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## EDITORIAL

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The characteristic of this magazine has always been modesty—a certain humility in the face of success and an unpublicized pride in achievement. *The Guisborian* has never been a vehicle for extravagant praise, and has never attempted, either to accentuate the School's successes, or to belittle its defeats. Indeed, in their desire not to eulogise the School in any way, the Editors may often have given a false picture to their readers, probably through an understandable dread of any form of boasting.

In the world to-day, however, such self-effacement is out of fashion, and prestige seems to be calculated on the ostentation of success; so, while the Editors have no wish to be blatant in advertising the work of the School, neither do they mean to allow the School to sink into obscurity through any false modesty on their part.

When, therefore, you are reading *The Guisborian*, and you find that the articles often seem to stress faults and weaknesses, rather than excellencies and successes, remember that:

“Errors, like straws, upon the surface flow,  
He who would search for pearls must dive below.”

You will then realise that our Examination Results are very high, that our Sports XI's win their matches not through mere chance, and that the Scout Troop, though small, is composed of First-Class Scouts.

Quality, not quantity, is the desideratum of the School.

## THE SCHOOL

*Captain of the School* : K. FLEMING.

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## VALETE

- M. E. OVERSBY (B). Entered School 1941. School Prefect 1947—49. Captain of School 1948—49. Captain of Bruce 1947—49. School Certificate 1946. Higher School Certificate 1949. 2nd XI Cricket and Football 1943. 1st XI Cricket and Football 1944—49. Sports Committees 1945—49. Vice-Captain of Cricket 1946—47. Captain of Cricket 1948—49. Vice-Captain of Football 1947—48. Captain of Football 1948—49. Cross Country Team 1948, 1949. Form Upper VI.
- J. J. BRETTLE (C). Entered School September, 1942. School Prefect 1948—49. Vice-Captain and Captain of Chaloner 1948—49. 2nd XI Cricket 1948—49. 2nd XI Football 1948—49. School Certificate 1946. Higher School Certificate 1949. School Scout Troop 1942—45. Choral Society 1942—45. Form Upper VI.
- J. THOMAS (C). Entered School 1942. School Certificate 1946. Higher School Certificates 1948 and 1949. County Major Scholarship 1949. 2nd XI Football 1947—48. 2nd XI Cricket 1947—48—49. 1st XI Football 1948—49. Football Committee 1949. School Prefect 1949. School Scout Troop 1943—46. Choral Society 1942—45. Form Upper VI.
- N. JUDSON (P). Entered School September, 1942. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1949. Vice-Captain Pursglove, 1948-9. School Prefect 1948—49. Form Upper VI.
- A. D. HART (C). Entered School 1942. School Certificate 1947. School Scout Troop 1942—1949. Form Upper VI.
- P. FORSTER (C). Entered School 1944. School Certificate 1948. 2nd XI Football 1947—48. 1st XI Football 1948—49. Form Lower VI.
- M. E. TROWSDALE (C). Entered School 1944. School Certificate 1948. 2nd XI Football 1947—48. Form Lower VI.
- R. YOUNG (C). Entered School September 1944. School Certificate 1948. 2nd XI Football 1947—49. Form Lower VI.
- I. ARMSTRONG (B). Entered School September 1943. School Choral and Operatic Society 1943—49. 2nd XI Cricket 1949. School Certificate 1949. Form V.
- D. FAIRBRASS (C). Entered School September 1947. School Choral and Operatic Society 1947—49. School Certificate 1949. Form V.
- J. A. GILBERT (B). Entered School September 1944. School Choral and Operatic Society 1947—49. Form V.
- K. HANSON (P). Entered School September 1944. School Certificate 1949. 2nd XI Football 1948—49. Form V.
- M. K. HEAVISIDE (P). Entered School September 1944. School Certificate 1949. 1st XI Cricket 1948—49. 2nd XI Football 1948—49. Form V.
- C. JEFFERSON (C). Entered School September 1944. 1st XI Football 1948—49. Form V.
- T. A. DUFFIELD (C). Entered School September 1944. 2nd XI Cricket 1948—49. Form V.
- P. R. NICHOLSON (C). Entered School September 1944. School Certificate 1949. Form V.
- D. WILSON (P). Entered School September 1944. School Certificate 1949. School Choral and Operatic Society 1944—49. Form V.
- B. JONES (P). Entered School 1947. Form V.
- R. F. RUSSELL (P). Entered School September 1947. Form III.
- A. DUCK (P). Entered School September 1946. Form III.
- D. A. CARTWRIGHT (P). Entered School September 1947. School Choral and Operatic Society 1947—49. Form II.

## SALVETE

FORM VI: H. KNAGGS (C).  
FORM II: R. BLACKLOCK (P).

### FORM I:

S. R. ALDERSON (C).	E. W. GOLDBY (C).	K. RIDDIOUGH (P).
F. ANDERSON (B).	J. D. HARMER (C).	C. W. ROBINS (B).
T. BANNISTER (P).	M. E. LOWE (B).	D. A. ROWE (C).
D. N. BARBER (B).	B. LUMLEY (C).	I. C. SANDERSON (P).
R. BEAN (C).	M. MOORE (P).	R. SMITH (B).
B. BEEDLE (P).	A. MYERS (B).	R. WALKER (C).
B. BUCKLE (B).	R. E. NICHOLAS (C).	D. WHITLOCK (B).
D. DIXON (C).	J. PATTISON (P).	B. M. WILSON (P).
P. DENHAM (P).	F. PEARSON (B).	T. WOULD (C).
H. FLETCHER (B).	W. E. PEARSON (C).	

