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## School Notes and Notices

THE Summer Term of the 1944-45 Session will linger for long in our memories. If it is true that our life, indeed the scale of values by which we assess life, changed completely at the declaration of war on that black September Sunday of 1939, it is also true that the cessation of hostilities in Europe on VE Day in May, 1945, lifting as it did the black cloud of war from our country, wrought an equally marked change in our circumstances and our outlook. We at Strathallan, in common with most of our kinsfolk in Scotland, have been blessed in being spared many of the terrors of war. Sometimes in the peaceful surroundings of our School we almost forgot the existence of the bomb and the other ugly paraphernalia of war, yet we knew in our hearts that these things were just round the corner. So it was that VE Day, when it came, was hailed as the festal day of the year, making everything else seem entirely insignificant by contrast. The proclamation of victory in Europe came, as the reader will remember, somewhat unexpectedly, but we think that Strathallan celebrated VE Day in a loyal and fitting manner. The day opened with a parade of the whole School on the lawn, with the A.T.C. and A.C.F. and a section of the Boy Scouts in uniform to salute the flag as it was

“broken” from the flag-staff on the School House. Then we attended School Chapel in a glad if solemn frame of mind to give humble thanks to God, who “has been our Refuge and Strength.” We sang the hymns vigorously, we listened to the prayer and Bible reading intently, for they all seemed to have a new significance. And after the service was over we proceeded to let off steam in plenty of ways, to really “let ourselves go!” There were aquatic sports in the Swimming Bath, a House cross-country race, all the fun of the sideshows of a fair improvised in the Gym, and the domestic staff gave every possible assistance, and rose nobly to the occasion, even at the expense of postponing their own celebrations. A return to a more sober note came as we listened to the King’s speech from the wireless in the Common-room. Then out again to enjoy to the full the burning of Hitler’s effigy on the huge bonfire that had been erected by the efforts of the Scouts. After songs at the bonfire with rival choruses and conductors, a very tired School proceeded somewhat late to bed to look forward to the week-end’s holiday that was to follow.

As if to remind us of the “peaceful years” that had returned we had the pleasure of

a visit by H. B. Rowan's Empire XI, the first time since the war started that Mr. Rowan has been able to take a team of celebrities on tour. Again the whole School really enjoyed itself. The conditions were perfect, the sky was blue, the sun shone brightly, and our visitors congratulated us on the beauty of the lawn, the condition of the pitch, and the standard of our team. Constantine and his stars gave the boys great encouragement and useful advice, in the informal coaching which they conducted before lunch. The match itself was, by common consent, something of a triumph for Strathallan cricketers, who, a comparatively young team, lacking the cricketing tuition normally given in pre-war days, rose to the occasion and made the score of 105 against their famous opponents. We thank Mr. Rowan and the Empire XI heartily for the day's sport, and we hope we shall have the pleasure of more visits from them in 1946 and the years to come. We will comment here that the policy of isolation of the rival game of golf has apparently been justified; facilities for golfers will continue to be restricted in future!

Strathallians, both present pupils and Old Boys, will be grateful to know that their Headmaster has been allocated a seat on the Headmasters' Conference. This means that Strathallan has taken another stride forward, since the School, for the first time in its history, has been recognised as a Public School. The two things which have made this possible are the new and independent character of the School working under the trust deed of our founder, Mr. Riley, and the enrolment at British Universities of former pupils of Strathallan as undergraduates in reasonably substantial numbers. It is the duty and privilege of the pupils of the School to make certain that the second of these two necessary qualifications never lapses.

The former pupils of the School are fairly well represented as students at Cambridge, Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities, and the number will be increased by boys who

have gained university entrance as the result of the Leaving School Examinations held during the session. In the Scottish Senior Certificate held in March sixteen out of twenty candidates were successful and several boys who gained certificates in 1944 sat papers in additional subjects. Two boys sat the papers in Higher Music, an innovation for Strathallan, and we congratulate both on their success. It may be mentioned that in music, candidates have to satisfy the examiners both in the theory and executive branches of the subject. Three candidates sat the Cambridge Higher School Certificate taking the Science group of subjects, and all were successful. Five boys sat the Pre-registration Examinations of Edinburgh University for prospective medical students, three passing outright and a fourth passing the Physics paper. The Cambridge School Certificate Examinations in July produced seven passes out of ten candidates.

On the whole, the School has enjoyed an interesting and successful session on the sports side, although the rugger fixtures were curtailed owing to German measles in the Winter Term and the weather conditions after the Christmas holidays. The boys thoroughly enjoyed three weeks' skating in the early part of the Spring Term, and the pond had the record thickness of eleven inches of ice by the end of the cold spell. The year 1946 will see a return to peacetime arrangements for Sports Day, which will be held on Thursday, 30th May, and will be followed by the mid-term holiday lasting until the following Monday evening. The half-term holiday in November, introduced on account of the difficulties encountered by parents travelling to Forgardenny in war-time, will be discontinued, and boys will be allowed out twice during the terms (on Saturday or Sunday) with their parents.

We also hope to resume the various activities connected with the Old Boys' Club in 1946. The first of these will be on Old Boys Day, Saturday, 29th June, when the usual cricket match and other sports contests will take place between representatives

of the Old Boys and present pupils. This is the place to remind the School that a Cup is awarded annually as a result of this day's contests, and in 1939—the last occasion on which this function was held—the Old Boys scored by winning the Cup. It is also proposed to hold a Founder's Day on the first Saturday in October. There will be a Chapel Service at 2.15 p.m., followed by the placing of a wreath on Mr. Riley's grave in the village churchyard. Founder's Day will close with the annual rugby contest between the Old Boys and the School.

We hope in the near future to welcome back the masters of the teaching staff who have been away in the Services. Meantime the staffing arrangements remain much as they have been during the last two years, valuable help being given by the members of the temporary staff. Of these, Miss B. G. Howard has received the appointment of Mathematics Mistress at Derby High School for girls, and the Headmaster records with gratitude the valuable help which Miss Howard has rendered in the Mathematics Department during the last four years. Her place has been filled by the appointment of Miss M. G. Hamilton, M.A. Miss B. Treacy left us at Easter to take up an appointment in Preston, and in her stead the School History is in the hands of Mr. A. Dewar, M.A.

We have an able School Captain for the session 1945-46 in the person of David Shamon, who has already served his apprenticeship with distinction as a School prefect. With J. G. Sandeman, J. M. Burnett, D. F. Mackenzie, and J. D. Stevenson, as House Captain of Simpson, Nicol, Freeland and Ruthven respectively, and A. R. Pate as Captain of Rugby, house organisation and discipline should again be on a sound basis during the session.

The Headmaster and the Secretary of the Old Boys' Club are delighted with the increase in membership during the last five

years, principally as a result of boys becoming life or ordinary members immediately after leaving School. The Club should soon be in a position to resume its pre-war activities. It has always served as a valuable aid in cementing school friendships—those intimate personal relationships formed in boyhood yet so difficult to establish in later life. The ideal is that all boys on leaving School should become members of the Strathallian Club.

The staff and boys of Strathallan tender their heartiest congratulations to David Bogie, the Chairman of our Board of Governors, on the occasion of his wedding, which took place in August. Recently returned from a P.O.W. camp in Germany, we are looking forward to Mr. Bogie's association with us in official functions. We wish him every happiness in his future life.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**SPORTS DAY:**

**Thursday, 30th May, 1946.**

**OLD BOYS' DAY:**

**Saturday, 29th June, 1946.**

**FOUNDER'S DAY:**

**Saturday, 5th October, 1946.**



## Roll of Honour

"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."

- ANDERSON, Peter Gordon, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
- BARRIE, James W., Private, Gordon Highlanders.
- BROWN, Stanley Sinclair, Lieut., Royal Artillery.
- BRYCE, Archibald Monro, Lieut., 15/19 King's Royal Hussars.
- CRAIG, James Wilson, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
- DON, Charles, Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.A.
- FORREST, John Gordon Scott, Lieut., R.N.V.R.A.
- FRASER, Alexander Dalgety, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
- FULTON, John Wilson, Lieut., 2nd Lothian and Border Yeomanry.
- GOODBRAND, Edward Hutcheon, Lieut., R.N.V.R.
- GRAHAM, Henry Robert Balfour, Private, 1st Bn. Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.
- HARKNESS, John Furness, Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R.
- IRONS, David Murray, Captain, 6th Black Watch.
- KIRKLAND, David, R.A.F.V.R.
- LEBURN, George Watt, Lieut., Royal Engineers.
- LUKE, Ronald Vivian, Captain, Royal Artillery.
- McBRIDE, James McAllister, Flight Lieut., R.A.F.V.R.
- McCOLL, Robert Smith, 2nd Lieut., 1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry.
- McDONALD, Ian Leslie, Sergeant/Pilot, R.A.F.V.R.
- McINTYRE, John Alexander Ross, Sub-Lieut. (A), R.N.V.R.
- MACKAY, Edward Bruce, Lieut., R.N.V.R.
- McLACHLAN, William Allison, Lieut., R.N.V.R.
- MACNAUGHTON, Douglas Henry, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
- MELVILLE, Andrew Macdougall, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
- MITCHELL, John, R.A.F.V.R.
- MITCHELL, Matthew, Captain.
- MOODIE, Arthur M., L/Cpl., A.I.F.
- ORR, John Ronald, Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R.
- PATON, P. M., Corporal, The Black Watch.
- PAUL, Robert Lamont, Paymaster Lieut., R.N.V.R.
- ROBERTSON, . Weston James, Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
- SMITH, Norman J. W., Merchant Navy.
- THOMSON, Derek, R.A.F.V.R.
- WALDIE, W. J., Lieut., Royal Seaforth Highlanders.
- WHITE, S. K., Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
- WILLS, William, Major, R.S.F.
- WILSON, Ian A. D., Lieut., R.N.V.R.
- WILSON, John Dalton, Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
- WOOD, David, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.



BROWN, Stanley Sinclair, Lieut., Royal Artillery.

Killed in Normandy, 17th July, 1944.

Lieut. Stanley S. Brown, the younger of two brothers from Rutherglen, Glasgow, was at Strathallan School from 1936 to 1939. He will be remembered as a boy of dauntless personality, capable of tackling everything with enthusiasm. During his last year at School he rose to the position of prefect, in which position he did well. Then, after obtaining his Leaving Certificate in 1939, he entered the profession of accountancy. Joining the army, he again made a success of his career, and in 1944 was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery. Then came the adventure of D-Day, and the sad news that he was killed in Normandy on 17th July, 1944. To his parents and brother, Oswald, who is a Squadron-Leader in the R.A.F., Strathallians express their deepest sympathy.

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GOODBRAND, Edward Hutcheon, Lieut., R.N.V.R.

Killed on active service near Ceylon, 25th June, 1945.

Lieut. Edward H. Goodbrand of Aberdeen was at Strathallan from 1937 to 1941. As a boy, although full of fun, Eddie was steady and reliable, and it was no surprise to his companions that his last year at School found him filling with distinction the post of School prefect. He joined up in the Fleet Air Arm and, after being trained, was sent out on operations in the Far East. In the early part of 1945 he was on convoy escort work. Tragically, he was killed in a flying accident which occurred off the coast of Ceylon on 25th June, 1945. His aircraft was seen to be in difficulties, and finally crashed into the sea. Aircraft and ships searched for some six hours, but no trace was found, and it is assumed that Eddie tried to save the aircraft instead of baling out. Our sincere sympathy goes to his parents and brother.

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McINTYRE, John Alexander Ross, Sub-Lieut. (A), R.N.V.R.

Killed on active service in the Far East.

