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EDITORIAL.

Former editorials have been filled with apologies and exhortations. We make no such apology. "The Guisborian" is the written record of the School's deeds and talents, and as such, we labour, not with sweat pouring from fevered brows, but with the confident hope that it reflects the best the School can give. If it is not, you alone are to blame ; articles are always welcomed.

This term several contributions have been made, for which we are thankful, but we would emphasise the fact that it is in the hands of every boy of the School to improve it, not just in those of the Editors.

The inception of gargling in the daily routine of the School, has perhaps been undertaken from fear of influenza, but, we think, more probably, to prepare for the singing in the Christmas Term. It is wonderful what some voices can do ! (or cannot !).

Turning to sport, we particularly congratulate our football team (of which more is said elsewhere) and the cross-country teams. Their performances have done the School great credit. May they be the model of future teams !

Finally, we hope good holidays are enjoyed by all and that you bear in mind that next term there are two black weeks in July!

THE SCHOOL.

- Head Prefect and Captain of School*—H. Waller.
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EDITORS OF "THE GUISBORIAN"

- H. Waller. J. V. Noyes. J. F. Reed.

VALETE.

- D. A. WRIGHT (C.). Entered School 1930. School Sub-Prefect 1936, Vice-Captain of Chaloner 1936, Member of Operatic Society 1935-6, School Certificate 1934, Matriculation 1936, 2nd XI Cricket 1935-6, 2nd XI Football 1936. Form VI.
- W. H. BRITAIN (B.). Entered School 1930. School Certificate 1935, Matriculation 1936. Form V.
- J. RAILTON (P.). Entered School 1932. Form VA.
- J. SEYMOUR (P.). Entered School 1931. Form VA.
- J. E. STEVENSON (C.). Entered School 1932. Form VA.
- A. JOHNSON (P.).** Entered School 1935. 1st XI Cricket 1936, 2nd XI Football 1936. Form III.

OBITUARY.

With deep regret we record the death on the 27th of December, 1936, of A. JOHNSON, aged 14, a member of this School.

Although only entering School in 1935, he soon gave evidence of outstanding ability both in work and sport, being a member of our 2nd XI at Football and a first-class wicket keeper and very promising batsman of the Cricket team. He is greatly missed in this sphere, but most of all, because by his cheerful disposition and unassuming ways he had deservedly become one of the most popular boys in the School. His loss is great, but the School is proud that he has been a scholar there.

"Requiescat in pace."

SCHOOL NEWS.

"Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit."

As in past years, the School presented both Senior and Junior teams for the French Play Competition which was held at Middlesbrough High School on February 27th.

The Juniors were the first to act, but they were not as good as last year (when they won) and they took fifth place out of six. The Seniors also failed to fulfil the hopes expressed for them and they were third out of three. They were penalised quite heavily for the inclusion of an English part in their play.

There is, however, no cause for discouragement, as, in each case, the points between top and bottom were comparatively few. Let us hope that the experience gained by this year's plays will enable us to win both Senior and Junior next year.

On Wednesday, March 10th, a small party from the School saw a charming performance of "The Quaker Girl" by the Redcar Amateur Dramatic Society. Although the inclement weather may have damped their ardour somewhat, all were agreed that the singing was excellent and the acting of a very high order.

A party from School went to the Cinema on February 24th to see a film on "Physical Education." Although Bing Crosby was not billed, an interesting and instructive picture was seen. We hope that those who saw the picture were not carried away by the atmosphere, but benefited from its instructions.

On Monday, February 8th, we received our annual visit from a member of the British and Foreign Bible Society. This time we heard an interesting talk by the Rev. James Sharman, D.D., on the influence of the Bible Society on the lives and surroundings of the inhabitants of the African island of Madagascar—an island, he said, so near Africa, and yet different from the mainland in many respects. As the Rev. Sharman had lived for forty years, since 1892, in Madagascar, we were given some good first-hand knowledge. He included in his lecture a history of the Bible Society's work which was started by a Welshman in that island, and showed us many interesting relics, typical of the old superstitious habits of the Madagascans, before the influence of the Bible Society reached them. On behalf of the School we thank him for his very interesting and instructive lecture.

As usual, the School's Annual Whist Drive and Dance, which was held on Monday, 8th February, was a great success. The whist was very ably conducted by Mr. Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas shows increasing talent in the difficult choice of prizes.

The prizes were presented by the Rector's wife, Mrs. Wilken. She was introduced by the Headmaster who, in a humorous speech, commented on the success of the School in the past year. Dancing followed till 2 a.m.

The School Concert.

