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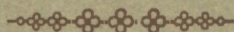
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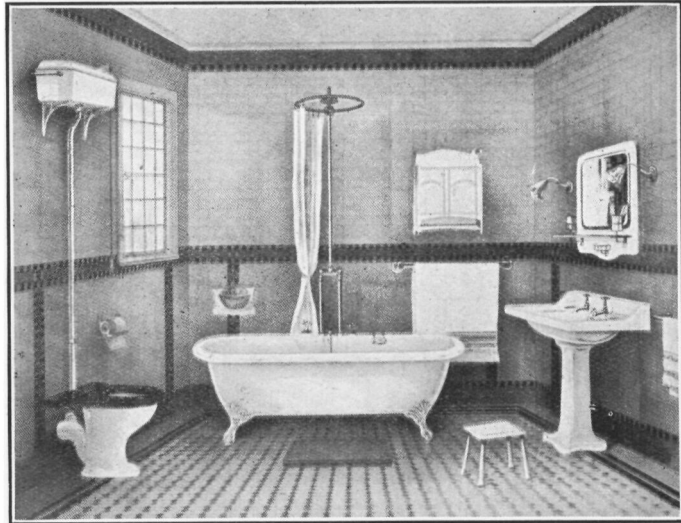
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Editorial.

THE sun was already high in the heavens when a youth in good compass, like Falstaff, but of dignified mien, staggered wearily through the portals of the Old School. His brow was furrowed with much thought and many cares; his pockets bulged with rejected manuscripts; in a thin gold band he carried the precious few that were accepted; from behind his ear protruded a well-used quill pen.

An anxious maiden in editorial garb rushed up to him. "Whence comest thou?" she said with modern pertness. "*D'où venez vous ?*" (They were both in the 10th Class.) And then more seriously, "Have you solved at last the great problem?"

"Parnassus!" he muttered.

"Asses? Where? Who?" she stammered.

"No, no," he groaned wearily, "I have been to Mount Parnassus, and I had to climb the beastly thing, larding the lean earth as I went along. But they could not elucidate for me the problem of making an ideal School Magazine. Such a thing had never been heard of. In fact, they were sure it did not exist.

"Some said our poor little book was too

light, too undignified, not sufficiently Academic. They talked glibly about the philosophy of life, the dignity of learning. Give them something to worry at, get their teeth into. Einstein, Karl Marx, Diogenes, Kant, Nietzsche—these fellows had theories that would make good reading for youth.

"Others said it was too dull and heavy. If you have a School Notes page, why not put real humour into it, something really funny? Why not go one better than *Punch*? After three Quarterlies and a Higher Examination a frivolous antidote was needed."

"Then there was the burning question of the Staff.

'Sock 'em,' said one old sage, remembering past sorrows. 'Splash on the corroding satire. Get your own back. It's the only way, via the Magazine.'

'Nay, that is false doctrine,' said a timid-looking fellow. 'They are sacrosanct; let not even their names be mentioned.' And so on. . . ."

"Ah! well, don't worry over much, my editorial friend," said the lady ("unless you're slimming"). "We've both done our share of the Mag. work, and we've enjoyed it. We have given them a mixture of grave and

gay. From Class IV. to Class X. we have tried to select representative articles. Of course, what Class IV. thought funny, Class X. thought puerile; but we had to cater for them all—*Que voulez-vous?*"

"Very wisely stated, considering your years and sex," said the weary editor. "Thanks for your consolation. I have earned a rest, I think. I shall sleep to-night."

School Successes.

The great news is just to hand, and we are so glad that it has come in time for publication. The facts speak for themselves. In the Entrance Bursary Competition of Edinburgh University, the premier competition of the kind in Scotland, the School has met with unprecedented success.

1st place—Enid M. Robertson (dux of the Girls' School).

2nd place—George E. Davie (dux of the Boys' School).

In the John Welsh Classical Bursary Competition:—

1st—George E. Davie.

2nd—Enid M. Robertson.

In the John Welsh Mathematical Bursary Competition:—

1st—Enid M. Robertson.

In the St Andrews University Bursary Competition 2nd place was gained by Alexander A. Morrison.

Preston Watson (this year's dux in Science) has been elected to a Montrose Residential Scholarship of £100, tenable for three or four years.

U.C.D. Entrance Bursary Competition:—

1st (equal)—William Keir
(who also won the Leng Prize Essay).

If we consider that this year the School has

also taken 5 of the 1st 6 places including the 1st in University College, Dundee, bursary list, and that the Rifle Club has won the Strathcona Shield, we are justified in saying that this session has proved, indeed, an *annus mirabilis*. We congratulate most warmly all those who, by their achievements, scholastic or athletic, have upheld the reputation and tradition of the School, but we must, we feel, reserve a special pat on the back for our editor and editress, George Davie and Enid Robertson. They have done magnificently. The School is proud of them.

The Talk of the School.

WE have decided to give the Magazine a page of School news as well as an F.P.'s page. Our reason for taking this step is principally to release the editor from the unenviable necessity of constructing a bright prefatory essay out of a mass of information respecting the Clubs and Societies. We hope that our readers will approve this extension, and that our successors in the editorial chair will continue it.

It is with regret that we note in this issue the death of the former Rector, Dr George Merry, who, during the last two decades of the nineteenth century, greatly upheld the traditions of the School.

Present and former pupils will read with interest to-day the appreciation of Dr Merry, which appears in this issue. The School and the Magazine are fortunate in having this article from the pen of Mr Frank Young, and we would take this opportunity of thanking him. Mr Young was head of the Science department for many years, and a colleague and intimate friend of Dr Merry. Present pupils will remember gratefully that



Back Row—A. G. Watt (Oakley Cup—Best Shot, 1st year) ; W. Keir (Leng Prize Essay) ; P. Watson (Dux—Science) ; F. W. How (Boase Medal and Pirie Cup—Golf) ; A. D. Alexander (Dux—7th Class Boys—Jane Spiller Prize) ; W. Bell (Polack Medal, Dux—Gymn., 6th Class, Boys) ; D. Phillips (Dux (equal) 4th Class, Boys, Polack Prize).

