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a fine rendering of the "Te Deum." On 11th and 12th June, a School Concert was presented by Junior and Senior pupils. We have all had the even tenour of our ways disturbed also by the distribution of Coronation souvenirs and the taking of the School photographs. Three pupils among the Cadets were chosen as representatives to go down to London to see the Coronation. We shall, perhaps, be given accounts of their activities.

Some months ago, pupils of Forms V. and VI. were given a talk on careers by Miss J. M. Blakley, Careers Advice Officer at the Youth Employment Office in Dundee. In the limited time at her disposal she outlined the opportunities offered in a very concise and competent way, advising and assuring both those undecided and those decided about the necessary qualifications and commitments. It cannot be over-emphasized how important this type of instruction is in attracting the right people to a job in which they can be really interested.

Ardent supporters of culture will be glad to hear that the sages of Form VI. have become "wireless-minded." Every Wednesday they tramp religiously up to the Science Laboratory to listen to Senior Schools' Broadcasts. Since its inception, the circle has increased and keen discussion follows each programme.

Theatre-going has become a regular feature of School activities and in the last two terms, the English Department has conducted visits to the Repertory Theatre to see Shaw's "Heartbreak House" and Shakespeare's "The Tempest." But an even bolder step is envisaged: on 4th September, a party, under Mr Stewart, will travel to the Edinburgh Festival to see a production of "Hamlet" with a distinguished cast.

Now has come the time for us to bid a warm farewell to those who are leaving our midst. May their thoughts and steps often turn again to the School as they go their several ways in life. To those who will return next session we would wish a happy and refreshing holiday.

May Her Majesty's reign bring prosperity and success to us all!

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

NEWS AND NOTES

Mr Halliday is to be congratulated on having two wood-carvings and one drawing now on view in the Exhibition of the Royal Scottish Academy, in Edinburgh, and, in the recent New Scottish Group Exhibition, opened by Lord Belhaven and Stenton, in the McLellan Galleries, Glasgow, five of his carvings were displayed. An oil-painting, "Epouvantail", has been accepted for the Paris Salon.

Mr Vannet also deserves congratulations on having a water-colour and two etchings in the R.S.A. Exhibition. A print of one of these etchings, R.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth", Clydebank, 1939, has been accepted by the Cunard Steamship Company as a record of her construction. Mr Vannet contributed six abstract compositions to the New Scottish Group Exhibition and had two water-colours accepted for the Exhibition of the R.S.W., in Edinburgh.

Three Dundee High School Cadets have represented their Company at the Coronation. They are, **Pipe-Major George Bell**, **Cadet Neil Simmers**, **Pipe-Cpl. James Spankie**.

The Council of the University College of Dundee have decided to name the new Science Building, in course of construction, the Ewing Building, as a tribute to the late Sir James Alfred Ewing who was the first Professor of Engineering in the Dundee College. Sir Alfred, who was a High School boy, went from Dundee to Cambridge as Professor of Engineering and later became Principal and Chancellor of Edinburgh University.

After a lapse of two years the Dundee-Orleans Fellowship is again organising an exchange of hospitality this summer. Seven pupils from the High School will be travelling with the party which will be under the leadership of Mr J. Stevenson.

The School Sports were held at Dalnacraig, under ideal conditions, on Saturday, 6th June. The champions were: Ian Dewar (Senior), Nigel Stewart (Intermediate), and William Wilson (Junior). Everything went well despite the absence of our Chief Organiser, Mr MacLaren, whom we now welcome back after his operation. Prizes were presented by Mrs Douglas who was introduced by her husband, Rev. H. O. Douglas, the School Chaplain.

Our Magazine Cover this summer has been specially designed by Mr Halliday. The heavy extra cost has been entirely met by voluntary subscriptions from the Directors.

One member of the Staff who is leaving and who will be greatly missed for her cheerfulness and sympathetic understanding, is Mrs M. G. McKenzie of the Mathematics Department. For the past twelve years she has taught Mathematics here, and her kindly humour has relieved the monotony of many a double period. We are sure that every pupil will wish her happiness and everything good fortune can bring in the coming years.

We regretfully say goodbye and wish "bon voyage" to Miss Spreull as she leaves at the end of the session.

Her cheerful presence will be much missed; we shall remember her loyalty and helpfulness and whole-hearted interest in every branch of school activity.

We are sorry, too, to lose Mrs Margaret C. Thomson, who has taught in the Lower School since 1948. We hope she will have much happiness in her married life.

Our good wishes go also with Mrs Patrick who has been with us since December, doing very good work with L.V. boys.

Two appointments to the Staff of the High School have been made recently. Miss Isobel F. Anderson, B.Sc., who takes the place of Mrs McKenzie in the Mathematics Department, is a former pupil of the school and comes to us from the Grove Academy.

Miss Joyce Coull, M.A. (St. Andrews), comes to us from Auchterhouse Public School.

We hope that they will both be happy at the High School.

SCHOOL CONCERT

Mr Porteous presented his first School Concert, on 11th and 12th June, on both evenings to a large and appreciative audience, in the Hall of the Girls' School—appropriately enough a Coronation Concert, the programme consisting solely of works by British composers and authors.

Memorable items on a long and excellent programme were :—the performance under Mr Reid of the String Ensemble, at the mom-

ent a vigorous blend of old and young which augurs well as the basis of a future School Orchestra ; the pageant, "Our Motherland", and "Songs of the Services", produced by Miss Coutts, both of which revealed stirring choral work and, despite the inadequacies of a stage much too restricted in space, some fine tableaux ; and the sustained excellence of enunciation and delivery, whether in the Irish brogue or in the diction of Elizabethan England, of Miss Macdougald's pupils in the dialogue, "An Irish Courting", and the play, "Elizabeth and Mr Shakespeare."

Choral items were rendered in lusty, pleasing style by L.VI. and the Male Voice Choir, with more subdued but none the less sweet singing from Form III. Girls and Forms IV. and V. Girls, while the programme was terminated with three impressive pieces sung in excellent style by the Senior Choir.

Other items were contributed by the Junior Violin Pupils ; Maureen Ritchie and Isabell Matthews, Jean Cuthill and Janet Robertson (piano duets). Soloists were :—the two Leng Medallists, 1953, Margaret Robertson and Stephen Rae ; Elspeth Fraser and Robert Logan (piano) ; David Henderson and Graham McLean (violin) ; and Marie Walls who charmed the audience with a delightful recitation.

Mr Porteous and the Staff of the Music Department and Miss Macdougald are to be complimented on a most enjoyable production, the high standard of which was well worthy of Coronation Year.

WE CONGRATULATE . . .

William Hamish Tough on winning the second prize in the Clothworkers' Company's Intermediate Examination in linen weaving, the first prize in the Clothmakers' Company and Institute's Silver Medal, Final, Section A, jute weaving examination, and the first prize in Section B of the same examination.

Miss Muriel Thomson on being chosen as "Miss Charities, 1953" by students of University College, Dundee. Miss Ann Heron, last year's queen, assisted at Muriel's coronation.

Miss Grace Brown on gaining the degree of Fellow of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons at London.

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William D. Cullen on gaining second place in the Bursary Competition of the University of St. Andrews.

Mr W. L. Lorimer, M.A., on his being appointed to the Chair of Greek in the United College, St. Andrews.

Miss Doreen M. Tulloch on her being appointed a Lecturer in Philosophy at the College of the University of Achimata, near Acara.

Mr W. M. Wedderspoon on his receiving an appointment with the Income Tax Department, East Africa High Commission.

Mr James Stuart Dempster on his being appointed an Assistant in the Operational Research Section of the British Electricity Authority Headquarters, in London.

L./Cpl. David Bowman who has driven High Commissioner Sir Gerald Templer thousands of miles in an armoured car during the twelve months he has been in Malaya.

Mr Marshall Williamson on his appointment as Supintendent of Arbroath Continuation Classes.

Mr Ian R. Paterson, B.Sc., on obtaining his L.R.A.M. in singing.

Dr. David A. I. Grewar on gaining his M.R.C.P. (Edinburgh).

Mr James S. Nicoll on being awarded the Order of Chevalier de l'Etoile Noire by the French Government and on his being elected Chairman of the reconstituted Dundee Harbour Board.

Mr Angus Fulton, B.Sc., M.I.C.E., on being elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Miss Spreull on her engagement to Mr David Grant.

Miss Menzies who is to marry Mr Ferguson Duncan in August; and **Mr Thomson** who is to marry Miss Morag Fraser.

Kathleen M. Ross, William I. K. Bisset, Christine A. Main and Sheila P. Neilson, on gaining bursaries for the University College, Dundee.

James L. Weatherhead on his being elected Senior President of the Students' Representative Council of Edinburgh University.

William R. MacRae on his being chosen to play for the First Cricket Eleven of Edinburgh University.

Dian Montgomerie on having gained an entrance to The Central School of Arts and Crafts, London. This success was due to the high standard of the work she had done in the Art Department of the High School.

Mr John S. R. Duncan, O.B.E., Mr W. G. Pottinger, C.V.O., and Mr John M. Mitchell, C.B.E., on their receiving awards in the Coronation and Birthday Honours List.

William M. Alexander and Alan G. Forsyth on gaining University Entrance Bursaries, awarded by the Dundee Educational Trust, and **Joan M. How** (High School Primary) on gaining a High School Entrance Bursary.

MAGAZINE COVER DESIGN

The cover design represents the triumph of good over evil.

The central theme is Saint George and the Saltire Cross of Saint Andrew. Saint George is represented as a young knight in the armour of a Crusader mounted on a white charger. The Dragon of Evil is lying subdued by the Powers of Good. Behind the Saltire Cross a wreath of oak represents the strength of British Unity and behind Saint George the Royal Sceptre floats on an azure ground. A laurel wreath encloses the entire theme which is surmounted by the Crown of State supported by the Coat of Arms of the High School.

Attaching itself to the Crown and floating around our ancient traditions is an unbroken ribbon bearing the name Elizabeth Regina and the date, June, 1953.

OLD BOYS' MOTOR GYMKHANA

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Tealing Aerodrome, on 25th May, when, in spite of the inclement weather in the afternoon, 17 cars turned out to compete. Prizes were presented by the President, Mr R. MacIntosh.

OBITUARY

We record with regret, the deaths of the following Former Pupils to whose relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr John Willison, Mr C. Boyd Anderson, Mr F. H. Kennedy, Sir David Anderson, Mr Arthur George Ritchie, Dr. William C. Leng.