This year the School took on the immense task of producing the longest of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas. Great credit is

due to the producer and the actors for presenting this opera three nights in succession. A severe set-back was suffered in the middle of the term owing to the appendix of "Tessa." An admirable deputy was found, however, in Crossman, who was partnered by Mr. Howell as Giuseppe. He can certainly "retire to his attic with the satisfactory feeling that his duty has been done." Mr. Owen and Moss as Marco and Gianetta completed the quartet. Mr. Farrington, the Duke of Plaza-Toro, and Brice, the duchess, were very imposing. Waller and Smith i, who made love in "The Mikado," did not forget the art. Finally, there is Don Alhambra, who brought the house down each time with his songs.

The choruses, as usual,

"With vocal voices, most vociferous,
In sweet vociferation, outvociferized
Ev'n sound itself."

Lastly, do not let us forget that, without Mr. Routh, the producer, and Mrs. Routh, the accompanist, the performance would have been impossible.

HOUSE POINTS.

	Bruce.	Chaloner.	Pursglove.
Totals (December, 1936) ...	17	14	21
Form Places ...	3	4	6
Cross-Country—Senior ...	—	10	—
Junior ...	5	—	—
Boxing ...	5	—	—
Senior Football ...	—	—	10
	<hr/> 30	<hr/> 28	<hr/> 37

HOUSE NOTES.

BRUCE.

Once again this term we must congratulate our juniors on a truly sterling performance. By splendid team work they carried off the Junior Cross-Country Run, inspired by the leadership of Butler and Grunwell, to whom we must extend our congratulations. In the senior run, we missed the services of Brittain, but Padget ran remarkably well and finished second to Morris. Beyond this, however, our seniors failed, chiefly, I believe, through lack of training. Again, the boxers of Bruce House kept up traditions and secured the five available points. This was largely due to a monopoly of entries. Our Senior House Match with Chaloner resulted in defeat, but not disgrace. If the seniors make a determined effort next term, and the juniors maintain their present high standard, we may yet win the House Shield.

CHALONER.

Once more the team work of this house has shown its strength. The seniors are to be congratulated on their fine display in the Inter-House Cross-Country Run, especially Morris who led us to victory. With a continuation of this spirit among the seniors, and more help from the juniors, we can keep our record intact and carry off the honours once again.

Although we lost the boxing, in which, however, our three representatives—Ascough i, Pringle and Forster ii, showed splendid fighting spirit, we can profit well from that experience and that of the cross-country, and resolve to have more entrants for the sports and more whole-hearted team work in every sphere. Next term especially, in the sports and at cricket, the result depends, not on one or two outstanding performers, who may and often do fail, but on all training and straining to do their best for the house, for

“singuli pugnāt, universi vincuntur.”

PURSGLOVE.

There is little of advantage to report this term. The Cross Country Runs and Boxing which have been the outstanding House events of the term, yielded us nothing, save a greater determination to win the football and at least atone in part for these two failures.

We were rather unfortunate in the Senior Cross Country Run, as the influenza epidemic claimed certain victims who would undoubtedly have provided the extra points to gain us first place.

Our Juniors were decisively beaten, and except for certain individuals, gave a disappointing performance. The Bruce House competitors monopolised the boxing, yet we must admit their superiority over our few, less efficient representatives.

The gloom of this term's proceedings, however, we are in great hopes of reversing when we meet Chaloner in the football final, where we anticipate the collection of a further ten points to give us once more a deserved lead.

FOOTBALL AT G.G.S.

First Team : Goldby ; Hatfield, Garner ; Waller i (Capt.), Waite i, Nicholson ; Claxton, Reed, Davis i, Waite ii, Morris.

Second Team : Walker ii ; Flanary, Waite iii ; Padget, Bowles, Penrose ; Watson, Saunby, Little, Lindsey, Waller ii.

FOOTBALL AT G.G.S.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals—For	Agst.
<i>1st XI.</i>	18	17	1	0	162	34
<i>2nd XI.</i>	6	0	5	1	13	32
	Versus	Result Score		Scorer		
Away Whitby C.S.	won	8—4	Davis i 3, Morris 2, Nicholson 2, Waite ii			
Away M'bro H.S.	won	3—1	Reed 2, Davis i.			
Home Junior Tech., Middlesbro'	won	10—0	Davis i 5, Waite ii, Penrose, Little, Nicholson, Waller i.			
Home Ayton F.S.	won	14—2	Davis i 5, Nicholson 4, Morris 2, Waite ii 2, Waller i			
Home Northall'ton G.S.	won	4—3	Davis i, Garner, Reed, Waite ii			
Away Ayton F.S.	won	12—0	Davis i 4, Waite ii 3, Reed, Waller i 4.			
Home M'bro H.S.	won	3—2	Davis i, Reed, Waite ii.			

