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FORM IV. Science: 1 JAMES F. LINDSAY; 2 IAN SOMERSIDE.





At last the hours of eye strain and brain racking are over and the great task is completed. The result, our dutiful best, is now in your hands and we hope it will provide some enjoyment. The undertaking has been made easier by having a large selection of articles from which to make our final choice, which you see hereafter. In all sections the "mute inglorious Miltons" and budding Bacons have found tongue and have given the sub. something to think about, though the Upper School still seems to be feeling the effects of the Leaving Certificate Examinations. The members of the Committee have become noticeably thinner under the strain and we also feel the effects, having caught ourselves glancing backwards occasionally to see if the hordes of howling lines were catching up. However, we wish to acknowledge all the efforts large and small.

We are glad to see that the erections situated over the wall from the Gymnasium are not, as first appearances suggested, gallows for the benefit of recalcitrant "first years," but something for the more mundane, if not so useful, purpose of providing extra accommodation for next session.

In the "field" adjoining the school, during the past few weeks, we have been "seeing more of" some of the giants of all ages, some jumping about, others throwing things in the air. These peculiar activities are, we are informed, proof positive that the athletic season is in full swing.

Our thanks go to everyone who has in any way contributed to this issue. We are indebted most to our faithful Committee and to our guide, philosopher, and friend, Mr. Meikle, without whom nothing could have been accomplished.

Thus we give you this number, whether you are returning in the autumn, or whether you are going farther afield, with our best wishes for a happy, carefree, and sunny (?) holiday.

THE EDITORS.

## School Notes

With deep regret we record the passing of two old friends of the School: on 31st December Mr. Thomas Nisbet, our Headmaster from 1922 to 1931, and on 9th February Miss Helen S. Simpson, our former Sewing Mistress. Mr. Nisbet (of whom a fuller account was given in the Jubilee Number) had his first contact with Whitehill in 1895 when for a short time he was on the Mathematics Staff. During his retirement he was interested in all our activities. It was a source of pleasure to us all and not least to himself when he took his place among the honoured guests at the Jubilee Dinner. His name will be commemorated in the Thomas Nisbet Prize in Mathematics.

Special reference to Miss Simpson will be found on another page.

Attention is drawn to the portraits of Mr. Nisbet and Mr. Weir which have been hung in the Hall. They form along with those of Mr. Henderson and Mr. Smith a series which was originated by the Former Pupils' Club in 1930. The photographs are all by Messrs. T. & R. Annan and well represent their high standard of workmanship.

We welcome the following who have recently joined the Staff:—Messrs. Macaulay, Yuill and Bell (Preparatory Classes), Mr. Cuthbertson (Classics), Mr. Dunbar (Science) and Mr. Gardner (Gymnastics), a Former Pupil. A very cordial greeting is given to Miss Janet A. O'May, who has been appointed Woman Adviser, an appointment which will be of increasing importance and one for which she is well fitted.

To come to our losses:—Mr. A. C. Hamilton (Physical Training) has gone to become Principal Teacher in Victoria Drive Senior Secondary School. During his short spell with us Mr. Hamilton made gymnastics a work of art as well as a physical enlivenment. There was a swing and abandon in the class exercises, especially in the upper forms, which showed itself in those items in the School Concert for which he was responsible. We thank him for his co-operation in these activities and wish him well in his new appointment.

To our regret we have lost Mr. Robert Johnston who has gone to Jordanhill College School as Principal Teacher of Classics. We congratulate him upon his promotion and wish him all success and happiness. On his arrival in 1938 we soon felt the impact of his personality and paid tribute to his forthright character. A capable teacher, he had the gift of eloquent language and a keen sense of humour. His stay among us since his return from five years of splendid service in the Navy has been all too short. For the benefit of Classes III.3 and I.1 we transcribe a short extract from the original manuscript of an ancient commentator (not Julius Caesar):—

“Cum ad nos rediisset, speravimus fore ut multos annos in Colle Albo moraretur. Dis aliter visum! Nos omnes eum desiderabimus. Rari quippe boni!”



## Student Christian Conferences

These conferences were held in Queen's Park School and Park School on the 1st and 2nd of May, with the object of giving the senior pupils in Glasgow secondary schools a better conception of the meaning of Christianity. One aspect was chosen for each day and the schools had these on alternate days. The speakers were Miss Stewart and Mr. Walton.

Miss Stewart took as her topic "The Christian in the Changing World." She began by giving evidence as to the manner of the changes that have taken place and are taking place in the world, driving home her points with a forceful flow of very colourful metaphors. Then she showed the influence of religion in these changes, especially the ones of our time, and expounded the need to respond to the challenge with all the resources at our disposal.

Mr. Walton, on the other hand, was very practical in his address, choosing as his subject "Right and Wrong." He gave the most sensible of the modern theories on this question and then brought forward the Christian point of view. The big contrast between him and Miss Stewart was that he gave examples from everyday life to make things clear while she spoke in metaphors to convey her meaning. The final statement Mr. Walton made was that God made us to mature into free, creative, and responsible beings and finished in explaining it.

Immediately on the end of the speech we broke up into groups and went for tea. After tea came the part of the conferences in which we were most interested, namely, the discussion time. The groups (consisting of about a dozen) that had formed for tea, went each to a separate room to discuss the address as a whole and also in detail. All opinions came out during this period once the ball was set rolling. During the forty-five minutes allocated each group formulated a question to be answered during the question time which followed.

The answering of the questions was the final part of each day's session, but was no less interesting on that account. The majority of the queries were very well thought out and neatly phrased, and the speaker had to give a good deal of thought to the answers. Supplementary questions were allowed on one day and these greatly added to the appeal of this period.

The thing which impressed most was the sincerity which was the keynote of the whole series of conferences. Everyone was there aiming to find out more about what is implied by professing to be a Christian. The speakers themselves acted with the same directness of purpose both in the formal speech and in the answering of the questions. The great thing about these meetings was that it enabled all to hear what young people in the city are thinking on the more serious aspects of life.



# PRIZE LIST

**Dux of the School: Henderson Medal and Prize, War Memorial Prize of £10—**  
AGNES I. ERSKINE.

**Proxime accessit: War Memorial Prize of £5—**  
HERBERT L. DUTHIE.

**Macfarlane Gamble Prize of £1—**  
SHEILA M. HANDYSIDE.

**Dux of Intermediate School—**  
ISOBEL M. SMITH.

**War Memorial Prizes—**

<b>English:</b> GERALD A. FISHER.	<b>Mathematics:</b> HERBERT L. DUTHIE.
<b>Classics:</b> THELMA LANG.	<b>Science:</b> HERBERT L. DUTHIE.
<b>Modern Languages:</b> CATH. McLACHLAN.	<b>Art:</b> WILLIAM R. KELLY.

**Ralph Payne Memorial Prizes in Science—**  
1 GERALD A. FISHER.      2 HERBERT L. DUTHIE.

**Grosthwaite Memorial Prizes in Classics—**  
**Senior:** 1 GEORGE H. PARKER.      2 IAIN KEDDIE.  
**Junior:** 1 ANN W. P. JARVIE.      2 ISOBEL M. SMITH.

**Sandy Robertson Memorial Prize in Commerce—**  
MARGARET DOUGALL.

**J. T. Smith Memorial Prizes in English—**  
**Senior:** MARION P. W. DUNN.  
**Junior:** MARGARET H. BENSON.

**Thomas Nisbet Prize in Mathematics—**  
HERBERT L. DUTHIE.

**Armstrong Prizes for Leadership—**  
**Boys:** HERBERT L. DUTHIE.      **Girls:** AGNES I. ERSKINE.

**Miss Margaret Cunningham Prizes for Needlework—**  
BETSY BROWN and PAULINE SUTTON (equal).

**Whitehill School Club Prizes—**  
**Form VI., Boys:** HERBERT L. DUTHIE.      **Girls:** SHEILA M. HANDYSIDE and  
GRACE M. DUNLOP (equal).  
**Form V., Boys:** IAIN KEDDIE.      **Girls:** MARGARET ALLINGHAM.  
**Form IV., Boys:** ROBT. D. KERNOHAN.      **Girls:** ISOBEL LORAINÉ.

