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## EDITORIAL.

This issue of *The Guisborian* marks a stage in its history, at least so far as the Editors are concerned, for it has been written in a new residence. The old preparatory room has been completely re-furnished as a library and is now occupied by the Upper Sixth. The practical advantages of this constructional improvement in the School are shown by the increased facilities for borrowing and studying books afforded to all our members; in addition, we can now accommodate in a more prominent and worthy position the School Museum, containing some of the most interesting of the many historic documents connected with the School.

The predecessors of the Upper Sixth in the present new library were the members of the Preparatory Class, whom we were sorry to lose last summer. We will particularly miss the much appreciated contribution to the annual School Concert made by our youngest form, which for so many years formed such a characteristic part of our organisation.

This term the activities of the various school societies have been carried on with an enthusiasm which shows that as the School gains in numbers, it does so too in character and vigour. Particularly noteworthy is the work of the Rifle Club towards the construction of a new range. At the time of going to print the main event of the term, the School Concert, has not yet taken place. Rehearsals, however, have been held regularly and assiduously, and we look forward in a few days to a production of "Iolanthe," the seventh of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas to be produced at the School, at the customary high standard of performance.

As to the sporting side of our activities, the School football team has met with its usual success this term, having been defeated only once in the eight matches it has played; we are particularly proud of their hard-won victory over the Old Boys' team, and of that of our second eleven over their greatest rivals, Darlington Grammar School.

Looking outside the School grounds, we are sure that all will share our pleasure at the appointment of the Reverend T. Longworth to the post of Bishop of Pontefract. For many years the Rector of Guisborough, Mr. Longworth was an enthusiastic Governor of the School, and took a lively interest in all our activities. We extend to him our heartiest congratulations on his new appointment.

Finally, this is the last issue of the second volume of our new series. Since the first issue appeared six years ago, many changes have taken place in the School, in particular, it has grown in size and numbers. It is the object of the Editors to record these changes and the general spirit of the School not only by the chronicle of events, but also by the contributions which, with apologies to their authors, we may call in the words of Horace,

*Versus inopes rerum nugaeque canorae.*

These are the aims of the magazine, and we look to the School to help in carrying them out.

THE EDITORS.

## THE SCHOOL.

*Head Prefect and Captain of School*—P. G. Owston.

*School Prefects*—E. Waite, P. G. Owston, W. C. Brice,  
F. R. Hasseldine, W. A. Miller, S. Cornforth.

*House Captains*—E. Waite (B). P. G. Owston (C). W. C. Brice (P).

*House Vice Captains*—F. R. Hasseldine (B). W. A. Miller (C).  
S. Cornforth (P).

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### EDITORS OF "THE GUISBORIAN"

P. G. Owston. W. C. Brice. W. A. Miller.

## VALETE.

L. A. CORNFORTH (B). Entered School September 1931, School Sub-Prefect and Vice-Captain of Bruce 1936, Head Prefect, Captain of School and Captain of Bruce 1937, School Certificate with Matriculation 1936, Higher School Certificate 1938, 1st XI Football 1937-8, 2nd XI Cricket 1937, 1st XI 1938, Member of Cricket Committee 1938, School Running Team 1938, Editor of "Guisborian" 1938. Form Upper VI.

E. LINDSEY (P). Entered School September 1931, School Prefect and Captain of Pursglove 1937, School Certificate 1935, with Matriculation 1936, Higher School Certificate 1938, 2nd XI Football 1936-7, 1st XI Football 1937-8, Football Committee 1937-8, 2nd XI Cricket 1935, 1st XI Cricket 1936-8, Cricket Committee 1937-8, School Running Team 1938, Rifle Club Committee 1937-8. Form Upper VI.

E. ALDERSON (B). Entered School September 1931, School Prefect and Vice-Captain of Bruce 1937, School Certificate with Matriculation 1935, Higher School Certificate 1936, 1937, with Distinction in French 1938, Open Scholarship to Reading University (£80 per annum) 1938, County Major Scholarship (£80 per annum) 1938, Librarian 1937, Member of Operatic Society 1935-7, Editor of "Guisborian" 1937-8. Form Upper VI.

H. PADGET (B). Entered School September 1932, School Monitor 1937, School Certificate 1935, with Matriculation 1936, 2nd XI Football 1936-7, 1st XI Football 1937-8, Captain of School Running Team 1937-8, Rifle Club Committee 1937-8, Member of Operatic Society 1932-6. Form Upper VI.

J. R. NICHOLSON (P). Entered School September 1931, School Monitor 1937, School Certificate 1936, 2nd XI Football 1935-6, 1st XI Football 1936-8, Football Committee 1937-8, 2nd XI Cricket 1937. Form Upper VI.