Leading Goal Scorers :—

Davis i	- 50	Reed	- 20	Nicholson	13
Waite ii	- 36	Morris	13	Waller i	- 12

Comments. At the end of such a successful season no words of mine are needed to congratulate the team on its achievements—its record speaks for itself. It would also be idle to choose single players on whom to lavish our compliments, for the whole Eleven have always entered into the spirit of each game. The result has been that the captain's lot has been a happy one, to know that the whole team is always giving its best.

Perhaps I may be forgiven, however, if I mention Davis, who has scored in every match this season and has a grand total of fifty goals—only obtained, however, by the work of the whole team.

The best comment I can make perhaps, would be to say that if future teams of the School, whether superior or inferior in the art of football, show the same sporting spirit, win or lose, the School will have boys of whom it may be justly proud.

H. WALLER, Captain.

HOUSE MATCHES.

BRUCE v. CHALONER.

March 10th, 1937.

Bruce—Kitching; Flanary, Cornforth i; Padget, Waite i, Macdonald; Ford, Walker i, Waite ii, Hasseldine, Mackenzie.

Chaloner—Wiles; Miller, Rix; Waller i, Garner, Wickens; Little, Crombie, Davis i, Saunby, Morris.

Bruce won the toss and set Chaloner to face the sun. Play was fairly even for the first few minutes until Bruce broke away, and Davis, who had fallen back, fouled Walker in the penalty area, Waite i easily scoring from the spot-kick. Chaloner now retaliated strongly and were soon rewarded by two fine goals, the result of some fine passing movements initiated by Garner, who, however, while attempting to go through on his own, was hurt and had to leave the field. Little was also injured, but soon returned with his eye bandaged. In the absence of Garner, Bruce attempted to take the initiative but were well held. Garner returned, though limping considerably, and immediately Waller, receiving the ball about forty yards, took it through to score again for Chaloner. With the score at 3-1, Chaloner were content till half-time to defend, for Morris had been injured following a collision—Chaloner's third casualty.

Half-time—Chaloner 3, Bruce 1.

In the second half, however, Morris seem to have recovered, for he delighted us with several sparkling runs down the left wing and swinging across dangerous centres: a manoeuvre which ultimately led to Chaloner's fourth goal. Garner was now off the field again, and Bruce were striving hard, perhaps in answer to encouragement or criticism from the touch-line, to reduce the deficit. In one scramble in the mud, Waite ii managed to wriggle through and score. Bruce's spirits rose, but Garner now returned, and Chaloner scored again. With the score at 5-2, Bruce did not seem equal to bringing anything spectacular off, although Waite ii managed to score again. Chaloner, though a team of injured men, easily held out and won well.

Result—Chaloner 5; Bruce 3.

Scorers—CHALONER—Davis i 2, Morris 2, Waller i.

BRUCE—Waite ii 2, Waite i.

Chaloner thus earned the right to meet Pursglove in the final.

Final House Match.

CHALONER v. PURSGLOVE.

March 17th, 1937.

Chaloner—Wiles; Miller, Rix i; Waller i, Garner, Lowes; Little, Pearson ii, Davis i, Saunby, Morris.

Pursglove—Goldby; Hatfield, Hall; Waite iii, Bowles, Nicholson; Claxton, Reed, Ridley, Lindsey, Waller ii.

Pursglove won the toss and elected to play downhill. Play commenced evenly, but Pursglove soon asserted their superiority, and after a good centre by Waller ii, Claxton scored. From then onwards, in this half, Pursglove were always pressing and two goals were added without reply, their forwards being particularly prominent.

Half-time—Pursglove 3; Chaloner 0.

In the second half Chaloner at first controlled the play and after a good movement scored a well deserved goal. This setback, however, livened Pursglove and they then decided to take full charge of the game and scored two goals—one of them a lucky one and the other from a very good shot by Waller ii. Despite this, due to a sudden lapse in the Pursglove defence Chaloner scored once again.

Their effort, however, was fruitless, as Pursglove immediately increased their total to seven.

Result—Pursglove 7 ; Chaloner 2.

Undoubtedly the best team won, as both the attack and defence of Pursglove were outstanding. It is difficult to give individual comment, as all played well as a team. The match was never dull, despite the conditions, due mainly to the untiring efforts of the Chaloner team as a whole and particularly Waller i and Garner.

Thus Pursglove win ten points towards the House Shield.

