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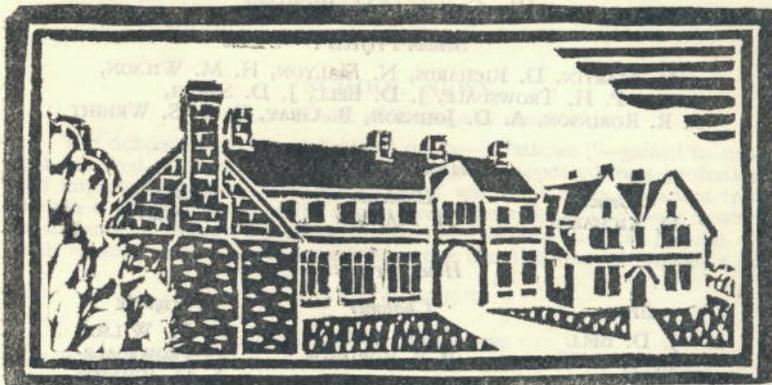


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EDITORIAL

The end of the Summer Term is surely the most unhappy period of the School year. Not now those vigorous winter mornings of ice and blizzard, all Guisborough is drowned in a languorous swamp of warmth and torpor. For the first time, the Songs of Innocence are muted into frequent discords of classroom violence—

“Shades of the prison house begin to close
Upon the growing Boyt,”

as Wordsworth intimated. For all, this term end seems some irrevocable step to old age. Many of the middle school have tasted their last of the delights of gaily coloured, cheerfully annotated text book and affectionately coaxing master; many of the Sixth Form are leaving their sinecured asylum to be cast on a pitiless world, and the masters can only grieve at their impending and involuntary absence from the scene of their fruitful labours. In all, there is an attitude of “Calm of mind, all passion spent”—for the boy, those glorious moments spent in exhilarating pursuit round a tempest swept cross-country are over; those days of achievement in the examination room, when erudition flowed out like the waters of Niagara, or, sometimes like thick treacle, and when “a cog in need was a cog indeed” pass mourned till another year.

The prefects look back sadly to those brisk mornings spent attempting with soot soiled hands to light their store room fire, and eagerly recall those gay times spent in disciplining the bus queues. Life seems so empty, so useless. How we long for the time when silken dalliance in the wardrobe lies and we begin once more our eager toil. What pleasure can we take in holiday, while knowledge awaits us (!)

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SCHOOL NEWS

"Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit."

The School's Gilbert and Sullivan opera—"Patience"—gained its usual, and expected, success. The Chorus of Dragoons appeared most professional and impressive in their ill-fitting uniforms, and their badly measured tread, though it shook not the earth, almost broke the stage. The mock aesthetic antic dance of Messrs. Spedding, Sherrell and Arnott was very popular. In reply to many enquiries, we are asked to state that Bell was not wearing a wig.

"PATIENCE"

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

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THE LADY ELLA			R. BRUNGER
THE LADY JANE			T. E. JOHNSON
PATIENCE (a Dairy Maid)		

Accompanist : MRS. R. J. ROUTH

Scenery and Effects under the supervision of :

MISS E. M. HOOD ; R. W. BERRILL, ESQ. ; J. H. DUNCAN, ESQ.

Chorus trained by K. SPEDDING, ESQ. and P. E. MOORE, ESQ.

Producer : R. J. ROUTH, ESQ.

The School Social, with its usual inane games and displays of unskilled dancing, was, with the welcome aid of members of Saltburn High School, a success. The Old Hall provided a most gallant setting for supper, with the lights turned off, and the tables romantically illuminated by candles held in lemonade bottles and an heterogeneous collection of borrowed candlesticks. We apologise to Hague for the ungentlemanly ravaging of his moustache, and we advise next year's Sixth to take some dancing lessons in order to lessen the seemingly inevitable number of male wall-flowers. We thank all helpers, and especially Mr. Routh for his permission and participation.

In return the Sixth Form were invited to the Saltburn Social—for which evening we thank our hostesses. At this function the School participated in a contest against Coatham. This consisted of an uncouth species of soccer played with a balloon, and, on the part of the opposing side, to the accompaniment of rugger-like howlings and massed pack attacks.

If any reader of this magazine doubts the spirit of aggression and virility in British Youth, let him watch the Sixth Form doing P.T. (better called "Battle Training") on Friday mornings. Here, an extremely savage form of handball is played, and many blows are exchanged in the press of conflict. The scene is, indeed, even more bloodthirsty than a Bruce v. Pursglove soccer match.

