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## EDITORIAL.

It is a matter of extreme importance, in the midst of chaos and barbarism, that civil life should be carried on as normal, if the balance between reason and frightfulness is to be preserved. It is refreshing for those taking an active part in hostilities, to turn round and see that we, for whom their effort is being waged, are not only bearing up, but carrying on as usual. Moreover, it is essential to the endurance and stability of the country, and a guarantee of future success and progress, that the nation should maintain, as far as possible, the foundations and basic principles of civilised life, on which people may build, in the time when man sets about to repair his destruction.

Thus the purpose of our School is now two-fold. Not only is it our bounden duty to do as we have done in the past, but actually to try and increase our effort, so that the weight of future endeavours may be substantially alleviated. To put this ideal into practice involves considerable self-sacrifice and labour, especially since this term the checks and inconveniences of outside influences have been of considerable magnitude. The weather has interrupted normal attendance at school and, during several weeks, brought physical activities to a virtual standstill. Added to which are the effects of air raids, which have involved loss of time and lack of concentration. What is still more to the point, is that the term seems to be ending before it has scarcely begun.

But, far from deterring us, this should be an added spur, in that it is our contribution to the war effort. If we can continue, in the face of these overwhelming odds, to send out into the world useful and valuable members of society, we may consider that we have done our part and achieved our purpose. We can still say, in all sincerity, "It's a grand School."

THE EDITORS.

## YORKSHIRE PHILOSOPHY.

Joa Jakes sed tiv 'is we-ean yah day :  
 "Ah can't understan'  
 W'at causes al-t'drunkedness  
 Whi see on ivvery 'and."  
 "'Tis weeal ti see," 'is we-ean replied,  
 "Thu disn't dhea mich thinkin'  
 'Nor else thu'd knaw 'et drunkedness  
 Is allus caused wi drinkin.'"

SLED.

## THE SCHOOL.

*Head Prefect and Captain of School*—S. Cornforth.

*School Prefects*—J. R. Totterdell, J. D. Brackenridge, S. Cornforth,  
G. Findlay, H. Williams, G. Brady.

*House Captains*—J. R. Totterdell (B); J. D. Brackenridge (C);  
S. Cornforth (P).

*House Vice-Captains*—G. Findlay (C); H. Williams (P).

## FOOTBALL CLUB.

*President*—The Head Master.

*Vice-Presidents*—The Assistant Masters.

*Captain*—G. Brady.

*Vice-Captain*—G. A. Ashton.

### Committee—

I. Thomas, Esq.	R. H. Swift, Esq.
H. L. Savage, Esq.	C. M. Sherrill, Esq.
A.H. Wurr, Esq.	S. Cornforth.
F.H. Meek, Esq.	W. E. Stephenson.

## THE LIBRARY.

*President*—The Headmaster.

### Committee—

The Assistant Masters ;  
S. Cornforth, J. D. Brackenridge, N. W. Hudson.

## EDITORS OF "THE GUISBORIAN."

S. Cornforth, J. D. Brackenridge, H. Williams, N. W. Hudson.

## VALETE.

J. V. SMITH (C). Entered School September, 1936 ; School Certificate 1940 ; 2nd XI Cricket 1940 ; Form Lower VI.

C. E. JEFFERSON (B). Entered School September, 1935 ; School Certificate 1940 ; 1st XI Football 1939—40 ; Vice-Captain Football 1940 ; 2nd XI Cricket 1940 ; Form Va.

H. RYE (B). Entered School September, 1936 ; School Certificate 1940 ; 2nd XI Cricket 1939 ; 1st XI Cricket 1940 ; Form Va.

T. A. CHAPMAN (B). Entered School September, 1936 ; Form Vb.

D. GAINES (P). Entered School September, 1937 ; Form Vb.

B. CALLARD (C). Entered School September, 1937 ; Form IV.

C. FORSTER (C). Entered School September, 1930 ; 2nd XI Cricket 1939—40 ; Form IV.

J. T. JONES (P). Entered School September, 1934 ; 2nd XI Cricket 1940 ; Form IV.

J. E. WOOD (C). Entered School September, 1938 ; Form III.

G. TODD (P). Entered School September, 1940 ; Form Ia.

## SALVETE.

*Form I :*

M. BALLARD (B).

K. MALYON (P).

## SCHOOL NEWS.

*"Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit."*

The School has, in the face of considerable difficulties imposed by the severe weather, managed to continue its essential activities. Several football matches, as well as the Inter-School Cross-Country, have of necessity been cancelled, and the School Cross-Country itself has had to be postponed until later in the term.

