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## EDITORIAL.

The Formation of an Old Boys' Club deserves first mention in our Editorial. It cannot be denied that this is a by no means unimportant addition to the institutions of a School. Though we are continually being told that a boys' school days are the happiest of his life, it is not until we reach the Old Boys' stage that we begin to realize it and become 'laudatores temporis acti.' There is a glamour that surrounds the spot where we made our first big score at cricket, score a winning goal, or got home by a short head in the sprint. It is well that it is so; and it is to foster this spirit, and to bring together those brave men who have lived before Agamemnon that Old Boys' Clubs exist. We should be glad if any matter of interest to Old Guisborians (hatches, matches, and dispatches, as our American cousins term it) would be forwarded to the Editor that this Magazine may be not only a faithful record of the Present but also a link with the Past, connecting in an Imperial cosmopolitanism, Guisborians scattered over the face of the globe "from the East to Western Ind."

### A Visit to Spa Wood Mine.

Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Charlton we were privileged to pay a visit to Spa Wood Ironstone Mine on March 22nd.

On the road to the mine we passed a railway cutting where we could plainly see how the sub-soil gave place to the rock beneath. On the outside the rock had been broken up by the weather into small flat pieces. This rock was full of fossils mostly of shells; there were among the fossils some bivalves, and also some belemnites.

When we arrived near the mouth of the drift we went into the Office, where we were shown a plan by Mr. Charlton, and had the road we were to take pointed out to us. The main drift runs almost North and South; and branching off on either side are passages running East and West. We were to take the passage No. 4, W. Upon looking at the plan one saw that it was divided into little squares with passages between. The passages are as a rule 15 ft. wide, and the squares represent pillars of rock 20 yards square. These pillars are left to support the roof. Under some farms and under the Guisborough reservoir the rock is left untouched, while in other places small pillars twelve feet square are left where no more stone is to be mined. When all the passages are cut they will gradually remove the 20 yds. square pillars and so let the ground sink. This has already been done in one place in the eastern part of the mine.

Mr. Charlton then conducted us to the entrance where we saw some of the machinery at work for sorting the stone. The entrance to the mine is above the ironstone seam and we came across it after travelling some 250 yds. down the maindrift. Here the stone is 8 feet thick but at the southern extremity of the mine it has thinned down to 7 feet 3 inches. The "dip" or slope of the bed is towards the S E. and averages about 2 inches in a yard. On the top of the ironstone is a layer of iron pyrites or "sulphur," and we saw in places where it had become oxidized to iron sulphate.

Ventilation is kept up by making passages parallel to the waggon ways, and driving air up to the face of the workings, doors being built across the passages to prevent the air going where it is not wanted.

While going down the main drift we noticed in several places that, between the rails, were fixed diamond shaped pieces of steel. These are to put tubs back on the line which may have slipped off the lines.

Soon after entering we came to a place where stalactites had been formed by water with carbonate of lime dissolved in it dripping through the brick arch which supports the roof near the entrance. In another place the wood used to support the roof had become partly rotten and a kind of fungus like masses of pure white cotton wool had grown. Every twenty yards or so manholes are made in the side of the passage where refuge may be taken when tubs are passing. Cabins are hewn out in places where telephonic communication may be established with the buildings on the surface in cases of accident or breakdown.

After travelling about a mile along the maindrift we came to the entrance of No. 4, W., up which we turned. Here the stone is worked slightly up the dip so as to get a "self-acting incline," by which the full tubs coming down hill draw up the empty ones. After going up this cutting for a long way and passing a set of trucks, some of which had got off the rails, we came to the face of the rock where the men were at work. The men all work in pairs. Some were busy drilling and blasting. One man drilled a hole in the rock with a ratchet drill and put in some cylindrical pellets of gunpowder.

Then he filled the hole up, leaving a thin copper rod in, which when he had hammered the dirt (used to fill the hole up) down tightly, he withdrew; and a hole was left direct to the powder. The man then took a squib, which looked like a wax taper, put it into the hole and lighted it. Everyone drew off round a corner and when the squib burnt back along the hole it exploded the powder. The explosion removed a great quantity of rock and splintered it on all sides so that a large quantity could be brought down with a pick. Copper tools are used in plugging up the holes as steel ones might cause a spark and ignite the powder.

In another portion of the mine a man was breaking up large blocks of stones into smaller ones, using a steel wedge, so that they might be more easily lifted. In this part of the mine, especially where blasting was going on, the air seemed very warm and dusty, in spite of the great pains taken to ensure proper ventilation

A band of hard shale, called "dogger," containing some iron, but not in paying quantities, separates the ironstone into two beds.

W. HUGILL,

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### OLD BOYS' CLUB.