Mr John Willison on leaving school joined his father in business and later became a partner of Messrs Willison & Lawson, Oil and

Textile Merchants. During the first World War Mr Willison served for over four years in France and Macedonia, with the Army Service Corps in which he was commissioned.

An ardent Conservative, Mr Willison was well known in political circles, and took a prominent part in the administration of the Dundee Unionist Association, and was President of the Broughty Ferry Unionist and National Liberal Club for 15 years. He was also a member of the Dundee Rotary Club and Dundee Choral Union.

Mr C. Boyd Anderson was a well-known Solicitor in the town. He was for some years on the staff of Messrs Sheill & Small but started practice on his own account in 1904.

He was Secretary of the Dundee Battalion of the Boys' Brigade for 32 years and during his term of office the B.B. raised over £10,000 for various charitable objects during the first World War. As a young man he served with the 1st City of Dundee V.B.R.H. and retired with the rank of Lieutenant. He had a long connection with the Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops and latterly was Vice-President.

Mr F. H. Kennedy was a member of the Jute Trade for over half a century. On leaving school he entered his father's business, R. G. Kennedy & Co. (Textiles) Ltd., Wellington Works, Dundee, and was taken into partnership in 1900.

Mr Kennedy took a keen interest in Dundee Royal Infirmary and for a time was a Director. He was also a Director of the Dundee Chamber of Commerce and a Trustee of the Dundee Savings Bank. Mr Kennedy was a J.P. and a former Captain of the Panmure Golf Club, Barry.

Sir David Anderson was President of the Institute of Civil Engineers in 1943-44.

After graduating at St. Andrews University he began his career as assistant to the late Sir Benjamin Baker, K.C.B. He later joined the late Sir Basil Mott, Bt., as chief assistant and was subsequently taken into partnership of the firm Mott, Hay & Anderson. The most important work of the firm was the design and construction of the Mersey Tunnel, but it also built many bridges, including Southwark Bridge, the Tyne Bridge, the Wearmouth Bridge and the Tees Bridge.

As Consulting Engineer to the Corporation of London, he was concerned with the main-

tenance of the four corporation bridges over the Thames. He was employed by the Ministry of Transport as Joint Engineer for the projected tunnel under the Thames at Dartford, and he was also Engineer for the Tyne tunnels. In 1949 he was appointed by the Ministry of Works to be Chairman of a committee to secure the maximum efficiency and economy in the use of steel.

Sir David Anderson served in the Royal Engineers during the 1914-18 War and was demobilised with the rank of Captain. He was knighted in 1951.

Mr Arthur George Ritchie (71) was a well-known Dundee business man and sportsman. He died at his home, 7 Dudhope Terrace, on 25th May. For 55 years he was associated with the business of George Ritchie & Sons, Ltd., Dundee, and was also a Director of Messrs Stewart & Dick, Perth. As a young man he represented Scotland at the High Jump and was also an excellent gymnast. He was a Life Member and a Past President of the High School F.P. Rugby Club. He had always taken a keen, personal interest in all the affairs of the School, with which his family still retains a connection which stretches over a number of generations.

The death of **Dr. William C. Leng** took place at his home, Waterstone House, Newport, on Wednesday, 13th May. Dr. Leng had, for many years, been closely identified with the business, educational and philanthropic life of Dundee and district.

After attending Dundee High School he went to Edinburgh. He there began to learn the newspaper business, and gained experience in the various departments of the "Dundee Advertiser" of which his father, Sir John Leng, was Editor. Dr Leng wrote many leading articles in the "Advertiser" and supervised the Bank Street publications after his father entered Parliament.

Dr. Leng played an important part in some of Dundee's more recent controversies, especially those about the status of the University College of Dundee, and about the foundation of a Technical Institute as outlined in the bequest of Sir David Baxter. Dr. Leng was President of the Dundee Institution for the Blind, President of Comerton's Children's Home, Newport, Vice-President of Dundee Eye Institution, and a Director of Dundee Approved Schools' Society.

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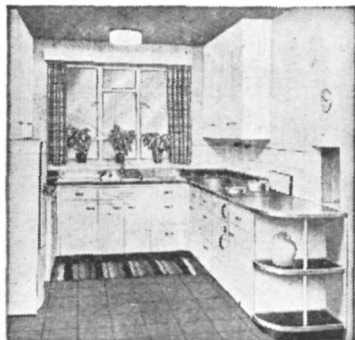
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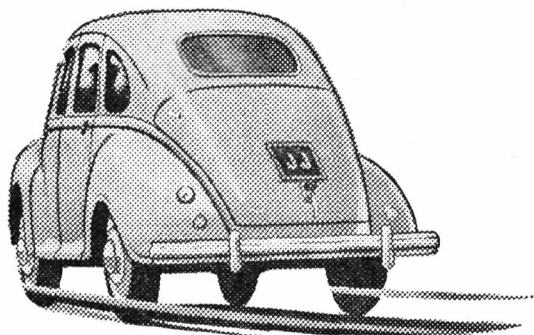
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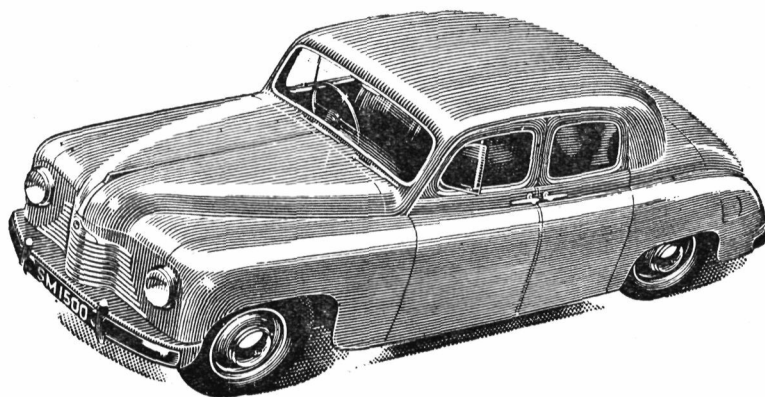
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The most unusual Coronation was in 1485, after the battle of Bosworth Field. When Richard was killed the crown rolled under a gorse bush. Here it was found by Sir William Stanley who placed it on the head of Henry Tudor as he rested after the battle. Later he was properly crowned at Westminster Abbey as Henry VII.

There have been two attempts to steal the Crown Jewels. The first was in 1302 when Edward I. was away fighting the Scots. A certain pedlar, Richard de Podlicote, decided to steal them from Westminster Abbey, but, as they were difficult to get at, he made friends with some monks, who slept above the treasure. Every night Richard worked at a tunnel into the building, until he at last arrived inside. He then began to move the treasure in single pieces which he hid in a clump of hemp specially grown for the purpose. When no one was about, the monks shifted the treasure to the river, where they divided the spoils. Unfortunately, for them, someone recognised pieces of the Royal treasure and the plotters were caught. At this time, however, the Crown was kept in the Tower, or Richard might have stolen it, too.

The second attempt was in Charles II.'s reign, and was made up of a clever chain of events. After the Coronation, the Jewels were put in the Martin Tower in the Tower of London. A certain Captain Blood disguised himself as a clergyman and took a male accomplice with him, dressed as his "wife". They visited Edwards, the guardian of the Crown, and begged to see the Jewels. As soon as "she" saw them, the "wife" pretended to faint and, as "she" was resting, Blood made friends with Edwards. The pair frequently visited Edwards and, when the time was ripe, Blood suggested a marriage

between a "rich nephew" and Edwards' daughter. This pleased them greatly.

Blood arranged to bring his "nephew" and two friends to see the Crown. When they were inside the Crown room they knocked Edwards out with a mallet and stole the Crown and other treasures. Blood might have got away but for a curious coincidence. That very evening Edwards' son arrived home from abroad, and saw Blood; after a chase, he was captured, and put in the White Tower. To everyone's surprise Charles let him go free.

The Imperial State Crown was made for the Coronation of Queen Victoria, as Edward the Confessor's Crown was considered too heavy for her to wear. It is the Crown which the Queen wore on her way back to Buckingham Palace. It is priceless. This superb Crown contains 5 rubies, 11 emeralds, 18 sapphires, 277 pearls and 2,783 diamonds.

Among the rubies is the famous Black Prince's Ruby. It is the size of a small hen's egg and has a very interesting story. It is first heard of in 1367 when Pedro, King of Castile, asked the Moorish King of Granada to stay with him. He had him murdered and took possession of his jewels. Later Pedro was dethroned. Soon afterwards, the Black Prince, son of Edward III. of England, defeated Pedro's enemies and Pedro was returned to the throne. In gratitude he presented the ruby, originally belonging to the Moor, to the Black Prince.

When the Crown was taken to pieces in Cromwell's rule, the Ruby, wrapped in paper, was sold for £4 to a Royalist in disguise. The Crown itself was valued at £248. The Ruby was kept and put in the Crown—a replica of Edward the Confessor's—made for Charles II.

Also in the Crown are Edward the Confessor's sapphire and the pearls that were once the ear-rings of Good Queen Bess, the first Queen Elizabeth of England.

So the Crown, which began as the Crown of a weak England, is now the emblem of Queen Elizabeth, Queen of the mighty British Empire.

Maureen F. Ritchie, F.II.

SCHOOL MEDALLISTS, 1953

Back Row (L. to R.)—Alexander W. S. Rae (Leng Silver Medal for Singing) ; John W. D. Logan (Polack Gold Medal for Dux in Gymnastics — Form II. Boys) ; Alan S. Duthie (Jane Spiller Prize for Dux of Form III. Boys) ; John R. Stephen (Ballingall Gold Medal for Dux in Gymnastics, Don F. McEwan Prize for Cricket) ; William C. Wilson (Aystree Cup for Winner of Junior Championship) ; Hector B. Chawla (Loveridge Cup for Winner of Mile Race) ; David K. Whyte (Oakley Cup for Shooting—Boys under 14).

Middle Row (L. to R.)—Elizabeth M. Sutherland (Proxime Accessit in Gymnastics) ; Nigel G. S. Stewart (Harold Young Martin Rose Bowl for Winner of Intermediate Championship) ; Grace M. Dingwall (Jane Spiller Prize for Dux of Form III. Girls) ; Robert Gillespie (Boase Medal for Golf) ; Aileen V. Paterson (Girls' Tennis Championship Cup) ; Ian M. Dewar (Airlie Challenge Cup for Champion Athlete of School) ; Muriel J. Sprunt (Championship Cup for Dux in Gymnastics) ; David T. Fimister (Don F. McEwan Prize for Cricket).