Sub-Lieut. J. A. Ross McIntyre of Dundee will be remembered and mourned by all Strathallians who were at School between

1937 and 1941. At School he was a boy who endeared himself by the charm of his personality to the hearts of all who knew him—school companions and members of the School staff. Obtaining his Leaving Certificate in 1941, he joined a firm of accountants in Dundee, did well there and obtained Part I of his chartered accountant's examination. The adventure of flying attracted him, and he volunteered for the Fleet Air Arm. While stationed in St. Andrews, Ross revisited his old school, and then went abroad to Trinidad for the main part of his training. Then he obtained his commission as Sub-Lieutenant, and was posted to the Far East. It came as a great shock in the midst of the VE celebrations, to receive news that he had been killed on active service. To his mother and his brother Hamish, who was also a pupil at Strathallan, we extend our deepest sympathy.

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PATON, P. M., Corporal, 4th Bn. Black Watch.

Killed 19th April, 1944.

Corporal P. M. Paton came to Strathallan at the age of fifteen years, somewhat older than the average new boy. Nevertheless, he soon settled down at school, was well liked by everybody, and took a keen interest in every activity which Strathallan afforded. On leaving School, he took up banking as a career with the National Bank of Scotland in Jedburgh. He was called up in July, 1939, and joined The Black Watch in Perth. Going to France with the First Expeditionary Force in January 1940, he was taken prisoner at St. Valery in June of that year, and remained in Germany until it was invaded by the B.L.A. He was killed in the terribly tragic incident in West Germany on 19th April, 1945, when a British P.O.W. column, driven from Camp 357 in Germany, after being on the march for thirteen days, was mistakenly machine-gunned and bombed by an R.A.F. machine. We extend our deepest sympathy to his parents in their bereavement.

## Sports, 1945

WHEN on VE Day it was decided to hold a cross-country run (an innovation which has come to stay), and when W. R. Armstrong and D. K. Common, both running for Freeland, came in first and third respectively—with J. A. Whamond for Ruthven claiming second place—it was not very difficult to forecast that Freeland would come off best on Sports Day. The prophets did not waver when the heats went in favour of Simpson with 49 points and Nicol with 45. Sports Day was held on the 8th June and the prophets were able to say, "I told you so," for Freeland not only gained a comfortable majority of individual points, but also won the Relay Race as well as the Senior and the Junior Swimming Relay Races. Furthermore they had the distinction of providing both the Senior Sports Champion, W. R. Armstrong (29 points) and the runner-up, D. K. Common (16 points). Indeed, Freeland failed only in the Tug-o'-war, which was won by Nicol from Ruthven. It may be mentioned in passing that gaining second place in the Tug-o'-war was Ruthven's one achievement. In all other House events they fared badly and on Sports Day produced a rather meagre aggregate. Better luck next time! Very different is Nicol's record: first, as we have already said, in the "tug," they had to be content with third place in the individual athletic events, but monopolised second place in every other inter-house competition, viz. Senior and Junior Rugby, Senior and Junior Cricket, Tennis and all Relay Races, and they were still second when we came to reckon up the totals and award the Blue Flags. Who won the Blue Flags? Freeland, whose athletic prowess we have already praised? No, it was Simpson who, on Sports Day, came in second but who, after giving away the Junior Cricket, won first place in all the remaining competitions on the playing fields and tennis courts, and who, incidentally, also produced the Junior Sports Champions, C. E. Allardyce and D. C. Thomson (10 points each).

The following is the list of winners and runners-up of all events not already mentioned.

### Open Events.

One Mile—1, W. R. Armstrong; 2, D. K. Common.  
 880 Yards—1, W. R. Armstrong; 2, D. K. Common.  
 440 Yards—1, W. R. Armstrong; 2, D. K. Common.  
 220 Yards—1, D. F. Mackenzie; 2, W. R. Armstrong.  
 100 Yards—1, D. F. Mackenzie; 2, R. A. Voigt.  
 High Jump—1, F. C. Kelly; 2, R. A. Voigt.  
 Long Jump—1, D. K. Common; 2, G. T. Lamond.  
 Hurdles—1, W. R. Armstrong.  
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—  
 1, D. J. Fenton; 2, G. W. Pate.  
 Putting the Shot—1, E. Yates; 2, A. R. Pate.

### Under 16 Events.

880 Yards—1, C. E. Allardyce; 2, D. N. Paterson.  
 440 Yards—1, C. E. Allardyce; 2, D. N. Paterson.  
 220 Yards—1, E. B. Fairlie; 2, W. M. McGregor.  
 100 Yards—1, W. M. McGregor; 2, E. B. Fairlie.  
 High Jump—1, D. C. Thomson; 2, I. D. Keith.  
 Long Jump—1, D. C. Thomson; 2, W. M. McGregor.  
 Hurdles—1, D. C. Thomson.  
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—  
 1, F. H. Hamilton; 2, C. E. Allardyce.

### Under 14 Events.

220 Yards—1, B. E. Marr; 2, N. G. Brown.  
 100 Yards—1, N. G. Brown; 2, B. E. Marr.  
 High Jump—1, N. G. Brown; 2, B. E. Marr.  
 Long Jump—1, B. E. Marr; 2, R. H. H. Gibson.  
 Obstacle Race—K. Frost and J. C. Shaw.

### Under 12 Events.

80 Yards—1, K. B. Gray.  
 High Jump—1, K. B. Gray.  
 Long Jump—1, K. B. Gray.  
 Obstacle Race—1, K. B. Gray and R. M. Murison.  
 Sack Race—1, K. B. Gray and H. W. F. McIntyre.

### Swimming Events.

Dive—1, I. McLauchlan; 2, D. N. Paterson.  
 The following were awarded points for obtaining the Swimming Badge:—I. B. Ferguson, R. H. H. Brechin, I. M. Aitkenhead, A. W. Wallace, F. C. Kelly, D. N. Paterson, A. E. Dawson; and for swimming the quarter-mile:—I. B. Ferguson, A. K. Morton, William Jackson, I. P. Johnston, I. M. Aitkenhead, A. E. Dawson.

We now look forward with great expectations to our first post-war Sports Day, but not without offering our hearty congratulations to all the victors of the past few years who have no medals to show for their achievements but who competed and won for the sake of the game and the honour of the House.

A. J. S.

## Chapel Notes

FOR some years past now, it has been the custom to ask the parish minister of Forgandenny to conduct our Sunday morning service once every month. The Rev. W. Mailer Yule was the local padre until his resignation in the Autumn of 1944, and we are grateful to him for the many kindnesses which he has shown to the staff and boys of the School, for the encouragement we received from his visits, and for the instruction and spiritual advice always contained in his addresses. We wish him a long and happy retirement. His successor is the Rev. Allan Cameron, who, taking up his charge in the early summer of 1945, has already become a well-known figure at Strathallan, for we often see him at School cricket matches, and on the tennis courts as well as in the Chapel pulpit. Before coming to Forgandenny he was Principal of Church of Scotland College at Calcutta, India. We would like to thank the Rev. Andrew Reid of Forteviot for his inspiring address at the end of the Spring Term on manliness and moral courage. Other visiting speakers during the session

have been two old friends of Strathallan, Mr. Phil. Petty of the Scripture Union, and Captain Baker of Thimble-row Mission, Perth.

The introduction of the School violins into the Chapel services, both on Sundays and week days, has done much to enhance the beauty of the services. The School choir has tackled much new work with success, and is gradually acquiring an extensive repertoire. It need not be quite so bashful when singing a new melody for the first time!

One word about the Chapel collection. It has been the School tradition to allocate half the money collected to local charities and institutions. This year, as usual, £20 was sent as a contribution to the Christmas Treat for the poor children of Thimble-row district in Perth, £5 to the local Forgandenny church, and £5 to the Children's Treat in Forgandenny village. The remainder of the collection is used partly in meeting ordinary Chapel expenses, and partly in accumulating a Chapel Improvements Fund.

## The Easter Concert

LAST year already we were privileged to write a criticism of the Easter Concert.

We cannot remember exactly what we wrote, but we hope that we refrained from lavish superlatives or we shall be hard put to it to do justice to this year's performance. The work of the intervening twelve months has plainly resulted in an advance: we expected this and we were not disappointed. The present critic lays no claim to any technical knowledge of music; he is not even sure that his appreciation would always be accepted as sound, but to him, at least, it does seem that the Concert given on the 23rd March was of such a high standard that he can well afford, after these preliminary remarks, to criticise adversely anything he can lay his finger on—to pick faults, in fact.

The Senior Orchestra—we noticed with pleasure that it had increased since last year to piano, two cellos, and seven violins—made an excellent beginning with "A Swedish Folk Dance." Our pleasure was marred only by an over-loud piano which tended to drown the other instruments. This defect

is, we presume, almost unavoidable when, as in this case, the conductor is also the pianist. To achieve perfect balance the conductor should be able to stand back and hear the orchestra as a whole and so have the same advantage as his audience—and his critics. The same wish—that the cover of the piano might be closed—obtruded itself again when later on the Orchestra accompanied the Senior Choir in a spirited rendering of German's "The Yeomen of England." This time the singers' lusty voices suffered at times the same fate as the strings. The combination of Choir and Orchestra was heard at its best in "Quittez Pasteurs" by Hazellhurst, which, incidentally, delightfully concluded a delightful programme. Bach's "Rondo in B Minor" (were the cellos slightly flat? To the writer's untrained ear they seemed to be) and "Bouree in G" were also excellently performed by the Orchestra, but if we had to distinguish we should give pride of place to Hartley's "March," played by the combined Senior and Junior Orchestras under the direction



of Mr. McGlynn: simple but pleasing music almost perfectly rendered. Here was co-ordination "par excellence."

In all their other numbers the Choirs were accompanied by the Trio (Mr. Mordecai, Mr. Oaten, and F. Blacklaws). This was a pleasing innovation and Mr. Mordecai, who arranged the music, is to be congratulated. We have nothing but praise for the work of the Trio, and very little but praise for that of the Choirs, but we ask again, as we did last year, why cannot the words of the songs be learnt by heart? The music is. We do not believe that the boys are heard to best advantage when their heads are bent (their faces at times almost hidden from the audience), or that they can satisfactorily divide their attention between their sheets of words and the conductor—at least not without a great deal of experience. This probably explains why in the singing and playing of "Drake's Drum" the Choir and the Trio seemed to be out of sympathy. They certainly did not observe the same tempo, but appeared at times to be racing against each other. Other items on the Choir and Trio programme were "The Old Superb" (superbly done), Purcell's "Nymphs and Shepherds," Boughton's "Fairy Chorus" (at times so daintily fairy-like as to be almost inaudible), Bach's "Wachet Auf" and "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring," and "To a Wild Rose" by McDowell. May we again voice a preference? We do so, conscious that many protesting voices will be raised, for "The Wild Rose." Here the combination of the Junior Choir and the Trio was heard at its best, and the cello (Mr. Oaten) weaved a beautiful pattern of sound which almost suggested the fragrance of the dew-beaded eglantine.

There were two vocal solos. "Rose among the Heather," sung by C. E. Allardyce, we have heard better done. It sounded and fell just a little flat. The best part of Allardyce's rendering was his almost perfect enunciation. How lovely sounded the Scotch "r" in the word "rose." Schubert's other song on the programme, "Who is Sylvia," sung by D. Shannon, was beautiful. The same adjective applies to the vocal duet by N. G. Brown and Keith Frost, "It was a Lover and his Lass." Where was Brown's nervousness of yesteryear? Liquid sound, balanced harmony, and every word as clear as the note on which it floated. The audience shewed that their judgment was sound. They demanded that

this item among so many good ones should be repeated. They clapped and "encored" until it was. The next most popular number was, we think, F. Blacklaw's playing of Handel's "Sonata in F Major," followed, as an encore, by "Minuet and Trio" by Mozart. Of the two instrumental duets, Schubert's "Marche Militaire," by G. W. Pate and E. B. Fairlie, was too slow and lacked synchronisation, whilst Chopin's "Prelude" was played by J. Thomson and J. A. Whamond with the excellence we have come to expect from the violins.