A meeting of Old Boys was held at the School on Saturday, March 31st, with the object of forming an Old Boys' Club. A circular had previously been sent round to which about 40 replies were received. An apology is offered to any Old Boy who did not receive an invitation to be present at the meeting or join the Club. There was a unanimous opinion in favour of the formation of a Club. The energetic pro-tem secretary, A. E. Sockett, had made a draft of Rules which were confirmed with some alterations. The Head-Master was elected President—the Governors, Past Head-Masters, and Assistant Masters were elected Vice-Presidents—H. Holmes, Hon. Treasurer—A. E. Sockett, Southfield Road, Middlesborough, Hon. Sec. The subscription is 5/- including the School Magazine each term, and subscription to the "Old Guisborian" Football Club. The Secretary will be glad to hear from Old Boys who wish to become members. It was also proposed to have an Annual Club Dinner in the winter. The Colours

of the Club are dark blue and white. A committee of seven was appointed, who will meet at the School on Wednesday, April 25th. Any suggestions as to any way in which the Club can be made of benefit to Old Boys or the School will be gladly received by the Hon. Secretary.

### **FOOTBALL RETROSPECT.**

Played 21. Won 7. Lost 11. Drawn 3.  
Goals, for, 53 ; against 65.

As the above record shews, the past season has by no means been a successful one, and has not been up to the average of the last few years.

The season opened in somewhat sensational fashion as, after a defeat by a strong scratch xi, the School beat Silcoates to the tune of 13 to 1, our opponents being outplayed in every department of the game. Our hopes of a brilliant season were, alas, doomed to be disappointed, as it was not till Nov. 25th that another win was recorded. This was at the expense of a nondescript xi representing Spring Hill School, Whitby. The last month of the season was by far the best as we beat Coatham at home, and and Silcoates and Middlesbro' away, on successive Saturdays.

In extenuation of the wretched performances of mid-season there may be mentioned the fact that the team had often to depend upon reserves, several of the regular members of the 1st xi being absent on some pretext or other.

There was, too, a half heartedness in the manner in which some of the games were contested, the forwards lacking dash and cohesion, the half-backs shewing weakness in tackling and in placing the ball, and the backs feebleness in kicking.

Some of the reasons given by certain of the boys for not playing were, to put it mildly, most inadequate. There is, no doubt, some self-sacrifice entailed by being chosen week after week to represent the School in the football xi; but that is quite compensated for by the honour of being a member of the Team. Another factor militating against the success of the School was the refusal of one or two boys to play at all, in matches, a practice one cannot too strongly condemn as shewing a lamentable lack of school patriotism.

The 2nd xi played four matches, losing 3 and drawing one, the latter at home against Silcoates 2nd xi.

### **Guisborough G.S. v. Springhill School, Whitby.**

At Whitby, January 20th.

The field was in a dirty condition and spoiled the game, which Springhill School won by 3 goals to 1, Bewick scoring for the School. Fairbotham played a good game at back and Winter in goal also played well.

### **School v. Guisborough Co-op. Society.**

On the School ground, January 31st.

In splendid football weather, the School had most of the play but had bad luck and could not score. Clegg scored for the visitors the only goal of the match.

Team : Winter ; Fairbotham, Robinson ; Ellis, Million, Knight ; B. Robson, Annett, Fordham, Scollett, Bewick.

### **School v. Coatham Grammar School.**

At Coatham, February 3rd.

Wind spoiled the game altogether, the ball being out of play most of the game. The School had a very weak team, and Coatham won a poor game by 5 goals to none. Winter played very well in goal for Guisborough G.S.

Team : Winter ; Million, Robinson ; Forster, Farndale, Knight ; Annett, Pybus, Fordham, Clarke, Bewick.

### **School v. Silcoates School, Saltburn.**

At Guisborough, February 10th.

The field was in an terrible mess and a very poor game ended in a draw of 3 goals each. Fordham, Annett, and Kennedy scored for Guisborough.

Team : Winter ; Knight, Robinson ; Farndale, N. Bewick, and Hutton ; Annett, Pybus, Fordham, Kennedy, P. Bewick.

### **School v. Middlesbro' High School.**

At Guisborough, February 17th.

The School had a very weak team, and were beaten by 3 goals to 1, Pybus scoring for the

School, while Whillits scored all 3 for Middlesbro'. Farndale played splendidly at centre half.

Team : Winter ; Knight, Robinson ; Forster, Farndale, Hutton ; Annett, Pybus, Fordham, Cole, Bewick.

### **School v. Saltburn Wednesday.**

At Guisborough, February 21st.

F. Sowerby, an old boy, captained the visiting team. A splendid game ended in a win for the visitors by 4 goals to three. The school played far the better football and were unlucky on several occasions. Fordham (2) and Scollett scored for the School.