Front Row (L. to R.)—Alan G. Forsyth (Cunningham Medal and Leng Trustees' Prize for Dux in Science) ; Margaret C. Robertson (Leng Silver Medal for Singing) ; William I. K. Bisset (London Angus Club Prize for Dux in History) ; Eveline Stormont (Chamber of Commerce Prize, presented by George R. Donald, Esq., for Dux in Commerce) ; William D. Cullen (Harris Gold Medal for Dux of School, Armitstead Trustees' Medal for Dux in English, Sir John Leng's Trustees' Prize in English, Edinburgh Angus Club Medal for Dux in Latin, Dott Memorial Medal for Dux in Greek) ; Yvonne W. Dickson (Armitstead Trustees' Medal for Dux in French) ; Claude B. Taylor (Dott Memorial Medal for Dux in Mathematics) ; Kathleen M. Currie (Dott Memorial Medal for Dux in Needlework) ; Ian M. Anderson (Dott Memorial Medal for Dux in Art).

In Front (L. to R.)—Joan M. How (John MacLennan Prize for Dux of L.VII. Girls) ; Donald G. Junor (Walter Polack Memorial Prize for Dux of L.VII. Boys) ; Lorna J. Guild (Girls' Junior Tennis Cup, presented by Mrs Crystal).

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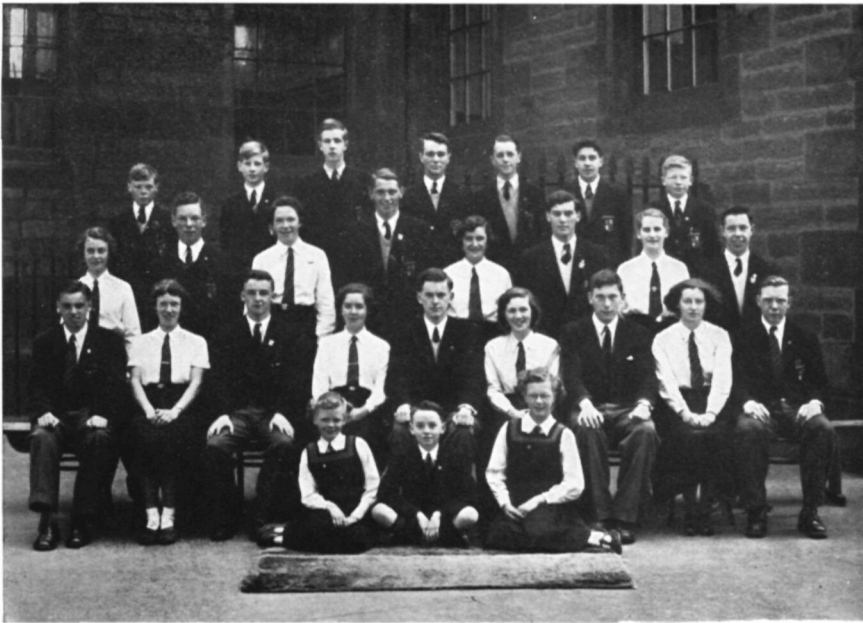
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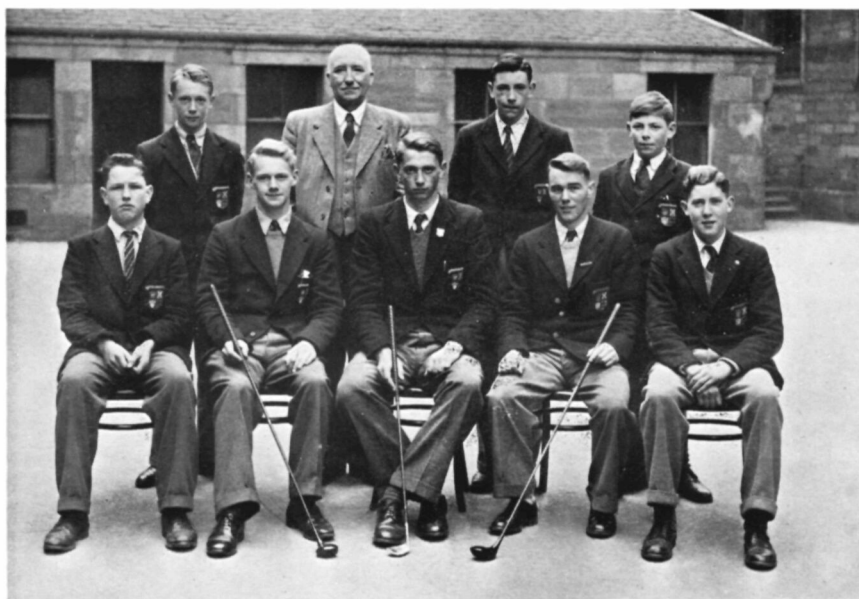
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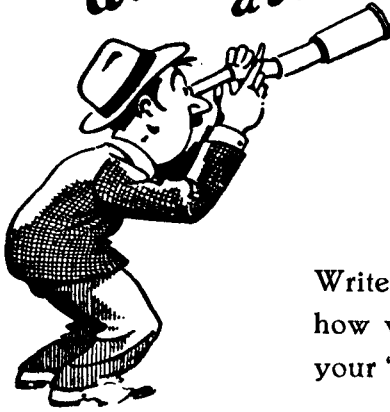
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Two Royal Elizabeths

Four hundred years ago, on England's throne
Was that great figure Royal Elizabeth.

What pictures come to catch our hastened
breath

At mention of her name ! A maid alone
Holding her place above a seething stew
Of plot and counter plot. The pale, thin face
Below the flaming hair, the jewels and lace
On rich embroidered gowns whose stiffness
few

Can see without comparing their control
With that which, from within, comes through
the lines

Of painted features. Thus we read the signs
And bring to life a woman who with soul,
With mind, with body meant to rule her land
As she would have it ruled, and did indeed.
A calculated use of charm may plead
A hardness and the strength she lent her hand
By that hand being withheld from all who
came

Wakes controversy yet, but furthered schemes
Which raised her land to fortune, and, it
seems

Inspired adventurers whose radiant fame
Still lights up history. Not all her traits
Were fine, but, living in a dangerous age
She held devotion, so we turn the page
On jealousy and anger, and in praise
Of Gloriana join the Tudor throng
Whose verses flowed a graceful wordy tide,
Leaving a mark whose height is still the pride
Of England's literature. And are we wrong ?

To-day we have another of her name
To grace the throne of Britain, young and fair
As she was. Like but unlike. We compare
These two and marvel at the way she came

To us through happy childhood. All her days
We seemed to watch, like other parents, full
Of cherishing affection. Nor on cool
Still paint alone do we depend. New ways
Have brought her likeness to her people's
eyes.

Though miles apart, we see her as she walks
In London, or we hear her as she talks.
And that near presence gives us no surprise.
We know our Queen. We love and under-
stand

While we admire. No calculated charm,
But youth spontaneous, which must disarm
The harshest critic from the coldest land,
Is hers a constant gift. Each lovely gown
She wears for us, with daintiness and zest,
Folds softly on its wearer. None suggest
Repression. No, the strength she brings the
Crown

Comes from a hand long given with her heart.
So do the nations of the Commonwealth
Know the royal family. Their youth and
health

And strong vitality appeal apart
From their position. And the human touch
Of slender fingers where, rough, grimed with
oil,

The engineer's strong hands in daily toil
Speed the Canadian monster, has done much
To burnish the Royal legend. Once again
In history our country will be great
Inspired by sense and beauty. The innate
Courage of her race a beacon plain
For lesser us to follow in the pass
Of darkness. Happiness we wish this Queen
Who Most Puissant Majesty has been
Proclaimed, but ever is our Bonny Lass.

"Spero."

WINDSOR CASTLE

O, Windsor Castle, old and grey,
What memories thou hast in store !
Nor poet's song, nor minstrel's lay,
Could justice do to thy hidden lore.

Here proud Queen Bess in Royal Barge,
With lords and ladies, richly clad,
Did come to hunt thy forests large,
While cheered each village lass and lad.

Within thy walls Victoria mourned,
A lonely Queen, reft of her mate—
The Widow of Windsor. England burned
To share that sorrow within thy gate.

But now a glorious day has dawned ;
In Windsor, joy and laughter rule.
Another Queen Bess in Merrie England !
God save the Queen ! Our cup is full !

Gelda Leslie, F.II.G.

Down the long years

The Conqueror, they called him, this William of Normandy. Yet, in his own eyes, it was not as a conqueror he came, but as the legitimate successor of the Saxon Kings. That—and his real veneration and respect for his saintly predecessor, Edward the Confessor—was surely in his mind when, against all precedent, he decided to be crowned in the great Church of Westminster that Edward had raised to the glory of God.

And yet in his heart even the fearless William must have known doubts—must have realised how precarious was his hold on the Country. The Archbishop of Canterbury had fled over the Border, and his place had to be taken by the Archbishop of York. The congregation in the church was a mingling of Saxons and Normans.

“Will ye have this man to be your King?” First in Saxon, then in French, the question was put, and in response a shout of acclamation arose. Outside, the Norman guards misunderstood. Fearing trouble, they turned on the unarmed crowds and set fire to nearby buildings, and while the terrified congregation fled from the church—many to their deaths—and the smoke blew thick and acrid through the nearly deserted building, William alone remained calm. Hastily the frightened prelates placed the Crown upon his head.

And so, strangely and wildly, the tradition of the Westminster Coronation was begun; a tradition running uninterruptedly from that day to this, save only that two proclaimed Kings—Edward III. and Edward VIII.—were never crowned.

Ceremonial and pageantry, tradition and spectacle, small wonder, perhaps, that such great store has come to be set upon it. King Henry II., for instance, in his determination to ensure the succession for his son, actually had the younger Henry crowned twice during his own lifetime. At the Coronation Banquet the King himself waited upon his son, who took the honour coolly enough, considering it “no condescension for the son of an Earl to attend on the son of a King!”

Yet, twice crowned, Prince Henry never reigned.

Oddly, the next Henry, the Third, was also twice crowned—first at Gloucester, because

London was then in French hands, and four years later at Westminster.