The organisation of Sports Day is to be further improved this year by the introduction of a staggered start and lanes in all 220 yards races (in pleasing contrast to the staggered finish of the Cross Country). An Open 220 yards race will be held for the first time, and the hurdles race will be run along the 100 yards track.

The School is taking an extremely important part in the Guisborough Festival of Britain Pageant. Mr. Farrington has been responsible for the script and the programme, the School choir are singing madrigals, there is a whole scene depicting the foundation of the Grammar School, numerous members of the School are arrayed in costumes of varying grotesqueness, and the sale of tickets is in the hands of several commercially minded members of the Sixth Form. These latter have many caustic observations to make on the hyper-cautious behaviour of Guisborough people who enter the ticket bureau, which is smothered in posters, pageant advertisements and placards saying "Buy your pageant tickets here," advance suspiciously into the room, and then ask distrustingly "Do you sell pageant tickets here?"

The School Orchestra has begun to prove its excellence. Under its conductor, Mr. Spedding, it gave a concert in aid of the Guisborough Parish Players, when Mr. Sherrell and Martin gave vocal items, and it executed classical items at the Old Boys' Pie Supper, where Martin once again exposed his talents.

Mr. Towle, who had, during his long service as School groundsman, become an accepted School institution, has left us, and his wit and industry will be missed. His place has been taken by Mr. Theobald, for whom, unfortunately, the motor mower has no great affinity, it having already backfired twice and broken his thumb.

During the period in which we were without a groundsman, Gray i volunteered for the soul-destroying task of monotonously chugging around the field on the mower. Since he has an ambition to become a racing driver, his great hope is to be allowed to race the 3 m.p.h. A.T.C.O. Special around the 220 track against all comers on Sports Day.

C.E.W.C. ACTIVITIES

In the Easter term, the Tees-side Branch of the C.E.W.C. met at Kirby Girls' High School for a debate on German Rearmament. Mr. Routh took the Chair and one of our Sixth Formers proposed the motion: "That Germany should be rearmed," being seconded by a member of Saltburn Sixth Form. The debate resulted in a draw, for, although the argument of our representative, being founded on logic, expedition and clear thinking, appealed to the majority of the male members of the audience, the opposition, with a girl as the principal speaker and having recourse to pathos and sentimentality, gulled the Girls' Schools into giving it their votes.

Due to the initiative of Mr. Cooper, a "Dutch Forum" was held at the School in the Summer Term, being attended by about 120 Sixth Formers. Mr. Schouenberg (?) a Dutch master from Ayton Friends' School, spoke and answered questions, and we were impressed by the intriguingly good English of Janje Lok (?), a Dutch schoolgirl member of the "Daily Mail International Youth Forum," who was visiting Saltburn High School. Whenever she hesitated for a word, the whole Sixth Form could be observed visibly willing her to find the right one, and occasionally muttering it when her linguistic memory failed. Several scholars who last year had been awarded Kelmsley Travelling Scholarships, which enabled them to visit Holland, spoke on different aspects of Dutch life. It will be admitted that the students' views were at best fragmentary, and there was reluctance to criticise Holland, which was not surprising since the Dutch master dealt very sharply with any attempt to doubt the perfection of his country, and only the most plausibly complimentary speeches received his full approbation. Our own representative's speech is perhaps best dismissed as puzzling, though often intriguing in its incomprehensibility.

The annual conference was this year held in the very modern Girls' High School at Richmond, and was attended by representatives of eighteen schools. Mr. Hemingway—a lecturer at Newcastle—was the principal speaker and, while his talk on "The Political, Technological and Moral Revolutions of our Time" gave us rather an analysis than any original philosophical insight, his answers to the Discussion Group questions were very terse and lucid. Our representatives inform us that, in the Discussion Groups, the boys did most of the talking! We should like to inform the Coatham boy whose mind seemed to vacillate between anarchy and militant patriotism, and who said he would rather die for his country than live as a citizen of the world, that we have no objection to his volunteering immediately for service in Malaya or any other sphere where visions of glory and romantic heroism may entice him; though we may be accused of lethargy and cowardice, we prefer to live rather than die for our country. The day was very enjoyable and sunny, despite the persevering efforts of our bus driver to crash us on the way home.

At the beginning of the Summer Term the School had as a visitor, George Graham, a Jamaican boy visiting England as a member of the "Daily Mail Youth Forum." He attended Sixth Form lessons and took part in our games. After he had penetrated our traditional British caution, we had many interesting discussions on the West Indian situation, and we enjoyed his frank and uninhibited speech on Jamaica, in which there was much justifiable criticism of our Government's policy regarding the Jamaican sugar and tobacco industries. He also told us of the trickery towards returned ex-Servicemen who, being promised an area of land as a reward for their service, found that this lay in parts absolutely inaccessible and useless.