The Lower School were greatly delighted by the amount of snow which fell during the first half of the term. Large numbers of boys were unable to reach School for several days at a time, and consequently a period of semi-holiday was inevitable.

The weather was also responsible for the cancellation of the Annual School Dance, the proceeds of which were to have gone to the Guisborough Services Comforts Fund. This cancellation was the first since the institution of the Dance as a regular School function.

This term we welcome Miss D. M. Forsaith, who has replaced Mrs. Gower as Geography Mistress. Miss Forsaith obtained the Oxford University Diploma in Geography, under Professor A. J. Herbertson, the first Professor of Geography in this country. She has had wide experience in many schools and is one of the examiners in this subject for the Cambridge School Certificate. She has written several articles on the teaching of geography, and is the editor of "A Handbook for Geography Teachers," published by Methuen. She is also the author of a text book for small children, "Other Children's Homes," published by Black. We extend to her our heartiest best wishes for her happiness during her stay at G.G.S.

We are now in the middle of Guisborough and District War Weapons Week, and to date the School has raised over £300 by the sale of National Savings Certificates and Stamps. A competition was held for the best posters advertising the week. This was won by Readman and Page ii in the over 14 class and Hindmarch and Wilson iv in the under 14 class. Each of these boys received five shillings in the form of National Savings Stamps.

The new Tuck Shop was opened at the beginning of the term, after much hard work by its staff. They are now relieved of the somewhat annoying attentions of Form III at break and dinnertime, and are settling down happily in their more secluded habitation.

Our congratulations are due to C. E. Jefferson who has passed the Cambridge School Certificate Examination.

#### G.G.S. National Savings Group, No. 216 C/1/1.

Despite bad weather and small attendances, contributions remained quite good, and before War Weapons Week our grand total had risen to the splendid figure of £378 : 11 : 0.

Since then we have made our special effort for Guisborough War Weapons Week. The figures were remarkably good, and during the week a total of £356 : 7 : 0 was subscribed, bringing our grand total up to £1,234 : 18 : 0. All subscribers, new and old, must be warmly congratulated upon this magnificent achievement. We also acknowledge with deepest gratitude an anonymous gift of four Savings Stamps to every member of the School.

Only a short while ago our immediate goal was £1000. Already we are on the way to our next thousand. Carry on 216 C/1/1!

F.H.M. } *Hon. Secs.*  
A.H.W. }

## HOUSE NOTES.

### BRUCE.

This term can hardly be called successful, for both our Senior and Junior Football Teams have been badly beaten by both Pursglove and Chaloner, and our boxers have not been permitted so far to show their talent, and as a result, we were unable to obtain our usual points. Both the Senior and Junior Cross-Country Runs are still to be decided this term, and we are hoping to gain some needed points towards the House Shield.

The gloom of this term's proceedings, however, we hope to brighten during the Summer Term by gaining points both at cricket and on Sports Day. We all hope that every boy in Bruce House will try to do everything that is possible to retrieve our shattered fortunes.

### CHALONER.

Although we did not reach our usual standard in sporting activities last term, we ended the term with second place in the House Shield Competition. Thus we commenced this term with a strong determination to avenge our defeats in football and to uphold our prestige in the Cross-Country Races. We are very pleased to record that we have only lost three points out of a possible fourteen, in the House Football. We congratulate both our Juniors and Seniors upon this achievement, which has considerably improved our position as regards House Points. Our Seniors easily defeated Bruce, and were also victorious over a strong Pursglove team. Our Juniors, after suffering defeat by Pursglove, proved their superiority over Bruce.

The Cross-Country Runs have not yet taken place, so if our Seniors and Juniors pull their weight there is no reason why we should not gain more points towards the House Shield and put ourselves in a stronger position at the end of this term.

### PURSGLOVE.

Up to the time of the Magazine going to press, this term we find ourselves in the happy position of having a comfortable lead in House Points, although the Cross-Country Runs have not yet taken place.

In the House Football our Juniors must be congratulated on winning both their matches. The Seniors won their match against Bruce, but unexpectedly lost to Chaloner.

