs are gradually collected. The Freeland stars rush out to carry Leslie off shoulder high. They don't bother to do this for Hunter as he weighs over twelve stone. He deserved it none the less.

Strathallan v. Gordon's College, played at Aberdeen on Saturday, 4th May.

After a cautious start, Philp and Smith both fell with only seven runs scored, but excellent batting by Fraser (31) and Jack (25) carried the score to 59 for the third wicket. A further bright partnership between Sandeman (16) and Wilson (21 not out) for the seventh wicket carried the total to three figures, and Smith declared at 105 for 7 wickets.

Gordon's were soon in difficulties. Fulton obtained a catch behind the wicket with his first ball—a rank full toss! Four quick wickets, all good catches off Wilson, an extra special from Fulton which beat his man all ends up, followed by a smart run out saw seven wickets down for 22 runs. Wilson then came in for some punishment, but Stark came on, and with two wickets for two runs, closed the innings at 53.

Result: Strathallan, 105 for 7 wkts. (declared); Gordons, 53. Match won.

Strathallan v. Heriot's School, played in Edinburgh on Saturday, 18th May.

Smith and Philp opened very carefully to excellent bowling, and both batted well until the latter was bowled at 32, playing inside a ball on the off stump. Jack was badly l.b.w. six runs later, but Fraser continued the good work. Smith began to force the pace, but was well held when he had scored 20. Lowden and Stark (12) kept the scorers busy until 94 runs were on the board. Subsequently Lowden did

not get his share of the bowling when well set and batting splendidly. Taylor hit a quick 17 and the innings closed at 122 for seven, Lowden having then scored 30.

In the absence of Wilson, there were some doubts about the bowling strength, and these seemed justified when half an hour had gone without a wicket falling, though admittedly only six runs had been scored. Eventually, with the score 11, a good ball from Fulton took the first wicket. Shaw and Grainger batted dourly for forty minutes, and with only twenty-two minutes left for play the score was 28 for 1 wicket. An inspired spell by Fulton and Sandeman, coupled with excellent fielding, then started a rot and eight wickets fell in seventeen minutes. The last pair, however, managed to play out time with the score at 57. Strath. fielding reached great heights in this game, and Smith handled his depleted bowling strength in a most praiseworthy manner.

Result: Strathallan, 122 for 7 wkts. (declared); Heriot's, 57 for 9 wkts. Match drawn.

Strathallan v. Stewart's College, played at Forgardenny on Monday, 20th May.

Strath. batted first, and Philp rattled up a quick 16 out of 24 before being tamely caught. Smith, however, batted cautiously and saw Jack, Fraser and Lowden back in the pavilion before the fifty was up. Sandeman (16) then held the fort while Smith went for the runs. Fine strokes all round the wicket had brought the captain 69 runs when he was bowled at 116. Stark (32) hit fiercely—his runs consisted of seven boundaries and two twos; but the tail failed badly, and the innings closed for 150.

Splendid bowling by Wilson brought two wickets for only ten runs, but a stand between Bennett and Frobisher took the score to 61. Three wickets then fell quickly and tea was taken at 78 for 6 wkts. A Strath. victory seemed probable, but a seventh wicket partnership carried the score to 107, and splendid batting by Pringle and Beddington brought the visitors in sight of victory, which even

Fulton's final effort could not snatch from them. Well done, Stewart's!

Result: Strathallan, 150; Stewart's College, 156 for 9 wkts. Match lost.

Strathallan v. Melville College, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 25th May.

We were desperately anxious to avenge the severe defeat of last season, and when the visitors who had first knock were dismissed for 45, our object looked certain of achievement. Wilson, Sandeman, Fulton and Nicol bowled with great accuracy and were backed up by fine fielding, Fulton claiming half the wickets for 33 runs.

In Ogilvy, however, Melville had a trump for our ace. His medium pace off breaks demoralised the stars of the side, and tea time saw our last pair, Fulton and Sandeman, requiring two runs to tie. The first ball to Fulton was a full toss and should have reached the boundary; but it reached the middle stump instead. Only Lowden and Stark (12 each) reached double figures for the School.

