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Editorial.

THIS has been a memorable year for the school and one which everyone will want to remember. Our new rector has just finished his first session; the inter-school sports have been held for the first time at Grantown; there has been a good season of football; and, to cap all, there have been most enjoyable holiday weekends at Glenmore.

Dr. Bain has already shown us his powers of organisation and leadership, which were very evident at the time of the sports. More detailed accounts of these events can be found within the covers of this magazine.

Heart-warming memories and thrilling events, however, are not confined to the school itself. This has been a year of national and international triumph and splendour. The beauty and sincerity of the Coronation and the courageous con-

quest of Everest and many other minor events have brought the free peoples of the world closer together.

Visitors from abroad have been amazed and touched by the kindness and homeliness of the British people. They have taken home with them joyful memories of holiday experiences. They have told their friends, and thus the friendship between the countries is reborn and cemented.

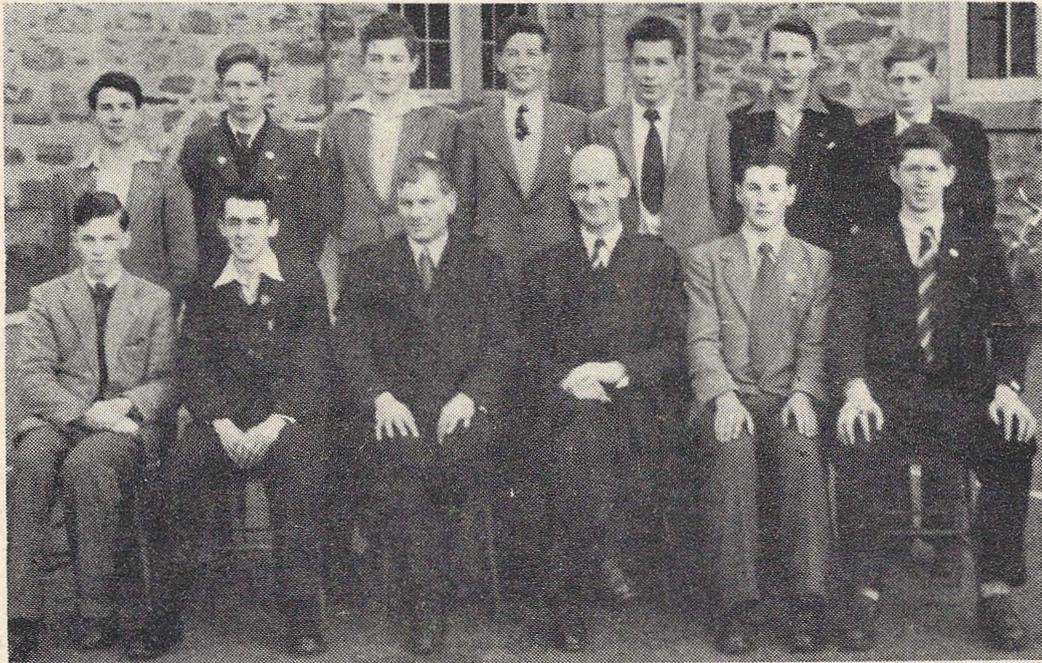
We hope that this magazine, although not of world-wide fame, will bring into contact with each other many of the pupils who have passed through this school and have been separated from their friends and homes. We extend to all Grantonians at home and abroad, in the services or in civilian life, this reminder that the "old school" is still flourishing in an atmosphere of good-will and hard work.

GIRL PREFECTS



Back row (l. to r.)—P. Grant, E. Mackenzie, L. Mearns, G. Douglas, I. Bruce, M. Smith, B. Sim.
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 Lamond, J. Emslie.
 Front row (l. to r.)—D. M'Bain, R. M'Kenzie (capt.), Dr J. Bain (rector), Mr A. Mackenzie, J.
 Coutts, A. Mackintosh.

RECTOR'S LETTER.

16th October, 1953.

Dear Editor and Pupils,

As I write this letter this Coronation Year has still some weeks to run to its close. A year has passed since I came here, and I have been agreeably pleased by the general attitude to work in the school. The overall picture is bright, the standard of work is high and it is to be hoped that this will continue to be the case. The defeatist attitude in games is not quite so healthy and is probably due to insufficient matches with other schools. This can be remedied, and will be I am sure, but remember that the game is more important than the result, the school more important than the player! I hope that when we play our matches this year we will continue to play the game whether it be as winners or as losers.

The school has a big part to play in the community and rightly so, for are you not all its future citizens? By taking an active part in the affairs of the school you are fitting yourselves for the larger community outside, which should benefit accordingly. Your

teachers give of their best in your interests—in work, in play, and in organising other activities so that you may develop into good citizens: an equally whole-hearted return will be expected from you all.

“Example is better than precept.” This should be remembered by the senior pupils when they are giving a lead to the other pupils in the school. Attitude to a school and to its staff is so important to the success of the school. The prefect system aims at developing a spirit of responsibility, and a good working system ensures that there is control and order and justice. I shall expect a high standard of efficiency throughout the session from such an able team of prefects, and an equally good response from the other pupils. Let us see more of the same co-operation and the same team spirit which delighted me at our two week-end camps at Glenmore!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very successful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES BAIN.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Dr Bain, rector, sent a telegram to his predecessor, Mr T. Hunter, conveying, on behalf of the school, congratulations on his receiving the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List. Mr Hunter's reply, in which he stated that he considered it an honour to the school, staff and pupils, as well as to himself, was read at prayers by Dr Bain.

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Early in 1953 it was arranged for the school chaplain, Rev. J. D. Ross, to give a short address at prayers on the last Friday of each month. In May, on Mr Ross's departure from Grantown, his place as school chaplain was taken by the Rev. W. Mackay. Mr Ross received, as parting gifts, a coffee table and a fountain pen from staff and pupils.

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An extension of the Science Department by the making of a new Science Room occurred during the summer. Mrs Edith Mackintosh, B.Sc. (Hons.), was transferred to the Science Department, and her place as teacher of Primary V. was taken by Miss Margaret Telfer.

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Four boys from the school took part in a field of around 50 runners in the Junior Cross-Country run organised by the North of Scotland A.A.A. at Gordonstoun. The Grantown runners finished as follows—6th David Ross, 20th Keith Donaldson, 21st James Thomson, 42nd Sandy Mackenzie. The event was won by Gordonstoun, David Ross was the first

pupil from the Joint Counties' Secondary Schools.

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The Osiris Players visited school again in May and gave a performance of “A Midsummer Night's Dream.”

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A party of teachers and pupils spent a week-end at Glenmore on May 8-11. A Glenmore log book has been started.

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A donation of £10 was given by the school to the Coronation Committee.

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A coloured portrait of H.M. The Queen was presented to the school on Friday, 29th May, by Provost H. G. Cumming, convener, on behalf of the Coronation Committee, as a permanent memento of the Coronation. The portrait was dedicated by the Rev. Joseph Grant, convener of the Area Sub-Committee. After the singing of the National Anthem, Mr R. Cameron, School Convener, called for three hearty cheers for the Queen. The pupils then returned to their classrooms for the distribution of Coronation souvenirs kindly donated by the Moray and Nairn Education Committee.

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Sandy Gordon, Secondary VI., represented the Moray and Nairn Schools at the special service held in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on 24th June, on the occasion of the

State Visit to Scotland of Her Majesty the Queen.

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The Schools County Sports were held in the Black Park on Saturday, 27th June.

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On June 19, a party of senior pupils, with Mr Mackenzie in charge, paid a visit to Lossiemouth Aerodrome, and later to the printing works of "The Northern Scot" in Elgin. These experiences were greatly enjoyed.

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Dr. Duncan Fraser, ex-Lord Provost of Aberdeen, and Honorary President of the Former Pupils' Club, gave the address on Prize Day. Dr Fraser told the pupils to uphold always the traditions of their old school and made three important points in concluding his address:—(1) Always be loyal to your old school, (2) Always seek for the best that life can offer and never be content with the second best, and (3) Always strive to make your main endeavour the service of your fellows.

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Rev. Joseph Grant presided on Prize Day, and Mr Lindsay, Director of Education, and Miss Wharton Duff also spoke briefly.

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Robert P. Mackenzie was the 1953 Dux Prize-winner.

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Sandy Gordon, Secondary VI., was awarded a £50 bursary in the open Arts section of the Aberdeen University Bursary Competition, while George Dixon gained a £25 restricted bursary in the same competition.

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David Fraser, Class V., was placed fourth in the Civil Service Examination (clerical class) in the list of 125 successful candidates.

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Stanley Wright, Class III., was successful in two interviews with English Electric, and has gone to the Napier Works, Acton, London.

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Janet Dixon, Class III., has been accepted for the pre-nursing course at The Haugh, Elgin.

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Margaret Smith and Elizabeth Mackenzie represented the school at Broomlee Camp for Scottish Schools, August 5-19.

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Messrs Alexander Mackenzie & Sons have donated a new set of football jerseys in school colours to the school as a Coronation gift.

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Members of the staff have now been allocated to each of the three houses in the school.

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A second successful week-end was spent at Glenmore on September 11-14.

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The school football team entered for the North of Scotland Cup and the County Football League for Secondary Schools.

The Girls Prefects' room is now supplied with lockers, made by Mr Fraser, Technical Subjects Master, and senior pupils.

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Electric bells have been installed to mark the beginnings and ends of periods.

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A whist drive, in aid of school funds, was held on Friday, 23rd October.

1953 SCOTTISH LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS.

Below are the complete certificates of the Class VI. leavers, all of whom gained at least three Highers:—

George A. Dixon—Higher English, Hr. History, Hr. Latin, Hr. French, Hr. Mathematics, Hr. Science, Arithmetic.

Anne J. M. Fraser—Hr. English, Hr. French, Hr. German, Lr. History, Lr. Mathematics, Arithmetic.

Alexander L. Gordon—Hr. English, Hr. History, Hr. Latin, Hr. French, Hr. German, Hr. Mathematics, Arithmetic.

Shona G. MacDougall—Hr. English, Hr. French, Hr. German, Lr. History, Lr. Mathematics, Arithmetic.

Sheena S. R. McIntosh—Hr. English, Hr. French, Hr. German, Lr. History, Lr. Mathematics, Arithmetic.

Alexander S. Mackenzie—Hr. English, Hr. History, Hr. French, Hr. Mathematics, Hr. Science, Lr. Latin, Dynamics, Arithmetic.

David Ross—Hr. English, Hr. Science, Hr. Technical Subjects, Lr. History, Lr. Mathematics, Lr. Arithmetic.

Mona A. Scott—Hr. English, Hr. French, Hr. Mathematics, Hr. Science, Lr. History, Arithmetic.

The following pupils achieved these passes in their first Leaving Certificate year:—

David D. Fraser—Hr. English, Lr. History, Lr. French, Lr. Mathematics, Arithmetic.

Violet G. Gordon—Hr. English, Hr. French, Lr. History, Lr. German, Arithmetic.

Isobel N. M'Andrew—Hr. Science, Lr. English, Lr. History, Lr. French, Arithmetic.

Elizabeth G. Macdonald—Hr. English, Hr. French, Lr. History, Arithmetic.

James N. Macdonald—Lr. Technical Subjects.

Morna G. Mackenzie—Lr. English, Lr. French.

Robert P. Mackenzie—Hr. English, Hr. French, Hr. Mathematics, Hr. Science, Lr. Latin, Lr. History, Arithmetic.

Sheena A. Ogilvie—Lr. English, Lr. French, Lr. German, Arithmetic.

Sylvia G. Warn—Lr. English, Lr. History, Lr. Mathematics, Lr. Domestic Science, Arithmetic.

Wilma J. F. Watt—Lr. English, Lr. French, Lr. German, Arithmetic.

THOSE WHO SIT IN HIGH PLACES.

Robert M'Kenzie (Boys' Captain), after securing a good L.C. group, looks less pensive than of yore, though, as the solitary boy in Class VI., he has had to shoulder numerous responsibilities.

Sheena Ogilvie (Head Girl) mingles with her sweet expression a new air of seriousness, as befits one with heavy public and private duties.

John Coutts (Vice-Captain), since he came up, a shy new boy from Dava, has earned respect as a useful all-rounder.

Letty Gordon (Deputy Head Girl and Canteen leader), for a romantic soul, has found a strange niche in having to supervise meal-time needs.

Angus Mackintosh (Football Vice-Captain) views his surroundings from a higher physical and mental altitude than most. Competing runners envy his lengthy stride; and opposing goalies deplore his unerring snap shots.

Isobel M'Andrew (Hockey Vice-Captain) is also unpopular with goalies, though she is a marked contrast to Angus as regards stature.

Jimmy Thomson (Secretary to Prefects' Court) must be one of the busiest persons in Grantown. Lessons done and deliveries over, Jimmy still has energy on a Saturday night to wield drumsticks in the Grantown Pipe band. Lately Jimmy has left school for a job in London.