A. ATKINSON (B). Entered School September 1932, School Certificate 1936, with Matriculation 1937, 2nd XI Football 1937-8. Form Lower VI.

W. R. DIXON (C). Entered School September 1932, School Certificate 1937. Form Lower VI.

H. R. MACDONALD (B). Entered School September 1932, School Certificate 1937, Victor Ludorum 1938, 2nd XI Football 1936-7, 1st XI Football 1937-8, 1st XI Cricket 1936, 2nd XI Cricket 1937, Member of Operatic Society 1933-7. Form Lower VI.

L. MACKENZIE (B). Entered School September 1931, School Certificate 1936, 1937. Form Lower VI.

A. RIDLEY (P). Entered School September 1932, School Certificate 1936, with Matriculation 1937, 1st XI Football 1937-8. Form Lower VI.

G. TATE (P). Entered School September 1932, School Certificate 1937, Member of Operatic Society 1934-7. Form Lower VI.

G. ARMSTRONG (P). Entered School September 1933, School Certificate 1938, Member of Operatic Society 1936-7. Form V.

P. BOWLES (P). Entered School September 1932, School Certificate 1937. Form V.

E. COOKE (B). Entered School September 1933. Form V.

T. H. HUTCHINGS (C). Entered School September 1933, School Certificate 1937, 1938. Form V.

G. R. RIX (C). Entered School January 1936, School Certificate 1938, 1st XI Football 1937-8, 1st XI Cricket 1937-8, Cricket Committee 1937, Vice-Captain of Cricket 1938, Games Captain of Chaloner 1937-8. Form V.

T. C. SHAW (C). Entered School September 1932, 2nd XI Cricket 1937, Member of Operatic Society 1935. Form V.

**Valete—continued.**

- S. SMITH (B). Entered School September 1934, School Certificate 1938, Member of Operatic Society 1934-6. Form V.  
 F. E. VENTRESS (C). Entered School September 1933. Form V.  
 S. CLARKSON (B). Entered School September 1935. Form IVb.  
 J. HESELTINE (B). Entered School January 1934. Form IVb.  
 D. B. HOLIDAY (P). Entered School 1935, 2nd XI Football 1937-8. Form IVb.  
 H. PEARSON (C). Entered School September 1934, 1st XI Cricket 1937-8. Form IVb.  
 D. WISEMAN (P). Entered School September 1933, Member of School Rifle Team 1938. Form IVb.  
 V. H. PRINGLE (C). Entered School September 1935. Form III.  
 K. SMITH (C). Entered School September 1935. Form III.  
 T. W. BAILEY (C). Entered School September 1936. Form Remove.  
 P. RIX (P). Entered School January 1936. Form II.  
 G. EVANS (C). Entered School September 1936. Form I.  
 D. NEWTON (P). Entered School September 1937. Form I.

**SALVETE.**

Form III: A. Goldthorpe (B).

*Form Ia:*

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|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| W. E. Bowmaker (C) | T. Gladders (C)   | G. W. Jackson (P) |
| S. Breckon (P)     | G. W. Grange (P)  | F. Pearey (B)     |
| M. S. Brown (B)    | J. H. Harding (B) | P. O. Pickett (C) |
| L. M. Brown (C)    | H. Harland (C)    | J. Starsmore (P)  |
| G. Chisman (P)     | L. K. Harmer (P)  | J. W. Verrill (B) |
| A. E. Ebbs (B)     | J. Hellon (B)     | J. E. Wood (C)    |
|                    | C. Jackson (C)    |                   |

*Form Ib:*

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| L. M. Airey (P)    | K. M. Gratton (B)  | M. Stephenson (P)   |
| J. B. Allanson (B) | R. E. Heselton (P) | R. A. Stevenson (B) |
| T. Darnton (C)     | G. McArdle (C)     | A. Webster (C)      |

**THE SCHOOL.**

*"Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit."*

The results of the Public Examinations published during August again show a large number of successes for the School. The most notable of these were that of W. C. Brice, who obtained two distinctions in the Higher School Certificate, and has been awarded a State Scholarship and a County Major Scholarship; and of E. Alderson, who was awarded a County Major Scholarship, and has now taken up residence at Reading University. T. A. Webster has been awarded a County Agricultural Scholarship tenable at Leeds University. We congratulate them most heartily.