Several instrumental solos remain yet to be mentioned. A. R. Pate gave a most adequate rendering of "Valse in C Sharp Minor" by Chopin. Against D. L. Mason's contribution, "Rustle of Spring," we find we have written on our programme the one word: excellent. D. M. Whamond delighted his audience with his finished playing of Bohn's "Moto Perpetuo." The music flowed from his instrument as cool and unruffled as if it could indeed flow on for ever. But the most delightful surprise of the evening, to us at least, was the playing of Bach's "Prelude in C Minor," by Ben E. Marr. From the piano at which he sat the winged notes soared heavenwards, and we were uplifted with them. The music was lovely, the playing immaculate.

In conclusion we wish to congratulate all concerned, and in particular Mr. Mordecai, who throughout the evening conducted, accompanied and worked to the end to make this Concert the success which it undoubtedly was.

A. J. S

#### THE PEACE OF EVENING.

Far out to sea the sun descends.  
A seagull slowly soars on high  
As homeward bound at last an I,  
While down below the long road bends  
That leads me to my home; and wends  
Its way towards the western sky  
Where sunlight gleams its last. I try  
In vain to make out where the pathway ends.

I reach my door as darkness falls.  
My cares and troubles fly away.  
Now peace pervades my soul, and calls  
That dead is yet another day.  
O may sweet dreams my rest secure  
Until I wake refreshed and pure.

W. D. S.



## The Christmas Concert

THE Christmas Concert was given in the Gymnasium on the evening of 12th December. The programme was vigorously compered by Mr. Shaw, while Mr. Mordecai was in charge of the music.

The programme consisted of songs, a ballet, instrumental music, sketches and two one-act plays. The sketches were not up to Strathallan standard. "The Last Bet" was, we thought, unconvincing, and the actors, J. A. S. Crawford, A. R. Pate, and F. C. Kelly, played as if they thought so, too. "The Boaster," written by A. K. Morton, was considerably better. The author, as we quite expected, was good; we also liked J. P. Allardyce's "Stranger." D. B. Guy acted well enough, but D. B. King and I. P. Johnston were obviously inexperienced. "The Crew are Believed to be Safe" again lacked subtlety of conception, but this did not appear to discourage the actors. R. T. F. Wilson's hysterics were distinctly good. G. W. Pate was a rather shy skipper, and J. R. Jordan and R. L. Peters put up a tolerable performance.

The most distinguished of the solo instrumentalists were certainly R. H. Patterson at the piano and F. W. Blacklaws on the violin. It is a pity they did not choose music more worthy of their talents. Patterson, who has a happy touch, and would play Chopin well, gave us a piece called "Rendez-Vous" by one Aletter. "Bolero" by C. Bohm is not music, but it gives opportunity for vigorous fingering, to which Blacklaws was quite equal.

D. M. Whamond played the "Simple Aven" with a far less finished technique but with tenderness and sincerity. The audience plainly enjoyed his playing. Later his brother, J. A. Whamond, played a Brahms Waltz with J. Thomson. This also was played well and it pleased.

We do not think the mixing of the Orchestra and the Band was wise. Let us have one or the other—each was good: we do not know which we would prefer—but let us not, in one programme, have both.

We now advert to the ballet "Cœur Navré," presented by I. D. Stuart, P. Lawrence and L. Barclay. Of Stuart, we can say little, for he did nothing but appear. Lawrence had aptitude, but lacked training. Barclay seems to have both but,

though experiments should seldom be condemned, we do not recommend ballet for a School Christmas Concert.

The first of the two plays, "The Dear Departed," a dowdy, dated comedy making humorous capital out of an indelicate theme, might nowadays be sustained with difficulty by the most brilliant acting. Only one of the Strathallan cast excelled. Keith Frost easily stole the play. Of the rest, L. Barclay was good enough, but his voice lacks resonance; his stage manners, however, were natural and unembarrassed. So much can also be said of D. K. Common, whose part had nothing to commend it. I. D. Stuart made an appropriately inelegant Mrs. Slater. A. K. Findlay had the makings of a good Ben Jordan, but suffered from the short-comings of some of his fellow actors and of the play. D. J. Fenton acted the title-role as if he were thoroughly enjoying himself. The audience enjoyed him, too. We are sorry we cannot be more enthusiastic, but the praise of a critic—who is committed to nothing else—is without value and effect.

We turn then with joy to "Campbell of Kilmohr," which was as good as "The Dear Departed" was mediocre. We must, of course, regret that Nicol, who had originally been cast for the part of Campbell, had subsequently to defect owing to pressure of examination work and that his place had to be taken by the producer, but the audience can scarcely have regretted to be presented with so good a performance. Nicol, we are told by Mr. Shaw, promised to excel. We would like to think his performance would have been as good as the more experienced man's—it could not have been better. Between the other actors in excellence it is not easy to distinguish. Shall we give the palm to Shannon's "Dugald"—a performance wholly dignified and convincing? What then of Fairlie? His was a more difficult part, to which he put forth all his powers, and he moved his audience as a true actor should. Morag's was a small part, but Mason did it perfectly, never obtrusive, always sincere. Lamond's "Sandeman" and Fingland's "Clerk" were not on a level with these three, but they were far from disgracing it. Even the soldiers pleased. The staging was magnificently done. Lighting, atmosphere, the producer's preliminary narrative told in

complete darkness to Mr. Mordecai's perfect piano accompaniment, all are for praise. This was a play and a playing we shall never forget.

What else shall we remember of the evening with like pleasure? David Shannon, in the course of the prologue to "Campbell

of Kilmohr," singing "The Skye Boat Song," the Captain of the School, handsome and kilted, sending a murmur of admiration through the stalls—the village and its ladies were the evening's guests—or "Where'er you Walk," sung by Falconer, a nervous treble singing a very lovely song?

W. T.

## "Laburnum Grove"

By the Dramatic Society.

THE cast chosen to act "Laburnum Grove" at the end of the Easter Term had a particularly difficult task. In the first place, "Laburnum Grove" is a play one either likes or dislikes; the appreciation of it requires a certain turn of mind, a certain sense of humour. Its comedy—and J. B. Priestley does call it a "Comedy in Three Acts"—is not broad. It seldom raises a laugh, but, on the other hand, it should keep one chuckling most of the time—provided one has that sense of humour. It might be called a Comedy-Thriller (if one is thrilled by the clash between the police and the law-breaker), but in all its thrills there is nothing of the melodrama so beloved by schoolboys. Secondly, "Journey's End," presented in the previous year, was still fresh in our memories. It had set a new standard by which future plays were to be judged. For some time previous to the performance of "Laburnum Grove" the question was being asked, "Will it be as good as 'Journey's End'?" It wasn't, but it was very far from being a failure. Every member of the audience to whom we spoke after the show agreed that he had thoroughly enjoyed it, and the proof of the pudding is, after all, in the eating.

What faults there were were largely due to inexperience. The Dramatic Society had lost many of the best actors it had trained. Two members of the cast of "Laburnum Grove" could claim to have appeared in "Journey's End." Three more had previously taken part in one-act plays. The remaining three were quite new to the stage.

The chief fault, we consider, was failure on the actors' parts to "pick up" their cues quickly. If the actors do not keep up the pace they will find it very difficult to keep up the interest of the audience and, in this case, certain scenes were undoubtedly

somewhat slow. The player who, in this respect, offended least was probably W. A. S. Dryden, the nagging wife of the lazy, parasitic Bernard, played by D. K. Common. Common carried off his part well; when he got down into an armchair he seemed to be of a piece with it. The quarrelling and bickering indulged in by this couple was well worked up and belonged to the best scenes of the evening. To Common fell the task of providing much of the comedy. A. K. Findlay, as Joe Pletten, was responsible for the rest—he did his share adequately; we would like to say he did it well, but we have seen Findlay on the stage before and he has done better things. The most important part, that of George Radfern, the quiet, suburban, extremely likeable forger, fell to A. M. Nicol. He sustained the long difficult role without brilliance but also without disgrace. The words did not always seem to come effortlessly. Occasionally we had the impression that in thinking of his next words Nicol forgot to be George Radfern; yet he should have been reminded of the fact by his wife Dorothy, admirably portrayed in all her homely virtues by E. B. Fairlie, who, at times, seemed to be almost inspired. We shall always remember him sitting at the table darning his "husband's" socks. If it was not inspiration it was experience. Does Fairlie darn his own socks? We must ask him. The third member of the Radfern family, Elsie, was played by L. Barclay. Barclay's weak point is his speech. His enunciation is not always clear and his voice lacks volume. He would benefit by a few lessons in elocution. He certainly has aptitude. He knows how to move gracefully about the stage. But there was more than that to his performance. How worried and perplexed Elsie was at the stories she heard about her father! Yes, that was it. At times, at least, there was in Barclay's acting

a sincerity which makes us hope that we shall see him on the stage next year. G. C. Donald gave a rather colourless, unconvincing portrayal of Harold Russ, Elsie's "young man," but then Harold is a rather unconvincing, colourless kind of chap, so, perhaps, G. C. Donald did very well.

Now one cannot have a forger—even if he does live in the suburbs and is quite a family man—carrying on his trade indefinitely without the police poking in its nose some time or other. So enter Inspector Stack. Stack was played by P. C. Kelly, and very well Kelly did it. He was the quiet, unassuming but dangerous and extremely efficient detective through and through. We longed to warn Mrs. Radfern to be on her guard, for Stack *was* efficient and Kelly made him live. The battle of wits between Inspector Stack and Mr. Radfern was also very well done and held the audience.

At the beginning of this account we said that the cast had a particularly difficult task. We should have added that they also had all the advantages of the excellent staging which has become a feature of the School plays. We have seen the stage as it was set at the Duchess Theatre, London, where "Laburnum Grove" was produced. It was bigger than the Strathallan stage, not better.

## Lectures

IN the course of the year the School was visited, as usual, by a number of speakers, not a few of whom came to us from the M.O.I. Of these we should like to mention especially Mr. R. G. Loughlin, whose talk on Life in Canada was one of the most interesting we have heard.

Few boys, we imagine, will readily forget Mr. E. R. Broadhead, whose impersonations of the immortal characters of Dickens are in a class by themselves. Mr. Broadhead is a very great and very original artist—we do not merely mean "artiste"—and we look forward to a return visit from him next year.

Special reference may also be made here to the performance of "She Stoops to Conquer," which the School was privileged to see when the Perth Repertory Theatre Company came to Strathallan in the course of the Christmas Term. That this play, classical and dated, should have appealed so much to the very modern boys who made up the audience is greatly to the credit of the large and talented cast who on that day graced our stage.

A. J. S.

## Scouting Notes

THE Scouts have been very active during the past year. The programme for most meetings included work for tests and badges, building of huts, and the usual games, although, perhaps, too little attention was paid to the first (more arduous and exacting) of these varied activities. The outstanding event of the year was, of course, the gaining of the King's Scout badge by P/L R. C. Frost. He worked well during the year, and passed his First Class tests, Ambulance, Cyclist, Pathfinder and Handyman's badges. In addition, his Patrol, the Eagles, is indisputably the most efficient in the Troop.

The loss of T/L John Thomson was very greatly felt, but R. A. M. Kennedy and R. G. McCulloch have carried out their duties as Troop Leaders in a very efficient manner, and deserve the thanks of the Troop.

Field Day this year was held towards the end of June, under ideal conditions. The venue for Field Day was the prospective site for the Summer Camp at Forteviot. The Scoutmaster and most of the Troop travelled by train, while the remainder cycled, and arrived in good time to kindle fires and cook dinner. Mr. Hughes also came along and took part in the subsequent tug-o'-war, in which his side was completely defeated.



