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## EDITORIAL.

As we look out of the Library window, we see across the Churchyard a Priory which has recently taken on a new appearance. Scaffolding has been raised and workmen are busy strengthening its framework and renovating its interior. Indeed, after the laying out of gardens round it, this is another step forward in the transformation of the Priory, which has been going on in the last thirty years; no longer a structure of purely local interest, it has recently achieved wider notice, and, as it grows in importance is undergoing these material improvements.

The School in the last quarter of a century has witnessed similar changes. Not only has it grown enormously in size, but it has achieved ever-increasing importance, while modern ideas have naturally altered and widened its outlook in many respects.

Yet both School and Priory remain to a very great extent unchanged. Despite all external alterations the Priory still keeps its beauty and dignity—its character, which can no more be expressed in words than that character of the School, which is unharmed by time and circumstances.

That is why, in a record like this magazine, we cannot hope to give a really complete picture of the School. We chronicle our activities in both scholastic and sporting pursuits, and our achievements, as will be seen from the School news, show no tendency to decrease. To take an example, it is no mean feat that our Football First Eleven, out of sixteen matches already played this season, have won no less than thirteen. Successes such as this, however, have no meaning unless they are the outward expression of a spirit in the School. To-day, that spirit is more vital than ever.

Last term we said good-bye to one who has probably done more than any other single individual to keep alive that spirit in the School. No words of ours can express to him our gratitude for this; suffice it to say that the School will never forget its debt for all his benefactions, of many of which it is aware, and more of which it is not.

Unlike the Priory, the School is a thing essentially alive, whose members, thanks to such men as he, gain, in passing through it, something more valuable than mere learning. That is the School as we see it, and it is this aspect of the School which we would like our external readers to keep in mind as they read this chronicle of its activities.

THE EDITORS.

## THE SCHOOL.

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F. R. Hasseldine, W. A. Miller, S. Cornforth.

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*House Vice Captains*—F. R. Hasseldine (B). W. A. Miller (C).  
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## VALETE.

W. GIBBON (C). Entered School September 1933. School Certificate 1937 and 1938. Amateur Dramatic Society 1934. Lower VI.

R. G. WHALE (C). Entered School 1934. School Certificate 1938. 2nd XI Cricket 1938. 2nd XI Football 1937—39. Form VA.

E. R. WILSON (P). Entered School 1933. Amateur Dramatic Society 1934—38. Form VA.

K. BRECKON (B). Entered School 1934. School Certificate 1938. Form VB.

G. ELLIOT (P). Entered School 1935. 2nd XI Football 1937—38; 1st XI 1938. Form VA.

T. BAILEY (C). Entered School 1936. Form Upper Remove.

## SALVETE.

L. WALKER (P) VA.

R. L. HANSELL (B) Form I.

## SCHOOL NEWS.

*"Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit."*

Both external readers and members of the School will realize our regret at losing last term Mr. Bragg, who, after twenty-four years' service at the School has gone to the Isle of Man to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. On his leaving us, the headmaster presented him with a book containing the signature of every member of the School. We hope this gift signifies to him our appreciation for his work at the School, and our very best wishes for a happy time in the Island.

In his place we welcome Mr. R. H. Swift of Carnegie College, Leeds, our new P.T. master, who comes to us from Churcher's College Petersfield. It is rumoured that he is making vast improvements in the physique of our once decrepit Sixth Form.

On behalf of the School we wish to congratulate W. C. Brice who has been awarded an Open Foundation Scholarship in Geography at Jesus College, Oxford. This is our first attempt and first success at Scholarships there, and we hope his example will be followed by others.

Our congratulations also to E. Waite who, in his first game for Middlesbrough F.C. Reserves against Throckley Welfare F.C. on

March 4th, scored two goals for his victorious side. It is not often that a schoolboy footballer achieves such distinction and we wish him every success for the future.

This term we are losing a junior, J. Carter, who was a member of the Preparatory School, and has been at the School altogether for seven years. While he has been here he has distinguished himself as an athlete, having won the junior cross-country run two years in succession, this year breaking the record for the course which he himself set up last year. He is going to Dauntsey's School, Wiltshire, to which he has passed the entrance examination at a particularly high standard. We wish him every success at his new school.

We take this opportunity of congratulating in advance two members of our Staff, Dr. Meek and Mr. Wurr, who do not intend to return to the School next term with the status of bachelor.