Team : Winter ; Fairbotham, Robinson ; Ellis, Farndale, Knight ; B. Robson, Annett, Fordham, Scollett, Bewick.

### **School v. Stockton G.S.**

At Guisborough, February 24th.

Guisborough G. S. played a very erratic game and could only manage to draw, 2 goals each being the score. Fordham and Pybus scored.

Team : Winter ; Fairbotham, Robinson ; Ellis, Farndale, Knight ; Annett, Pybus, Fordham, Cole, Bewick.

### **School v. Guisborough Co-op. Society.**

On School ground, February 28th.

Mr. Garthwaite and B. Robson played for the School. A poor and rough game ended in an easy win for the School by 3 goals to none. Fordham, Mr. Garthwaite, and B. Robson scored for the School. Farndale played well for the School and Wiley in goal for the visitors.

Team : Winter ; Fairbotham, Robinson ; Ellis, Farndale, Hutton ; B. Robson, Annett, Fordham, Bewick, Mr. Garthwaite.

### **School v. Darlington G.S.**

At Darlington, March 3rd, in fine weather ; Darlington, a good big team, quite outplayed the visitors and won a very one-sided game by 13 goals to none. Warwick and King played very well. Winter played well in goal and was in no way to blame for the defeat.

Team : Winter ; Fairbotham, Robinson ; Ellis, Farndale, Knight ; Annett, Pybus, Fordham, Scollett, Bewick.

### **School v. Coatham G.S.**

March 10th. The two rivals again met at Guisborough in fine weather, and a splendid game was witnessed by a goodly number of spectators. Fordham scored a good goal in the first half and the home team lead by 1-0 at the interval. In the second half Fordham scored 2 more splendid goals and Cook scored for Coatham. This finished the scoring and the School won a very exciting game by 3 goals to 1. Fordham played splendidly at outside left, and Robinson and Fairbotham also played well, Simpson and the Coatham left wing being conspicuous.

Team : Winter ; Fairbotham, Robinson ; Ellis, Hutton, Forster ; Annett, Pybus, Scollett, Bewick, Fordham,

### **School v. B. Robson's xi.**

March 14th. School were unluckily beaten by 2 goals to 1. Annett scored for the School.

### **School v. Silcoates School.**

At Saltburn, March 17th.

The game was spoilt by wind which blew right across the field. Guisborough G.S. won a poor game by 2 goals to none. Fordham and Ellis scoring. The Silcoates goalkeeper played well.

### **School v. Middlesbro' High School.**

At Middlesbro', March 24th.

Million did not turn up. Middlesbro' scored three goals in quick time, McNay and Grant doing good work, but Guisborough steadily improved and eventually won a good game by 5 goals to 3. Fordham (2), Annett (2), and Scollett scored for us.

Team : Winter ; Fairbotham, Robinson ; Ellis, Hutton, Kennedy ; Annett, Pybus, Scollett, Bewick, Fordham.

### School v. Guisborough Church Lads' Brigade.

On the C.L.B.'s ground, which is not what one could call another Ayresome Park. An even game resulted in a win for the C.L.B. by 3 goals to 2. Fordham (Penalty) and Annett scored for the school.

Team: Winter; Fairbotham, Robinson; Ellis, Farndale, Million; Annett, Pybus, Scollett, Bewick, Fordham

### Football Characters.

Winter—Has played well on several occasions, but has a tendency to kick the ball instead of picking it up. Would make a good goalkeeper if he was not so nervous.

Fairbotham—A good fearless tackler, and generally gets the ball somehow; weak in kicking.

Robinson—Ought to make a very good full back; a good tackler and places well to the forwards.

Ellis—Has plenty of weight and height, and uses his head; weak in tackling; should learn to feed his forwards.

Million—A splendid half-back; tackles and feeds his forwards well and has plenty of speed. Unfortunately he has not been able to play often this term.

Farndale—A good tackler; at present is too small and weak in kicking—but promises well.

Hutton—Should make a good half-back; tackles and feeds his forwards well, and is good with his head; erratic in his kicking.

Pybus—Dribbles and passes well but has still a tendency to be selfish; works hard.

Scollett—Played left-inside with Bewick formerly, but was then moved to centre where he was more successful; dribbles and shoots well, and does a lot of work.

Bewick—Played well at outside-left, but his centres are weak; has played left-inside recently with more success and has shown great pluck in this position.

Fordham—Was not a success at centre forward but has played splendidly at outside-left, being of great use to the team. Is very fast and a splendid shot with either foot.

Holmes—Did a great deal of work at full-back last term—good kick and excellent tackler, but too much inclined to get forward; somewhat slow. As Captain did not make the most of his team.