The Coronation of Edward I. was the first to take place in the present Abbey, built by Henry III. on the same site as the old church. Edward it was, too, who took the Stone of Destiny from Scone and had the special Coronation Chair—still in use—built to hold it; though it was his son, Edward II., who was the first to be crowned on the Stone.

Edward III., when his father was deposed, had great difficulty in fixing a date for his Coronation. The Country was torn by factions—and the Crown Jewels were all too often in pawn!

The crowning of Edward VI. was marked by the rewriting of much of the Ceremony as a result of the Reformation in Henry VIII.'s reign. The new King was a mere child; perhaps that is why the celebrations were given an odd, instructional turn by the posting, along the Coronation route, of masquers representing the “Seven Goodly Sciences”, of which one, Sapience, delivered a long and impassioned wise oration to the young King as he passed. Perhaps as a counterblast to this—and again as a concession to Edward's tender years—a famous acrobat, called Peter the Dutchman, was engaged (at a cost of sixteen pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence “for his costes and paines and all his stuffe”) to climb up and down the weathercock of St. Paul's.

And so down the years to the crowning of Charles II., when at the cost of £31,978 9/11, new Regalia were provided to replace those destroyed or sold under the Protectorate. (Yet even then the laugh, it might be said, was on Cromwell and his followers, since it was discovered in the selling that many good gems had at some time been replaced by false!).

Surely at no Coronation had there been so many evil omens as at that of ill-fated James II. A stone in the Crown was found to be false, and the Crown itself damaged; the flag above the Tower was ripped by wind at one of the most sacred moments of the ceremony; a stained glass window with the Royal Arms was shattered mysteriously; the King's

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Champion stumbled and fell when making obeisance. Strangest of all, when the moment came for the King to make his offering, he found himself without money, having been robbed on his way to the Abbey !

This was not the only case of Coronation theft. At the Banquet to celebrate the crowning of Anne, the table linen and most of the pewter were stolen.

Another ill-omen came at the crowning of George III., when in the middle of the Service the largest diamond fell from the Crown. Superstitious folk remembered this when, many years later, the American Colonies were lost.

After the magnificence of the Coronations of the Georges (George II.'s Queen, Caroline, was said to be worth "two million sterling as she stood"), William IV. wanted to omit the celebrations altogether for reasons of economy. The indignant nation, however, refused to be denied its ceremony !

And so, finally, to Victoria and the longest and most elaborate service ever. Curious to think how bungled an affair it was. No one seemed to understand the endless, intricate ritual. The Archbishop turned over two pages of his book at once, and the mistake was not discovered for some time ; there was a heated argument because the Archbishop insisted on placing the ring on the wrong finger ; the Senior Baron tripped over his robes and rolled down the steps. Only the grace and poise of the young Queen saved the dignity of the whole ceremony.

And now again the solemn pageantry unfolds ; the ancient ritual moves with slow majesty to that supreme moment when the Crown of St. Edward is lowered slowly on to the young Queen's brow and in a great thunder of acclaim the trumpets flare and the guns sound and the age-old stirring shout goes up :

" God Save the Queen ! "

IN LONDON FOR THE CORONATION

At last the great day arrived ; June 2nd, 1953, when the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth was to take place. At 5.45 a.m. I sleepily wended my way to Eaton Square where the cadets were to meet. We marched to a position on the Victoria Memorial, exactly opposite Buckingham Palace.

We stood until 8.40 a.m., during which time, bands and troops were marching past us. Then the Commonwealth Prime Ministers left the Palace and we had a good view of Sir Winston Churchill.

This procession was followed by that of the members of the Royal Family.

Finally, amidst tremendous cheers, the Queen drove through the Palace gates and the wonderful Coach passed within ten yards of us.

We waited until 4 p.m., when the procession came towards us down the Mall. I shall not attempt to describe the magnificent colours of the display as it is impossible to find words to do so.

We remained until the Queen came on to the Balcony, which was an unbelievable picture in itself.

After seeing the fireworks in the evening, I looked back on the marvellous organisation

of the whole day, and I felt proud to be a British subject and to be amongst all the millions who were so affectionately loyal to their Queen.

CORONATION QUIZ

1. Which crown does the Queen wear during the actual crowning ?
2. When was the State Coach first used ?
3. Give the number and name of the horses that draw the Coach ?
4. In which century was Westminster Abbey rebuilt ?
5. What is the only Latin used in the Coronation Service ?
6. How many generations of our Royal Family have lived in Buckingham Palace ?
7. What is the Sceptre of the Cross ?
8. What is the Sceptre of the Dove ?
9. What is the date of the Queen's Official Birthday ?
10. What flag is flown when the Queen is in residence in Buckingham Palace ?

(Answers on Page 13)

Caroline N. Rudd, L.VII.



They had a bash at it !

Q : " Which two of the following words have the same meaning :—fierce, shy, bashful ? "

A : " Fierce and bashful. "

Wild Goose Guess.

Q : " What is the name of the home of the Lord Mayor of London ? "

A : " The Mayor's Nest. "

The First Political Vacuum.

" The Death of the Maid of Norway left no air for the Scottish Throne. "

Deserted Village.

" The men of the village were also ideal. Every evening they met in the village inn. "

In a Bad Way.

" Dundee has its bad quarters where the lighting is poor and the houses are nearly ready to fall down, or to be destroyed. Some of the population in Dundee are in this way. "

The Same as Teaching.

" Apostrophe is used when you address something or someone who is either abstract or not present. "

Disappointed.

" Charles went to Spain in disguise and came home in disgrace without the Infanta. "

Spiritual and Secular Activities.

" Then there was the plot in which the Pope, Mary Stuart and the pope were involved. "

As the Philosopher Says.

" It was tantalising to be held so long in jeopardy " : means, " It was good to have so much comfort. "

What's His Line ?

" Les yeux fixés sur sa ligne " : means, " His eyes fixed on his job. "

Into the Net ?

Q : " Name the last plot on behalf of Mary Queen of Scots. "

A : " Badmington. " (Babington).

But we Shall be Free.

Q : " Give the name of an English sailor who explored the North-West Passage. "

A : " Freeboshier. " (Frobisher).

Geometry Simplified.

" Euclid was the Greek God of Love. He used to go around disguised as a baby and shoot arrows at lovers. "

Humour in the French Class.

" Il partit d'un pas ferme : he set off at a farmer's gait. "

" Un cheval ombrageux : a dark horse. "

" Il embrassa sa mère : he embarrassed his mother. "

" Il le recouvrit de manière à lui laisser un peu d'air pour respirer : he covered him with manure to leave him little pure air to breathe. "

" Un vieil homme presque octogénaire, mais solide encore : an old man almost octagonal, yet still solid. "

" Le retour au pays Natal : the return to Natal. "

Humour in the German Class.

" Er hat schon mal geträumt : he has had a nightmare. "

" Er war schlechter Laune : it was not a full moon. "

" Festhalten : to hold a feast. "

" Maria die Reine : Mary the queen. "

" Gehen wir nach oben ! : let's go to Oban. "

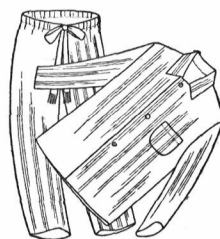
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A visit to B.A.O.R. 3

On Monday, 6th April, fifteen High School, eight Morgan, and nine Grove cadets left Dundee for Hamburg, to spend a week with the Seaforths at Buxtehude. At about four in the afternoon we crossed the frontier between Holland and Germany, and immediately we noticed the difference. In Holland there were crowds of cheerful Hollanders who waved to us as we passed. The whole atmosphere was one of cheerful friendliness. But in Germany there was hardly, at first, a single German apart from railwaymen. Later on we saw numbers of them, but they were all sullen-faced and, when we tried to make conversation with them, we were all ignored. In North Germany the atmosphere was one of sullen hostility.

Later on, in Hamburg, we were to notice that the Germans do not like the British. This was very evident in Buxtehude, as we received quite a number of black looks from the Germans there.

Hamburg is a very beautiful city. It has wide streets, and its shopping centre is full of big shops. As a party of us turned a corner, we discovered Woolworth's. Hamburg has a small population for its size, only about two million inhabitants. Of course the town is swarming with soldiers, especially with Royal Military Police, who are very strict with all those in the Queen's uniform, as Cpl. D. Yeaman found out, much to his dismay.

Our first trip to Hamburg was arranged by the Church of Scotland W.V.S. who had

a very pleasant surprise for some of us. Some girls had been brought into the canteen as partners for some country dances. So Hamburg re-echoed to the strains of Broon's Reel and the Gay Gordons.

We spent one very enjoyable day at Hühne with the Royal Tank Regiment attached to the Seventh Armoured Division. This Regiment is equipped with Centurion tanks, and we were given tasks as drivers, gunners, layers and tank commanders. Then we were actually given the tank, and some of us drove, while others laid their guns on targets and others gave orders to the drivers.

Our training routine was very varied, the only thing we had every day being drill. We were given a lecture on the British Army in Germany, another on a signals platoon, and others on anti-tank and mortar platoons. We were given demonstrations by the signals platoon, the anti-tank platoon and the mortar platoon. We fired L.M.G.'s, Stens and rifles, and went over an assault course. On Sunday, the 12th, we played football, hockey and basketball against scratch teams of the Seaforths.

On the whole, all the cadets and their officers, Captains Larg and McDougal, enjoyed themselves, and, while doing so, impressed the Commanding Officer of the Seaforths by their good conduct and discipline.

"An Idle Man."

ANSWERS TO CORONATION QUIZ

1. St. Edward's Crown.
2. In 1762, by George III.
3. Eight Windsor Greys.
4. The 13th century.
5. "Vivat Regina Elizabetha!"
6. Eight.
7. The Symbol of Kingly Power and Justice.
8. Equity and Mercy.
9. June 11th.
10. The Golden Standard.

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Letters from France

L'Hôtellerie du Fer à Cheval,
Pau, Basses-Pyrénées,
Sunday 8th March.

Here I am in the South. How did it happen? I am in Madame L.'s bedroom, while the children rest, and outside the window a **tulipier** is in full bloom. The sun is shining brightly although there is a mist over the mountains. We are not in Pau itself but just on the outskirts beside the racecourse. I had visions of a horribly grand hotel and children's dirty boots, but it is a countryish little inn with hens, rabbits, horses and doves. In the garden are palm trees and tables in the sun. Over the garden gate hangs bright, flowering japonica, as still as the other plants in the breathless air.