Second Row (counting from back)—A. P. Taylor (Dux—Commercial Dept.) ; A. L. MacCaul (Dux—Needlework) ; T. S. Lorimer (Dux—Gymn., Boys, and Loveridge Cup—Mile Race) ; J. M. Fearn (Champion Athlete, Boys under 14—“Aystree” Cup) ; Jean D. Ritchie (Swimming—Junior Championship Cup, Girls) ; S. B. Nicoll (Caird Prizes—Phonography).

Third Row—A. Reid (Urquhart Cup—Champion Shot) ; M. I. Ferrier (Swimming—Championship Cup, Girls) ; Geo. E. Davie (School Dux, Boys, and Dux—English, French, Latin, Greek ; 2nd Place Edinburgh University Bursary Comp., 1st Place Classical Bursary Competition) ; Enid M. Robertson (School Dux, Girls, and Dux—Mathematics ; 1st Place Edinburgh University Bursary Comp., 1st Place Math. Bursary Comp., 2nd Place Classical Bursary Comp.) ; I. G. M'Call (Champion Athlete—Airlie Cup) ; J. D. Mackenzie (Dux—Gymn., Girls—Championship Cup).

Front Row—W. M. Ross (Singing—Leng Silver Medal) ; F. P. Sellars (Dux—Art) ; B. A. M'Dougall (Dux—7th Class, Girls—Jane Spiller prize) ; J. Y. Baxter (Dux (equal) 4th Class, Boys—Polack Prize).

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it was Mr Young who inaugurated the new pavilion at the grounds two years ago.

The present session, too, is the last in which Miss Anderson will hold sway in her "noisy mansion" in Euclid Crescent, but, from what we know of her character and her work, she will continue, we think, to hold sway in the hearts of her pupils. In her retirement, which will leave in the School a gap difficult to fill, we wish her every happiness, and we venture to hope that she will often revisit us.

The Cadet Company, under the command of Captain Legge, will go into camp at Cortachy during the first fortnight of July. We wish them good weather in this, their last camp of all, and we think that it will be successful beyond any of former years. We venture to suggest, too, that if the Cadet Company has to come to an end, someone should compile a record of its history for our next number in order that so gallant an organisation may not be entirely forgotten.

The Girl Guides are this year exchanging Kirkmichael for Edzell. These pastures new, we hope—as the editress puts it—they will find to their taste.

Academically the School has easily held its own this year, and in the midst of our general commendation, we must congratulate David Maxwell for his sustained brilliance at Edinburgh University, and our school-fellow, Preston Watson, on his achievement in winning an open scholarship for St. Andrews.

The School Sports were held in splendid weather on June 1, and the organising committee deserve to be congratulated on their great success. The championship was keenly contested, and it ought to be remarked that Ian M'Call, worthy winner of the Airlie Cup, is one of the men of light and leading in

Airlie house, which house also proved strongest in the tug-of-war. Well done, Airlie! The house system is still, it is clear, a force in the School, and we personally hope to see it re-established next year, as it was before, in all its splendour.

This year, too, has been quite a good one for the Magazine. The School has given it strong support, and contributions have been more plentiful than usual. All our contributors, therefore, we desire to thank; and especially do we wish to commend and console those whose articles we have been unable to publish. Our advice to them is—never tire of well-doing—practice makes perfect. Their day will come.

Lastly, what would our Magazine be without Mr Laird? He is our power behind the throne. To him, therefore, for his unfailing kindness, good humour, patience and efficiency, much thanks, and may he long continue to direct the destinies of the Mag.



A Buttercup.

Oh, little golden buttercup,
So sweet and faintly glossy,
You grow upon the banks high up—
They are not damp nor mossy.

Your flower is like a golden ball,
Your leaves are fans of green,
You are the sweetest flower of all
That gaily dots the scene.

You bring the warm summer days,
The joys of field and sea,
You are the harp the cool wind plays
To bring delight to me.

T., Class IV.

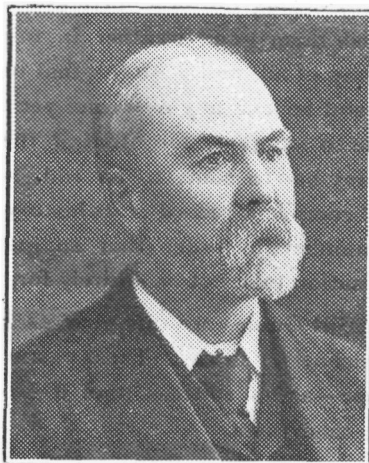
The Late George Ross Merry, M.A., LL.D., First Rector of The High School of Dundee.

An Appreciation by an Old Master of the School from 1877 to 1900.

AFTER an unusually prolonged period of ill-health, Dr Merry passed away very peacefully in Edinburgh on the 24th of April last at the long age of 89 years. His unanimous appointment as first Rector of the School in 1883 marked the beginning of a new era in the history of the School. Having previously distinguished himself as a student at Glasgow and Oxford Universities, and as one of the masters of Edinburgh Academy, he brought with him a remarkably fine record of scholastic attainments and teaching experience. In the year following his appointment as Rector he gave proof that he possessed, in addition, administrative ability of a high order, and in his hands the School prospered abundantly. Although his own studies and work were mainly classical, and his devotion to them never waned, he early showed that his educational outlook was wide and intelligent. He began by securing facilities for the extension of scientific and other modern studies in the School by a more abundant provision for experimental and illustrative treatment of the different subjects. The little chemical laboratory in existence was extended and improved; soon after a workshop was introduced for giving instruction in handwork, one of the very first of its kind in Scottish Secondary Schools; later again a physical laboratory was built and handsomely equipped.