THE MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

We have been rather unfortunate regarding the weather, but, nevertheless, there has been a good attendance on the range every week.

The chief event this term was a Postal Match between ourselves and Richmond G.S. A good deal of practice was put in and the results were fairly good considering the climatic conditions. We are, at the time of going to press, awaiting the Richmond score. In our attempt we reached an average of 87 points and this is a considerable improvement on our last score and so we live in hopes, at least, of victory. Both Ford and Wiseman made a score of 92 which was a very good effort.

Although we just keep our heads above water, the funds do not allow us to buy any new rifles, which we badly need ; we may be fortunate enough to have another one given us to show appreciation of our efforts.

THE SECRETARY.

The Scores v. Richmond G.S. Maximum—600 points.

1.	Prothero	...	...	87	points
2.	Padget	...	...	81	points
3.	Lindsey	...	...	83	points
4.	Ford	...	...	92	points
5.	Wiseman	...	...	92	points
6.	Noyes	...	...	87	points

Total 522 points

Average 87 points.

THE HOUSE BOXING COMPETITION.

On Tuesday, March 9th, we had the pleasure of watching the School Boxing Competition, which commenced in the Hall at 3 p.m. Three-round bouts constituted the programme, which were judged by Capt. Wyld, who kindly gave his services. With the exception of two contests, the remainder were House Competitions.

The boxing was of quite a high standard, particularly that of certain members of the club, whose fine performances testified to the good progress which has been made since the club was inaugurated.

As was generally anticipated, Bruce won the competition, but their standard of boxing fully merited them the five points.

We can only congratulate Mr. Thomas on his fine organisation of the display, at the same time paying our gratitude to Capt. Wyld for officiating.

Results—

Harrison (B.) beat Thomas (B.)
 Loughran (B.) beat Dawson (P.)
 Forster i (B.) beat Pringle (C.)
 Ascough i (C.) beat Minza (B.)
 Firth (B.) beat Forster ii (C.)
 Butler (B.) beat Elliott (P.)
 Franks (B.) beat Ross ii (B.)
 Gull (B.) drew with Walker ii (P.)
 Ross i (B.) beat Williams i (P.)

THE LIBRARY.

Open—Break—Forms Upper I, Lower I and II. } On Tuesday
 1-30—2 p.m.—Forms III, Upper Remove, } and
 IV, Vb, Va, VI } Friday.

The Librarians—W. P. Cooper, Esq., H. Waller, W. A. Miller.

Interest has been maintained as usual in the fiction library. On an average the number of books borrowed each week has slightly increased. We must congratulate Duck and Dorling on at last overhauling their Rival, Wiles; Duck has borrowed 32 books and Dorling 30 this term, Wiles borrowing only 25.

We are pleased to note that the lower forms are reading books by such eminent authors as Rudyard Kipling and Charles Dickens, hitherto neglected by lower and higher forms; although the borrowers of the Lower School are thus up to standard in their choice, their numbers are still comparatively low.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of books from E. Lindsey and J. V. Noyes.

Several books this term have been backed and we trust due care will be lavished on them. A stimulus for future reading is a supply of twenty new books which has arrived this term, including

- "Temple Tower" "Sapper"
- "Martin Conisby's Vengeance" J. Farnol
- "The Gods of Mars" E. R. Burroughs
- "Leave it to Psmith" P. G. Wodehouse
- "Perishable Goods" D. Yates
- "The Golden Scorpion" Sax Rohmer
- "The Five Red Herrings" D. Sayers
- "The War of the Worlds" H. G. Wells
- "The Sea Hawk" R. Sabatini
- "The Bindles on the Rocks" H. Jenkins
- "A Century of Creepy Stories"
- "The Return of Sherlock Holmes" Sir A. Conan Doyle

Reference Library—Books issued to 17th March, 1937 :—

Art	—	Geography ...	168	Science	110
Divinity	4	History	196	General	20
English Lit.	154	Latin	140		
French	146	Mathematics	62	<i>Total</i>	<u>1000</u>

Lending Library (Fiction)—Books issued to 17th March, 1937 :—

Form VI ...	73	Upper Remove	23	Lower Form I	38
Form Va ...	79	Form III ...	54		
Form Vb ...	210	Form II	36	<i>Total</i>	<u>626</u>
Form IV ...	64	Upper Form I	49		

The Librarians.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

This year we held our Cross Country Run a term later than usual, chiefly in view of the fact that the Inter-Schools' Competition had been arranged for this term, and it was thought that we should make the most of our training. As a matter of fact, the events took place within a fortnight of each other.