## PURSGLOVE HOUSE NOTES—continued.

Training has been continuing for the Cross-Country Runs throughout the latter half of the term and we have great hopes of success in both of these events.

We wish to remind members of the House that next term there are the House Cricket Matches and the Sports and to point out that with a reasonable amount of keenness from Seniors and Juniors alike, we should once again see the name of Pursglove engraved on the House Shield and Sports Cup.

## HOUSE POINTS.

	<i>Bruce.</i>	<i>Chaloner.</i>	<i>Pursglove.</i>
Total to December, 1940 ...	15½	16½	27
Form Places—December, 1940 ...	1	3	4
House Football—Senior ...	—	8	4
Junior ...	—	3	6
<b>TOTALS</b> ...	<b>16½</b>	<b>30½</b>	<b>41</b>

## FOOTBALL AT G.G.S.

## First XI:

Ashton ; Page i, Cornforth ; Wetherell, Proud, Allen ;  
Forwards from :—Richardson i, Stephenson i, Thomas, Brady ii,  
Booth, Brady i.

Also Played :—Forster i, Grange.

## Second XI:

Franks ; Garbutt, Grange ; Brackenridge, Gaines, Wilkinson ;  
Gladders, Garton, Harland, Stephenson ii, Carpenter.

	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Goals—</i> <i>Against</i>
1st XI ...	12	9	2	1	69	37
2nd XI ...	2	1	1	0	12	9

<i>Versus</i>	<i>Result.</i>	<i>Score.</i>	<i>Scorers.</i>
Home Stockton G.S.	Won	5—3	Brady i 2, Brady ii 2, Stephenson i.
Away Yarm G.S.	Won	16—0	Brady ii 7, Brady i 5, Booth 2,
Away Darlington G.S.	Lost	0—6	Thomas, Richardson i.

## Chief Goal Scorers for the Season :

Brady i ...	25
Brady ii ...	23
Booth ...	7

## Comments :

This term, owing to the exceptional weather conditions, we have been unable to fulfil many of our fixtures. Only three matches have been played to date, of which we have won two and lost one—and that to Darlington G.S. There has been keen competition for the full-back and centre-forward positions. On several occasions during the season the team has played well together, but on other occasions the chief fault has been that certain members have attempted too much on their own. At the end of the year only three players are definitely leaving and we should therefore have a useful foundation for next year's team.

G. BRADY, Captain.

## HOUSE FOOTBALL.

## SENIOR.

	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Goals—</i> <i>Against.</i>	<i>Points.</i>
Bruce ...	2	—	2	4	21	0
Chaloner ...	2	2	—	10	3	8
Pursglove ...	2	1	1	17	7	4

## Bruce v. Pursglove.

Played on Wednesday, February 12th.

*Bruce* : Ross ; Metcalfe, Forster i ; Garton i, Booth, Harding ;  
Abram, Thomas, Franks, Davis i, Carpenter.

*Pursglove* : Ashton ; Williams i, Grange ; Wetherell, Cornforth, Wilkinson ; Richardson i, Stephenson ii, Brady ii, Brady i, Harmer.

Pursglove won the toss and kicked with the wind towards the Police Station. During the first-half nearly all the play was in the Bruce half, Purslove scoring through Brady ii and Wetherell, who put in a high shot from well outside the penalty area. After thirty-five minutes, Franks scored for Bruce during one of their rare breakaways. Brady ii, however, added eight goals for Pursglove during the next ten minutes—one from a corner by Richardson i.

Half-time Score : Pursglove 10 ; Bruce 1.

After the kick-off Bruce pressed strongly and were rewarded by another goal from Franks. During the next ten minutes both Brady i and Brady ii scored for Pursglove, but Bruce, in another breakaway, scored through Booth. After eighty-five minutes,

## HOUSE FOOTBALL—continued.

Metcalfe put through his own goal during a scrimmage in the Bruce goal-mouth. Five minutes later Brady ii scored again and completed the victory with another goal in the last minute.

Result : Pursglove 15, Bruce 3.

Scorers : Bruce : Franks 2, Booth.  
Pursglove : Brady ii 12, Brady i, Wetherell,  
Metcalfe—own goal.

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**Bruce v. Chaloner.**

Played on Wednesday, March 5th.

