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## Editorial.

**T**HIS year it has fallen to our lot to take up the onerous duties of editor, and carry on the traditions of the magazine. With what success our readers may read.

School closed quietly last year. Prize-giving took place in the Girls' Hall as in the last few years, mainly owing to the lack of a large enough hall for a more public ceremony.

Soon after school broke up, the Cadet Corps went to Cortachy to camp for a fortnight. Despite the rainy weather, they had an enjoyable time. The Girl Guides also were under canvas for a week at Kirkmichael.

The reopening of the school took place on 1st September after a somewhat disappointing summer. We are unfortunate in having lost the services of Mr Mann, both as master and as captain of the Cadet Corps. Mr Wilson, whom we have met before as interim master, takes his place. We welcome also Mr Gillman, who has come as new mathematical master.

The first quarter is now almost over. The various clubs and societies have been started, and are in a flourishing condition. The elec-

tion of prefects has taken place, and the quarterly examinations are being forgotten as quickly as possible by all.

Christmas is now approaching fast and we are looking forward to the festivities, chief among which are the School Dance on December 17th, and the Musical Evening of the Literary Society the night after. May they prove the beginning of a happy Christmastide to all.



### Celebrities of the Old School.

There's a unique person called A—,  
Whose collar is awfully starchy,

His manner of staring  
Is dreadfully wearing,  
But then it's only old A—.

There's a boy whose surname is K—,  
And his name is pronounced the same way,

His manner's sedate,  
In class, but just wait,  
Till the master is out of the way.

There's a sweet little fellow called F—  
Who must have an abnormal brain,

He knows all the causes  
Of the wars of the Roses,  
The rise and the downfall of Spain.

(To be continued.)

## From the Old Quad.

**I**T is not at all surprising that even to-day many may be found who are thoroughly convinced that the end and aim of a Rectorial is the choice of a Lord Rector. Not so. The contest for the Rectorship is but a means of exploiting to the full the temporary suspension of the law of libel. Behind the thin veil of serious propaganda work the nefarious purposes of the rival political associations directed to the smashing of reputations by fair means or foul.

It is in the last week of the campaign that the fun becomes really fast and furious. The more serious publications have appeared, and the great mass of the student electorate has definitely ranged itself on one side or the other. The University is divided into two great camps. The battle is definitely joined.

In the particular contest of which I write, it is generally admitted that first blood was drawn by the "Wee Frees." The scene of the gaffe was a Freshers' Social held by their Coalitionist rivals: for a Rectorial, you must understand, is won largely by systematised bribery and wholesale corruption, by an unblushing policy of "bread and circuses." On arrival, the guests were welcomed by a smiling youth who politely requested them to accept and display the rosettes thoughtfully provided by a generous Committee. They did so, and it was only in the full glare of the brilliantly lighted hall that it became apparent that these innocent victims of a carefully planned hoax were parading; not the coveted badge of the Coalition, but a neatly devised rosette of black and tan rib-

bon. This clever hit at the Premier's Irish policy carried more weight with the electorate than the shrewdest of political arguments. The disgruntled Coalitionists, retiring to a Council of War at their carefully concealed Headquarters, were still further startled to find that even the penetralia were not immune; for their appearance had been radically altered by a generous bespattering with Liberal war-paint.

Such a coup could not remain unavenged. An opportunity for retaliation was offered by a similar function held under the auspices of the offending organisation; for the Liberals also had determined to cast their bread upon the votes. Some hours before the commencement of the function, the electric fuses upon which depended the lighting of the building were systematically removed by a Hidden Hand. The Liberal vanguard on arriving found itself apparently condemned to hold its social in darkness, black as Egypt's night. Fortunately - or as the reader prefers - a temporary arrangement was timeously devised. The sequel is amusing. The Liberal sleuths, piecing together the available evidence, contrived to extract a written confession from the penitent criminal only to find later that in reality the villain of the piece was an unassuming youth unsuspected even of the mildest Coalition sympathies.

But perhaps the most effective episode of the campaign was the capture of the leader of the Liberal party. This was effected in broad daylight, and in a leading thoroughfare of Auld



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Reekie. The *modus operandi* was a swoop from the rear by a pair of stalwart Coalitionists: the simultaneous drawing up alongside of a chartered conveyance into which the victim was hustled, and the disappearance of the taxi followed by the startled gaze of the puzzled lieges. Arrived at the Coalition stronghold, the prisoner was treated with due respect, and while enjoying an excellent meal at the expense of his opponents' funds, was unexpectedly joined by two of his most redoubtable lieutenants lifted from the street by a similar inconsiderate process without so much as a by-your-leave. From time to time a bulletin was issued reporting the condition of the unfortunate captives. In the small hours a rescue party made a gallant but unavailing effort to force an entrance. The next morning the attempt was renewed, but again without success, a main factor in the failure being that the large quantity of sulphur appropriated to the smoking out of the Coalitionist forces was by error sent careering down a neighbouring chimney to the annoyance, it may be imagined, of the law-abiding citizens on whom descended this unlooked-for manna.