**Higher School Certificate:**

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|--|------------------|
| W. C. Brice (Distinctions in Geography and Latin). |                  |
| E. Alderson (Distinction in French).               |                  |
| W. A. Miller.                                      | L. A. Cornforth. |
| P. G. Owston.                                      | E. Lindsey.      |

**Obtained Matriculation with passes in four subsidiary subjects:**

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|---------------|----------------|
| L. Mackenzie. | F. W. Dorling. |
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**County Intermediate Scholarships have been awarded to:**

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|----------------|---------------|
| G. W. Airey.   | W. Gibbon.    |
| E. H. Barr.    | H. Saunby.    |
| F. W. Dorling. | J. J. Senior. |

The results of the School Certificate show a somewhat greater percentage of passes than the average for England.

**Cambridge School Certificate:**

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| J. J. Senior (Distinction in French).                | E. H. Barr.       |
| J. D. Brackenridge.                                  | P. Bowles.        |
| G. W. Airey (Distinctions in History & Mathematics). | G. R. Rix.        |
| W. Gibbon.   | R. Whale.         |
| H. Williams.   | T. H. Hutchings.  |
| G. Armstrong.  | K. Collier.       |
| R. Passmore.   | S. Smith.         |
| H. Saunby.   | E. Waite.         |
|  | R. W. Sharpe.     |
|  | R. F. Hasseldine. |

On Armistice Day the School attended a Remembrance Service held, as usual, in the open round the War Memorial, the weather being fine enough to permit this.

We were fortunate enough this term to secure the services of Mr. Roy Newlands, who gave us his rendering of "Twelfth Night," which the Fifth Forms are studying for the School Certificate. Mr. Newlands has visited us before when he presented "The Merchant of Venice" and "The Tempest." We therefore looked forward to his visit, with our interest increased by the postponement of his visit, which we had hoped would have taken place last term. "Twelfth Night" is one of the most delightful of Shakespeare's comedies, and probably one of the hardest to produce owing to the variety and complexity of

characters and plot. But Mr. Newlands with his characteristic skill made his version clear enough even for the youngest members of the School, and brought out the various sides of all the characters, making them easily distinguishable throughout the play. His skill and ability in presenting Shakespeare's masterpieces are such that all look forward to his next visit, which we hope will take place in the near future.

Several of the principal members of the cast of "Iolanthe" went on October 24th to a production of this opera by the D'Oyly Carte Company at Leeds. It is to be hoped that this visit will bear fruit in helping our production to attain an even higher standard of perfection than in previous years.

We welcome Mr. S. M. Smith, M.A. of Keble College, Oxford, as senior Geography master. Mr. Smith is already keenly participating in the various activities of the School, particularly in Lower School football, and in the Scout Troop where he is Assistant Scout Master.

Our tuck shop starts this year without any outstanding debts having paid the final instalments of the cost of the new entrance gates to the School Drive last term. Meanwhile, it appears to have lost none of its popularity with all sections of the School, as evidenced by the large number of boys awaiting its opening each break. The sale of hot drinks, under the supervision of Mr. Bragg, also shows no tendency to decline.

E. Waite, inside-right and vice-captain of our First Eleven, and who has been a prominent member of the team for several seasons, has signed amateur forms for Middlesbrough Football Club.

### A VISIT TO THORNABY AERODROME.

On Saturday, October 29th, about 150 members of the School, accompanied by the Staff, at the invitation of the Royal Air Force, paid a visit to Thornaby Aerodrome. The four buses in which we made the journey, left the School gates at 8.45 a.m., the weather being dull and cool, a typical October morning, and we quickly reached the Aerodrome at 10 o'clock. There we were divided into groups of twenty or thirty, each with a master and a member of the Air Force to guide us and we then set off on our tour of inspection.

All the various units were visited in turn and soon the Aerodrome took on a new aspect as the groups made their way from

one section to another, while the inevitable strays and occasionally an odd master, who had lost their group and guide, wandered about enjoying themselves in their own particular way. We inspected the parachute section where we saw the huge masses of apparently very frail silk packed, fastened on to various persons and quickly released. Then came the wireless section where we were content to listen to our guide's voice as he described the uses of the innumerable components, only a few of the more technically-minded members of the School hazarding a question now and then, until we realised that questions were expected when a few tentative ones were produced. The photography section with its huge, obviously very complex cameras and lenses produced several questions but undoubtedly one of the most interesting units was the armament section, especially for the lower half of the School, several members simply not being able to leave it until the last minute. The ground section with its dazzling, intensely bright beam and continuously flashing neon light was apparently not so interesting as the machines in the hangars where even the most cynical were as enthusiastic as the rest to sit in the cockpit of an aeroplane, inspect its engine, talk in knowledgeable and impressive tones to the guide about the horse-power and performance of some machine, or simply stand and watch aeroplanes land and take off on the field outside.

The two hours which we spent there were all too short, but at 12 o'clock we had to collect together and return once more to Guisborough amidst arguments about the connection of air and land speeds of an aeroplane or the speed and "ceiling" of a Fairey Battle.