Result: Strathallan, 43; Melville College, 45. Match lost.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen G.S., played at Aberdeen on Wednesday, 5th June.

Strath. took first knock, and thanks mainly to Stark (40) and Nicol (18), Smith was able to declare at 112 for 8 wickets. Stark had a six and six fours in his 40. In reply, the home side, apart from Smith and Mackay, who each scored 34, did not show much confidence against the School attack, and the ninth wicket fell at 98 with three overs still to go. Then Sandeman, of all people, missed an easy catch, and the Grammar School played out time with 100 for nine wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 122 for 8 wkts. (decl.); Aberdeen G.S., 100 for 9 wkts. Match drawn.

Strathallan v. Glasgow Academy, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 8th June.

A fast wicket, a fine day and a bad defeat last season to avenge! Smith batted with extreme caution, but lost Philp

at 8. Fraser (22), in his last game, batted well until easily caught at mid off. Stark obtained a beautiful 42, which finished with a glorious six before being "yorked." This took the score to 102, Smith having by now broken up the bowling. He left at 131, having scored a valuable 32. Lowden (35), Wilson (11), Sandeman (19) and Low (13, not out), all helped themselves freely to runs, and Smith declared at 216 for nine wickets.

Fulton started the rot for Academy by getting two catches at forward short leg by Lowden, one of them a real beauty. Two very smart run out efforts demoralised the visitors, and only Shearer (25) offered any opposition worthy of note, the whole side being back in the pavilion for 73. Fulton had four wickets for 25 runs, Nicol three for 19.

Result: Strathallan, 216 for 9 wkts. (decl.); Glasgow Academy, 73. Match won.

Strathallan v. Forgandenny C.C., played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 22nd June.

A side consisting of four first team members and the rest from the second team met the village, after examinations were over. The village side batted first and hit up 97, which, in view of the known bowling strength they possessed, looked likely to prove formidable. Smith (19), Stark (44, not out), and Lowden (49, not out) thought otherwise, and the runs were quickly hit off for the loss of two wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 119 for 2 wkts.; Forgandenny, 97. Match won.

Strathallan v. Masters, played on 3rd July.

Heavy rain caused the abandonment of this game when the Masters had scored 46 for the loss of one wicket. Mr. Cole (26) and Mr. Leithead (18) were undefeated, and both *think* they could have gone on for ever.

Strathallan v. X Coy., R.A.S.C., played at Forgandenny on Thursday, 4th July.

In spite of the fact that most of the visitors were Yorkshiremen—and we all know what Mr. Riley thinks about Yorkshire cricket—we faced this match,

decided on thirty overs, optimistically. The School scored 148 for the loss of six wickets, the batting being of a higher standard than at any other time. Credit goes chiefly to Smith (31), Sandeman (16), Lowden (49, not out), Wilson (23) and Stevens (19) for this creditable total. In reply, our opponents just managed to last out their thirty overs, but mustered only 89 with the last man in. Nicol, with five for 44, and Sandeman, with three for 14, met with most success with the ball.

Result: Strathallan, 148 for 6 wkts; R.A.S.C., 89 for 9 wkts. Match won.

Summary of Results:—P. S. W. 5, D. 1, L. 2; Runs per wicket, For 17.2, Against 8.93. R. O. C.

Batting Averages.

	Innings	No. times not out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.
V. Lowden	8	3	49*	184	36.8
J. Stark	8	1	44*	189	27.0
J. Smith	8	0	69	186	23.25
G. Wilson	6	1	23	75	15.0
W. Sandeman	8	2	19	85	14.16
S. Fraser	6	0	31	73	12.16
K. Jack	6	0	25	48	8.0
A. Low	5	3	13*	15	7.5
T. Philp	6	0	16	42	7.0
J. Fulton	3	1	6*	7	3.5

J. Taylor, 2-1-17*-17; Lowden, 1-1-4*-4, and D. Stevens, 1-1-19, have also batted.

* Not out.

Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr. runs per wkt.
T. Nicol	33.3	10	68	10	6.8
J. Fulton	66.0	20	126	17	7.41
W. Sandeman	34.0	6	142	11	12.9
G. Wilson	58.1	16	158	12	13.17

Second Eleven.

The Second Eleven were unfortunate in having their fixture list limited to four games. They won three of these games,

but were somewhat lucky to draw with Stirling H.S. 1st XI at Stirling, for having lost seven wickets for 40 runs, they were greatly indebted to a not out 38 by Nicol in being able to declare at 83 without further loss. They found the home opening batsman a thorn in the flesh, and he scored 54 not out, out of a total of 78 for 3 wkts., before stumps were drawn.

In the opening game of the season they had well beaten Gordon's College, 123 for 9 wkts. (decl.), against 23, Nicol claiming seven wickets for 8 runs. Subsequently they also beat Aberdeen Grammar School by 47 runs, Low (49), Stevens (38) and Maccrimmon (22) being chief contributors to the total of 147. Finally, they won an exciting match against Glasgow Academy. The visitors put on 75, Blair claiming seven wickets for 33. The School fared badly and had lost nine wickets for 53, but K. Anderson and Gregory pulled the side out of trouble by adding twenty-five valuable runs.

Of the regular members of the team, Molison headed the batting average with 20, followed by Stevens (17.5), J. Lowden (13.33), Maccrimmon and Anderson (11). Maccrimmon headed the bowling analysis with three wickets at a cost of 1 run apiece, followed by Blair with an average of 8 for 12 wkts.

House Matches.

The House games provided the usual shocks and surprises. Freeland, playing Nicol, had half the side out for 31, and seven for 43, but Common (24, not out) and Fulton (15) pulled the score up to 69. Sandeman was very successful with the ball, claiming six victims for 8 runs. Only thirteen overs had been necessary to dismiss the side, and Nicol's hopes ran high seeing that the time factor did not seem to enter into the matter. But even the "stars" could make nothing of Wilson and Fulton, and the Nicol team were all out in seventeen and a half overs for a mere 18 runs. Wilson had four wickets for 6 runs, Fulton six for 10. Simpson's bowling was meanwhile proving too much for Ruthven, and an exciting struggle followed in the final.

Simpson batted first, and with Frame (24) and Maccrimmon (30, not out) to the fore, had amassed the creditable total of 94 at the end of the allotted thirty overs with only seven wickets down, Wilson claiming six of them for 43 runs. Freeland opened none too happily, and two smart "run out" decisions saw half the side out for only 42. Wilson hit lustily and added 31 valuable runs (a six and six fours), but nine wickets had fallen for 79 when Leslie joined Hunter. Together, with every run being cheered to an echo, this pair made the runs, to give Freeland the victory.

SWIMMING

Although when the pond has been open, it has been as popular as ever, swimming facilities have been considerably limited this year through several causes; at first the threat of coal rationing, then a series of threats of infections. Particularly disappointing was the abandonment of the House Swimming Championship, though it was a foregone conclusion that Freeland, with three of the School swimming team in their ranks, would win.

Excellent promise was shown as swimmers by some of the new boys, and providing that practice is possible a strong polo team should emerge from the material available. The following boys were awarded their badges: J. Bushe, H. Bushe, R. Common, E. Dawson, A. Duncan, R. MacIntyre, D. McLachlan, M. North and D. Turnbull.

J. H. S.

FIVES

Although the fives courts were not greatly used during the winter, there has been little falling off in the standard of play, and the tournaments renewed the enthusiasm. In the Junior event R. W. Gregory had little difficulty in winning his way to the final where he defeated J. Lowden. He also provided considerable opposition in the Senior event and almost succeeded in eliminating the champion, V. Lowden. These two met in the semi-final,

and the match was very even, with Lowden a little fortunate to win 15-11. A. Frame sprang a surprise by defeating W. Kerr in the other semi-final, 15-5; but Lowden proved his complete master in the final.