We left Paris behind, enveloped in a thick fog, but quite suddenly, after two hours' travel, it lifted and the Spring sun bathed the fields and bare trees with a beautiful clear light.

We did the Blois-Poitiers-Bordeaux route, and every moment was filled with interesting things. The château at Blois could be seen peeping through some trees, the Loire with its built-up banks, little black shelters in the fields, a lovely turreted bridge, bridges reflected, poplar trees . . .

Monday evening.

Léontine, who came before us in the car with the in-laws' chauffeur, has sisters and brothers scattered about the countryside in tiny farms. She had stayed with a cousin for the night and so we went to fetch her to take her home. She came to have lunch with us at the hotel first, and I wrote the first part of my letter sitting in Madame L.'s room while the children rested upstairs.

In the afternoon we left for Léontine's part of the country. First of all we went to see her "petite-nièce". We were shown round the tiny farm and were then asked into the farmhouse for "goûter".

Inside, the floor was paved with rough paving stones and a large fireplace dominated the room, with a pot of white flowers over the mantelshelf, and the familiar little pots. From

the beams hung sausages and pigs' trotters. We all sat down to tea in bowls, with thick, fresh cream and "tartines" of bread with farm butter and home-made jam. The brother was very gay and jolly, with bright blue eyes, in fact, they were a charming family. The old mother was in bed with flu' but we all shook hands with her and wished her "Bonjour." The outside of the farm was very interesting because it had a design carved and painted on the top of the walls, and half an old granite millstone as a doorstep. We will go again, and I hope to be able to sketch it.

Afterwards, we went to her brother-in-law's, and were pressed to two glasses of home-made wine. On our way home we went to Morlaas to see the lovely old church doorway.

To-day, to-day, to-day! Just guess where we went for lunch, and to explore. The Pyrenees. And were we high! We climbed by car the winding mountain roads, passing oxen ploughing tiny fields, peasant women with their sheep, mules, little villages clustered on the foothills, and finally, past Eaux-bonnes and Laruns, to a little hotel perched on the snowy slopes of one of the mountains. We had lunch in the hot sun with the peaks towering above us. After lunch, the children and I climbed slopes and rushed down again, sometimes on foot, sometimes on bottom, but nevertheless enjoying it. We then sledged, and I overcame my great fear of going head first down a slope on a fast sledge. It was great fun.

I really must go to bed now but will pick up the pen when I can, to tell you more. I can still feel the sun on my face.

Dian.

Tribune de Concours Hippique.

Thursday.

We took the children to Léontine's farmhouse and left them, free of all corrections and "dons", to the care of the farmer and his two sisters. If it weren't for the "dons" I would have loved to stay too, but was forbidden by Caroline who was revelling in the thought of utter freedom at last.

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Instead, I went into Pau with Madame L. and had lunch with her at a lovely little restaurant run by two of her friends.

I am waiting for the "conours" to begin, as I would like to see Madame L. jumping in the Women's International, and look after her things for her.

The other evening we went for a "chasse des crapauds" with a hurricane lamp and bedroom slippers, much to the amusement of all the household. They are called nurse-maid frogs and are very interesting (I have a feeling that there was an article in "Picture Post" about them). When the female lays her eggs, the male sticks them all over his hind legs, and looks after them carefully until they hatch, giving them constant water baths to keep them wet. In the evening they come out of their hiding places and make the weirdest noise which goes on all night. It sounds like the creaking of Broughty Ferry swings in a way, but could be the chiming of tiny bells, some high, some low, sounding separately, but often simultaneously, a weird discordant sound. We saw them in the light of the lamp, a female just about to lay her eggs, and a male with tiny white eggs glued to his legs. Snails and worms were crawling about, but also a salamandar, green with black blotches, and a golden stripe down her back. "La salamandre" was very frightened, but there was something very sweet about her and the gratified way she accepted her freedom after we had taken her inside to see her more clearly.

There is a Swiss couple staying here who would be worth a week's study at R.A.D.A. to watch. He is the "When I was in Egypt four years ago" type, fat with a red face, rather like a retired Colonel. His wife talks about her dear little children. "I have fa-eeve grandchildren!" (She is English).

As a matter of fact, they all look very sweet and very good looking. Her daughters are lovely. One of them is the Countess of Something-or-other, and another is a concert pianist (she showed the family photos).

They live in Switzerland and have a paradise of a garden, with trees, lawn, masses of flowers, and mountains behind. They have been all over the world by car and are still travelling.

Since I last wrote, I have seen quite a lot of new countryside, and villages, and try hard to take little notes in a tiny notebook about what I have seen.

I have been to Lourdes to-day, and how I wished you had been there. Beside me in the bus was an old R.C. woman on her way to the "Grotte". She very nearly converted me to Roman Catholicism, but failed. She wanted to take me to visit some nuns who would teach me to have a religion.

I am sitting in the waiting room for the bus back, and the people are so interesting that it is no bore. There are two dearest old women in black, with black veils, and an easy-going fellow with a black beret putting up with their company in a very brotherly way.

Some of the tiny villages are so picturesque that it is unbelievable. I feel as though I am on the set for a film all the time, or intruding into the stage set of a lovely theatre. The river Gave runs through Lourdes, and near the bridge there is a gentle fall over the round pebbles. I was angry to see how Bernadette has been used, and how half the shops in Lourdes are full of the most utter rubbish to catch pilgrims and tourists, completely spoiling the beauty of the town.

On Monday, Madame L. dropped me in Pau at the market-place, where I wandered as nonchalantly as possible watching the peasants with their humble little bunches of violets, wild daffodils and last year's fruit. Some were squeezing cream cheeses in muslin bags, and then turning them out; others were sitting on low stools with a basket of hens in front of them; others still had tiny baskets of nondescript "salades", and one old lady had a fat little rabbit beside her. Outside was the more permanent market with its little booths, every market woman with her eyes on the passers-by.

"Venez, venez, mademoiselle? Une jolie culotte? Une ceinture?" One male marketeer had the cheek to shout, "Qu'elle est jolie—ma grand'mère."

I went to the Château afterwards, and was pushed through hurriedly by the guide who pointed out the hideous things, and forgot to mention the rather interesting details, but I loved the idea of a baby in a turtle shell with spears crossed above his head. It all

looked so historic (what a shallow remark !). The tapestries were interesting, especially the Dutch ones belonging to the King.

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This morning we went to the racecourse to see the Pau hunt, and followed it in the car. At the moment they are all having lunch (5.10. It began at 2.15 !) and laughter, mingled with the sound of the hunting horn, wafts into the sunny garden from the open salle-à-manger windows.

I silently oppose the sport from the point of view of the poor fox who is caught beforehand, and let out a few hundred yards from the point where he is destined to be killed. His scent had been dragged across country for the hounds to follow. Madame L. knew almost exactly the route that the fox would go, and we followed, half by car, half on foot, through the fields of short grass ("touya") which is the farmer's pest here.

What a noise those hunting people are making. I think they must have been drinking as well as having a jolly good lunch. They are singing French hunting songs.

Every so often, horse carts or tractors pass, laden high with "touya" for the animals' bedding. A field of the weed caught fire this morning, bringing the little fire engine from Pau, and two hundred soldiers stationed nearby. They have had no rain for a long time, and the white dust is everywhere. It is like the cloud which enveloped the sheep that Don Quixote couldn't see. Another thing which is so beautiful here is the birdsong. It is so loud that it can be heard even above the engines of the heavy lorries passing on the Route de Bordeaux.

I have no idea what I shall be doing tomorrow, but I know it will be interesting.

Dian (Montgomerie).

A TRIP TO BALMORAL

Last Saturday we were going up to Balmoral with a picnic-lunch. It was a lovely drive and the sun was shining down on us. We drove over the Devil's Elbow, where there was still some snow, and we all scrambled out and played. Mummy and Grannie were heartbroken at the loss of so many trees. They said that it was like a giant striding over the land. Mummy knew of a lovely picnic spot where one had a marvellous view of Balmoral Castle. We all had our lunch and Grannie picked primroses and violets, which she found by the roadside. We passed through Ballater and came back to Aberdeen.

Gillian MacKenzie, L.IV.G.

CHAOS

My Father decided to paper the room.
He gathered together everything including the broom.

He stayed up late and never ate,
And continued to paper the room.

The days went by and nights as well.
The room it stood an empty shell.
After much ado, the painter came.
So never again will Dad try in vain.

June Mill, L.VI.

THE FAIR

There are coconut stalls and swing boats which go high and low. There are caravans in which the Fair People live. There are roundabouts, a shooting range, stalls, and a helter-skelter.

Richard Burns, Class II.

MY PETS

I have a little fish. His name is Freddy and he lives in a glass bowl in the kitchen. He is quite small and he is golden with a white-silvery tail. The bowl is round and it sits on the chest-of-drawers. As well as the goldfish, I have a budgie. His name is Joey. He lives in a cage at the kitchen window. He is blue and he has soft feathers that are lovely to stroke.

Elma Stuart, L.III.

MY TRICYCLE

I have a nice red tricycle. It has a luggage grid and a handle to open and shut it. It has three wheels because "tri" means three. My tricycle can go very fast, but sometimes you fall off it. You always hurt your leg or your hand or something when you fall off.

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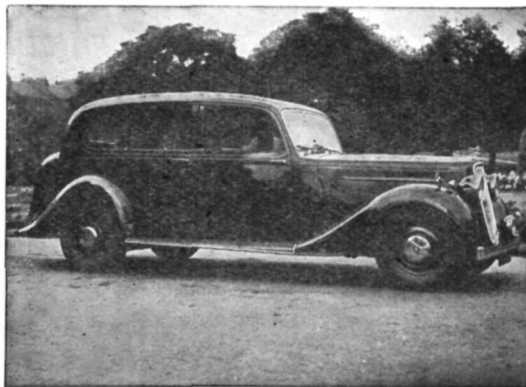
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Front Row (L. to R.)—D. Fimister, N. Stewart.

LIZARDS AS PETS

There are over 2,000 species of lizards, varying in size from the Komoda Dragon, which attains a length of twelve feet, to the humble Common Lizard which measures about six inches.