### HOUSE NOTES.

#### BRUCE.

At the end of last year we said good-bye to many of our leading members, including Cornforth and Alderson, our Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. This term has not been a very active one and except for the Junior House Football, in which we were successful, there has been nothing of much sporting importance, but we must congratulate our Juniors on defeating a heavier and more experienced Chaloner team. Next term, however, there will be much more activity, there being such important events as the Cross-Country, the Senior Football, Shooting and Boxing due to take place, and with hard training, our outlook will become much more promising than in previous years. So, if we all pull together and show the same team spirit as our Juniors have shown, Bruce House will, this year, have its name inscribed on the Shield for the first time.

### CHALONER.

The House started the year at somewhat of a disadvantage the results of the Public Examinations being more favourable to the other Houses. We anticipated, however, success in the Junior House Football, a hope sustained by the defeat of Pursglove. In the final against Bruce, however, the team unaccountably collapsed and suffered one of the most crushing defeats in the history of Junior House Football. We look to the Seniors to give of their best next term in the House Football and Shooting and in the Cross-Country, when the Juniors will have an opportunity of making good this loss. We must stress that it is only by constant and conscientious practice and training that we can hope to obtain the Shield, which we would remind our younger members, was previously held by Chaloner for six consecutive years.

### PURSGLOVE.

Last term we were sorry to lose a stalwart captain, Lindsey, thanks largely to whose good work we are left this year with a reputation to keep up; having won the Shield last summer for the second time in history, we must see that it is not surrendered next July. This autumn term, as usual, has not been outstanding for the House Competitions; the only event has been the Junior Football Competition, in which our team, though not successful, deserves credit for two sturdy performances against a much heavier team. However, we start the year well, thanks largely to points for school work, and we must not fall back next term when three very important events take place—the Senior Football, Cross-Country, and House Shooting Competitions. We hold out good hopes for all three, and it is particularly important that we start practising for them immediately next term begins. In the last two above all an early start at training is desirable, and we will be pleased to see a large number practising immediately the new shooting range opens.

### HOUSE POINTS.

	Bruce.	Chaloner.	Pursglove.
Form Places (July 1938) ...	2	2	3
State Scholarship ...	—	—	5
County Major Scholarships	5	—	5
Higher School Certificate ...	8	6	6
School Certificate ...	4	8	6
House Football (Junior) ...	5	—	—
Totals	24	16	25

### FOOTBALL AT G.G.S.

#### First XI:

Walker ii; Elliott, Pearson; Walker i, Hatfield, Wickens; —  
Ward i, Waite, Hasseldine, Saunby, Brady i.

Also played: Martin, Miller, Holmes, Jackson, Grunwell, Dawson.

#### Second XI:

Kitching; Martin, Miller; Butler, Duff, Whale;  
Dawson, Crombie, Turnbull, Holmes, Jackson.

	Played	Won	Lost	Goals—For	Against
1st XI ...	8	7	1	49	18
2nd XI ...	2	1	1	8	8

	Versus	Result	Score	Scorers
Home	Darlington G.S.	Won	7—1	Waite 4, Walker i, Hasseldine, Saunby.
Away	Ayton F.S.	Won	15—1	Waite 10, Walker i 2, Hasseldine 2, Saunby.
Away	Whitby C.S.	Won	4—3	Hatfield 2 (1 penalty), Waite, Walker i.
Home	Old Boys	Won	7—4	Waite 4, Saunby, Hatfield, Walker i. (After extra time).
Away	Darlington G.S.	Lost	0—3	—
Home	Ayton F.S.	Won	7—3	Waite 2, Hasseldine 2, Walker i, Ward i, Brady i.
Home	Stockton G.S.	Won	3—1	Brady i 2, Waite.
Away	Middlesbrough Junior Tech.	Won	6—2	Waite 2, Walker i 2, Hatfield (pen.), Brady i

#### Comments.

Up to the present the School team has maintained the high standard set up last year. Seven victories and one defeat (better left unmentioned), is quite a good record. The team as a whole has played quite well together although there has been competition for the full-back and wing positions. The main faults in the team have been that the half-backs have been inclined to leave their positions and at times some of the forwards have been rather selfish. On the whole, however, an admirable team spirit has been evident throughout the season.

F. T. HATFIELD (Captain).

## JUNIOR MATCH.

### G. G. S. v. Whitby County School.

On November 19th the Junior Eleven visited Whitby County School and returned victorious after a hard-fought match against a much heavier team. The ground was rather wet, and both teams found it difficult to keep their feet. After many clearances the School opened the scoring, Booth obtaining a goal from a cross pass. Robinson scored a further goal after a skirmish in the goalmouth. At half-time our team was leading by two goals to nil.