## SUBJECT PRIZES—

### FORM VI.

<b>English:</b> MARGARET MACANNA.	<b>German:</b> AGNES I. ERSKINE.
<b>History:</b> ANN ROBERTSON and WILLIAM M. ROACH (equal).	<b>Mathematics:</b> HERBERT L. DUTHIE.
<b>Latin:</b> SHEILA M. HANDYSIDE.	<b>Additional Geometry:</b> ERIC M. THOMPSON.
<b>Greek:</b> THELMA LANG.	<b>Science:</b> HERBERT L. DUTHIE.
<b>French:</b> SHEILA M. HANDYSIDE.	<b>Dynamics:</b> GRACE M. DUNLOP.

### FORM V.

<b>English:</b> 1 ANNE SCOTT 2 MARION P. W. DUNN. 3 IRENE F. M'CANN.	<b>French:</b> 1 IRENE F. M'CANN. 2 JEAN S. BUCHANAN.
<b>History (Higher):</b> ANNE SCOTT. <b>(Lower):</b> GRANT AUCHENCLOSS.	<b>German:</b> FRANCES KENNEDY.
<b>Geography:</b> 1 IAN W. TURNER. 2 NANCY STEPHEN.	<b>Mathematics:</b> 1 SHEILA JOHNSTON. 2 MARY CONNELLY.
<b>Latin:</b> 1 GEORGE H. PARKER. 2 IAIN KEDDIE.	<b>Science:</b> 1 ALEXANDER NAISMITH. 2 JUNE HART.
<b>Greek:</b> ALEXANDER S. BLACK.	<b>Art:</b> ROBERT SHEARER.
	<b>Commerce:</b> JEAN C. DOUGALL
	<b>Technical:</b> IAN W. TURNER.



#### FORM IV.

**English:** 1 ROBERT D. KERNOHAN,  
2 HELEN HOWES.  
3 BETHEA F. GLENDINNING.  
**History (Higher):** ROBT. D. KERNOHAN.  
**(Lower):** BETHEA F. GLENDINNING.  
**Geography:** 1 ALISTAIR ROBERTSON.  
2 MARGARET NIMMO.  
**Latin:** 1 HELEN HOWES.  
2 DAVID HALSTEAD.  
**Greek:** DAVID HALSTEAD.

**French:** 1 ROBERT D. KERNOHAN.  
2 ISOBEL LORAINÉ.  
**German:** ISOBEL LORAINÉ.  
**Mathematics:** 1 ROBERT FORSON.  
2 ISOBEL LORAINÉ.  
**Science:** 1 IAN SOMERSIDE.  
2 JAMES F. LINDSAY.  
**Art:** JOHN MACKINTOSH.  
**Commerce:** MARION GRACIE.  
**Technical:** HAROLD BROWN.

#### FORM III.

**Classical:** 1 ISOBEL M. SMITH, 2 JENNIE D. RONALD, 3 ANN W. P. JARVIE.  
**Modern:** 1 GEORGINA GEMMELL, 2 JOHN M'BAIN and MARGARET BURLEY (equal).  
**Commercial:** 1 ELIZABETH RENNIE, 2 PAULINE SUTTON.

#### FORM II.

**Classical:** 1 JANET M'GRATH, 2 JANETTE CAMPBELL and IAN S. IRWIN (equal).  
**Modern:** 1 ISABELLA TURNER, 2 JAMES CREE, 3 WILLIAM CRAWFORD.  
**Commercial:** 1 FLORA MADDEN, 2 MARION WOOD.

#### FORM I.

**Classical:** 1 ALLAN GREEN, 2 MARJORIE A. EADIE, 3 ARCHIBALD MUNRO and  
JEAN VASSIE (equal).  
**Modern:** 1 MARIANNE W. KILGOUR, 2 MARGARET BROWN, 3 JANET GILMOUR.  
4 MARGARET INGRAM, 5 MARY WEALLANS.

#### PREPARATORY.

1 WILLIAM C. HOWIE, 2 IRENE TULLY, 3 WILLIAM GREENOCK,  
4 MALCOLM F. CUNNINGHAM.

### Riddle-me-ree

My first is in orange but not in pear,  
My second in bear but not in dare,  
My third is in apple but not in sweet,  
My fourth is in lane but not in street,  
My whole is in Scotland, and if you should  
Take a holiday there it would do you good.

V. B. P.2.

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# A letter from South Africa to the Headmaster

"Deepdale,"

35 Malcolm Road,  
Rondebosch,  
Cape Town.

Dear Sir,

In an issue of the Scottish Educational Journal of March 7, 1947, I find an account of the Jubilee of Whitehill School. As one of the few pupils in the highest standard on the opening day in November, 1891, I was greatly interested in the article.

I became the first Pupil Teacher in the school under Mr. James Henderson. I also had the privilege of taking the Honours Leaving Certificate in Maths under Mr. Charles Dougall. At the Pupil Teachers' Institute two of my masters were Mr. Fergus Smith and Mr. Thomas Nisbet, who afterwards became Headmasters of Whitehill.

Subsequently I came to South Africa as the first Inspector of Nature Study and Science in the Cape Province. Later I became Principal of the Kimberley Training College for teachers when I received the honour of the degree of F.E.I.S. when I was President of the South African Teachers' Association in 1927-28.

I am now retired and living in Rondebosch, Cape Town, where one of my friends is Professor W. Rollo, Professor of Classics in the University of Cape Town, also an "old boy" of Whitehill.

I am glad to know that the old school is still flourishing and wish it every success in the future.

Yours sincerely,

A. B. LAMONT.

## Whitehill School Club

For those of you who are leaving school, we welcome this opportunity to remind you of the School Club and its various Playing Sections. The General Club has a meeting in the school once every fortnight and the syllabus is varied to suit all tastes.

The Playing Sections are always ready to welcome any newcomers. A new section was started this year, the Badminton Section, which is proving a great attraction. For the other sections, the opening practice dates and the number of teams operating next season are as follows:—Hockey Section (two teams), 6th September; Rugby Section (two teams), 2nd August; Football Section (three teams), 23rd August. Come along to Craighend on the appropriate date and join in!

DOROTHY G. HOUSE, Secretary,  
871 Cumbernauld Road.





Miss Helen S. Simpson

Miss Helen S. Simpson retired in 1940 and her death on 9th February this year will probably mean little to the present generation of Whitehill pupils. Yet when it is realised that her connection with the School was life-long, covering fifty years, that Whitehill was in her blood from her schooldays, and that she had a passionate belief in the greatness of her school, surely even the youngest pupil will be inspired and wish to know about her.

As a scholar Miss Simpson could go back to the old Whitehill School for Girls. In 1891, when the present school was opened, she was taken on to the Staff as a Pupil Teacher. After being for some time in the Elementary Department she was appointed Sewing Mistress in succession to Miss Octavia Muir. From that time all girls passed through her hands and felt the influence of her gracious personality.

As she knew the School over the whole period of its existence, it was natural that she should contribute valuable material to the Jubilee Number of the Magazine. It was a great sorrow that illness intervened at the time of the Jubilee and prevented her taking part.

In the name of the School we convey to her relatives our sympathy for their loss. Her death was our loss too, for she was one whom we delighted to honour.





[Photo by Lawrie.]

**DRAMATIC CLUB.**



## Apologia.

The reason why we do not intend to write an article such as a poem or an essay for the school magazine or any other periodical upon this occasion is not what some pessimistic pedagogue may call laziness, which perhaps could be justified to a certain degree, but in our case it is only natural after such an onerous and grueling term examination.

In our opinion a person who is forced to compose or originate anything connected with the arts cannot possibly entwine the virtues and poetical romance into his work, because any connection with the arts such as song-writing, painting, or essay-writing must be allowed to grow in one's mind before it can be exposed to paper or canvas.

And we also feel that for persons of our calibre, who have great ambitions for the future, to enter an article for publication at this stage of life would be doing themselves a great injustice.