It should also be remembered that it was under Dr Merry's auspices that, owing to the munificence of Bailie and Miss Harris,

the Girls' High School was built and furnished, although he often afterwards declared his want of satisfaction with the design of its exterior as quite out of keeping with the noble Doric of the old School. Time and space would fail me to tell of all that Dr Merry accomplished in seeking to maintain the School in the very front on sound



THE LATE GEORGE ROSS MERRY, M.A., LL.D.

and progressive educational lines during the 21 years in which he acted as Rector; but I must not omit to mention the Gymnasium, which, at his instigation, was so admirably fitted up through the generosity of ex-Provost Robertson, who had also equipped the workshop. Nor should it be forgotten that it was Dr Merry who initiated the idea of a playing field for the use of present and future scholars, and that he stimulated so great an interest in the project as to raise the necessary funds for its purchase by means of a highly successful bazaar in the Drill Hall

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directed by a committee of ladies. In justice to Dr Merry it ought to be said that he did not give his approval to the waste of means on the erection of a stone wall which now needlessly separates the older field from that more recently acquired as an addition.

As I have already said, an increasing prosperity of the School for a number of years followed Dr Merry's appointment as Rector until the number of pupils enrolled fell little short of 1000 individuals, a number that was adversely affected later on by the application of a Government grant for Secondary Education which aided the setting up of Secondary Departments in the smaller communities throughout surrounding counties. This had the effect of keeping back many secondary pupils until the later stages of the High School course. There were also other factors which adversely affected the enrolment for a number of years, and this, together with his family bereavements, caused him great concern and helped to undermine his health, and ultimately, to the widespread regret of all who knew him led to his premature resignation. It was his genial, sensitive nature rather than his ripe scholarship or administrative powers that endeared him to his Directors, his colleagues, and his scholars. He was wise and considerate in all his dealings with them. Many of his old pupils will recall the quiet and kindly yet very effective way he had of correcting mistakes in their work or discipline.

Throughout the twenty-six years that

elapsed between his retirement and his death he continued to maintain an interest in the affairs of the School, and he rejoiced to hear from time to time of its prosperity. The welfare and success of his old pupils was also a source of great interest to him. Indeed, he often surprised me by his recollection of School incidents concerning them. It has been a matter of extreme regret to his friends that his repeated periods of ill-health prevented the full enjoyment of a well-earned leisure that might otherwise have been spent in giving effect to those literary tastes of which he gave us evidence even when he was burdened with school duties. The School Song was one of his creations. Set to music by Mr David Ferrier, Headmaster of the Music Department, I am told it still goes with a convincing ring every time it is sung. Several fine verses on other themes appeared years ago in different papers, among them, I think, the School Magazine itself. It was only a fortnight before he died that he recited to me from his bed once again a charming little poem which began, "Farewell to thee, Lugar, for I maun awa." This was his good-bye, years ago, to the Ayrshire river near which his youth had been spent, and in which he often fished when on holiday; and now we have come to the time when in turn we bid a reverent farewell to our old Rector, whose memory we shall continue to affectionately cherish as one of the wisest, truest, and best of men. His later days of mortal weariness are now at an end, for God giveth His beloved sleep.

Sport.

AT the present day the Dundee High School is very fortunate in the facilities it possesses for its sports. We have spacious

and fairly level grounds, a comfortable pavilion, and what is perhaps of the greatest benefit of all, a Staff that is tireless in its

efforts to assist us. No one who witnessed the keenly-contested and well-organised Sports Meeting lately held could fail to account us present pupils happy in the sympathy with which our present Rector and his colleagues regard the sporting side of School life; and we take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to our Rector for the splendid work he did for us, and for those who come after us, when, supported by his very helpful Staff, he raised funds to build the much-needed new pavilion, the comfort and convenience of which we appreciate so much to-day.

But D.H.S. pupils were not always so fortunate. The earliest sons of the High School were without recreation grounds, organised games, and tolerated sports. Their lot we may well contrast with our own happier fortune in the adaption of Gray—

“For them no weak pavilion fires did burn,
Nor Sports Committee ply its anxious care,
No masters run to greet the teams' return,
Or shake their hands, the victory to share.”

However, even during this sorry period in the annals of School sport, there was not wanting one who recognised how valuable a part games could play in a School curriculum, and who was prepared to support the boys in their efforts to attain recreation grounds. I refer to the late Dr George Merry, for it is to him that we ought to be grateful for bringing to an end this sportless and game-less era. It might perhaps be of some interest to our readers to quote some of that Rector's appeals and exhortations which Dr Murray has been kind enough to discover for us. Long, sonorous sentences they are, ringing with the greatness of the Victorian epoch, typical of an eloquence and an age that have long since passed away.

It was not until 1884-5, during the second session of Dr Merry's rule that the first

mention of games is found in the School archives. The Directors, doubtless inspired by the headmaster, assigned in that year the sum of £10 towards the purchase of a cricket field. This was the first step, and it was soon followed by others. In June 1886, for the first time in the history of the School, the Rector made mention of games in his yearly report. Still, however, there was not money enough or enthusiasm enough to procure recreation grounds, and, in his June pronouncement, Dr Merry counselled courage and persistency. “Do not,” he said, “despair of securing a field for the healthful recreation of the pupil.” Such courage was indeed required, for it was not for six years that his “object all sublime” was achieved. Those six years, barren though they may appear to us, were nevertheless the seed-time of High School sport, and the progress made in the organisation of exercise will be amply demonstrated in these memorable words spoken by Dr Merry in 1890. “While I cannot conceal my regret that the School is still without a field for outdoor games, I must acknowledge that the want of a field has been counterbalanced by the institution of a cycling club, by golfing, swimming, and gymnastical competitions, and by botanical and geological excursions into the country.” Such courage and such hopefulness were certain to achieve success, and within three years the field was secured. “It is very gratifying to me,” Dr Merry then said, “to be able to report that a cricket field has been secured for the use of the boys during the present session.” The struggle still continued, but victory under such a chief was soon at hand. In the years following this there was organised and carried through successfully the great bazaar which was the means of purchasing



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A black and white illustration of six children and two adults surrounding a large, light-colored oval. The children are positioned around the top and sides of the oval, appearing to be looking at or interacting with it. The adults are positioned at the bottom, one on the left and one on the right, also looking towards the oval. The overall scene suggests a family or community gathering focused on the central message.

