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EDITORIAL.

We regret to announce that, owing to financial considerations, we have been reluctantly compelled to reduce the size of this issue to sixteen pages. This, however, we hope, will be only a temporary measure, and restricted to the Easter term.

While regretting this curtailment, we feel obliged to point out that one of the reasons for this is the undesirable apathy displayed towards the School Magazine by the members of the School themselves, some of whom appear to think sixpence a too exorbitant sum. Surely, every boy who has any pride whatsoever in his School, ought to do all he can to support such a vital institution as the School Magazine—a definite proof of the progress of the School.

We can do no more than quote an old saying of a former Editor— "This is yours, preserve it."

The very existence of "The Guisborian" is dependent upon your support.

Although this has been a comparatively short term, it has been a very successful one for the School, and has witnessed the success of several new departures in School activities. Of these the most prominent has been the excellent achievement of the French students of the Sixth, who exceeded all expectations in gaining second place in a dramatical competition at Middlesbrough.

In addition to this histrionic triumph, the term has been noteworthy for the success of our First Eleven (Football), who distinguished themselves by defeating our old "enemies," Middlesbrough High School, both times they met. As it is more than a decade since we beat them before, our present team have something to be proud of, and, although it will not be very long, we hope, before their splendid example is followed, their feat will go down in the annals of School history.

Our achievements have not, however, been confined solely to French and sport; even on the literary side the School has been more than usually successful, two of our members having brought honour both to themselves and to the School by winning the prizes offered by the L.N.E.R. for the best essay on the Railway Exhibition.

Surely, this record provides clear evidence of the progressive spirit of the School. It is the duty of every member of the School to take care that there is no diminution of this advance. To emphasize this statement, we remind you of the Headmaster of Stowe, Mr. Roxburgh, last Sports Day, in which he stated very definitely—and truthfully—that each and every boy has his particular and individual share in upholding the position of the School—

"No shirkers ye, no shirkers we,
That bear your names of old!"

THE EDITORS.

THE SCHOOL.

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R. H. THOMAS (B). Entered School 1923 (Prep.), School Certificate 1932, Honours Certificate 1933 (Art Distinction), Science Prize 1932-3, Fifth Form Prize 1933. Form VI.

W. M. BARNARD (B). Entered School 1927, School Certificate 1932, Matric. 1933, V.-C. of Bruce House and School Sub-Prefect 1933, Miniature Rifle Club Committee 1933. Form VI.

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R. E. CROMBIE (B). Entered School 1929. Form V.

S. STARSMORE (B). Entered School 1929. Form V.

SALVETE.

Heseltine (B). Medd (B). Ross (B).

SCHOOL NEWS.

"Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit."

The School Concert.

At the end of the Christmas term, the School, in accordance with what, we hope, is to become a glorious tradition, presented the Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "The Pirates of Penzance," a much more ambitious performance than last year's presentation of "Trial by Jury." So ambitious, in fact, that there was some fear as to whether we had overreached ourselves—a fear that the enthusiastic reception proved altogether groundless.

The story is, briefly, as follows:

Frederick, the Pirate Apprentice, is released from his indentures that very day. He tells the band, that now he is free, he feels himself in duty bound, not only to leave them, but to devote himself to their extermination. Later, when the pirates have gone, a 'bevy of beautiful maidens,' the daughters of

General Stanley comes unawares into the pirates' lair. Frederick, hides himself from them until, when they start taking off their shoes to paddle, he is forced to disclose himself. He tells them who he is, but only Mabel will pity him, and she falls head over heels in love with him. The girls are captured by the pirates, who are proceeding to "coniugally matrimonify" them, when the Major-General introduces himself with a marvellous song, and induces them to free his daughters under the plea that he is an orphan.