THE LIBRARY 1951

Science (J. D. SMITH).

We can report a very successful year. The Science Library now contains 232 books, and the fact that we have more books than shelf-space is happily offset by the increased use made of the library. We are pleased to see that the Junior School and even the VI Form (Arts) have begun to borrow books from the General Section.

Arts.

This term has marked further additions to our Arts Library. Though many necessary books are still wanting we nevertheless possess a not unimpressive collection.

Some interest has been taken in the Arts Library by the scientists this term even if the latter have had to resort to the Arts Library out of necessity in order to complete their weekly English Appreciation.

H. M. W.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL

SPRING TERM

FIRST ELEVEN

Team (as chosen for photograph): Wright; Trowsdale, Johnson i; Silvester ii, Martin, Stephenson, Hudson, Silvester i, Berwick, Roddie, Goldby, Richards. Reserve: Clarkson.

Record: Played 14; Won 11; Drawn 0; Lost 3; Goals—For 105, Against 24.

New colours: Martin, Silvester i, Trowsdale, Silvester ii, Wright, Stephenson, Goldby, Berwick.

1. SCHOOL 20, WHITBY 0 (HOME).

We are tempted to maintain a boastful silence, but we are forced to say what an inspiring sight it was to see the School team maintaining such ruthless superiority through the whole game. On a slightly greasy surface the Whitby defence seemed unable to turn as our forwards repeatedly raced through, and our defence was as confident and quick passing as we would wish. The outstanding incident of the match was that Martin, our captain, scored (the first goal he has ever scored at School) from a forty-yard swerving lob.

Scorers: Martin, Roddie 8, Richards 4, Goldby 3, Berwick 3.

2. SCHOOL 0, DURHAM COLLEGE 2ND XI 4 (AWAY).

Becoming more ambitious, the School sought harder matches, and unearthed one at Durham. We were beaten by a faster and much older side in a very hard game. The School played too close, failing to make use of the very wide field, but the match was very valuable in that it is only by meeting such opposition that the School can counteract the deteriorating effects of its easy victories.

3. SCHOOL 5, AYTON 2 (HOME).

The School fielded a weakened team due to several injuries, but our team, though it lacked the dash and confidence of the regular eleven, played capably.

Scorers: Richards 2, Berwick 2, Goldby.

4. SCHOOL 2, DURHAM MEDICALS 3 (HOME).

Once again we played an older team in order to gain experience, and the team should be congratulated on a good showing. There was no hint of inferiority in the School's play, and the Durham team seemed as though they might crack up in the second half. Two of the Durham goals were very lucky efforts, but the School were in no way discouraged.

Scorers: Richards, Berwick.

5. SCHOOL 7, STOCKTON G.S. 1 (HOME).

Scorers: Roddie 3, Clarkson 3, Goldby.

6. SCHOOL 6, AYTON 1 (AWAY).

The conditions of the badly drained Ayton pitch were admirable for a mud bath, and the centre of the field was marked, not by a line, but by a formidable moat marking the limit of land reclamation in the area. Ayton surprisingly scored first, owing to the reluctance of our goalkeeper, Robinson, to dive in the mud, and the hesitance of a half-back to tackle an attacking forward in a puddle and wet his own feet. Nevertheless, having mastered the art of sea warfare, the School waded to victory.

7. SCHOOL 9, WHITBY 2 (AWAY).

School could not hope to repeat its former magnitude of victory on the small Whitby pitch, and the game had something of festival football, with our left winger trying his foot at left full back. The defence were troubled only through carelessness, and, in the second half, were practically unoccupied. Another of our half-backs proved his potential worth as a forward.

Scorers: Hudson 2, Toes, Berwick 3, Clarkson 2, Silvester ii 1.

8. SCHOOL 6, OLD BOYS 4.

Team: Wright; Johnson, Trowsdale; Martin, Stephenson, Hudson; Clarkson, Berwick, Silvester, Richards, Sanders.

Though it appeared probable that the School, playing an extremely unorthodox forward line, would find it difficult to defeat an Old Boys' team which included several of the outstanding players of the School elevens of recent years, the School played well and gained a deserved victory. The conditions were very bad—being cold and windy—and School, kicking with the wind in the first half, built up a 5-0 lead. In the second half the wind increased and driving rain helped the Old Boys. Our defence, though often almost overwhelmed, played well as the Old Boys' score gradually increased, and the attack, though often in defence, maintained sporadic but dangerous raids. Harding, playing for the Old Boys, appeared to have a shirt soluble in water, as it seemed to disintegrate in the second half under weight of moisture.

