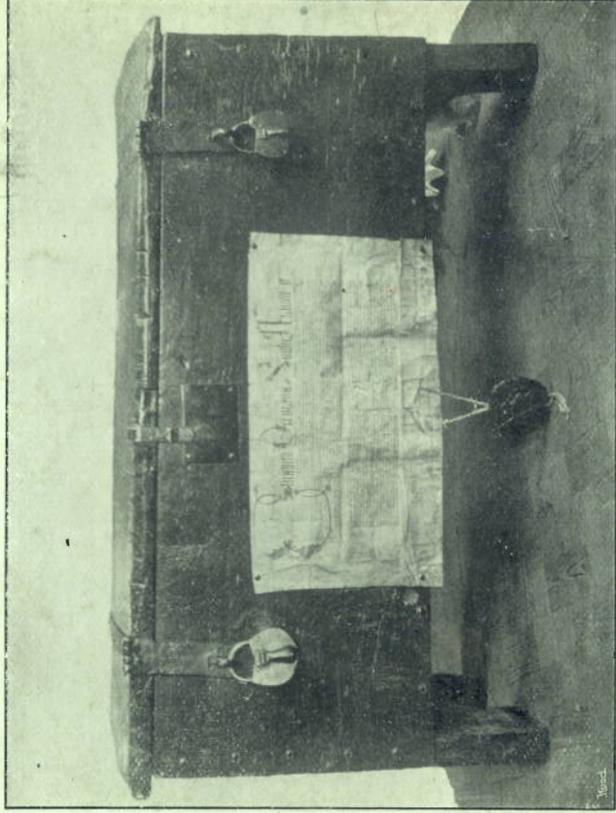
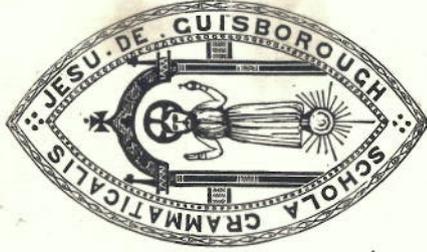


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PADLOCKED !

'Tis years ago since first they placed
The oak chest in its corner,
When Good Queen Bess reigned, stiffly laced,
And ruffles tall adorned her.

Its ancient lid is rough with dates,
And scarred by raps official,
And here the boys have left their mates'
The jack-knife's carved initial

Deep piles of queer old parchment books,
That now-a-days feel eerie,
And manuscripts in musty nooks
Tell tales of fingers weary.

These dangling seals hang from the "Deed,"
That gave the School its story,
When Pursglove knew the old town's need,
And added to its glory ;

For Days of Bruce left memories dear
Around the Abbey hoary.
Those far-off times seem very near,
(You know the spider-story ?)

And lovingly the old chest holds
Its treasures in its keeping,
And many a kindly thought enfolds
Of those who've long been sleeping.

So shut the lid, and run and play ;
The Sunshine's gaily calling !

We'll search the chest another day,
When rain outside is falling.

HELEN RUDD.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The most present, pressing and depressing topic during this term has undoubtedly been the weather. We have been charmed by its infinite variety, surprised at its sudden ' volte face,' disgusted at its persistent waywardness, and alarmed in anticipation of its next eccentricity. We have indulged in the felicity of him who knows what provision to make against possible contingencies or in the sadness of one caught unawares. *Felix qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas*—which has been so daintily and modernly translated, "Happy the man who knows when to take out an umbrella."

February has given us very little rain, March has brought much snow and rain. The table given below shows that we have more rain to come in April and May, but it does not demonstrate the unreliability of the Barometer which, in March, by its zigzag chart, reminds one of the Royal Artillery Cricket Colours.

	Prevailing Wind.	Thermometer—		Average—	
		Highest.	Lowest.		Max. m.
Feb.	S. W.	53°	26°	43°	32°
Mar.	S. W.	54°	18°	42°	33°
		3.01"			

On Thursday, Feb. 11th, the second School Social was held at the Temperance Hall in aid of the School Ground Improvement Fund. Though not so numerously attended as before, there was a goodly company. A counter attraction of a political nature probably drew away some old boys, who wished to be present. The Whist Drive Gentlemen's Prize was won by Ward I, and the Ladies' by Mrs. Messenger. A substantial sum was added to the Fund. Mr. Lowes, who undertook the entire management of it, is to be congratulated on the successful and enjoyable evening.