One effect of this prolonged captivity was to delay somewhat the Liberal preparations for the traditional trial of strength on polling day, the far-famed battle for the Quadrangle steps. This very fact was responsible for one of the best of the lighter incidents of the Rectorial. The assault was timed for ten o'clock in the forenoon. Yet within twenty minutes of "zero," the Liberal President, released from captivity by accepted Rectorial usage on the previous day, and itching for a belated revenge,

could have been seen on a deserted corner of Leith docks, helplessly surveying two large cases of the very stalest of stale eggs secured by his unfailing diplomacy from a local importer of these versatile commodities. It was essential that this potential "ammo" should be transported *quam primum* to the scene of battle. But how? Not a taxi in sight; not a cab; not a single conveyance whose driver might be tempted from the strict path of duty by the lure of palpable pecuniary gain. And what did he do, this astute youth of Liberal sympathies? He explained affably to an obliging tradesman known to possess the necessary van that the University authorities were holding that day a Rectorial breakfast; that a hitch had occurred with the eggs: and that it was essential that these two cases of "best Canadians" should be conveyed with all possible despatch to the neighbouring city. And so it came about that the most effective weapon of the Liberal armoury arrived in the nick of time on a strange lorry skilfully piloted by the hireling knave of a tradesman whose lack of suspicion would do credit to a veritable Rip Van Winkle.

And the fight itself: the entry of the combatants clad in an appropriate scantiness, and a becoming frugality; the unique ammunition—"bags of ochre and soot, eggs *un peu passé*, tomatoes, and the final glory, well in the rear by special request, a good stock of putrescent fish"—; the fierce onslaught at the given signal in a frenzied effort to wrest from the Coalitionists the coveted stronghold; the clouded, blinding intensity of the first few minutes: the repulse and rally: the attack and counter-attack: the sweeping Coalitionist drive carry-

ing the opposing forces to their last line of defence; the strategic move capturing the Lloyd George banner; the desultory, intermittent fighting right up to the moment of the declaration of the poll—these are beyond the description of my limited and partisan pen. Suffice it to say that the denouement was the utter rout of the hopelessly outnumbered Liberal contingent.

“*Quis talia fando*

*Myrmidonum Dolopumve aut duri miles Ulixi  
Temperet a lacrimis ?”*

*Aen. ii. ll. 5 seq.*



### A Query.

Do you think for one moment that Cæsar supposed,

When he wrote of his campaigns in Gaul,  
That, from that time, his works would in  
schools be imposed,

Or quoted in cottage and hall?

(For even the stupidest knows, you'll agree,  
'Twas he said—“All Gaul is divided in three.”)

Now, Euclid, I'm sure was a decent old man,  
But he had to do something to live.

He geometry wrote, though it wasn't his plan,

I imagine, those books to the future to give.  
Had Archimedes known how hard was the path  
Of physics, he'd never have entered a bath!

But, to come to the point, the question remains,

Had the ancients but known that much time  
would be spent

By thousands of children, who have to take  
pains,

To try to find out what exactly they meant—  
Had they really known what the result was  
to be,

Would they ever have written a line?

Q. E. D.

### How I came to be in the 1st XV.

The chaps all wanted me to have

A famous Rugby name,

And so one day with them I went

To play this mighty game.

Our journey was a weary one;

Myself at last I found

Upon the Arbroath Road, and near

Our Recreation Ground.

We stripped and all put on our togs

Upon that wintry day,

And on the field I thought of things

I couldn't just then say.

“Play up! Hash on!” the captain cried,

“You'll not do any harm,”

And then he gave me such a kick,

He almost broke my arm.

I then had many bleeding cuts,

And bruises by the score,

I vowed with all solemnity,

That I would play no more.

And I did not till one fine day,

I met my faithful chum;

“Come on,” said he, “and take once more

Your old place in the scrum.”

At that first game I scored a try,

My head went like a top;

By Jove! I'd started playing now,

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## A Fortnight in the Wilds.

THIS year I spent quite the happiest fortnight's holiday I have ever spent in my life. Probably the factor that helped most to decide the enjoyment of it was the fine, clear, cold, weather which prevailed throughout the whole fortnight. The sole exception to this spell of beautiful weather was a certain "moist Tuesday," when the rain poured incessantly and we could do nothing but sit by the window watching the opposite hillside deliver its gushing, brown rivulets into the turbid, roaring burn in the valley. But I must begin at the beginning.

It was near the beginning of August when one morning I left home at six o'clock on a long cycle ride, whose object was a certain shepherd's cottage situated high up in the wilds above Strathbraan. I reached Dunkeld (via Newburgh and Perth) at 9.15, which I considered was very good going. But the worst was yet before me. I now followed the road which leads to Crieff. On reaching Trochry—a little village about five miles up Strathbraan—I turned down a by-road which led to a farm situated at the mouth of a tiny glen branching off the bigger strath. Leaving my cycle at this farm, I started my walk up the little glen, and after about three-quarters of an hour's hard work I reached my destination.

The cottage which was to be the centre for our rambles across the wild, heathery moors, was a sturdy Perthshire cottage with two larger rooms and two small ones. It stood on a bare hillside looking across a valley to another bleak hillside, and the higher hills beyond.

The first afternoon of my stay, after a bathe in the cold rushing burn and a hearty dinner, we set out for a walk across the moors. Truly, this was a district of deserted villages and ruined cottages. What must have been at one time happy little "clachans" are now stark ruins testifying to the existence of happy families there in the days long gone by. On this first afternoon we went in search of one of these ruined villages called Blairnabuiack. However, we trudged through the tall heather for several miles with no success, and as we had to go down the glen before dark for our milk we gave up the search for that day. A few days afterwards, when we were up one of the hills opposite we descried this elusive "clachan," which turned out to be only a few hundred yards distant from the scene of our previous day's search.

