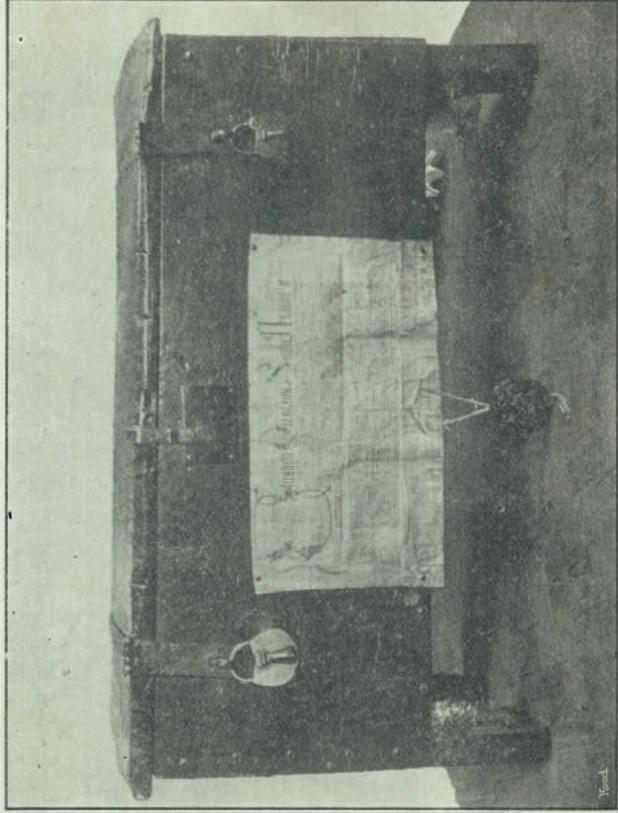
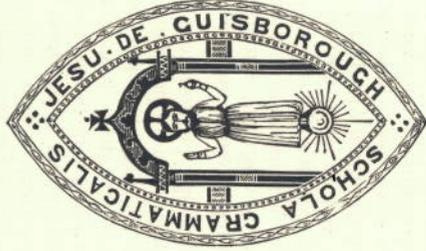


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THE MAIDS OF TAUNTON.

A Story of the Olden Time.

*'Twas a stormy night in winter, and the snow was falling fast,
While around the gabled Manor howled the wild wind's angry blast;
But we heeded not the tempest, thought not of the outside cold,
As around the fire we listened to the tale Grandfather told.'*

“Long ago, when James the Second was the ruler of our land,
In the ancient town of Taunton did an old, old school-house stand;
And when, from the ivied belfry twelve deep strokes boomed on the air,
Down the wide stone steps each morning came a troop of maidens fair,
Little daughters of old England, spending in that school-house grey,
Busy hours of eager school-life, working diligent each day;
Welcoming, like you, the noontide, when their tasks aside were laid,
And beneath the spreading beeches gladsomely they danced and played.

“Happy, merry maids of Taunton! In their sheltered school-girl life,
Little reeked they of the tumult, of the warfare and the strife
Raging in the country round them, filling English hearts with woe.
(Those were troublous times and awful; England's King was England's foe).
But one day there rose a whisper, loud and louder still it grew;
Till erelong, among the people, soon the joyful tidings flew.
For the Royal Duke of Monmouth had arrived from o'er the sea,
And he fain would save his country from its monarch's tyranny.
Hundreds flocked around his standard, ready for his sake to die,
Gladly following their leader, on to Death or Victory!

" 'Twas a lovely summer's even, and the sun was sinking down,
 When they marched with flaunting banners through the gates of Taunton's town.
 Pealing drums, and fifes, and trumpets, and the tramp of countless feet;
 Ringing cheers, and shouts of welcome rose in storms from every street.
 And the gentle maids of Taunton watched in wonderment the scene,
 For in all their peaceful school-life never such a day had been;
 And their hearts with exultation and with loyal love beat high;
 When upon his snow-white charger rode the Duke of Monmouth by.
 Never looked a prince more regal than did he upon that day;
 And the shouts: 'Long live King Monmouth!' died in echoes far away.

" 'Fain would we present a token, ere the noble Duke departs,
 Fain would tell him,' quoth the maidens, 'all the wishes of our hearts!
 And they worked with busy fingers and enthusiastic zest,
 Winding silks, and threading needles, sacrificing play and rest,
 Till one day a glittering banner, one rich blaze of blue and gold,
 Lay in all its dazzling beauty, fit for kingly hands to hold:
 Gleaming satin richly 'broidered, crimson roses, lilies white,
 With the unicorn and lion, and a crown in splendour bright.
 Brave and noble was the banner by those girlish fingers wrought;
 But the woe that it betokened!—ah, of that they little thought!

" Towards the market place one morning wended all the folk their way,
 For the army had assembled, forth to march upon that day;
 When, behold, a band of maidens, clad in white with garlands fair,
 Stepped forth from the throng of townfolk, standing round in thousands there.
 See they lay a glittering banner at the Duke of Monmouth's feet,
 And a girlish voice is ringing on the air in accents sweet:—
 " May we offer to our monarch, ere from Taunton he departs,
 With the best work of our fingers, the best wishes of our hearts?"
 And the Duke uplifts their banner; far o'erhead he holds it high,
 As in kindly words and gracious to the maids he makes reply.