## SCHOOL NEWS

"*Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit.*"

The results of the School examinations were of the usual high order. In particular, we must congratulate J. Thomas on gaining a County Major Scholarship and, in the School Certificate Examination, A. D. Johnson and J. D. Bell who gained eight and seven distinctions respectively.

### HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

J. J. BRETTE (Good in Chemistry).	M. E. OVERSBY.
F. J. FISCHBEIN (Good—French, History, Distinction—English).	J. THOMAS (Good—Physics, Distinction—Scholarship, Chemistry).
K. FLEMING (Good—Latin).	M. WAITE.
N. JUDSON.	C. L. WRIGHT (Good—Chemistry)
J. M. OUTHWAITE (Good—Geography).	

### LETTERS OF SUCCESS.

A. D. HART (Principal—Geography, Art, Subsidiary—English).  
M. W. TUNNICLIFFE (Good in Principal French. Pass—Principal English, Subsidiary—Geography).  
E. GARRETT (Subsidiary—English, Art, Geography, History, Religious Knowledge).  
P. FORSTER (Subsidiary—English, History, French, Geography).  
M. E. TROWSDALE (Subsidiary—English, French, Art, Geography, History).

### CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

A. D. JOHNSON	P. R. NICHOLSON	G. H. COWEN
J. D. BELL	E. C. MAYO	R. LINES
P. R. ROBINSON	M. K. HEAVISIDE	D. WILSON
J. SANDERSON	D. FAIRBRASS	I. ARMSTRONG
B. GRAY	V. NEWTON	T. G. BOSOMWORTH
R. GOLDBY	C. LANCASTER	B. WEETMAN
D. R. VERRILL	T. W. CHESTER	K. HANSON
J. B. STEPHENSON	C. SILVESTER	

It is with regret that we must record the departure of Mr. Morgan. We wish him all the very best of luck in his new post at Dudley Grammar School.

At the same time, we welcome Mr. Moore, who comes to take his place and who is a worthy successor to Mr. Morgan.

On October 19th, the whole School thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Odeon, Middlesbrough, where we saw *Hamlet*. A special train was provided to Middlesbrough and back, and our thanks are due to those who put themselves to such trouble on our behalf.

Once more a party of members from the Operatic Society paid an enjoyable visit to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, to see a performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera, *The Gondoliers*. It is hoped that, again, this will prove beneficial to all concerned with our production of that opera.

By courtesy of the Headmaster, the School Prefects have been given the store room for use as a Prefects' Room. This is a privilege much appreciated and a solution to overcrowding in the library due to the ever-increasing size of the Sixth Form.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks a most interesting letter from Mr. Norman W. F. Robinson of Carlin How. We regret that owing to lack of space we are unable to print it, and to print but a small part, would be to do it an injustice.

Following a magnificent summer and an "Indian Summer" in October, we were troubled by a serious drought. A "chain-gang" could be seen carrying pails of water from the spring in Church Square, to replenish the empty cisterns in the School.

A discussion was held with the Old Boys in School on the subject of the Education Act, 1944. The meeting was well attended by both Sixth Formers and Old Boys.

The film projector once again provided education and enjoyment for the School, on November 11th and 19th.

The combined efforts of H. M. Wilson (The Deliverer) and D. Richards (the Composer) earned them the First Prize—a ticket to London—in a Speech Competition held in Middlesbrough at Kirby Grammar School for Girls, on November 19th. Congratulations to both!

The first award of the prize donated by the Old Boys went to L. Robinson in the Junior Section, for his musical ability, and to D. Richards in the Senior Section, for his laborious research into the past and sacred archives of *The Guisborian*. Their names will be put up on a special board.

This term saw a resumption of the Friday afternoon activities. The Field Club have visited Skinningrove Works, the Shirt Factory, Guisborough, Skelton Trading Estate and the Post Office. Other activities include the Chess Club, the Stamp Club, Aero-modellers, Scientific Society, Harriers and a Debating Society. An interesting debate was held on the subject of "Whether there should be a uniform system of State Education."

The School Choir entertained a large congregation at their annual Carol Service in Guisborough Parish Church on December 7th. At the time of going to press, the School Choral Society is making great progress in its rehearsals of this year's opera, *The Gondoliers*.

A Sixth Form Cricket Team under the able captaincy of Mr. G. Farrington, played and beat a team from the Guisborough Branch of the British Legion, by two wickets.