One day we set out to walk through the heather to Amulree, which as the crow flies was only about four miles distant. However, when the better part of our journey was completed, we came upon a hillside which turned out to be a rich carpet of luscious blaberries and cranberries. In a very short time we gave up the idea of going to Amulree, and sat down and had a "jolly good feed" of the delicious berries. We picked the ruddy cranberries for future jam-making, and while picking, enjoyed as many blaberries as possible. It was with difficulty that we tore ourselves away, a few hours later, and wended our way homewards as best we could in the growing darkness.

Another day a friend and I made a fishing expedition up the stream. We set out in the

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forenoon—carrying our lunch with us—and fished with more or less success till two o'clock. Then we ate our lunch and immediately afterwards began fishing again. This time we proved that there was no lack of trout in a highland burn. By some curious coincidence both our watches stopped and we had no idea of how time fled, so we fished on until night began to fall. We plodded homeward, and on reaching the cottage found it dark and locked. By this time we were ravenous, so with the desperation of hunger we found a way in through the window. Half an hour afterwards our hostess (who had been down to "civilisation" for the week's provisions) found us sitting by a blazing peat fire, munching ginger snaps and plum cake—these being the only articles of food we could find.

The rest of my time was mostly spent in long walks over the moors, which at that time were teeming with grouse. These grouse were a

source of infinite amusement. On a fine morning they would sit on the opposite hillside and cackle contentedly to their mates. To the uninitiated, their cry sounded exactly like a shepherd calling his dog: "Hey! Come in! Come in! Come in!" or "Hey! Go back! Go back! Go back!" One would imagine that sitting listening to this all morning would get tedious, but it was not so, for the cry was so human and was subject to such variations that it was great fun to lie in the sun (for one or two of the days were hot) and imagine it was actually a human being scolding his dog.

But, alas! the fortnight ended, and it was with great reluctance that I turned my back on the little glen, which even in that short time I had grown so fond of. However, I contented myself with the thought that I would return another year and continue and extend my rambles.

## The Cadet Camp at Cortachy.

ON Saturday, 26th June, a party of about 30 Cadets might have been seen drawn up in the East Station ready to entrain for a fortnight's camp at Cortachy. The weather seemed rather dull, but later on it cleared up. After a pleasant journey, we arrived at Kirriemuir, where Captain Mann had the pleasure of announcing that he had been unable to procure a conveyance to take us to the site of our camp, and that we had to march. The band went on in a small bus, but the others had to march the three miles. We proceeded under R.S.M. Checkley, until Captain Mann picked him up in a car: we

then proceeded under command of Sergeant Johnston. We arrived, had lunch, and spent the afternoon in setting up our tents. By tea-time everything was ready, and each Cadet was allotted his tent. On Sunday we had Church Parade, and the rest of the day off. In the evening Captain Mann gathered us together and explained the arrangements, and routine for the fortnight. The routine was as follows:—  
 6.30 a.m.—Reveille.  
 6.45 a.m.—Physical Training.  
 8.0 a.m.—Breakfast.  
 9.30 a.m.—Fall in and Roll-Call.

9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.—Rifle Exercises, Platoon Drill, and Physical Drill, with ten minutes interval each hour.

1.0 p.m.—Dinner.

2.30 p.m.—Bathing Parade (Optional).

2.0 p.m. to 5.0 p.m.—Games, Football, Cricket, &c.

5.0 p.m.—Tea.

9.0 p.m.—Supper.

10.0 p.m.—Last Post.

10.15 p.m.—Lights Out.

Guard was mounted each night from 9.30 p.m. to 6.30 a.m. The weather was somewhat broken during the fortnight, but we had a very enjoyable holiday. The bathing parades, as a result, were rather erratic.

On Wednesday, 30th, we had a 15 mile route march up Glen Prosen. Most of the cadets still declare that it was at least 20 miles. We marched up one side of the Glen and down the other. We were pretty well pegged out, but after a bathe we felt all right.

On Thursday, a football match was arranged between the two platoons, which had been formed under Sergeants Johnston and Mudie. Sergeant Mudie's platoon (No. 2) won the match, the score being 3-2.

We had permission to play cricket on the Cortachy pitch, which was in top-hole condition. A match was played between the two platoons which was won by No. 1, on the narrow margin of 1 run.

Matches were played against the Cortachy team, one of which we lost, the other we won. The Earl of Airlie captained the Cortachy team, which had an old English county man, a Mr Wright, playing for them.

During the second week, the weather was even worse, and we managed only a 10 mile route march on the Thursday, up Glen Clova. From the spot where we turned a lovely view could be had of the famous Glen. On reaching camp, we had just time to be dismissed when the rain came down in torrents.

On Friday we arranged a concert, under the able management of our C.S.M., W. Blackwood.

During the rainy times we passed the weary hours having sing-songs or playing whist, bridge, and such games.

On Saturday, we were up with the lark, striking tents and removing our stores to a place of safety in the home farm of the Castle, and about 10 a.m. we started our march back to civilisation after a most enjoyable time.

In conclusion I should like to thank Captain Mann for choosing such a fine spot for our camp and both him and R.S.M. Checkley for the most efficient way they carried out the arrangements.