On Tuesday, February 10th, the juniors turned out under conditions which provided every prospect for a good race. The mass of starters soon dwindled into a straggling line of competitors, headed by two or three eager rivals. The course was completed in good time by Butler, winning a short distance from Scott. As winners of the race, Bruce were awarded five points.

The following day the Senior Race was of great interest. A rather disarranged start saw the Vth Form taking the field

almost a quarter of a mile behind the rest, but their superior stamina soon enabled them to catch up and give the leaders a strong challenge. The strain of Mucky Lane, which bore good testimony to snow and rain of a few days previous, was the deciding factor of the race. While it enabled the best to draw away, it cast a feeling of despondency and despair over many a weary limb. From there, onwards, the race developed into a strenuous struggle between Morris and Padget, which finally ended when Morris crossed the line but a few yards ahead of his challenger. The remaining talent came in at various intervals, and the race concluded in a victory for Chaloner.

On February 20th the School witnessed the greatest sporting event of the term, when we entertained Scarborough and Whitby Schools, to compete for the Inter-Schools' Cross Country Race. The event was eagerly awaited and the School had shown its interest by diligent training. In ideal weather the juniors lined up at 3 p.m., confronted by three miles of rough, muddy, stony track, hills, ditches, becks and bogs—what a fine test of stamina!

Fifteen minutes later the Seniors toed the same line—only they were faced by an elongated track of nearly five miles. Great determination and courage were shown by every competitor, and two "ding-dong" races ensued. The Senior Race was still in progress when the Juniors finished in a manner most pleasing to the School, for we produced five of the first seven home, and naturally won the event—a grand performance by the Juniors, which a few minutes later was to be repeated by our Seniors. We claimed the first two home and a further three in the first twelve, which was quite a creditable effort, and enough to give us the "double."

While we congratulate the School on its twofold victory we must by no means overlook the sporting manner in which the losers took defeat. They all enjoyed the race and congratulated their victors like true sportsmen, determined to take revenge at the next occasion.

The success of the meeting on the whole can only be understood by those who were there, or took part, for they alone could realise the feeling of sportsmanship which was everywhere shown. Tea was afterwards provided for all competitors, and the social feeling of the tea room was a suitable finale for such a memorable afternoon.

Results—

<i>Senior</i> ...	1—Morris.	<i>Junior</i> ...	1—Butler.
	2—Padget.		2.—Scott.
	3—Reed.		3—Grunwell.

*Inter-School—**Senior—*

1—Guisborough ...	29½ pts.
2—Whitby ...	43½ pts.
3—Scarborough ...	51½ pts.

Time—27 mins. 56 secs.

Junior—

1—Guisborough ...	22 pts.
2—Whitby ...	34 pts.
3—Scarborough ...	67 pts.

Time—22 mins. 22 secs.

Positions—

1—Morris.
2—Padget.
6—Saunby.
9—Reed.
11—Loves.
12—Hatfield.

Positions—

1—Butler.
3—Scott.
5—Grunwell.
6—Crombie.
7—Carter.

THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

The last two terms have shown a remarkable improvement in the standard of play of the members of the club. This is due mainly to the fact that many have modelled their playing on that of Mr. Farrington—and what better model could there be?

The Annual Tournament is at present in progress. Unfortunately the finals will not have been played in either open or handicap events before this issue goes to press. However, up to date, the finalists in the open singles are Noyes and Waite, and four players have reached the third round of the handicap event.

As nearly every member of the Sixth and Fifth Forms are members, the club is financially sound.

THE WEATHER STATION.

Once again we lay down the rain-gauge—now much worn through manifold journeys to the School to melt obdurate (and extremely cold) snow—and take up the pen.

It will probably be surprising to learn that the three months under review were considerably milder than the corresponding months last year, both extreme and average temperatures being much higher—more particularly the minimum temperatures, except those of December, whose average minimum temperature was slightly lower than last year. Less rainfall (or snowfall) than last year was experienced.

History has been made! During the month of February, 1937 A.D., the average maximum temperature at G.G.S. was, for the first, and probably the last time, the highest published for the United Kingdom.

This is apparently belied by the numerous gales and blizzards we have experienced. Those during March have caused considerable damage and have repeatedly blocked the Whitby to Gyesbrough road. [*Ed. Note*—We must apologise for the B. B. C. accent which has apparently penetrated to the Frozen North, although completely incomprehensible to its natives.]

During the months of January and February our average minimum temperatures were the lowest published, with the exception of the Land of (apparently) Eternal Snow—Eskdalemuir, with temperatures of 32.4°F. and 31.6°F. for the two months respectively.

This term we welcome Miller to our clerical staff.