The next Act opens with General Stanley lamenting his perfidy. He rallies sufficiently, however, to bestow his soldier's blessings upon Frederick's escort of police, who seem far more valiant in words than in deeds. Later, Frederick learns from the Pirate King and Ruth that, since he was born on February 29th, and therefore is only five-and-a-quarter, he is still bound to them. At duty's stern call, he betrays to them the fact that General Stanley is no orphan, and they determine to take revenge. He then takes leave of Mabel in a very touching scene. Mabel informs the police that Frederick, ever obedient to the call of his duty, cannot lead them, and the undaunted men in blue proceed to indulge in a pathetic ballad of self-pity, until, on the arrival of the vengeful pirates, they ignominiously hide themselves. The pirates, proceeding with great clamour to dwell on their plans for vengeance, are disturbed by the General, who thought he heard a noise. The girls come in, anxious about their father, but all are captured by the pirates, who also overcome the police. But the Sergeant, through a judicious use of Queen Victoria's name, forces them to yield. Ruth, however, announces that the pirates are all "noblemen who have gone wrong," and all ends happily, even for poor Ruth, who finds consolation in the ready arms of the Sergeant.

Mr. Polmear gave a polished performance as Frederick, Mr. Howell was rousingly piratical as the Pirate King and Mr. Bateman was "the very model of a modern Major-General," while the performance of Mr. Bragg as the Sergeant of the Police made all the members of the Lower School wish to share the advantages of the Police-force.

The acting and the make-up of the "girls," in particular that of Davis, Brice and Owston, won the admiration of all. So convincing was it, that it is rumoured some of the more amorous members of the School were responsible for the bouquets and chocolates which were handed to these *ladies* after the show.

Once again the School's Annual Whist Drive and Dance, which was held on Monday, 12th February, proved to be one of the most popular of local social functions.

The whist was, as usual, a great success, being very ably conducted by Mr. Thomas. *In parenthesis*, we should like to congratulate Morrison, who won the first (boy's) prize with the remarkable score of 191.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Charlton, J.P., a Governor of the School. She was introduced by the Headmaster, who, in semi-humorous speech informed us of the possibility of extensions to the School buildings.

Dancing followed till 2 a.m., the music being provided by the Melody Makers' Dance Band.

The value of the instructive and entertaining expeditions, which are outside the usual School Curriculum, was amply demonstrated this term, when, as a result of essays written on the tour of the Exhibition at Darlington Railway Station, two of the members of the School, Kidd and Pearson, gained handsome prizes. On behalf of the School, we offer our heartiest congratulations.

On Friday, March 2nd, the School was honoured by a visit from Mr. Roy Newlands, the well-known Shakespearean actor, who related to us, in a very novel and attractive manner, the stories of two of Shakespeare's best-known plays—"The Tempest" and "Hamlet." To make it more realistic and entertaining he donned Elizabethan clothes, and, by changing his manner, voice, and, from time to time, his cloak, managed to convey the impression that there was more than one actor on the stage. As much as was possible in the limited time at his disposal, he gave the speeches verbatim, displaying such a complete knowledge of the words as to rouse the envy of the struggling gentlemen of the Fifth and Sixth. In "The Tempest" he was, perhaps, at his best in the comic scenes, but in "Hamlet" he was magnificent in the soliloquies of the name-part.

During the Easter Vacation the Lake District, that ever popular camping ground, will again be visited by a School party under the leadership of Mr. Savage. This year the camp will be at Braithwaite, where two years ago the first School camp was held. Several of the older members of the party will thus be visiting familiar places.

It is at this period of the year that the climatic conditions are at their best, and the rugged grandeur of the mountains is even more impressive than ever. Thus a pleasant and enjoyable holiday is promised to every member of the camping party.

On Saturday, March 17th, a French Dramatical Competition was held at Middlesbrough High School, under the auspices of the North-Eastern branch of the Foreign Languages Society, open to all the Secondary Schools of the district. Our team, mainly owing to the able direction of Mr. Polmear, who very unselfishly devoted much of his spare time to making a success of this new outlet for School talent, succeeded in gaining second place, with 80 marks out of a possible 100.

HOUSE SHIELD.