Scorers: Berwick 4, Silvester, Clarkson.

SECOND ELEVEN.

v. RICHARD HIND (A). Won 5-4.

UNDER 15 ELEVEN.

v. DARLINGTON (A). Lost 0-9.

v. THORNABY (A). Won 6-0 (Burnside 4, Riddiough, Whitlock).

JUNIOR ELEVEN.

v. AYTON (A). Won 2-0 (Riddiough 2).

v. WHITBY (H). Won 3-2 (Barber, Chester o.g.).

HOUSE FOOTBALL

SENIOR

CHALONER 4, PURSGLOVE 2.
BRUCE 4, CHALONER
BRUCE 2, PURSGLOVE 0.

JUNIOR

CHALONER 5, PURSGLOVE 2
BRUCE 3, PURSGLOVE 2.
BRUCE, CHALONER 0.

SCHOOL CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

1. Northallerton 66 for 5 dec., School 40. Lost.
2. Acklam 55 for 4 dec., School 57 for 2. Won.
3. School 137 for 7 (Wilkinson 29, Martin 28, Stephenson 20), Ayton F.S. 31 for 8 (Boyes 7 for 4). Drawn.
4. Ayton F.S. 36 (Bell 5 for 19, Trowsdale 4 for 7), School 37 for 2 (Hudson 18). Won.
5. School 56 (Wilkinson 27), Acklam Hall 57 for 7 (Trowsdale 5 for 16). Lost.
6. Whitby G.S. 49 for 6 dec., School 50 for 5 (Stephenson 17). Won.
7. School 74 (Winspear 17), Darlington 57 (Bell 4 for 17). Won.
8. Old Boys 69 (Bell 5 for 34), School 72 for 4 (Hudson 25). Won.
9. School 36, Middlesbrough H.S. 37 for 8 (Winspear 6 for 14). Lost.
10. School 103 for 5 dec. (Stephenson 25, Winspear 22), Stockton G.S. 22 (Winspear 5 for 6, Trowsdale 4 for 14). Won.

Team: Martin, Trowsdale, Bell, Stephenson, Hudson, Chester, Knaggs, Roddie, Sanders, Wilkinson, Winspear ii, Boyes.

New colours: Trowsdale, Hudson.

SECOND ELEVEN

1. School 26 (Gray i 16 not out), Acklam 27 for 4. Lost.
2. Middlesbrough Technical 32 (Weetman 5 for 7, Gales 4 for 5), School 38 for 1 (Hague 19 not out). Won.
3. School 66, Middlesbrough Technical 40 (Weetman 5 for 15, Gales 4 for 18). Won.
4. Darlington G.S. 99 for 8 dec. (Weetman 6 for 23), School 76 for 5 (Sanders 26, Malyn 21). Drawn.
5. School 110 (Silvester 24, Gales 31), Middlesbrough H.S. 52 for 8 (Roddie 5 for 23). Drawn.

JUNIOR ELEVEN

1. School 10, Acklam Hall 13 for no wicket. Lost.
2. School 113 (Chester 63), Ayton F.S. 55 (Harmer 3 for 4, Lacey 3 for 7). Won.
3. School 55 (Chester 25), Eston Technical 48 (Harmer 6 for 14). Won.
4. School 56 for 7 (Chester 21), Whitby G.S. 57 for 7. Lost.
5. Whitby 82, School 69 (Chester 26, Maughan 16). Lost.

HOUSE MATCHES

SENIOR

1. BRUCE v. PURSGLOVE.
Pursglove 57 (Martin 19, Mintoft 19, Bell 4 for 6), Bruce 58 for 6 (Winspear 28 not out).
2. BRUCE v. CHALONER.
Chaloner 23 (Winspear 6 for 17), Bruce 26 for 4.
3. PURSGLOVE v. CHALONER.
Pursglove 69 (Malyon 6 for 21), Chaloner 70 for 8 (Malyon 34 not out, Goldby 17).

JUNIOR

- BRUCE v. PURSGLOVE.
1. Bruce 42 (Barker 15, Harmer 5 for 16), Pursglove 20 (Whitlock 5 for 11, Shawcross 5 for 8).
 2. PURSGLOVE v. CHALONER.
Pursglove 46 (Riddiough 15, Calvert 4 for 13), Chaloner 47 for 5 (Chester 32).
 3. BRUCE v. CHALONER.
Bruce 86 (Whitlock 43, Bonnard 5 for 33), Chaloner 32 (Whitlock 6 for 11).