The visit of the Archbishop of York to this town must not pass unnoticed in this School record of events. He took the Confirmation Service in the afternoon, and those boys who were present can hardly fail to remember all their life long his earnest and stirring appeal to them to keep their word of honour that day given. The meeting of over 1000 men in our Parish Church in the evening was a most emphatic and uprousing sight. Very many Old Boys were present.

There is every prospect of another Caravan Tour this summer. Our vagaries will be less extensive and more direct. Our wigmans less movable and more maritime.

The Sports have been fixed for Wednesday, July 21st, and the Old Boys' Match for July 28th.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The Cambridge Local Results arrived somewhat earlier than usual this Term. They were undoubtedly good. Ward II and Robinson II are especially to be congratulated on their first

Classes. There were only thirty three first classes awarded out of nearly two thousand candidates from the British Isles, and that two of these thirty three should come to Guisborough Grammar School is a success of which we can be reasonably and perhaps pardonably proud. Ackroyd is to be condoled with on his non-success. He passed in five half subjects, a whole pass in any one of which would have secured him a certificate. It was very hard luck!

Junior Certificates: Brown, Cowen, Levy.

Preliminary, First Class: Ward II, distinction in French and Geography. Robinson II, distinction in Geography.

Third Class: Moody.

Certificates: Burdon, Carter, Hill, Thompson, Mortished, Watson, Farndale.

In the Preliminary Certificate Examination Part I, Craggs, Hugill, Knight, and Barker were successful, and it is hoped that Part II will be as happily overcome.

Owing to the number of candidates for the County Council Scholarships to Training College, the Education Committee have decided to hold a special Competitive Examination at the end of April.

WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

Is there any reason in it?
 Or has chance run riot quite?
 There's no insult; none's intended!
 If I'm wrong, just put me right.
 Why's a fellow called a Ticker,
 When he never, never ticks?
 If Baz. isn't short for Basil,
 My philology it licks.
 Why is Charley simple Charley!
 Much too short for so much length!
 Where is Tommy, now its summer?
 He's no longer on the strength.
 Alleviate your jests, my Josh,
 For with mirth I'm fatigued!
 Your circuitous route relinquish,*
 With pursuing she is stewed!*

Why is Sus? O sus, sustain me!
 I suspect its fat or pig!
 Does its shortness suit your shortness?
 Is that it? If so, I twig.

Why is Tubby! sure, that's easy!
 Is he delicate? What rot!
 Has everybody had enough?
 Oh yes!...—No, Tubby's not!

Why has Ruth become a boy's name?
 That's not very hard to guess!
 We've had several of them with us;
 They all answer to it 'Yes'!

Why is Jonty? On my onty,
 I am absolutely stuck!
 Here's to Ernie, Parf and Birdie,
 With my rhymes I have no luck.

What's a name? There's nothing in it!
 It's the husk, the mere veneer!
 What's it matter what they call you,
 If the 'right inside' is there?

* *These two lines refer to a somewhat familiar refrain, oft repeated!*

One companion of our travels has been omitted! The grotesque quatrains given below appears to suit the angularity of the subject and the hilarity he caused. May the sods lie lightly on his bones!

Here's to Boney, our old pony
 Waterloo-vely horse and free!
 His ribs went Nap on either side,
 An osseous 'oss was he!

The Old Boys' Annual Dinner.

On the evening of Wednesday, January 13th, was held the third annual dinner of the Old Boys' Club. This interesting function took place at the Buck Hotel, Guisborough. The previous meetings had been held in Middlesbrough but it was felt that quite as efficient catering could be obtained in Guisborough and that the old town was a more fitting place for this gathering. That such confidence was not ill placed was evidenced by the largely increased attendance, and by the excellent repast put before the guests by Mr. Stableforth of the Buck Hotel. After the viands had been disposed of, the thirty odd members present settled down to an interesting toast list interspersed with song and story.