The second half was less exciting; Whitby attacked time and time again, but many fine movements were spoilt by weak shooting. Their centre-half eventually scored a goal with a high shot which Scales was unable to reach. Further goals were added by Booth and Robinson for Guisborough, and Whitby's outside-left reduced the lead. The Whitby team again pressed hard near the end of the game, but failed to alter the score, and the School thus gained a victory of four goals to two. W.J.

## JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

### Chaloner v. Pursglove.

Conditions were favourable although a cold wind was blowing when play started. The game was fairly even for the first quarter of an hour, but then, taking advantage of one of his defender's clearances, Gratton scored for Pursglove. Almost immediately, however, Smith of Chaloner equalised from the centre. Till half-time Chaloner continued to attack. In the second half the game was fairly even, but Chaloner, by reason of their superior size, continued to press the Pursglove defenders who, nevertheless, held out splendidly till the end.

For Chaloner, Proud and Allen were outstanding, while Pursglove's best were Carter and Jones.

Result:—Chaloner 1 Pursglove 1.

In the replay on the following Tuesday Chaloner won 3—1. All Chaloner's three goals were scored in the first half by Readman, Smith and Proud, when they were decidedly superior, but Pursglove rallied slightly after half-time and scored their only goal through Watson. The game ended with an easy victory for Chaloner.

Chaloner thus qualified to meet Bruce in the final.

### Bruce v. Chaloner.

The game started fairly evenly, both forwards and defenders being called into action. After about twenty minutes Booth made

a grand run down the left wing and from the centre Robinson iv scored. Chaloner then attacked for a short while but made no headway against Bruce's slightly superior team.

Half-time score—Bruce 1 Chaloner 0.

In the first ten minutes of the second half Robinson iv completed the hat-trick. By now Chaloner were completely demoralised and it was not a question of who could win, but by how many Bruce would be victorious. After this Booth scored three times and Robinson iv another two. Throughout this half Chaloner attacked but little till towards the end, when all attacks were easily repulsed except one when they mobbed the goal and Ross had to make a splendid save.

Result—Bruce 8 Chaloner 0.

The most outstanding players on the field were Booth, Robinson iv and Harding for Bruce, and Smith v, Proud and Allen for Chaloner.

Bruce thus scored 5 points towards the House Shield.

## THE LIBRARY.

Open: Break every day.

### The Librarians:

W. P. Cooper, Esq., W. A. Miller, W. C. Brice, S. Cornforth

This has probably been the most important term in the history of the School Library since its inauguration, for with the transference of the Sixth Form to the old preparatory room, the library has at last obtained a room worthy of its name. No longer are books strewn about and packed into inadequate, dust-collecting shelves and cupboards, consequently never being read; they can now be properly and tastefully arranged on shelves which could hold twice the number of books with ease—a great contrast to the old library.

Any member of the School who cares to obtain a permit from the Headmaster can make use of it from 1 to 2 p.m. every school day, from 4.45 to 5.45 after school, and from 9 to 11 every Saturday morning, to pursue his studies or to read lighter literature in quiet, harmonious, work-inducing surroundings. The demand for these permits gives proof of the School's appreciation of this scheme.

Once more we must make it clear that the Librarians are always willing to consider suggestions for new books and welcome such suggestions. At the beginning of the term the Library was thoroughly overhauled, old books ejected and new ones suggested; several appreciable additions have already been made, notably to

the Fiction and Latin sections. We hope that further additions will be made in the near future.

As we know only too well by the crowds clamouring outside the Library door at 10.45 every morning, the change of rooms has given a new impetus to the interest in the fiction section. Although the Library could not open for the first few weeks of the term until the new furniture was installed, the statistics for the Library are well above the average. We congratulate Wetherell on being the most consistent borrower this term with 31 books; Hayes (29) and Hudson (28) were a close second and third. All of these are in the same form, Va, which has also gained the honour of borrowing the most books this term.

#### Library Statistics.

**Reference Library.**—Books issued to 7th December, 1938:—

Art ...	37	Geography ...	266	Science ...	125
Divinity	21	History ...	194	General ...	19
English Lit.	75	Latin ...	192		
French ...	236	Mathematics	128	Total ...	1293

**Lending Library (Fiction).**—Books issued to 7th Dec., 1938:—

Upper VI ...	10	Form IV ...	103	Form II ...	138
Lower VI ...	81	Form Upper		Form I ...	78
Form Va ...	233	Remove ...	63		
Form Vb ...	188	Form III ...	82	Total ...	957

THE LIBRARIANS.