W. S. J.



### To Cloe.

I could resign that eye of blue

Howe'er its splendour used to thrill me ;

And even that cheek of roseate hue,—

To lose it, Cloe, scarce would kill me.

That snowy neck I ne'er should miss,

However much I've raved about it ;

And sweetly as that lip can kiss,

I *think* I could exist without it.

In short, so well I've learned to fast,

That, sooth my love, I know not whether

I might not bring myself at last,

To —do without you altogether.

T. Moore.





A. M. MACKIE,  
Dux of the Girls' School, 1919-20.

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## Pockets.

ONE day my sister came home and said she had lost a shilling, and I asked her how it had managed to jump out of her pocket. She replied that it had fallen out of her pursebag. Why did she not keep it in her pocket? She did not have one! Why are girls so foolish in this matter? If I had no pockets I would not know what to do.

I wear eleven pockets in my suit every day, and fourteen if I have my coat on, and have always something in each—pencils and fountain pen in one vest pocket, compasses and protractor in another, watch in the third, and knife and rubber in the fourth. In one jacket pocket I have a handkerchief, in the other string and odds and ends. In a small inside pocket I keep a mirror and comb (*vanitas vanitatis*), in a large one notebook and diary, in another letters, etc.; money in one trousers pocket, compass in another. Suppose, like a girl, I carried a bag, what a hopeless mix up there would be if all the aforementioned articles were jumbled up together!

A girl may say, "But boys lose things too." Yes, but they find them again in their pockets. What a lot of things one finds when one rummages in the pockets of one's old suit! Not long ago I read of a case in court when a lady, having left her bag in a shop, had it stolen, and sued the proprietor for its value. The jury found the lady responsible, and gave a verdict against her. If I had been on that jury I should have voted against her myself; for, if women are to leave their bags on counters or tramcar seats, and make innocent people pay for them if they are stolen, there will be no safety for

anyone. People who don't wear pockets should be fined; they ask for trouble, and shouldn't blame other people when they get it.

This craze to be pocketless does not seem to be modern. I don't know where the Romans and Greeks kept their loose "brass" in their flowing togas; nor have I found out where the mail clad crusader kept his pocket handkerchief. Yet in most kinds of dress there are some nooks in which to keep valuables. The savage of the South Seas keeps his fishing-hooks and tooth-pick in a waist-cloth; and the schoolboy who wears a kilt, as well as the brawny highlander, uses his stocking—the one to hold his pencil and ruler; the other to keep his skein-dhu. The bold cavalier kept his "tin" in his saddlebags; the sailor of to-day keeps his in his hat. In the old red uniforms there were no breast pockets; and so the soldier got into the habit of keeping his handkerchief up his sleeve, as many do yet. But nowadays, with so many nicknacks to carry, the business man, or the pupil of class 9, has to have a suit with at least eleven pockets. In the sports-jacket, now worn by so many, the pockets, besides being numerous, are so large, huge, immense (in the Latin sense), that one can carry quite comfortably, anything from a dozen golf balls to a brace of grouse. Indeed, there is no limit to the amount of goods one may carry in one's pockets except the breaking strain of the fabric of the cloth.

Yet, although men have so many pockets and women none, it should, by right, be the ladies who have the pockets; for, in Nature's one example, it is the female kangaroo that has a pouch!

J. L.

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**I**N the time of the great patriarch Moses did a multitude of the young men of the land band them together to consider the writings of some of their noble number. To this end did they gather themselves together and did choose men from among them to be heads over them—one man to be as a judge, one man to write down all that was done in this great gathering, and one man to keep as a sacred trust all the gold and precious ointment brought unto the chiefs as a thank-offering. There were also five young men chosen by lot from each of their hundreds to be as a trumpet for his fellow-men. Then were they ready to hear those from among them whom the spirit of speech did move to utterance. For each inspired one did they set apart one time to be heard, and they also set apart one night to be given over to merry-making and to feasting their weary souls on the good things of the earth. Also, when the spirit of hospitality was upon them, then did they go and call in unto the temple of meeting the young women of their faith, and did treat them to great and mighty draughts of wisdom. And the young women marvelled greatly at the wis-

dom shown by the young men, and they went forth, called a gathering, and did likewise. They chose from among them certain of their number to be in authority over them, and did appoint a time for those who were to speak unto them to be heard. Then afterwards when they heard how the young men had set apart one night to be given over unto delights of the senses then did they likewise, and did raise their beautiful voices in hymns of rejoicing. Also did they delight their eyes and ears by attending to the wonderful deeds of some of their number. But still did the young men despise their fair sisters and would not let them hearken in peace to the utterances of their prophets and teachers. Yet did not Moses desire that the young women should make them altogether like the young men, and thereunto he did decree that the young women should not delight themselves with the fruits of the earth. Whereat there was a great noise of weeping among the young women, and they did comfort their wounded spirits with tenacious and sweet comforts.

E. F. M.

## The Culbin Sands.

**A**BOUT six miles from Forres, a small town in Morayshire, lie the Culbin Sands, a great expanse of sand, stretching along the shores of the Moray Firth for eight miles, and inland towards Forres for three.

These sands are a veritable treasure-trove for collectors of old curiosities. Buried in the sand one finds flint arrow-heads, which have lain

there since the Stone Age. They were there, indeed, long before the sand covered the district. Besides the arrow-heads, one finds jet ornaments, also belonging to those far-off days, old nails, and coins. I have in my possession a coin with the head of King Charles I. on it, and a nail which is supposed to have been first driven into a piece of wood about the year 1694.