And now we resume our daily walk to the School in fear and trepidation lest some well-meaning but misguided person should project an ill-aimed snowball into the rain-gauge, carefully, but, alas! all too inadequately protected by an overcoat! P. G. O.

Weather Statistics, G.G.S.

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Overcast Sky :	... 16 days	17 days	11 days
Total Rainfall :	... 1.60"	3.611"	3.216"
Highest Recorded Max. Temp. :	54°F.	55°F.	54°F.
Lowest Recorded Min. Temp. :	26°F.	28°F.	27°F.

Averages.

Max. Temperature :	... 46.1°F.	44.6°F.	45.6°F.
Min. Temperature :	... 31.7°F.	35.1°F.	33.6°F.
Barometer (corrected) ...	30.00"	29.66"	29.46"



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS.

To the Editors of "The Guisborian."

SIRS,

The ingenious cruelty of schoolmasters to ingenuous and angelic schoolboys knows no limit. The latest inquisition is to make us write a neat copy, and improve our handwriting, instead of scribbling a hundred lines of enjoyable nonsense for the waste-paper basket, when we are merely "caught" being natural. Who on earth wants to write decently, anyhow? Not even those unbearable snobs of the Third Form! Goodness knows how I detest those care-free tree-planters. They actually told us that they were planting trees for us to climb on, just as if we were all monkeys. They have no idea of humour and try to be grown-up. They are cruel too, and this is how they suggest punishing a boy:—

- (1) For dashing round the Pavilion Hide his boots.
- (2) For dashing along passages Hide his trousers.
- (3) For dancing on desks Hide his lunch.
- (4) For slamming doors Hide his books.
- (5) For smashing and shouting Hide the School.
- (6) For being a nuisance all day ... Hide the 'bus at 4-30 p.m.

They think that it would "larn" us. Not much! Let them beware—I've got a "down" on them.

DISGUSTED (Form II).

The other day, this queer document was found lying in an exposed spot.

VA . h . . . mm . r Sc . . . I
G'boro', . ork.

Make two words out of the missing letters.

After deliberation the Editors actually found a solution—
but no! it *couldn't* be that

LEISURELY SPRING.

The earth is not denied some mercy of new green,
 And the slushy slough, slinking, seeping, rarely seen,
 Sliding, slithering, silently, at a sly, soft, silent pace :
 The last, sharp, frosty clasp of winter's cold embrace,
 Melting, feeds fresh young shoots defying winter's spleen.
 The crocuses and daffodils will haste to flower :
 The warm air splashes yellow blossoms in a shower :
 Small and large the signs of Spring are multiplying,
 A flicker of white, a wagtail swiftly flying
 To seek a sprightly mate, a nest in some old bower.
 The young crop rises in fine lines of emerald :
 The flitting swallow, swiftly diving, a herald
 To the orange tips and spacious gold of buttercups :
 And the ancient curative sweet-smelling hyssop,
 Gypsy wanderer's' cure for diseases untold.

H. P. Ross.

 A SCHOOLBOY'S LIFE
 IS NOT A HAPPY ONE.

Why must we strive and bitterly repine ?
 Why must our brains through constant toil decline,
 While floundering 'midst rows of soulless "logs"
 And sordid sums about the price of hogs ?
 Our brains were made for nobler things than these,
 It should not be our lot to sit and freeze
 In icy classrooms where we try in vain
 To drive to work our over-wearied brain,
 Which still persists in wand'ring far away
 To other lands where shines the sun all day.
 The classroom fades before our tired eyes,
 We see with joy the blue and smiling skies,
 Arching above a blue and boundless sea,
 The wild waves roll, the cool sea breeze blows free,
 The passing clouds are mirror'd on the deep—
 A voice calls "You, there ! Have you gone to sleep ?"
 With sinking hearts we find ourselves oppressed
 With still more toil—five hundred of the best !

ANONYMOUS

(Discretion is the better part of valour).

LE MAL DU SIECLE.