The chair was efficiently filled by Mr. H. T. Allison, J.P., of Stanghow, an old 'Old Boy.' In the course of his remarks while proposing the health of the School, he deplored the absence of so many of the older generation and expressed the hope that special efforts would be made next year to encourage the presence of a goodly number of those stalwart supporters whose sons have passed through the school. His advice to the younger generation present was to be honest, persevering, and truthful, and some measure of success in life was bound to follow.

Mr. Berwick in replying briefly referred to the progress and work of the School in work and games during the previous year and thanked the Old Boys for their assistance in raising funds for the building of the Pavilion.

Other toasts were proposed and responded to by the following gentlemen:—Messrs. F. W. Allison, Charlton, Garthwaite, Graham, Lowes, and Dr. Stainthorpe, junr.

The musical part of the programme was opened by Mr. Herbert Langburne with a pianoforte selection of the latest classical airs. The choruses of which were sung with great gusto by the whole company.

Other contributors to the harmony of the evening were Messrs. Tom Winter, F. W. Allison, B. H. Charlton, H. Hutton, and others. This brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening.

We hope Mr. Allison's words will bear fruit and that a larger, older, and more widely representative gathering will meet next year. [Ed.]

Football Criticism.

This half of the football season has been much more of a success than the Autumnal half. Owing to the very bad weather for some five weeks in succession, the team was obliged to scratch four matches, and out of the six remaining, two have been won, two drawn, and two lost.

The improvement which came to the team was most apparent at the beginning of term, and it has continued. The whole play in general has much improved, and the team on some occasions

played a very good game. The question of the most satisfactory goal-keeper has not been settled yet, and it is essential that some younger boy be trained to fill the position in the future, or else the trouble will continue indefinitely. The backs have again proved themselves excellent, and the mainstay of the team. Knight has made a very good captain, and has set the best example by always being one of the keenest on the field. The half-backs have not improved as much as the rest of the team. They are weak, and have not yet found out where they ought to be; it is seldom that they follow up the forwards to help them, and are generally to be seen as extra backs far away from a position of usefulness to their forwards. The forward line has much improved. Throughout the term they have played well together. Clarke has been satisfactory in the centre, although still somewhat slow. Casson and Ackroyd, at inside, have much improved, and have shot well at times. At last we seemed to have settled to satisfactory outsides, Brown, on the left wing, has done very good work; he works hard all through the game, and his dribbling has improved. Cooke, on the other wing has been a good, dashing forward.

In conclusion we say that the team has done well, when the little amount of football played has been taken into consideration. All good wishes to the Cricket Team next term.

Football Characters.

Spires. Has been tried in goal this term. He is too slow in clearing, and ought to use his fists more. With practice he will probably become a good goal-keeper.

Barker. Left-back. Is an excellent full-back. Kicks well and uses his head beautifully. He also has the speed which enables him to keep in touch with the fastest opposing winger. Tackles well, and plays the game.

Thubron. Right-half. Has played with success. Tackles very keenly, but is rather inclined to employ shady tactics. At first he was tried as a forward, but he is in his true position at half-back.

Hugill. Centre-half. Has played very well indeed. He is of bull dog tenacity, and the opposing centre-forward has a tough obstacle to get past. Has much improved.

Moore. Left-half. Has played better in this position than in goal where he was first tried. Rather erratic in his kicking, but promises well.

Cooke. Outside-right. A very good wing player, he has plenty of speed, but is rather weak in shooting: should centre as early as possible.

Clarke. Inside-right. Plays a very good game. Dribbles and passes well, but sometimes is too selfish, and forgets that the goal is his aim.

Ackroyd. Centre-forward. A neat dribbler, and an excellent shot at goal. He has put in much good work; he must avoid the notion that the ball must come to him without effort.

Casson. Left-inside. Understands the game well, but often lets slip favourable opportunities of scoring, by his slowness. Passes well, but shoots feebly.

Brown. Left-outside. His peculiar way of playing is baffling to his opponents. Can run well, and also shoots well occasionally. He has scored some very neat goals.

Clarkson. Has played at half-back, but is too slow, and does not support his forwards strongly. He uses his head very well indeed, and if he would back up would be a good player.