The School Scouts are perhaps the most consistent and least obtrusive of our out-of-school societies and do not often find their way into the School News. This term we must congratulate Firth and Warner on their achievement, unique in East Cleveland, of winning the King's Scout Badge, one of the highest of Scout honours.

On the morning of Monday, February 6th, we were very pleased to welcome our annual visitor from the British and Foreign Bible Society. Our speaker this year was the Rev. St. J. Ross, for many years a missionary in China, who gave us some very interesting information on the Far Eastern question, and on the influence of Christianity there. He quoted the striking example of an acquaintance of his, an old Chinese merchant, who, at an advanced age learned Greek and Hebrew in order to read the Bible in the original texts. The Rev. Ross also attributed much of the dynamic personality of General Chiang Kai-shek to his study of the Bible. We hope the School will keep up its keen interest in the activities of the Society.

On Monday, 20th February, was held in the Temperance Hall the annual School Whist Drive and Dance. Though, due to various coincidences, the attendance was not as great as last year, this, one of the chief social events of the School year, was as great a success as usual. This year the speaker was Miss Trevor, to the interest of whose family in the School, the Headmaster drew attention in his address; her father, one of the keenest Governors we ever had, only

missed one meeting in very many years—on the occasion when, though he himself was present, there were not enough others in attendance to make the meeting possible. Our thanks are due to Miss Trevor for kindly attending to present the prizes. We continue to wonder why the School does not produce more international whist players among those it sends out into the world.

### The School Concert.

All will agree that our Dramatic Society deserves heartiest congratulations on its production, last December, of the Gilbert and Sullivan Comic Opera, "Iolanthe," at a standard of excellence that would have brought credit to any professional company. The stage was graced by as light-footed a troupe of fairies as ever tripped thereon, while a well-assorted chorus of peers deserves credit at least for the volume of its choruses. All the principal "ladies" merit compliments on their performances, and in particular, Cross man, whose fine contralto voice and dignified tread made him a model for all fairy queens. Owston gave an excellent rendering of Strepson, while Hinson, a newcomer among our principals, deserves special praise for his outstanding performance in the difficult role of Lord Chancellor. The play would not have been complete without that strong, silent, uniformed guardian of the Houses of Parliament—silent, that is, except for his musical political moralizing which provoked such enthusiasm in the audience; our congratulations also to the two lords who preserved their dignity even in an atmosphere of imbecility, bushy moustaches, and high kicks. Our thanks are particularly due to those who, though not appearing on the stage, played a great part in making this production possible, and particularly to Mr. and Mrs. Routh without whose aid and enthusiasm at the rehearsals it could never have reached such a high standard of performance.

### HOUSE POINTS.

	Bruce.	Chaloner.	Pursglove.
Total to December 1938	25	16	24
Form Places, December 1938	4	2	3
House Football (Senior)	10	—	—
Cross-Country (Senior)	10	—	—
Cross-Country (Junior)	—	—	5
Scholarship (W. C. Brice)	—	—	5
Boxing ... ..	+5	—	—
TOTALS to date	+54	+18	+37

## HOUSE NOTES.

## BRUCE.

This term has been a very successful one and we can look forward to the summer term with a fair prospect of obtaining the House Shield. We lost a very valuable member of Bruce House when Mr. Thomas left to become Senior Master and we must thank him for the valiant efforts he made to add the name of Bruce to the Shield. At the same time we welcome Mr. Collins, our new House Master, who has already shown great enthusiasm and keenness towards achieving our common aim. We also welcome, this term, Mr. Swift, the P.T. Master, who has already shown great interest in the activities of the House and especially in connection with the boxing. We must congratulate our Seniors on winning the House Football and the Senior Cross-Country and in the latter event we must offer our congratulations to Butler, Walker i, Grunwell and Forster i. Our Juniors failed lamentably in the Junior Cross-Country, but nevertheless Harding and Booth receive our hearty congratulations for a fine performance. Next term there are such important events as the House Cricket Competitions and the Sports and so if everyone pulls his weight and shows the same spirit as has been shown in the first two terms, Bruce will finally have its name on the House Shield.