The week at Camp, which must have been the dampest week of the Summer, was, despite this, thoroughly enjoyed by the eighteen Scouts present. Camp was situated on the north side of the Earn at Forteviot on a terrace above the river. Water and wood were within easy reach, but milk had to be fetched from the farm some little distance away. Facilities for swimming were very good, and with the kind assistance of G. W. Pate, who paid us a welcome visit, a diving-board was erected. The meals served were remarkably free from the customary "natural" impurities associated with out-door catering, and were, likewise, free from any "singed" flavour. The Scouts fed like lords, and although, on occasion, the soup was of the consistency of a stew, nothing was wasted.

For the purpose of routine duties and games, the camp was divided into three patrols the Nebs, the Heads, and the Bullocks. Games were varied; tracking games were the most popular, and G. R. Bainbridge proved a champion. Many tests were passed, and it was at Camp that R. C. Frost did much of the work for his King's Scout badge. With his brother, K. Frost, he also did his "journey," choosing Crieff as his destination. Cycle-runs to Perth and Dunning were much enjoyed, and the Troop attended divine service on Sunday morning at Forteviot Parish Church.

Entertainment was never lacking, everyone contributing to the mirth and gaiety. On the last evening a mock election was held around the Camp fire, but a projected nocturnal attack on the S/M's tent did not quite work out according to expectation.



Group Captain LORD MALCOLM A. DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, O.B.E., D.F.C.,  
inspecting the A.T.C. Flight.

Among our many visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai, Mr. Walsh, and some former pupils. On the Sunday afternoon the visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Shaw and family. Mr. Ward judged the kit inspection, and the first prize for neatness went to P/L Biggart. Incidentally, the booby prize was awarded to the S/M.

The week went in all too quickly, and everyone was sorry when breaking-up day arrived. The week had been extremely well spent, and a happy time was had by all. It is hoped that there will be many more similar camps, and that the School Troop will go from strength to strength. Be Prepared.

T.R.L.F. and R.C.F.

### A.C.F.

THE A.C.F. continued its parades during the year with few red-letter dates calling for special comment. We may, however, refer to the combined A.C.F. and A.T.C. exercise which took place at the end of the Easter Term, and voice the suggestion that exercises of this kind, on a more ambitious scale, might well be made a regular feature of the training of cadets in khaki and blue.

Throughout the year the training of the Signalling Platoon went on apace in the capable hands of Cpl. D. K. Common. His place will be taken next year by Cadets J. Thom and W. A. S. Dryden, who have attended two holiday courses to fit them for their duties.

At the beginning of the Summer Term some two dozen cadets sat Cert. A, Part I. With the exception of one candidate who found map-reading a stumbling-block, all were successful. By this time the cadets had nearly covered the work required for Part II, which they would have taken at the end of the Summer Term if examining officers had been available. This has now

had to be postponed to the following term, but we have little doubt as to the result.

The O/C wishes to take this opportunity of acknowledging the very great assistance he obtained from Junior Officer I. W. M. Hendry and Sergeant J. N. Armour, and to wish them, as well as all the cadets who have now left the ranks of the Strathallan A.C.F., every success in their future careers.

A. J. S.

### A.T.C., 1944-45

THE School Flight maintained its strength and made good progress throughout the year. A creditable number of cadets gained Proficiency Badges, and most of the Leading Cadets were successful in subjects in Advanced Training. Under the capable leadership of Flt./Sgt. A. M. Nicol, the Unit acquired an exceptionally fine bearing on parade.

During the Easter vacation four of our senior cadets were accepted for admission to special Gunnery Courses at an R.A.F. Station, where they were highly successful. Great commendation goes to our Flight Sergeant, who gained the highest possible mark in each subject of the course.

Throughout the year two special Swimming Certificates were awarded.

The session closed with Annual Training Camps at a Royal Naval Air Station, where the week's programme included a visit to an Aircraft Carrier, and some training in Boating. The regular visits for flying at our parent station have, fortunately, been carried out without interruption.

During the Summer Term the Unit increased to a maximum strength of 58 cadets, and sent a representative, Sgt. D. M. Hastings, to the Special A.T.C. Rally in London during May, 1945.

We welcome Mr. A. Dewar as an additional instructor in Signals.

J. P. R.

## Sports Notes

### RUGBY, 1944-45.

#### 1st XV.

#### Strathallan School v. Morgan Academy.

Home, 23rd September, 1944.

The first match opened favourably for Strathallan and, after ten minutes' play, Lamond went over for a try which was converted by Hendry. After this flying start, however, the Strathallan team lost the initiative and, what was worse, left many gaps in their defence both in the threes and in the forwards. Skilful passing by the Strathallan threes allowed Lamond and Hendry to go over for two unconverted tries. This proved a flash in the pan, and Morgan Academy snapped up three tries, one of which was converted. Just before half-time Lamond, after a good run, scored a try for Strathallan and converted it himself.

In the second half Strathallan were playing against the wind, and were consequently cooped up in their own twenty-five for the rest of the game. The play frequently took the form of hard fights for possession between the opposing packs of forwards, but Morgan scored three times during the second half, all of which were converted. The main reasons for our defeat were the ill-timed passes between scrum and threes, and the poor marking.

Result: Strathallan 16 points; Morgan Academy 39 points.

#### Strathallan School v. John Hall's XV.

Home, 30th September, 1944.

Strathallan lost the toss and were forced to play against the wind in the first half. The game started off very poorly for the present pupils, and after five minutes Lowden went over for an unconverted try for the Old Boys. This was quickly followed by another try by S. Baillie which remained unconverted. The resistance on the part of the School began to stiffen, and it was twenty minutes before Baillie managed to

score another try for the visitors. Hall brought out full points. About five minutes before half-time Nicol, after a brilliant passing movement, scored a try for Strathallan, and Hendry added two points with the kick.

After half-time the schoolboys definitely had the initiative. After ten minutes' play Common dropped a goal for the school, and soon afterwards Hendry went over for another School try. The play then opened out a bit, and after some lively struggles for possession a scrum occurred near the Old Boys' line, and Hendry managed to break through for another unconverted try.

The ball from then on remained in the visitors' half, and about five minutes before full time, Lamond went over for a try which was, however, not converted. The School's superior training, as is usual in games against F.P.'s, gave the boys the lasting power which the visitors lacked.

Result: Strathallan 18 points; John Hall's XV. 11 points.

#### Strathallan School v. No. 8 I.T.C. Home.

7th October, 1944

In this game Strathallan had to rely on their skill to overcome the superior weight of the army team. There was never any real doubt as to the result, for the School immediately took and held the initiative. After about ten minutes' play, Hendry hit the post with a free kick; gathering the ball on the rebound he touched down for Strathallan. He converted the kick himself. For the most of the first half the soldiers were hemmed in their own twenty-five, except for an occasional breakaway and, shortly before half-time, tries were scored by Hendry and Fingland.

The second half was uneventful—play for the most part taking the form of forward rushes, and there were more scrums than usual on account of bad passing on the part of both three-lines. Midway through the



second half, A. R. Pate, after a brilliant run, went over for the School, the kick, however, falling out. Towards the end a good rally was made by the I.T.C. forwards; they forced their way over at the corner for an unconverted try. A minute later the full-time whistle blew.

Result: Strathallan 14 points; No. 8 I.T.C. 3 points.

**Strathallan School v. Hillhead High School,**  
Glasgow, 14th October, 1944.

The weather was not at all favourable for rugby football, as there was a strong wind blowing down the pitch and, as it turned out, Strathallan were unfortunate to be playing against it in the first half. For the whole of this half Strathallan were on the defensive, and it was not long before Hillhead, after a good passing movement, went over at the corner for an unconverted try. The Hillhead forwards had a definite superiority throughout the half, and two further tries were scored in addition to a penalty goal.

Shortly after the resumption of play A. R. Pate went over for a Strathallan try after a line-out ten yards from the home line; Hendry converted the kick. However, after this good start the game deteriorated into an exhausting mid-field battle—first one side gaining the upper hand and then the other. Hillhead were superior in punch and had more finesse than the Strathallan side.

Result: Strathallan 5 points; Hillhead 18 points.

**Strathallan School v. The Leys School.**  
Home, 21st October, 1944.

From the start of the match it was obvious that Strathallan were up against an extremely well-trained team. The ball was slippery owing to heavy rain the night before, and so it was mostly a forward struggle. The game opened with The Leys attacking

strongly, and they regularly got the ball from the scrum back to their threes only to be tackled in possession or to drop their passes. However, kicking ahead, their winger ran up and scored, too far out, however, for a convert. Strathallan then started pressing strongly on the visitors' line, and had their efforts rewarded by a break-through by Common which enabled Pate to go over for an unconverted try.

In the second half The Leys took full advantage of the wind, and by clever kicking ahead they were able to keep us in our own half most of the time. From a quick heel on our twenty-five they got the ball straight out to their winger, who went over for an unconverted try. Play near the end of the game took the form of a ding-dong battle, but Strathallan was gradually driven back and the visitors went over for a try between the posts which was converted.

Result: Strathallan 3 points; The Leys School 11 points.

**Strathallan School v. Allan Glen's School.**  
Glasgow, 4th November, 1944.

This game was played under appallingly bad conditions with a strong cross wind and pouring rain. Play started with Allan Glen's pressing strongly, and it was only by close marking that they were kept out. They scored, however, from a penalty kick in front of Strathallan posts. The Strathallan forwards then brought play into the enemy's half, and Hendry dropped a goal from the twenty-five. Strathallan kept up the pressure, but a kick-ahead was missed by Lamond and allowed their winger to add to their score.

After half-time play became very scrappy with the ball being kept to the forwards almost entirely except for sporadic three movements which fizzled out owing to bad handling. From a kick ahead the Glen's winger managed to score too far out for a convert.

Result: Strathallan 4 points; Allan Glen's 12 points.

**Strathallan School v. M.T.E. (Rosyth).**

Home, 17th February, 1945.

Owing to an epidemic of chicken pox and wintry weather the team had played no fixture since the beginning of November, with the result that everyone was enthusiastically looking forward to the game. The day of the match turned out to be extremely wet and augured a heavy game for the forwards. The M.T.E. had an excellent record, being beaten only once—by Fettes—and were, naturally, fairly confident of victory. Play opened with the M.T.E. forwards pressing strongly, but their Strathallan opponents, by skilful play, managed to hold the much heavier visiting pack. The naval threes saw much more of the ball than the Strathallan backs but, owing to good marking on the part of the School and bad passing on the part of their own threes, they were unable to make any headway. By a valiant effort the Strathallan forwards managed to throw their opponents back, and the half-time whistle blew without either side having crossed the other's line.

On the renewal of play both sides set a cracking pace, and a tussle for possession took place in mid-field, first one side and then the other gaining a momentary advantage. Again the naval side gained the initiative, but their three seemed completely unable to make use of their supremacy in the scrum. After an anxious quarter of an hour the Strathallan forwards managed to bring the play back into mid-field. From a set scrum the ball went straight out to Mackenzie on the right wing who, after a fine run, managed to touch down near the posts; Hendry failed to convert.

Result: Strathallan 3 points; M.T.E. nil.

**Strathallan School v. Morgan Academy.**

Dundee, 24th February, 1945.

The Strathallan team set out for Dundee fully determined to obtain revenge for their defeat earlier in the season at the hands of Morgan Academy. However, there was a strong wind blowing down the field which made handling extremely difficult. Strath-

allan won the toss and chose to play against the wind and uphill in the first half, with the result that the Academy for the first few minutes at least were able to keep up a constant pressure on our line, and only by well judged touch finding were we able to keep them out. However, from a five yard scrum in front of our posts their scrum half dived over for an unconverted try.