For example, let us take the poems and boyish literature written by the great Dictator, Caius Julius Caesar, which were forbidden to be published by the Emperor Augustus because, as he said, "They seem to lessen Caesar's fame."

Nevertheless we do not wish all pupils to have the same outlook as ourselves, which is perhaps beneficial to the "mag." After all, every scholar cannot expect to scale the dizzy heights of worldly fame like Caesar and ourselves.

THE TWO JUST MEN. III.3.

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### The Fairies of the Glades

Down the glades where flowers bloom  
The fairies dance by light of moon.  
Each has a voice like a silver bell,  
And in the forest they do dwell.

I have seen them in their flight  
More beautiful than stars at night,  
But when I have gone too near  
They cried, and flew away in fear.

One day as I walked through the glade  
I met a fairy fair;  
She wore a dress of shimmering blue,  
And diamonds in her hair.

I spoke to her—she looked at me,  
And cried, and flew away;  
And I have never seen her since  
From then until this day.

I. T. P.2.

# The Rt. Hon. Minister of Food.

Sir,

Upon my shoulders has fallen the onus of bringing to the notice of the Government the fact that the rustic inhabitants of the village of Auchenwhistle consider the meagre allowance provided for their existence as a—farce, sir, an unprecedented and unprovoked imposition on the good-natured and long-suffering people of our island.

Let me quote an instance. One old man who had run short of supplies the other week made a hazardous and unpleasant itineration—in short, he came to Auchenwhistle—for the purpose of re-stocking his larder. For this purpose he brought three horses, and a corresponding number of carts. The horror which he displayed on being told that they had, since his last sojourn in our midst, rationed food! was surpassed only by the paralytic effect produced on the old gentleman by the display of the rations. Three days later, when he came out of the coma, we explained as gently as possible (fearing another breakdown) that he would have to make the best of it. He was for a time pacified, but that was not the end of the unfortunate affair. Oh no! They buried him yesterday, after someone in an unguarded moment told him he must subsist on that for a week.

Sir, this state of affairs cannot be tolerated any longer. You have seen the effect of your rationing—an organised and refined form of starvation—on one member of the community. This must not recur.

I am further informed, by Mrs. —, that it is not uncommon to be asked, usually in the butcher's, "Will ye take it away, or eat it here?"

This brings me to another complaint, regarding sausages, or, as they are more usually called, "snarlers." This name is more than justified by the particular brand (and here I may quote my own experience) sold in Auchenwhistle. The other night I was sitting down to my tea—sausages—and as I lifted the cream jug and poised it over my tea-cup, I distinctly heard one of them—at least one—purr!

Such is the position in this year of grace and enlightenment. Sir, on behalf of the suffering public, I demand justice.

Yours faithfully,

(Rev.) A. N. ONYMOUS,

for the disgruntled villagers of Auchenwhistle.

IV.2.

## Moon Struck

There was an old man of Falloon  
Who built an enormous balloon;  
To his great surprise  
It rose to the skies,  
And nearly knocked over the moon.

D. P. AND T. H. II.2.



# A Discourse on the Humanity of Cats

Consider the accomplishments and virtues of cats.

These animals are very beautiful songsters, and seldom does a night pass without their melodious voices ringing forth in accents clear and plain! They appear to live in a constant state of peace with one another. But alas! People do not appreciate their gallant efforts to woo them to sleep with their dulcet voices. Too often is the sleep they induce to my drooping eyelids disturbed and my pity awakened by the crump of boots and hurtled missiles, raised voices and anguished "mews." Thus are their singing talents rewarded by vicious mankind.

They are also very humane creatures. This fact is fortified against criticism by the following true story.

One Monday morning one of these worthy beasts entered our classroom. I am sure none of us knows how it came to be there! Mr. H. was proceeding in a most enlightening strain to unravel to us the mysteries of Algebra when Pussy, doubtless discomfited by the woolly character of C.'s pullover, gave vent to her feelings in a piteous mew. Whether Mr. H. felt encouraged is doubtful, for when the animal occasioned a fresh disturbance by placidly plodding up to him, he commanded her instant ejection from the classroom. This command was accompanied by sundry warnings on the inevitable consequence of wasting time during the Algebra period, to wit, a sore head on the afternoon of 5th May, 1947; so the well-meaning cat was cast out of Room 65, the scene of its activities.

I have now brought to light two worthy characteristics of cats—their melodious voices and heartfelt sympathy with their puerile friends in distress.

Do you not now agree that they are worthy of our esteem?

I demand on their behalf "Better rations, and better conditions."

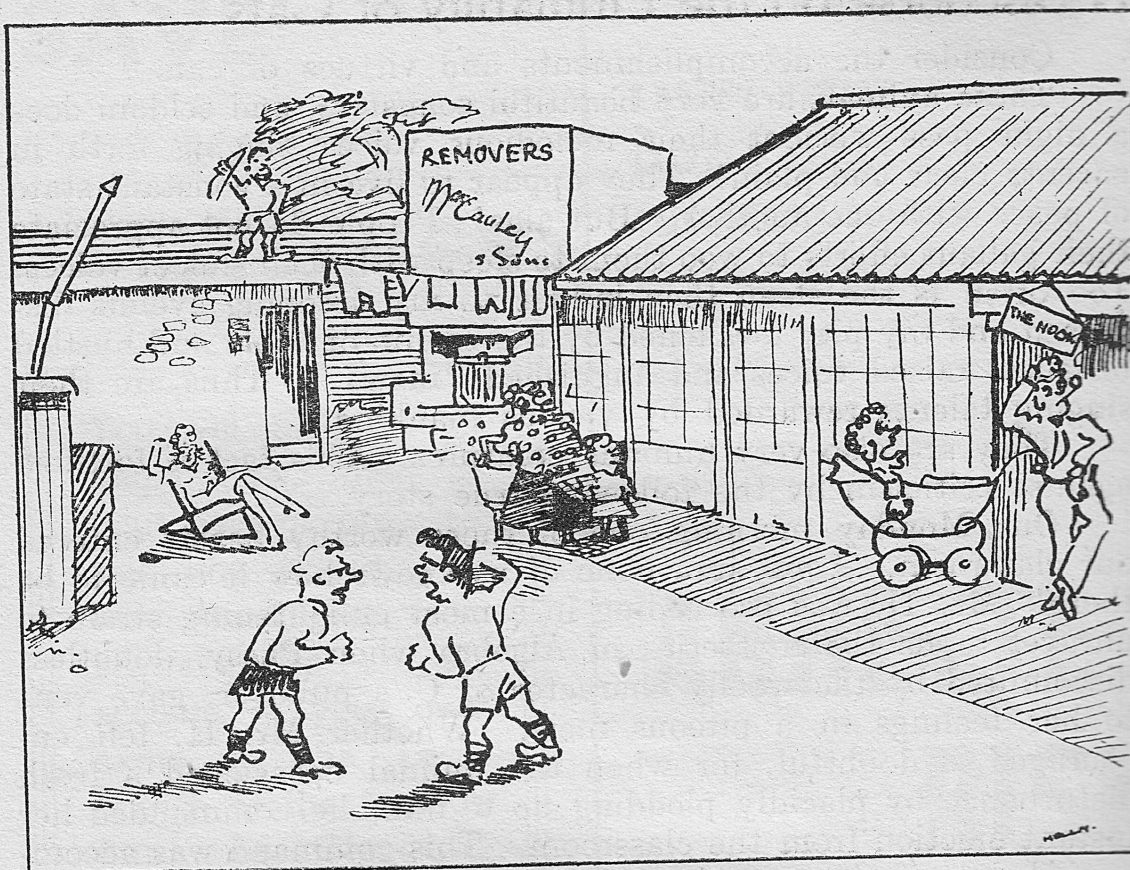
CAT LOVER. III.3.

## The Daffy Dolls

Old Wordsworth sang of daffodils  
All nodding in the breeze.  
No doubt it was a lovely sight,  
It seemed to fill him with delight,  
But poets are a dreamy lot  
And never hard to please.

But William should have seen a sight  
A thousand times more gay—  
The dainty little daffy dolls  
With all their pretty curly polls  
That in and out of Whitehill School  
Go dancing every day.