CRICKET AVERAGES

FIRST ELEVEN—BATTING

Stephenson 13.3, Wilkinson 13.1, Hudson 12.2, Martin 11.9, Bell 10.0

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AV.
Boyes	30.2	14	44	12	3.7
Winspear	71.5	21	112	21	5.3
Trowsdale	83.3	37	124	20	6.2
Bell	44	17	134	17	7.9

SECOND ELEVEN—BATTING

Malyon 26, Gales 11.8, Clarkson 11.0, Gray J. 9.5

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AV.
Weetman	63	30	72	22	3.3
Gales	34.6	17	53	12	4.4
Malyon	40	8	69	7	9.9

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

INTER-SCHOOLS

The School must congratulate its cross-country team on winning the North Riding Inter-Schools' Cross Country Race for the second year. The race was run at Whitby and we compliment that School on the impeccable arrangements for the event. The courses were shorter than the School courses, but the ground was very muddy. Two members of the Scarborough team were first and second in the Senior Race, but the School won the race because of their superior packing. Whitby's Juniors showed their quality when they gained the first three places in their race. After the race the teams were entertained to a most welcome meal by Whitby Grammar School.

RESULTS

SENIOR	JUNIOR
Guisborough 38.	Whitby 32
Scarborough 49	Guisborough 51
Nunthorpe, York 67	Scarborough 81

SCHOOL RUNNERS

SENIOR	JUNIOR
Robinson 3	Shawcross 4
Booth 4	Harmer 7
Richards 8	Mayfield 9
Webster 11	Nicholas 14
Hargreaves 12	Chester ii 17
Hague 15	Mackenzie 19

SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Heavy rain during the preceding week made the course very heavy and a strong wind opposing the runners down Mucky Lane slowed this part continually. Robinson, cleverly allowing Booth to shield him from the wind down Mucky Lane, passed Richards on the hills, and there was then no doubt as to who would win the race.

SENIOR

Individual Results : Robinson, Booth, Richards. Time : 27 min. 42 secs.
House results : Bruce 3.57, Pursglove 3.42, Chaloner 2.24.

JUNIOR

Individual : Shawcross 1, Harmer 2, Mayfield 3. Time 20.58 mins.
House results : Bruce 4.6, Pursglove 4.55, Chaloner 3.76.

TENNIS

Though, due to inadequate facilities, tennis is not a recognised branch of School sport, the Sixth Form Tennis Club is an extremely vigorous organisation. Elections were held, a committee appointed, tournaments arranged and a match played against Coatham, which we lost by 9 rubbers to nil, or, as we prefer to tell enquirers, by 64 games to 35.

HOUSE NOTES

BRUCE

Bruce has, so far, won every House sport fixture in which we have been involved, and the lead which this excellent and, perhaps, record-breaking achievement has gained, seems to give us a good chance of regaining the House Shield. It will, indeed, require some catastrophe to deprive us of at least this trophy, but the winning of the Sports, although seemingly not essential to victory in the House Shield, carries in itself no small degree of honour. The Sports, like the Cross-Country, can be a measure of collective as well as individual athletic merit, and, if the House responds as well as it

did for exertion in the Cross-Country our acknowledged runners will be well supported by those less conspicuous but no less meritorious triers who gain, perhaps, only one or two points. We are not lacking in athletes, but I accentuate the necessity for this general support. There must be no easing of effort, either in work, Sports Standards, or on Sports Day itself, since Bruce has never had such an opportunity for displaying its complete merit. Since this is my last term as House Captain, I must thank the House for its enthusiastic and successful efforts, and the response by even the most innately lethargic of our members to my sometimes excessive demands on the sports fields. D. R.

CHALONER

The past year has marked a distinct improvement in Chaloner's fortunes. We have obtained valuable points from both Senior and Junior house matches and, although we were unable to gain a place in the Cross-Country races we may take pride in Robinson's fine victory. The early part of the year showed a marked improvement in school work and all forms must strive to keep this up in the future. We have, therefore, seen an improvement in our position during the last year, and we must try in the future to consolidate our good work, and look forward to a year of greater achievement. N. M.

PURSGLOVE

After three consecutive years of supremacy, I fear our House has been fated to achieve little success during the 1950-51 season. We have been defeated by Bruce in every sports encounter so far, and have not beaten even Chaloner, so that sports points, on which we could formerly rely, have eluded us. However, our effort in the Cross-Country was most praiseworthy, and our record in school work has been most gratifying. Yet there is always more satisfaction and interest in a three cornered contest and we must not turn out on Sports Day in despondent mood, for Pursglove can provide the savour to the excitement by being represented in each result, by winning each event, in short, by carrying off the one trophy left open to us, the sports cup and thus ending a rather unfortunate year with some consolation and a little reward for our untiring efforts.