Watson. Has played on occasions, but not with much success. Is too slow and stiff, and does not look where he is passing.

Knight. Has captained the team with judgment and given himself wholly to his duties. His full-back play is sound and strong. He tackles well and kicks with length.

FOOTBALL.

Accounts of Matches played.

Jan. 23rd, 1909.

School v. Middlesbro' Old Boys Juniors.

This match was played on the school ground. The ground was very treacherous and slippery owing to the frost. School forwards were weak in front of goal, and missed many opportunities

of scoring. School had best of the game, and were easy victors. Ackroyd got all the four goals. The visitors had a good custodian, who did well to keep down the score.

Result: School, 4. Middlesbro' O. B. J., 0.

Team: Mr. Barrett; Knight, Barker; Thubron, Hugill, Clarkson; Cook, Ackroyd, Clarke, Casson, Brown.

Feb. 6th. School v. Middlesbro' H. S.

Played on the School field. Field dirty and travelling heavy. School had best part of the game. Ackroyd scored three beautiful goals, absolutely running through the opponents with two of them. School slackened down the second half. We had plenty of open chances to score, but shooting was fearful, especially by the outsides.

Result: School, 6. Middlesbro', 1.

Team: Spires; Knight, Barker; Thubron, Hugill, Clarkson; Cook, Clarke, Ackroyd, Casson, Brown.

Feb. 13th. School v. Darlington G. S.

Played at Darlington. Ground very dirty, in places under water. Darlington were far the superior team, and the School defence had a warm time of it. School woke up the second half, and Brown got our only goal. The opposing forwards played splendid football.

Result: Guisbro', 1. Darlington, 12.

Team: Moore; Knight, Barker; Thubron, Hugill, Clarkson; Cooke, Clarke, Ackroyd, Casson, Brown.

Feb. 20th. Stockton G. S. were unable to get a team.

March. 6th. Middlesbro' Old Boys 2nd XI.

Postponed, owing to ground being frost-bound.

Feb. 24th. School v. Coatham G. S.

This match was fixed for January 30th, but had to be postponed, owing to the ground being frost-bound. It was played on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, the Coatham ground being in excellent condition. The School was somewhat handicapped, as some of the team were absent. Coatham won the toss, thus getting the advantage of

the wind and the slope of the ground. Guisbro' however played up well, and at half-time Coatham was leading by four goals to nil. During the second half Guisbro' slacked a little, and allowed Coatham to score three more goals.

Result: Guisbro', 0. Coatham, 7.

Team: Spires; Clarke, Barker; Moore, Hugill, Clarkson; Cooke, Thubron, Ackroyd, Casson, Brown.

March 10. School v. Ayton Friends' School.

Played at Guisbro' on a very dirty and treacherous ground. The school had a very weak team, owing to the absence of both the regular backs. In spite of this and the fact that Ayton played five masters, the game was hotly contested, and ended in a very unsatisfactory draw. The game was chiefly remarkable for the bad shooting on both sides.

Result: Guisbro', 1. Ayton, 1.

Team: Spires; Craggs, Clarke; Moore, Hugill, Clarkson; Cooke, Thubron, Ackroyd, Casson, Brown.

March 20th. School v. Middlesbro' H. S.

Played on the Borough ground, which was in a filthy condition as usual. The School being unused to the heavy ground, experienced difficulty in getting about, but the High School, used to their ground, were perfectly at home. Our goal-keeper was off form, and school were defeated.

Result: School, 3. High School, 6.

Team: Spires; Knight, Barker; Thubron, Hugill, Moore; Cooke, Casson, Clarke, Watson, Brown.

March 27th.

School v. Middlesbro' Old Boys Juniors.

The team had very much improved since last time we played them. The School had an old boy playing at outside left, who was a great help, and played a very good game. The weather was very fine, and everyone seemed to feel the heat. It was a very even game, the visiting goal-keeper being very good.

Result: School, 1. Middlesbro', 1.

Team: Spires; Knight, Barker; Thubron, Hugill, Moore; Brown, Watson, Ackroyd, Casson, Wallace.

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