## CHALONER.

This term, due to a re-arrangement, we have lost Mr. Savage who has been a most capable House Master since 1932. His place has been taken by Mr. Wurr, our former assistant House Master, whom we welcome as our new Senior House Master. We cannot record, this term, the winning of a single event. The House football team was severely defeated by a victorious Bruce and our only excuse is the lack of football talent among the seniors, all of whom, however, did their best, though overwhelmed and demoralized by a more skilful team. We did not succeed in winning the Junior Cross-Country race owing to the lack of numbers, though not of determination among those who did enter. In the Senior race, too, we suffered defeat. Our Seniors, rather suprisingly, gained the second greatest number of places out of the first thirty—we usually succeed in doing this—but unfortunately they were not among the first home, apart from Saunby, who came in third. Undoubtedly, our hopes of winning the House Shield are rather slight when we compare our present position with that of Bruce and Pursglove, but there are several events to be decided next term, notably the House Cricket, Shooting and Sports, and if we all, Seniors and Juniors alike, do our best and make it a good best, then we may eventually be successful.

## PURSGLOVE.

Surveying the term, we have no reason to be dissatisfied with our progress. Enthusiasm in the House for all events has never been more keen, and this applies particularly to the Juniors. They added further to our total this term by gaining five valuable points in the Junior Cross-Country. In connection with this we would like to congratulate Carter on another magnificent victory, and to thank Cornforth, who trained the runners; in this event it was principally the numbers of our entrants which gained us the victory—further evidence of enthusiasm among our members.

The Seniors, though equally keen, are left this term to congratulate Bruce on the result of the Inter-House Football, and on a very narrow victory over us in the Cross-Country. The keen spirit in the House, however, gives us great hopes for the result of the Boxing Contest, which we are glad to see revived, and which has yet to take place this term, and of the Inter-House Shooting, Cricket and Sports of next term. We are now only ten points behind Bruce, and if we can succeed or even hold our own in these events, our chances of winning the Shield again should be really bright.

## INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL. SENIOR.

## Bruce v. Chaloner.

Bruce : Kitching ; Butler, Jefferson ; Duff, Walker i, Hasseldine ; Grunwell, Crossman, Waite, Ward, Booth.

Chaloner : Findlay ; Ascough ii, Miller ; Owston, Proud, Wilson i ; Johnson, Saunby, Bickerton, Crombie, Richards.

This match from the start looked as though it would be a heavy defeat for Chaloner, who were weakened by the absence of Wickens. Bruce had an exceptionally strong team and they showed their superiority in no uncertain manner. Chaloner defended valiantly, but after about a quarter of an hour they began to waver and Bruce scored practically as they pleased. They scored six times before half-time, after which the game developed into a rout. Waite and his colleagues unmercifully continued to press their advantage to the end, when the score was 16—0. Chaloner never gave up the struggle, but the odds were too heavy against them and they went down fighting valiantly.

Result : Bruce 16 Chaloner 0.

Scorers : Waite 5 ; Walker i 3 ; Hasseldine 2 ; Grunwell 2 ; Booth 2 ; Crossman 1 ; Ward 1.

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

## Bruce v. Pursglove.

Bruce : Kitching ; Butler, Jefferson ; Stephenson, Duff, Ward ; Grunwell, Waite, Walker i, Hasseldine, Booth.

Pursglove : Walker ii ; Martin, Pearson i ; Cornforth, Hatfield, Jackson i ; Holmes, Turnbull, Brady ii, Brady i, Tate.

When play started the match promised to be a very keen struggle between two evenly balanced teams. Bruce as was expected, began to attack from the start, but they were held very well by Pursglove's defence. Bruce continued their attack giving the Pursglove defenders very little rest and their efforts were rewarded by a fine goal from Waite, which he scored with his head from a corner. Bruce's next goal came a few minutes later in a very surprising fashion. A shot from Grunwell went high to the right hand corner and Walker ii, expecting the ball to go out, watched the wind blow it into the net. The Bruce attack was kept up until half-time, the Pursglove forwards making very few raids on the opposing goal.

Pursglove started off stronger after half-time and did much more attacking, their efforts being rewarded after ten minutes by an excellent goal from Hatfield. Bruce, however, never relaxed their efforts, although Pursglove's defence gave very little ground. A rather fortunate goal, however, came from Hasseldine, who scored with a long shot which trickled in near the right hand post. The next goal came from a free kick by Hasseldine. He aimed for goal with a fairly hard shot which Walker ii stopped, but failed to gather and all Walker i had to do was to run in and score. Another goal by Walker i, who had played very strongly throughout, settled the position, and although Hatfield tried hard to score another goal, the game ended with Bruce fairly well in command.

Result : Bruce 5 Pursglove 1.