DAFFY DOLL. V.



[Drawn by R. Kelly, V.O.]

### **SQUATTERS.**

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## Defence

I built a castle round myself,  
And furnished it with dreams,  
To shield me from a critic world  
That mocked me, and my schemes.

I saw that none should penetrate  
The calm of my retreat;  
And now a captive gazes out,  
And knows his own defeat.

PSYCHE. VI.

## The First Eleven

(With apologies to Robert Burns.)

Team wha ha'e wi' Merchant bled,  
Team wham Bert has aften led,  
Welcome to your grassy bed,  
Or to victory!

Now's the day and now's the hour,  
See the field of Craigend lour,  
See approach the opposing power!  
But we shall not flee.

Wha's the strongest o' them a'?  
Wha's the man can kick a ba'?  
Wha's the loon that's unco ta'?  
Make him referee!

By a powerful pair o' backs,  
By the forwards' kicks and hacks,  
We will surely have some smacks  
At their wee goalie.

Lay the proud opponents low!  
Tramp on everybody's toe!  
Score a goal with every blow!  
Rout them utterly!

"FIRST" FAN. III.3.

## Cold Thoughts from Home

Oh, to be in Glasgow,  
Now that summer's here,  
And whoever wakes in Glasgow  
Sees a morning bright and clear.  
From the chimney-pots no smoke doth rise,  
Drawing sooty trails across cloudless skies,  
While a coalman calls in an empty street  
In Glasgow, "Peat!"

M. G. II.2.

## Puffs from the Piers

This summer we will have our Clyde steamers back again in their former colours, and running more or less in their normal fashion. True, eight boats have fallen to enemy action or have been found unfit for further service, and it is true that your grandfather looks back to a Firth far gayer in funnel colourings than that of 1947. (By the way, the modern term among us for funnel colouring is "funnelation." Use it.) But the bands are back, and now harp and fiddle are added to the other discomforts of travel.

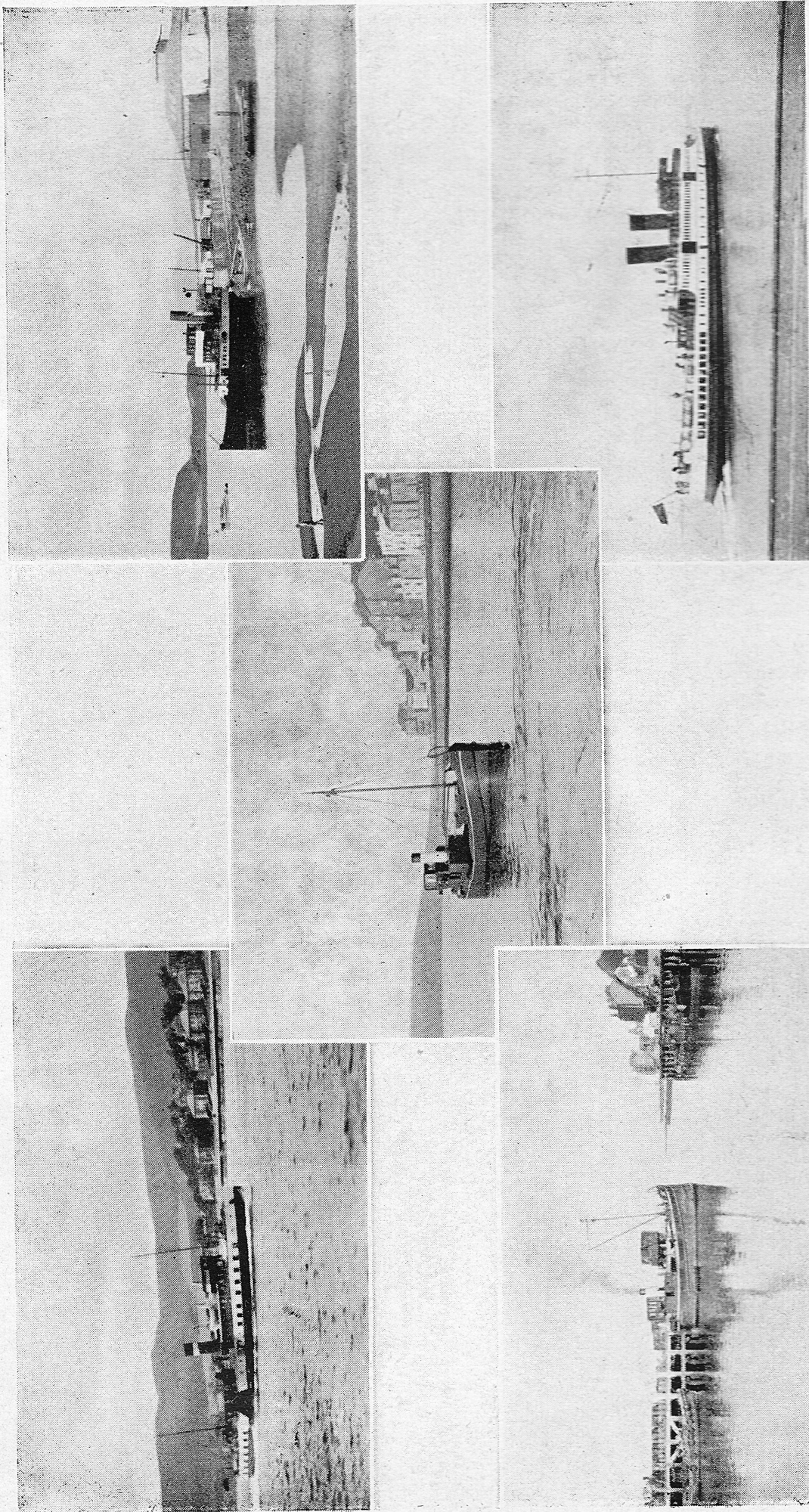
Look out in June for the new "Waverley." She will be very like the "Jeanie Deans," only more so. At the moment she has two funnels but only one paddle-wheel, these latter being on short supply, and has at present a tendency to move round in circles; but that may be rectified later.

Regarding the page of pictures that has by bribe and banter found its way into our magazine, the following is an interpretation. On the bottom right is "King George V" of David MacBraynes, a single reduction geared turbine, with two navy boilers, a fine vessel, linking Gourock and Ardrishaig on the famous Royal Mail Route to the West Highlands. Funnel, red, with black top.

The "Talisman" of the L.N.E.R. has diesel-electric engines (most disappointing to the onlooker) and runs between Craighendran, Rothesay and the Kyles. She uses no coal and does not smoke so is very popular with Mr. Shinwell and Mr. Dalton. Funnelation is red, white, and black. "Robina" is another MacBrayne boat and you see her here at Oban. She is a fast and comfortable little screw steamer which this year will serve Lochgoilhead and intermediate piers from Gourock. In the other two you see the "Anzac" arriving loaded down to her marks, and the "Spartan" lying in Rothesay Outer Harbour. Do not sniff so contemptuously. These little puffers are most necessary to the housewife, the gasworks, and the very existence of every township and island on the Firth. Coals from Greenock, timber from Glendaruel; coals to Lochranza, gravel from Skipness; coals to Tarbert, turf from Islay, and so they do pass continually through the Kyles and the Crinan by dead of night or in heat of day, in dark winter or brilliant spring, with three men, a pan loaf, and a pile of kippers. Those with tribal names and pale pink funnels, like the two before us, are owned by J. Hay, Ltd., of —of all places—Kirkintilloch. They were built in that remote inland town to a size to fit the Canal locks, and then were launched broadside into the Canal itself. "Why puffers?" did you say? Well, they used to have very simple engines without condensers, that exhausted directly into the atmosphere. And so they puffed along. Like love and logarithms they are more complicated now.

THE PUFFIN.