After this the Strathallan forwards managed to hold their opponents in mid-field. From a scrum in their half, Common kicked ahead, and Mackenzie, racing up the wing, scored a try at the corner; Lamond failed to convert narrowly with a fine kick. After this the Academy scored two quick tries, one of which was converted.

The second half opened with Strathallan attacking strongly, but the Dundee forwards, by well controlled dribbling rushes, managed to drive the visiting team right back to their own line, and only by desperate tackling on the part of the Strathallan threes were they kept out. By a long touch kick, play once again shifted favourably for Strathallan. Likely-looking movements, however, were spoiled owing to faulty handling and passing by the Strathallan backs, whilst Common and Templeton were inclined to let the opposing fly half break through the back of the line-outs. Towards the end of the game the ball went loose, and Mackenzie, fly-kicking ahead, touched down in the corner for an unconverted try. Play now became more scrappy, and nothing of interest occurred before the final whistle.

Result: Strathallan 6 points; Morgan Academy 11 points.

**Strathallan School v. Perth Academy.**

Home, 3rd March, 1945.

This game was played under fairly dry conditions, and so the game was kept fairly open. In the first few minutes Strathallan pressed hard, and from a loose scrum the ball went straight out to Armour on the wing, who went over at the corner for an unconverted try. Strathallan's handling,

however, spoiled their chances, and it was not long before Perth had the home team penned up in their own twenty-five. From a line-out near the Strathallan line, the Perth forwards managed to force their way over for a try near the corner, too far out to be converted. Just before half-time Armour went over for another try which was converted by Lamond.

Play at the start of the second half resolved itself into a mid-field struggle for possession, and the Perth winger, gathering a loose ball in his own twenty-five, beat the Strathallan opposition to score a try between the posts which was, however, not converted. Strathallan went back to the attack and kicked a very fine goal after Strathallan had been awarded a penalty. For the last quarter of an hour play became very scrappy. Perth, however, had the lion's share of the ball, but failed to add to their score.

Result: Strathallan 11 points; Perth Academy 6 points.

#### **Strathallan School v. Hillhead High School.**

Home, 10th March, 1945.

Strathallan went down to the ground with high hopes of victory against the lighter visiting side. Play at the start was very fast, but neither side could gain an advantage. Hillhead broke away from a loose scrum and scored between the posts. Full points were gained. Strathallan started pressing strongly, and their efforts were rewarded by an unconverted try from Armour at the corner. Hillhead added to their score just before half-time.

Soon after the restart Hillhead began attacking furiously, and before long their efforts were rewarded by a try from their winger which was converted. The Strathallan resistance now stiffened, but only for a short time, and Hillhead scored twice more, once by a neat scissors movement. The reason for the Strathallan defeat was weak tackling, and the forwards not getting round the ball in the loose scrums sufficiently quickly.

Result: Strathallan 3 points; Hillhead 19 points.

#### **2nd XV.**

**Strathallan v. Morgan Academy.** Dundee, 23rd September, 1944.

Strathallan won the toss and played downhill with the wind. In the first five minutes Strathallan pressed hard, and following a scrummage on their line, Ferguson went over to score an unconverted try. The ball always stuck in the scrum, giving Ferguson little chance to give it to the threes. When it did come out the centre threes, through bad positioning and running, seldom gave the wings a chance. Before half-time Mackenzie scored between the posts after a good run from the centre. In the second half Morgan's team pressed hard and three tries followed in quick succession. In the second half Sandeman, at full back, was greatly to be praised for his accurate kicking and good tackling.

Result: Morgan Academy 11 points; Strathallan 6 points.

#### **Strathallan 2nd v. The Leys 2nd. Pitlochry,**

21st October, 1944.

This game was played at Pitlochry, and Strath, winning the toss, played uphill against a slight wind.

In the scrums we had the lighter pack, and bad binding gave the Leys the ball most times. Before the short whistle Leys' pack took the ball over for an unconverted try.

In the second half Duke heeled well, and our backs saw more of the ball. Breaks in the Leys defence afforded Strathallan many opportunities for scoring, but knocking on and bad passing lost us the game. Leys soon were on top of the game, and their captain brilliantly intercepted a pass to score between the posts. Strathallan's only score came from a free kick by Fenton.

Result: Strathallan 3 points; The Leys School 11 points.

#### **Strathallan 2nd v. Allan Glen's 2nd.**

Glasgow, 4th November, 1944.

This game was played under the usual Allan Glen's conditions with a biting wind and rain to ease matters.



Game was confined to forwards who pressed hard against a heavier serum and held the enemy in their own half. The forwards combined well in dribbling on the ball, and late in the second half Fraser, with the help of the forwards, broke through for a well-deserved try.

Allan Glen's desperately kicked ahead several times, but G. W. Pate always gathered the ball very cleanly and found a safe touch. Fraser, Baxter and Ferguson were conspicuous in the play.

Result: Strathallan 3 points; Allan Glen's School nil.

#### **Strathallan 2nd v. Stirling High School 1st.**

Stirling, 17th February, 1945.

A drizzling rain saw our team badly depleted by illness, and only four of the original side took the field. They had the heavier serum, and in the first ten minutes of the game scored an unconverted try. From a clean heel Strathallan threes got moving, and M'Gregor scored in the corner.

After the break play was confined to the forwards who defended sturdily till a dropped goal was scored. After this the Strathallan threes saw more of the ball, and Thomson, picking up a loose ball, made a good run to score in the centre. After another three movement, M'Gregor, receiving the ball at the centre, beat four opposing threes to score. Before the final whistle Stirling scored and converted after a forward rush.

Result: Strathallan 9 points; Stirling High School 12 points.

#### **Strathallan 2nd v. Morgan Academy 2nd.**

Home, 24th February, 1945.

The first home game took place in a high wind, but under very dry conditions. In the first half Strathallan played into the wind and were soon on the defensive. Just before half-time Law followed up a punt ahead and steered the ball past the full back for M'Gregor to score too far out for the kick to succeed.

In the second half Strathallan did not make full use of the wind, and a weak opposing full back. Throughout the game Duke heeled well in the set serums, and the

ball was backed in the line-out, but Strathallan's 2nd pack must learn to bind and heel in the loose as well as in the tight.

Result: Strathallan 3 points; Morgan Academy nil.

#### **Strathallan 2nd v. Perth Academy 2nd.**

Home, 24th March, 1945.

This game was the last of the season, and although the ball was very difficult to hold the Strathallan threes were well supplied with the ball. Perth Academy had the heavier serum, but the forwards played hard the whole time. M'Gregor, making full use of an advantage ball, broke through to score between the posts, giving Law an easy convert. Just before half-time Law scored from a free kick.

In the second half Strathallan's handling and passing were poor, and play was confined to midfield. Our threes took possession from a clean heel, and M'Gregor, with a beautiful cut-in, was brought down almost on the line. D. Yates, following up, took the ball over to score the last try. Law again converted.

Result: Strathallan 13 points; Perth Academy nil.

#### **CRICKET, 1945.**

**T**HIS season the 1st XI have been fortunate in that they have had a full fixture list, only one fixture being cancelled, owing to the VE holiday.

W. W. Law appeared at first to be the only bat, but I. W. W. England and the Pate brothers soon joined him. On two occasions only did the tail wag aggressively, changing what seemed like defeat to victory. A. R. Pate and W. M. Duncan should prove good bats for next season.

G. T. Lamond, A. R. Pate and John Thomson bore the brunt of the bowling attack, while F. C. Kelly, D. K. Common and, latterly, C. E. Allardyce were very useful change bowlers. Next season A. R. Pate and C. E. Allardyce should be a formidable pair.

The fielding of the First Eleven was generally praiseworthy, especially on the

occasion of the visit of Mr. H. B. Rowan's Empire Eleven, when the team rose to this great occasion.

I. W. W. Fingland at point and J. G. Sandeman at square leg were outstanding in all their play.

For the first half of the term we were indebted to Mr. W. G. Leburn, of Gateside, Fife, who came regularly to coach the teams and give them the benefit of his wide experience. Mr. Leburn was Captain of Cricket in 1931.

We are likewise grateful to Mr. McIntyre for the work he put in on all the pitches, and we give him credit for the Rowan's wicket, which was the best the Empire Eleven had encountered in Scotland. In a newspaper report of the Empire Eleven's visit to Forgandenny, Mr. J. M. Fleming wrote:—"Jack Iddon, who has played cricket all over the world, told me he had never seen such a lovely ground as that at Strathallan School—it was looking its lovely best for our visit. This picturesque ground is situated in the Perthshire hills, is surrounded by all colours of rhododendrons, and the wicket itself is a carpet of perfect green turf."

#### **Strathallan v. Robert Gordon's College,** Forgandenny, 28th April.

This was the first game of the season and was rather too early in the term.

Gordon's winning of the toss put the School in on a batsman's wicket, but we failed to make any use of it. The first five wickets fell for 30 runs, and the rest collapsed. The total score was 33. J. G. Sandeman was top scorer with 10.

Strathallan's bowlers, through insufficient practice time, could not find a suitable length, and it was an easy matter for Gordon's first three batsmen to beat our score. Only then did the bowlers settle down, gaining three quick wickets.

Our fielding was remarkably good and the throw-ins and ground fielding were of a high standard.

Result: Strathallan, 33; Robert Gordon's, 39 for 4 wickets.

#### **Strathallan v. George Heriot's School,** Goldenacre, 5th May.

The School fielded first on a dry wicket and the fielding and bowling were of a high standard. From the beginning the Edinburgh batsmen were in difficulty, and the first six wickets fell easily for 15 runs. Then Heriot's made a desperate stand and pulled the score up to 48 for 8 wickets, but the tail collapsed, adding no more runs to the 48. F. C. Kelly, a new man in the team, proved his worth by taking three wickets for 9 runs, and D. K. Common took two wickets for 6.

After the interval the School batted, and after four overs things looked black for Strathallan, the score standing at 8 for three. W. W. Law (31), the opening batsman, was joined by I. W. W. Fingland (18), and between them they passed the Heriot's total. This done, they were both dismissed when trying to raise the score quickly.

Result: George Heriot's, 48; Strathallan, 53 for 5 wickets.

#### **Strathallan v. R.A.M.C., Bridge of Earn,** at Forgandenny, 19th May.

The School won the toss and batted on a very dry wicket—an ideal batting wicket. Our batsmen were soon on top of the bowling, with Fingland (74 not out), G. W. Pate (20) and A. R. Pate (26 not out), scoring quite freely. The score mounted rapidly and we declared at 139 for three wickets. In the middle of his innings, Fingland, who was hitting lustily, broke his bat.

R.A.M.C. could not stand up to the good bowling of our team and were rapidly dismissed for 36 runs. John Thomson and A. R. Pate bowled nicely, each claiming three wickets for 9 runs. The fielding was well up to standard.

#### **Strathallan v. Hillhead High School,** Glasgow, 26th May.

Owing to unforeseen accidents, both Thomson (Captain) and Kelly, the opening bowlers, were off, leaving the team severely handicapped by lack of bowlers. Winning the toss, Strathallan put Hillhead in to bat on a very dry and bumpy wicket. G. T. Lamond, opening, soon had the batsmen in

trouble, but A. R. Pate, opening at the other end, although swinging the new ball, failed to obtain results. The opening pair, after firing, were changed for C. B. E. Somerville, who took three wickets for 8 runs, and Common, who took the three remaining wickets for 7 runs.

Strathallan's opening pair did not last long, Law (0) being caught off a rising ball, and J. D. W. Barnes (0) bowled the second over. W. M. Duncan (7) and Fingland (9) were also dismissed after five overs. The rest of the team collapsed, but there was a vicious sting left in the tail, for Sandeman scored 16 and Common 31, both not out.

Result: Hillhead High School, 62 all out; Strathallan, 67 for 9 (declared).