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THE Engineering Department of the University College arranged a trip to inspect the Forth Bridge. They asked Mr Simpson to go, and also very kindly extended the invitation to the senior class in his department. We immediately seized the wonderful opportunity.

We left Dundee on the train on the 26th April, arriving at Dalmeny about 11.30 o'clock. Before we were allowed on the bridge we had to sign a paper freeing the Forth Bridge Company from all responsibilities. Unfortunately the weather was not good. There was a heavy fog which prevented us from seeing far or taking photographs without timing them.

Our orders were that we were to go facing the traffic, cross the track, and come back also facing the traffic. Also, officially, photos were not allowed to be taken, but if we hid our cameras when passing the office the man would look the other way. A large board on this office announced that on no account were women allowed on the bridge.

Our attention was at once drawn to the construction of the permanent way. On each side of the rails there is a channel about 6 inches deep and about the same breadth. This is to prevent a train wrecking the bridge if it should jump the rails. Between each set of rails, also, there is a trench about 1½ feet deep for emergency. Should a plate-layer or workman be taken by surprise he has just to lie flat in this trench to escape injury from any passing train. To compensate for expansion all the plates in certain parts are joined with bolts in slotted holes. The rails, also, are cut with a slant instead of the usual straight across method.

When we were half-way between the end and the first pier an engine and tender with

one coach passed us on the far line. We distinctly felt the vibration here, whereas it was hardly noticeable in the centre of the bridge. We now reached the first stone-covered arch. Inside we saw a glass-covered instrument for recording expansion, and on the top of the arch the wind pressure instrument. At this point the fog thickened so that we could not see 50 yards in front of us. We also heard the foghorns of two steamers which were approaching the bridge.

Unfortunately we could not get down to the piers of the bridge or up to the top of the girders as we did not have one of the bridge engineers with us. To reach the top a steel ladder takes you to a girder leading across the track and out to the big hollow girders. By opening a manhole you are able to continue your journey to the top inside. There are huts built at regular intervals between the permanent way and the outer girders for storing tools, etc.

There are also little shelters like sentry-boxes containing a small stove and a bench. Men are stationed in these at the different signals during foggy weather. As the engine-driver is unable to see the signals, one of these men puts a detonator on the line. If the signal does not fall the detonator is left on the line. The engine-driver now has time to pull up after hearing the report.

On reaching the opposite end of the bridge we stopped to speak with the man in the office. He told us that part of his job was to count the number of carriages in the different trains and take the time when they entered the bridge. Leaving him we crossed to the other side of the track and looked down on Queensferry.

About half-way across we came on a man in one of these boxes which I mentioned

above. He said he had been there since seven o'clock that morning, and was not likely to be changed till eleven if the fog continued. This seems rather a long shift under the present regulations. He also showed us his box of detonators. They are round red things, 2 inches in diameter and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, with metal tabs to clamp them on the rail.

Shortly afterwards a goods train passed on the same side as us. There are only two yards between the rails and the railing, so that you are quite close to the train. In addition the carriages jut out a little and are fairly high above you. The first time a train passes it is rather awe-inspiring to see the huge engine with steam belching from it bearing down on you.

We had now seen everything of interest, and were walking in quickly when a signal fell. In a minute or two a huge two-engined express thundered towards us. This was the biggest train that had passed us as yet, but there was hardly any vibration. By stretching an arm we could easily have touched the carriages. The foot of the carriage doors also reached about the top of our shoulders, so that if one had been suddenly opened we would have been hit.

It was, perhaps, a little unfortunate that we did not have one of the railway engineers to show us the inner secrets of the bridge, and certainly the weather was unkind; but despite these misfortunes the trip was a most enjoyable and instructive one.



Climbing Ben Ledi.

ON a beautifully clear afternoon during the Easter holidays we left Callander about 2.30 p.m. and walked westwards by the banks of the Teith for two miles. Here we reached Coilantogle Ford, which was the

scene of the combat between Fitz-James and Rhoderick Dhu, and started to climb Ben Ledi at 3 p.m. The ascent to begin with is very gradual, and we did not stop until a height of 1500 feet was reached. Even at this height a wonderful panorama of mountain and loch charmed our Scottish hearts. At our very feet lay Loch Vennachar, from where the river Teith, "daughter of three mighty lakes," breaks forth, while beyond lay Scotland's only "lake," that of Menteith, known at once by its peculiar heart-like shape. West of Vennachar we saw Lanrick Mead, the mustering ground of the famous Clan Alpine, and the Brig o' Turk, where the last wild pig is supposed to have been killed. Further west still lay the lovely Loch Achray with the Trossachs Pass leading on to Loch Katrine. This was the largest loch we could see, and as we looked at its many wooded islands our mind's eye could easily picture Ellen and her boat setting out for the shore. Ben Venue stands guardian on the southern shores, and beyond we could see the summit of Ben Lomond, snow-capped and majestic. East of us lay dark Lubnaig, with its rugged mountains reaching down to the water's edge, where Rob Roy escaped from the Duke of Montrose.

But we had rested long enough, and we resumed our climb until the cairn was reached (2875 feet) at 5 p.m.

The climb had given us a tremendous appetite, and here we enjoyed our tea while the half of Scotland nestled at our feet. The day was cloudless, and our view now extended from the Forth Bridge in the east to Glasgow and the Arrochar Hills in the west.

Tired but happy we began our downward trek, and reached Callander about 7.30 p.m., having spent a most enjoyable afternoon on the roof of our beloved land.

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descent from Malcolm Canmore. Animal of leisure. Knows much—hence you are favoured if any attention is paid to your presence or remarks. Out of its cage, it does not know everybody. According to your importance, it will favour you with an insipid grin, a vacant stare, a dubious nod, or wave of the right paw.