*Bruce* : Franks ; Roberts, Forster i ; Garton i, Stephenson i, Harding ; Abram, Thomas, Thorpe, Booth, Carpenter.

*Chaloner* : Jackson ii ; Garbutt, Page i ; Allen, Proud, Gaines ; Gladders, Brackenridge, Harland, Johnson, Hudson.

This match had every prospect of being keenly contested, but when Bruce won the toss and decided to kick with the slight wind towards the Police Station end, everything seemed to be in their favour. There was a spell of indecisive play at the start, but soon Bruce began to attack. Chaloner, however, replied valiantly and it was somewhat against the run of play when Carpenter scored for Bruce. Undeterred by this setback, Chaloner continued to attack, but it was nearly half-time before Hudson made the scores equal.

Half-time Score : Bruce 1, Chaloner 1.

After half-time, Chaloner, who had now the wind in their favour, pressed the Bruce goal most of the time. Their second goal came soon after half-time when Hudson scored after a centre from Gladders had hit the crossbar. A few minutes later Johnson scored a third goal with the best shot of the match. Towards the end of the game Harland, who had so far been well held by Stephenson, rounded off Chaloner's victory with a hat-trick and consequently the game ended well in their favour.

Result : Chaloner 6, Bruce 1.

Scorers : Chaloner : Hudson 2, Johnson, Harland 3.  
Bruce : Carpenter.

*Comments* : Chaloner were undoubtedly the superior team, especially in the second half and thoroughly deserved their victory.

**Chaloner v. Pursglove.**

Played on Wednesday, 19th March.

*Chaloner* : Jackson ii ; Garbutt, Page i ; Allen, Proud, Gaines ; Gladders, Brackenridge, Harland, Johnson, Hudson.

*Pursglove* : Ashton ; Williams i, Grange ; Wetherell, Cornforth, Wilkinson ; Richardson i, Stephenson ii, Brady ii, Brady i, Harmer.

The game commenced with Pursglove defending the School end and Chaloner the Police Station end. Chaloner attacked in the first minute and their efforts were rewarded by a goal scored by Brackenridge. Pursglove then pressed hard in order to equalise, but were unsuccessful. Then Chaloner went into the attack and after Pursglove had ceded five corners, Gladders scored from a long range with a fine shot. Just before half-time, Brady i reduced the arrears for Pursglove.

Half-time Score : Chaloner 2, Pursglove 1.

For the first quarter of an hour of the second half the game was fairly even, both teams alternately attacking. Then Johnson scored for Chaloner and Harland netted a fourth. Chaloner continued to press, but towards the close Brady ii scored a second goal for Pursglove. They continued to attack up to the final whistle, but were unable to score.

Result : Chaloner 4, Pursglove 2.

Scorers : Chaloner : Brackenridge, Gladders, Johnson and Harland.

Pursglove : Brady i and Brady ii.

*Comments* : The teams were fairly even, but Chaloner played much better football and thoroughly deserved their victory.

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**JUNIOR.**
**Pursglove v. Chaloner.**

Played on Thursday, February 13th.

Pursglove won the toss and decided to defend the Police Station end. It was a fairly even game in the first few minutes, but Pursglove's efforts were soon rewarded by a goal scored by Gratton ii. Just before half-time Chaloner equalised through Wesson.

Half-time Score : Chaloner 1, Pursglove 1.

During the second half Pursglove went further ahead, Gratton ii adding two more goals to complete his hat-trick. Pursglove were then given a free kick, for carrying, which was taken by Harbottle, and from it Stephenson ii scored to make Pursglove's total four.

Result : Pursglove 4, Chaloner 1.

## HOUSE FOOTBALL—continued.

**Pursglove v. Bruce.**

Played on Thursday, March 6th.

Pursglove won the toss and decided to kick towards the Police Station end. Pursglove immediately began to press and were rewarded by a goal from Stephenson ii after some ten minutes. The play was almost entirely in the Bruce half, and Stephenson ii increased Pursglove's lead by a further three goals. Gratton ii also scored for Pursglove.

Half-time Score : Pursglove 5, Bruce 0.

Pursglove continued to attack in the second half, and Stephenson ii and Harbottle scored for Pursglove. The play then shifted to the Pursglove half, and Woodmansey scored for Bruce from a penalty. Pursglove again began to press, both Harbottle and Stephenson ii (2) scoring again.