#### **Strathallan v. Glasgow High School, at Glasgow, 9th June.**

This game took place on a cold and windy day. The "High" batted first and, although two wickets fell quickly, a good partnership was set up. The scoring, however, was exceptionally slow. After two hours' play, McFarlane (the home captain) scored 22 before being clean bowled by Kelly. Only then did the game liven up, with the last four wickets falling for 30 runs, bringing the home team's total to 124.

Strathallan's fielding in this game was disgraceful, and only Sandeman kept his customary high standard.

Strathallan's batting was one long string of ducks and ones, G. W. Pate being the only person who could cope with the bowling.

Result: Glasgow High School, 124 all out; Strathallan, 29 all out.

#### **Strathallan v. The Leys, at Pitlochry, 16th June.**

Strath, winning the toss, put Leys in to bat on their matted wicket. Our bowlers, unaccustomed to this wicket, never really settled down. The Leys opening pair soon were scoring freely, and both claimed their half century before being caught. With the score at 137 for three, A. M. Lees, the cap-

tain, came in to score an immaculate 27 not out. The fielding was an improvement on the previous week's effort. W. W. Law (64) and A. M. Nicol (21), soon settled down on the strange wicket, and had an excellent partnership of 83 before Nicol was caught in slips. Law, dismissed shortly afterwards, was caught on the boundary. He was followed by G. W. Pate, who made 19 not out. Of the next three batsmen, G. T. Lamond (13), was the only one to reach double figures.

Result: Leys, 168 for three; Strathallan, 143 for five.

#### **Strathallan v. Mr. H. B. Rowan's Empire XI., at Forgandenny, 21st June.**

The Empire Eleven, under their captain, L. M. Constantine, arrived at mid-day, and very kindly offered to give the School side a little coaching, and to show us, as they put it, that it was not a team of supermen we were playing.

Jack Iddon of Lancashire coached the batsmen, whilst L. M. Constantine and E. Achong gave advice and tips to the bowlers.

The School were put in to bat after lunch, the opening pair, W. W. Law and A. M. Nicol, starting very shakily. Misjudging one of Constantine's deliveries, Nicol was caught with the score standing at 5. G. W. Pate (23), joining Law (36), soon fell into his usual stride, and the score rose quite rapidly, thanks to Law, who hooked several loose leg balls to the boundary. After Pate was caught by Messado, I. W. W. Fingland was the only one to make any stand, the last five wickets gathering only 12 runs.

Brown and R. C. Rowan (17) opened the Empire's innings. R. C. Rowan delighted everyone by hooking a six off Kelly's bowling, but was caught beautifully by Pate when trying for another 6. Brown, playing a very steady innings of 42 before being caught in deep field by Kelly, was joined by L. Messado, who gave a perfect battery innings scoring two straight sixes. His square cuts and off drives were a joy to watch.

Jack Iddon and L. M. Constantine, after faultless innings, were both put out when trying to increase the score quickly. The former was caught by Kelly in deep field, and the latter was run out after misjudging the run.



**Mr. H. B. Rowan's Empire XI. Scoring Sheet.**

**Strathallan Innings.**

W. W. Law, c Messado, b Achong ... ..	36
A. M. Nicol, c Duckworth, b Constantine ...	1
G. W. Pate, c Messado, b Iddon ... ..	23
A. R. Pate, c Constantine, b Achong ... ..	0
I. W. W. Fingland, c Ritchie, b Fleming ...	23
W. M. Duncan, c Hodge, b Fleming ... ..	2
John Thomson, b Fleming ... ..	1
G. T. Lamond, b Iddon ... ..	0
D. K. Common, b Fleming ... ..	6
F. C. Kelly, not out ... ..	0
C. E. Allardyce, b Fleming ... ..	4
Extras, ... ..	9
<b>Total, ... ..</b>	<b>105</b>

Constantine ... ..	1 wicket for	5 runs.
Ablack ... ..	0	17
Achong ... ..	2	19
Fleming ... ..	5	46
Iddon ... ..	2	9

**Empire Innings.**

H. Brown, c Kelly, b Thomson ... ..	42
R. C. Rowan, c G. W. Pate, b Lamond ...	17
L. Messado, c Nicol, b Pate ... ..	73
J. Iddon, c Kelly, b Pate ... ..	19
R. S. Hodge, not out ... ..	4
L. M. Constantine, run out ... ..	13
Extras ... ..	9
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>177</b>

The following did not bat:—K. Ablack, R. Ritchie, G. Duckworth, J. Fleming, E. Achong.

Kelly ... ..	0 wickets for	13 runs
A. R. Pate ... ..	2	43
G. T. Lamond ... ..	1	23
W. M. Duncan ... ..	0	30
C. E. Allardyce ... ..	0	14
J. Thomson ... ..	1	27
W. W. Law ... ..	0	18



MR. L. M. CONSTANTINE with members of the Empire XI. \* and the School Cricket Captain.

**Strathallan v. Melville College**, at Edinburgh, 23rd June.

The School lost the toss, and Melville elected to bat. The opposition seemed poor at the start, the first six wickets falling for 24.

Then a stubborn stand was made, and, despite the efforts of the Strathallan bowlers, the score rose from 24 to 52 for the fall of two wickets, but this was counteracted by the remaining wickets falling for two runs. Fielding was again our weakness, several catches being dropped. It seemed a very easy total to beat, but our first three wickets fell for 9 runs, due to the perfect length and accuracy of the Melville bowlers. Duncan and A. R. Pate soon made themselves at home, and although the scoring was slow at first, they soon passed the opposition's total when Thomson declared.

A. R. Pate and W. M. Duncan carried their bats for 32 and 23 respectively.

Result: Melville College, 56 all out; Strathallan 60 for four.

**Strathallan School v. Morrison's Academy**, at Forgardenny, 30th June.

Morrison's won the toss and chose to bat. On the first ball, Dow, the opposing captain, was bowled by Lamond. This put heart into the team, and A. R. Pate, C. E. Allardyce, and J. Thomson, disposed of the visiting team for a score of 82. The School opened with W. W. Law and A. M. Nicol, but the latter misjudged a leg break from Dow, and was soon back in the pavilion. Then followed a rapid fall of wickets until A. R. Pate (18) went in at 10 for four wickets. He was again on form, and along with Law (38), he carried the score to 69, before Law was caught at square leg. G. T. Lamond (34 not out) was the only other batsman to reach double figures. We passed Morrison's total with two wickets to spare.

Result: Morrison's Academy 82; Strathallan 108.

**Strathallan School v. Old Boys**, at Forgardenny, 5th July.

Winning the toss, the School took advantage of the hard wicket to bat first. A. M. Nicol being absent, J. P. Allardyce opened the innings with W. W. Law (82). Although Allardyce's score was not spectacular, he kept his wicket, allowing Law to score 22 before he was out for four. G. W. Pate then joined Law, and they carried the score to 127 before the latter was clean bowled by J. B. Clark. After this the scoring slowed down, and G. W. Pate was also clean bowled, this time by Tullis. I. W. W. Fingland's (4) was the other wicket to fall, and J. Thomson declared at 141 for four wickets.

G. S. Lowden (13) and John Hall (12) opened the Old Boys' innings, and 23 was on the board before Lowden was l.b.w. to A. R. Pate. Hall was bowled shortly afterwards by G. T. Lamond. The next seven wickets fell for eight runs to C. E. Allardyce. Tullis, the St. Andrew's Varsity player, scored 10 before C. E. Allardyce broke his wickets. E. Yates, substituting for Alexander, scored 12 before being caught off W. M. Duncan's bowling.

Result: Strathallan 141 for four; Old Boys 58 for two.

### Team Criticism.

**John Thomson** has proved an ideal captain of the Strathallan Eleven. He embarked on his task when the cricket of the School was not of a high standard, but his interest in the game and encouragement of the team have borne a richly deserved success. He has shown a sound knowledge of cricket, and good judgment in the setting of his field, and in the use of his bowlers. His batting has not been his strong point, perhaps, but his bowling has been steady and of good length as is testified by his excellent analysis. In the field he has been energetic, and his throw-in accurate and powerful. The First XI., indeed, the School as a whole,

owe much to their cricket captain for the successful season of 1945, which has witnessed in all parts of the School a gratifying re-kindling of enthusiasm for the great Summer game.

**W. W. Law**, vice-captain of the side, has had a good season, and was eulogised in the Leys School magazine as the best schoolboy batsman the Leys had played against at Pitlochry. At the start of the season he did not appear to be on form, but ultimately he had many good scores. Once he has his eye in, he is forceful in his strokes, but sometimes loses his wickets by being too aggressive. On the field he is always alert, and as a deputy stumper has proved very successful.

1st XI. Colours awarded 1944-45.

**I. W. W. Fingland** has proved a very aggressive bat this season, and has developed a very powerful hook. His one fault in this connection is his tendency to hook off-balls. His fielding all through the season has been of a very high standard. 1st XI. Colours awarded 1944.

**G. W. Pate**, from the very start of the season has steadily improved, especially with the bat. He has cultivated a beautiful square cut which has greatly strengthened his good off-play. Although his fielding at the beginning of the season left much to be desired, he now possesses a very hard and accurate throw-in. 1st XI. Colours awarded 1945.

**A. R. Pate**, although lacking in confidence at the start of the season, has produced latterly some good scores. He has a large repertoire of off-strokes, though his leg strokes are uncertain. As a bowler he swings the ball considerably, but unfortunately is unable to control the swing. His fielding has been consistently good throughout the season. 1st XI. Colours awarded 1945.

**A. M. Nicol** possesses a very sound defence, but does not put enough punch into his drives. He is inclined to treat every ball with too much respect, and never lets loose

at the bad 'uns. Behind the stumps his performances during the season were very varied. He has difficulty in fielding leg balls though on the off his fielding is good. Nevertheless, he has retained his position as stumper throughout the season.

**G. T. Lamond** was disappointing as a bat, though his cross bat drive was often effective. Throughout the season he opened the bowling, but with greater variation of pace and pitch he could have taken more wickets. His fielding is steady and he has a very powerful return to the wickets.

**D. K. Common's** batting, like Lamond's, is also spoiled by too many golfing strokes, although once or twice he made a useful score. His fielding is rather unreliable, but he has often acted as change-bowler.

**F. C. Kelly** has been disappointing as a batsman, although his opportunities have been somewhat limited. His fast bowling is erratic in length, but he has that one good ball in six which places the batsman in difficulties. In the deep field his catching is excellent, but his throwing is poor.

**W. M. Duncan** has, despite his lack of inches, proved himself a reliable bat, although he is a sleepy fielder. He has a good off drive, but when hitting must learn to abandon his golf swing. As a medium pace bowler he shows considerable promise, provided he learns to control his length and spin.

**C. E. Allardyce**, the youngest player of the 1st XI., is a weak bat, and must practice diligently to remedy this. Although he only played for the latter half of the season, he took many wickets, and, provided he does not endeavour to bowl too fast with consequent inaccuracy, he should improve on his performance next season.

**J. G. Sandeman** only played the first half of the season. His batting has been spoiled by his tendency to play most shots with a cross bat. His fielding, which is of a very high standard, has been his main contribution to the side.



**C. B. E. Somerville**, like Sandeman, only played for the first half of the season. His bowling can be very good, but, due to the length of his run, he quickly tires. He tends to become erratic after being hit, and must learn to acquire greater confidence and poise.

The following were awarded Second XI. colours:—A. M. Nicol, G. T. Lamond, D. K. Common, F. C. Kelly, W. M. Duncan, C. E. Allardyce, J. N. Armour, J. G. Sandeman, J. A. Allardyce.

First XI. played 11 games. Won 6, lost 4, drawn 1.