Lizards mainly inhabit tropical and sub-tropical countries, but we in Britain have three truly native species. These are the Sand Lizard, the Common Lizard and the Slow-worm, or Blindworm, as it is sometimes called.

The Sand Lizard is restricted to the sandy regions of Southern England, where it forms the chief food of the Smooth Snake. This lizard is brown or green in colour according to its habitat.

The Common Lizard, which is coloured brown, is widespread in Britain and abroad. It makes a good pet and feeds well in close captivity on flies, grubs and spiders. My specimens are kept in a vivarium. This is a wooden box, 18ins. x 10ins. x 10ins., with a glass front and a hinged lid. They are very tame and eat out of my hand.

Those inhabiting temperate regions hibernate from October to March. As with most lizards they love to bask in the sun.

The Slow-worm has no legs and resembles a small snake. It is a burrowing lizard and feeds almost exclusively on slugs (white ones only) and worms. Slow-worms are widespread in Britain and should be looked for under stones and in hedge-rows. They are more plentiful as one goes South, and I caught four in half-an-hour in a large garden at Babbacombe, outside Torquay. They measure from 12 to 18 inches in length, and are brownish in colour.

Other temperate lizards are the Wall, the Eyed and the Green Lizard. The Wall Lizard is to be found, as its name suggests, sunning itself on mossy walls and banks. It is about nine inches long. The Eyed Lizard, a large Continental species, often grows to eighteen inches long. It, of course, requires large prey, dead mice, for example. The Green Lizard is about a foot long but needs a large enclosure. They are said to be easily tamed, but my specimens used to bite and hang on with determination.

After gaining experience one can try keeping tropical and sub-tropical lizards. There

is a wide range. The Chameleons and Anolis both change colour, but not necessarily, as believed, in harmony with their surroundings. In addition to being able to change colour at will the Chameleon also has a remarkable tongue. This has a sticky tip on which the insects on which it feeds are caught.

There are also the Geckos which can climb walls and cross ceilings upside down, owing to the sucker discs on their feet. I am hoping to obtain the above three species very shortly.

Bobbie Bustard, F.I.I.A.

ODE TO JUNE, 1953

O, month of June,
You come never too soon !
Month of sports,
And school reports !

Month of the Coronation,
Looked forward to by all the nation,
When flags are hung
By old and young !

" The Queen is crowned ! "
London will resound
With very loud cheers,
To be remembered for years.

Come fireworks' display
At the end of the day :
Month of my birthday,
And the Summer holiday !

Alastair Wood, L.VI.

A DAY AT THE BEACH

One sunny day, Mary, Joyce and George went to the beach with their spaniel, Scamper. When they arrived there, they saw a great many children all working very hard at making big sand castles. The Mayor of Aberdeen was to give a prize for the best. George was making a big, stately castle when Scamper knocked it down. George was very angry, but Scamper lay on the ruined castle and looked very pleased with himself. Mary and Joyce laughed at him and went on building. Seeing there was no chance of building another castle, George built a kennel for Scamper and won the first prize.

Norma Duncan, L.IV.

PEEPS AT THE EMPIRE**From the Very Young—(L.II. Girls)****CANADA**

The Great Canadian Railway is one of the largest in the world. The trains labour up the Rockies.

Beside Lake Louise there are lovely snow-topped hills which the Mounties sometimes ride over.

The farms are huge, and we get most of our flour from them.

In Autumn the trees in the woods and forests look lovely in red, yellow, brown and orange.

I wish I could see it all.

Maureen P. Davies (7 Yrs.)

CANADA

The fields are very big in Canada. Canada has beautiful lakes. There are lovely beaches in Canada.

Logs wait on frozen rivers for the Spring thaws.

The Canadians send flour for us to bake with.

The Mounties are very clever and very kind. They helped the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh when they visited Canada.

Janette Forsyth (7 Yrs.)

AFRICA

There are West African boys and girls who go to school. The West African boys and girls carry their books on their heads.

A Zulu's house is a Kraal.

A Ricksha Boy has on all sorts of clothes.

The Table Mountain is flat like a table and that is why they call it the Table Mountain.

The people in Africa have dark skins.

Anne Young (7 Yrs.)

AFRICA

The Queen Mother will be visiting the Victoria Falls and she'll be seeing the Zulu babies and their Mothers and Fathers.

The Queen Mother will be visiting Durban, too. And she will be at the National Park.

Maybe a Zulu man will make a model for her. The Zulus have lovely beads.

Patricia M. Dunn (6½ Yrs.)

AUSTRALIA

Australia is an island. There are black people in Australia. They are aborigines. There are large numbers of sheep. The Queen is visiting New Zealand, and she can make friends with a Koala.

There is a nice Bridge in Sydney harbour. There are sea elephants. The divers go down under the water to get pearl shells.

Suzanna Everett (6½ Yrs.)

INDIA

The Indian dancers do very wonderful things. India gives us our tea. India is a very hot land. Mount Everest is very tall. The Bazaar is where all the Indian people buy things.

The Indian people are getting cleverer now, but they still are not as clever as we are. We have some Indian pictures on our wall. The Indian people work hard. India is very big.

Angela Mathers (7 Yrs.)

INDIA

In India some people do dances and every single movement they make means something. In Calcutta people are not very tidy.

Millions of yards of cotton are made in the mills. There are many beautiful buildings. One is called the Taj Mahal. There is a huge mountain called Mount Everest. There is a lovely city called Bombay.

Carol Page (7 Yrs.)

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Carol L. Robertson, L.V.G.

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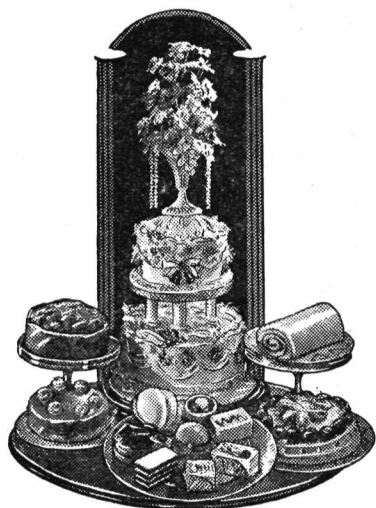
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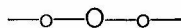
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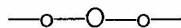
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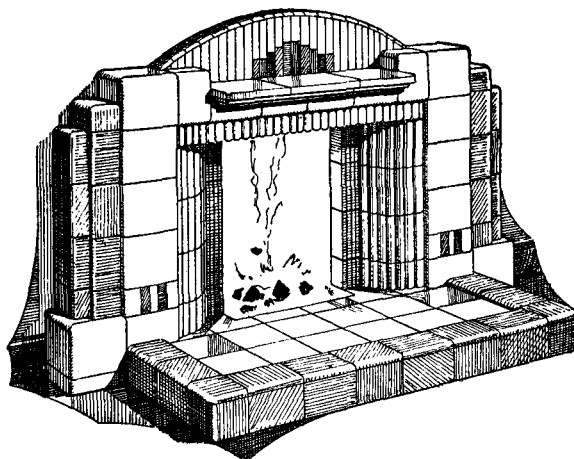
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J. D. Cooper, L.VI.

A MODEL STEAM AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY

When I was on holiday at Grantown-on-Spey, one day we went to Boat-of-Garten and there I saw a steam and electric railway. When we entered the garden in which the railway was, we saw a model of a steam locomotive puffing round with four carriages. The railway included some steep gradients and I was told that one of them was one in sixty and another one in fifty. The steam engine worked at a pressure of eighty-five pounds per square inch and was a four-four. In about ten minutes' time the two electric locomotives came on with goods trains. The electric locomotives were battery driven, one being fourteen volts and the other five. At the end of the show the bigger of the two electric locomotives pulled eleven carriages.

Ian Milne, L.VI.

A SUMMER MORNING

I don't need an alarm clock to waken me in the summertime, oh no! You see, my bedroom window looks out on a huge, grassy field with a beech wood nearby. Cows and calves are grazing in the field and the noise they make at 6 a.m. is deafening. The birds, too, are now awake, and a choir of music fills the air. The blackbird and the thrush com-

pete with each other to sing the louder, while the chaffinch and the hedge-sparrow sing in sweet, clear voices like the trill of a flute. Two pigeons are cooing softly to each other in the tall pine tree, but a flight of crows pass by, on the hunt for an early breakfast, and spoil the music with their harsh and toneless "Caw-Caw." They disturb the partridges and pheasants who now start their peculiar morning call, which must surely waken the very drowsiest of sleepy-heads. I open the window wide and hear the bleating of the young lambs and, in the garden, the big bumble-bees are humming a droning tune as they sip the honey from the wallflowers and the apple blossom. As I gaze across the leafy woods I can just see Dundee, lying peacefully asleep with not a wisp of smoke to dim the clear morning air. A boat comes in from a far off country and calls for the tug, a warning that it is time for everyone to be up and start a day of work. Try to waken early one morning and see and hear this for yourself.

Moir Kay, L.VI.G.

THE CORONATION ON MY TV

I have seen the Coronation on my TV. The horses pulled the Coach for one and three-quarter hours, from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey, with the Queen travelling in it. We have a Coronation book with the Lifeguards, the soldiers, and the horses pulling the coach, and hundreds and hundreds of people. There were lots and lots of Coronation flags. The Coronation day was June 2nd. The name of my TV is a Murphy. I was very pleased to see the Coronation on my TV.

Kenneth N. Ritchie, L.II.

DOLLIES' WASHING DAY

One windy morning, Miranda and Margaret washed their dollies' clothes. Miranda brought a basin of very hot water into the garden. Margaret undressed the dollies and put the dresses, bonnets and socks into the basin. Peter, their little brother, washed the dollies' hair. By the time he had finished, the dollies' clothes were dry. Then Margaret ironed them and Miranda folded them and carried them into the house.

Elma Stuart, L.III.

We were on a car run. I wanted to get out to go for a short walk. My Father stopped the car by a burn and said, "Follow the burn up to that wood, and look for birds' nests on the bank and in the water."

"There may be flowers in the wood," said my Mother.

My Sister and I got out, and walked beside the burn, looking for nests in the reeds as we went. We had not gone far before two lapwings rose, one about five seconds after the other, from in front of us and flew away behind us. I knew they were trying to get us to go after them instead of looking for their nest. I spent some time looking for the nest, but as I could not find it we climbed over the gate into a ploughed field, with a wood at the opposite end.