The House Fives tournament was played off on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, 22nd June, on the American league system. In the first round Ruthven had a slight superiority over Freeland, while Simpson were well and truly beaten by Nicol, despite some clever play by their first pair, Frame and Ferrier. Simpson lost another game before tea, but were unbeaten in the remaining games. Nicol continued undefeated.

V. S. L.

TENNIS

Blessed as we have been this summer with good weather, the tennis courts have always been well patronised, and the competition in the championships exceptionally keen.

Perhaps the greatest surprise in the Senior event was the defeat of R. W. Gregory, last year's Senior champion, in the third round by A. Frame. The game, which lasted over fifty minutes, was very much closer than the final score 6-2 suggests. Frame, who maintained a highly improved form, defeated V. Lowden 6-1 in the semi-final and emerged champion by defeating S. Haddow in two love sets. Haddow had received a bye into the final, as J. Draper, a player who had shown such promise as to justify being ranked No. 2, left the School before the semi-finals were played.

Good play was also seen in the Junior event. E. Maccrimmon beat R. Common 6-2, and J. Lowden beat S. Baillie 9-7 to qualify for the final, where Lowden proved the victor by 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

In the House Championships Simpson, well served by Draper and Frame, had little difficulty in winning the event, while Nicol gained second place. W. R. H.

Old Boys' News

WE are sure that Old Strathallians will realise the very great difficulty in bringing out a magazine under war conditions. First of all, we have been warned not to mention anything of a military nature which could in any way be helpful to the enemy. Then again our editor, Mr. Norton, was offered and accepted a post as English master to one of the secondary schools in the Yarmouth area, and thirdly, the great majority of O.S. boys are linked up in one way or another with the fighting services and their letters contain a great amount of news which would not be passed for publication by the censor.

As far as the School itself is concerned the war has not brought about many changes. In fact this term we have been allowed to keep all the members of the staff who were with us during the Summer term. Of course, in the early part of the war we had two or three members of the staff who had military obligations which they were called upon to perform at once but, fortunately for us, these men held some of the junior posts and all our examination work for the Scottish Highers and the Cambridge School certificate was allowed to continue undisturbed.

Towards the end of the Summer term a brain wave struck one of the army commanders and we found ourselves in military occupation. The soldiers came along and requisitioned a portion of the grounds and the whole of the Sanatorium. We pleaded with the authorities that we were a secondary school and did not wish to be disturbed, but nevertheless they took possession forthwith. The men encamped under the trees, using them as camouflage, and then they brought lorries containing petrol, and at one time there were nearly one hundred lorries lining the drive. We neither liked their lorries nor their petrol, for the one cut up the drive and the other was a positive danger. The facts were then reported to the Scottish Command and there was an even more hurried evacuation. This involved the soldiers reloading

their lorries within a day or two of completing the unloading and a trench digging operation. There was a good deal of unparliamentary language going about the camp both from the officers who had excellent quarters in the Sammy and from the men who had the hard work to do, and on top of all this the rain came down in torrents just as it used to do in the days of the Dollar match at Strathallan. Luckily for us the rain did not come until we had a chance of giving the army side a real good licking at a cricket match played on the lawn. It was surprising the number of ex-cricketers found in an army battalion of about three hundred men. Some of them came from the English counties, but the Strathallan XI played a splendid game and had no difficulty in winning the match. There was one rather amusing side to all this and that was when several of the senior boys made their way from time to time to the army encampment and on one occasion stayed to a meal. Once seemed to be sufficient. The conditions under which the meal was cooked and the manner of serving seemed to have left an adverse impression!

The School numbers this term are not quite up to the standard of last session for the Directors have decided not to take any more boys than can conveniently be handled, even when we lose all those members of the staff who are likely to be called up.

There have been very few pupils whose parents decided to evacuate them to Canada under one or other of the Government schemes. So far, only one boy has left and six or seven who notified their intention of going have decided to remain at Strathallan. On one boat which was torpedoed we had a boy who must consider himself very lucky. First of all, the boat on which he was to travel was commandeered by the Navy and then he left these shores in another boat which was torpedoed but where all the children were saved. He was offered a passage in the

next ship that sailed but this time Mr. Riley refused to allow him to go and news came through that this ship was torpedoed and the large majority of the children lost.