But how, one asks, did these coins and nails get there? Ah! dear reader, thereby hangs a tale.

Once this district was the most fertile part of Morayshire, and was divided up into two or three farms, one of which belonged to the Laird of Culbin. One day a neighbouring farmer paid a visit to the Laird, and they began to play at cards. They continued their game all night, and all next day, which happened to be Saturday. While they were playing, a stranger came to the door, and he was invited to join their game. At night the farmer went away, leaving the Laird and the stranger to continue the game. They went on playing far into the next day, when the stranger rose to go. The Laird

went to the door with his guest. Imagine his surprise, when he found that the sand had been blown up to the eaves of the house during the night. They returned to the sitting-room, the Laird telling his guest he would have to remain till they were dug out the next day. "I won't trouble you any longer," replied the stranger, "I'll go this way," and he hopped up the chimney. The Laird suddenly realised who the stranger was, as he saw his tail disappearing up the chimney.

And thus the fair land of Culbin was covered over, because the Laird played cards on Sunday --with the De'il.

## Reports.

### Rugby Club.

Although several of last year's team have left, the first XV. began this session with eight of last year's players. The defence has been almost completely changed. The only "three" of last year's team left is Begbie. Kyle is changed from forward to full back. Mudie, J. A. Hardie and another complete the three-quarter line. The halves are still the same, and Johnston, Ferguson, D. L. Hardie, Ritchie, Lawson and Hill are the new forwards.

The Club continues to have a large membership and many of the junior school are very enthusiastic. A junior practice takes place every Saturday morning at 9.30 and the keenness displayed augurs well for future years. A satisfactory fixture-list has been arranged by the secretary. The results of those games already played are to be found in this report.

Our first match this season took place at the Grounds on Saturday afternoon 16th October. Our opponents were the 2nd XV. of our F.P.'s. Most of the play in the first half was in the F.P.'s "25"; but, although the school were awarded several penalty kicks the teams crossed over at half-time with no scoring on either side, mainly owing to the

bad kicking of the school. The second half was not long begun, when Spence scored for the school; but the score was not converted. The school kept up the pressure and Spence got over again. Full points were not brought out here either. Towards the end of the game, Clark and Kinnison scored. Kinnison's try was converted by himself. The school ran out winners by 14 pts. to nil. The forwards played well in this match, but the "threes" did not combine enough. Spence and Kinnison were the best for the school.

The team in this match was: Burke; Begbie, Kyle, J. A. Hardie and Mudie; Clark and Kinnison; Hill, Spence, Kinnear, Johnston, Ferguson, D. L. Hardie, Calvert, Ritchie.

On the 23rd October we travelled to Crieff to play Morrison's Academy. After the severe defeat which Morrison's inflicted on us last season, we were very keen and eager for our revenge, and after a very fast and hard game we ran out winners. The score was Morrison's Academy 6 pts. (2 tries), High School 21 pts. (3 goals, 2 tries.) The School team played very well in this match, the forwards especially gaining ground many times in scrimmages and



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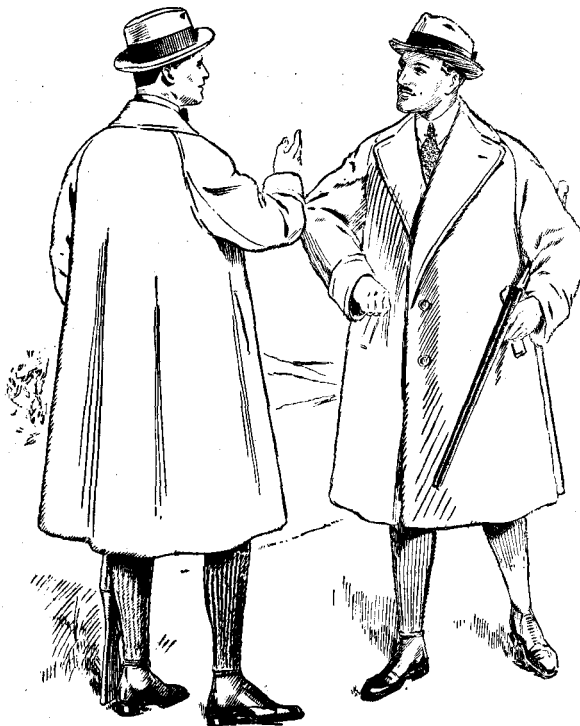
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line-outs. The "threes" marked their men effectively and did the majority of the scoring. The scorers in this match were:—Spence and Johnston (forwards), J. A. Hardie (half), and Mudie (three). The same team turned out as in the first match, except that J. A. Hardie and Mudie changed places in the three-quarter line.

On November 13th Madras College were our opponents at the Grounds. The team was:—Kyle; Begbie, Mudie, Barrie, and J. A. Hardie; Clark and Kinnison; Hill, Spence, Kinnear, Johnston, Calvert, Lawson, Ritchie and D. L. Hardie.

The weather was not very suitable for "rugger," a strong west wind blowing right across the pitch. Madras kicked off, playing into the north goal. Play was fairly even in this half, most of it being done by the forwards. Half-time arrived with the score X sheets on both sides blank.