Wilma Irving (Athletics Captain for Girls) proved a fitting Sports champion. Wilma is a fast mover.

Donnie M'Bain (Librarian), whose artistic bent we remember, fitly takes charge of library and museum.

Morna Mackenzie (Joint Girls' Secretary) enjoys music and mountaineering. She is a Glenmore "regular."

Johnny MacGregor (House Captain) used to be a bright wee chap, but increased stature and responsibility have modified his cheery expression.

Wilma Watt (Deputy Canteen Leader) shares Morna's interests and Letty's canteen duties.

Stephen Anderson (Prefect) has a fairly wide range of activities and a flair for being in the fashion sartorially.

Pat Grant (Prefect) finds her long daily journeys no deterrent to a healthy bloom.

Walter Dempster (Prefect) fitly uses his home in Rothiemurchus as a base for raids on the mountains. He is an authority on Strathspey lore and on Dr Johnson.

Elizabeth Mackenzie and Margaret Smith (Prefects) are often seen together. Together they represented Grantown at the Broomlee Camp, after a pocket course together in the Cairngorms. Their duet may well be "The more we are together."

Keith Donaldson (Prefect) is another of the Class V. boy all-rounders, with a flair for sports and study. He has achieved some distinction in local tennis, in spite of being the sole boy tennis addict.

Louise Mearns (Prefect) looks more at home in this her second year of exile from Nethybridge.

Billie Lamond (Prefect) genially follows the technical tradition of the genial David Ross.

The Class IV. prefects are the wise-cracking Neil M'Taggart, the athletic Isobel Bruce, the gamine Betty Sim and the slim Gwen Douglas. We shall hear more of these anon.

THE NEW REGIME.

Just a year has passed since Mr Hunter demitted office and Dr Bain succeeded him as rector. What difference has this change made?

In a large sense it has made no difference, but pupils and staff have become accustomed to several minor alterations.

In the first place there is the hall platform. Instead of standing on ground level, the rector now views the morning assembly from platform elevation. Then there are the intimations, which are now couched in briefer terms. Staff and pupils have also become accustomed to a greater number of written notices and instructions in place of the oral reminders of former days. In his perambulations round the school the new rector might, in comparison with almost anyone, be described as a fast mover.

With regard to games, a novelty has been the presence of the rector himself as a player in some of the practice football games. In hockey and football there has been a revival of more distant matches, and particularly of friendly encounter with Elgin Academy. At the school sports season in June last, a policy of "nursing" promising young competitors, with an eye to the future, could be discerned.

Dr Bain, of course, has been in charge of the Moray and Nairn County Sports for many years; and this year Grantown provided the venue. Almost miraculously, good racing tracks were found on the irregular surface of the Black Park; and, thanks to a good day, one of lovely sunshine in which Strathspey looked its best, the meeting proved very successful. Its most praiseworthy feature was, perhaps, the slickness with which event followed event, so that there was no dragging.

Elsewhere in this Magazine there will be remarks on Cairngorm activities. These have taken a new form. The old method was for a cycling party to set out, conquer a peak and cycle home. The new method is for an organised party to spend the week-end at Glenmore, and, from there, undertake a number of expeditions.

From his first arrival the new rector has taken a close interest in attendance. He and several others have fully investigated the possibilities of the term, "Conspicuous by one's absence." Those present at prize-giving will remember his terse comment on the three days in 1952-53 when school was best attended.

The new session sees a great expansion in the Science Department by the creation of a second laboratory. This may foreshadow some further extensions.

Thus the new regime goes on. Without any derogation of the new rector's predecessor, we may conclude by suggesting that the school has been very fortunate in its new head and most probably appreciates the fact.

GLENMORE ACTIVITIES.

There are a good many references, direct and indirect, to Glenmore activities in this magazine; and here we propose to embark on some explanation.

Dr Bain, of course, started it all in 1945 when, with a party from Elgin Academy, he "discovered" the building. It had been built by Norwegians during the war when they were doing Commando Training in the area. It was really two huts joined in the form of a letter H.

Negotiations were started with the Land Agent and later with the Forestry Commission; and, failing to buy the hut outright, Elgin Academy managed to lease it for £4 a month. After 18 months the Forestry Commission took it over again in April, 1947, to house roadmen employed by them in the area. After the departure of the roadmen, Elgin Academy again made use of the hut at week-ends and for a fortnight in July, the charges made by the Forestry Commission being £2 10s a week-end and £5 a week. Other organisations may, by courtesy of Elgin Academy, use the hut on payment of these charges and of an additional charge for equipment.

Elgin Academy has built up the furnishings of the hut, which is now equipped with calor gas and steel spring beds. While the roadmen were there, a stove, with hot water boiler and sink, was installed. Even earlier it was possible, as it is now, to have a hot spray bath by using the boiler at the back of the communal wash place. The hut is thus, at present, quite a luxurious domicile, for a mountain residence, with four dormitories in one leg of the H, and in the other a large dining-room, playroom, a store and a kitchen.

Grantown expeditions have spent two week-ends at Glenmore, seven adults and 22 senior pupils on May 8-11, and six adults and 23 pupils on September 11-14. Dr Bain, of course, was responsible for organisation.

The adults associated with Dr Bain were the inevitable Mr Macdonald, looking very boyish; Miss M'Intosh, looking as young as she looks; Miss Grant and Miss Legge, forgetful of the vows vowed at the Pools of Dee in 1949; Mrs Bain, riper in experience than her looks suggest, and Mr Gillan of Elgin Academy, whose command of hill-craft was a revelation.

The week-ends were strenuous. On May 9, the whole party, exclusive of the "cooks," Miss Grant, Miss Legge and Mrs Bain, ascended Ben Macdhuil via The Lurchers and then trekked back over Cairngorm. On May 10, the same party, less four, ascended Bynack. On September 12, the junior party, minus a few of the less able, entered the Larig and made the ascent of Braeriach via

the shoulder between Coire Ruadh and Coire-an-Lochan. On September 13 a number of the party made an ascent of Cairngorm.

We have heard much of incidental fun on these expeditions and much too of odd entertainments organised largely by the ingenious Mr Gillan. Certainly they have greatly enlarged the numbers of those who have achieved membership of the mystic brotherhood of the Cairngorms.

GLENMORE.

Far up in the hills,
Beyond Aviemore,
Stands the wonderful lodge
By the name of Glenmore.
The scenery there
Is worth more than gold.
It brings joy to the hearts
Of both young and old.
Surrounded by hills,
And heather and trees,
Loch Morlich's clear waters,
Are swayed by the breeze.
The towering hills
Seem to smile in the sun,
While the winding burns
From deep valleys run.
The days that you'll keep
In your heart evermore,
Will be spent in the hills
By the lodge of Glenmore.

JESSIE M'TAVISH, III.

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Sing a song of five bob, week-end at Glenmore,
Three couthy ladies parked in the store.
When the bairns are beddit, grown-ups heave
a sigh—
What kind of day to-morrow? Will it be wet
or dry?
Sing a song of five bob, morning comes too
soon—
There's scraping with a poker and stirring
with a spoon.
The store-room door is opened—good news for
snoozers there—
Porridge by an expert is on the bill of fare.
Sing a song of five bob, dishes washed and
dried,
Cameras are clicking and the party's
organised;
Cooks get down to menus—soup and meat and
pudding,
The long day's past, they're home at last—
objective now is food.
Sing a song of five bob, good things have to
end.
Ere evening comes on Monday, homeward we
must wend.
The hut is scrubbed and tidied, windows all
made fast.
The lorry load has left the loch, and silence
reigns at last.

From the Glenmore Log Book.

THE EPIC OF BYNACK.

At 11.45 a.m. we set off from the Hut—Camp I. The "Hoggers" set a hot pace, but, ignorant of the proposed route, their average m.p.h. was reduced by the occasional halts for further information from the leader of the expedition, Willie Gillan. First stop was Lochan Uaine, where we almost lost Sandy MacKenzie. In an attempt to do photographic justice to nineteen "Pepsodent" smiles, he toppled backwards, sliding gracefully down the bank; but Sandy has tenacious eyebrows and he rejoined the party.

On we went, dour and determined, to Camp II., at the Nethy bothy. Having paused several times, saying "cheese" and having repaired the ravages of sun with Olive Oil, Nivea and Ponds, we once more sallied forth, and in the distance we could spy the snow-clothed summit of Bynack. To climb to such altitudes without the aid of oxygen was surely a terrifying prospect, but our Scottish hearts of oak were undismayed and the cry, audible on all sides, was, "Press on Regardless."

At several places during the arduous climb we surveyed the world we were leaving behind. Was it forever? we wondered, for there was none but thought the terrors of Bynack would claim at least one victim. At last, about 2.30 p.m. a shout from one of the "Hoggers" heralded our approach to the higher slopes of our peak, and so, almost as casually as though we were taking a walk in a quiet countryside, and not engaged in an exploit where our own, nay, even national prestige, was at stake, we sat down to partake of our last meal before preparing for the final assault. The ham sandwiches and hot tea (and a whiff from Willie Gillan's bottle) brought back a new sparkle to our lustreless eyes, a new glow to our cheeks and a new feeling in our heads. At the cry, "Forward, men," we shouldered packs without moan or groan and the fight was on. How we toiled! The "Hoggers" took the lead, and be it admitted to their eternal glory, they never for one moment looked like relinquishing it. Like prehistoric monsters, with giant strides, they simply devoured the distance, and soon were mere specks on the horizon.

The "Plodders" plodded—especially Class VI. girls, whose Dior fashions had caused quite a stir amongst the natives on the way up. Willie Gillan, with his Class III. brood nonchalantly trailing behind him, looked as though he could go on forever. His massive shoulders, barrel chest and bald head will be talked about as long as "The Epic of Bynack" is extant in our literature. Lest the reader feel that this is a vain and empty boast, we would remind him that we were the first to reach the summit of the peak (that day); and what a scene greeted us! Flasks (thermos) were taken out and emptied, and at the top of the cairn, like some magnificent statue, stood strong, silent Tim, reminding us of Cortes

"... when with eagle eye,
He stared at the Pacific."

But rest we could not afford. The news must be spread. Bynack had been conquered. So

we retraced our steps and then—Calamity! Morna was seen to be lying on the ground, her good red MacKenzie blood pouring forth in torrents. We all gathered together, marshalled our forces and—stared. But not for nothing is the Scout motto "Be Prepared," and three of our stalwarts, showing remarkable presence of mind, set about bringing her round in the time-honoured Scout fashion. Sandy pummelled her on the back. Keith held her nose. Stephen did ditto to her mouth. The issue of blood stopped. We carried on.

Descending the treacherous slopes of Garbh Allt, we thought we heard "faint moan" amongst the general puffing and blowing. Surely none of the Glenmorons was weakening now. Surely the indomitable spirit so evident in the morning was not thus easily quenched. But there was no doubting it. There it was again. With alarm, we scanned the faces of our comrades, and the angelic look in those tranquil soft eyes, dispelled any fears of failure. Then Seonaid screamed. Poor girl, her legs were fearfully sunburnt, and the despairing look in her eye as she dramatically pointed downwards, warned us of impending doom. Snowmen! breathed someone in a hushed whisper, and we all turned ashen pale. It was apparent shortly afterwards that this was a case of partial snow blindness and on reaching lower ground, we found that the animals (judging from the spoor the herd must have numbered well over a hundred) were only deer. We were later informed that the natives of that particular valley refer to them as red deer.

We were now on more level ground and everyone was eagerly looking forward to the evening meal which our four Sherpa porters would almost certainly have ready for us. We broke up into three parties—"Hoggers," "Plodders" and "Tail-end Charlies." The last-named had considerable difficulty in making their way through the "stour" raised by the others, but such was the inspiring leadership, such was the grim determination of those pioneers, such was their hunger, that they arrived only five minutes and four courses after the others.

Need we say more? Accounts of our achievements have been published elsewhere, and even that redoubtable propagator of truth and knowledge—we refer to the Strathspay Herald—has, as a result of its wide circulation, made our deeds known and admired in many lands.

Scotland can indeed be proud of her sons and daughters, and as long as she breeds men and women of the calibre who made up that expedition, she has no need to fear the future.

C. S. MACDONALD (Staff).

NEVER TRUST A CROCODILE.

On the banks of the Nile,
Lived an old crocodile,
Then came a little boy feeling very bright,
Out came the crocodile and gave him such a fright.

BRIAN M'KERRON, Primary VI.

GLENMORE—**From the Cooks' Point of View.**

No experience is quite similar to being a "Cook"—principal or subsidiary—at a "Glenmore week-end." The easy consent given to be one of the party is followed by a flicker of doubt as to what **may** be expected of a non-climber—for those who do not conquer the heights are most surely allowed to be queens of the kitchen.