#### THE RIFLE CLUB.

It has been decided this term to construct a new and improved range at the north end of the school field, and thanks to the diligence of our Secretary, Mr. Edgecombe, it is now almost completed, and it is hoped that when School re-opens a bet'er hut will be built there also. Consequently, activity in the Club has been temporarily suspended, but it is pleasing to note that there is a large number of new members, and we expect next term to see larger attendances at practices, particularly as the new range will be more accessible from the School. Next term will probably see the House Shooting Competition, our main event of the year; each team will have one day each week reserved for practising, and we look forward to as keen a competition as usual. R. M. O.

#### THE SCOUT TROOP.

We extend a welcome to the recruits, and although the Troop is nearly up to full numbers, there are still vacancies for one or two more.

After a very successful camp in the New Forest amongst ideal Scouting country, the troop has resumed its activities this term with renewed vigour. This is shown by the variety and number of badges awarded; these include Naturalist, Weatherman, Interpreter, Cyclist, Swimmer, Artist and Ambulance Badges. A welcome sign is the determination of the seniors to reach First Class Badge standard; the accomplishment of this standard is expected by one or two in the very near future. It is worthy of note that this Badge consists of ten tests of real Scouting ability in such matters as observation, pioneering, and camping. The standards required are not easy and real determination is necessary: this quality should be the hall-mark of a real Scout.

The attendances at meetings have been very satisfactory and our recruits have made excellent progress in their first steps. It should be the aim of these recruits to reach 2nd Class standard before going to camp in the summer.

We are indebted to Badge examiners; Miss Hood and Messrs. Wurr, Cooper, Paterson and Ayton for their interest and the time they have spent in that capacity. We should also like to acknowledge the help rendered and interest shown by other members of the School Staff.

#### THE SCOUT CAMP.

The camp was this year situated in the New Forest amid surroundings which were from all points of view, ideal. The site was perfect, wood was plentiful, washing water was provided by a stream running through the camp, fresh water and milk were available from a nearby farm, and the supplies from Brockenhurst or Lyndhurst, villages which were easily reached by bicycle. The natural beauty of the Forest was a delight to us, and not only to us, for there were many Scout and Guide camps nearby.

We travelled over all four railway systems to reach Brockenhurst, and, on arriving there, we stacked our kit on a lorry, climbed on top of it and were driven into the Forest. There we wandered slightly off the beaten track and pitched camp in a secluded glade in the "Queen's Bower." It was not until we had been there a few days that we were informed that the ground upon which we were was forbidden to campers. However, in a day we had transported tents, supplies, seats, and oddments like clothes-lines to a slightly more open site.

The only disagreeable event was the thunderstorm. Shortly after we had moved from the "Queen's Bower" it burst upon us, flooded one tent, broke the pole of another, and would certainly have swamped the camp had it not been for the timely excavation

of trenches in the semi-darkness of the evening. That night, most of the occupants of the stricken tents slept in the spacious store tent, with a small rivulet running down the centre, but this did not discourage us and the next morning we repaired the damages. However, a camp can ever be such, with at least one wet day or night, the weather remained consistently fine which, for the summer of 1938, was remarkable.

Many pleasant days were spent in camp during which various games, both orthodox and unorthodox, (mainly the latter) were enjoyed. We did not spend all our time in camp for we made several excursions to Southampton and to the Isle of Wight. At Southampton we were fortunate enough to see the "Queen Mary" in the King George V dry dock. The "Aquitania" and "Berengaria" were there also, and later on an Imperial Airways liner landed. On the Isle of Wight we looked round the interesting town of Yarmouth; some tried to row in the extensive harbour, while others bathed in the Solent from an extremely rocky shore.

An invigorating (?) hike to the Rufus' Stone took place, a beautiful walk through the virgin forest—which was quite dense in parts—we finally arrived, thanks to Mr. Savage and his compass. On the return, Mr. Wurr brought up the rear to encourage the less active members of the troop, who managed to lose themselves and reach camp an hour behind the rest.

One evening we went to a camp fire, to which all the Scouts and Guides in the vicinity had been invited. There we sat round a roaring fire, about two hundred strong, singing to the accompaniment of a guitar, an accordian, and a number of mouth-organs, returning to camp about 11-30 through the darkness of the forest. The wild life was stirring, we heard strange noises in the undergrowth, and foxes barking in the distance.

Altogether, the camp was considered by all to be very successful, and nearly twenty Scouts had a healthy and enjoyable time, returning home brown and exceedingly fit. A. R. H.

### BOXING.

The attendance this term has been very spasmodic, and, if there is not a greater and more consistent attendance next term, it will be impossible to hold the House Boxing Tournament. Lack of support is particularly noticeable in the middle and upper school, and we would like to see more members from that part of the school.

We are glad, however, that there is a very keen spirit among the regular attenders and most boys take the sport very seriously. P. G.