It was while we were passing through the field that I heard a noise a little to the left. Looking down I saw a rabbit crouching a few furrows away. After a few seconds it ran down the bank of the burn and disappeared.

In the the wood I saw a fine plumed bird half hidden behind a tree. I told my Sister, and moved to get a better view. It must have heard me moving, for it half ran, half flew away. I guessed it was a cock pheasant.

Then we ran back and told my Father and Mother all we had seen.

George C. Duke, L.IV.

IN THE POND

Down at the foot of Farmer Jones's field there is a green, grassy meadow, in which cows are kept. At the edge of the fence there is a pond, which flows gently along the side of the meadow until it trickles away under the old wooden bridge to join the big river which rushes down the valley.

On a bright, sunny day the fish dart up and down in the water showing gleams of silver and gold. Sometimes the clumsy cows stand in the water if they are hot, and all the little pond creatures hide in terror of the huge monsters.

Often the kingfisher comes to the pond to find a tasty meal, and the ducks strut down to float on the blue ripples.

Joan Macdonald, L.VI.

MY EASTER HOLIDAYS

When I went my Easter Holidays to Carshalton, in England, the people could not understand my Scottish accent, and said I spoke double Dutch. At dinner time they said to me, "The sweet's next," I said "What's sweet?" They said, "Pudding." I thought it was going to be a bag of "sweeties."

Brian Ahmed, Class, L.III.

Old Girls' Club

The Club has much pleasure in sending greetings to all members on the occasion of our twenty-first birthday.

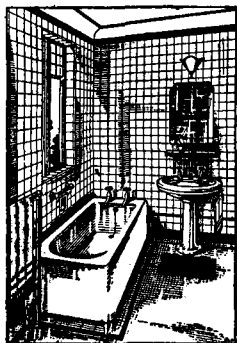
The Annual General Meeting was held in the School Hall, on 30th March, when the following Office-bearers were elected:—Hon. President, Mrs A. Drummond; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Mrs G. F. Ritchie and Mrs A. Robertson; Hon. Secretaries, Miss Norah Whitton, 497 Brook Street, Broughty Ferry, and Mrs T. Thomson, 8 Bridge Lane, Barnhill, Broughty Ferry; Hon. Treasurer, Miss C. Scrimgeour, 54 Seagate, Dundee; Executive Committee, Mrs A. T. Millar (ex officio), Miss Whytock (ex officio), Mrs Craigie Smith, Miss J. Galloway, Miss M. S. Valentine, Miss N. Miller, Miss A. Thomson, Mrs H. J. Carlton, Mrs Marshall, Miss J.

Drummond, Mrs G. B. Myles, Mrs B. C. Bowman, Miss E. Burns Petrie, Mrs Wm. Robertson, Miss P. Miller, Miss F. Swinton and Miss W. Carrie. Mrs A. Robertson was elected as representative to the Athletic Union.

We should like to congratulate Mrs A. T. Millar on her appointment to the Board of Directors on the retiral of Miss Luke.

We should also like to record our sincere thanks to Miss M. W. S. Johnston, the Retiring Treasurer, for the valuable service she has rendered to the Club during the past eighteen years. We hope she will be able to continue her interest in the Club.

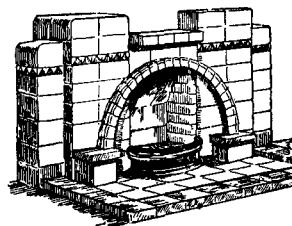
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next Re-union, on 6th November, 1953, and as we have a substantial sum in hand, the tickets will be 5/6d. and the balance will be taken out of the funds. Fuller intimation will be sent to members in due course, and we hope as many members as possible will endeavour to be present and so make our coming-of-age dinner a success.

It has been found necessary, owing to increased costs, to raise the Life Membership Subscription to £3 3/-, but the Annual Subscription remains at 2/6d.

The last Re-union, in November, 1952, was in lighter vein. We started with a Beetle Drive followed by games, a charade and a very amusing costume play, "The March of Time", both being ably acted by our own members. We closed an enjoyable evening with community singing.

The Club extends a very warm welcome to all girls leaving school in June to join the Club and also asks all members to notify the Secretaries of any changes of address, so that the records may be kept up to date.

The following have joined the Club since June, 1952 :—

Dorothy A. M. Allan, 441 Strathmartine Rd., Dundee.
 Nancy C. Allison, 154 City Road, Dundee.
 Elizabeth Anderson, 239 Strathmartine Road, Dundee.
 Margaret Anderson, 10 Strips of Craigie Rd., Dundee.
 Pamela M. J. Bain, Flocklones, Invergowrie.
 Esma Bowman, 18 Airlie Place, Dundee.
 Eileen Bridge, 24 Charlotte Street, Downfield, Dundee.
 Kathleen M. G. Clark, 48 Monifieth Road, Broughty Ferry.
 Millie Cunningham, 56 Lawside Rd., Dundee.
 Betsy S. Cuthill, 9 Shepherds Loan, Dundee.
 E. M. Davidson, 32a Albany Terrace, Dundee.
 Avril W. Donaldson, 13 Panmurefield Road, Monifieth.
 Margaret Douglas, Ravenswood, Wormit-on-Tay.
 Marion I. Drysdale, 69 Americanmuir Road, Dundee.
 Dorothy M. Esplin, 3 Camperdown Street, Broughty Ferry.
 Sheena M. B. Gibb, 242 Arbroath Road, Dundee.

Maureen P. Gray, 21 Lammerton Terrace, Dundee.

Mrs Hay, 6 Esplanade, Broughty Ferry.
 Elizabeth M. Johnston, 7 Adelaide Place, Dundee.

Mrs Joan Kirkman, 306 Blackness Road, Dundee.

Annie Lickley, 8 Collingwood St., Barnhill.
 Anne Mathers, Mathers Hotel, Dundee.

Winifred A. L. Meston, 7 Linden Avenue, East Newport.

Patricia Miller, 31 Strathern Road, W. Ferry.
 Elizabeth L. Mitchell, 80 Forfar Rd., Dundee.

Dian Montgomerie, 11 Castle Terrace, Broughty Ferry.

Sheila McGregor, 34 Glenprosen Drive, Dundee.

Caroline and Elizabeth Mackenzie, 15 Lawside Road, Dundee.

Joyce Mackenzie, 21 Bruce Road, Downfield, Dundee.

Louise McLean, 5 Baxter Park Terrace, Dundee.

Doreen M. and Eileen M. Neave, 1 Glamis Road, Dundee.

Isabel Ogilvie, 210 Arbroath Rd., Dundee.

Jean Ogilvie, 9 Tally Street, Dundee.

Mrs Frances J. M. Pearce, 17 Princes Street, Monifieth.

Winifred M. Stewart, 35 Wodside Terrace, Dundee.

Mrs Sutherland, 18 Collingwood Street, Barnhill.

Muriel J. B. Thomson, 56 Glenprosen Terrace, Dundee.

Margot Wilson, 17 Maryfield Terrace, Dundee.

Moreen E. Winton, 9 Marchfield Terrace, Dundee.

Violet Wood, 47 Yeaman Shore, Dundee.

Anne Younger, Hawkhill House, Dundee.

We regret the Club has lost three members by death :—

Mrs L. Collins, 299 Perth Road, Dundee.

Miss B. Laburn, 58 East Haddon Road, Dundee.

Mrs A. Walker, Beechwood Tce., Newport.

We record, with pleasure, the following marriages :—

Sheila M. Cameron to John K. Liddiard.

Heather Grewar to Eric Macdonald.

Margaret C. Hutton to Douglas P. Thomson.

Kathleen M. Jack to John R. Watson.

Doreen Paterson to John Gyle.

F.P.'s BADMINTON CLUB

With a membership of 57 during the past season, the Club, as well as having its largest membership, had quite a successful season.

The First Team were top (equal) of the 4th Division in the Dundee and District Badminton League, but failed on average to gain promotion. The decision of running a Second Team in the Dundee Churches and Welfare League proved to be a success as it finished top of the 5th Division.

The President has gifted a Trophy for competition among Club members, which should give added interest.

All pupils leaving school at the end of this session, and any other F.P.s who are interested in Badminton, are cordially invited to contact the Secretary, J. A. Grieve, 6 Home Terrace, Broughty Ferry, who will be pleased to supply them with any particulars they may require regarding the Club.

J. A. G.

OLD BOYS' CLUB

The return shoot between the Old Boys' and the School took place on Friday, 20th February. On this occasion the School had its revenge, defeating the Old Boys by six points. It was agreed that this was the best match of the series, the standard of shooting on both sides being very high. The scores were :—

School

Robert Crawford	99
Brian Piggot	99
W. Morrison	99
W. S. Yeaman	95
A. Bowman	95
K. More	95
John Webster	95
R. Fyfe	94
	771

Old Boys

A. T. Millar	99
David Mather	98
James Penny	97
G. S. Ritchie	97
James T. Lyon	96
Fred Slimman	93
Michael M. Laurie	93
J. M. Watson	92
	765

The pocket knife presented by the Old Boys to the highest individual scorer in the School side was won by Robert Crawford after a tie with B. Piggot and W. Morrison.

Reports

Golf Club Report

Very great enthusiasm has been shown by the younger boys of the upper school this year, particularly those of F.III., and the entries for the two competitions were very large. The qualifying scores in the Boase Medal Competition this year were the lowest for a very long time, all of the six qualifiers breaking 90.

The team has done quite well again this year, losing only one match out of the five so far played, and, judging by the performance of some of the young players, the team will continue to do well in future years.

R. G.

Hockey Report

This year's 1st XI. has come fully up to expectations. The 2nd XI., after a shaky start, has ended the season exceptionally well, and the 3rd, 4th and and 2nd Year XI.'s have also had a successful season.

In November, Aileen Paterson was chosen as centre-forward for the Junior Midlands.

At the Staff Match on 1st April, the pupils were rather lucky to win 2-1.

We should like to thank Miss Spreull and other members of the staff who willingly take on the unenviable task of umpiring matches on Saturday mornings, and we always gratefully appreciate Miss Whytock's help and advice throughout the season.

1st XI. Results

Nov. 1	B. Baxter	7-2
8	Blair H.S.	6-0
15	Harris	6-1
29	Forfar	6-2
Dec. 6	B. Baxter	4-1
13	Aberdeen	1-3
Jan. 10	F.P.'s.	6-2
17	Grove	9-0
24	Harris	5-1
Feb. 7	Crieff	2-3
21	Forfar	15-1
Mar. 7	Perth	1-1

2nd XI. Results.