Miss Legge and I began our apprenticeship on the May holiday week-end—an apprenticeship certainly made both easy and pleasant by the able organisation of Dr Bain beforehand, and by practical instruction willingly given by Mrs Bain—herself a connoisseur in the Hut kitchen. We learned how to think in terms of dixies for pots and pans and pounds instead of ounces; how to brown steak—masses of it!—without becoming completely browned-off ourselves; how to cope with potatoes that refused to come to the boil, and custard that was determined to singe, and how to preserve a calm and dignified composure in face of the returning multitude—a weary multitude, whose lagging footsteps had been spurred to tackle the last few miles by pleasant anticipation of blisters soothed in steaming foot-bath and The Evening Meal.

No prize at the end of a term of stewardship could mean so much as the thanks—spoken and unspoken—of young people. Their obvious appreciation was a joy not to be missed, and an inspiration for week-ends to come. We, in turn, should like to record our indebtedness to the patient instructors who so nobly bore with our shortcomings, to the orderlies who did the chores so willingly, and to the weather clerk whose efforts were superb. Lest any reader think that the Hut kitchen is "all work and no play"—just give us the chance of another week-end!

MARIEL GRANT (Staff).

MY TORTOISE.

One day as we were walking through Cockburn Street, in Edinburgh, we saw a pet shop, and went in to have a look round. I saw a cage with tortoises in it. A few days after we bought one. I called him Tommy, and he is now hibernating in our garden. I like Tommy very much.

GILBERT MACKAY, Primary V.

A STORY.

Father—Well, Tommy, how did you like the circus?

Tommy—It was very good, but I don't think much of the man that threw the knives at the woman.

Father—Why?

Tommy—Because he missed her every time.

WILLIAM GREEN, IIIc.

GRANTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Once more the August days are wearing on,
Once more we sadly 'gin to think upon,
With mournful thoughts, that dreadful,
awful place.

To which we all too soon our steps must trace.
The lofty, hallowed (?) rooms will soon
abound

With many a shout—perhaps more fearful
sound:

For in these very rooms some soul may quail
Before the wrath of teacher at the tale

Of work, "done with the very least of care."

Of work, "which does not show the smallest
flair."

Of work, "which must improve"—it does,
because

Above one's head there is a threat, the tawse.
It is, indeed, that place of sternest rule,
The one and only Grantown Grammar School.

But still, when back at school, one does find
joy

In hockey, football, or some other ploy.

One gladly greets again one's dearest friend,
And slowly to the yoke our backs we bend.

Perhaps there is a scheme on hand to storm

The Larig Ghru, or, possibly, Cairngorm;

And then, indeed, with joyful minds and
hearts,

To Glenmore Hut one happily departs.

As there, with mirth and merriment un-
feigned,

Towards the lofty peaks our steps we bend,

We do not call to mind the rigid rule,

But think with love of Grantown Grammar
School.

KEITH DONALDSON, Va.

LITTLE BOYS.

Little boys like to swim, little boys love to paddle around in muddy puddles and little boys are in their element when they find that someone has left the garden hose attached to the tap. In fact, generally speaking, little boys seem to like water.

That may be so to the person who sees a little boy as he appears outside, but when one lives in the same house one certainly sees a different side of him, for this angelic-looking child becomes a little demon immediately one approaches him with a face cloth in one's hand. He yells, he kicks, he scratches and sometimes he even bites. In fact one is lucky if one can catch him; and if one does manage to make a respectable impression on face, hands, ears, neck and knees of a little brother, it is like winning a minor battle.

It has been an age-old puzzle as to why little boys hate water on a face cloth so much, and yet love water so much in any other respect. It will probably continue to be a puzzle until someone invents something that will keep a little boy's face clean, without the drastic use of water.

At this point, I must conclude, as—oh, horrors!—little brother's face needs washing before he retires for the night.

LOUISE MEARNS, Vb.

AN UNUSUAL SCHOOL DAY.

On Thursday, 18th June, the senior pupils of the Grammar School received a pleasant surprise when they learned that they would spend the following day on an educational outing to the R.N.A.S., Lossiemouth, and afterwards to the "Northern Scot" offices in Elgin.

The next day the pupils arrived at school, many carrying cameras, and after prayers boarded a bus which conveyed them to Lossiemouth via the Spey valley. As they approached the aerodrome many planes could be seen taking off, landing, and circling above, through the open roof which some of the muscular boys had succeeded in rolling back. (Some of the young ladies thought that the planes were up for the sole purpose of greeting them.)

Immediately after their arrival the pupils were invited to witness a display of the rescue, by helicopter, of the pilot of a blazing fighter. It is rumoured that at this juncture one member of the party raised a camera only to stow it hastily away when informed by an officer that the taking of a photograph would be considered as a contravention of the Official Secrets Act! At anyrate not another camera was seen until the station gates had shut behind the party in the afternoon.

The party next visited the control tower, where they had the interesting experience of listening in to a radio operator making contact with the pilot of an overhead plane and directing him on to a clear runway. They were also shown how Britain is divided up into sections for the purpose of air control.

A model aircraft display was then given by several of the station personnel. Many interesting types were shown, from the Wright brothers' model to several of the latest jets, even including one which flapped its wings! (This probably accounts for the current craze in school being the construction of model planes.)

The party then had an experience which had been described to them in various ways by certain F.P.s—their first taste of naval cooking. This was much enjoyed by the majority of the pupils, and indeed some swear that they overheard a certain individual making enquiries about signing on for twenty-one years immediately after emerging from the Dining Hall!

After thanking the C.O., the company then left for Elgin, where they were shown through the "Northern Scot" offices. It being Friday, they received gratis copies of the "Strathspey Herald," which proved doubly interesting that week as the headlines were: "Revoan Retains School Sports Championship."

On leaving the printing offices the pupils were granted some free time before setting off home. Most of them devoted this time to obtaining refreshments. (It is a strange thing, but every time there is a free minute during an educational outing, or a sports ex-

ursion, there is a universal dash to the nearest cafe or restaurant!)

Well supplied with cakes, sweets, fruit, etc., we began the homeward journey about 4.30 p.m. and Grantown was reached about an hour later. En route so many songs were sung in such a vociferous manner that some expressed fears that the liquid refreshments consumed in Elgin had been of the wrong sort!

ANGUS MACKINTOSH, Va.

FEEDING THE BIRDS IN WINTER-TIME.

In the winter, it is very cold and as the birds cannot find food for themselves they come flocking to our houses asking for food. All sorts of birds come—finches, tits, sparrows, blackbirds, starlings, thrushes and, of course, a robin.

We put fat, scraps of cheese, crumbs of bread, and sometimes mashed potatoes and vegetables that were not eaten at dinner-time. They also like bits of dried fruit, such as currants and raisins. All these can be spread on a sunny window-sill or on a bird table which is well out of the reach of cats, and very soon after you will see the birds coming to feed. Of course, if you make any quick movement you will frighten them away; so let your movements be slow and cautious.

I think that winter is a good time for bird watching when you can see them so close at hand.

You will always just have one robin coming, because if two robins came there would be a bit of a squabble as to who should stay.

When the starlings come in their chattering flocks, all the other birds are chased away, while the starlings clear the board.

One thing we have discovered is that no bird will eat green peas. All the other scraps are cleared away, but not the peas. Also if you live near water, you will need to put out a shallow dish of water, and in frosty weather warm water.

This autumn there is a heavy crop of rowans, and people say that it is the sign of a hard winter with Nature preparing for the birds.

Please try and spare something for the birds this winter, won't you?

LORNA STEPHEN, Ia.

A WALK.

I went for a walk up a sweet, grassy hill.
I went for a walk by the old rustic mill.
The stream was gurgling over the stones,
And the trees were murmuring in different tones.

I went for a stroll along the seashore,
Where the children were playing with boats
made of ore.
The birds chirped merrily on the beach,
While some of their mothers were beginning
to teach.

VALERIE DEWAR, Primary VI.

FACT—NOT FICTION.

I have now realised one of my greatest ambitions. I have reached the top of the third highest mountain in Britain, Braeriach. I could tell you a great deal about my wonderful week-end at Glenmore, but I will leave that to abler essayists than myself, and instead, tell you about the time I went to Moscow.

I can well imagine the smiles on your faces when you read this, but believe it or not, I have been there and back. No passport; no roubles! no visa! nothing! There was also no Iron Curtain for me to break through, for the Moscow I am speaking about is a small village in Ayrshire.

Returning from a tour of some of the places associated with the Covenanters, such as Muirkirk and Mauchline, we took a by-road, not so well known to motorists, which joined the main road near Glasgow. On the way, we passed Loudon Castle which has now lost all its glory.

All of a sudden, on turning a corner, we were confronted by a tall sign, with bold lettering, which read—MOSCOW. Such was the shock that our driver nearly ditched us. Of all names this was the queerest. A bridge, a burn, and a few houses, that was Moscow.

I do not know how this village acquired its name. Probably some old adventurer, who had come back to his native haunts, gave it this unusual title.

Well, that is how I went there; and oh, what fun I had watching my friends' faces when I said that I had been to Moscow.

PATRICIA A. LAWRENCE, IVa.

1953 BROOMLEE CAMP.

It was with some considerable excitement that we set out as representatives of Grantown Grammar School to attend the National Youth Camp at Broomlee. We soon made friends with the rest of the Moray and Nairn contingent, and the train journey passed very quickly.

The camp is beautifully situated at the foot of the Pentlands. It is well laid out, and there are facilities for games and sports as well as for lectures and instruction.

The object of the camp was to make each pupil present a good citizen and to help him return to his school fit to shoulder the responsibility of a senior. Naturally great emphasis was laid on the ability to be a "good mixer," and with this end in view the two hundred and fifty pupils were subdivided into discussion groups of twelve, and in these groups there were no two pupils from the same county.

Every morning, with the exception of Sunday, was devoted to a lecture on some aspect of the citizen's life. After this there was group discussion and a general debate.

The afternoons were usually devoted to some sport or hike, etc., while the evenings were spent in some form or other of entertainment. Of course, there were always the

few who liked to wander off on their own and not take part in the communal activities for reasons best known to themselves! There were several dances, one of which was held on the lawns and proved a great success. There were also classes for Scottish Country, Ballroom, and Square dancing.

There was ample scope for talent in music and drama. Much hard work was put into drama productions and a mixed choir, the results of which were greatly appreciated at the various concerts.

During the fortnight there were two visits to Edinburgh. On the first we visited Chambers Street Museum, and in the afternoon we climbed the Scott Monument. In the evening we went en masse to the Coronation Ice Cavalcade at the Murrayfield Ice Rink. The second time we visited places of interest, such as the Castle, St Giles and the Forth Bridge. We found these two excursions of great interest.

We both appreciated greatly the opportunity given to us to attend such a camp as Broomlee. We felt that it helped us to see the other person's point of view as well as our own, and also to be more independent. We think that it would be a good thing if everyone could have a similar experience.

ELIZABETH M. R. MACKENZIE, Vb.

MARGARET SMITH, Vb.

THE TAIL OF A TALE.

This is the story of three polar bears, Pape, Mama and little Junior.

One lovely afternoon when the wind was whistling through the cracks and crevices of their summer residence, Iceberg Villa, the Bear family decided to take advantage of the weather and go picnicking.

At last, Papa Bear was fortunate enough to espy a nice draughty nook overlooking the majestic icy-blue Arctic Ocean.

"This is just perfect for our picnic, don't you think, Mama?" said Papa. Mama agreed; so the three sat down.

After having eaten most of the delicious frozen herring which Mama had brought, Papa thought it a good idea that each of them in turn tell a story.

Thus followed a long dry-as-dust tale about Papa's great-great-great-grandfather, and by the time Papa had finished, poor Mama and Junior found it a hard job to stifle their yawns. It was therefore great relief indeed to hear Papa end with, "There—my tale is told."

Mama hurriedly related a short, humorous episode about the neighbouring bear family, finishing as Papa had, with, "There—my tale is told."

Now both turned to Junior, who huddled shivering in the draughtiest nook of the draughty nook.

"Well, son," said Papa, "now it's your turn."

And Junior timidly replied, "My tail's told too!"

ALISON STUART, IIa.

ON BULLS.

You cannot ignore a bull. He interests everyone. Farmers look at him with approval or disapproval; non-farmers are afraid of him, and regard him as a thing of evil intentions which may be converted into violent action at any moment; poets write of him, and artists revel in his grandeur. From the very earliest times he has refused to be ignored. He has been deified and sacrificed. His image has been wrought in wood, stone and precious metals.

But, between you and me, he is an uncertain quantity, and is not to be trusted. If you must be near him, see that he is chained up, or that there is a good strong fence between you and him. Many bulls are as quiet as old sheep; but some are not, and your bull may be one of these.

Imitate the low bellowing of a bull, and then watch the effect on one in the next field. Up goes his head, as he gives an answering bellow, and soon he is clearing all the cows of his herd away from the vicinity of the fence behind which you are concealed. Then, uttering low, throaty growling, he advances, intermittently stopping to paw the ground with his fore-feet, and sending turf and sods flying into the air. With blood-shot eyes, saliva-dripping mouth, and nose close to the ground, he looks an awesome sight. Arriving at the fence, and not sighting his antagonist, he indulges in a goring orgy, tearing at the roots of the hawthorns with his horns and feet, and making the most horrible noises. No other bull appearing, he gradually quiets down and shambles off to his herd, with his horns encrusted with soil, and perhaps a foxglove stalk dangling from his head.