Annett—Has good dribbling powers with a very neat command of the ball—combines well, but is too anxious to trick an opponent instead of going goalwards; a very good shot.

### Football Club, Season 1905—6.

#### Balance Sheet.

INCOME.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	...		15	9
Subscriptions	...	8	0	0
Sale of fixture cards	...		3	8
Sale of one dozen shirts	...	1	4	0
Half travelling fares	...	3	4	9
Balance due Treasurer	...	2	5	5

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EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Purchase of footballs	...	4	12	9
Travelling expenses	...	8	4	3
Printing of fixture cards	...		7	6
Purchase of one dozen shirts	...	1	19	0
Postage, telegrams, etc.	...		7	1
Sundries	...		3	0

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### LIBRARY.

The following books have been added to the Library during the term:—

From the Library Fund—

The Mystery of a Shipyard	by	Savage.
The Adventurers	„	Watson.
The Stolen Submarine	„	Griffith.

The House under the Sea. by Pemberton.  
 My Friend Prospero " Harland.  
 The Filigree Ball " Green.  
 The Transvaal from Within " Fitzpatrick.  
 Picturesque Yorkshire

Presented by F. A. E. Samuelson, Esq.—

Funk & Wagnall's English Dictionary.  
 Skeat's Etymological Dictionary.  
 Chamber's Biographical Dictionary.

Presented by W. Charlton, Esq—

The English Encyclopædia, 11 vols.

Presented by F. Pattinson—

Masterman Ready (Marryat). Hypatia (Kingsléy).

### SHOOTING.

As the shooting of the whole School is not completed at the time of going to Press, no details can be published in this number. It is perhaps well that such is the case lest by any means the 'Guisborian' might find its way to the bureau of the German Chancellor and disclose the weak spots in the East Coast of Yorkshire. It is to be feared that Skinninggrove and its jetty might be visited, at least judging from results that have already come to hand. But we must not say too much lest Mr. Le Queux might have to change the venue of the "Invasion of 1910." The results also show that Lord Roberts is right in this matter as he has been in most affairs he has undertaken.

The rifle used is the 'Anglo-Sureshot' Mark 1, and is not a toy as some consider; it is used by the Preparatory Schools' Air Rifle Association, the North British Association and numbers of other Rifle Clubs. In the First Inter-School Competition one boy under 15 put all 7 shots on the Bull.

It is to be hoped that practice will bring about a decided improvement, when boys have become more accustomed to the handling and sighting of the rifle. This is not entirely a School matter—it is, as Lord Roberts has said, 'a matter of vital national importance.' How

long the promotion of Rifle Clubs in Schools and elsewhere is to be left to private enterprise, we know not—but that it will be made a State concern, subsidised and controlled by the State we doubt not. The mills of party government grind slowly!

The Conditions are as follows:—

1. Each boy will fire at least 10 rounds a term.
2. The scoring will be—  
     5 for a bull—4 for an inner—3 for a magpie—and 2 for an outer.
3. The School will be divided into three Classes. Highest Possible—50.  
     First Class Shot - scoring under 40 but over 30.  
     Second Class Shot " under 30 but over 20.  
     Third Class Shot " under 20.
4. Any boy scoring four-fifths of the Highest Possible in any term will Shoot at the Rifle Range in the Summer Term.
5. The 3 Best Targets each Term will be posted.
6. The 8 Best Shots will form a Team to shoot against other Schools.
7. No boy must on any account stand in front of the firing point or examine a target when in position.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

We congratulate Hugill (3rd Class), Newcombe, Annett, Holmes, Ward, and Fardale on passing the Cambridge Local Examinations. Utinam O'plures! It is not improbable that the Examinations will be held in future during the Summer Term.

Botany is to be substituted for Carpentry in the Summer Term.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Charlton for his kindness in taking the Mining Class over the Spa Wood Mines.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. Hollingsworth, Harrow School, and Dr. Stainthorpe, of Saltburn for their kindness in presenting the Boarders with several excellent golf clubs. We hope to have two or three 'greens' on the School field with permission of the 'lean kine.'

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Our congratulations and welcome to the New Rector, of Guisborough. Deus sit propitius!

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Some of the rough places have been made smooth on the football field: the pond also has decreased considerably in size. The Cricket pitch has been much improved by the kindness of the Town Cricket Club and the exertions of the School.

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The measurements of the School have been held over to our next issue.

### Correspondence.

To the Editor of the 'Guisborian.'

Sir,

The much-talked of Gymnasium has not yet arrived. When is it to be expected?

Wouldn't it be possible to put up a pavilion at least?

Yours truly,

SPORT.

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