## THE WEATHER STATION.

This year has been essentially one of freak conditions. Following the two months drought in March and April, May's rainfall was unusually high, while that of July is only exceeded in our records by the rainfall of the abnormally wet December of 1937. It is interesting to note that in July, 1937, the rainfall was 1.26 ins., and in July, 1935, only .455 ins. The rainfall of October was slightly above the average.

In August the chief point of interest was the prevalence of unusually low night temperatures; July day temperatures were also slightly lower than usual. Otherwise little departure from the normal has been noted.

The Station has this term sustained two losses. The first was the forcible opening of the screen and equally forcible removal of a thermometer. The second is the loss of most of the readings for November, often one of the most interesting months from the meteorological point of view.

We wish to thank G. W. Airey for acting as deputy observer during the summer holidays. P. G. O.

### Weather Statistics, G.G.S. Station.

	1938.	July	August	Sept.	Oct.
Rainfall	...	5.105"	2.968"	2.118"	3.58"
Highest Recorded					
Shade Temperature		74°F.	76°F.	74°F.	63°F.
Lowest Recorded					
Shade Temperature		40°F.	40°F.	36°F.	33°F.
Averages:—					
Max. Shade Temp.		66.2°F.	68.7°F.	62.2°F.	56°F.
Min. Shade Temp.		54.1°F.	47.5°F.	48.6°F.	44°F.
Barometer (corr.)		29.82"	29.91"	29.91"	29.72"

#### Observers:

P. G. Owston, W. C. Brice, S. Cornforth, G. W. Airey.

Recorder: W. A. Miller.



The following letters were received recently from Capt. John Cook, who was Clerk of the Works when the present school building was erected fifty years ago, and who is now living in New Zealand. The spirit level to which he refers is now in the School Museum and is of mahogany inlaid with brass, of exquisite craftsmanship, and in perfect working order. The spectacles are also in the School Museum.

Soldiers' Hostel,  
Wellington,  
New Zealand.

4th April, 1938.

The Principal :

Sir,

For fifty years have I kept the enclosed press cuttings relative to the building of your Grammar School of which I was Clerk of Works ; and now I send them to you, as I feel you will be interested in them. I also enclose a copy of the Stone-laying Ceremony. I believe that several years ago I sent you a copy at the time I posted you the pair of spectacles I found under the old foundation stone of the Alms house, when we were pulling it down. This I hope you have in your School Museum ? When we were taking the old premises down, I told the workmen to be careful when they got to the foundation stone and promised them beer if they found anything under it. The only thing found was the spectacles minus one glass ; however, on careful sifting of the ground we found the other, and the men got their beer. Might I suggest that you advise one of the large Oculists societies of England about these genuine Elizabethian spectacles, as they would be deeply interested, I am sure.

I have still the level the stone was laid with which I will send you if you would like it.

I suppose most of my friends are dead and gone by this, however, it won't be long now before I meet them for I am 78.

Since leaving Guisborough I have fought in the Boer War and Great War, so have earned a little rest. I wonder if the Priory Arch is still standing ?

With all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Cook (Captain).

In the old stone wall between school and adjoining houses, town side, we placed bottles with local photographs in it. I wonder if they were found when the wall was pulled down ?

C/o. G.P.O.,

Wellington,

New Zealand.

August 26th, 1938.

R. J. Routh, Esq. :

Dear Sir,

I have posted you the Spirit Level used at the laying of the Grammar School fifty years ago, which seems to me but a short time back. The original bulbs are in the level, and it was used both horizontally and vertically on the stone.

In another fifty years the level will in all probability still be in existence but we I trust shall be with God.

Loving regards to Mr. Ted Wilson, and kind greetings to yourself, and all connected with the School.

Faithfully yours,

John Cook (Captain).

### THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH.

The other day I decided to go on a journey to the Home of Learning, the Asylum of Knowledge, and the Dwelling Place of the Gods. In the good old days, before passports and other nuisances were invented, this would have been an easy matter, but now! Ah me! 'twould have been a better world if we had all been angels—not, of course, angels of Beelzebub.

First of all I went to the keystone of our constitution and asked for a passport to the Asylum. Insult of insults! I was given a yellow ticket, as if I was being certified as insane, to ensure my entry into a suitable Asylum. Much chagrined, I took the all-important ticket and set off in search of the Asylum of the Gods and the Home of Concentrated Knowledge.

I entered into the land forbidden but to the privileged few. Before I had time to put down my luggage, a bespectacled douanier demanded my credentials of me. Me, mind you, who could come and go at will among that crowd of arch-demons tending the Gym fire. Still, I wanted to stay in the Asylum and absorb knowledge, so I produced my little yellow ticket and surrendered it to the custodian, and read much about the Ancient Britons and the Giraffe necked women of Burma.