The school started off well in the second half, but the hefty punting of the Madras full back (a veteran by the way), saved them time and again. Mudie then broke away on the right but he was brought down before he could pass. Madras then took up the attack and after keeping us in our own "twenty-five" MacInroy dropped a splendid goal for Madras well on in the second half. The school pressed again but they could not pierce the Madras defence. A hard game ended in favour of the visitors by 4 pts. to nil. The scrum did not work so well together as in previous games but that was probably due to some changes which had to take place, as Ferguson was off owing to illness. D. L. Hardie, and Calvert played very well in the loose.

On November 20th Strathallan School were our opponents at the Grounds. The only change in the team from that which played Madras was that Duff played in place of Barrie. Spence kicked off for the School but Strathallan pressed and kept us in our own "twenty-five." The school were very unfortunate early in the game D. L. Hardie having to be carried off hurt. The school seemed to realise then that they would have to play up well with only fourteen men, and shortly after, Johnston scored. Spence had hard lines with the kick. The school kept up the pressure, but Carmichael, the

old school back, repelled them with his long touch kicking. A few minutes before half-time Strathallan scored through their right wing three. The kick, however, did not realise the full points. Immediately on resuming Strathallan pressed and before the school team had steadied up they had increased their lead. The kick again failed. The forwards began to feel the want of Hardie very much, with the result that the "threes" were kept very busy stopping the Strathallan "threes," who were very elusive. The school broke away once or twice, but they were on the defence most of the remainder of the game. Shortly before "time-up" Strathallan scored again, but again they failed to take full points. The final result was School 3 pts. (1 try), Strathallan School 9 pts. (3 tries). Best for the school were:—Kinnison (half), Begbie (three), Johnston (forward).

The following are the fixtures for 1921:—

January 15—Morrison's Academy, at Dundee.

January 22—Strathallan School, at Forgandenny.

January 29—Madras College, at St Andrews.

February 5—Perth Academy, at Perth.

The team are deeply indebted to Mr Barr for his faithful refereeing and his personal interest in the team. The office-bearers for this season are:—Captain, R. N. Kinnison; Vice-Captain, W. G. Clark; Secretary, I. G. Mudie; Committee, the above with W. J. Spence and J. D. Kyle. I.G.M.



#### Former Pupils' Rugby Club.

In spite of reverses suffered last season, it was decided to carry on this Club. This decision was greeted with much enthusiasm.

At the opening meeting the following were elected office-bearers for 1920-21:—President, R. W. Barr, Esq.; Captain, C. C. Morrison; Vice-Captain, G. H. Philip; Secretary, J. R. Taylor; Treasurer, A. Elder. These together with H. R. Forsyth, G. R. Parker, and H. H. A. Elder form the Committee. The Representatives to the S.F.U. are Messrs K. K. Weatherhead and J. R. Philip.

The first game was, as usual, a practice with Panmure, resulting in a win for them. Following close on that came the first Midland League fixture with

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Rosyth. The F.P.'s were unfortunate in losing by 14 pts. to nil. N. K. Kinnison, the P.P.'s captain, was a very prominent three-quarter on this occasion.

On October 9th the F.P.'s played a XV. raised by Mr K. K. Weatherhead. This practice was valuable, coming as it did before three Midland League matches.

16th October. On this day the F.P.'s faced the Club which inflicted their heaviest defeat on them last season. The match was played against Kirkcaldy at Kirkcaldy. We were decidedly unlucky to lose, as we did, by 1 goal to 1 try, the only difference being that they kicked a magnificent goal whereas we just failed to convert a good try scored by Parker. K. K. Weatherhead and Forsyth were the most prominent men in this match.

On October 28th the F.P.'s showed themselves to be a vastly superior side as compared with last season. Playing Panmure at the Grounds we won by 3 tries to 1 try. J. R. Philip, a former captain of the P.P.'s, just failing with beautiful kicks on each occasion to convert. Perhaps the most outstanding piece of work was the passing by K. K. Weatherhead, A. Elder and Parker which started at the centre of the field and ended in Parker's scoring. The other tries were scored by Baxter and J. R. Philip.

The next match against St Andrews University was played on October 30th at St Andrews. The F.P.'s were very unlucky to lose by 1 try to nil.

When it came to selecting the team to represent the Midlands against the North everyone was gratified to find the F.P.'s securing two places. H. R. Forsyth and G. H. Philip were both outstanding forwards. Forsyth was the most outstanding forward in the Midland pack. But probably everyone was still better pleased when they found these two players called on to represent the North of Scotland against the South, in the second International trial. In this trial they both played well, but were on the light side. No player from the Midlands was selected to represent the North and South XV.

On November 13th the F.P.'s played the R.A.F.

and lost by 2 goals 1 try to 2 goals (1 marked), which were both scored by Morrison.

On December 4th we again faced Rosyth in a Midland League fixture. K. K. Weatherhead scored an unconverted try for the F.P.'s at the beginning. This was our only score. Against it Rosyth scored 1 goal 2 tries. Lindsay the F.P.'s back played a very fine game and narrowly missed dropping a goal.

The following have played for the F.P.'s 1st XV.: C. C. Morrison, G. H. Philip, H. R. Forsyth, K. K. Weatherhead, J. R. Philip, D. H. Cameron, C. R. Baxter, D. B. Anderson, J. M. Robb, J. Gray, J. Lindsay, G. R. Parker, J. B. Thomson, A. Elder, R. R. Kinnison, N. K. Kinnison, L. B. Weatherhead, J. Sinclair, H. H. A. Elder, J. P. M. Whyte.