Scorers : Bruce—Walker i 2 ; Waite 1 ; Grunwell 1 ; Hasseldine 1.

Pursglove—Hatfield.

Thus Bruce gained ten points towards the House Shield

## FOOTBALL AT G.G.S.

## First XI:

Walker ii ; Jefferson, Pearson ; Duff, Hatfield, Wickens. Forwards from Grunwell, Waite, Walker i, Hasseldine, Saunby, Brady i.

Also played : Kitching, Martin, Miller, Booth, Richards, Butler, Cornforth.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals : For	Against.
First XI ...	18	15	2	1	108	35
	Versus	Result.	Score.	Scorers.		
Home	St. Mary's Coll., M'bro'	won	4—2	Hasseldine 2, Walker i, Brady i.		
Home	Ayton F.S. ...	won	3—1	Hasseldine, Waite, Walker.		
Home	M'bro. Junior Tech.	won	11—1	Hasseldine 3, Waite 2, Duff, Saunby, Hatfield, Wickens, Grunwell, Brady i.		
Home	Guisborough Boys' Club	won	2—1	Hasseldine, Brady i.		
Away	St. Mary's Coll., M'bro.	drew	2—2	Hasseldine 2.		
Away	Ayton F.S. ...	lost	4—5	Waite 2, Walker i 2.		
Home	Northallerton G.S.	won	9—2	Walker i 5, Hasseldine 2, Grunwell, own goal 1.		
Home	Whitby C.S. ...	won	7—1	Walker i 6, Waite.		
Away	Stockton G.S. ...	won	12—0	Waite 5, Walker i 5, Hasseldine, own goal.		
Away	Yarm G.S. ...	won	4—2	Hasseldine 3, Brady i.		

## Chief Goal Scorers for the Season :

Waite ...	35
Walker i ...	28
Hasseldine ...	20

## Comments.

On the whole the School team has had quite a good season and except for the unaccountable lapse at Ayton they have played well. On at least one occasion, however, i.e. versus St. Mary's College (away), they were rather lucky to escape defeat.

During the season there has been keen competition for several places in the team, particularly the full back and inside forward positions. The success of the team has been due in no small way to the improvement of the positional play of the forwards and the greater speed in recovery of the defence.

It has been interesting to note the rivalry for goal scoring among the forwards especially during the latter half of the season when Walker i has made a great effort to overhaul Waite, the chief goal scorer. For the first time a member of the School team has played for Middlesbrough F.C. Reserves and we must congratulate Waite on this achievement. Several other players have also attracted attention.

There has really been only one fault in the team. It is that some of the forwards have tended to attempt too much on their own and have refused to pass the ball.

Although several of the team's stalwarts must leave at the end of the year, it is pleasing to note that some of the younger members will be remaining. They will form a useful nucleus for next season's team.

F. T. HATFIELD, *Capt.*

### CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS.

An innovation this year was the rule that no boy was allowed to compete in the Cross-Country contests unless he had completed at least three trial runs round his whole course. Accordingly, more practice than usual was put in, and competition was exceptionally keen. This fact, coupled with the admirable weather conditions which prevailed, probably accounted for the record times which were set up, and which give us great hopes for the Inter-School Runs due to take place at Nunthorpe, near York, on April 1st.

The Juniors took the field on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 20th, in fine calm weather. Carter won the race about a hundred yards ahead of his nearest competitor, having completed the course in record time. He broke by seven seconds the record which he himself set up last year. Harding and Booth, who came in second and third, also deserve congratulations on their performances in a strenuous race. The event was won by Pursglove House, chiefly owing to the large number of competitors which it entered for the race.

The Senior Race took place on the afternoon of the following day. The ground was dry and the weather fine and bright with a slight north wind; conditions, in short, were as good as could be expected. There was a total of sixty-three runners, but nearly half of these dropped well behind in the grilling climb past Foxdale Farm; they were unequal to the pace which from the start to the top of Butt Lane was exceptionally fast, and hardly slackened off all the way round. Butler drew ahead along the stretch between Butt Lane and Old Park Farm, and after a very well run race, crossed the tape thirty-one seconds within the previous record, set up last year by Padget. Although Bruce, who won the event, had five of the first seven runners, they were very little ahead of Pursglove in the final reckoning.

The special reporter for the "Guisborian" waited over an hour after the finish for the return of several members of the Sixth Form, but they refused to grant him an exclusive interview on "Our experience of finishing the course after dark."