A fight between two bulls is an awe-inspiring sight, and one which, owing to more careful farming and generally better fencing, is now rarely seen. Should two bulls come together in a fight it is soon realised why they develop such terrific neck and shoulder muscles. They approach each other with blood-curdling bellows, and soon heads are down and horns are clashing against horns. Their great shoulder and neck muscles are tensed as they strain and push, each striving for the mastery, until one is forced to give ground and, sliding backwards more and more quickly, decides to give up the fight and turns tail.

Truly the bull is a beast of noble and inspiring form, and rarely does one see an undignified bull. Whatever the breed, and this country is particularly rich in the number and diversity of its breeds of cattle, whether it be the slender-limbed Jersey, the magnificent Shorthorn, the ponderous Hereford and Devon Red, the shaggy Highlander, or the sleek, coal-black Welsh, the bulls are always worthy of attention.

JOHN A. COUTTS, Vb.

AN OLD HIGHLAND TRADITION.

It was night time, and dark, except when the clouds blew past the moon. By its fitful light two figures left the road and clambered down, through the birch trees and dry bracken, to the river at the bottom of the glen. They climbed on to a rock ledge above a deep pool. After searching the darkness of the wood behind him, one of the men pulled from his jacket a length of metal. He pulled it out to its full length—about six feet—and uncovered a sharp steel barb at one end.

By this time the other figure had taken from his pocket an electric torch, and now he directed its brilliant beam into the water. The pair moved along the rock, the first man keeping the gaff in the water. A smooth dark streamlined body came into the light. It seemed to be stupefied and remained stationary with its head upstream. The sharp steel point moved slowly nearer to the salmon. There was a quick movement, and the fish was landed, writhing and splashing, on the ledge.

The two men went on upstream, and after an hour they had reached the pool below a waterfall and now carried three fish. The light by this time, however, was too bright for safety. A little later, just as the scenery began to turn grey in the dawn, the two men parted outside the village. One of the men might have been seen to stop for a little at the door of the largest house in the village on his way home.

In the same house, an hour or so later, the incorruptible officer of the law was breaking his fast on a delicious piece of salmon. When he had emptied his plate he remarked to his wife, "The fishing has been very good lately. I wonder what kind of fly caught this fine fish?"

NEIL M'TAGGART, IVa.

HOLIDAY.

In summer time in Grantown

Upon the banks of Spey,
We come each year to frolic
And play the livelong day.
And later, when we're older,

All childish things away,
We'll often think of Grantown,
The jewel of Strathspey.

HAZEL ROSS, Primary VII.

HOPING.

I'm sitting at the table,

My head is very sore;
I've been sitting here for ages,
This writing is a bore.

I think all teachers are a plague,
Especially at this time.

They make us write an article,
We try to make it rhyme.

And so you see I'm not much good

But you may hear me brag
If someone takes this silly poem
And puts it in the Mag.

JOHNSTUART, Primary VII.

SIDNEY.

Sidney was a policeman bold,
 Of Bumblethorpe Division,
 Whose sole aim was to catch a crook
 And put him into prison.
 As Sidney paced his beat one night,
 With steady, measured tread,
 He heard a stealthy movement
 From somewhere overhead.
 He scrambled up a drainpipe,
 Then on the roof he sat
 In blank despair, for crouching there
 Was Mrs Higgins' cat.
 He stood up to descend the wall,
 Feeling very blue,
 But as there was a skylight near,
 He, naturally, fell through.
 He fell on something soft, which squealed,
 And tried to get away.
 But Sidney grabbed it by the ear,
 Entreating it to stay.
 He peered into an ugly face.
 And then let out a gasp.
 "'Tis Bill the Burglar," shouted he,
 "I've caught a crook at last."
 Sidney is a sergeant now
 Of Bumblethorpe Division.
 'Twas he who caught the evil-doer,
 And put him into prison.

ANDREW M. HOWLETT, IIIa.

CHILDREN'S HOUR.

I love to hear the radio,
 And every night I strive
 To hasten home in record time,
 And listen-in at five.
 I pull my chair and listen
 To all the old refrains,
 But what I'm really waiting for
 Is "Down at the Mains."
 Children's Hour is really good;
 I listen if I can,
 Waiting for a voice to say,
 "Children, the Zoo Man."

WILLIAM GRANT, IIb.

A HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE.

One day I went with friends to Elgin, to see a performance of Bertram Mills Circus. We took our seats and watched to see if anything would appear in the sawdust ring. Not long after some beautiful horses came galloping in to the ring with their ringmaster. They were a beautiful sight to see. One of the acts was very good. Three girls climbed up ropes, two on one and one on the other. The one got on to a one bar swing and the others on a bar standing. The one worked till she got high, and then one of the two jumped off the bar and swung into the other girl's hands. The other girl was hanging from the swing. We all thought it very amusing.

LINDSEY STEPHEN, Primary V.

THE STATIONMASTER'S GARDEN.

Our stationmaster's garden is particularly fine,
 It's rather like those landscapes that they hang upon the line;
 And all the railway passengers put out their heads and say:
 "The stationmaster's garden's looking very bright to-day."
 Our stationmaster's garden is the favourite on the rails,
 And all the railway passengers to Inverness or Wales,
 Smile across at one another, in their carriages, and say:
 "The stationmaster's garden's looking very bright to-day."

CHERRY MATHIESON, IIa.

AN AIR DISPLAY.

Our journey was uneventful until, on nearing Kinloss, we saw a huge "Sunderland Flying Boat," a "Vampire," and a "Meteor," all, as we learnt afterwards, of the Fighter Command.

The first sounds we heard on arriving at the airfield were the strains of "God Save the Queen," followed by the drone of engines as "Fireflies," "Shackletons" and "Nep-tunes" took the "Fly Past," and "Oxfords" of the Training Command flew over in formation. A "Chipmunk" from the Aberdeen University Air Squadron performed amazing treble rolls, and successfully carried out many other wonderful feats of aerobatics.

Demonstrations by a Canberra, Mosquito, Tiger Moth, Glider, Shackleton, Vampire and a Neptune were watched with breathless admiration by 8000 people. It was a startling experience when suddenly a "Sabre" flashed over the heads of the awe-struck spectators at an amazing speed of 700 m.p.h. Great was the disappointment of the crowds when increasing high clouds made it impossible for an attempt to break the sound barrier and produce the eagerly-awaited sonic bang.

LEWIS SMITH, IIa.

KENNAPOLE HILL AND THE CATS' DEN.

Kennapole Hill is a small hill almost on the southern edge of Rothiemurchus. At the top of this hill there is a very interesting monument erected when the tenant of Glenfeshie Forest and The Doune was the Duke of Bedford. The monument is in the form of a cairn with the inscription:

"Johannes Bedfordiae Dux Posuit 1834. To her whose eye explored and whose steps marked with discriminating taste, this little path from Loch Gaun (Gamhna) to the Cats' Den and round the Craig of Kennapole to its summit. This simple tablet is inscribed by a sincere and affectionate friend, A.D. MDCCCXXXIV., Bedford." Unfortunately the

cairn cannot be seen from the surrounding countryside because of the trees growing round it.

The Cats' Den is a strange recess in the rocks of Kennapole Hill. It is associated with the legendary history of the Grants of Rothiemurchus, but this story is true, at least I am assured it is:

About two hundred years ago there was a Grant living in The Croft. Now as the Grants in the Doune did not want the house-keeper in The Croft to be left any money, they hatched a plot in which "Black Sandy" was

to cut off one of her ears. This he, in disguise, did. Although the poor woman did not recognise him, Black Sandy thought it wise to move to Grantown, where he took up sheep farming. At Grantown he had a quarrel with a drover, whom he left for dead near Spey Bridge. This time Black Sandy moved to the Cats' Den. The drover later recovered, but Black Sandy left the district and in the end he emigrated to America. One of his descendants was General Grant, President of the United States.

WALTER DEMPSTER, V.a.

SPORTS SECTION.

FOOTBALL.

The football team had quite a few games this season. They opened with a game against Elgin at Elgin. Grantown were leading 4-0 at half-time, all the goals being scored by Mackintosh, at centre. In the second half the Elgin boys found their form, and the end of the match found Grantown grimly holding on to a one-goal lead. Mackintosh was ably supported by MacGregor, and in defence Ross and Coutts were steadiest. Anderson in his first game in goal had several fine saves. In the return match Elgin sent a stronger team to Grantown, and the school was defeated by three goals to one. The solitary counter was scored by Mackintosh in the second half from twenty yards.

The next visitors to Grantown were Aberlour. They had many young players in their team, and, although beaten 4-0, they put up a good show. M'Kenzie opened the scoring with a header from a Mackintosh lob, and a few minutes later Mackintosh sent a hard low shot past the Aberlour 'keeper. Just after half-time Angus again scored with a fierce drive, and a Dempster lob near the end completed the scoring. In the second half there was more play near the Grantown goal owing to some fine play by the Aberlour centre-half, and several lucky instances for the Grantown defence in which David Fraser in his new position at left-half played a sound game. The backs, Donaldson and Gordon, and inside-forwards Dempster and Fraser also played well.

The last game of the season was played away from home against Fochabers. Facing a blustering wind the Grantown players kept the ball in their opponents' half, and a nice shot from Dempster went narrowly over the bar. The opening goal, however, came at the other end when Grassick in his first game let the greasy ball slip through his fingers. In the first half the wingers, Fraser and M'Kenzie, and centre Mackintosh played well, and in defence the heroes were Ross and Anderson, now in his old position at right-half. In the second half, in showers of sleet, the Fochabers forwards put on more pressure, and some of their raids broke through the Grantown defence. Their inside-forwards scored twice, but the dogged tackling of

Coutts and Donaldson kept the wingers at bay. At the other end the Grantown inside-forwards got more of the ball, and in a goalmouth scramble Mackintosh gave the Fochabers 'keeper no chance with a hard shot into the roof of the net. Grassick finished well, punching a hard high shot over the bar. The final score was 3-1 for Fochabers.

Several of our younger players, such as Walker, G. Coutts, Lawson, Keith and Laing, are shaping well, and the present team should give a good account of itself in the oncoming season.

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CRICKET.

Owing to a busy sports season at Grantown and the necessity to practice and prepare for the inter-school sports there was only one match against the Old Guard. The latter again proved their superiority. They went in to bat and after making a fair score declared. The school batsmen were lacking in skill, but not in courage. Donaldson batted throughout their innings and last man in, Lamond, made a whirlwind dozen in as many minutes, and off the bowling of Munro! A time limit was imposed on the second innings and the Old Guard only won by a few runs.

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HOCKEY.

The first match of the season at Elgin, against the Academy 2nd XI., resulted in a 3-1 victory for the visitors. Two of the goals were scored by Shona Macdougall, while the third was by Mona Scott. The return match at Grantown was in favour of Elgin, the score being 2-1.

A junior eleven was selected to play Aberlour at Grantown, and although they fought hard, they were defeated 4-1 by their more skilful opponents. The school goal, resulting from an early attack by the home forwards, was scored by Sheena Ogilvie.

The game against Milne's High School, Fochabers, was also away from home, but this time the school was defeated by three goals to one, the Grantown goal being scored by Shona Macdougall.

One of the most interesting games was the one against the staff. The school XI. went

away to a good start, scoring the first goal, but the skilful passing between Miss M'Intosh, Dr Bain and Mr M'Donald turned the tables, and the game ended with the school down by one goal to four. The staff was also supported by the energetic play of the dashing centre-half, Mr M'Kenzie.

Although the Grammar School won only one game, they put up a good show throughout the whole season, and it is hoped that several games will be played next season. Already, the 1st XI. are looking forward to the matches arranged against Inverness Royal Academy and Milne's High School.

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SPORTS.

The Sports this year were a great success. The competitors put up an exceptional show, and even found record-breaking form. Tina Bruce, Junior Girls' Champion; runner-up Susanne M'Kenzie and Marjory Mackintosh broke the school high jump record for that section by clearing 4 ft. 5 ins., 4 ft. 5 ins., and 4 ft. 3 ins. respectively. The former record was 4 ft. 2 ins.

Revoan again won the boys' championship, owing to the fine displays of champion for the second year in succession David Ross, who made 25 points, and of runner-up, Angus Mackintosh, last year's junior champion, with 19 points.

Revack retained the girls' cup and were led to victory by senior champion Wilma Irving with 17 points, who led her rival Pat Lawrence by 12 clear points. Wilma was last year's junior champion.

The junior boys' champion was Robin Fraser of Roy, who made 15 points. Ian Walker, whose size belies his speed, was only 5 points behind.