It is a very promising sign that this season a 2nd XV. with J. R. Cowper as Captain, R. L. Buttar as secretary, and W. L. Tullis as treasurer has played several matches.

The F.P.'s wish to remind those P.P.'s leaving school that they should support the F.P.'s Rugby Club before any other. And in closing, the F.P.'s wish the P.P.'s every success for the remainder of the season.

G.H.P.

### Cadet Corps.

The numbers in the company have decreased this year to 46 compared with last year's 54, but a few boys are coming in singly and we hope to have the strength up to last year's at least.

We were all very disappointed to hear that Captain Mann was leaving school and would have to resign his position as O.C. He was a very good officer and took great pains with us. The work of getting a new O.C. has been difficult, but Major C. C. Lamb, D.S.O., has at last been appointed O.C. of the company. The parades have been carried on by R.S.M. Gray under the supervision of our kind friend Colonel Smith.

The camp this year was a huge success, extending over a fortnight from the 27th June and was

held at Cortachy instead of Barry. Cortachy is an ideal spot and we have great hopes of obtaining the same spot again for future camps. The company parades now for only an hour on Friday afternoons from 3.30 so that we can have Wednesday afternoon for recreation. This is working out quite well, although one or two cadets have had to leave on account of the inconvenience of the train service.

The N.C.O.'s this year are:—Company Sergeant-Major W. S. Johnston; Sergeants, W. G. Clark, N. Kinnison; Corporals, D. J. Davidson, N. McLeod (pipe). Owing to the loss of Sergt. Hall's services, Sergt. I. G. Mudie has been promoted to C.Q.M.S.

I should like to appeal to those boys who could be, and are not, in the Cadet Corps to join. It does them absolutely no harm and a great deal of good, while camp is as fine and as cheap a holiday as you can get. In conclusion we should like to thank R.S.M. Gray for the time he has given up to us, and Colonel Smith for the great interest he continues to take in us and our welfare.

W.S.J.

### Boys' Literary Society.

Under the able presidency of Mr Webb, the Literary Society has started upon what promises to be a very successful session, and the attendances so far have been remarkably good.

The first meeting took place on Saturday, 9th October, when selections from literature were read.

The official opening was on 16th October, when Stewart A. Robertson, Esq., M.A., the organiser of Education to the Dundee Education Authority, gave a most interesting and amusing lecture on "When Shakespeare went to School."

The usual Hat Night was held on October 23rd, and there was an animated discussion on numerous subjects.

A debate which caused much interest, took place on October 30th on the No-Licence question. Mr Kinnear ably led the No-Licence side, while Mr Keith had strong arguments in favour of the other. A very lively discussion followed the speeches of the leaders, and the result gave an easy victory to the Anti-Prohibitionists.

On November 6th Mr Frain read an interesting paper on Jugo-Slavia, and Mr Coulthard gave a graphic account of the development of the steamship.

Short papers were delivered by members of Class Seven on November 13th. Mr Young told the history of the Royal Mail. Mr Rattray described the Scouts' Jamboree. Mr Edwards gave a paper on Ireland; and Mr Scott took gold-mining as his subject.

The Boys' and Girls' Societies met on Saturday, November 17th to hear a most interesting and instructive lecture, illustrated with excellent slides, by G. West, Esq., on "Wanderings of a Naturalist in Scotland."

Preparations are well in hand for the Musical Evening, and it is hoped that it will be as successful as it was last year.

E.W.O.

### Swimming Club.

Those interested in the Swimming Club will be glad to hear of its continued prosperity. The gala, the first since the beginning of the war, was most successful, showing that the high standard of swimming which the High School has always maintained has not been allowed to deteriorate.

The champion on this occasion was James Carmichael, while Maxwell Meiklejohn made a very close second. The swimming also shown by many of the junior members gives great promise for the future.

This year an arrangement has been made by which those specially interested in swimming can come down to the baths every Wednesday, or two Wednesdays out of three, instead of every third Wednesday as formerly. This has done much to promote efficiency in swimming.

Every Wednesday polo practices take place; and, although no matches have been played as yet, the team will no doubt be able to give a good account of itself when the time comes. There are also practices in diving and team racing, while the life-saving class, formed earlier than usual this year, is already in full swing.

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T.T.

### Our Library.

The School Library has now been opened, and pupils are in a position to judge how far it will be a help and a solace to them in their work. The nucleus of the new Library, as everyone knows, was the former Girls' Library, but many new books have been purchased with money obtained from the entertainment of last session and from other sources. Care has been taken to choose books of as many kinds as possible, and it is hoped that all will find something to interest them. Already the membership amounts to 100, almost all boys, but by the time this number of the Magazine is published it will probably have at least doubled. Permanent arrangements for the giving out and the return of books cannot be made till the total of likely members and their distribution among the classes are more accurately known. When such arrangements are made, intimation will be given on the notice-boards.

Thanks are due to many boys and teachers for help in the preparation of the catalogue, etc., to Miss Macdougald for the gift of several interesting and valuable books, to Mr Barr for his care of the financial affairs of the Library, and to Mr Simpson for assistance in making new fittings—assistance so useful that without it the expansion of the Library would have been exceedingly difficult, if not impossible.

### Hockey.

The hockey season has started this year with an even larger membership than formerly. The 1st XI. have played 5 matches, won 3 and lost 2, the score in goals being 12 for, and 15 against.