A party of thirty boys and two masters went to Paris during the summer holidays. An account of this very enjoyable and educative trip will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Form and Subject Prizes this year were as follows:—

FORM V	A. D. JOHNSON	ENGLISH	M. W. TUNNICLIFFE
FORM IV	H. SMITH.	FRENCH	F. J. FISCHBEIN.
	H. R. P. HAGUE.	LATIN	K. FLEMING.
FORM III	D. W. FERGUSON.	HISTORY	F. J. FISCHBEIN.
FORM II.	J. DUNNING.	GEOGRAPHY	J. M. OUTHWAITE
FORM I	T. MACKENZIE	SCRIPTURE	H. M. WILSON
		MATHEMATICS	J. THOMAS
		PHYSICS	J. THOMAS
		CHEMISTRY	J. J. BRETTE.

The Fifth Form Art Prize was awarded to E. C. MAYO

## SPORTS DAY

The annual Sports were decided before a large crowd on Wednesday, July 27th. The weather was fine, but not too hot for the runners, and, since there were no outstanding favourites for the races, much keen running and jumping resulted. The House Competition depended upon the result of the Sports, and Pursglove gained the Sports Cup by winning the Junior Sports and gaining second place in the Seniors. The Prizes were presented on the Tennis Court by Major-General R. T. O. Carey, whose forceful and downright speech held the interest of the School and parents alike. The Victor Ludorum was won by D. Richards (B) who gained sixteen points.

### RESULTS

SENIORS		JUNIORS	
CRICKET BALL	Hanson (P). Thomas (C) Young (C)	CRICKET BALL	Silvester ii (B) Wilkinson (P) Gales (C)
220 YARDS (under 15½)	Wilson (P) Gray (P) Roddie (P)	220 YARDS	Johnson (C) Clarkson (P) Toes (C)
100 YARDS (under 15½)	Wilson (P) Gray (P) Boothby (P)	100 YARDS (under 12)	Chester (C) Thrower (B) B. Dobson (P)
100 YARDS (Open)	Richards (B) Beel (B) Thomas (C)	100 YARDS (under 13)	Clarkson (P) Cowen (B) Wilson iii (C)
HURDLES	Beel (B) Brettie (C) Armstrong (B)	100 YARDS (under 14)	Johnson (C) Silvester (B) Toes (C)
QUARTER MILE	Richards (B) Oversby (B) Trowsdale (C)	QUARTER MILE	Hague (B) Garland i (P) Garland ii (P)
HALF MILE	Waite (B) Roddie (P) Richards (B)	HIGH JUMP	Robson (C) Garland ii (P) Cowen (B)
LONG JUMP	Richards (B) Fleming (P) Beel (B)	LONG JUMP	Silvester (B) Booth (P) Duck (P)
HIGH JUMP	Judson (P) Wilson iii (P) Beel (B)	JUNIOR RELAY	Pursglove Chaloner
MILE	Martin (P) Wilson iii (P) Rawson (B)		
SENIOR RELAY	Bruce Pursglove		
TUG OF WAR	Bruce Chaloner		

## HOUSE SHIELD 1948—1949

BRUCE	CHALONER	PURSGLOVE
122 pts.	57½ pts.	128½ pts.

Pursglove, therefore won House Shield and Sports Cup. New records were set up by Beel, in the hurdles, with a time of 10.7 secs.; by Wilson, in the 220 yards (under 15½), with a time of 26.8 secs.; and by Bruce, in the Senior Relay, with a time of 1 minute 48.5 secs.

## SCHOOL CRICKET

The following details were not included in our July edition :

SCHOOL 128 for 8. OLD BOYS 127 for 1 dec.

(Wilson 30, Burnside 18 n.o.).

SCHOOL 103 for 5 dec. STOCKTON G.S. 83 for 6.

(Beel 44 n.o., Fleming 25).

### AVERAGES (Revised)

BATTING		BOWLING	
Wilson	15.9	Bell	5.5
Burnside	13.9	Trowsdale	6.0
Beel	13.3	Oversby	7.5
Martin	9.4		

Cricket Colours were awarded to the following : R. B. Beel, R. E. Burnside, M. A. N. Martin, I. Wilson.

## SCHOOL FOOTBALL

### AUTUMN TERM 1949

PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AGAINST
5	4	1	—	34	8

It has been necessary to print the team before each report, as, due to many unfortunate injuries, we have been unable to turn out a regular First XI.

SCHOOL v. WHITBY (HOME). WON 10—0.

Wright ; Trowsdale, Waite ; Burnside, Stephenson, Martin ; Silvester i, Fleming, Roddie, Lines, Richards.

In this, their first game of the season, the School forwards and half-backs should excellent understanding, though on occasion they tended to play close. The defence was not unduly tested by the Whitby forward line's spasmodic attacks, and Wright, in the School goal, was rarely troubled.

Scorers : Silvester 2, Lines, Richards 2, Fleming 2, Roddie, Stephenson, and 1 own goal.

SCHOOL v. ST. MARY'S (AWAY). WON 2—1.

Wright ; Boothby, Trowsdale ; Silvester ii, Burnside, Lancaster ; Silvester i, Fleming, Wilson ii, Roddie, Richards.

Although kicking against a strong wind in the first half and troubled by a bright sun, the School defended stoutly and were losing by only one goal at half-time. After the resumption the School soon equalised and on account of their open, straightforward, methods, deservedly won this hard game in the closing minutes. Scorers : Roddie, Silvester.

SCHOOL v. NORTHALLERTON G.S. (HOME). WON 11—2.