The junior girls' championship was the most closely contested affair. Two of the record-breakers, Tina Bruce and Susanne M'Kenzie, were champion and runner-up respectively. Tina with 10 points led her rival by only two points.

The closest race of the afternoon, and the most interesting, was the relay between former and present pupils. The former, after a fine start, finished just a matter of inches behind the school runners.

This year again brilliant sunshine added to the colour and gaiety of the proceedings, and there was, as always, the evidence of gallant sportsmanship and keen rivalry.

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INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.

This year, for the first time, the Inter-School Sports were held at Grantown. The school, although it did not win a place, put up a good show, especially in the jumping events.

The junior girls were in good form. Tina Bruce jumped second highest in the junior girls' high jump and ran second fastest in the 120 yards, while Susanne M'Kenzie won second place in the junior girls' long jump.

Iain Walker won all our points in the junior boys' events. His combination of speed and strength won him first place in the shot putt and third in the 220 yards.

In the intermediate girls' high jump and long jump, the school representatives won two places. Second place in the former was won by Marjory Mackintosh, and in the latter by Isobel Thomson.

Our sole place in the senior girls' section was won by Wilma Irving, who, in a close contest, finished first in the long jump.

David Ross was third in the senior boys' high jump and second in the mile, and Walter Dempster won third place in the javelin-throwing event.

Grantown also won two places in the team events. In the relays the junior boys were third, and in a close and exciting race the senior girls finished second.

Although the Black Park had not an ideal running surface, the competition was keen, and there was never a dull moment, especially for the "home" supporters.

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 Vice-Captain—John Coutts.
 Football Captain—Robert M'Kenzie.
 Vice-Captain—Angus Mackintosh.
 Athletics Captain—John Coutts.
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 Secretary to Prefects' Court—James Thomson.
 Librarian and Museum Curator—Donald M'Bain.
 House Captains—
 Revack—John Coutts.
 Revoan—Angus Mackintosh.
 Roy—John MacGregor.
 Additional Prefects—T. S. Anderson, W. Dempster, G. W. K. Donaldson, W. Lamond, N. M'Taggart.

Girls.

Head Girl—Sheena Ogilvie.
 Deputy Head Girl and Canteen Leader—Violet Gordon.
 Deputy Canteen Leader—Wilma Watt.
 Hockey Captain—Sheena Ogilvie.
 Vice-Captain—Isobel M'Andrew.
 Athletics Captain—Wilma Irving.
 Vice-Captain—Susanne M'Kenzie.
 Joint Secretaries—Morna M'Kenzie, Isobel M'Andrew.
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- *Alistair G. Mackintosh (1929-33), M.R.C.V.S. (Edinburgh); (Craigard Hotel, Boat of Garten); Manorlea, Insch, Aberdeenshire; veterinary surgeon.
- *Donald Mackintosh (1930-33), Cambrae, Cromdale; 12 Buckingham Road, Hillcrest, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia; electrician, National Building and Housing Board, Bulawayo.
- *Evan G. Mackintosh (1926-33), P.A.S.I., Ardehatten, Skye, Dulnain-Bridge; 12 Reid Avenue, Crossgates, Fife; quantity surveyor Messrs Wilkinson and Lowe, A.R.I.C.S., chartered quantity surveyors, Dunfermline.
- Evan C. Mackintosh (1928-32), The Larches, Dulnain-Bridge; The Leas, Lossiemouth; civil servant, Ministry of Food, Elgin.
- John Mackintosh (1931-33), Cambrae, Cromdale; 135 Poynders Gardens, Clapham, London, S.W.1; sheet metal worker, Decca Navigation Corporation, New Malden, Surrey.
- Robert D. Mackintosh (1926-32), M.A. (Edinburgh), (Congash Cottage, Spey Bridge); 51 Tomnahurich Street, Inverness; teacher of geography, Technical High School, Inverness.
- *D. Patrick Maclean (1930-36), M.A. (Aberdeen), LL.B. (Edinburgh), Croftallan, Nethybridge; Clunie, Letham, Ladybank, Fife; legal assistant, County Offices, Cupar, Fife.
- Alistair M'Nicol (1933-35), 85 High Street; 52 Bramber Road, Kensington, London, W.14; Taylors, Ltd. (Electrical Engineers), Battersea Power Station.
- Eric Masson (1933-34), Braeriach Cottage, Spey Bridge; Ham Common, Richmond, Surrey; craftsman, surgical appliances for limbless, Queen Mary's Hospital for Limbless, Roehampton, London.
- *John A. Milne (1925-31), M.A. (Edinburgh), Braehead, High Street; Schoolhouse, Mosstowie, near Elgin; headmaster.
- J. Wishart Milne (1935-39), Elgin House, High Street; 9 Woodside Road, Aberdeen; engineer, G.P.O., Aberdeen.
- James G. Mitchell (1941-45), Caledonian House, High Street; third officer, S.S. "Calgary," Elder Dempster Line, Liverpool.
- I. Bruce Munro (1934-38), M.B., Ch.B. (Glasgow), (Bank of Scotland, High Street); Woodilea, Lenzie, Glasgow.
- Louis C. Mutch (1939-44), (Ivy Bank Cottage, High Street); c/o Wright, Hawthorndene Hill Place, Inverness; assistant pumpman, Scottish Oils and Shell Mex, Ltd., Inverness.
- Andrew Phimister (1932-37), Woodburn Cottage, South Street; clerk, National Bank of India.
- H. Roy Phimister (1936-40), Woodburn Cottage, South Street; The Studio, Hartsbourne Country Club, Hartsbourne Avenue, Bushey Heath, Watford, Herts; assistant golf professional, Hartsbourne Golf Club.
- John Reid (1930-33), L.M.S. Station House; 56 Merchiston Street, Carntyne, Glasgow; radio mechanic, Messrs Reid Bros., 6 Alexandra Park Street, Glasgow.
- *Ian Ritchie (1950-52), 12 High Terrace, Boat of Garten; c/o Mathewson, 155 Firpark Street, Glasgow; apprentice chartered accountant, Messrs Wardhaugh & M'Vean, C.A., West Regent Street, Glasgow.
- *Frank M. Roberts (1927-32), The Baptist Manse; The Gangway, Renwick, Perth, Cumberland; assistant, English Electrical Co., Stafford.
- *Michael G. Ronaldson (1938-40), Rowan Cottage, Grant Road; G.P.O. Repeater Station, Friars Lane, Inverness; technical officer, G.P.O.
- John Ross (1926-32), Ivy Cottage, Dulnain-Bridge; 14 Greyhound Road, Philiplane, Tottenham, London; engineer, Morgan Crucible Co., Ltd., Battersea, London.
- *Leslie G. Ross (1927-29), (Ballieward); 2 Westfield Avenue, Edinburgh, 11; export manager and salesman, Deestox Luggage Co.
- Victor J. Ross (1930-37), H.W.C., A.M.I.E.E., Ivy Cottage, Dulnain-Bridge; Mo Dhachaidh, 37 Dumgoyne Avenue, Bearsden, Glasgow; Scottish Area Sales Engineer, Scottish Cables, Ltd., Renfrew.
- W. Gordon Smith (1937-43), 103 High Street; police constable, Banffshire Constabulary, Banff.
- *Angus M. Stuart (1929-36), Dunedin, High Street; 154 Muirfield Road, South Oxhey, Watford, Herts; structural engineer, London Transport Executive.

- Donald Stuart (1928-32), Vulcan Cottage, Market Road; 4 Nayland Road, Mile End, Colchester, Essex; male nurse, Serveralls Hospital, Colchester.
- Lachlan A. Stuart (1934-37), 104 High Street; 24 West End, Whitehills, Banffshire; police constable, Banffshire Constabulary.
- *Alistair G. Surtees (1935-42), 107 High Street; 40 Horniman Drive, London, S.E. 23; clerk, Civil Service.
- *Richard Surtees (1928-33), 107 High Street; 12 Cheeseman Court, Sydenham, London; sergeant, Metropolitan Police.
- *W. Robert Surtees (1931-33), 107 High Street; 10 Broomfield Avenue, Eastwood, Southend-on-Sea; constable (traffic patrols), Southend Police.
- Lewis Sutherland (1939-40), Morven, Castle Road East; 6 West Avenue, Renfrew; engineer. Messrs Babcock and Wilcox, Ltd., Renfrew.
- Gordon D. Templeton (1929-33), The Lodge, Castle Grant; 32 Ashgrove Road West, Aberdeen; commercial traveller, Messrs Robert Watson, Aberdeen.
- *Roderick J. D. Thomson (1934-36), 84 High Street; cook, Merchant Navy.
- William Thomson (1930-34), 84 High Street; 47 Forresterhill Road, Aberdeen; grocery manager, N.A.A.F.I., Aberdeen.
- *Herbert John Wright (1935-41), B.Sc. (Engineering) (Aberdeen), 34 High Street; 15 Dunblane Road, Eltham, London, S.E. 19; specialist engineer, Messrs Babcock & Wilcox, London.
- Local Members.**
- Albert Anderson (1932-34), 93 High Street; storeman, No. 24 Command Workshop, R.E.M.E.
- *James G. Bruce (1924-30), Holmhill, Woodside Avenue; partner, Messrs James Bruce and Sons, Coal Merchants.
- Donald Calder (1941-43), 20 Castle Road; carpenter and joiner, No. 24 Command Workshop, R.E.M.E.
- Frank Calder (1941-43), Ballieward; forester, Seafeld Estates.
- George Cameron (1930-32), 38 The Square; District Clerk and Burgh Treasurer.
- Alexander Clark (1939-41), Dulnain-Bridge; mechanic, S.C.W.S., Ltd.
- Andrew Clark (1940-42), Castle Road; electrician, North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board.
- William Cruickshank (1926-30), (Rosebank, Cromdale); 112 High Street; manager, Ironmongery Department, S.C.W.S., The Square.
- William J. Cruickshank (1933-35), Hazel Bank, Grant Road; District Agent, Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd.
- John A. Cumming (1940-41), 18 Castle Road; vanman, Messrs Cooper & Co., The Square.
- William Dunbar (1937-39), Castle Road; salesman, Messrs Mackenzie and Cruickshank, Ironmongers, The Square.
- Herbert Grant (1942-45), Topperfettle; farmer.
- George Hamilton (1944-48), Tullochgribban Farm, Dulnain-Bridge; farmer.
- *Albert M. Hastings (1942-46), 42 High Street; butcher, Messrs J. K. Hastings, High Street.
- Hugh J. B. Hogg (1944-49), 11 South Street; lorry driver, Messrs James Bruce and Sons, Coal Merchants, Woodside Avenue.
- Arthur Innes (1946-47), 17 Kynlra Crescent; mechanic, Balfour's Garage, Forest Road.
- Johnstone Innes (1945-46), Heathbank; driver, North of Scotland Milk Marketing Board.
- Gordon W. Jack (1935-37), 16 Kynlra Crescent; postal and telegraph officer, G.P.O.; town councillor.
- Laurence S. Jack (1938-39), Victoria Institute, High Street; mechanic, Messrs R. Grant, Cycle Agents, High Street.
- James Johnson (1943-48), 16 The Square.
- John A. Kennedy (1945-48), The Dell Farm, Nethybridge; farmer.
- Charles J. Lawson (1936-38), Grange Cottage, Castle Road; joiner, Mr Charles Lawson, 18 Castle Road.
- Findlay M'Andrew (1949-50), Achnafearn Farm Cottage; apprentice, S.C.W.S., Ltd.
- Stuart M'Cook (1948-52), Larch Cottage, Spey Bridge; clerk, Bank of Scotland.
- Ian Macdonald (1947-49), Ballintomb; apprentice plumber, Mr M'Robert, Plumber, High Street.
- Basil M'Intosh (1946-49), 87 High Street; upholsterer, Messrs Beale and Pyper, High Street.
- Ian C. M'Intosh (1936-42), National Diploma Mechanical Engineering, Waverley, High Street.
- Lewis A. M'Intosh (1934-39), Waverley, High Street; proprietor, Gordon Hall Hotel.
- Alexander Mackenzie, M.A. (Aberdeen), 15 Kynlra Crescent; principal modern languages master, Grantown Grammar School; town councillor and burgh treasurer.
- James M'Leod (1927-28), 11 Kynlra Crescent; master builder.
- James M'Millan (1946-49), 129 High Street; apprentice bricklayer, Messrs James M'Leod and Son, Builders, Grant Road.
- Ian D. Macpherson (1930-35), (Thornhill, Castle Road), Ivy Cottage, Nethybridge; heating engineer, R.E.M.E. Workshops.
- William J. M'William (1934-36), Silverdale, South Street; manager, The Dundee Equitable, High Street.
- James B. Marshall (1941-47), Elmgrove; District Agent, Prudential Assurance Co.
- Ian R. Mortimer (1932-35), Ravelrig, Woodside Avenue; plumber, Mr George Mortimer.
- *Edwin M. Munro (1928-33), B.E.M., B.Com. (Edinburgh); proprietor, Coppice Hotel, Grant Road.