<i>Junior :</i>	<b>Results.</b>	<i>Senior :</i>
Carter i.		Butler.
Harding.		Walker i.
Booth.		Saunby.
Clayton.		Hatfield.
Harmer.		Grunwell.
Harland.		Forster i.

*Time:* 21 mins. 51 secs.

26 mins. 38 secs.

### THE BOXING CLUB.

We commented last term on the lack of support from which the Club was suffering; in this issue, however, we are pleased to be able to note a greatly increased attendance and a renewal of vitality which have once more characterized our activities. This is largely due to the interest and enthusiasm of our new instructor, Mr. Swift, to whom we are very grateful for his work for the Club. Throughout the term we have been holding practices twice weekly in preparation for the Inter-House Tournament. Owing to the unusually large entry this was organised on a new system, and eliminating heats, for which points were awarded, took place on several days before the final contests.

On the day of the Tournament, March 30th, we saw six three-round exhibitions of particularly skilful boxing. The first fight, 'unusually enough, was between two brothers, Forster i (B.) and Forster ii (C.). Though they were fairly evenly matched, Forster i, who had the benefit of a longer reach, gained the decision.

Two smaller fighters then entered the ring, Watson and Main, both of Pursglove House, of whom Watson, the more scientific boxer, won the event. In the third contest Ross (B.) beat Garton (B.)

The next bout was between two of our heaviest seniors, Martin (P.) and Walker ii (P.). The event was particularly fast and strenuous and Walker began to show signs of fatigue in the last round. Martin, the steadier of the two, no doubt owing to his superior stamina and greater weight, was awarded the decision.

In the next event, Franks (B.), though quicker on his feet, left the attacking to his adversary, Jackson iii (C.) who won this evenly matched contest.

The last bout was won by Hudson (C.), who beat Rye (B.) by means of his long reach and superior style.

Bruce House won the Tournament and gained five points towards the House Shield.

Our thanks are due to Captain Wyld, who, as on previous similar occasions, kindly came to judge the events, and to Mr. Thomas, who performed this arduous task during the preliminary heats.

## THE LIBRARY.

*Open* : 10-45 to 11-15 a.m. daily.

### *The Librarians :*

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

We are pleased to note that the number of books borrowed from both sections of the Library has been almost equal to that of the books borrowed last term. The applications for Library tickets have also been quite numerous. This is no doubt due to the more frequent times for borrowing books coupled with the fact that the Library is now in such an easily accessible position.

This term there has been a greater demand for the more humorous books, the Crompton-Wodehouse type. Our congratulations go to Dales i, who has borrowed the largest number (33) of fiction books this term ; Airey i was second with 26.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of books from J. L. Walker, E. H. Barr, K. Collier and G. W. Airey.

### Library Statistics.

**Reference Library.**—Books issued to 30th March, 1939 :—

Art ...	25	Geography ...	298	Science ...	115
Divinity	17	History ...	218	General ...	39
English Lit.	96	Latin ...	211		
French ...	203	Mathematics	97	Total ...	1319

**Lending Library (Fiction).**—Books issued to 25th March, 1939 :

Upper VI ...	5	Form IV ...	69	Form II ...	131
Lower VI ...	98	Form Upper		Form I ...	47
Form Va ...	131	Remove ...	73		
Form Vb ...	134	Form III ...	136	Total ...	824

THE LIBRARIANS.

## THE SCOUT TROOP.

For the first time in the history of the Scout Troop, two members have gained the First Class Badge, the King's Scout Badge and the Green and Yellow All-Round Cord : to them, Patrol Leaders Firth and Warner, we extend our heartiest congratulations. This example seems to have acted as an incentive to the older scouts, for various First Class tests have been passed and awards such as Artist, Ambulance, Entertainer, Pathfinder and Rescuer badges have been made.

This term we have been able to obtain the use of a small room in which to keep our gear, and in which to indulge in spare time scouting. This term also, we have begun to hold weekly, instead of the usual fortnightly meetings, and this innovation has proved a great success. The attendance has been good, and investitures of recruits, of whom the Troop is now mainly constituted,

have been held. There are still, however, several vacancies in the Troop, and we shall be glad to hear from any intending new members.