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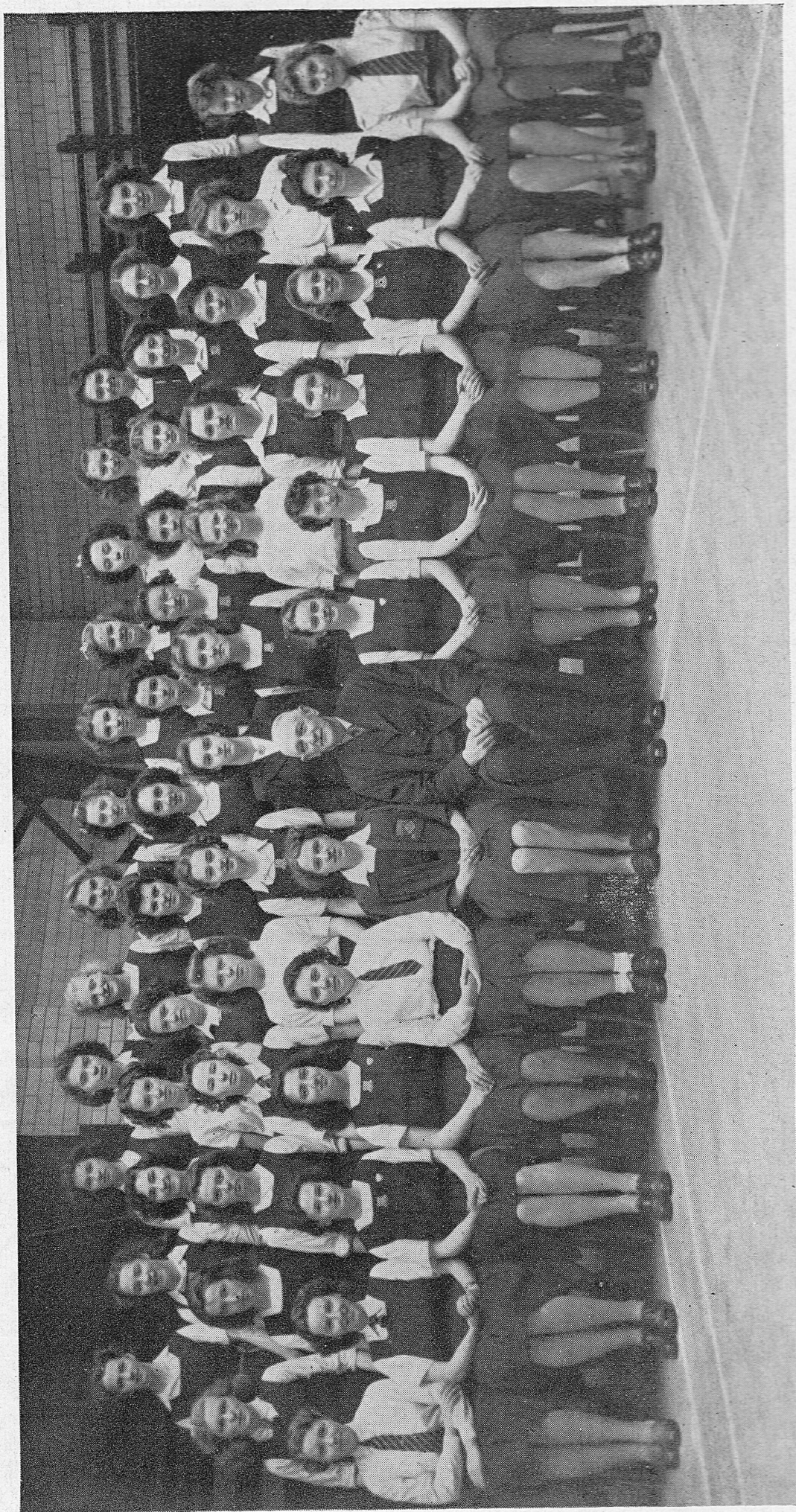




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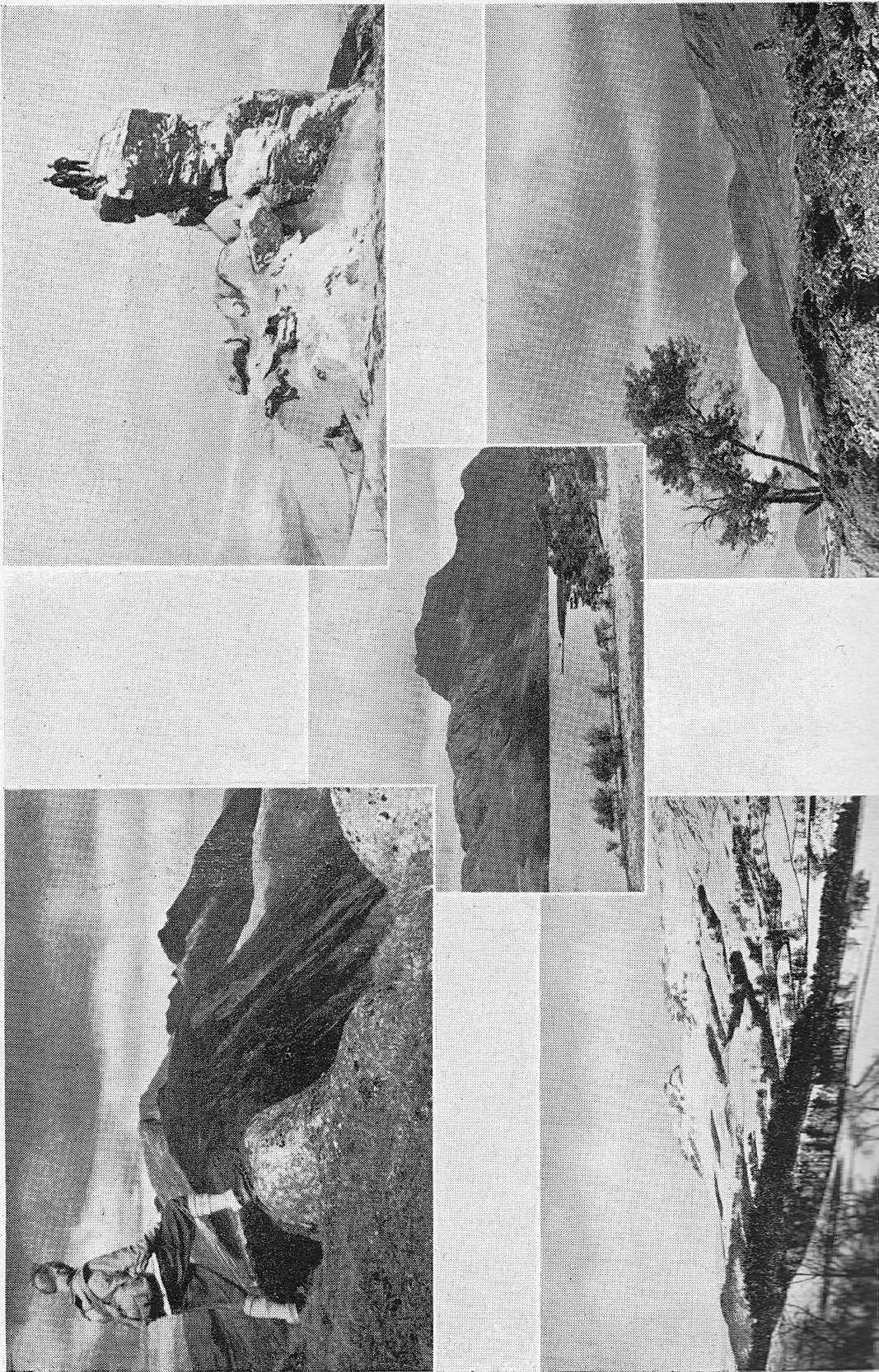




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FORMS V AND VI (GIRLS).





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## Mountain Holidays.

If you want to see Scotland's magnificent scenery—and who doesn't?—then climb a mountain. From many of the tops on a fine day you can see most of Scotland, from Nevis to the Merrick, from the Paps of Jura to the Lomond Hills of Fife. And then, when your curiosity has led you to the top of one mountain, your interest will lead you to the tops of many more. You may take up snow-climbing and experience the exhilaration of climbing on frozen slopes, drinking in vistas such as those here depicted: the one of Dumgoyne in the Blane Valley and the other of the summit, or "Needle," as it is called, of the Cobbler at Arrochar.