- John L. Paterson (1927-29), Springfield, High Street; master plasterer, Messrs L. Paterson & Son.
- James Rattray (1927), 13 South Street; Grantown Water Manager.
- *Charles E. Ross (1924-26), Ivy Cottage, Dulnain-Bridge; partner, Messrs J. Ross and Co., Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Dulnain-Bridge.
- David Ross (1936-37), Ben Mhor Bungalow, Grant Road; chef, Ben Mhor Hotel.
- Grant Ross (1947-48), Broom Park Cottage, Craggan; apprentice mechanic, Messrs John Ross and Co., Dulnain-Bridge.
- John C. Ross (1944-46), Broom Park Cottage, Craggan; telegraph messenger.
- Robert Ross (1928-32), Cairngorm View, Dulnain-Bridge; partner, Messrs John Ross and Co., Dulnain-Bridge.
- Angus Shand (1940-42), 22 The Square; storeman, No. 24 Command Workshop, R.E.M.E.
- Fraser Sime (1950-52), Police Station House; upholsterer, Messrs Beale & Pyper, High Street.
- *Ian Grant Smith (1943-46), Auchernack; farmer.
- John A. Stephen (1938-41), Connielea, High Street; sales and service representative, Morayshire Motors.
- John R. Stuart (1932-38), 1 Spey Avenue; bookseller, Messrs Angus Stuart, High Street; town councillor.
- Alan Taylor (1942-43), 8 Castle Road; driver, North of Scotland Milk Marketing Board.
- *James Winchester (1924-26), Northolme, Castle Road; branch manager, Employment Exchange.

* Life Members.

OLD GUARD ACTIVITIES.

"No play because of rain"! How often has that remark been heard this year? It applies not only to the Test Matches and the County Matches but also to the Old Guard's matches!

Last year, as you no doubt remember, we bought two new cricket bats, which cost about six pounds, and all winter they were faithfully oiled; and we eagerly looked forward to hitting up lots of runs with them in the summer. In June, when we had two or three days of good weather, we had our first match—the usual "Annual" with the school XI. You can imagine the feeling of pride felt by our opening pair when, with new bats held confidently aloft, they walked slowly to the wicket. The first run, cheered heartily by the remainder of the Guards team, was hit off the third ball of the over. So it went on until the score reached 62 for 3 wickets (Jock Winchester 31 not out), at which total we declared. The school bats-

men faced the accurate bowling of Jock Winchester and Ian Smith; but, apart from Keith Donaldson, who stayed practically the whole school innings for 14 runs, they never put up a fight and were all out for 30. Such then was the extent of our cricket this year; but, super-optimists as we are, we look forward to next year and hope at least to knock the newness off these bats!

But to our other activities. 'Way back in November last year we fielded an Old Guard Select Soccer XI. to play Nethybridge on the Nethy ground. After a tense battle in mud (what more rain!) we eventually ran out winners by two goals to one; but let it be said that Nethy were under strength that day. In summer football in Strathspey several of our members played regularly—John Cumming, Sandy Clark and Ian Smith for Grantown, and Allan Taylor and Bill Templeton for Nethy.

At golf J. (Tommy) Rattray lost the Club Championship of the Grantown Club, a title he has held for the past four seasons, but he successfully defended the Miller Trophy (Scratch) in the local club's annual tournament and the club's Law Cup (Scratch—Match Play). Big Bill Mitchell (he's 6 feet 5 ins.) arrived home on leave from South Wales just in time to play in the same annual tournament, and he won the Match-play competition (handicap); so at least we can boast that two of our members were the principal winners in the Grantown Golf Tourney.

A new feature this year was the entry of an Old Guard relay team to run against the School Team at the School's annual sports. The team—Bill Templeton, John Ross, Tommy Stuart (home on leave from North Africa) and Ian Smith put up a fine show and ran well to lose by mere inches after a very thrilling race. Next year we hope to do even better.

As a club we had no outings to the Cairngorms this year, but Old Guard Members proved their worth as guides in the many trips made by the new Grantown Cairngorm Club, of which our old friend Willie Cruickshank is President.

This year Mr Wilson resigned from the post of editor of the Old Guard and F.P. magazine section. He will be greatly missed, and at the A.G.M. of the club Mr Cruickshank, as president of the Old Guard at the time, expressed the club's appreciation of Mr Wilson's valuable services throughout the twenty or so years he had been connected with the club; and it was a great pleasure for the members present at the A.G.M. to show their esteem and appreciation of his work by unanimously electing him an Honorary Vice-President of the Club.

On behalf of the President and office-bearers and committee of the Old Guard, I send the compliments of the season and best wishes for 1954 to all our members at home and abroad.

W. G. TEMPLETON.

THE GRANTOWN CAIRNGORM CLUB.

In February of this year a public meeting was called with the object of forming a climbing club in Grantown. The result of the meeting was the inauguration of the Grantown-on-Spey Cairngorm Club; and as most of its members are former pupils of the school it is fitting that an account of its activities be given in the magazine.

The president of the club is Mr Willie Cruickshank, a past president of the Old Guard Club, and the secretary is Miss Mae Marshall, a former pupil. Let it be said here and now that the success of the club's first season is in no small way due to Miss Marshall's fine work as secretary.

Each Sunday members of the club and visitors to Grantown and district formed parties and many very enjoyable trips were made to the Cairngorms. Very few Sundays were missed between May and September; and the peaks climbed were:—Ben Macdhui (4), Braeriach (4), Cairn Toul (2), Cairngorm (4), Cairn Lochan (1), Beinn Mheadhoin (1), Sgor Gaoith (1), Sgoran Dubh Mor (1) and Bynack More (1). Because of the visitors who came with us at various times, some peaks were climbed again by special request, and the numbers in brackets indicate how often each peak was climbed. In addition to the above, the club made two visits to the Shelter Stone, and one Sunday 23 members and visitors made the long journey to Fort William to climb Ben Nevis and traverse the famous ridge walk known as Carn Mor Dearg Arete to the peak of Carn Mor Dearg.

But the names of these peaks are well known to most people, some of whom have never been even as far as Loch Morlich. They are the kind who on seeing us return on Sunday evenings, sometimes a bit leg-weary and wet from the effects of much rain, ask, "What do you see in climbing mountains?" "What joy is there in it?" "Why walk miles over moor and barren hills?" What ignorance!

To answer their questions is impossible, but to issue them a challenge is not. Ask them to come themselves, not once or twice, but three or four times; then the lure of the hills will surely grasp them if they have any spirit of adventure in them, and then they, like us who love our Cairngorms, will know the answer. In the vastness of the mountains we find peace and joy, recreation and fitness, rugged scenery second to none; and in these days when we complain of the way time seems to fly we can find a way of making even time linger.

The challenge of the Cairngorms grips one's imagination and makes one want to climb every peak and explore every lochan, to walk continually in their grandeur, to go into the heart of the dark corries or to view from above the sharpness of their rocky walls. What better than to walk round the tops of

the three great corries of Cairngorm to Cairn Lochan on a fine sunny day, or perhaps more impressive still to climb Braeriach by way of that brilliant multi-coloured mountain tarn Loch Coire an Lochain and reach the summit cairn, to find yourself—at the edge of the world so to speak—suddenly looking into the tremendous expanse and depth of the Great Rough Corrie (An Garbh Choire Mor) towards the Angel's Peak with Lochan Uaine under its shoulder, and the sharp rise of Cairn Toul beyond; or to look down into Coire Brochain and see the last remains of the morning mists float gently to the skies? And to the South West where the infant Dee cascades down from the lip of An Garbh Choire Mor to the floor of the Lairig Ghru some 2000 feet below, there to form a silver winding band on its way to the far-off sea. And yet again to change the scene to Ben Macdhui on a clear day. From its lofty cairn, the highest in the range, one can see with ease eighty miles in any direction—to the far North to the hills of Caithness, to the West to Ben Nevis and beyond, and South to the Pentland and Lammermuir Hills. What greatness one feels on such a day—commanding such a wide view . . . and then on the homeward journey to Glenmore by way of Cairngorm we come to the point where the Feith Buidhe and Garbh Uisge meet, and look down upon the blues and greens of Loch Avon and to where that haven of many climbers—the Shelter Stone—waits for us. Near the summit of the "Blue Mountain" there is the Marquis Well with its unbelievably cold water which has quenched the thirst of hundreds, and so from there down by Coire Cas, or by the well-worn path, to the side of Loch Morlich, there to spend a pleasant half-hour lying on its golden sands before making for home.

Countless other scenes and peaks are worthy of mention, Lochs Einich and Etchachan, the gigantic cliffs of Sgoran Dubh Mor and the gentle roundness of Carn Ban Mor—the gateway to the Western and Southern peaks, or the pyramid-shaped, boulder-strewn sides of Bynack Mor to mention but a few. There are also those magnificent mountains, Ben Avon and Beinn A'Bhuird, with their great deep corries and jewelled lochans equal to any in the Central Cairngorms, and the Southern peaks Beinn Bhrotain and Monadh Mor, which we have yet to climb and explore to satisfy our ambitions.

These are but a few of the wonderful scenes the members of the Cairngorm Club enjoy on their outings; so do you wonder at our enthusiasm in spending as much of our spare time as possible on the hills. I have not mentioned birds or deer, alpine plants or flowers—that is another feature which requires much study and equally much space to write about. Also I must not forget the foothills of Abernethy, Rothiemurchus and Glenfeshie—maybe someday we will be able to drag ourselves away from the heights to explore them, for they too can offer rewarding scenery and an abundance of interest.

FORMER PUPILS' CLUB MEMBERS, 1953-54.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FORMER PUPILS' CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Grammar School on Wednesday, 11th November, 1953, at 7.30 p.m.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Duncan Fraser, Miss J. Ronaldson and Miss B. Templeton.

Dr Bain, who presided, referred to the loss the Club had sustained in the deaths of three members, Mr W. R. Stuart, Mr Peter Moir and Mrs John Grant.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read and were approved by Mr G. Jack, seconded by Mrs H. Dixon.

The adoption of the financial report was moved by Miss J. Paterson and seconded by Mrs P. Spalding.

The following office-bearers were elected:—

Honorary President—Ex-Lord Provost Duncan Fraser, C.B.E., D.L., LL.D., J.P.

Honorary Vice-Presidents—Mr T. Hunter, O.B.E., M.A., B.Sc.; Ex-Provost W. A. Glass, Ex-Provost W. Macgregor, Miss J. Paterson.

President—Dr J. Bain, B.Sc., Ph.D.

Vice-Presidents—Mr W. Cruickshank, Mr J. Templeton, Mr H. W. Dixon, Mrs J. Schleppey.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss J. L. Munro.

Committee—Mrs P. Spalding, Miss E. M. Pyper, M.A., B.Sc.; Provost H. G. Cumming, Messrs W. J. Cruickshank, W. G. Templeton, A. M. Grant, J. A. Templeton and G. Jack.

The practice of sending magazines to life members free of charge had been discontinued and the secretary intimated that only thirty-two members had ordered copies of the 1953 Magazine. It was thought that many members had probably mislaid or forgotten to send the order form and it was agreed that Mr Donaldson should be asked to keep an extra three dozen copies until one week after Christmas so that any additional orders might be supplied.

Dr Bain now thanked the Club for the five prizes donated to the Grammar School. It was proposed by Mr H. Dixon and seconded by Mr G. Jack that these prizes be continued as usual. The meeting discussed the possibility of re-introducing the practice of awarding medals and the following sub-committee was elected to make enquiries as to the cost of these:—Dr Bain, Miss J. Paterson and Mr W. G. Templeton.

Mr W. G. Templeton reported that the 1952 Reunion had been very successful. Ninety-five couples had attended the dance, but there had been only seven tables of whist or bridge.

It was hoped that there would be an improvement in the latter numbers at this year's function. As agreed at the previous Annual General Meeting the Reunion and General Committees had met with a view to considering the introduction of a Dinner Dance. This, however, had been found impossible owing to difficulties arising from costs and accommodation. The 1953 Reunion would take the usual form and would be held in the Palace Hotel on 29th December. Price of tickets would be 12s 6d.

The following Reunion Committee was appointed:—

Convener—Mr W. G. Templeton.

Committee—Mrs P. Spalding, Mrs H. Dixon, Miss M. Telfer, Messrs W. J. Cruickshank, W. F. Cruickshank, G. Jack.

Dr Bain extended an invitation to Club members to join pupils of the Grammar School during a week-end at the Cairngorm Hut at Glenmore during the Summer. It was agreed that Mr W. Templeton and Mr W. J. Cruickshank should be responsible for making arrangements on behalf of the Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

At Universities and Colleges.

*Sheina M. Donaldson, 32a The Square; Clifton Hostel, Hilton Place, Aberdeen; 3rd year, Aberdeen University.

*Shona G. MacDougall, Monaliadh Bungalow, Boat of Garten; Clifton Hostel, Hilton Place, Aberdeen; 1st year, Aberdeen Training College.