Then, just as I got to an interesting part, the same bespectacled douanier burst upon my studies and shouted, "Come on, its time, get out. The Upper Sixth want the Library." I bowed my head to the storm and fled.

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## Old Boys' Association.

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*Association Colours :* Navy blue, red and white.

Blazers, Scarves and Ties are obtainable through the Secretary.

## GUISBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Unfortunately this issue of *The Guisborian* goes to print too early for a Report of the Annual Meeting and Dinner on the 16th December. A detailed Report of these two events will therefore appear at the end of next term.

The term has been a very flourishing one for the Association and has been marked by a large increase in our membership. Approximately 30 or 40 new members have joined since last summer, making our total membership now 250. Unfortunately, of this number, 39 have not paid their subscriptions for 1938. If anyone feels uncomfortable when reading this, will they please despatch their subscriptions without delay.

The term has been marked by two main events, namely, the Annual Dance on the 11th November, and the Raffle in aid of the Benevolent Fund. The former event was a record in all respects, the attendance being 183, one above the previous record, and the net profit was £12 : 17 : 4. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Routh in letting us have the use of the School. The Raffle brought in £14 : 6 : 7 and all sellers and buyers of tickets are sincerely thanked.

We are extremely regretful to hear that Mr. C. Collett has expressed a wish to resign from the Committee owing to pressure of business. Mr. Collett was the prime instigator in founding the Association and it was through his initiative that the first Meeting of Old Boys was held in 1931. From then until 1933 he carried out the duties of Honorary Secretary with Mr. Salkeld, and thereafter was an arduous worker on the Committee.

A copy of the Accounts for the year ended 30th November, 1938 appears at the end of this issue. It will be seen that we now have a balance of £33 : 8 : 0 in the Benevolent Fund, an increase nearly £18 from the previous year, after making total grants of £23 : 3 : 11.

The Old Boys' match, as most members probably know, resulted in a win for the School, 7-4, a win which pays tribute not only to their skill, but also to their stamina. The score at the end of ninety minutes (it seemed like ninety days) was 4-4, and extra time had to be played to decide the destination of the trophy. In this period the Old Boys were outplayed although Walker, the School's goalkeeper, made several good saves. The scorer for the Old Boys was J. Reed, who got all four and played brilliantly throughout.

The Old Boys' team was: F. Roper, T. Williamson, — Atkinson, E. Brown, G. F. K. Coates, J. Readman, Chas. Richardson, J. R. Mitchinson, J. Reed, J. Ableson, N. Robinson,

### Mr. Bragg's Retirement.

As practically every Old Boy knows, Mr. Bragg is retiring at the end of this term after twenty-four years devoted service. At the Dinner he will be presented with a Barograph by Mr. J. Arrowsmith who was at the School when Mr. Bragg came in 1915, as a token of our esteem. We are indeed sorry that he is leaving after so many years devotion to the School. His absence will be sorely felt, not only by the present boys, but by all Old Boys who re-visit the School. Gone will be the days of the fool's gangway, disinfectant, and other weird instruments of torture. His influence and enthusiasm during this long period has made itself felt, not only in the School, but in the lives and character of its Old Boys outside. His work and encouragement for the Old Boys Association knows no bounds and he is one of its greatest benefactors. We extend to him every wish for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

### Marriages.

J. S. Barry to Miss Jean Ormston of Whitby, on 30th April, 1938.

W. Hugill to Miss Annie Hollinworth of North Skelton on 6th August, 1938.

D. Turnbull to Miss Dorothy Kathleen Smith of West Bromwich on 1st October, 1938.

G. Plews to Miss Margaret Barry on 22nd October, 1938.

### Engagements.

Jack Leighton to Miss Joan Williams of Middlesbrough.

Jim Watson to Miss Margaret Halcrow of Darlington.

### Birth.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Padget on the 31st August, 1938, a son.

### NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Jack Leighton has passed his F.A.I. Prelim. Exam.

H. M. McDonald is at Loughborough College for Physical Education.

Nat. Bewick is on H.M.S. Manchester, stationed in East Indies.

Jim Ableson is a Second Lieutenant, Prince of Wales Regt., Peninsula Barracks, Warrington, Lancs.

G. A. Cooper is working in the War Office, Whitehall.

Pilot Officer Teddy Firbank was very seriously burned in a fire which occurred at Wootton, Bedfordshire. He made an unsuccessful attempt to save the lives of three people in a mansion fire. We extend to him every wish for a speedy recovery.

Nigel Berwick has sailed for Singapore. He has an appointment with Messrs. Thornycroft (Singapore) Limited.