HOUSE POINTS

	Bruce	Chaloner	Pursglove
Last term's total	62	44	32
Senior cricket	16	8	0
Junior cricket	12	6	0
Work	11	11	8
TOTALS	101	69	40

SCOUT NOTES

The Scout Hut—that mouldering relic of scouting antiquity—its paint scoured away by years of storm, its windows rendered opaque by the collected grime of centuries, and splintered by savage onslaughts of the local urchins, its roof sagging and sodden through the weight of rain it has endured, and its floor cracking beneath every footstep—has been renovated, the work being accomplished, as usual, by the hard working, but little appreciated, Senior Patrol. Now it gleams; if not with gilt and enamel, at least with tar and creosote. Its windows, newly inserted by our amateur glaziers, admit light into the murky interior for the first time in ten years. Even the gutters deposit their load, not in drips down the walls, but through the proper channels. Many have scoffed at the disreputable, tar blackened figures labouring on the roof, but no longer will it be necessary, during rainstorms, to listen to the melodious plopping of raindrops soaking through the roof and dropping into craftily placed buckets. Twenty of the troop are attending Summer Camp, near Helmsley this year, and we believe that the site is sufficiently isolated to

discourage most visitors and enable us to live in our customary gluttonous savagery. As pensioned-off A.S.M., I must express my regret at leaving the troop, the junior members of which, though they occasionally exasperate me, always interest me in their enthusiasm. I will in no way attempt to disparage the seniors. D. R.

PARIS

"Fluctuaverunt et mercati sunt."

At 11-15 p.m. on Sunday, 1st April, we left Middlesbrough station for our long journey to Paris. On such an adventure into the "wide world" our eyes were to be opened and our experience greatly increased yet, apart from a brush with some military gentlemen of doubtful breeding and character who offered to instruct us in several noble card games, our outward journey was uneventful (save for the customary fuss at both ports and particularly attractive sea views). Yet our welcome to Paris, more than an hour late as we were, was truly indicative of the enjoyable week which was to follow, and all that most of us were prepared for after the travelling and that excellent meal (as was every meal served so thoughtfully and obligingly by Mme. and M. Hugnet) was a very sound sleep.

The following morning the holiday began under something of a cloud for the Paris Metro was running only a skeleton service due to a strike. But this was settled the next day and buttons were pressed and routes discovered with the usual mischievous delight.

Those on their first visit soon found their way to Cité and magnificent Notre Dame; to Trocadero and the imposing Eiffel Tower; to Montmartre and the Sacre Coeur glaring in the sunlight; to Etoile, the focal Arc de Triomphe with its commanding radial views along the straight tree-lined boulevards; to La Concorde and the famously spacious "Place"; to Invalides and Louvre (where, it must be admitted even some of the more hardened travellers wondered at the Winged Victory, were puzzled by the original Mona Lisa countenance, marvelled at the Venus de Milo and slipped down the massive marble stairways for the first time); to Pte. Dauphine and the Bois de Boulogne with its shady paths, its straight intersecting roads, its boating lake and Jardins d'Acclimatisation; and to the Eastern extreme at Vincennes and the intriguing if somewhat exhausting zoological gardens there. And I believe several will remember the return journey from Vincennes—certainly "le petit bebe" himself will never forget the experience of fainting in sardine-like surroundings and being fussed over and kissed by many of the highly strung "mesdames" who observed his plight.

Several of our seven evenings in Paris, a Paris celebrating its bi-millennium, were quietly spent in strolling down the sparkling boulevards admiring the lighted shop windows, the flood-lit fountains and gazing upon the grandeur of Notre Dame, even more impressive than by day, and Sacre Coeur—outstanding as before yet seeming more refined in the gentler beams. The neon signs and more brightly squares, flashing with special illuminations provided a marked contrast and, in this way, we were able to form a comprehensive picture of this fair, fantastic city.

During most evenings the seniors found their own entertainment and, as shows in Paris begin obligingly late (an early first house starts at 8 p.m.) we were able to linger over our dinner as befits a French meal. Whilst several visited revues, those of higher taste enjoyed "Carmen" at the Opera-Comique and on Wednesday night the whole party was taken to the Medrano—a circus lacking the usually obnoxious odours; in fact one where the interest centres more on humans in the rôle of dizzily daring acrobats, strong men with bulging muscles and clowns who not only cavorted with pails of water but entertained us with witty and intelligible repartee.