Wright ; Martin, Trowsdale ; Burnside, Stephenson, Lancaster ; Silvester i, Fleming, Wilson ii, Roddie, Richards.

Although ground conditions were rendered treacherous by persistent rain, School adapted themselves more quickly than Northallerton and were three goals ahead in as many minutes. This was a game for the forwards, who made good use of their many opportunities, while the defence was teased rather than tried. Our opponents, however, never gave up, and played to the best of their ability throughout. Scorers : Wilson ii 6, Richards 2, Roddie, Silvester, Fleming.

SCHOOL v. STOCKTON G.S. (AWAY). DRAW 2—2.

A strong wind blowing diagonally downfield completely spoilt this game and the result was no true reflection of the territorial play, for the School spent almost the whole of the second half, kicking with the wind, in our opponents' penalty area. Yet Stockton were more accurate in their shooting, and made good use of their few break-aways.

Wright ; Martin, Trowsdale ; Burnside, Stephenson, Lancaster ; Robinson, Fleming, Wilson ii, Roddie, Richards.

Scorers : Wilson ii, Robinson.

SCHOOL V. WHITBY (AWAY). WON 9—3.

Wright; Martin, Stephenson; Goldby, Silvester, Lancaster; Robinson, Fleming, Wilson ii, Roddie, Richards.

School defence was very unsteady during the opening stages of this game but recovered to play sound football in the second half. The forwards soon found their usual form and, whilst hampered by the smallness of the pitch, and hence, a tendency to crowd the middle, were too forceful for the Whitby defence. The game was played throughout in driving rain, which, due to the rather uncertain quality and quantity of most school shirts, proved highly uncongenial. Scorers: Roddie 2, Wilson ii 3, Fleming 2, Richards, Goldby.

SCHOOL XI V. MIDDLESBROUGH JUNIOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL (AWAY). WON 12—0  
Scorers: Rawson 4, Burnside 3, Roddie 2, Goldby, Robinson, o.g.

SECOND ELEVEN V. RICHARD HIND (HOME). WON 4—3.  
Scorers: Mintoft 2, Sanders, Berwick.

SECOND ELEVEN V. THORNABY (AWAY). WON 8—2.  
Scorers: Boyes 3, Silvester ii, Hudson, Goldby, Berwick, Gray i.

UNDER 15 TEAM—

V. DARLINGTON (AWAY). LOST 0—4.

V. DARLINGTON (HOME). LOST 1—2.

JUNIORS V. WHITBY (AWAY). LOST 2—3. Scorers: Chester ii, Burnside ii.

Judging from past records, to say that the season to date has been very successful, is almost a platitude. Without detracting from the general efficiency of the teams, it is, of course, necessary to point out the general ineffectiveness of the opposition. In fact, the problem of selection, quite often, is to "scale down" our strength to a level which makes a match worth-while, without, so to speak, "giving the game away." But we realise that such conditions do not necessarily last indefinitely and that some time in the future, we may have to fight very hard to maintain our record.

Despite the fact that, on occasion, a certain player has been left out because he is "too big," the selection of the teams is not, altogether a foregone conclusion, and there are quite a number of players who, if technique alone were the criterion, could be picked, but suffer on account of keen competition for the position in which they play.

Problems of defence have been largely solved by Stephenson who is capable of rising to great heights in more senses than one, though an increased sense of positioning is, perhaps, desirable. Again, on the part of the backs, greater powers of recovery after being beaten, would be pleasing. Apart from the "regulars," Bean and Boothby have both shown good promise in this position.

The solution of attack problems has been attempted by putting Wilson as leader and, in general, looks like being successful. Henceforth, it is merely a question of confidence and preparedness to "have a go" from any position. The respective wings, too, are showing encouraging understanding.

The Second and Junior Elevens have done very well and contain many players of promise and mention must be made of such as Goldby, Robinson, Gray, Silvester ii, Gales and others, who in their spheres, are always reliable and hard-working.

P.E.M.

## HOUSE MATCHES

AUTUMN TERM 1949

SENIOR

(1). PURSGLOVE 4 (Wilson, Sanders, Roddie, Mintoft). BRUCE 2 (Outhwaite, Silvester).

The deciding factor in the game was the Pursglove defence, which never gave the Bruce attack much freedom. In the second half, the Bruce defence, which hitherto had held out well, lapsed for about ten minutes, when Pursglove scored twice to decide the game.

(2). BRUCE 8 (Richards 4, May 2, Silvester 2). CHALONER 0.

Bruce were undoubtedly the better team, but were lucky to score several of their goals. Chaloner, although well beaten, have several promising players among their younger members.

(3). PURSGLOVE 7 (Roddie 3, Wilson 2, Mintoft, Fleming). CHALONER 0.

Chaloner held out very well and at half-time the score was only 1—0, although Pursglove were continually in the Chaloner penalty area. In the last twenty minutes, however, Chaloner were completely overwhelmed.

JUNIOR.

(1). PURSGLOVE 4 (Clarkson 3, Mollan). BRUCE 0.

(2). PURSGLOVE 10 (Clarkson 4, Dobson 3, Lacey 3). CHALONER 1 (Mosey).