Result : Pursglove 10, Bruce 1.

**Bruce v. Chaloner.**

Played on Tuesday, March 18th.

Chaloner won the toss and decided to kick towards the Police Station. After a few minutes of indecisive play, Harland opened the scoring for Chaloner. Ten minutes later Harland added another and then immediately completed a hat-trick. Shortly afterwards Harland scored his fourth goal and just before half-time Fellows made Chaloner's total five, after a scrimmage in the goal-mouth.

Half-time Score : Chaloner 5, Bruce 0.

At the beginning of the second half, Bruce attacked strongly and Woodmansey scored after five minutes play. Harland, however, added two more goals for Chaloner before Forrest scored a second for Bruce. Chaloner then made their total nine with goals by Boyes and Harland.

Result : Chaloner 9, Bruce 2.

**THE LIBRARY.**

Open : Break every day.

*The Librarians :*

S. Cornforth, J. D. Brackenridge, N. W. Hudson.

There have been much fewer books borrowed from the Fiction Library this term, but as the term has been greatly interrupted, we trust that this, and not a decrease in interest in the Library, is the cause. Next term, if the weather is not too fine, we hope that there will be a more encouraging report.

We congratulate Burdon on being the most consistent borrower, with 17 books.

This term a number of new books have been included in the Library. These include :—

“The Siamese Twin Mystery” ..... E. Queen,  
 “The Sword of Islam”.....R. Sabatini.  
 “Gale Warning”.....D. Yates.  
 “William—the Good” ..... R. Crompton.  
 “The Courts of the Morning” ..... J. Buchan,  
 “Tales of Mystery and Adventure” ... E. A. Poe.

**Library Statistics.**

**Reference Library.**—Books issued to 20th March, 1941 :—

Art ...	7	Geography ...	327	Science ...	263
Divinity ...	11	History ...	77	General ...	125
English Lit. ...	85	Latin ...	93		
French ...	145	Mathematics ...	131	Total ...	<u>1264</u>

**Lending Library (Fiction).**—Books issued to 20th March, 1941 :—

Form VI ...	58	Form IV ...	89	Form Ia ...	73
Form Va ...	29	Form III ...	52	Form Ib ...	17
Form Vb ...	36	Form II ...	87	Total ...	<u>441</u>

**THE SCOUT TROOP.**

Until a week or two ago, all serious scouting was curtailed by the absence of so many boys from school. Various activities have, however, been carried on. Gas-mask drill has been introduced, and the use of the stirrup pump has been demonstrated.

With the arrival of better weather, the gardening enthusiasts have now commenced work, and several boys have refitted the weather station with a view to obtaining the Weatherman's Badge.

## EXTRACT FROM THE BOOK OF GUISBOROUGH.

.....And it came to pass that Fuf, son of Cornfuf, was filled with wrath and determination on hearing that the hordes of the tribe of Chaloner were prepared to do battle. Amongst the chosen were numbered Sidi, Aldi, Nobl, Haaken of Pusch and Massah, sons of Great Knowledge. And hence Fuf summoned unto him his elders, among whom were numbered Jehf, Tashah and Gandih, took up arms and prepared to do battle. And lo and behold, it was at the ninth hour of the day, the third day of the week, that the two armies met in combat on the fields of Gisbrah.

And lo and behold, even at once, before the sons of Pursglove had perceived that the enemy were upon them, the hordes of Chaloner drove them back through the Gateway of the Net, and as is the mighty army of Rome before the gallant tribe from Australia, so were the men of Pursglove before the sons of Chaloner.

Then it came to pass that the warriors of Pursglove, inspired by the wailing of those unfit to fight, pressed hard, but Haaken of Pusch, rallying his army, drove them back many times, and a mighty chief of the third legion alone pushed back the Guardians of the Gate towards the caves of stone.

Then a mighty rally by Fuf, son of Cornfuf, and Jehf, the son of Braid, forced back the hordes of Chaloner towards the dungeons of the ungodly.

Thereupon the two armies, weary of the fight, lay down to rest.

Then, towards the tenth hour of the day, Fuf, son of Cornfuf, recalled his men to battle, and for a space of time the sons of Chaloner held them back; then the men of Pursglove, being very wearied, were easily overcome when Haaken of Pusch exhorted his men to attack. Whereupon two great chiefs, Massah and Harland of the third legion, twice entered the Gateway, and in vain did the mighty Tashah essay to thwart them.