Unfortunately, as the wood said to the jack, all good things come to an end, and on the morning of Monday, 9th April, the sixteen boys of G.G.S. (which, for the uninitiated, stands not for Guisborough Girls but Guisborough Grammar School—and I write this despite the King's Cross reservations

clerk and a certain irate lady from Bridlington) trudged sadly down the Rue de Constantinople towards the Gare St. Lazare for the last time. And all will agree that our visit was made so particularly happy by the kindness and keen interest in our well-being shown by Mme. and M. Ehrhart and Mme. and M. Huguet, whom we hope to meet again some day.

Yet I feel sure that none of the eighteen members of the party, however much he revelled in the stay in France, will fail to connect this trip with the return crossing of a somewhat disturbed and spirited Channel. Nobody can honestly claim to have enjoyed this part of the tour for those who were not seen in undignified postures both above and below deck were either surrounded by indelicately perfumed basins or soaked to the skin by the cloud of spray which seemed to hang interminably over *S.S. Brighton* as she reared and plunged and shuddered towards Newhaven harbour. How glad we were to squelch, or stagger—depending upon our previous pursuits—down the gangway; so glad and so weary of appearance that even the customs authorities were moved to pity and spared us all but the formality of their harrowing ritual.

But, like most travellers returning from the continent, we had plenty of spirit and after a change of clothing (which often proved most original—I've never before heard of anyone wearing pink pyjamas beneath a lounge suit, especially for a visit to a celebrated London theatre!) and another satisfying meal at Victoria (and I must here compliment British Railways on all its arrangements) most had recovered completely from their voyage across a "moderate" Channel (quotation from current issue of the *Continental Daily Mail*—I suppose that is what is called "the freedom of the press"!)

At about 7 a.m. on Tuesday, the party once more reached Middlesbrough station ably led by Messrs. Cooper and Farrington, to whom all are greatly indebted for their many and varied arrangements, their vigilance and benevolent guidance and the fine opportunity afforded us to return to our homes for breakfast that day, not as the poet would have it but somewhat happier and much, much wiser for this holiday in Paris.

M. A. N. M.

CHESS

In the first year of the Tees-side Schools' Chess League the School team won one match and lost three, taking fourth place. This score, however, though it may be a true reflection of last season's performance, is no true reflection of next year's possibilities; for we find our chief need is, not more playing ability but rather, an organised system of training: the present club not only needs but also deserves active leadership rather than the casual interest which it is afforded.

J. B.

A FEBRUARY AFTERNOON

The thin trees stand gaunt like upturned broomsticks,
Sweeping the dull dusty clouds. Two seagulls
Soar their tall flight in windy cadences.
The sun floats coldly in a watery sky.
A knot of rooks explodes as the wind strikes
And hurls them, inky blotches, headlong by.
A cloud, bruise-yellow, dulls the liquid sun
As mud stirred in a sandy-bottomed brook
Wreathes misty veils around the yellow stones.
Like Moses' rod the sun parts the cloud-sea
To open up blue meadows in the sky
Flecked with white cloud like frozen drifts of snow;
White veins of rivers web the airy fields.
But as my thoughts fly to those pastures far,
Up roll the clouds like angry smoke of war
And, swirling, turn them back to things of earth.

JED THE OBSCURE

ANODE TO JACK

Within that volted cell which is their ohm
Jack's dyeing bones now weight and sleep
No more to work with poise, or torque or dyne,
With ion doors encased like Harwell's Gleep
Watt metre words could I, his air, employ
A sine for this bright Joly buoy.

CATH. E. TOMETER

AN EPISTLE

FROM VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE LOWER SIXTH
TO
PARENTS

"We shall see whom Isis loves best"

Mother! how proud you were on that first day!
And Father too was pleas'd: he'd not to pay;
Your son was proud, though little did he know
In six years' time he'd have so much to show;
He's wasted time, yet also look'd and learn'd.
Some books he's lik'd, and others merely turn'd;
Some masters pleased, from others lines acquired;
From tenth or twelfth, to third or fourth aspired.
And now we feel, if our frondeur permits,
We should make very clear that each cap fits.

At Troy, 'tis said, this battle-axe was us'd;
And on Tahiti's shore, it has been mus'd,
That this old relic, should one touch or blow,
Will, as an angry vortex, vicious flow;
And throw the First Form far into Perdition,
And rail the Fifth—potential politician.
Now from some parchment, ancient manuscript,
Notes twenty-five years old are yearly lipp'd.
A "Gospel" chapter read; a one word test;
"Change this way"; answers right or wrong, all guess'd;
"Now change again and call each others' marks":
All dignity long spent th' old relic barks.
Prediction's finger, rais'd to tell of Fate,
Points "Credit," "Wobble," "Fail"; alas too late!
Yet some, like me, sufficient marks amass,
And so, despite the master, gain a Pass!