The war has put a stop to the construction of the five rugger pitches which Mr. Riley is trying to establish on the ground owned by the School. Two, so far, have been completed and have proved to be real assets. They have been well drained and are quite close to the rugger stripping rooms—an advantage which will not be lost upon old boys who had to take the long trudge from the changing rooms near to the Sunny and round by the School to Leslie Park. The third pitch, which is in Charlie's Acre, is not very far from completion and the School workmen in their spare time hope to be able to have it in readiness for the season commencing in October, 1941. This will provide three pitches for the three sides that the School usually runs and it looks as though this last is going to be the best of the whole lot. Its construction was very difficult, for more than once we tapped springs in the hillside and the drainage was a formidable matter, but these difficulties have now been overcome and the School will own completely three first class pitches.

We have developed a new activity during this last year which seems to have caught on very well. One of the masters has established an Archery Club and several of the boys have taken it up with enthusiasm. There are certain obvious dangers inherent in this and the practices are only allowed under supervision. Some boys are becoming quite expert and by next summer—the summer term being most favourable for the development of this pastime—they give promise of becoming really good archers.

There is a saying the truth of which is well proved—"It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good," and the war has provided an instance of this which present pupils welcome with more than a modicum of glee. The war has brought about a paper shortage, and the paper shortage means fewer tests! Need one say more?

Many Old Strathallians will remember Mr. Harry Tod who was with Messrs.

Fraser, builders and contractors, Kirkcaldy. Mr. Tod served his apprenticeship with this firm and has now obtained a post in Calcutta with Messrs. Mackintosh Burn Ltd. as an engineer and overseer on two five-storeyed blocks of offices being erected in the centre of Calcutta. Mr. Tod has now discovered the main difference between work at home and work in a sub-continent like India where great responsibilities devolve on young shoulders, responsibilities which they would never get in this country at so early an age. Mr. Tod also mentioned in his letter that he would be glad to get in touch with any Strathallians in the Calcutta area and probably by now he will have met one or two.

Another letter from the Calcutta district comes from Mr. Tommy Farquharson of the Victoria Jute Works, Selinapara. Mr. Farquharson writes: "A number of Strathallians out here are serving as officers in the Indian Army and I met a fellow Macmillan, who is on some tea garden, in Calcutta when he was down for an interview. Funnily enough, I recognised him by his Strathallian tie, and as he was at School long before me I would not otherwise have known him. I went over and spoke to him and we had a long talk about old times at School." Mr. Farquharson also mentions that his younger brother who has just been posted to a regiment found one of his brother officers was Mr. Willie Roy. Another O.S. whom Mr. Farquharson meets frequently is Mr. Willie Scott who was School full back and fast bowler in days gone by. In closing, Mr. Farquharson deplors the fact that his firm hold him as a key man which prevents him from joining up, although we here hold that the more key men Strathallan produces the better.

We congratulate last year's School Captain, Mr. William R. Hunter, who has passed as a cadet officer into the Indian Army. He is to be stationed at Bangalore and if there are any Old Strathallians in that region perhaps they will get in touch with Mr. Hunter at the Military College. Perhaps Lieut. Gordon Watt, who is with the Queen's Own Guides, might remember

that Mr. Hunter was introduced to him when he paid a visit to Strathallan during his last leave.

We have heard that Mr. J. K. Cowper, who has been in Australia for over a year, joined the Northern Territorial Royal Field Artillery and, as is usual with Strathallians, he has now gained two stripes and has been recommended for a commission. He is now in training with a school of artillery in New South Wales.

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These notes have just gone to the printer and he has promised to squeeze in the following item of news: Strathallan School, 17 points; Dollar Academy, nil. This was the opening match of the season for Strathallan and the team has by no means settled down, but this result augurs well for the future and, what is more, the side is a very young one.

BIRTHS.

COWAN.—At Parkgrove Nursing Home, Glasgow, on 17th May, 1940, to Captain and Mrs. J. B. Maitland Cowan of Whitecraigs, a daughter.