	Bruce.	Chaloner.	Pursglove.
Totals (December, 1933) ...	17	24	12
Form Places (December) ...	4	2	2
L.N.E.R. Essay Prize ...	1	—	1
Boxing	3	2	1
Football	—	10	—
Totals ...	25	38	16

BRUCE HOUSE NOTES.

This term we have made good progress despite the loss of our Captain, Wealleans, who for a long time was a very inspiring and able leader. In addition to this drawback, we have lost, quite recently, Mann, who would have been of good service to our football team and in the future cricket events. However, we must not bemoan our losses, but depend upon the ever increasing all-round talent of the present members of the House.

Although our football team has suffered the loss of several able members since last year, we still produced a good side and had little difficulty in defeating Pursglove by six goals to nil. Again, we were superior in the Inter-House Boxing, and owing to this, secured three valuable points. We express our gratitude to Cornforth, Forster and Kitching, not only for gaining the verdict, but for giving such an interesting display, thereby showing that even among our younger members there is a wealth of talent.

Unfortunately, we lost to Chaloner in the final of the House Football, but were by no means disgraced, and although losing by four goals in the latter stages of the second half, we were a plucky and determined side until the final whistle. We are still further behind Chaloner now, but nevertheless in a favourable position, and are keenly looking forward to future events, in which we sincerely hope to show what the real Bruce can do, and finally to establish our lead.

CHALONER HOUSE NOTES.

This term we have again been successful in amassing ten points towards the Shield by winning the Inter-House Football. This has given us a substantial lead over our nearest rivals, Bruce, who had crept up to within three points of our total, and our chances of obtaining the Shield are distinctly rosy.

Being fortunate enough to have a football team composed entirely of members of the First and Second Elevens, we were very optimistic about beating Bruce. That our optimism was justified is shown by the result—8-4 in our favour, and our thanks are due to Cottler for so efficiently—and frequently—beating the Bruce custodian. In fact, every member of the team

played hard and well, never shirking or slacking for a moment, and they have every reason to be proud of such an achievement.

The House was second in the Boxing Competition, securing two points, for which we can thank Lawson, who was unchallenged, and Garner, who decisively beat his opponent.

In conclusion, we can only hope that we may be as fortunate in the cricket and sports, and so carry off the trophy for the third time in succession.

PURSGLOVE HOUSE NOTES.

"They mourn, but smile at length; and, smiling, mourn."—BYRON.

It appears to be the melancholy duty of every successive Pursglove House scribe to record at the end of each term the dismal failures of the House in its efforts to obtain points towards the Shield, and also to make excuses for this and that defeat. Well, this term is no exception to what now seems to be a general rule, but in fairness to the House we must definitely state that although we failed by a comparatively large margin in the first round of the football competition, the form shown on that occasion was encouraging, and deserved more than a 6-0 defeat. In fact, it was rather hopeful; without exception the School expected our team of untried and inexperienced tyros to fail by a far greater margin. Every man tried to do, and moreover *did* his best. The slackness notable in last term's cross-country run was not in evidence, and the team, to a man, pulled together and gave a display, which, though it lacked the finish and polish of that of accomplished footballers, was very commendable. The Bruce House team were our masters; from the first minute their superiority was clearly established. But even so, Dame Fortune was on their side; we could do nothing right—we hit the uprights—the ball was carried by the wind over our goalkeeper's head—this was the story of the whole game. We must congratulate Bruce on their victory, for they were easily the best team and their win was well deserved.

Once more we must report the departure of a House stalwart—this time our Vice-Captain, Coates, who left a week before the House Match, a most inopportune time for our chances in the football competition. He has obtained an excellent post at Northallerton, and we take this opportunity to wish him the best of luck in his new sphere of life.

Our exceedingly bad luck again was in evidence in the Boxing Competition, when Railton and Leeks were both very unlucky to lose in close fights.

In conclusion, we may say that although our fortunes are at their lowest ebb at present, there are better times to come. So let us prepare for stirring contests in the field of play, when we may show that we are still to be reckoned with in the House Competition. Above all—"Cheer up, Pursglove!"