The noble guardian of our native tongue,
For eighteen years his own sweet praise has sung;
Has oft derided all our noblest deeds,
And laughed to scorn all of our firmest creeds:
'Gainst all, in fine, has he then loosed his fight,
All works are wrong, or half wrong, never right.

A vulgar smell astounds the fragrant air,
Of scorched rhubarb or wild cabbage rare!
Polluting fumes flow from a pungent pipe,
Screening the image of a pumpkin ripe!
And next, in course of time, is Classicus
Who speaks, yet void of circumbendibus,
To those who in the back desks often play,
For never is his voice "sotto voce";
Yet, judge-like, he presides in court supreme:
His cruel sentences (on those who dream)
Of thirty marks distinguish chump from champ;
And week by week, the flaming spirits damp.

May I extend to members of the Committee my thanks for their co-operation. To Mr. Stokeld also for his valued assistance in keeping me right, to Mr. Armstrong for his continued support and help, and to Mr. Routh for his practical help in loaning us the School buildings. And last but not least Mr. Davis for his help and assistance.

SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL

The Old Boys' XI v. The School football match, played on the 21st March, 1951, which was won by the School 6-4, is reported more fully in Football Notes (School section).

Old Boys' XI: W. Greenfield, R. Claxton, F. Hatfield, G. Watson, L. Matthews, W. E. Stephenson, T. V. Wright, D. Harrison, J. Harding, M. Pallister, I. Thomas.

CRICKET

This year we have rather more news than usual owing to the success of the Old Boys' team in the Russell Cup.

1. OLD BOYS V. SCHOOL.—Berwick Memorial Cup Match.

This match was originally fixed for 27th June, 1951, postponed because of rain and played on 4th July, 1951. The School won by 6 wickets.

OLD BOYS		SCHOOL	
A. Walker, run out	5	Hudson, c. Wilkinson,	
W. Darnton, b. Bell	3	b. Fawcett	25
R. B. Beel, b. Bell	15	Chester, hit wkt., b. Fawcett	12
I. Wilson, b. Bell	16	Wilkinson, b. Fawcett	0
D. Fawcett, b. Bell	0	Martin, not out	2
A. Wilkinson, b. Winspear	14	Winspear, c. Robinson,	
F. Hatfield, b. Bell	0	b. Fawcett	3
N. Hudson, c. Sanders,		Stephenson, not out	9
b. Bell	6	Extras	21
C. Cottler, b. Winspear	8		—
N. Robinson, run out	0	Total (for four wickets)	72
J. D. Stokeld, not out	2		—
Total	69	Knaggs, Sanders, Boyes, Trowsdale, Bell did not bat	
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Bowling—Bell, 5 for 34		Bowling—Hudson, 0 for 17	
Winspear, 3 for 35		Fawcett, 4 for 14	
		Wilson, 0 for 4	
		Beel, 0 for 12	
		Wilkinson, 0 for 4	

2. RUSSELL CUP, LOFTUS C.C.

12th June, 1950. Old Boys 87, North Road 83.
2nd July, 1951. Old Boys 127, Police II 85.

The third round match is to be played at Loftus on Tuesday, 31st July.

3. GREAR CUP, GUIBOROUGH C.C.

First round v. Margrove Park to be played on Monday, 30th July.

The following have represented the Old Boys in the above matches :—
J. D. Stokeld, D. Fawcett, L. Wilson, A. Walker, I. Wilson, T. R. Darnton, W. Darnton, R. B. Beel, G. Farrington, P. E. Moore, N. Robinson, C. Cottler.

MARRIAGE

22nd January, 1949, Johnny Walker to Miss Suzanne Walker of Detroit, U.S.A.

BIRTHS

To Mr. & Mrs. Stafford Robinson, a son, on 18th July, 1950
To Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Hastings, a girl, on 9th August, 1950

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

T. L. Padgett has been appointed Headmaster of The Countess Anne V.P. School, Hatfield, Herts.

Frank Semper has been on tour with the "Beggars' Opera" (John Gay's). He has now left this company and joined a Concert Party for the Summer Season at Hastings where he has been engaged as baritone soloist.

H. M. MacDonald has been appointed to the College of Technology, attached to Queen's University, Belfast, and starts his new duties on 1st September.