B. Baxter	1-2
Blair H. S.	7-1
Harris	2-3
Forfar	3-0
B. Baxter	2-3
Aberdeen	0-2
Grove	3-2
Harris	4-3
Crieff	1-3
Forfar	7-2
Perth	0-7

The Boys' Literary Society

The highlights of this session's meetings were the Burns Supper, the Brains Trust, the Mock Election and the Musical Evening. The Burns Supper, which has not been included in the syllabus for many

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years, met with great success, and it is hoped that it will be continued in the future.

The Society is indebted to Mr Gillman, Mr Vannet, Mr Duke and Mr Robertson who, as the Brains Trust, gave us a most enjoyable and instructive evening.

A staunch favourite, the Mock Election, attracted a large audience. After a week of lively campaigning, the candidates: Alan Forsyth (Conservative), Bruce Morgan (Scottish Nationalist), Neil Hooper (Independent) and John Robertson (Socialist), sought the support of the members amid heckling from the packed house.

The Musical Evening, largely organised by Miss R. Falconer and Mr A. Smith, gave the staff and pupils alike great enjoyment both in rehearsals and on the night itself. The entertainment was supplied by members of the Upper School, and the high standard we have come to associate with this concert was well maintained.

Unfortunately we have to lose the services of our retiring Joint-President, Mr Smart, and the Society wish to record their appreciation of his unselfish work during the last two years. Thanks are also due to the other office-bearers and to the members who have, by their support, made this year's meetings such a success.

B. M.

Rugby Report, 1952-53

We have continued our policy of playing open rugby, and, although our teams have been light and young, they have performed very well. The boys have shown a good spirit and much enthusiasm, and their behaviour has been exemplary.

The School won the Midlands School Sevens Tournament at Perth on 28th March, the winning seven being I. Dewar, R. Crawford, R. Stephen, R. Gillespie, I. Dorward, L. Thomson and J. Webster. They, along with D. Fimister, have been awarded caps.

The record of the first three fifteens is as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag.
1st XV.,	14	7	2	5	129	185
2nd XV.,	9	6	0	3	120	85
3rd XV.,	11	4	1	6	156	208

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr Wood and Mr Thomson and members of the staff for their valuable assistance throughout the year.

Guide Report

The outstanding event of this term was the presentation of a World Flag to the Companies by Mr and Mrs Greenlaw. It was dedicated by Mr Greenlaw on the 6th February and received on behalf of the Companies by Company Leader Margaret Greenlaw with a colour party formed by Company Leader Rosemary Spreull and Patrol Leader Jean Thomson.

Patrol Leader Joyce Carr now takes over the duties of Company Leader in Company 2A.

Marjory Ower of the 2nd Company was lent and became Patrol Leader of the Chaffinch Patrol in Company 2A.

Preparations have now begun for camp, again to be held at Tarfside, Glen Esk.

A Junior and a Senior team are entered for the Guide Sports in June.

The shields were won by Nightingale Patrol in Company 2 and Robin Patrol in Company 2A for last term.

Thanks are due to the Guiders for the unflagging interest they take in us. J. C., M. S. K. G.

Cricket Club Report

The following officials were appointed for season 1953:—Captain, D. T. Fimister; Vice-Captain, J. R. Stephen; Secretary, A. G. Forsyth; Asst. Secretary, A. R. Bowman; Treasurer, J. L. Webster.

We have been very fortunate this year in having available ten boys who played for the first eleven last year, and there has been strong competition for the last place.

We were able only to draw our first game with Harris Academy after we had scored freely against an inaccurate attack. Stubborn batting by the Harris and our bad bowling tactics lost us an excellent chance of victory. We recorded our first victory at St Andrews, when we dismissed Madras with only five minutes of the game left.

On Wednesday, 6th May, we had a very pleasant evening with a fairly strong Former Pupils' team. Although darkness fell too early to allow a decision, we batted well against Strathmore Union pace bowlers, Paton and Millar. Then, at Forthill, we defeated Grove Academy by nine wickets, and at Dalnacraig we scored a quick victory over Perth Academy—one of the best school cricket teams in Scotland. Our bowlers dismissed the Perth boys for fifty-seven in an hour and three quarters, leaving us three-quarters of an hour to score the necessary fifty-eight runs. This we did, thanks to Alistair Bowman, who "beat the clock" in scoring 36.

Our best batsmen have been Stephen, Bowman, Fimister, Taylor, Webster and wicketkeeper Forsyth. At the beginning of the season our bowling strength was weak, but now, with Russell Stephen fit, our attack has been improved. As a team we have been playing well, but slack fielding and bad running between wickets have cost us too many runs. This can be remedied only by practice.

Our thanks are due to Messrs Howat, MacLaren, Porteous, Robertson, Thomson, Wardlaw and other members of the staff who have ungrudgingly given of their free time to umpire our matches. A special vote of thanks has to be given to Mr Stevenson, our President for the second year in succession, for the great interest he has shown in us and his enthusiasm for the game.

Results — 1st XI.	F.	A.	
Harris,	110/1	30/6	Draw
Madras,	62/8	55	Win
F.P.'s,	69/8	82/8 (dec.)	Draw
Grove,	29/1	28	Win
Perth Acad. ...	58/7	57	Win

Results — 2nd XI.	F.	A.	
Harris,	40/3	39	Win
Grove,	23	24	Loss
Perth Acad., ...	49	95	Loss

At Arbroath we were left thirty minutes in which to score sixty-one runs. This was accomplished by our opening batsmen, who took twenty-two minutes to score the necessary runs from eight overs, Russell Stephen scoring a half-century in this time. We followed this up with a victory over the Former Pupils who sportingly batted on in very bad light.

Late Results — 1st XI.

	F.	A.	
Morgan,	82/7	16	Win
Arb. H.S., ...	63/0	60/8	Win
F.P.'s,	89/6	57	Win

Late Results — 2nd XI.

Morgan,	65	58	Win
Arb. H.S., ...	60/3	59/9	Win

A. G. F.

Chess Club

The Chess Club concluded its second season of activity at the end of the Spring Term. Mr Smart kindly acted as President, and there were thirteen members. The competitive tournament took the form of a league which was won by R. Logan, Form III., with C. Macfarlane, Form IV., being runner-up.

It is hoped that next season the membership will be augmented by an infusion of new blood, particularly from the junior forms. No one need be deterred by his inability to play chess. There will be many in the Club who will be only too willing to teach the new member!

J. C. S.

Cadet Report

During the Easter holidays a party of 15 senior cadets under Captain McDougall and Captain Larg spent eight days over in B.A.O.R.3, training with the Seaforth Highlanders near Hamburg.

Also during the Easter holidays a party of cadets sitting Cert. "A" Part II. spent a week on a training course at the Gordon Barracks, Aberdeen. This is an extremely satisfactory course, and it is to be hoped that cadets will continue to take advantage of it in the future.

As usual, the highlight of the year's training was the Certificate "A" Examination, which was held at Buddon on Friday, 1st May. All the candidates passed in both Parts I and II., L/Cpls. D. Marshall and S. Yeaman gaining Credit Passes.

We must congratulate the Shooting Team on its fine performance in bringing back to the school, after a year's absence, the Strathcona Shield. The Company has now won the Shield four times within the last five years.

A detachment from the Company, along with the Pipe Band, took part in the Coronation Parade in Dundee. A small party represented the Unit at the Coronation in London.

The Earl of Airlie has honoured the Company by agreeing to take the salute at the Ceremonial Parade at Dalnacraig on Wednesday, 17th June.

Summer camp this year will be held at Cultybraggen, near Comrie, where a vigorous and enjoyable training programme is being arranged.

On Sunday, 3rd May, the Pipe Band entertained the patients of Westgreen with a selection of pipe tunes. Everyone was delighted to see P/M. McLeish up and about again after his recent illness.

Once again we must thank Major Halliday and his staff who have given much of their spare time to the Company and whose help has been invaluable.

I. M. D., C/S.M.

Girls' Literary Society Report

The Society has had a very successful session and the interest and enthusiasm of its members has

been maintained. There was a large attendance at the opening meeting—the annual "Hat Night"—and throughout the session there was no lack of support on Friday nights. The syllabus this year covered a wide field of subjects, and the Form Nights brought to light many talented pupils. The members of each class are to be congratulated on their excellent performances.

On several occasions the two Societies have held joint meetings which have been highly successful. There was a talk on "The Theatre" given by Mr W. R. Cuthbert of D.D.S.; Mr G. S. Ritchie gave a short lecture which was illustrated by slides showing many Scottish mountains; Dundee's Chief Librarian, Mr Alex. Small, spoke on libraries and books in particular.

The Musical Evening, always a highlight in any session, was, this year, no exception. Yet the laurels must go to what has been perhaps the most successful evening of the past few years — the Burns Supper. This was a new venture for most of the staff and, indeed, all the pupils, but from the beginning the proceedings sailed along calmly without a hitch. Mr Howat above all deserves a special word of praise for his rendering of the "Immortal Memory." Not only do we now know more about Burns, but we also know more about Mr Howat, having heard his speech.

One of our most enjoyable meetings was held in the Art Room. Two British Exchange teachers from Dundee schools gave us a short talk on the year they spent teaching in America. They spoke so naturally and easily, as intimate friends, that we could imagine ourselves lying on the golden sun-drenched sands of Miami beach.

On 13th February Hospital-Master Mrs M. H. Meredith gave to the society a delightfully charming talk on Valentines. She showed us wonderful old specimens and told their story. Her talk was informal and very pleasant.

On behalf of members I should like to take this opportunity to express thanks to Miss Falconer and Miss Davidson for the interest they have shown in the society throughout the session and for the valuable assistance they have always given so readily and willingly.

NORMA BROWN, Secy.

Tennis Club Report

So far this season we have been unlucky as we have only played three matches, the rest having been cancelled owing to bad weather. We are fortunate in having three members of last year's team still with us. Miss Foggie has been unable to coach us this season owing to bad health, but we are grateful to Miss Spreull and Miss Whytock for their help and encouragement.

Results

	F.	A.
Morgan Academy,		cancelled
Madras College,	7	1
Morrison's Academy,	56	79
Perth Academy,	7	2
Harris Academy,		cancelled
Morgan Academy,		cancelled

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