(3). CHALONER 5 (Mosey 2, Morgan, Chester, Jopling). BRUCE 4 (Boyes 2, Barber 2).

## HOUSE NOTES

BRUCE

We were beaten by Pursglove last year, but there was no disgrace attached to our defeat. Pursglove won at the last hurdle—Sports Day—when our Juniors failed to support the fine performance of the Seniors. However, it was in the classroom that Bruce really lost the Shield, so come on you brainy Bruce men, do some homework, and win some points! This term we have been relatively unsuccessful at football, but our Seniors are confident about next term's games. In the classroom, our efforts have produced a few more points than usual, so our prospects are not limping too badly. We look forward to next term's Cross Country Running, for which Bruce House will organise a vigorous campaign, from whose toils no slacker will escape.

CHALONER

We are faced by many difficulties this year. Most of last year's Senior team have left, and our strength is, therefore, sadly depleted. For this reason, everyone must pull his weight. It is to the Juniors that we must look, for in them lies the main strength of the House. Our Seniors have fared sadly in the games against the other Houses, but our Juniors have shown their ability to play well and win.

Chaloner to-day, due to most unusual circumstances, may be somewhat below its usual strength, but our Juniors are as good, if not better, than any. But both Seniors and Juniors must do their all and give of their best in Chaloner's hour of trial.

PURSGLOVE

Although successful in all our House Matches this term, we have no occasion to slacken in our efforts, for the House Shield is not won on the football field alone. In school work for example, much can be gained or lost, and here there is a great deal of room for improvement, and, if we are to win the Shield for the third year in succession, we MUST have an improvement. The high standard of work during previous years has not been maintained, but, with extra effort on the part of everyone, we shall not be without reward. Our prospects for the Cross Country and Sports Day are not unfavourable and, provided we can find this extra effort, there is no reason why we should not again carry off the House Shield and Sports Cup.

## HOUSE POINTS 1949—1950

	BRUCE	CHALONER	PURSGLOVE
SCHOOL WORK	11	9	10
FOOTBALL (SENIOR)	4	—	8
FOOTBALL (JUNIOR)	—	3	6
TOTAL	15	12	24

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Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 11-0 to 11-15 a.m.

The Library has once again enjoyed a most successful term—successful in that never has it been so well stocked, and never has so much use been made of it. The English, History and French Sections are growing rapidly and, as we are getting the most recent books, we are, indeed, fortunate.

Books borrowed:—Fiction 563. Non-Fiction: History 336, English 280, French 266, Latin 79, others 178. Total 1139.

## LIBRARY (SCIENCE)

Our Science Library suffered badly on the departure of Mr. Savage, but, within the last year, it has grown so rapidly that a re-organisation was required. All the Science Library is now housed in the laboratory and, in consequence of its rapid growth, a new system of cataloguing and indexing instituted. Though most of the new acquisitions are of a reference nature, the needs of the lower school have not been overlooked. The support of the whole school has been most encouraging.

C. L. WRIGHT, *Librarian*.

## THE SWIMMING CLUB

The School Swimming Club finished a successful year in August when, owing to Mr. Morgan's departure, its activities were suspended. A high degree of certificate work was attained—seven members obtained First Class standard, seven Second Class, and eight Third Class. In addition, six boys gained Elementary and Intermediate Certificates together with the Bronze Medallion of the R.L.S.S. We are looking forward to opening the Club again, and hope that Mr. Moore will give us some guidance.

BRONZE MEDALLION—Judson i, Malyon, Mayo i, Robinson, Sanderson and Waite.

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE—Grange, Mayo i, Morgan, Robinson, Sanderson, Trowsdale i, Waite.

SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATE—Blaylock, Grange, Lester, Sanderson, Solomon, Weetman, Whitlock.

THIRD CLASS CERTIFICATE—Robson, McLean, Silvester ii, Stonehouse, Thrower, Toes, Whitlock.

M.W.

## THE WEATHER STATION

JULY 14TH, 1949, TO NOVEMBER, 1949.

Although the drought was technically broken on July 13th (as recorded in our last issue) we enjoyed a fine holiday with but occasional thunderstorms. This term started with a period of dry weather but has become progressively wetter. Temperatures have been slightly higher than average, while the first air frost was recorded at the end of October.

From 19th

	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.
Rainfall (in inches)	.44	1.78	1.28	2.10	3.98
Absolute Maximum (deg. F.)	83°	79°	84°	71°	54°
Absolute minimum (deg. F.)	48°	58°	43°	26°	32°
Mean Monthly Temp. (deg. F.)	63°	62°	61°	51°	46°

J.M.O.