Now the heat of the day and the labours of the battle proved too great for the men of Chaloner, and the great chief of the fifth army, by name Albar the brother of Jehf, led a mighty advance which caused the fall of the mighty Sigger, the defender of the rearguard.

Now the men of Pursglove acknowledged the strength of the opposing army, and they departed in peace, and much gold entered the money-bags of the sons of the house of Chaloner, while over the fallen of Pursglove was made a weeping and a wailing, and a gnashing of teeth.

CASTOR AND POLLUX.

## Guisborough Grammar School Old Boys' Association

### *President :*

Dr. W. W. Stainthorpe.

### *Vice-Presidents :*

R. J. Routh, J. Morgan, J. Arrowsmith, H. Stokeld, L. Harrison,  
R. W. Armstrong and D. Bragg.

*Hon. Secretary :* John D. Stokeld, Town Hall, Guisborough  
(Tel. 61).

*Hon. Treasurer :* J. Combellack, Lambert House, Guisborough

*Hon. Auditor :* W. D. Darnton, 79 Westgate, Guisborough.

### *Committee :*

S. Page, W. A. Bowman, M. Maughan, W. Hugill, V. Eckert,  
J. F. Kershaw, E. Harrison, P. Bewick, D. Turnbull, R. Wealleans,  
J. R. Mitchinson, H. Norminton, G. Franks, J. W. Ward, S.  
Cornforth (Capt. of School), and the following co-opted members:  
I. Thomas, J. Walker, A. Garner.

### *Benevolent Fund Committee :*

Dr. W. W. Stainthorpe, R. J. Routh, R. W. Armstrong,  
D. Turnbull, J. Combellack and J. D. Stokeld.

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

### *Local Secretaries :*

Loftus—H. Norminton, Senior School, Loftus.

Brotton & Carlin How—

J. F. Kershaw, 21, Skelton Road, Brotton.

Skelton & District—

R. W. Armstrong, 22, Vaughan Street, North Skelton.

Middlesbrough—

D. Turnbull, 31, Emerson Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

Ties (3/6), Blazers and Scarves are obtainable through the  
Secretary.

Subscription 2/6 per annum, payable in advance. Old Boys  
on Active Service are exempt from payment of subscriptions.

GUISBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Fox Inn, Guisborough, on 27th December, 1940. The Secretary's report appears below, while the accounts for the year were printed in the last issue of the "Guisborian." All the officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. W. D. Darnton as Hon. Auditor.

The question of increasing the annual subscription to 3/- was freely discussed. Several arguments were put forward, both for and against, but in the end it was resolved and carried that with careful management we could carry on at 2/6 for 1941, and that the matter be further considered in a year's time.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the President, Dr. W. W. Stainthorpe.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. President and Gentlemen :

I beg to submit my Annual Report. It is very difficult to give an interesting report because you are already acquainted with our activities by reason of the "Guisborian." They can, however, be very shortly summarised.

The year commenced with a Concert presented by the Guisborough Thespians in aid of the Benevolent Fund. We are very grateful to them for giving us this show, which made a profit of £6 : 18 : 0.

On 18th April we had a Smoker in the Fox Inn. A Darts Match between teams captained by Local Secretaries was the chief item of the evening, and altogether an enjoyable evening was spent, although the attendance was not good.

The Berwick Memorial Cup Match on 12th June resulted in a win for the School. Through war conditions we were not able to field a very strong side, but at the same time I do not wish to belittle the School's victory. They had a very useful Eleven and I hope to see some of the members of the team playing in good class cricket in the future. Owing to difficulties in raising a team, it has not been possible to arrange any football matches against the School during the year, either in the Easter Term or during the Christmas Term just finished.

The year finished with the Annual Dance on 13th December. This, as usual, was a great success. The attendance was not up to last year's record of 201, but nevertheless we made a profit of £15 : 14 : 3. The Committee have decided to allocate £4 : 1 : 2

of this sum to the Benevolent Fund to make a balance in that account of £50, and the rest goes into the General Account.