More likely you will take to summer hill-tramping, where rugged scenes such as these, Slioch towering over Loch Maree, or the jagged peaks of Arran from Ben a' Chliabhain, will make you realise, more than anything else, the wonderful majesty of the country you live in. You may do both and will be able to compare the effects of Nature on each panorama. Opposite, for instance, we show two views of Dumgoyne, a small hill near Glasgow, one in winter and one in summer, whereby the mountain hardly seems the same.

But a warning! Make sure before venturing on the hills that you are well equipped. Such essentials as map, compass, raincoat, extra sweater, and, most important, food, should never be left behind, while you must also have a good warm jacket, strong trousers, and a pair of boots. These last are really essential. On everything else you can compromise, share or do without, but you must have a pair of boots. They need only be lightly nailed, but provide such support for the ankles that you cannot do without them. Lastly, if possible, climb with a party including some experienced members.

Go out then and seek pleasure in the hills, and have the enjoyment of reflection of happy days. You can be helped in this last by such things as your own photographs, or others. We ourselves find most enjoyment in coloured shots and cine-films which are shown in Glasgow in the winter by the Scottish Countryside Club. These are so fine that one could think oneself out in the country instead of in the city on a black, wet, windy night, watching a coloured screen.

Stands Scotland where she did? Yes, still there for all to explore and enjoy.

MOUNTAINEERS. V, VI.

### Hard Times

In Grandma's time, a girl at school

Could leave, and be quite free.

In Mother's time it was the same—

It is not so with me.

No matter how I plan and scheme,

I have to stay till I'm fifteen.

M. C. D. P.2.



# Key to Photographs of V. and VI.

## BOYS

*Front Row:* Eric Thompson, George Anderson, Hugh Stevenson, Arthur Wilson, Kennedy Browne, Herbert L. Duthie (Captain), The Headmaster, William Roach (Vice-Captain), Gerald Fisher, James Paton, John Sandison, David Hughes, Eric Park.

*Second Row:* Reid Kelly, James Nisbet, George Proctor, Archibald Neil, Harvey Merchant, Thomas Liddle, William Ramsay, Iain Keddie, Alec Naismith, Alex. Black, Robert Bell, Grant Auchencloss, Alastair McKenzie.

*Third Row:* John McDonald, Douglas Fox, Ronald Mortimer, Alex. Gilmour, Ian Turner, Robert McKechnie, Stewart Grant, John Sinclair, Michael McCallum, Hugh Ferguson, Charles Cutting, Erik Fleming, Allan Paterson.

*Fourth Row:* John Hollerin, Albert Rankin, Peter Clark, James McCraith, William Grant, William Pollock, John Syme, William Monteith, David Blackwell.

*Back Row:* Robert Somerside, John Young, Robert Paterson, George Parker, Alastair Ward, Robert McAvoy, Robert Shearer.

*Absent:* Douglas McDiarmid, Ian Mitchell, Ian Paterson.

## GIRLS

*Front Row:* Sheila M. Handyside, Thelma Lang, Mae Connelly, Elma Wood, Catherine McLachlan, Nessie Erskine (Captain), The Headmaster, Grace M. Dunlop (Vice-Captain), Ann Robertson, Eileen Graham, Jean O. Wylie, Nellie Harris, Mabel Richmond.

*Second Row:* Mary Smith, Rhoda Moore, Jean Dougall, Winifred Rankin, Marion McGrath, Pat Macfie, Margaret Macanna, Barbara Henderson, Jean Buchanan, Ann Scott, Helen Montgomery, Marion Dunn, Jean Reid.

*Third Row:* Maimie Dalgleish, Margaret Allingham, Irene Gray, Sheila Johnston, Margaret Dougall, May Cuthbert, Frances Grant, Ellen Adam, Iris Boyd, Isabel Shirlaw, June Hart, Helen McInnes, Pat Johnston, Euphemia Henderson.

*Back Row:* Frances Kennedy, Irene McCann, Jenny McNeil, Isa Dawson, Jean Malcolm, Margaret Shaw, Beth Matthews, Lena Scott, Nancy Stephen, Elizabeth McFadzean.

*Absent:* Mary Erskine, Margaret Wilson.

## Mr. George S. Lunam

The death of Mr. George S. Lunam, which occurred on 1st June, will bring regret to many former pupils and members of the staff who knew him as a gifted teacher and a much loved colleague.

From 1918 until his retirement in 1940 he served the Science Department faithfully and well. Patient and kindly with his pupils, helpful to his colleagues and highly skilled in the manipulation of apparatus, he was an outstanding teacher of Physics.

Beyond his work he had many interests. He was an able photographer, a keen botanist, and a talented pianist. His varied abilities were rather too modestly hidden but his influence in the school was widely yet unobtrusively exerted.

We are left with memories of his gentle and generous nature and we would tender our sympathy to his widow and son.



# CRAIGEND FROLICS





## Salvaged from the W.P.B.

We have been many, many, years at school. And it seems much longer. But we have learned more in the past few weeks than in all the rest of the time. For why? Because we have been helping the Editors to select the articles for this magazine.

The range of knowledge and interest revealed in these articles is astounding. The subjects cover fairies, coral islands, aeronautics, all branches of school life and all the subjects of the curriculum, not to mention cabbages and kings.

Talking of the curriculum, here is a would-be contributor's assessment:

“English is a usefull thing,  
And more usefull is maths.  
But better than all of the things,  
Is going to the baths.”

If we may make our modest contribution to this ripe philosophy, we would suggest that spelling is useful too.

That was from the Third Year, and in passing we would like to comment on the number and quality of the articles from Class III.3. Top marks in the Second Year and awarded to Class II.2, a number of whose writers very nearly made the grade. From Class II.1 came a “poem” which we liked after one of the Editors had emended it; here is the revised version:

“There was an old ‘sweat’ of the Legion  
Who lived in the African region.  
The men called him ‘Dot’  
He was such a good shot—  
Every Arab he hit was a degion.”

Coming to the First Year we were startled to find that not one article from them had been found worthy of publication. Reviewing the discarded efforts we selected this as the most meritorious:

“My big brother  
He’s awful silly  
He ate five pies  
And his first name’s Willie.”

For Willie’s sake we withhold the identity of the author.

The Prep. classes did particularly well, and P.2 best of all, though we were suspicious of some of their travellers’ tales. One of these had passed through some “blood-curling experiences,” while another spoke of being “tormented by mirages and insects of all kinds.” We wonder if these were the “mirages” that attacked us at Tighnabruaich. They didn’t make our blood curl (as far as we know), but they were quite uncomfortable enough.

Returning to Form II: they sometimes beat us altogether. For instance: “He told him that he thought he would once go to where he had gone but that was now.” We haven’t straightened that one out yet. Another writer in the same class



showed that Shakespeare is always up-to-date by informing us that the scene of "As You Like It" is laid in "The Forest of Arnhem."

We have said nothing about the Upper School. That is due to lack of material. Why so shy, Forms IV, V, VI?

To all who have not been salvaged, our thanks for your efforts. Even though we have not displayed your effusions to our great public, we have read them all and enjoyed them. Well, some of them. At least you wrote. Come again, and bring your friends.

THE OFFICE BOYS.

### O Me Miserum

The birds are singing, the trees are green,  
Where lies the joy for me?  
I needs must stay indoors to-night  
And "swot" geometry.

For hours I sit with furrowed brow  
And pore o'er Latin prose,  
While each boy in the neighbourhood  
Off to the pictures goes.

'Tis time for bed, but still I must  
Some botany devour.  
When shall I know how pollen dust  
Is borne from flower to flower?

The day has dawned, both dull and grey,  
As off to school I go,  
And as I trudge along, I say,  
"Will the questions suit or no?"

The paper lies before me now,  
The questions plain to see.  
No doubt they are most fairly set—  
But, alas! they don't suit me!

SLOGGER. III.3.