'Twas silence reigned that morn, in the dark and gloomy hall,
 Save the sound of the sentry's tread :
 For all were awaiting, with quivering lips, the fatal call,
 The call by the Invisible Head.
 Sometimes the sentry on his beat would stop, and, glancing round
 Would view the trembling few.
 I do not know if ever yet his eye has found
 Such a pale and ghastly view.
 Great men were gathered there, or perhaps we'd better say,
 Great they would have been ;
 But unhappily on some dark and uninspiring day
 Their lot has changed been.
 And so they await, in silence, within this sombre hall
 The punishment of their crimes.
 But now they work, until the fatal time does call.
 For hark ! the fatal chimes !
 'Tis time ! their weapons now they drop ; a footstep then
 Is heard, with ominous sound,
 To near the unlocked door : inside the fearful den
 Tense silence reigns around.
 A knock ! Death is at hand ! At last the time is near
 When man must meet his doom.
 The sentry halts, and calling forth, in tones they'd learned to fear,
 The death roll of that room ;
 The few now with tragic mien leave the hall,
 They cross the fatal square ;
 Entering now the house of doom, a dungeon small,
 They groan ; to them, beware !
 What now awaits these weary men ? Is Death prepared ?
 The guillotine maybe ?
 Alas, no ! A whisper now they pass ; they are not spared,
 'Tis poison in their tea.
 They roll their eyes ; they groan and shake ; but still
 The sentry knows no mercy.
 With trembling hand they lift the glass ; with one last vow
 They writhe in agony.
 They turn to fall ; their faces, pale, are now much paler ;
 But 'tis the sentry's joy ;
 His faithful duty he pursues, and says without a quiver
 " Gargle again, my boy ! "

A SCHOOLBOY'S LAMENT.

What gives us the joy of life?
 What replaces nightly strife?
 What cheers us up when trouble's rife?
 Homework!

What's the spur that makes us work
 If at night we want to shirk,
 Or around street corners lurk?
 Homework!

When the call for Pleasure's strong,
 And we meditate some wrong,
 What's the thought that comes along?
 Homework!

When we'd like an evening out,
 Or a short respite with a bilious bout,
 What's the creeping, worrying doubt?
 Homework!

What is it that we've abhorred,
 Which to neglect we can't afford,
 To keep our names off the merit-half board?
 Homework!

The thought that's worrying Form Va,
 Is the knowledge that they'll be far away
 When the Government steps in to say
 "No Homework!"

SENEX.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LAMP.

Bill plucked up courage, and leaving behind him the brilliant sunlight and all the sparkling radiance of the morn, entered the pitch-black darkness of the gloomy temple. Gradually his eyes became accustomed to the blackness, and he could dimly make out the shapes of his comrades who, like him, had been driven by curiosity to enter this eerie cavity, abode of so many vague

rumours. He stumbled upon an empty seat, sat down, and gazed straight in front of him, too terrified now even to move a finger. Then at last out of the gloom appeared the tall gaunt shape of the Genie, which took up its position behind the vague outlines of something like a big stone pillar. Finally the Genie spoke; its voice was very deliberate, and the consonants very distinct and pronounced separately. "To-day, brethren," it said, "we breast the waters of the mighty Amazon." And lo! no longer was he seated in the dismal apartment, but floating in a canoe down the swirling waters of a mighty river. "Now let us pass on to the Rockies," interposed the voice of the Genie, and, wonder of wonders! he was suddenly transported to the summit of the mountains, looking down upon miles and miles of sharp crags and raging torrents swirling down to the ocean far below. So the Genie carried him on—to the rolling prairies of Canada, to the scorching sands of the Sahara, and further still, through the sweeping blizzards of Siberia.

Then once more the Genie broke forth into speech. "Draw back the curtains," it commanded, "that finishes to-day's 'epi' show!"

B. O. P.



Old Boys' Association.

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Dr. W. W. Stainthorpe.

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The Headmaster	H. Stokeld
L. Harrison	J. Morgau
J. Arrowsmith.	

Committee :

D. Bragg	L. McLane	D. Turnbull
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P. Bewick	J. Jackson	J. I. T. Norminton
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Lingdale, Boosbeck & District—

W. A. Bowman, The Villas, Lingdale, Saltburn.

Middlesbrough & District—

V. Eckert, Lunefield, The Crescent, Linthorpe, Middlesbro.

School Representative : Mr. D. Bragg.

Association Colours : Navy blue, red and white.

Blazers (£2/2/0 and £2/12/6) and Ties (3/6) are obtainable
through the Secretary.

EDITORIAL.

This term being a short one, there seems to be little to report beyond the Annual Meeting and Dinner.

I want therefore to use the available space to give some members a good dressing down. Before the Dinner each member was sent a circular, a ticket and a reply card. The circular and the ticket explained, with the fullest details, that you were to send the reply card and bring the ticket with you if you intended coming to the Dinner. I only received 20 cards, while another 20 had told me verbally that they were coming. Of this 40, between 10 and 20 did not turn up. In advising the caterers I have always in the past advised them that another 10 or 20 would turn up without giving any warning. In this surmise I was very fortunately again correct. On this basis the caterer was expecting 55 or 60, but unfortunately there was only 47.