### 1st XI. Batting Averages.

	Innings	No. times not out.	High- est Score.	Total Runs.	Average.	Catches.
J. Thomson	5	0	1	4	0.8	4
W. W. Law	11	0	82	294	26.73	2
I. W. W. Fingland	10	1	74*	209	23.2	3
G. W. Pate	10	1	28	114	12.3	1
A. R. Pate	11	3	32*	89	11.12	1
A. M. Nicol	7	0	21	29	4.15	5
G. T. Lamond	8	2	34*	57	9.5	4
D. K. Common	7	1	21*	44	7.3	1
F. C. Kelly	4	1	2	4	1.33	8
W. M. Duncan	7	2	23*	45	9.0	0
C. E. Allardyce	3	1	4	10	5.0	2

\*Not out.

The following also played for the 1st XI.: J. G. Sandeman, C. B. E. Somerville, J. P. Allardyce, J. D. W. Barnes.

### 1st XI. Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr. runs per wkt.
J. Thomson	58	13	128	13	9.84
A. R. Pate	69	12	214	15	14.26
G. T. Lamond	72	15	173	15	11.53
D. K. Common	32	4	53	6	8.83
F. C. Kelly	39	3	129	11	11.72
W. M. Duncan	10	1	54	3	18.0
C. E. Allardyce	28	6	83	16	5.13

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### Second XI..

The Second XI. were unfortunate in that they had only four games during the season.

There were no outstanding performances, and the team won only two of their matches.

J. D. W. Barnes, Edgar Yates, and J. P. Allardyce have proved to be the best and steadiest batsmen.

R. G. Darvell and A. E. Dawson were the steadiest bowlers, claiming most of the wickets.

J. P. Allardyce and A. E. Dawson show great promise for next season.

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### House Cricket.

In the first round Simpson, although the superior team on paper, narrowly beat Freeland, due to the excellent bowling of Freeland's "dark horse," J. D. W. Barnes, who took 6 wickets for nine runs. A. E. Dawson, for Simpson, took 3 wickets for 2 runs.

Simpson, 40 all out.  
Freeland, 28 all out.

In the Nicol-Ruthven game, Nicol's high score was due to a 73 from I. W. W. Fingland.

Ruthven, although they tried hard, were dismissed for 40 runs.

In the Finals, W. W. Law (66), and J. P. Allardyce (11) set Simpson going in good style with an opening partnership of 58 runs. Allardyce was then caught behind the stumps. A seventh wicket partnership by J. G. Sandeman (39 not out), and N. G. Brown (20 not out), brought the score up to 176 for 7 wickets.

Nicol had the misfortune to lose their star batsman in the first over of the game. He was run out as the result of an excellent piece of fielding from Sandeman.

J. N. Armour and J. A. S. Crawford, taking no chances, scored a very slow 15 and 18 respectively. Only N. Mitchell (8) and A. K. Findlay (6) put up a creditable show.

Bowling for Simpson, Sandeman had 4 wickets for five runs.

## Old Boys' News

**C**APTAIN E. CARUTH HARLEY of Wormit was awarded the M.B.E. in June, 1945.

Lieut.-Col. G. G. Baker of London has been awarded the O.B.E. by the War Office.

Squadron/Leader O. T. Brown of Glasgow has been twice Mentioned in Despatches.

The Rev. William Campbell is now minister of Radnor Park Congregational Church, Glasgow.

Mr. A. J. Cruickshank was released from military service in July, 1945, after five years and three months in the Royal Artillery. Previous to the war he was with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, first at Aberdeen and later at Nottingham. He has now taken up the appointment of Branch Manager with this Company at their Hull office.

Mr. G. Douglas Muir of Edinburgh, who was interned in Thailand, is now back in Scotland, and recently paid a visit to his old School. By the Autumn of 1946 he hopes to return to Malaya, where he is an inspector of schools.

Dr. Thomas Philip of Kirkcaldy, Dr. Derek C. Jackson of Glasgow, and Dr. J. Fyfe Waterston of Forfar, have joined the R.A.M.C., and are awaiting embarkation orders for service in the Far East.

L.-Cpl. Peter Lawrence, who left School in January, 1944, to join the Army, has seen service with the Parachute Section of the R.A.M.C. in the Middle East.

Captain K. F. Grant, The Seaforth Highlanders, has returned to this country from India. He is at present stationed in Northern Ireland.

Captain J. Steel of Glasgow has been in Burma for almost three years, and is expected home on leave shortly. His brother,

Lieut. W. Steel, is in the R.A., and is the proud father of two sons.

L.A.C. Peter McGlade of Trinidad, who has been in Britain since June, is looking forward to returning to his home in the near future.

Captain J. J. Beatson returned to this country in April, 1945. His address is 9 Brookmead Avenue, Bromley, Kent.

Lt.-Commander Robert Barr, R.N.V.R., of Kilmacolin, has been in Iceland for more than a year.

Lieut. Derek S. Stevens of Knowle, Warwickshire, who has seen service with the S.E.A. Command, spent a very pleasant time with Lieut. J. Douglas Glen of Glasgow, when they met unexpectedly in a base near Rangoon.

Sergeant Donald Hargrove of Broughty Ferry has been in the East with the R.A.S.C. Motorboat Company. His brother Ian is with the Rolls Royce Company at Hillington, Glasgow.

Gunner George D. W. Campbell, one of the brothers Campbell of Glasgow, is with the C.M.F., and hopes to get his release at an early date.

Lieut. J. P. Bannister of Edinburgh is in the Royal Artillery.

Pilot Officer D. J. Whitton of Alexandria, Egypt, is at present in Singapore, where he is finding life very much to his liking.

A/B D. Lindsay Young of Uplawmoor spent the last year of the war on convoy escort work in the Channel, Atlantic, and Western Approaches, and, apart from a few "incidents," his ship came through without loss.

Major W. O. G. Taylor of Glasgow has been appointed Eye Specialist to the Scottish Command. He has been asked to stand as Scottish Nationalist candidate at the Cathcart by-election.

## BIRTHS.

ANDERSON.—On 13th November, 1945, to Margaret (née Perkins), wife of Captain W. B. Anderson, St. Brelade's, Scotchby, Carlisle, a daughter.

COWAN.—At Park Nursing Home, Glasgow, on 30th October, 1945, to Jean (née Crawford), wife of J. B. Maitland Cowan, 22 Sandringham Avenue, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire, a daughter.

HARRINGTON.—At Wrecclesham Grange Nursing Home, Farnham, on 21st February, 1945, to Captain and Mrs. A. Wilson Harrington, a son.

PEACOCK.—At 35 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, on 27th July, 1945, to Betty (née Gerrard), wife of Lieut. R. A. Peacock, R.N.V.R., a son (John Gerrard). Present address: Beaufort, Newhaven Road, Edinburgh.

## MARRIAGES.

BOGIE—MILLER.—At Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh, on 9th August, 1945, by the Very Rev. Dr. J. R. Forgan, assisted by the Rev. William C. Hay, M.A., S.T.M., David James, only son of the late David Bogie and of Mrs. Bogie, West Albert Road, Kirkcaldy, to Eirene May, only daughter of the late George Miller, J.P., and of Mrs. Miller, Newfield, Barnton, Midlothian.

BONTHRONE—MARTIN SMITH.—At Edinburgh, on 16th August, 1945, by the Rev. D. Laird, Alexander, elder son of the late David Bonthron, J.P., and of Mrs. Bonthron, Newton House, Newton of Falkland, to Winifred Marion Martin, youngest daughter of the late James Martin Smith, J.P., and of Mrs. Martin Smith, Priestfield, Pitlessie.

DONALDSON—MCVEY.—At Dunfermline Abbey, on 11th September, 1945, by the Rev. T. A. Downie, M.A., John Trainer, Captain, R.A.M.C., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson, 30 Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh, to Edith, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McVey, 60 Spittalfield Crescent, Dunfermline.

DONALDSON—RAMAGE.—At Glasgow, on 8th August, 1945, Thomas Eric, Lieut., R.A.M.C., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson, 30 Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh, to Kathleen Mary, Q.A.E.N.S./R., younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramage, 32 Reform Street, Dunfermline.

EDWARD—FINLAYSON.—At Longforgan Parish Church, on 31st July, 1945, by the Rev. W. MacNicol, B.D., Lieutenant William Miller Edward, Royal Artillery, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Edward, 11 Norwood, East Newport, Fife, to Elizabeth Stirling, younger daughter of Mr. G. W. Finlayson, Mains of Castle Huntly, Longforgan, Dundee, and the late Mrs. Finlayson.

JACKSON—DUNBAR.—At Pollockshields West Church, Glasgow, on 29th September, 1945, by the Rev. W. T. Smellie, Derek C. Jackson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Jackson, Coniston, Clarkston, to Helen Dobbie, only daughter of Major and Mrs. Ernest Dunbar, 39 Fotheringay Road, Glasgow, S.1.

McKENNA—PATON.—At Paisley Abbey, on 28th April, 1945, by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Greer, William Bone McKenna, youngest son of Dr. F. McKenna, Doune, Alloway, Ayr, to Deborah Dorothea, only daughter of Mrs. W. Paton, The Loaning, Johnstone, Renfrewshire.

NIMMO—EVANS.—At Kinnoull Parish Church, Perth, on 4th September, 1945, by the Rev. Dr. A. M. Hunter, Henry Ainslie Nimmo, youngest son of the late Mr. Robert Nimmo and of Mrs. Nimmo, 11 Kincarrathie Crescent, Perth, to Olwen Mary, daughter of the late Mr. David Evans and of Mrs. Evans of Swansea and London.

PHILP—YULE.—At Congregational Church, Kirkcaldy, on 15th August, 1945, by the Rev. R. Smith, assisted by the Rev. J. K. Carter, M.A., Dr. Thomas Philp, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Philp, Burleigh, Beveridge Road, Kirkcaldy, to Agnes Calder, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Yule, 34 Union Street, Kirkcaldy.

TOD—OTWAY.—At St. George's Garrison Church, Taranto, Italy, on 16th June, 1945, Major Henry Tod, R.E., son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Tod, 11 Rose Terrace, Perth, to Margaret, daughter of the Rev. Arnold and Mrs. Otway, London.

WATT—RYAN.—At Alexandria, Egypt, on 15th March, 1945, Captain William W. Watt, M.A. (Cantab.), the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Watt, Beverley Road, Newlands, Glasgow, to Olivia Mary (Molly), elder daughter of Mr. P. I. Ryan and the late Mrs. Ryan, Bangor, Northern Ireland.

WOOD—HERITAGE.—At Christ Church, Brussels, on 25th June, 1945, Lt.-Col. W. M. S. Wood, R.A.S.C., younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Wood of Perth, to Joan Margaret Heritage, Q.A.I.M.N.S./R., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heritage of London.

## ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced between Pilot Officer David John Whitton, R.A.F., only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Whitton, 2 rue Rouchdy Pasha, Ramleh, Alexandria, Egypt, and Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. Emile Muller, 13 rue Valensin Pasha, Bulkeley, Egypt.

The engagement is announced between Dr. Wilfred M. Sandeman of Hamilton and Miss Isobel Brown of Girvan.