*Sheena S. R. McIntosh, 8 Castle Road East; Clifton Hostel, Hilton Place, Aberdeen; 1st year, Aberdeen Training College.

*May D. Mackenzie, 46 High Street; Clifton Hostel, Hilton Place, Aberdeen; 3rd year, Aberdeen Training College.

*Rita Marshall, Dell Cottage, Nethybridge; Darroch Hostel, East Suffolk Road, Edinburgh, 9; 2nd year Arts, Edinburgh University.

*Julia M. Stuart, Cromdale View, Forest Road; 2nd year Arts, Edinburgh University.

Exiles.

Jessamine I. Anderson, Wester Laggan, Dulnain-Bridge; 19 Chester Street, Edinburgh, 3; 2nd year student nursery nurse.

Margaret R. Anderson, Institutional Management Association Certificate, Wester Laggan, Dulnain-Bridge; Hamilton Hall, University Residence, St Andrews; assistant catering supervisor.

- *Mrs Fred E. Anfield (Winifred M. D. Shaw), Diploma of Domestic Science, Aldersyde, Nethybridge; c/o H. Q. 223 B.O.D., c/o G.P.O., Singapore, F.A.R.E.L.F.
- *Mrs George Angus (Ella A. Wood). (Balmenach, Cromdale); Dalrannoch, Fleurs Place, Elgin.
- *Mrs Howard Aston (Kathleen Mutch), R.G.N. (Edinburgh), D.N. (London), 28 High Street; 50 Hayes Road, Bromley, Kent.
- *Mrs Robert W. Bass (Christine A. Tulloch), (Dallas Brae, Grant Road); New York, U.S.A.
- *Mrs Guthrie Booth (Netta R. Hunter), Rosemount, Woodside Avenue; Nether Bogside, Elgin.
- *Mrs James Braid (L. D. Pamela Gibson), The Knoll; P.O. Box 53, 3 Clive Row, Calcutta.
- *Mrs Edward Brooks (May Smith), (18 Castle Road); Caberfeidh, The Crescent, West Hartlepool.
- *Norman W. E. Buchan (Grant Arms Hotel); Windyridge, Willow Lane, London Road, Amersham, Bucks; nurseryman, Joseph Rochford & Sons, Ltd., Uxbridge Road, Slough, Bucks.
- *Stanley J. W. Buchan (Grant Arms Hotel); Windyridge, Willow Lane, London Road, Amersham, Bucks; nurseryman, Kelvin Lawrence, Beaconsfield Nurseries.
- *Mary A. S. Butter (The Knoll); 9 Sandringham Terrace, The Esplanade, Greenock.
- *Isobel Calder (Stonefield, The Square); 138 Macquarrie Street, Paramatta, New South Wales, Australia.
- *Alexandra Cameron, N.F.F., The Knoll; Bon Accord, Marmion Road, North Berwick; teacher, High School, North Berwick.
- *Eva M. Cameron, M.A. (Hons.) (Aberdeen), (Willowbank); 4 Victoria Road, Elgin; teacher of English, Duffus J.S. School, Hopeman.
- *Mrs Harry Chart (Margaret Mackintosh), The Larches, Dulnain-Bridge; Karian-dusi Farm, Gilgil, Kenya, East Africa.
- *Mrs William Christie (Isobel C. Bain), M.A. (Aberdeen), (Holmfield); 89 Forest Ave., Aberdeen.
- Mrs Edwin J. Colclough (Isabel Cumming), 18 Castle Road; 19 Eversley Road, Normacot Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.
- Mrs David S. Davidson (Margaret M'Beath), (1 Station Cottages); 11 Young Avenue, Lincluden, Dumfries.
- Mrs Joseph R. Dawson (Phyllis G. MacNicol), (85 High Street); 26 Homefield Rise, Orpington, Kent.
- *Mrs James F. Duguid (Rhea Pyper), M.A., B.Sc. (Edinburgh), Riversdale, Grant Road; 9 Kent Road, Avondale, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.
- Mrs George Dunbar (Margaret M. M'Lean), Kylintra Cottage; c/o 48 Hayfield, Bainsford, Falkirk.
- *James Duncan, 28 High Street; 95 Cromwell Road, Aberdeen; accountant, National Bank of Scotland, 140 Union Street, Aberdeen.
- *Sine H. Ferguson (Swiss Cottage, Ballindalloch); Baligrave Schoolhouse, Lismore, by Oban; head cook, Craigmount School, Minto, Nr. Hawick, Roxburghshire.
- *Ian C. G. Forbes (Connage); 32 Seaview Road, Buckie; teller, Bank of Scotland, Buckie.
- *Duncan Fraser, C.B.E., D.L., LL.D., J.P. (Kylintra Cottage); Braemora, 6 Woodburn Avenue, Aberdeen; draper, Duncan Fraser (Draper), Aberdeen, Ltd.
- *Evelyn Geddes, Diploma of Domestic Science, 65 High Street; teacher of domestic science.
- *Anna B. Gilbert (Strathallan, Grant Road); 55 Morningside Park, Edinburgh, 10, teacher (retired).
- Elizabeth A. Gordon, M.A., Delliefure Sudan Ministry of Education, Khartoum.
- Grace T. Gordon, M.A., Delliefure; Sudan Ministry of Education, Khartoum.
- *Catriona M. B. Grant, M.A. (Edinburgh), Balnagown, Nethybridge; c/o Black, 7 Ardross Place, Inverness; teacher, Tomnacross J.S. School, Kiltarlity, Inverness-shire.
- *John A. Grant (Reidhaven); 1 Carlton Close, Edgeware, Middlesex; civil engineer (retired).
- *Mrs Lewis M. Grant (M. Sarah Macdonald), Sunnylea, Aviemore.
- *Margaret C. Grant, Higher Tullochgribban, Dulnain-Bridge; Elginhill, Nr. Elgin; teacher, Urquhart Public School.
- *Mrs Peter Grant (Isabella C. Mackintosh), M.A. Ord. (Edinburgh), (Congash Cottage); Ravenscraig, Aviemore.
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- LEWIN.**—On 18th January, 1953, to Mr and Mrs A. Peter Lewin (Edith M. Kyd), Desswood, 130 Green Lane, Coventry—a son (Alastair Peter).
- MILNER.**—On 25th November, 1952, to Mr and Mrs Thomas G. Milner (E. Margaret Templeton), c/o P.W.D., Lilongwe, Nyasaland—a daughter (Kathleen Frances Mary).
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- STEVENS.**—On 28th July, 1953, to Mr and Mrs Morton Stevens (Meta K. King), 9 Slater Crescent, Portknockie—a son (Alastair Hutton).
- WILSON.**—On 25th December, 1952, to Dr and Mrs D. Livingstone Wilson (Ada R. Imray), Church of Scotland Mission, Lubwa, Chinsali, Northern Rhodesia—a son.
- YOUNG.**—On 13th March, 1953, to Mr and Mrs Ivor C. N. Young (Mary M. Y. Macdonald), 551 Union Street, Greenock—a daughter (Mairi Macdonald).

DEATHS.

- GRANT.**—At Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on 25th March, 1953, Beatrice Macdonald M'Intosh, wife of John W. Grant, 14 Victoria Drive, Inverness.
- MOIR.**—At Inverness, on 4th August, 1953, Peter Moir, Balnaan, Marine Road, Nairn; retired bank manager, Grantown.
- STUART.**—At the Ian Charles Hospital, Grantown, on 14th December, 1952, William R. Stuart, 1 Spey Avenue, Grantown, printer and bookseller and vice-president Former Pupils' Club.

UNIVERSITY LETTER (ABERDEEN).

Dear Mr Editor,

Greetings to former, present and future under-graduates of the one and only Aberdeen University!

When at school we are continually reminded of the vast difference between it and 'Varsity; but just how different and how much better (!) is only realised when we are there. We of the Arts Faculty are particularly free, having only three or four hours of attending lectures each day, and the rest of the day is our own. Don't forget, however, that the real work begins outside the lecture-room. No longer are we herded along under the protective wing of an anxious teacher; it is up to ourselves to master the work.

As an Arts student, I pursue my studies mostly at King's College in its picturesque setting of lawns and trees. Mr G. MacGregor, to give him his full university designation, is, as a Science student, more qualified to speak of Marischal College, of which I myself know very little except the long narrow Mitchell Hall, where the Bajans and Bajanellas hear their first address from the Principal, where the Saturday Night hops are held, where representatives from all over Britain gather for an Inter-'Varsity Debate, where, too, the climax of a rectorial campaign, the inauguration of a new rector, takes place, and where, finally, one attends the Graduation ceremony, at which, this year, Miss M. Shand and Miss E. M'William were capped.

This session the Grantonians are being strongly reinforced in Aberdeen by Miss M. Scott and Mr A. Mackenzie at Marischal, and Mr G. Dixon and Mr A. Gordon at King's. As Bajans and Bajanellas they will benefit by the Preterminal Gathering when students are introduced to Aberdeen and its university on conducted tours.

There is a certain disadvantage in our universities not being residential. I myself stay in a hostel and think hostel life in some measure fills the gap. Students from Shetland, Orkney, Scotland and England live together, and, though we often grumble, it is a very free life, enlivened by occasional necessary lectures from warden or housekeeper. Miss M. M'Kenzie is also a hostelite; and our numbers will be reinforced this session by Miss S. M'Intosh and Miss Shona MacDougall.

I might enlarge on the various student societies, on "Jack's" coffee house and student rendezvous near King's, on our Union, the only "mixed" one I know of, and on our entertaining weekly newspaper "Gaudie." The highlight of our outside activities is, of course, Gala Week, with the Students' Show presented yearly at His Majesty's Theatre and with the Saturday evening Torchlight Procession, where no one is safe from the students' attack.

To end on a more serious note, we return to King's and the Chapel with its beautiful stained-glass windows. There short services are conducted at 11 a.m. daily by the students themselves. On Sunday, students in toga and mortar board read the lesson and take the collection. I remember being very nervous on the first occasion when I was one of the four to take the collection, lest the mortar board fall off or its red tassel fall over my eyes. At the end of the service the procession files out, the Sacrist preceding the Principal, then the gowned lecturers, the Chaplain, the visiting minister and the students taking part in the service. Then we too emerge from the softly lit, hallowed atmosphere, echoing the sentiments of the students' song:

"Gaudeamus igitur,
Juvenes dum sumus.

I am,

Yours etc.,

SHEINA M. DONALDSON.

UNIVERSITY LETTER (GLASGOW).

Dear Mr Editor,

To oblige you, I propose to take a glance back over my first session at Glasgow. Of course, the chief event of the year, so far as Glasgow is concerned, was the arrival of Mr Pauli and myself to take up our studies there. It was some years since this school had been represented; but we are hoping for reinforcements in the not too distant future.

An excellent institution, in Glasgow, for "bejants" (this is the correct term for first year students, though they are mostly called "freshers"), is the "Freshers' Camp." For a small sum, 100 lucky students of both sexes are allowed to attend a camp in Loch Lomond Youth Hostel, for the week before the first term opens, and there they are instructed and prepared for the life that awaits them.

The fresher's next step is a visit to the Adviser of Studies, after which comes matriculation, which merely involves the signing of a half-dozen or so forms and the payment of £2 12s 6d. He receives his matriculation card which states (in Latin) that he is now a citizen of the University of Glasgow. They usually manage the Christian name also in Latin, but the surname seems to be beyond them.

Class fees are usually paid at the same time, but no difficulty is incurred here except that of having to produce approximately £20. On departure, however, the student, now thoroughly impecunious, has to pass through a corridor lined or rather blocked by the stalls of various political clubs. He eventually emerges minus half-a-crown and plus an attachment to some party or other.

The next problem is to find his lecture theatres, no mean feat in Glasgow, even for a

student. Thereafter nothing much happens to him except exams. and discussions and classes and dances; and exams. and cinemas and homework and debates; and exams. and talks and games and a few hundred other things; and, of course, exams., until Charities Day, which is in January and invariably the week before some important exam., for which he should be preparing.

Charities Day, on a Saturday, winds up Charities Week, which also involves a very popular variety show and a few dances. On this day the students have the freedom of the city. They dress up in fancy dresses, and theoretically they are allowed to do anything within reason, though in practice they confine themselves to doing just anything. Reason does not come into it at all.

The day starts with a procession of decorated trucks and finishes with a torchlight procession and a dance. In and between, the students collect money, do stunts, sit on tram lines blocking the traffic, paint people who won't pay, and do everything else you could think of and lots of other things as well.

So life goes on till degree exams., then the long summer break with, possibly, re-sits at the end. The Scottish student usually works during the holidays, being less favoured in the matter of grants than his opposite number in England.

Such is the news from Glasgow. Nothing remains now but to be conventional and say: "Hoping this reaches you as well as it leaves me."

Yours truly,

Floruit Universitas Glasguensis and all
the rest,

I. C. BURGESS.

NEWS FROM THE OUTPOSTS.