§ K.o. Potterus Bolshevicus.—Allied closely, we imagine, to the laughing hyena. Hates its cage, and is often seen in corridors. Does a good turn every day—not to its trainer; also several bad ones. Salutes with thumb in dangerous proximity to the nose. Yaps and grins and runs round in circles at the sight of red hair.

M.4. Saunderus Amatissimus.—Sometimes seen hanging on to a pole. Shows marked partiality for the letter A, viz.—Athletics, Amor, Anzora, Adams. Doesn't believe in over-working; a lover of the green fields and the sunshine. Diet—ham and eggs. Recreation—acting the life of David and Jonathan, or Damon and Pythias, or Gin and It. Answers to pet name of "Sonny Boy."

X.i. Fergus Boaziter.—A penguin-like hybrid, ever-smiling, but none the less a villain. Plays much "wi' a wee roon ba'." Collects chalk; should be kept away from ink-wells and blotting paper. Frequently loses interest in cricket to study Paris modes in the Pathé Gazette. Often caught stroking an imaginary moustache.

X.a. 'Erbert Adolescentulus.—Must have lived in Shakespeare's time to provide copy for the "whining schoolboy." Sits or stands in class equally badly. Happiest when interviewed. A promising legal or Borstal career for him. Likes to hear the sound of bells in the distance. Highly amusing and vivacious animal.

X.33. Brem Jenesaisquoi.—A sleepy

creature, who walks with a rolling, shambling gait. Often found singing the bass part of "Covenanters" in class; more often found imagining his desk the big drum; oftenest fast asleep. Has a voice like a street-hawker or the porter at Barnhill Station. Guaranteed he won't bite though he has been known to play golf. Answers to pet name of "Jujube."

Poodle Gloriosa.—Belongs to the natural order of mermaids. Her smile has reached the limits of the globe—yea, to New Zealand. In water she has the sleek efficiency of the sea-lion. Her hobby is keeping a tame fox. Was once in love with her myself, but jilted me. Diet—various. Wow-wow!!!

Z.i. Davus Maximus.—Only Heroic Couplet can cope with this specimen.

Lordly, rotund, ungainly and obese,
Though fond of toil, yet fonder still of ease;
Scornful but fearing punishment—not rude,
Or quick to wrath, unless they're slow with
food;

A Tartarin or Falstaff of a beast,
With leaden body and with soul of yeast,
Secure of fame for pedantry, not pelf,
Loving all things, but loving most himself.



The End of The Mile.

THE end of the session is fast approaching, and for some of us it is the end of our school days. When we think over the long years we have spent within the grey walls how dear the School seems to us!

Although it is the end of school life for many of us, we know that the prestige of the School is safe in the hands of those who follow in our footsteps. It is a wrench to leave, and yet we pass out from its portals with a thrill of excitement, wondering what lies before us. It is pleasant to look back through the years, and know now that, although there were many clouds in our sky,

the sun was ever shining. We remember that September morning long ago when we clung in fear and trembling to our mother's hand, and were led for the first time into that building now so dear. How long ago it seems! There have been many changes in the staff even in these few years, and yet the School goes on in the same way with the same lofty ideals and traditions, leading us ever onward, and teaching us to play the game.

Our school days are as a mile in the journey of life, and as we look back we feel that we have now reached another milestone, and set out with renewed hope and confidence on the next stage of our journey, with the memory of the School ever in our hearts. M.



Next Year.

He did not get a prize, but he didn't care a jot,
 And he said to all the other boys *he* wouldn't
 be a "swot."
 But as time went on his eyes cast several
 longing looks
 When he saw all the prize-winners go up
 and get their books.
 He was a don at rigger, and he never missed
 a game;
 Among the teams competing you'd always
 find his name.
 At cricket, too, he kept his place, and
 practised every day,
 For the glory of his School he every game
 must play.
 With swimming, cycling, running the even-
 ings quickly passed,
 And, naturally, his studies he put off to the
 last;
 So bedtime often came and found his
 "prep." not yet begun;
 In the morning he slept late and found no
 time to get it done.
 The holidays are here and his heart bounds
 with delight,
 And then, of course, "next year" he will
 work with all his might;

Of medals, cups, and books what a number
 he will win;

But "next year's" a long way off, so he
 need not yet begin.

NAMOR, Class VIII.



Culloden.

DURING my Easter holidays I went to
 Inverness, and while there I visited
 the battlefield of Culloden.

On the north side of the road is the
 cylindrical cairn of which we have all seen
 pictures in "Hume Brown." The other
 side of the road, however, is more interest-
 ing. The ground is dotted with little stones,
 and behind each stone there is a long,
 narrow mound marking the grave where the
 gallant soldiers have been laid to rest. The
 inscriptions on the stones are very short and
 to the point:—Clan Cameron, Clan Stewart
 of Appin, one for Clans McGillivray,
 MacLean, Maclachlan, Athol Highlanders,
 while there is a predominance of Clan Mack-
 intoshes and "Mixed Clans." In a corner
 of a nearby ploughed field there is a stone
 which reads—

"The field of the English.
 They were buried here."

It is rather strange to note that, although
 all around there is heather growing, there is
 not one sprig of it on any of the mounds.
 People tell you that this has always been
 the case, and that no one has ever pulled up
 the heather; it just won't grow there.

One other thing of interest is a well,
 called "The Well of the Dead," and it is
 supposed that during the battle many of the
 wounded and dying crawled to the well, and
 when the battle was over the well was found
 choked with lifeless bodies.

This battlefield is one of the few which is
 still in its wild state. It presents the same
 picture nearly as it did to "Bonnie Prince
 Charlie" in 1746, for there are no houses in
 sight, and being on a bare moor it retains
 its look of loneliness and melancholy.

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fundamental difference between the behaviour of the atoms in a man's brain or nerves from that of the same atoms forming part of dead matter.