## List of Members—continued

<i>No.</i>	<i>Dates of attendance at Strathallan.</i>		<i>No.</i>	<i>Dates of attendance at Strathallan.</i>	
101.	1926/30	Cowper, H. K., 54 Langside Road, Newlands, Glasgow.	177.	1933/36	Forbes, A. G., 12 Lyndhurst Gardens, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.
6.	1922/26	Craig, I. G., 24 Monreith Road, Newlands, Glasgow.	176.	1932/36	Forrest, John G. S. (Deceased).
334.	1940/45	Crichton, J. D., 4 Hillhouse Road, Edinburgh, 4.	60.	1917/19	Forrest, J. H., c/o Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, Beaver Hall Buildings, Montreal.
72.	1918/19	Cruikshank, Lieut. A. J., c/o Technical College, Loughborough, Leicestershire.	179.	1922/24	Fraser, Alex., jun., Priorybank, W. Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy.
59.	1920/25	Davidson, H. A. C., c/o Gibbons & Co., Hamilton, Bermuda.	181.	1925/27	Fraser, Henry, Priorybank, W. Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy.
315.	1939/44	Davidson, J. Alastair, Branxton, Dysart, Fife.	180.	1922/25	Fraser, R. Ritchie, 8 Bennoch Avenue, Kirkcaldy.
318.	1939/44	Dawson, Eben. S., Elmwood, 40 Queen Mary Avenue, Glasgow, S.2.	48.	1926/30	Fraser, S., Canada.
275.	1939/42	Dawson, Jas. C., "Elmwood," 40 Queen Mary Ave., Glasgow, S.2.	195.	1932/37	Fulton, D., 15 Douglas Avenue, Burnside.
21.	1926/29	Diack, J. A., Linnmohr, Grove Way, Esher, Surrey.	117.	1920/24	Galloway, Leonard, 15 Nairn Street, Dundee.
105.	1925/33	Dobson, G. M., Lylestone, Lauder, Berwickshire.	115.	1920/24	Galloway, Wilfred, 9 Binsted Avenue, Dundee.
17.	1921/24	Docherty, R. S., District Traffic Controller, Central Argentine Railway, Pergamino, Prov. of Buenos Aires, Argentina.	106.	1929/33	Gardner, D. S., 86 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock.
45.	1924/30	Docherty, T. F., Departamento de Trafico & Explotacion, Ferrocarril del Sud, Plaza Constitucion, Buenos Aires.	317.	1941/44	Gardner, J. D. S., Stoneclaws, East Linton, East Lothian.
245.	1935/39	Dodd, T. J., 1457 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A.	253.	1934/40	Geddes, Ian C., 143 Market Street, St. Andrews, Fife.
161.	1917/24	Donald, Thomas, Fardalchill, Ayrshire.	257.	1937/41	George, Bryan H., 14 Craignethan Road, Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.
197.	1934/37	Donaldson, J. T., The Knowe, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.	204.	1935/37	Gjertsen, Dr. R. R. B., Craigholm, Leven, Fife.
216.	1936/38	Donaldson, T. E., The Knowe, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.	270.	1937/41	Glen, J. Douglas, 3 Hamilton Avenue, Glasgow, S.1.
158.	1931/35	Dow, Alastair, Ruberslaw, Elphinstone Rd., Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.	264.	1937/41	Goodbrand, E. G. (Deceased).
35.	1922/28	Dow, J. F., Ruberslaw, Elphinstone Road, Whitecraigs, Glasgow.	166.	1925/30	Grant, F. W., Montague House, Marshfield, Chippenham, Wilts.
23.	1921/25	Dow, S., 22 Davieland Road, Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.	233.	1927/29	Grant, G. Mitchell, Rose Cottage, Leven, Fife.
120.	1929/34	Drummond, John, Harlesden, Major's Loan, Falkirk.	228.	1937/38	Grant, Wm. J. M., 3 Balmuildy Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow.
69.	1928/31	Dunlop, Q., Greenan, Ayr.	149.	1930/35	Gray, A. G. R., 88 Picton Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad.
139.	1929/34	Dunlop, R. W., Greenan, Ayr.	272.	1933/42	Gregory, R. Wylie, 3 Mulberry Road, Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.
151.	1930/35	Dunlop, Wm. A. M., Greenan Farm, Ayr.	299.	1938/43	Guild, William, 63 Kilbowie Road, Glasgow.
142.	1924/27	Easterbrook, A. A. F., Arnprior, Gorebridge, Midlothian.	258.	1936/41	Haddow, S. A. Haig, Craighend of Capelrig, Newton Mearns.
320.	1940/44	Esslemont, G. Birnie, 3 Kingshill Avenue, Aberdeen.	305.	1941/44	Hall, John, 5 Wilmot Road, Glasgow, W.3.
286.	1938/43	Ferguson, Wm. R., Morsgail, Kilmacollm.	132.	1929/34	Hamilton, Hugh B., jr., P.O. Box 664, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.
185.		Ferguson, S. S., c/o Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., Jamshed Katrak Chambers, Machi Miani, Karachi, India.	283.	1934/37	Hargrove, Donald, 42 Seafield Rd., Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
61.	1916/17	Ferguson, T., Port Commission, Rangoon.	282.	1933/35	Hargrove, Ian, 42 Seafield Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
153.	1929/35	Fergusson, George, Alexandra House, Kirkcaldy.	182.	1927/32	Harley, E. C., M.B.E., 1 Hillpark Terrace, Wormit, Fife.
323.		Findlay, James, 26 Frederick Street, Downfield, Dundee.	44.	1925/28	Hart, E., 115 St. Andrew's Drive, Pollokshields, Glasgow.
329.	1941/45	Fingland, Ian W. W., Hawthorn Lodge, Roddinghead Road, Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.	330.	1943/45	Hastings, Douglas M., 6 Southpark Road, Ayr.
			159.	1931/35	Hay, Drummond, Glenearn, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire.
			19.	1920/23	Hays, D., c/o Dunlop Rubber Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
			301.	1940/43	Headrick, Alastair S., 48 Corrou Road, Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.
			267.	1939/42	Headrick, Iain A., 48 Corrou Rd., Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.
			55.	1926/30	Henderson, I. D., 6 Newton Place, Charing Cross, Glasgow.

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338.	1942/45	Hendry, Iain W. M., 75 Clouston Street, Glasgow, N.W.	214.	1931/38	Leburn, G. W. (Deceased).
210.	1920/22	Hepburn, J. Harley, Coniston, Boglily Road, Kirkealdy.	67.	1924/31	Leburn, W. G., Edenshead, Gate-side, Fife.
62.	1920/25	Hird, Walter J., c/o Fabrica Argentina de Alpargatas, Patricious 1053, Buenos Aires.	136.	1925/28	Ledingham, J. N., Fairfield, Kilmacolm.
121.	1927/29	Holmes, John, jr., Drumharrow, Lunearly, Perth.	221.	1936/38	Lewis, Douglas W., 25 Stewart Drive, Clarkston.
247.	1933/39	Hood, D. Ruthven, 28 Prestwick Road, Ayr.	80.	1919/25	Lindsay, D. J., Cumgilliga, Cowra, N.S.W., Australia.
154.	1932/35	Hood, W. R., 18 Portland Road, Kilmarnock.	76.	1927/31	Linton, R. D., M.B.E., 1 Thorn Drive, Burnside, Lanarkshire.
196.	1932/37	Houston, Dr. R. A., 8 Mansionhouse Road, North Mount Vernon, Glasgow.	18.	1914/18	Lumsden, R. B., 5 Moray Place, Edinburgh.
71.	1927/31	Howie, A., Craigielea, Kilmacolm.	53.	1919/21	Lusk, J., Chalmers Road, Ayr.
165.	1921/24	Huie, J. C., c/o Messrs. Hewat, Bridson & Newly, P.O.B. 71, Alexandria, Egypt.	273.	1937/42	Lyle, Sidney R. P., 2 Westfield Drive, Greenock.
46.	1929/30	Hunter, D., 34 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.	164.	1919/21	Lyon, J. A., 87 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.
168.	1933/36	Innes, R. A., 47 Hamilton Drive, Hillhead, Glasgow, W.2.	122.	1928/31	McAllister, T. Stewart, Imperial Hotel, Inverness.
163.	1930/36	Irons, David M. (Deceased).	229.	1932/38	Macalister, W. A., Oakdene, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire.
36.	1922/26	Irvine, T., 16 Windsor Avenue, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire.	129.	1929/34	McBride, Ian A., c/o Messrs. Gillespie Bros., 82 Fenchurch Street, London.
246.	1932/39	Jack, Dr. Kilpatrick, 51 Woodend Drive, Jordanhill, Glasgow, W.3.	215.	1936/38	McCann, Stephen, 32 Argyle St., Maryfield, Dundee.
250.	1934/39	Jackson, D. Clive, 77 Eastwood-mains Road, Clarkston, Glasgow.	254.	1934/40	McColl, R. S. (Deceased).
294.	1940/43	Jeffrey, W. R. H., 92 Brownside Road, Cambuslang.	198.	1930/37	McColl, Dr. Donald, 5 Craignethan Road, Whitecraigs, Renfrewshire.
73.	1926/31	Johnston, J. T., 47 Carlawerock Road, Newlands, Glasgow.	300.	1940/43	McCracken, Eric C., Southfield, 14 Hamilton Drive, Cambuslang.
174.	1930/36	Johnston, R. S., 1 St. Vincent St., Edinburgh.	269.	1933/42	MacCrimmon, Ewen C., 21 Broom Road, Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.
324.		Jordan, A. N., R.N. Aircraft Repair Yard, Fleetlands, near Fareham, Hants.	143.	1922/26	MacDonald, Gordon, Benview, Carolside Ave., Clarkston, Renfrewshire.
312.	1940/44	Kedslie, Bertie M., 127 Ormonde Avenue, Muirend, Glasgow, S.4.	123.	1922/27	MacEwan, Dr. A. C., 12 Comely Park, Dunfermline, Fife.
255.	1936/41	Keighley, J. T., Woodville, Colston Drive, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow.	16.	1924/27	McFadzen, J., Tayvallich, 325 Blackness Road, Dundee.
339.	1940/45	Kelly, Francis C., 94 Richmond Hill Court, Richmond, Surrey.	223.	1932/38	Macfarlane, Thomas, 69 Newlands Road, Glasgow, S.3.
331.	1939/45	Kidd, W. Douglas, Creag Eigheach, Bay Road, Wormit-on-Tay, Fife.	208.	1921/26	MacGeachy, Dr. A. H., 1 Morris Place, Glasgow.
288.	1940/43	Kingan, Ian J., "Ashcroft," New Abbey, Dumfries.	91.	1928/32	McGill, J. A., 12 Kelvin Drive, Glasgow.
167.	1930/34	Kirkland, Robert, Aldersyde, Ayr.	336.	1935/39	McGlade, Peter, 9 Beaumont Road, Maraval, Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.
340.	1926/29	Laidlaw, J. Royston, c/o Westinghouse Brake and Signal Co., Railway Signal Works, Chippenham, Wilts.	5.	1922/24	McGregor, I., Merleton, Kingston, Bishopton.
152.	1924/27	Lambie, W. A. C., 241 Nithsdale Rd., Pollokshields, Glasgow.	94.	1925/27	McGregor, J. M., 48 Langside Drive, Newlands, Glasgow.
335.	1941/45	Lamond, George T., Loirston Hotel, Ballater, Aberdeenshire.	291.	1940/43	McHarg, George, Kirkland House, Leswalt, Stranraer.
242.	1928/32	Lang, T. M. O., Rasagalla, Balangoda, Ceylon.	314.	1939/44	Macharg, J. M., 28 Tannoch Drive, Milngavie.
41.	1925/29	Lauderdale, L. C., 19 Thorncliffe Road, Norwood Green, Southall, Middlesex.	309.	1939/44	McIntyre, James A., Kirminnoch, Ervie, Stranraer.
328.	1941/45	Law, W. W., Lebanon Sawmills, Cupar, Fife.	295.	1939/42	McLauchlan, Donald, Corn Rigs, Castle Drive, Kilmarnock.
156.	1928/33	Lawson, Ian K., 1 Argyle Street, Dundee.	97.	1927/31	Mackay, E. B. (Deceased).
			205.	1933/37	Mackie, J. G., Tang Hall Pharmacy, York.
			110.	1928/33	Mackay, A. A., 30 Newark Street, Greenock.
			135.	1916/21	McKellar, J. Campbell, Old Mansion House, Carmyle, Glasgow.

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