We are very grateful to several members of the Staff for their interest shown in the Troop, in particular to Mr. Swift, who has on several occasions instructed an Ambulance Badge Class ; Mr. Smith, who has rendered similar services ; and Mr. Wurr, who has helped us so much in our sing-songs, which he has greatly enlivened

The work this term has been mainly devoted to the instruction of recruits in Tenderfoot and Second Class Tests. Next term, with the advent of more pleasant weather, we are looking forward to resuming our outdoor activities, which give opportunities for putting into practice the knowledge gained during the winter months, and for training and preparation for the Summer Camp.

J.D.B.

## THE WEATHER STATION.

*Notes—December 1938 to February 1939.*

We are pleased to note the interest shown in the Weather Station this term by many of the younger members of the School, encouraged by Mr. Smith ; Cornforth certainly cannot complain of any lack of company on his daily journey.

The figures for the last three months show nothing in the order of phenomena. The December rainfall was heavy, but did not reach last year's record. We have had one of the driest Februaries on record, the week of fine, dry weather at the beginning of the month being quite unseasonable. Readers will note the low extreme minimum temperatures of January and February, though the average minimums are similar to those of previous years.

We welcome another scout, Franks, to our group of observers.

W.C.B.

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

1938—39.	December	January	February
Rainfall ...	4.235"	4.11"	0.855"
Highest Recorded			
Shade Temperature	52°F.	54°F.	54°F.
Lowest Recorded			
Shade Temperature	24°F.	19°F.	20°F.
Averages :—			
Max. Shade Temp.	43.4°F.	42.85°F.	46.9°F.
Min. Shade Temp.	34.4°F.	32.9°F.	35.9°F.
Barometer (corr.)	29.77"	29.655"	29.88"

*Observers* : P. G. Owston, W. C. Brice, S. Cornforth, O. Franks,

*Recorder* : W. A. Miller.

It is an unpardonable and even pitiable mistake to regard America as a degenerate off-shoot of ourselves, as "a part of the British Empire let slip." America to us is a foreign country and this is proved nowhere better than in its language.

Our two countries differ even more in pronunciation. In America itself, the soft, mellifluous drawl of the Southerner, due to the negro influence on his dialect, differs markedly from the rolled "r's" and vivid consonants of the Middle Westerner, while the expressive "You bet," is the copyright of the far Western states. It is interesting, however, that despite the average American's idea of the "cissy" talk of the Englishman, a misconception traceable to the influence of the burlesque theatre, statistics prove that there are more dialects in England than in all America.

We, on our side, are not guiltless of gross misconceptions however. We are too apt to criticise American lawlessness, forgetting that her legal system, organized on a state basis, is much different from ours. "Gangsterism," moreover, is little more prevalent, though much more patent, in America than here, and in the former case is largely attributable to survivals of the roughness of the early pioneering days and to pre-war unrestricted immigration.

The American is a complex, and in many ways an incongruous character. He possesses equally the idealism of the Celt, the hot blood of the Gaul, and what Kipling called, "the Redskin's dry reserve"—a unique dry type of humour, illustrated in this notice over a cashier's desk, "We never cash cheques—we used to"; as also in this epitaph, written by an American for his own tombstone, "This one is on me."

Moreover, we must not misjudge the American's blustering pride in his country. It is almost invariably a form of inferiority complex, and is a betrayal, more expressive than any confession, of his jealousy of that possession of ours of which his country most often feels the lack—culture.

We have a great deal to learn from America. It could teach us much of material value, as better methods of control of public utilities, like telephone and radio services. It could teach us more of moral value, such as the suppression of artificial class distinctions, and the enthusiasm to give a trial to new things, to give a start to our Chaplins and Woolworths. All this we could learn from the land where, to use the expression of Heraclitus, "things are on the move." It is in this way that the American character forms a unity, which was cemented by Abraham Lincoln after the Civil War, and crystallised in that ideal of the American nation—"United we stand, divided we fall," "E pluribus unum."

W.C.B.

## Old Boys' Association.

### *President :*

Dr. W. W. Stainthorpe.

### *Vice-Presidents :*

The Headmaster	Mr. H. Stokeld
Mr. J. Morgan	„ L. Harrison
„ J. Arrowsmith	„ R. W. Armstrong
	Mr. D. Bragg.