## THE SCOUT TROOP

The Troop is recovering from Mr. Savage's departure, and after a very successful Summer Camp, all dead wood has been cut away so that a very compact efficient Troop of twenty-seven Scouts and one Scouter is the result. The Troop is divided into three patrols under Troop Leader Outhwaite—a Senior Patrol (P.L. Richards), and two Junior Patrols (P.L.'s Robinson and Johnson). The numbers are indeed fewer than in previous years and we shall be losing, at Christmas, three of our most constant members—the Mayo brothers. However, the keenness and efficiency of the Troop have never been greater, and, cowed by Mr. Berrill's slave-driving, we have been driven to gain seven First Class Badges, eight Second Class Badges, and a vast assortment of Special

Proficiency Badges. In addition, we congratulate Outhwaite on gaining his Bushman's Thong. Our aim now is to have a Senior Patrol composed of King's Scouts, which we hope to attain before next Summer Camp. A Patrol competition is being held, the winners of which will receive ample funds to satiate their appetites in a midnight feast at the next camp. The gluttonous Seniors, determined to win, are taking Ambulance Badge Classes under Mr. Milward, and will later take a course for the Fireman's Badge. A plot has been evolved to hold a Scout Social and Bun Fight at Christmas at which the usual diabolical stunts and raucous choruses will no doubt be performed. Good feeding, Scouts! D.R.

## THE SCOUT CAMP

The Annual Camp was held, from August 22nd to September 5th, in a practically ideal site in Glaisdale. The site was in a sheltered position, being close to a wood—for fuel—and the river—for washing up water. In fact, those Scouts who were camping for the first time will be disillusioned, when I say that most camp sites are not as good as Thorneywaite Farm.

The Troop was divided into three regiments, each with its own camp. Needless to say, the Centre Camp consisting of the S.M. and seven Seniors, served as H.Q. and was in charge of stores and equipment. The other two camps, primarily composed of Juniors, were kept at a safe distance from the Store Tent. The Troop was smaller than usual, only eleven Juniors and eleven Seniors were present. We were anxious to test the mettle of our new S.M. and we were not disappointed with his performance. His "New Order" was an inspection every morning and, although heartily disliked, it was cheerfully undergone and it resulted in a state of neatness and cleanliness throughout the camp. Good idea, Mr. Berrill! The countryside was ideal for hikes and excursions. Eight arduous expeditions were completed by sturdy Seniors who were aspiring to the First Class Badge and other outstanding decorations. Juniors were not exempt from these marches, and each of them went on two hikes to places of historical interest, and places of no interest whatsoever.

The weather presented us with a varied performance. We were exposed to thunderstorms, arctic cold (at night) and tropical sunshine, with, at times, monsoon-like rain. However, the magnificent physique and vitality of the Troop and the waterproof condition of the tents, held out against all assaults. There was a multitude of activities in the camp itself. A great dam was built on the river, and, in the vast barrage of water which it held back, energetic scouts delighted to swim, splash, fight, paddle, and otherwise make complete fools of themselves. A favourite occupation was to throw a dirty Junior into the river, and stand on the bank, cackling at his struggles in the water (2 feet 11 inches deep). The camp resounded to the chopping of wood, hissing of spilt porridge, howls of agony as cooks burnt their fingers, the roaring of the greedy oven—a strange looking monster—and the groans of those conscripted as "Patients" to test the Seniors' skill in First Aid. On a very ancient, decrepit, and completely worthless bicycle, belonging to one of the Scouts, two dare-devil riders were wont to make suicidal rides down the 1 in 3 slope into the camp.

We were very pleased, one day, to see a steaming, thundering motor cycle jerk into the camp. We were even more pleased to see its debonair rider, Mr. Savage, our former S.M. who had completed a long journey especially to see us. His adventures with the fishing rod, with which he ensnared several meagre and unfortunate trout, inspired the Juniors to similar activities. Gales actually got a fish, to the envy of Mr. Savage, who immediately ordered him to throw it back, then went and caught it himself. At the end of his visit, Mr. Savage was presented with a tin of sardines and an empty coffee tin, in recognition of his services. The making of tea at eleven o'clock was one of the legacies of Mr. Savage's visit—an admirable practice which ought to be continued at every camp. Many Scouts attended Glaisdale Church on both Sundays and the Vicar of Glaisdale, Mr. Coggill, returned our visits. A young mademoiselle, who accompanied the vicar's daughter, was of great assistance to two Scouts who were trying to compose a letter to a French friend. Vast Camp Fire Concerts were held each Saturday night, in which most of the Scouts took part. Several Juniors were haunted by horrible nightmares as a result of an elaborate "Ghost" stunt, accompanied by clanking chains and the usual moans, etc., which the Seniors concocted.

As usual, everyone fed well and one very small junior increased his infinitesimal weight by fourteen pounds. The food situation was so ably organised that the camp watchword became "More Bread," and its joyous counterpart "One less mouth to feed." The camp was peaceful enough, except on the last night, when old scores were paid off and the night was rent by screams accompanied by cries of vengeful Seniors, as Juniors were taught the laws of obedience. The Centre Camp quietly consumed huge amounts of smuggled fare, and staggered merrily to bed at 3 A.M.

For an overall cost of £2, Scouts gained several things—a gain in weight, an increase in experience, a passion for bread, a delight in angling, and a thoroughly enjoyable time. I only hope that next year's camp will duplicate the resounding success of the 1948 Camp. J.D.B.

## PARIS, TU N'AS PAS CHANGÉ!

In the summer holidays, a party of thirty boys, under the benevolent guidance of Mr. Cooper and Mr. Farrington, to whom our thanks are due, once again had the good fortune to pay a visit to Paris. For some, this was the second visit to Paris, but it was no less enjoyable for that.