### Clerkship Examinations

The Corporation Clerkship Examinations this year drew an entry of 256, of whom 89 girls and 60 boys passed. Whitehill gained 20 of these places, including the top position, which was secured by Helen McInnes of V.1. Archibald Neil, V.2, also scored well, being third on the boys' list. We are very pleased with these results and congratulate all the successful candidates.



## To Whom It May Concern.

Sirs,

I find that I have at last reached the end of my tether, and I am writing to implore that steps will be taken soon to eradicate the causes of my complaint.

Long have I suffered at the hands of boys, both small and lanky. These creatures contrive to make the life of a desk hardly bearable. From the first heavy thump with which they take their place until the last fanatical bound which takes them out of it, they sit and squirm. They stick sharp heels into my side (or into the back of the poor fellow-sufferer before me), implant knobbly elbows on the top of my head, and even contrive to sprawl their whole weight over this same defenceless cranium. These things I could endure. My father warned me of the wicked world I was leaving him to enter, and I partly suspected my fate—but these are far from the worst!

These inhumane humans think nothing of ploughing a steel implement into my once beautiful surface. A few of the pupils have their names beautifully engraved on a distant relative of mine who hangs in the hall, and the others, apparently consumed with jealousy, ferociously set to to leave their mementos hacked on me. Now, I ask you, would *you* stand for that without a word of protest?

However, that is not all. The last straw has just been added to my burden. I have recently heard rumours that we desks are to be removed, one and all, from our present abode of comparative refuge into what is termed a “pre-fab. hut.” This, I gather, is a skeleton-like edifice with props instead of walls, a roof with holes in it, and a cement floor, stuck in the middle of a waste piece of ground for the storms to play havoc with! Can you imagine my thoughts and feelings? I cannot express them. Sirs, I implore you! If there is in you one drop of that often-talked-of milk of human kindness, pray spare me from this new, unbelievable fate.

I remain,

Yours in exasperation,

A. DESK. IV.3.

### Revenons a nos Moutons

When I was in the infant class  
I heard of Mary's lamb;  
I thought the lamb was quite an ass  
And Mary was a ham.  
But now that meat is hard to get  
I envy Mary, quite—  
A cutlet from her little pet  
With peas, would be all right.

ANON. V.



## Gipsy Life

If I were a gipsy,  
A gipsy so gay,  
I'd roam the wide world  
By night and by day.

I'd wear lots of earrings  
Bracelets and rings,  
And keep a guitar  
To play and to sing.

I'd never have sorrow,  
I'd always be gay  
As I jogged along  
The King's highway.

M. R. II.1.

## Ode to Whitehill.

O wonderful seminary of learning both deep and profound,  
Where fourteen hundred and thirty-one boys and girls are daily  
to be found!  
Of teachers, both men and ladies, there are well nigh four score  
and thirteen,  
Not counting the janitors and the secretaries and the great head-  
master so noble to be seen.  
Oh, what a rush there is to get in at the nine o'clock bell,  
But at four there is just as big a rush to get out as well.  
What wonderful wee tasty dinners are supplied by the Glasgow  
Corporation,  
But, be it known, this is partly at the expense of the nation.  
The wecest room, I declare, in this great school is the dunny  
for the staff,  
Fair full of exercise-books and correcting and smoke and laughing  
and chaff.  
But some of the teachers drink tea elsewhere and cocoa also  
instead,  
And one even brings lettuce and smelly spring onions for to put  
on his bread.  
And then, after they have finished their chits to guzzle,  
Out comes the dictionary and the "Glasgow Herald" crossword  
puzzle.  
Oh yes, they are awful smart and educated too, I ween,  
And one or two of the ladies are as nice-looking as ever I seen.  
Let us therefore praise this prodigious scholastic school,  
For if anybody gets educated here he surely is no fool.  
So those that aren't satisfied must be terrible hard to please,  
And their fathers and mothers as well, for, be it known, they  
don't have to pay any fees.

McGONAGALL MINIMUS.





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## THE ORCHESTRA.





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### **RUGBY JUNIOR FIFTEEN.**

*Standing:* M. Hickey, A. McGregor, H. Campbell, I. Hood, J. Morrison,  
I. Simpson, J. Sandison, I. Jamieson.

*Sitting:* G. Dick, C. Paterson, A. Cameron, G. Marshall, R. Barr, W  
Fisher, J. McIvor.



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### **FOOTBALL ELEMENTARY ELEVEN.**

*Standing:* T. McNab, A. Burns, T. Hendry, H. Gribbon, J. Hunter,  
J. Brewster.

*Sitting:* I. Hamilton, J. Cree, I. Irwin, D. Carswell (Captain), J. Walker,  
J. Pollock.



# THE SPORTS. SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

## BOYS

100 Yards Flat—  
1 M. K. Browne, 2 R. Paterson, 3 H. Duthie.  
220 Yards Flat—  
1 J. Sandison, 2 M. K. Browne, 3 I. Ross.  
880 Yards Flat—  
1 G. Kennedy, 2 A. Neil, 3 J. Sandison.  
High Jump—  
1 M. Reid, 2 J. Sandison, 3 A. Neil.  
**Champion:** M. K. BROWNE (19 points).

Long Jump—  
1 M. Reid, 2 M. K. Browne, 3 J. Sandison.  
Shot Putt—  
1 M. K. Browne, 2 I. Mitchell, 3 M. Reid.  
Cricket Ball—  
1 M. Reid, 2 M. K. Browne, 3 D. Park.  
**Runner-up:** M. REID (16 points).

## GIRLS

100 Yards Flat—  
1 N. Hill, 2 J. Wylie, 3 E. Adam.  
220 Yards Flat—  
1 N. Hill, 2 E. Adam, 3 J. Wylie.  
High Jump—  
1 J. Wylie, 2 (equal) N. Hill and I. Fisher.  
**Champions:** N. HILL, J. WYLIE (12 points).

Hockey Dribbling—  
1 B. Glendinning, 2 I. M'Cann, 3 J. Malcolm.  
Netball Shooting—  
1 E. Wood, 2 J. Wylie, 3 J. Young.

# JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

## BOYS

100 Yards Flat—  
1 A. Barr, 2 C. Paterson, 3 I. Hood.  
220 Yards Flat—  
1 A. Barr, 2 C. Paterson, 3 J. Sandison.  
440 Yards Flat—  
1 A. Barr, 2 I. Hood, 3 W. Sinclair.  
High Jump—  
1 I. Hood, 2 A. Barr, 3 G. Marshall.

Long Jump—  
1 I. Hood, 2 H. Gribben, 3 A. Barr.  
Shot Putt—  
1 I. Hood, 2 M. Needleman, 3 J. Sandison.  
Cricket Ball—  
1 C. Paterson, 2 G. Marshall, 3 D. Ferguson.

**Champions:** A. BARR, I. HOOD (19 points).

## GIRLS

100 Yards Flat—  
1 S. M'Cormack, 2 M. Henderson, 3 I. Paterson.  
100 Yards Flag—  
1 M. M'Ewan, 2 I. Paterson, 3 M. Hamilton.

Skipping Rope—  
1 P. Jones, 2 D. Hunter, 3 I. Connelly.  
High Jump—  
1 C. Darling, 2 M. Henderson, 3 D. Hunter.

**Champion:** M. HENDERSON (6 points).

# OTHER EVENTS.

## BOYS

880 Yards Open Handicap (Coronation Cup)—  
1 G. Kennedy, 2 T. Swan, 3 J. Carden.  
Obstacle Race—  
1 J. Tallintyre, 2 A. Halliday, 3 S. Walker.  
Medley Race (under 15)—  
1 A. Cruickshank, 2 T. Greig, 3 R. M'Cutcheon.

Three-Legged (under 15)—  
1 J. Cree and J. Gallacher.  
100 Yards Flat (under 13)—  
1 H. Crawford, 2 G. Baillie, 3 J. Christie.  
Form II. Relay—II.3.  
Form I. Relay—I.2.  
Invitation Relay—Shawlands.