FOOTBALL AT G.G.S.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals—For	Agst.
1st XI.	21	12	5	4	108	52
2nd XI.	11	6	5	—	60	40

1st XI.

	Versus	Result	Score	Scorer
Away	Middlesbro' J.T.	won	10—1	Waller 3, Ableson 2, Smith Mower, Opponents 3
Away	Ayton F.S.	won	6—5	Smith 3, Harrison, Reed, Ableson
Away	Middlesbro' H.S.	won	4—2	Harrison 3, Smith
Home	Old Boys	draw	3—3	Reed 2, Ableson
Home	Yarm G.S.	won	15—0	Smith 7, Bassindale 2, Mower, Reed, Harrison, Waller, Garner, Ableson
Home	Ayton F.S.	won	6—2	Reed 3, Mower 2, Smith
Away	Stockton G.S.	lost	0—1	
Home	Whitby C.S.	lost	2—3	Reed, Ableson
Home	Middlesbro' H.S.	won	4—1	Smith 3, Reed

(In this match Middlesbro' fielded three substitutes).

Comments:—At the end of this term we can look back on a very successful season, as our record shows. The achievement of the season was that twice we defeated the Middlesbrough High School—although on the second occasion they fielded a weakened team. This is a remarkable feat, since we have not achieved such a result for many seasons. In conclusion, we should like to thank Mrs. Routh for her kindness in providing teas after the matches.

A. BASSINDALE, Capt.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Bruce v. Pursglove.

Teams:—

Bruce—Helm, Kidd, Ableson, Waite i, Mower, Flanary, Harrison, Macdonald, Smith, Hasseldine, Mackenzie.

Pursglove—Willis, Bell, Mullin, Cuthbert, Taylor, Scott, Reed, Green, Claxton, Martins, Dakin.

Pursglove won the toss, and Bruce kicked off towards the School end. Their all-round superiority became quickly evident, and play settled down in the Pursglove half. The Bruce forwards were, however, strangely ineffective near goal, and their first goal, scored by Waite from the wing, was of a rather freakish nature. The only danger to Bruce came from Reed, who made several splendid runs down the right wing. Hasseldine scored the next goal, and Smith two more. In the second half, Smith added two more goals, but both teams seemed to slack off, and play was generally dull and ineffective. The result, 6—0, showed Bruce's all-round superiority.

Helm, playing in his first game, made good as a goalkeeper, and the Bruce youngsters, especially Flanary, showed up well, while Mower dominated the centre of the field. For Pursglove, Reed did his best in a very poor forward line, and Scott worked hard in checking Harrison.

Final.

Bruce v. Chaloner.

Teams:—

Bruce:—Helm, Kidd, Ableson, Flanary, Mower, Waite i, Harrison, Hasseldine, Smith, Watson iii, Waite ii.

Chaloner:—Ferrer, Bassindale, Corner, Lawson i, Tyreman, Lawson ii, Waller i, Carter, Cottler, Richardson, Garner.

This final tie was played under unfavourable conditions—a keen wind and a “sticky” pitch combined to make play very difficult. Chaloner won the toss and kicked with the wind. Soon after the start they drew first blood when Cottler scored from a breakaway. Bruce retaliated and with quick goals from Smith and Hasseldine took the lead. Play then became more steady, each team repeatedly attacking. Then Chaloner regained the lead, which they did not again lose, with goals from Richardson, Bassindale—a fierce drive from ten yards range, Cottler and Corner—a free kick from a long range. Thus at half-time Chaloner had a considerable lead.

Half-time:—Bruce 2; Chaloner 5.

On the resumption Bruce attacked fiercely, determined to make up lost ground. After a few minutes Watson had an easy task in scoring from a short range.

Play was at this period very even, and when Smith scored for Bruce, the spectators felt that anything might have happened. But Chaloner made certain of victory by goals from Garner, Carter and Cottler in quick succession. Chaloner, as was expected, were the better team, though both teams deserve great praise for their fine display despite trying conditions.

Result:—Chaloner 8; Bruce 4.

Chaloner thus secured 10 points towards the House Shield.