This is no longer necessary. Most of the laws of atomic physics (the name given to this branch of the science) are expressed as probabilities. Physicists of the older school would say that this was because of our ignorance of the necessary data. They thought that there was no theoretical limit to the accuracy with which the conditions could be measured. On the newer view there *is* a theoretical limit to the accuracy of measurement of the conditions. If the position of a particle is determined very accurately, its momentum is very uncertain, and vice versa. Even if exact laws could be framed in place of the present probability ones, we could have no means of checking them.

Some think that in this direction we have reached the limit of human knowledge.

June.

Poets of June's radiant beauty sing,
Of birds, of flowers,
Of sun, of showers;
June to me means quite another thing.
June to me means classrooms dull and hot,
Where we doze,

While teachers prose
On subjects which we care for not a jot!

June to me means rest from all exams.
All work over,
We're in clover,
For three months now there's no need to
"cram."

June to me means sports. O glorious day!
We race in bags,
Wear our "glad rags";
On fizz and ice cream we splash father's
pay.

June to me means swelt'ring in the gym.
In graceful dance
We hop and prance.
By July we are all of us quite thin.

June to me means lots and lots of prizes—
For t'other fellow!
But I bellow
Applause until the old roof nearly rises.

June to me means writing for the Mag.
I rack my brain,
But all in vain,
Until I feel just like a washed-out rag.

But I'm sorry this sweet June is past.
My last year
Of school-life here
Is gone. The months have flown by—oh,
how fast! FLIP.

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An Adventure.

ONCE each year comes Spring, and once each Spring the Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race. Of the race of this past Spring I was one of the excited spectators. The night before the race my friends asked me quite calmly if I would like to see it. Imagine my excitement! Often had I seen a map of the course in the "Radio Times." I believe I had even used the map once and listened-in. And now people asked me if I would like to go, as if it were an every-day occurrence!

Next morning off we went early, in high spirits. It was a dull, cheerless morning, but when we were well wrapped up in rugs in the 'bus we did not notice the cold. In London we did some sight-seeing, and amongst other things, had a chat with the "bobbie" opposite 10 Downing Street. We asked him where we were most likely to have a good view of the race, and he answered in best Cockney that he thought Hammersmith Bridge would be the most hopeful place. But he said that we should certainly go through the Houses of Parliament first, as Saturday was the only day when the public could walk all through. So off we went down Whitehall to Westminster. After walking through the Houses as quickly as the dignity of the place allowed, we went underground to Hammersmith Tube Station.

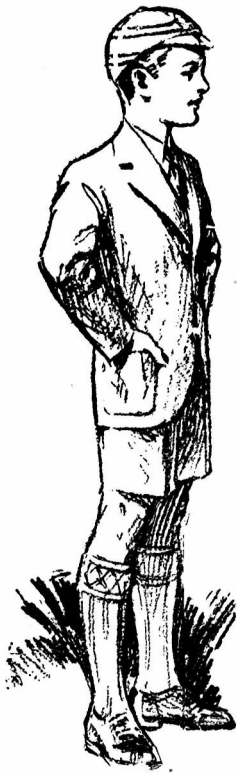
By now it was noon, and the race was timed to start in half-an-hour; rain was threatening, and the day was cold. Most of the immense crowds were sporting rosettes of light or dark blue. My sympathy was with the dark blues.

Hammersmith Bridge was crammed with enthusiasts. There seemed to be no conveyances that were not packed with would-be

spectators. We decided that if *they* all expected to see, there might be room for three more small people. At last we spied an empty taxi and made a dash for it. The driver said that he thought Duke's Meadows the most hopeful place. There he drove us as quickly as he could, considering the huge crowds.

The north bank of the river is terraced slightly here, and we packed ourselves in easily and waited. It was almost 12.30. While we waited we looked round us. Opposite, near the south bank, were several launches crowded with people, and decorated with gaily-coloured pennons. Unfortunately the weather did not help what would otherwise have been a gay scene. It was now raining heavily, and bright waterproofs and umbrellas were the only things to give colour. The river was grey and unfriendly. Overhead several aeroplanes were doing stunts. Behind us was a wireless van.

"They're off!" boomed the loud-speaker. The excitement grew and grew. "Oxford leading." Still the excitement grew. "Oxford still leading by half a length now." One lady, an Oxford supporter, who was perched up on a small chair, began clutching her friends in her excitement. "Level." Then people said that Oxford must be keeping a good reserve for further along the course—at least Oxford's supporters said so. "They have just reached Hammersmith Bridge, and Oxford is leading again by half a length." So on went the loud-speaker, and in spite of the rain everybody was excited and cheery. In a moment some people who were near the front or were standing on chairs and seats shouted that they were just coming round the corner. The atmosphere



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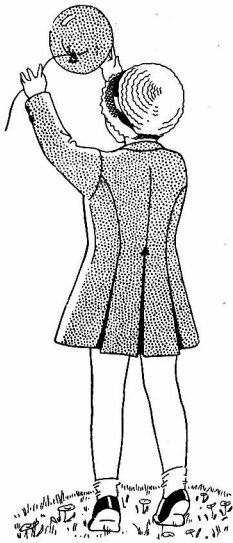
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was tense. Then the two boats came into our view. They were level! A great cheer rose from the crowds on the banks. Just as the boats passed us, Cambridge shot ahead, and by the time they were past and out of sight, Cambridge was leading by nearly a length. Oxford lost heart and was beaten by two lengths.

Meanwhile rain poured, people cheered, aeroplanes circled overhead, and steam launches hooted. People rushed to grab taxis and board 'buses, and I am afraid, in spite of the rows of vehicles, that we took rather a long time to reach Piccadilly. But it was a great experience, both for me and for my friends. Y.

Off For The Holidays.

CAN one ever forget the joyful bustle and excitement of packing for the summer holidays, whether they are to be spent by the restless sea or amid the wonderful scenery of our Scottish Highlands?

The business of the last moments before we go away and the scrambling into the train with our arms full of golf bags, tennis rackets, fishing rods, and spades, thrill us.