## GIRLS

300 Yards Open Handicap (Bogle Cup)—  
1 B. Paterson, 2 J. Inglis, 3 M. Hollis.  
Obstacle Race—  
1 S. M'Cormack, 2 M. Henderson, 3 M. M'Lean.  
Three-Legged (over 15)—  
1 E. Adam and W. Rankin.  
Three-Legged (under 15)—  
1 M. Ross and M. Smith.

Egg and Spoon (under 15)—  
1 C. M'Kewetin.  
75 Yards Flat (under 13)—  
1 B. Paterson, 2 D. Bowie, 3 M. M'Callum.  
Inter-Form Relay—V.1.  
Form I. Relay—I.9.  
Invitation Relay—Hamilton.

## Mixed Event.

Slow Cycle Race—  
1 J. Gourlay, 2 H. Fletcher, 3 A. M'Kerrow.

## Former Pupils' Events.

220 Yards Flat (Men)—R. Speirs.

100 Yards Flat (Women)—J. Hill.



## Charities

As intimated in the last issue, the weekly effort has been devoted to Charities now that our donation has been sent to the Zoological Society and the school has become an associate member. In making Charities our heading we aim to divide the total, at the end of the session, among some of the institutions within the city. Being a youth community we favour the children's homes and hospitals.

The response to this project has been grand, especially in the younger classes. In fact, the youngest, Preparatory I, has broken all records by heading the list each week since joining the school, and this should give the Upper School something to think about. Our thanks are due to everyone in giving such support in so worthy a cause.

H. L. D.

## Library



À chacun son goût—the historian, the naturalist, the mountaineer, the photographer, the parliamentarian—these, and many more, we hope, will find pleasure in the recent additions to the Library. The following is a list of new books:—

### Senior Shelves.

Social History: Trevelyan.

The Second City: C. A. Oakley.

English Lighthouse Tours:

R. Stevenson.

The Point of Parliament:

A. P. Herbert.

Early Britain: Jacquetta Hawkes.

On Scottish Hills: B. H. Humble.

Castles on the Ground:

J. M. Richards.

British Butterflies:

History of Europe: H. A. L. Fisher.

Flight of the Wild Goose:

Erick Berry.

A Coach for Fanny Burney:

Florence Bone.

The Trumpet and the Swan:

Marjorie Bowen.

Son of Empire (Kipling):

Nella Braddy.

Adventure in the West:

A. R. Colver.

The Invincible Fifth: E. E. Cowper.

Terry the Fearless: Carola Oman.

Spike of Swift River: Jack O'Brien.

Adventures with the Zoo Man:

D. Seth-Smith.

More Adventures with the Zoo Man:

D. Seth-Smith.

Odd Man In: L. A. G. Strong.

### Junior Shelves.

Woods of Windri: Violet Needham.

Poor Man's Tapestry: Oliver Onions.

Patchwork Book: ed. M. Laski.

"The Bears of Jasper" was presented to the Library.

J. E. G.

## Chess Club

A Chess Club was started after the Christmas holiday and twelve enthusiasts met on Monday evenings during the Easter Term. An American Tournament and a Knock-out Tournament were both run to add interest to the meetings.

This year the Club was confined to players from years IV to VI. The new session will start in September and it is hoped to run a special section for beginners.





## School Concert.

With memories of last year's concert still with them the committee are pressing ahead with their arrangements for an even better concert this year.

Immediately after last year's concert, the committee began their arrangements for 1947 and booked the Athenæum Theatre for the week beginning 16th June. Rehearsals will take place in the Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, 16th and 17th June, and the concert will be given on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 18th, 19th, and 20th June, beginning each evening at 7 o'clock.

We know very well that this venture has always in the past received the enthusiastic support of all sections of the school. Indeed, the tickets have never been left unsold for very long, and the committee have been forced to a ballot system for admission.

We hope that with the three nights this will no longer be necessary and we express the hope that we will have three houses packed to capacity.

## Dramatic Club



The concert in June of this year will bring to a conclusion the work of as happy a year as the Dramatic Club has ever known. We have this year specialised in comedy (finding the starker tone of tragedy hardly suited to the personnel of the club), with what results the public shall judge when the Athenæum curtain rises on W. D. Cocker's evergreen "The Woon' O't" and A. A. Milne's "fantastical fairy-tale,"

"The Ugly Duckling."

My warmest thanks are due to all the members, from the star performers to the humblest supers, from the principals to the understudies (now more democratically called A and B groups), from the Kings and Queens to the mere palace pages. They have worked well and willingly, they have endured much criticism (and given just a little in return), but have, I trust, experienced in full measure the joy and glamour that only the grease-paint and the footlights, the gesture and the sounding phrases, can provide.

J. D.



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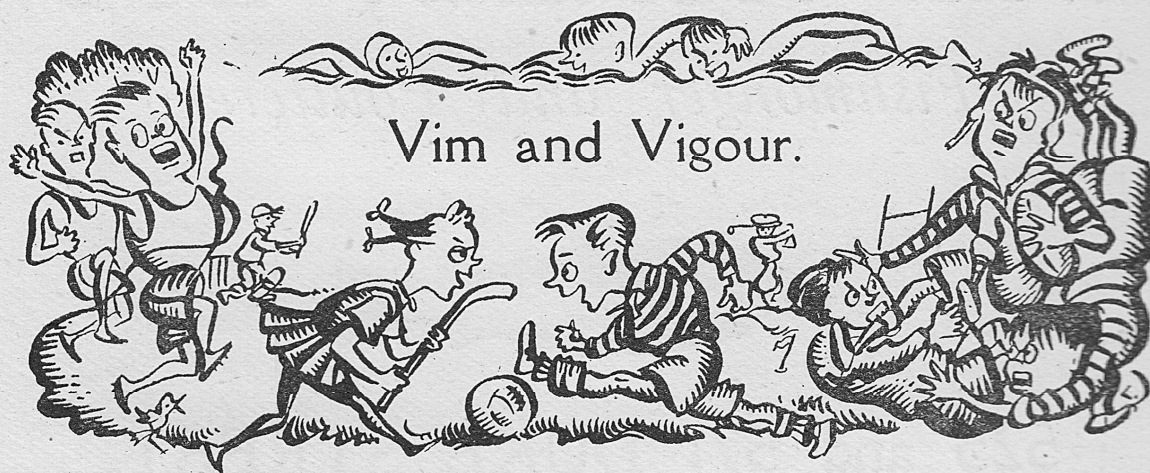
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S. M. H.



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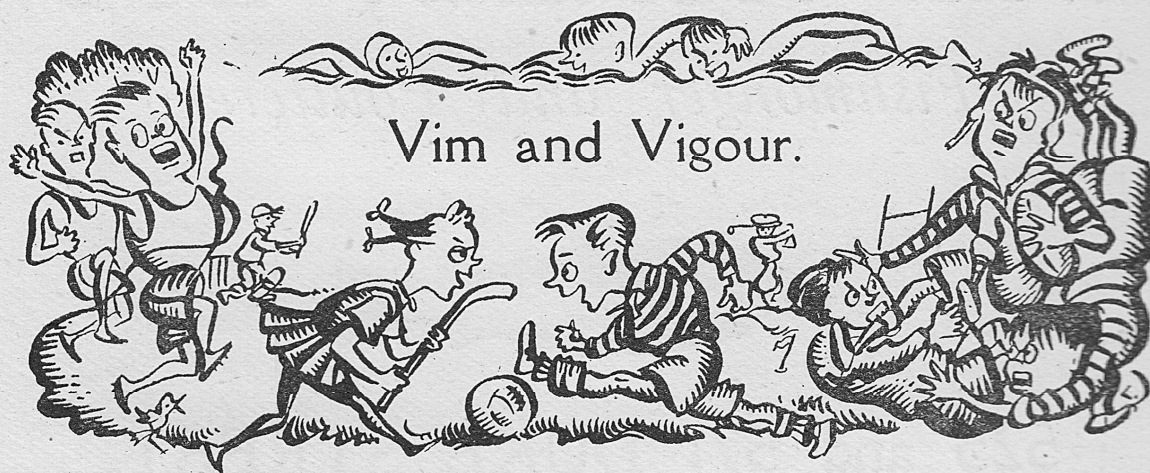
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