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

The majority of the members have this term attended the practices regularly, and in most some improvement is already evident. When the weather permitted, the range opened during the dinner hour and also on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The Bell Medal and various Certificates have this term been competed for, but to the present no results have been obtained. Two teams of four have been entered in a Spring Competition, in which the senior team scored 695 (Bassindale 94).

Boys of the School who are not already members and who wish to join, should apply to the Secretary.

BOXING.

The Inter-House Boxing Match took place on the 14th March in the Gymnasium. Six attractive bouts were staged to make an "all star bill." Mr. Buttery, an old boy, who performed a similar office last year, carried out the difficult task of judging, while Mr. Thomas was the time-keeper. The first bout was between Kitching (B.) and Leeks (P.); after two rounds of unexciting sparring the boxers warmed to their task, and a much keener fight was seen. Both missed often with their blows. The fight was somewhat unexpectedly awarded to Kitching. Next was an exhibition contest between two skilful boxers, in Cuthbert and Sutcliffe.

Forster (B.) and Collier (P.) then followed with an exciting bout. These two, who are of the younger members of the boxing club, fought very strongly if not very scientifically, Forster being easily the better boxer.

Two evenly matched boxers in Railton (P.) and Cornforth i (B.) then took the ring—unexciting, but probably the best of the afternoon's events from a boxing point of view. The fight was awarded to Cornforth—a very difficult task to decide the winner of this bout. Before the last competitive fight, another exhibition of boxing was given by Scott and Lawson ii. The last fight was certainly the most exciting, for Garner (C.) at the opening of the first round, rushed out, and proceeded to render Bowles (P.) his opponent, incapable of reply with a whirlwind of blows. Garner's energetic methods were exceedingly successful, and Bowles retired in the early stages, leaving Garner a worthy winner.

House Points :—Bruce 3. Chaloner 2. Pursglove 1.

THE LIBRARY.

Open 10.45—11 a.m. (Forms I & II only) on Tuesday & Friday.
1.30—2 p.m. (rest of School) on Tuesday & Friday.

The experimental opening of the Library twice a week has proved very successful, many boys regularly taking two books a week. This, together with the new rule enforced last term that books should be brought back within a fortnight from the date of issue, has ensured a greater circulation of books.

The following new books have been added to the shelves this term :—

- "Death in Tiger Valley".....*R. Campbell.*
- "The Jinx Ship".....*H. Pease.*
- "The Bird of Dawning".....*J. Masefield.*
- "Educated Evans".....*E. Wallace.*

The Librarians wish to acknowledge the receipt of books from H. Hart.

The Librarians :—W. S. Mullin and C. Corner.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

During the past winter, the Association has been by no means idle. In addition to two successful and enjoyable smokers, the second Annual Dinner was held on December 12th. This again was a huge success and at the Annual General Meeting, held on the same evening, considerable enthusiasm was shown and every confidence expressed in the future of the Association. The membership has increased and a strong committee has again been elected for the ensuing year. A notable addition to the committee is our old and respected friend, Mr. D. Bragg. We extend to him a very hearty welcome.

Miscellaneous. The first of the two games against the School resulted in a draw, 3-3.

A donation of one guinea has been made by the Association to the Admiral Chaloner Cottage Hospital, and an Old Boys' prize given to the School Whist Drive.

Old Boys' Ties and Blazers. An Old Boys' Tie and Blazer has now been adopted by the Association, and can be obtained from Mr. P. Bewick, Westgate, Guisborough. (Tie 3s. 6d. and Blazer £2 : 2 : 0 and £2 : 12 : 6).

Obituary. The sympathy of the Association is extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Harry Scott, one of our first members.

F. W. SALKELD,

J. D. STOKELD,

Joint Hon. Secretaries.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

E. Brown and H. T. S. Furness have secured admission to Liverpool University.

R. H. Thomas has obtained a post in a Ministry of Labour Office as a result of last September's Civil Service Examination.

R. Wealleans, who also passed this examination, has begun work in the Income Tax Office, Middlesbrough.