The first match of the season was against Arbroath. The school team played up well and came off with a win of 5-1.

Perth Academy were our visitors the next week,

and the school XI was badly beaten. In the first half the Academy shot goal after goal till the score was 7-0, but in the second half the school team pulled together and succeeded in scoring 2 goals, while Perth added another to their score.

We visited Arbroath the week after, and there, after a stiff game, came away victorious, the score being 3-1.

The next team we played was the F.P.'s, and although the P.P.'s played well the score was 5-1 against them.

At our last match we met the Grove F.P.'s and won 1-0. Although the Grove F.P.'s were a heavier team and much harder hitters, the school team tackled well and spoilt many good passes.

The 2nd XI. have not started their matches yet, but they have got a fixture list for next term, and they are going to play some of the school teams in the district.

We are again very fortunate in having Miss Smith as our referee, and we are much indebted to her for her kindness in giving her services.

M.K.H.

### Girls' Literary Society.

The Girls' Literary Society promises to be very successful this year with Miss Smail as president. Both the membership and the attendances have shown a considerable increase on those of recent years, and the large number of papers has enabled us to have as many as three or four in one evening, adding to the interest as well as the duration of the meetings.

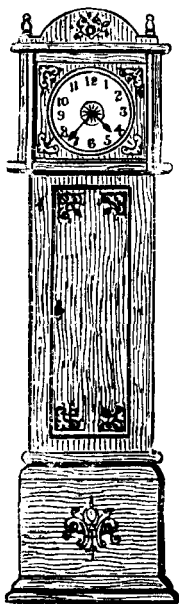
On the 16th October, the Girls' Society met along with the Boys' to hear a lecture by Stewart A. Robertson, Esq., M.A., entitled "When Shakespeare went to School", which proved most interesting, and threw much light on school and social life in Elizabethan times. On the 22nd October, selections from literature, as enjoyable as they were varied, were read to the Girls' Society by six of the members. The following week, a Hat Night was held, and proved to be one of the most successful even-

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ings in the memory of those present. Many of the questions afforded scope for debate, and even our youngest members took a creditable part in the proceedings.

The first papers of the session were given on the 5th November, by four members of Class VI, Miss Nan Lowson, Miss Ruth Dow, Miss Nan Linton, and Miss Ina Davidson, on "Charles Dickens," "Glen Orchy," "A Day in the West Lomonds," and "Lochnagar" respectively, and did credit to our youngest members in interest and in quality. The next Friday, three enjoyable papers were contributed by Miss Molly Braid, on "Handel"; Miss Chrissie Laird, on "St Andrews"; and Miss Annie Lickely, who gave an original and entertaining composition entitled "The Renaissance of Sir Roger."

Owing to the occupation of the school for the No-Licence voting, the next week's open meeting was postponed for a week, and as the members did not wish to miss the usual evening's entertainment, more selected readings were given, and were much enjoyed.

On November 26th, members of Class VII., Miss Betty Miller, Miss Katy Duncan, and Miss Peggy Lowson read three very interesting papers on "Robert Louis Stevenson," "Thoughts about Christmas," and "A Scottish Parish in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries," respectively. The following evening the second open meeting was held, when G. West, Esq., gave a delightful lecture on "Wanderings of a Naturalist in Scotland", illustrated by many beautiful and interesting slides. On December 3rd, Miss Smail, our president, gave a lecture on "Flame." Miss Smail's lecture proved both entertaining and instructive, and was illustrated by many experiments which added to its interest and our enjoyment.

The rest of our syllabus promises to be as good as what we have already heard, and we look forward

to the completion of a successful session.

M.D.H.P.

### Girl Guides.

One thing has still to be reported on from last session and that is the Guide Camp. We had rainy weather, but in spite of that we managed to enjoy ourselves very much, and I do not think any one was the worse for her experience. We were again at Kirkmichael and made a number of excursions into the surrounding districts. The owners of a wool mill at Bridge of Cally invited us to see through their factory. The invitation was accepted and we all spent a very enjoyable afternoon looking through the factory. The arrival of the U.F. minister, Mr Skene, at the camp one day caused some alarm until it was found that he had come to ask us to tea at the Manse. Mr Skene, as it happens, is a D.H.S.F.P. and he and Mrs Skene gave us a very delightful afternoon. Altogether we spent a very enjoyable week; and, though we had to pack up and come away in pouring rain, every one was sorry that our week of camp life was over for another year.

Lieutenant Malcolm and three of the patrol leaders—Constance Carmichael, Margaret Duncan, and Kathleen Whitton have left school; but we are lucky in getting Miss Turnbull as our new lieutenant. She is taking a great interest in the Company and helping the guides to gain proficiency badges.

The visit of Princess Mary to Dundee was a great day for the Guides. The High School was represented in most of the displays, and the embroidery of the chocolate box which was to be presented to the Princess was entrusted solely to the 2nd Company.

The Company now meets on Friday evening from 5.30 to 6.30, when work is done for the Child Nurse and Ambulance Badges. Some drill is done and then we finish up usually with a little dancing.

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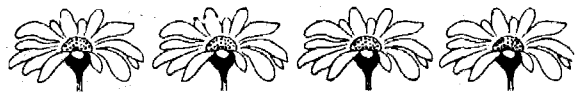
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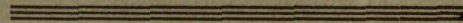
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