### *Committee :*

Mr. S. Page	Mr. P. Bewick
„ W. A. Bowman	„ L. McLane
„ M. Maughan	„ J. Jackson
„ W. Hugill	„ D. Turnbull
„ V. Eckert	„ J. I. T. Norminton
„ J. F. Kershaw	„ R. Wealleans
„ E. Harrison	„ J. R. Mitchinson.
	The Captain of the School

### *Benevolent Fund Sub-Committee :*

Dr. W. W. Stainthorpe.	Mr. R. J. Routh.
Mr. D. Turnbull	„ R. W. Armstrong
Hon. Treasurer	Hon. Secretary

*Hon. Secretary :* John D. Stokeld, Town Hall, Guisborough  
(Tel.—Day : Guisborough, 61 ;  
Night : Guisborough, 125).

*Hon. Treasurer :* J. Combellack, Lambert House, Guisborough.  
(Tel. Guisborough, 14).

*Hon. Auditor :* J. H. M. Taylor, c/o Martins Bank, Ltd., Guisbro'

### *Local Secretaries :*

Loftus, Brotton & District—  
Mr. J. F. Kershaw, 21, Skelton Road, Brotton.  
Skelton & District—  
R. W. Armstrong, 22, Vaughan St., North Skelton, Saltburn.  
Lingdale, Boosbeck & District—  
W. A. Bowman, The Villas, Lingdale.  
Middlesbrough & District—  
V. Eckert, 17, Appleton Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbro.

*School Representative & Correspondent :* Mr. I. Thomas.

*Association Colours :* Navy blue, red and white.  
Blazers, Scarves & Ties (3/6) are obtainable through the Secretary.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Eighth Annual Meeting was held at the Fox Inn, Guisborough, on the 16th December, 1938. Mr. R. W. Armstrong in the Chair.

The Secretary in his report mentioned that the outstanding events had been a record Annual Dance, and a raffle which brought in £14/6/7 for the Benevolent Fund. Membership has increased by 32 to 250. Thirty-eight members had not then paid their subscriptions for 1938. The report was approved and adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was also approved and adopted. A copy of the Accounts appeared in the last "Guisborian."

A list of the officers elected for 1939 appears elsewhere.

## OLD BOYS' ANNUAL DINNER.

Dr. W. W. Stainthorpe presided at the Dinner which followed the Annual Meeting. The guests included The Reverend A. G. Wilken and J. H. M. Taylor, Esq. Mr. Armstrong proposed the Toast of the School, Staff and Governors and referred to the increased number of boys; 224 as compared with 65 when he first came. Responding, Mr. Routh referred to the valuable assistance he received from the Staff and particularly from Mr. Bragg.

This was followed by the main event of the evening; the presentation to Mr. Bragg of a Barograph as a token of the Old Boys' esteem. The presentation was made by Mr. Arrowsmith, who was at the School in 1915, amidst applause. Mr. Bragg, in accepting the gift, was in humorous vein and mentioned that any unpleasant things he had forgotten, leaving only the pleasant memories. Dr. Stainthorpe, in replying, paid tribute to the loyalty of Mr. Bragg, to the School.

We are very grateful to Mr. Arrowsmith for bringing some of his friends to entertain us. The attendance was fifty.

## NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

### Births.

- To Mr. and Mrs. H. Allison, a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. O. Wealleans, a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stokeld, a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. J. Combellack, a daughter.

E. W. Wright is now Headmaster of Danby C.E. School

C. Dutton, who is in the R.A.F., is now stationed at Cranwell, Lincs.

A. Colbeck is a Physical Training Organiser in London.

H. J. S. Furness has a teaching appointment at Margate.

Joe Reed has been elected Secretary of St. John's, York, C.C. Old Boys have now held this appointment continuously for 5 years.

J. R. Mitchinson is captain of Guisborough Cricket Club for this year.

On March 15th, the Staff entertained us at a table tennis and dominoes match. Results were

Table Tennis - 33 to 12 for Old Boys.

Dominoes - 49 to 38 for the Staff.

The team was G. Wear, J. Dixon, F. Roper, J. R. Mitchinson, C. Wilson, A. O. Stokeld.

A Smoker was held in the Fox Inn, Guisborough, in March. An enjoyable evening was spent although the attendance was again very small.

A football match against the School on April 1st, resulted in a decisive win (8-3) for the Old Boys. We would mention, however, that although a weaker team than usual was fielded, the School were at least four regular players short owing to the Cross-Country run. Scorers for the Old Boys were: Reed 4, Bassindale 2, Mitchinson and Flanary. The team was: W. Hugill; J. Ward, E. Brown; L. A. Cornforth, A. Bassindale, Ted Harrison; H. Flanary E. Mackenzie, J. Reed, R. Mitchinson and R. Wealleans.