But before then—ah, what a time we have had! While the packing is in progress such questions as "Mother, have you packed my camera?" and "Isn't there any room for my stockings in your bag?" are typical of the moment, and the harassed lady of the house is kept rushing here and there making final arrangements. The keys of the house must be sent to the neighbours, the daily paper and milk supply stopped, a temporary home must be found for the pet, and various other arrangements made before the entire household can go away for a month.

The porter usually arrives just as we are

all using our strength to close the last overfull box, and great is our relief when we see him move off with his laden barrow.

The luggage being safely away, we put on our hats and coats, gather up our various parcels, and make our way to the station with all haste, holiday bound at last. We seat ourselves in the carriage, and eagerly look forward to a glorious month's holiday.

NONA, Class V.

Skipping Song.

What is the song that the little girls sing
When the wind blows free thro' the trees in
the spring,

And lunch-time brings all the skipping ropes
out,

And all join in with a laugh and a shout?—

Gooseberry, Raspberry, Strawberry Jam,

Tell me the name of your young man,

A, B, C, D,

Never was a match like you and he.

"Girls will be girls and boys will be boys"

Was the old, old song amid sorrows and
joys;

"Equality perfect" is now the new rune

When the tenors and basses take up the old
tune—

Gooseberry, Raspberry, Strawberry Jam,

Tell me the name of your young man,

A, B, C, D,

Never was a match like you and me.

But girls will be girls and boys will be boys

Right to the end of both sorrows and joys,

And the bass and the tenor, contralto,
soprano

Will join in the chorus without a piano—

Gooseberry, Raspberry, Strawberry Jam,

Tell me the name of your young man,

A, B, C, D,

Children were ever like you and we. W.K.

Perishable !!

POSTIE came slowly up the hill and stopped before a cottage almost at the summit. "Warm weather this ; here's a parcel for you, Tom," he said, handing the parcel to the man walking in the garden. Tom looked up and wiped the perspiration from his face. "It *is* warm and verra dry. I hope there's something refreshing in the parcel."

Postie lingered wistfully, but getting no encouragement he departed.

Tom hugged the parcel affectionately, and hurried inside for his specs., for he was short-sighted. He chuckled as he read aloud slowly—

"*Perishable.*"

Mr THOMAS GREEN,
Ramble Cot.,
Killiecrankie,
Scotland.

His teeth, although they were false, fairly watered as he thought of the tasty treat in store.

Now, could it be a nice leg of pickled pork

from Oldham, or a fine fat salmon from Gareloch? It could not be a bottle from Glenlivet, for the contents of that were not perishable until opened.

Hastily Tom untied the string, and was proceeding to undo the wrappings, when with a yell he let go the parcel and collapsed into a basket chair. He jumped up as quickly as he had sat down, and trod his specs., which had gone flying off, into a thousand fragments. His face turned a pale blue, then green as his false teeth went almost down his throat. A squashed loud speaker lay on the chair. He had forgotten to hang it up after listening to the weather forecast. The loud speaker was one of the cone-shaped kind with a horrid sharp screw in it.

Tom stood a little while to recover his equilibrium. Then, shaking his fist at the parcel from which protruded two long feelers waving in the air, he said, "I've paid weel for that parcel, though I didna order it. I thoct it was 'Nick's' horns that got me in the eye. I'm thinking there are mair things that are 'perishable' besides *live lobsters by post.*"

E. M., Class VI. G.

Reports.

Cadet Report.

Last year's record number of Cadets attending the annual camp at Cortachy is maintained this summer. The site of the camp is slightly different. This year we are to camp on the right-hand field after crossing the Prosen ; last year we were on the other side of the road. Our official visitors' afternoon will be Wednesday, 2nd July, when an extensive and, we hope, an amusing programme of sports will be submitted.

Tent-pitching, five-a-side football, hurdles, boat

race, bun-eating, are already on the programme, and no doubt further laughs will be engineered. The company proceeding to camp will be divided into four platoons, each platoon under its sergeant. Competition and rivalry should be even keener than ever this year, as the platoons have a cup to fight for. Points are gained for all-round efficiency in drills, discipline, cleanliness, bill of health, and sports, and the sergeant of the winning platoon has his name and the number of his platoon inscribed on the cup, and holds it for one year.

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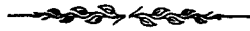
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C. M'Leish. F. L. Philip. *Absent*—J. S. Brand.

Cricket 1st XI.,
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The platoon sergeants for the year are Sergeants Wm. Keir, R. H. Falconer, J. H. F. Wilson, and J. S. Neish.

Parents doubtless appreciate the responsibility borne by the officers in charge of the camp, and, as in past years, we ask them not to send parcels of tuck to the camp. The food provided is good and plentiful.

Given the weather we are experiencing at the time of writing, we are assured of a glorious fortnight. The Officers, N.C.O.'s, and Cadets take this opportunity of thanking Mrs M'Call, "Howrah," Downfield, for the gift of a tiger-skin, which she has so kindly given to the band.

Guide Report.

The first part of the Summer Term was a very busy one for the Company, and the meetings were mainly spent in working for the badge tests and in dancing practices for the Festival in May. Though we failed to distinguish ourselves in the latter event, we gained experience which will be useful on future occasions.

As an Easter holiday competition each Patrol had to make up the story of its own bird. These were excellently done, Wood Pigeons scoring 100 per cent. while the Swallows and Nightingales were close behind with 98 per cent.

Unfortunately for the Robins, who held the Shield for the first two Terms, the Nightingales are now in possession. To have their name on the Shield a patrol must win it three Terms in succession.

We are sorry to lose Miss Mackness, our Central District Commissioner, who goes to London this summer. She paid the Company a farewell visit on 23rd May.

A noteworthy feature of this year was the opening of the new Dundee Guide Headquarters in Rose-angle, in connection with which a large bazaar is to be held in the autumn of 1931.