From its inception, this column has been run by Mr Robert Wilson, M.A., who has now retired from the editorship of the F.P. section of the magazine. Over ten years have passed since Mr Wilson left Grantown; but, in spite of his location in far Aberdeen, he always managed to collect a great deal of news, and always presented it neatly and attractively. Probably he made the News from the Outposts the most popular feature of the magazine so far as F.P.s were concerned. It is quite impossible to express the debt that this publication owes to Mr Wilson; but he has now decided that he can no longer cope with the unknown generations that have risen since 1942, and he has retired. No one can be expected to do what he did as well as he did it; but we are endeavouring to continue the column.

We gather that Mr Hunter has settled happily in Aberdeen, where some of his old pupils occasionally look him up. His activities include a visit to London in February, and a call at Buckingham Palace to be in-

vested with the O.B.E. The news of his inclusion in the New Year's Honours Lists gave great satisfaction to his numerous friends in and out of Grantown. Mr Hunter no doubt made the visit an occasion to call on Dr Tom Hunter, who is still in Romford.

Willie Cruickshank has resigned from the office of president of the Old Guard after two years of service. Willie was a very keen "skipper," and one of the most enthusiastic climbers. Perhaps it was to look for lost property that he returned so often to the hills, for Willie lost no less than three articles of headgear and one waterproof jacket.

Jock Winchester, a remarkable all-round sportsman, should do well as president. Jock took to refereeing football matches this season, but on awarding three penalties against Grantown F.C. one night his reputation as a whistler was sadly jolted.

Billie Templeton is still the Old Guard secretary. Billie, true to family tradition, does a good deal of public work; but, in spite of all, he achieved eighth place in the

Associates section of his banking exams. Billie has also done a lot of peaks this summer, though it must have been a job getting past Nethybridge.

Billie's big brother, Hamish, has recently been appointed to Alves Junior Secondary School, one of the minor educational plums of the county.

Laurence Jack is still keen as ever on hill-walking, but on one particular Sunday he was seen to be very attentive to his duties as guide and comforter. A recent holiday down South made up for it, however.

Things are switching in the Insurance world these days. Jimmy Grant has forsaken the Prudential for his old love, drapery, and now has the business of Mackintosh & Cumming. As secretary of the Institute, Jimmy fills a useful part in community life; and many will wish him success.

Willie Cruickshank's new associate in the Prudential is another indomitable hill man, Hamish Marshall. Hamish gets round a lot on his motor bike; but it seems to lag in the vicinity of Nethybridge.

Ian Macpherson, of course, has forsaken the task of chasing lagging premiums for the quiet of the R.E.M.E. workshops; but for all that Ian has not changed the brand of fuel for his cherry wood.

Then Eddie Illingworth, also late of the Prudential, is due home soon for his first leave from the Gold Coast. Marr Illingworth is now in the U.S.A., an electrician with the Carolina Power and Light Company.

Keith M'Kerron returned from the "wilds" to his H.Q. in Aden in early August, and he expects to be there for some months. He hopes to be home, perhaps casting a trout fly in some secluded loch, in 1954.

Colin M'Intosh, on leave from Ceylon, helped to put Grantown tennis on the map in matches against Elgin, Inverness and Nairn. His brother Donald will also be in Ceylon when Colin returns. One of the first people Donald met there was his old school friend Sandy Phimister, who himself had newly arrived on the island to take up his duties with the Colombo branch of the National Bank of India.

Donnie M'Beth is still very active as secretary of the Aberdeen Strathspey and Reel Society. Last time he was seen, however, he was deep in the heart of a bank ledger, applying service charges to innocent customers' accounts.

Donald M'Intyre spent three months last summer at the University of California working on a research project. He was greatly thrilled when he, as he put it, "had the geological pleasure of experiencing a good earthquake."

Kenny M'Cabe looked in on us this summer. He was looking very fit and well. He played quite a lot of golf, but we hear he has taken to the "old man's game"—bowls.

James Hair is over among the Irish these days. He is a customs officer in County Tyrone. On moonlight nights James must often think wistfully of a bonny lass in far Strathspey.

Willie Kerr was occasionally seen in Grantown on leave last winter, and usually found his way back to the old Scout Hut.

John Beaton also makes occasional appearances between voyages. John will soon be studying for his ticket.

Three Old Guardsmen saw service in Korea. Douglas Gibson got his baptism of fire as surgeon-lieutenant in Korean waters. He was recently based at Singapore.

Peter Dunbar served with a P.O. unit in Korea.

Louis Rattray, we hear, had it tough along with the Black Watch. Service completed in Korea, Louis was next posted to Kenya!

Michael M'Taggart is now in his third year of Physics at Edinburgh University. Rumour has it that he has got himself engaged to a banker's daughter. Donald, inveterate hill-man of yore, is rumoured to be also interested in the fair sex, but spent part of his summer holidays on a cruise as a naval reserve. Donald is now in his third year at St Andrews.

Raymond Philip is back at St Andrews doing Honours Physics. Raymond has had rather a distinguished 'Varsity career, and was privileged to spend a most interesting year over in the U.S. at an American university.

His brother Ron Philip has just begun medicine at St Andrews.

At Edinburgh Bill Sellars is doing his sixth year in medicine, and we wish him all success in his finals.

Also at Edinburgh, in the Arts Faculty, are Judy Stuart, Rita Marshall and Evelyn Mackintosh, who have all successfully completed a first year.

News of Aberdeen and Glasgoy 'Varsity aspirants will be found in two university letters elsewhere in this number. Perhaps our 1954 number may include university letters from Edinburgh and St Andrews. Aberdeen seems to have been very strongly reinforced with Grantonians this winter.

We hear that Mrs Milner (Margaret Templeton) and Mrs Mills (Catherine M. Campbell) are expected home on leave this winter.

Miss Anna Gilbert, world tourer of recent years, was back again on holiday in Grantown this summer.

In autumn we were visited by Mrs Braid (Pamela Gibson), home from Calcutta, with two promising children.

Miss Gillies is now retired from teaching. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement here.

Albert Hastings had a most unlucky car accident this spring, and spent a long time in hospital. We hear he is now making progress.

Sympathy is also felt with Elise Kirk, who has likewise had a long spell in hospital.

Jimmy Bruce has long been a good friend to the Grammar School. Jimmy, always an active figure, has now found yet another line, the running of Holmhill Private Hotel. His many friends will wish him success.

Jimmy Macleod, whose firm was recently reinforced by the redoubtable twins, has

added variety to the architecture of Kylintra by the erection of a handsome villa to house his family.

Jim Mackenzie, another citizen of many activities, has withdrawn largely from Scouting, but runs a party of older "boys," the Strathspey Male Voice Singers. Jim has donated a handsome new football "strip" to the school.

Jim's old ally, John Burgess, once the dread of the Gorton hares, is busy among the tartans in summer, but his thoughts are never far from the allurements of the purple hills.

Margaret Telfer is now back at school, a member of the teaching staff. Another youthful staff member, Elspit McIntosh, whose dramatic flair we remember, is one of the leaders of a dramatic revival in Nethybridge.

Ian Kennedy, whom we remember as rather a shy boy at school, is showing himself a fine leader among Strathspey young farmers and is also a useful budding tenor.

Jean Paterson, our former secretary, is embarking on a new business venture, in which we wish her success.

Mrs R. Balfour (Dorothea Smith) may be our next migrant to that continent of promise, Africa. Her husband has an appointment in East Africa.

Three F.P.s have been removed by death. Much sympathy is felt for the husband and family of Mrs John Grant (Beatrice Mackintosh) who passed away so suddenly. Grantonians of a former generation will remember Mr Peter Moir, late of the Royal Bank, who died in Nairn. A notable Grantown figure, also departed, was Mr W. R. Stuart, bookseller. "Bookie," as he was affectionately called, was a great local patriot; and he spent much time in public service and in pursuits which interested him. His passion for public service is inherited by his son, John Stuart, who, among many activities, is a useful figure on Town and County Councils.

In compiling these notes we are much indebted for the necessary research work to our two secretaries, Miss Jeannette Munro and Mr William Templeton, who have compiled the lists and scrutinised the forms. We are also grateful to those who have supplied items of information as to their own doings or as to activities of other F.P.s.

To all club members, at home and beyond the seas, we send our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

G. E. D.

NOTES.

As intimated in 1952, the subscriptions for membership and life membership of the Former Pupils' and Old Guard Clubs are now 3/- and 21/- respectively. These should be paid to Miss Jeannette Munro or Mr W. Templeton.

Members can help greatly by early return of information circulars in 1954.

It is regretted that the clubs can no longer supply magazines to distant life members; but it is hoped that efforts will be made in other ways to preserve this link.

RHODESIAN STATION.

It is a peaceful Sunday afternoon as I write this from the verandah of our house at Lubwa, Chinsali. You will not find it on the map, but it is approximately 500 miles north of Brokenhill, 15 miles off the Cape-Cairo Great North Road. Looking westwards I can see the Bwela Flats of the Chambesi River. Stretching along the course of the river they are several miles broad. Towards the end of the rains they are completely under water and appear like a large lake.

To the north the ground undulates in a gradual slope, grass-covered and with stretches of deciduous trees not unlike a sparse birch wood. I can just distinguish the thatched roof-tops of several African villages.

Immediately below, hidden in the trees, lies the Mission Station—the hospital, the church and the school. The hospital, primitive by European standards, has beds for 60 patients. The numbers have increased rapidly to this figure over the past five years. The Africans on the whole are still suspicious of the white man's medicine, and many only come to hospital as a last resort when their own "muti" has failed, often, as a result, too late for effective treatment or when irreparable damage has been done, especially in the case of eye diseases. It will take many years before Africans will completely outgrow the hold which witchcraft has over them. You always know when someone has died in hospital. All the relatives and friends start up a loud eerie wailing to show the spirits how sorry they are and that in no wise did they wish the patient's death.

The church is a large well-built brick building in the shape of a cross with a very lofty roof. The furnishings are simple—the communion table carved from local wood and the pulpit made of white painted bricks in a lattice-worked design. The congregation sits on wooden benches, the men at one side and the women, many with babies on their backs, on the other. In lay-out it closely resembles Inverallan Church, only the aisle is a central one. Services are held on Sundays and mid-week. The European minister, the African minister and the evangelists have a heavy task visiting the 30 district churches in a vast scattered area, many of which can only be reached by bicycle.

The schools—Elementary, Middle and Upper—are all on the station. They are all African staffed except for the Upper School, which a European teacher supervises. He is also in charge of the teacher-training students. Education is given up to Standard VI. level, which is approximately equivalent to first year in a Scottish Secondary School. Pupils then sit the Government Standard VI. examination, which is recognised as a fairly good educational achievement. The Upper School and teacher training students are all boarders. A European teacher is also in charge of the Girls' Boarding Department—Domestic Science, Sewing, etc. During term time the Station is always full of activity—

the noise of children's singing, games, their shouting and laughter. The boys and girls always sing in the morning before classes, in the intervals between classes, and at 4 p.m. when they finish. This they do quite spontaneously in harmony and extraordinarily well.

A drum at 5.30 a.m. is the first signal that soon the day's work is due to begin. Tea at 6 a.m. is the best means of ensuring an early start; 6.30 a.m. till 9 a.m. is the coolest and most pleasant time for working. A siesta after lunch has much to commend it. It is hot then, and with the early start you are usually glad of the rest. At 5 p.m. the sun begins to set, and by 6 p.m. it is quite dark.

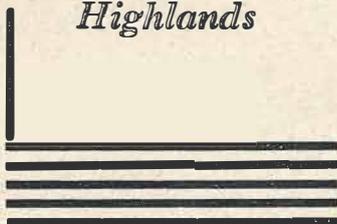
Entertainment is, of course, limited on an out-station. A travelling cinema sponsored by the Government visits Lubwa once a month showing mainly short cowboy films and Charlie Chaplin ones which the Africans love. The film of the King's funeral was shown only a week after the event and was much appreciated by both Europeans and Africans. The "Sauce-pan" short-wave wireless sets are sold at the low figure of £7. They give

good reception of the B.B.C. Overseas programme and local station at Lusaka. If you want to be more energetic, there is a tennis court on the Mission Station, and a golf course and swimming pool at the Boma five miles away.

With conditions as they are, help in the house is essential. Because of the climate clothes are changed often. Washings are therefore heavy; so you have a boy to do this and help in the house. All cooking is done on a wood-burning stove. This requires a boy to bring sufficient supplies of firewood daily from the bush, which is right behind the house. Cooking over a hot stove is very wearing, especially in hot weather. Usually the cook does all the cooking and bread-making, the housewife the baking. This does not mean that you are relieved of all responsibility. Although the boy understands English fairly well, it is not always easy to explain a recipe. I have, on occasion, had prunes sieved into lentil soup, milk in the butter dish and a lettuce boiled; so it is advisable to supervise everything fairly carefully.

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