On the 1st February we held a Smoker as last year in the Fox Inn. Entertainers and refreshments were provided and an enjoyable evening was spent. Unfortunately here again there was a paucity of numbers, there being only 30 present.

I don't know whether this bad attendance is due to lack of interest in the Association, or whether it is due to total lack of appreciation of the efforts of your Committee. If you do not want to attend these functions, well and good. Nor do we expect you to come out of a sense of duty. But I do, however, want you to show a little consideration when we have our next Annual Dinner. The Secretary's job is not an easy one, but it would seem sometimes that some of you delight in making a mug out of me.

If you have any suggestions for different activities or any complaints as to the present ones, the Committee would welcome them.

It has been decided to hold an Auction Jumble Sale at the School in aid of the Benevolent Fund. Mr. V. Eckert has kindly offered his services as Auctioneer. If you have any surplus odds and ends, would you please let me have them, or let me know so that I can arrange for them to be collected?
J. D. S.

 ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Buck Hotel at Guisborough on the 11th December, 1936.

The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £15 : 2 : 9, subscriptions having amounted to £27 : 8 : 7. There was a balance in the Benevolent Fund of £1 : 9 : 6.

The Secretary said in his report that the year had been an important one. A percentage of 90% had paid their subscriptions, being easily a record. He thanked our President, Dr. W. W. Stainthorpe, for the continued enthusiasm and helpfulness he had shewn to the Association and but for which we should not be in such a prosperous and healthy position as we then were; the Headmaster for his hospitality and for lending us the School field and buildings for our various activities, and all others who had helped to make the year a very pleasant one.

The view was expressed that it might be advisable to have one or two younger members on the Committee, and it was left to the Committee to co-opt two younger Old Boys on the Committee. (Since then R. Wealleans has been co-opted).

A list of the officers appointed for the year will be found elsewhere.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner followed the Meeting and 47 members were present. This year the number and length of the speeches were cut down in order to allay a common grouse. The toast of "The School, Staff and Governors" was proposed by Rev. A. G. Wilken, and the Headmaster replied. Mr. Bragg proposed the toast of "The Association," and Dr. W. W. Stainthorpe replied.

As our President had brought with him a portable wireless set, we were able to listen in to the speech of the late King, Edward VIII, on the eve of his departure following his Abdication.

TABLE TENNIS.

We have finished our last match in the Guisborough Table Tennis League and our final position is third. We have played 10, won 7 and lost 3. The following is a table shewing how each individual member of our team has fared:—

Name	Played	Won	Lost	Percentage
G. Farrington	... 45	42	3	93·3
G. Wear	... 45	36	9	80·0
J. Stokeld	... 20	11	9	55·0
R. Mitchinson	... 30	16	14	53·3
C. Wilson	... 35	17	18	48·0
A. Stokeld	... 45	21	24	46·7
G. Collins	... 5	2	3	40·0
A. H. Wurr	... 15	3	12	20·0
J. Leighton	... 5	0	5	00·0
E. Harrison	... 5	0	5	00·0

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

Death. We regret to report the death of HARRY BROWN, who died as the result of an accident at work in January. For a number of years he played for the Old Boys' Football Team.

Births.

2nd October, 1936—To Mr. & Mrs. G. L. Franks, a son.

28th October, 1936—To Mr. & Mrs. E. MacKenzie, a son.

14th March, 1937—To Mr. & Mrs. Miles Maughan, a son.

De Minimis.

Jack Walton has passed Part II of his Banking Examinations, with Distinction in Banking.

Bill Evans has joined the North Riding Constabulary and, having been put through his paces at Northallerton, has been transferred to Richmond.

We are glad to hear that Harold Norminton is well on the way to recovery after his illness.

NEW MEMBERS

- H. Brittain, 16 Redcar Road, Guisborough.
 R. W. Catton, 18 Trafalgar Road, Moseley, Birmingham.
 W. P. Cooper, c/o. Grammar School.
 C. Corner
 C. Dutton, 47 Northgate, Guisborough.
 — Edgecombe, Church Square, Guisborough.
 T. D. Every, 83 Oak Road, Redcar.
 H. Fisher, 53 Belmangate, Guisborough.
 L. Flower, Westgate, Guisborough.
 J. E. Johnston, Hazelhurst, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham.
 — Mallory, 69 Redcar Road, Guisborough.
 R. M. Owen, c/o. Grammar School.
 R. G. Potter, 116 High St., Skelton.
 H. Sylvester, Front St., Carlin How.
 W. Warriner, c/o. Police Station, Skelton.
 D. A. Wright, 6 Greenbank Terrace, Boosbeck.