Our Annual Camp should be a good ending to a successful year. We are changing our site this season, and go to Lundie Castle, Edzell, on 28th June. Our attendance will break all records—35 Guides, 2 Guiders. There could be no better proof of the progress which the Company is making, and this is mainly due to the unfailing enthusiasm and tireless energy of our Guiders—Miss Whytock, Miss Jarvie, and Miss Coutts. J. D. M.

Cricket Report.

The efforts of the 1st XI. have not been crowned with success as they might have been this year. Altogether we have played nine matches to date, being completely successful in one of them, and having drawn two of the others. Three games have been off owing to bad weather and other reasons.

We opened the season with a very close game with Harris Academy, our side going down by five runs. The time limit robbed us of a victory against Morgan Academy, the game ending in a draw. Our win was secured against Madras College, and the remaining draw was with Arbroath High School. The most instructive game played was against Gordon's College, Aberdeen. It was a treat to watch their brisk, snappy fielding, and the loss of most of our wickets was due to this cause. Our return game with Harris was marred by a rather uneven pitch, off which several players suffered injury. We have still four games to play, including one against the staff, and we are quite determined to win them all.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

BATTING,						
	No. of Inns.	No. of Runs.	Most in Inn.	Times Not Out.		Aver.
T. Tasker, ...	4	99	56	—		24.75
J. Wilson, ...	8	103	38*	2		17.17
J. Brand, ...	7	72	31*	1		12.0
I. McCall, ...	6	55	27	—		9.17
A. Reid, ...	3	9	7	2		9.0
J. Neish, ...	5	29	16	—		5.8
C. McLeish, ...	9	43	13	—		4.77
G. Robbie, ...	8	44	13	—		5.5
W. Keir, ...	3	12	6	—		4.0
J. Malcolm, ...	8	19	8*	1		2.71
T. Lorimer, ...	4	9	5	—		2.25
F. Philip, ...	7	8	7*	1		1.33
R. Falconer, ...	7	5	3	2		1.0
H. Philip, ...	3	3	2	—		1.0
F. How, ...	2	1	1	—		.5

*Not out.

BOWLING.				
		Wkts.	Runs.	Aver.
J. Brand, ...	...	11	59	5.36
C. McLeish, ...	...	18	114	6.33
J. Wilson, ...	...	27	194	7.18
I. McCall, ...	...	1	10	10.0
J. Neish, ...	...	5	67	13.4

We take this opportunity of thanking J. H. F. Wilson, our enthusiastic and hard-working captain, and also our president, Mr Ramsay, who has taken such interest in our games and practices, and without whose able advice and tuition the 1st XI. could scarcely be the all-round team it is. R.H.W.F.

Tennis Report.

This year's tennis season has been very successful, thanks chiefly to the untiring efforts of our President, Miss Whytock, and the help given by Miss Steele, our Vice-President.

Our team was made up as follows :—L. MacCaull (captain), A. Webster (vice-captain and secy.), M. Johnston, J. Gutteridge, N. Allen, and F. Swan. As the reserve H. Harris proved very reliable.

The results of our matches were as follows :—

	Sets for	Against	Draws
10th May v. Harris	5	2	2
17th May v. Morgan	4	1	2 and 2 unfinished
24th May v. Madras	5	4	--
31st May v. Madras	4	5	—
14th June v. Morgan	5	4	—

One of our most enjoyable matches was against the staff, in which the gentlemen players proved too formidable for us, and we were beaten 6 matches to 3.

The enthusiasm of the girls was seen in the entries for the School Championship. 76 entered, and A. Webster and L. MacCaull were the finalists, the latter winning by 6—0 ; 6—4. L. McC.

Golf Club Report.

More pupils have taken advantage of the opportunity of golfing on Wednesdays this season than in previous years. There were fairly good entries for the Pirie Handicap Cup and the Boase Medal, both of which were won by F. W. How, whose score of 79 in the Boase Medal was very good indeed. Few dates have been available, and we have had only three matches. We have beaten Harris Academy twice and squared one match with Grove Academy. We wish to accord our most grateful thanks to Mr Laird for the interest he has taken in us this season. G.D.

Netball Report.

We are now nearing the close of another session, and one which has been greatly enjoyed by all netball enthusiasts. The weather during the last two terms has been extremely good, and very few Wednesday practices have been missed.

After the Easter vacation the netball pitches were transferred to the "new grounds," and although tennis and swimming seem to have proved more popular, yet the attendance at netball has been quite a good one, and seems to be increasing. We just hope that this increase will continue, and perhaps it might be possible to organise in netball something similar to "The Little Tournament."

In closing, we should like to thank all those who have so kindly refereed for us during the session.

I. M. B.

Swimming Report.

This has been a very successful season for the Girls' Swimming Club. The attendance at the Baths on Wednesdays has been excellent, and there has been great progress among the younger pupils, whose keenness to try anything and everything is most marked. The team system is still in operation and continues to work well.

This year's gala, which took place on Tuesday, 10th June, was one of the most exciting we have had, as, for the first time, the deciding race of two lengths had to be swum to determine the winner of the Senior Championship Cup. Muriel Ferrier and Mabel Ritchie tied with 12 points each ; M. Ferrier first in both speed events and second in both style events, while M. Ritchie was first in both style events and second in the speed. M. Ferrier won the final race and the championship.

In the Club Team Race, L. Kippen's team from Section A beat T. Mathers' team from Section B ; and for the second year in succession School beat the F.P.'s in a closely-contested team race of five lengths.

The Junior Section are this season the proud possessors of a silver cup given by Mrs T. Meldrum Smith, Newport. The cup, which is for annual competition, goes to the winner of the "Three Breadths Style" event, which is open to all Junior Club members who are in Class IV.

Jean Ritchie, Class IV., is the first winner of the new Championship Cup.

Congratulations are due to the team captains for the way in which they bring on the weaker members of their teams.

In conclusion I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Brown for her interest and help in the Junior Club and the Swimming Gala, and Miss Whytock for the advice she has given us all through the season.

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