As in the previous year, we travelled to Newhaven by 'bus, though this time during the day. The ship *S.S. Worthing*, sailed at 11 p.m. and we had a most pleasant and exhilarating night crossing. Having arrived in Paris, we breakfasted and refreshed ourselves in our allotted rooms. Some of the weaker brethren (those who, on the boat, had preferred the moonlit deck to the rather thick atmosphere of the cabin) were rejuvenated by some few minutes rest, but very little of our precious time was wasted and we were soon introduced to Paris by our two interesting and omniscient guides.

We tramped through the Louvre and ascended the Eiffel Tower. We marched along the Champs Elysées time and again, and boated on the lake in the Bois de Boulogne. We were intrigued by the French 'buses, and amused by the animals at Vincennes Zoo. We admired the tree-lined boulevards and enjoyed the open-air cafés. We marvelled at the magnificence of Notre-Dame, but deplored the over-elaboration of Sacré-Coeur. The shops were full but our spending powers, we found, were ample. Many things in France are dear, but we patronised the less expensive shops. The food, as usual, was superb and each day our conscientious cook had some fresh and tasty dish to set before the thirty boys and two masters from G.G.S. One or two daring individuals ventured into new fields in the realms of food. All were very intrigued by two of our "guinea-pigs" who dared to attack an artichoke—very tasty too! We should like to pay a special compliment to our "hôtes," M. and Mme. Huguet and M. and Mme. Erhaert, who went to great trouble to ensure our utmost comfort.

In our evening amusements we enjoyed a wide choice. We visited the circus and the theatre, but, after the strenuous activities of the day, we decided to have visual, rather than intellectual, amusement.

Our journey back was almost without incident. We did experience a little difficulty penetrating to the dining room in the boat, and a few were unfortunate enough to be ill on the crossing, but otherwise all ended happily. We thank sincerely all those who helped to make this trip a success. Owing to the careful budgeting of Messrs. Cooper and Farrington, there was a sufficient surplus of funds to increase our pocket money and buy a book.

## THE LIBRARY AND ITS OCCUPANTS

(WITH APOLOGIES TO MR. BARHAM).

A first-former sat in a Library chair,  
Sixth-former, prefect and master were there,  
Many a slinker and many a trier  
Many a fingo and many a liar,  
And a great many more of lesser degree:  
In sooth, a horrible company,  
Who served the School Captain on bended knee.  
Never was there a man more thorough  
In methods of torture, none was surer  
Than the great Lord School-Captain of Guisborough.

The little first-former gazed in awe  
At the very strange things that he heard, felt and saw:  
Books on the floor, and feet on the table,  
Chairs smashed to matchwood, the whole place a stable.  
Creatures were leaning, reclining and screaming,  
Their feet on the walls and even the ceiling.

The very strange noises he heard  
Turned his blood into curd.

Gramophones grinding, typewriters rattling,  
Sixth-formers shouting, while prefects were prattling,  
From a radio, jazz-bands persisted in screaming,  
At which devilish symphonies, jive fiends were beaming,  
Missiles whistled nigh, some "catching" his eye;  
Milton and Shakespeare were hurled with a cry,  
At some mortal enemy standing nearby:  
Dickens and Vergil accompan'd each other,  
Flying towards him, their object to smother  
Him in their embraces.

With leers on their faces,

The senders looked on at the first-former's plight,  
So he ran for his life, his sole hope lay in flight,  
Out of the Library hurried he  
Followed by curses so black one could see  
Them. When afar-off, then down kneeled he  
To give thanks for his 'scape from the School Library!

*La Sonnette*

## ON THE LATE MASSACRE OF CHALONER'S SENIOR TEAM

Avenge, O Chaloner, thy team whose bones  
Lie scattered on the football field so cold;  
Ev'n them who are, at present, not so old,  
While Pursglove Patriarchs are hard as stones.  
O bet not! save your money! Mix your groans  
With those of Bruce-men: see your house, once bold,  
Beaten by the Pursglovites that roll'd  
Goalie with full-back in the mud. Their moans  
Were echoed by the juniors as the play  
Continued. Yes, let blood from gashes flow  
O'er all the football field, until doth sway  
The triple-weighted Fischbein, who will mow  
All opposition down and show the way  
That the others how to play the game might know.  
*(Mute inglorious Milton).*

## ON HIS TIREDNESS or A NIGHT AT THE SPA

Let me consider how my nights are spent:  
Ere half my homework's done, I, far and wide,  
Display that talent, which I cannot hide,  
Of dancing, and, although my legs are bent,  
I must go on and on, and not present  
My true account, lest she returning chide,  
"So tired you cannot dance? I'll have to guide  
You to the cafe, where you may prevent  
Your weak knees giving!" No, I do not need  
A cup of coffee: and, although my state  
Is bad, I jive around and can't escape.  
When many thousands on the dance floor speed,  
And jitterbug at an alarming rate,  
They also swerve, who only stand and gape.  
*(Muter and still more inglorious Milton).*

## NEWS OF OLD BOYS

JOHN LITTLE (1934—38) is undergoing six months training preparatory to going to Iraq with the Iraq Oil Co.  
L. NESS (1939—46) got 2nd Class, 1st Division in his Science Finals at Sheffield University. He now has a Commission in the R.A.F.  
I. C. THOMAS (1932—43) got his B.A. and Honours at Oxford University. He is now articled to the Town Clerk at Middlesbrough.  
W. A. BAKER (1924—31) is prospective Socialist Candidate for Barnstaple.  
W. E. BOWMAKER (1937—45) is a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy.