With regard to the financial aspect, I do not wish to dwell too long as you have already heard the Treasurer's Report, and I have some further comments to make when discussing another matter on the Agenda. The loss of £2 on the year's working, however, does call for serious thought and it does lead me to a long-standing complaint which I bring up at every Annual Meeting, in practically every issue of the "Guisborian," and at most Committee Meetings. It is the non-payment of subscriptions. You will have read a few statistics in the last "Guisborian." At the time the "Guisborian" was printed there were 90 who had not paid their subscriptions for the year ended 30th November, 1940. If there was a reasonable prospect of getting in half of these arrears I would not grumble, but to see us losing about 1/8d. a year in "Guisborians" alone for each member who does not pay his subscription, is to me a serious matter. There are some of you in this room who have not paid, but you can rest assured I will be on to you before the evening is out.

The most dominant feature of the year, of course, has been the War. Including the Merchant Service, we know of 149 Old Boys on Active Service. We have lost, as you will have read, T. Ferrier and G. Waite, while E. W. Lawson, T. Every, Nicholson and Pat Forster are prisoners of war. More will be said of this later. Beyond these facts, the War does not seem to have affected us much, except that we have not had so many Committee Meetings, namely two. Seven members of the Committee, or co-opted members, are on Active Service, but in spite of this the attendance at these meetings has been good.

I cannot finish my report without paying tribute to the wonderful support I have received from the Officials, particularly Dr. Stainthorpe, our enthusiastic and ever-present President; Mr. Routh for his helpfulness at all times and for lending us the School for the Dance and Committee Meetings; Mr. Combella for his valuable assistance, and, if I may be permitted to single out a member of the Committee—Mr. Armstrong, another ever-present and, I venture to suggest, the most enthusiastic of all of us.

### ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner followed the Meeting, Dr. Stainthorpe presiding. Thirty-five attended, including our guests, Rev. A. G. Wilken, Mr. T. W. Walker, Mr. W. D. Darnton, Dr. Pratt and Capt. T. Stainthorpe. We were very sorry that the Headmaster could not attend owing to unavoidable A.R.P. duties.

The toast of "The School, Staff and Governors" was proposed by Mr. R. W. Armstrong, to which Mr. H. L. Savage, in a burst of hitherto undiscovered eloquence, replied.

Mr. T. W. Walker, in proposing the toast of "The Association," was enthusiastically received and referred to several humorous experiences while at the School. Dr. Stainthorpe replied and referred to the loss during the year of four Old Boys : W. J. Brice, G. Waite, T. Ferrier and F. H. T. Mead and our Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. H. M. Taylor.

The Rev. A. G. Wilken proposed the toast of "Old Boys on Active Service," and referred to the 150 Old Boys who were already known to have volunteered or been called up, and to the fact that we had lost two Old Boys on Active Service and three were prisoners of war. Capt. T. Stainthorpe replied.

### NEWS OF OLD BOYS, &c.

We extend to Dr. Stainthorpe our very sincere sympathy in the loss he has sustained in the death on Active Service of his son, Wing-Commander W. W. Stainthorpe.

We regret that in last term's "Guisborian" we omitted to announce the engagement of Teddy Harrison to Miss D. Allison, of Guisborough.

In January, L. Flower was married to Miss Ruddock of Guisborough.

Congratulations to J. Furniss on the birth of another son.

The Secretary acknowledges with grateful thanks the receipt from a member of the Association, who wishes to remain anonymous, of a cheque for £1 : 3 : 3, which was the debit balance on 30th November, as shown by the Balance Sheet.

A Football Match against the School had to be cancelled owing to the unfit state of the ground.

The Berwick Memorial Cup Match has been arranged for Wednesday, 11th June. Anyone wishing to play in this match should communicate with the Secretary.

The School Sports will be held on 23rd July, to which the Headmaster invites all Old Boys.

Recently the Treasurer received 2/6 for a 1940 subscription, but the sender did not supply his name. Would he please do so as soon as possible? The postmark was Stockton.

### Further List of OLD BOYS SERVING IN H.M. FORCES.

#### ARMY :

E. ALDERSON.	N. BERWICK.	H. SCHUMM.
M. BARNARD.	K. POLLARD.	J. W. THOMPSON.
		J. WILSON.

#### NAVY :

R. W. CATTON.

#### R. A. F.

E. H. BARR.	F. FOWLE.	J. E. JOHNSTON.
J. COTTRELL.	L. HUNTER.	E. LINDSEY.
W. DARNTON.		H. SAUNBY.