IRVINE.—At 16 Windsor Avenue, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire, on 3rd March, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Irvine, a son.

REID.—At Dalveen, Thorntonhall, on 5th February, 1940, to Captain and Mrs. N. Guthrie Reid, Kincaig, Neidpath Road, Whitecraigs, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

ROY—EDWARDS.—On 30th April, 1940, at Plymouth, Charles Lambert Roy of Perth, to Miriam Edwards of Plymouth.

DEATHS.

On 6th January, 1940, at the British Hospital, Buenos Aires, Robert Balfour, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Balfour, Las Invernadas, San Eduardo, Argentine.

On 1st May, 1940, whilst on active service, David Robertson Wood, elder son of Mr. David Wood and the late Mrs. Wood, Meadowbank, Pitheavlis, Perth.

On 14th September, 1940, whilst on active service, Ian Leslie MacDonald, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. MacDonald, Benview, Carolside Avenue, Clarkston, Glasgow.

List of Members—continued

<i>No.</i>	<i>Dates of attendance at Strathallan.</i>	<i>Name and Address.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Dates of attendance at Strathallan.</i>	<i>Name and Address.</i>
185.		Ferguson, S. S., c/o Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., Jamshed Katak Chambers, Machi Miani, Karachi, India.	253.	1934/40	Geddes, Ian C., 143 Market Street, St. Andrews, Fife.
61.	1916/17	Ferguson, T., Port Commission, Rangoon.	204.	1935/37	Gjertsen, R. R. B., Craigholm, Leven, Fife.
153.	1929/35	Fergusson, George, Alexandra House, Kirkealdy.	166.	1925/30	Grant, F. W., Montague House, Marshfield, Chippenham, Wilts.
177.	1933/36	Forbes, A. G., 12 Lyndhurst Gardens, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.	233.	1927/29	Grant, G. Mitchell, Rose Cottage, Leven, Fife.
173.	1932/36	Forrest, John G. S., Arden, Eastwoodmains Road, W., Giffnock, Renfrewshire.	228.	1937/38	Grant, Wm. J. M., 3 Balmuldry Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow.
60.	1917/19	Forrest, J. H., c/o Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, Beaver Hall Buildings, Montreal.	149.	1930/35	Gray, A. G. R., 88 Picton Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad.
179.	1922/24	Fraser, Alex., jun., Priorybank, W. Victoria Road, Kirkealdy.	132.	1929/34	Hamilton, Hugh B., jr., P.O. Box 664, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.
181.	1925/27	Fraser, Henry, Priorybank, W. Victoria Road, Kirkealdy.	182.	1927/32	Harley, E. C., 1 Hillpark Terrace, Wormit, Fife.
180.	1922/25	Fraser, R. Ritchie, 8 Bennoch Avenue, Kirkealdy.	44.	1925/28	Hart, E., 115 St. Andrew's Drive, Pollokshields, Glasgow.
48.	1926/30	Fraser, S., c/o Hudson Bay Company, 100 McGill Street, Montreal.	159.	1931/35	Hay, Drummond, Glenearn, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire.
195.	1932/37	Fulton, D., 15 Douglas Avenue, Burnside.	19.	1920/23	Hays, D., c/o Dunlop Rubber Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
117.	1920/24	Galloway, Leonard, 15 Nairn Street, Dundee.	55.	1926/30	Henderson, I. D., 6 Newton Place, Charing Cross, Glasgow.
115.	1920/24	Galloway, Wilfred, 9 Binsted Avenue, Dundee.	210.	1920/22	Hepburn, J. Harley, Coniston, Boglily Road, Kirkealdy.
106.	1929/33	Gardner, D. S., 86 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock.	62.	1920/25	Hird, Walter J., c/o Fabrica Argentina de Alpargatas, Patricios 1053, Buenos Aires.
			121.	1927/29	Holmes, John, jr., Drumharrow, Luncarty, Perth.
			247.	1933/39	Hood, D. Ruthven, 28 Prestwick Road, Ayr.

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