## BIRTHS

To Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Walton, a son on 26th July, 1949.  
To Mr. & Mrs. G. Brady (1936—42), a son in October, 1949.

## MARRIAGES

G. W. A. Page (1937—41) to Miss Jean M. Trowsdale of Loftus on 16th August, 1949.  
A. Plews to Miss M. Smith of Leeds in August, 1949.

## TREASURERS' AND SECRETARIES' REPORT

To be submitted to the Annual Meeting on 12th January, 1950

MR. CHAIRMAN & GENTLEMEN,

A year ago you appointed us Joint Treasurers and Secretaries and our Report can therefore be combined into one. We will deal first with the finances. You will recall that at the last Annual Meeting the Committee recommended that the annual subscriptions be increased from 2/6 to 5/-. The Meeting itself, however, decided that it be increased to only 3/6d. The year's accounts have been published in *The Guisborian* and if you compare the balance at the Bank at the beginning and at the end of the year you will see that the loss on the year's working appears to be £9 : 11 : 8d. This does not, however, represent the true position. At the beginning of the year we had in addition £10 : 15 : 0d. in advance payments of subscriptions whereas the subscriptions in advance this year have fallen to £3 : 18 : 0d. Also in past years the proceeds of the dance have always been paid into the Benevolent Fund. This year they have not. When these factors are taken into consideration it can therefore be seen that there is an actual loss on the year's working, in spite of the increase of subscription, of £29 : 17 : 8d. It should also be mentioned that this year there have been no losses on entertainment such as Smokers, etc., which is entirely due to Mr. R. W. Armstrong who very generously donated £4 : 5 : 0d., the amount lost on the last Smoker.

There is only one answer to the question, why have we lost money? The reason is that only 106 members have paid their subscriptions for 1949 during this year. The total membership is 400 and after taking into account the life members and those who had previously paid in advance, there are 212 who have not paid. Of this number 72 have not paid for 1948 and 29 have not paid for 1947. This number represents in cash £49 : 14 : 6d.

Your Committee have seriously gone into this question to see whether it was necessary to advise a further increase in subscriptions. They have decided against it but they will pursue the question of arrears of subscriptions after this meeting. This Report is being prepared in time for publication in *The Guisborian* and a reminder is being sent to every member who has not paid his subscription with *The Guisborian*. We have every hope that members will co-operate on receiving their reminder and by the date of the Annual Meeting we hope we can present a more colourful picture. We have worked out the actual cost per member for his *Guisborian*, postages, etc. and for his 10% contribution to the

Benevolent Fund. This works out at 3/2½d. per annum, which suggests that the subscription of 3/6d. is the proper one. When, however, only about 100 out of 400 pay, the cost per member comes to 11/9½d. which shows that the Association cannot continue to run at this present rate of subscription unless members co-operate better in payment of their subscriptions.

So far as the Accounts are concerned, we think there is little which calls for comment but we will be pleased to answer any questions which may be asked of us. A grant of £5 has been made out of the Benevolent Fund and the balance at the bank is £45 : 15 : 4d. In addition there are £150 Defence Bonds belonging to this Fund.

The War Memorial Accounts were closed on 30th November and the Accounts from the date of commencing the appeal are published in *The Guisborian*. It is pleasing to record that at the closing date there was only 2/10d. short which a member willingly subscribed.

As far as our Report as Secretaries is concerned, there is little we can say because the year's working and activities have been related in the two *Guisborians*. The programme has been little different from the previous year but, of course, the outstanding event has been the unveiling and dedication of the War Memorial by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York on 23rd March. Two innovations this year have been the Discussion Group on 3rd November and the presenting of the Association prizes to the School. We congratulate D. Richards and L. S. Robinson on being the first prize winners.

The entertainment side has been in the capable hands of Mr. Davis who arranged more Cricket Matches than usual and whose teams achieved a fair degree of success. It was a pity that there has yet been no meeting of the History Sub-Committee but this will be rectified, it is hoped, early in the year. In any case it is rather a gigantic task and will take a year or two to complete.

Your Committee and Sub-Committees have met the following number of times:—Full Committee 9, War Memorial Committee 1, Benevolent Fund Committee 1, Dance Committee 1, History Committee 0, Total 12. We would only repeat what we said last year, that Meetings on the whole have been well attended and good reasons for absence have generally been forthcoming. With a large Committee it is impossible to choose a night convenient to everyone.

We would conclude by paying tribute to our indefatigable Chairman, Mr. R. W. Armstrong. He is the driving force behind the Association and responsible more than anyone else for seeing that we do not become a passive body. We would lastly mention Dr. Stainthorpe our President, who, although he cannot now attend our meetings, is ever present in spirit and takes great interest in our activities and the decisions of the Committee.

JOHN D. STOKELD

J. A. DAVIS

Joint Honorary Secretaries.