" Ah, how desolate seemed Taunton, and how lonely, when at last
 All the long array of soldiers through the city gates had passed!
 Over was the mad excitement that had hailed so brief a reign,
 Leaving nought but saddened longings, lonely homes, and hearts in pain.
 Anxiously they watched and waited, hoping on from day to day,
 Gladly hailing aught of tidings from the army far away,
 Till at last a direful rumour through the countryside had spread,
 That the army was defeated, hundreds slain, their leader dead;

" Now upon his way to Taunton came there one, whose dreadful fame
 Filled all hearts with fear and horror, for JUDGE JEFFRIES was his name.
 Him King James in wrathful anger sent to judge the hapless town
 For the welcome it had given to those rebels 'gainst his crown.
 Death he punishments so awful that one's blood runs chill and cold,
 Cruel pillories and gibbets, tortures, agonies untold;
 And the gentle maids of Taunton, young and innocent and fair,
 They were seized for trait'rous doings; they the punishments must share.
 All the crime for which they suffered, all the evil they had wrought,
 Was the gift of that brave banner, to their Duke so proudly brought.

" Empty is the old grey school-house, sad, and desolate, and lone;
 All the sweet girl-faces vanished; all the glad young spirits flown.
 And the ivied walls are crumbling into ruinous decay;
 Solitude, unbroken silence, where young voice once rang gay."

*Ended is Grandfather's story, and the fire is burning low,
 Lighting up the oaken panels with a dim and fitful glow,
 Flickering o'er the children's faces, all upturned in earnest gaze,
 As they listen to the story of those troublous bygone days.
 Heaven defend us all and guard us, that such deeds of strife and war,
 Ne'er again befall our England as befell those days of yore."*

HELEN RUDD.

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The Term's Football.

During the past term 10 matches have been played, of which 5 have been won and 4 lost. Goals for and against are 38 and 26. It will doubtless be remembered that this is a much better record than that of the corresponding period of last season.

The reasons for this improvement are not far to seek; the club has been well served at back, and by the forward line. Without wishing to draw any invidious distinctions between the players, it is only fitting that mention should be made of the sterling defence of Barker at back, and of the dashing display of Cooke at right out-side.

If the half-back line and goalkeeper had only been on a par with the remainder of the team, there is no doubt that many more matches would have been won, and that we should have had a team that any school might have been proud of.

Of the games played there are special reasons why two of these should be singled out, namely those at Stockton and Middlesbro'. On the former sodden, coarsely-turfed, and undulating "building site," we encountered a team of Stockton Old Boys assisted by a few Grammar School Boys, to suffer defeat by the odd goal in eleven. Taking pity on the wail of incompetency addressed to us by their secretary, we granted them permission to play two old boys, with the result recorded above. The "game" (?) at Middlesbro' deserves mention on account of the condition of the ground. It was

under water in places, and quite unfit for play. The football was farcical in the extreme—mud-larking is a better term to adopt. If this were a solitary instance of a wet field nothing much could be said by way of protest; but it is far otherwise; on very few occasions has the turf been even moderately dry. It is greatly to be regretted that the Middlesbro' Education Committee do not provide the High School with a suitable, well-drained and well-turfed playing field within reasonable access of the school.

To conclude this short account of the term's play, a little advice is offered to the players which, it is hoped, may prove serviceable to them.

GOALKEEPER.—Use your hands whenever possible: gather fast shots to you; don't knock the ball down a little way in front of you for an opponent to dart upon: carefully time the high dropping shot.

BACKS.—Don't dribble the ball. Try and place it to your wing man. Kick high with the wind, keep the ball low against the wind. Head the ball oftener.

HALF-BACKS.—Yours is an important line both in attack and defence. Certainly help the backs in defence, but follow the forwards well in attacking. A triangular wing attack of two forwards and outside half-back is very confusing to the opposing defence. Keep the ball low and feed your forwards. Use your heads to the ball; it is quicker than waiting for the ball to bounce. Take a long shot at goal now and then.

FORWARDS.—Remember that the game is won by the number of goals scored; no points are given for tricky play in mid-field. Do not play the ultra scientific short passing game; it is all very well for the lawn-like playing pitches of first league clubs, but it is not adapted to the general run of school fields. The centre-forward must not be selfish; he must feed his wing players. The outside forwards should lie well out, dash down the field on receiving a pass, and finally give a square pass to the centre in preference to taking a shot at goal.

Finally all players must exert themselves to the last ounce; it is just that little extra energy that wins the ball from an opponent, or enables him to reach the ball the fraction of a second sooner. Those that have weight should use it fairly and honestly; it is as useful an attribute as the speed of another.

Good luck in 1910!

School v. Darlington G.S.

TEAM.—Goal: Winter; backs: Thubron, Barker; half-backs: Moody, Moore, Clarkson; forwards: Casson, F. Pattinson, Ackroyd, Wilson iii, Brown.

Played on the School ground on October 2nd. The School team was the first to break away, and before the game had lasted many minutes Brown scored. Darlington then scored two in quick succession. In the second half, play was of a very even nature, each side scoring one, and the game ended in a win for Darlington. Result: Darlington, 3; School, 2. Scores: Brown (1), Pattinson, F. (1).

School v. Ayton Friends' School.

TEAM.—Goal: Spires; backs: Thubron, Barker; half-backs: Moody, Moore, Clarkson; forwards: Cooke, Casson, Ackroyd, Brown, Winter.

Played at Ayton on October 9th.

The School outplayed their opponents, in whose team several masters were playing. The scoring was very heavy, the School getting 9 to their opponents' 5 (2 from penalties). Scorers: Winter (4), Cooke (2), Casson (2), Brown (1).

School v. Middlesbrough H.S.

TEAM.—Goal: Spires; backs: Thubron, Barker; half-backs: Moody, Moore, Clarkson; forwards: Cooke, Casson, Ackroyd, Brown, Winter.

Played October 16th, on the School ground.

Play during the first half was not very interesting, but the home team were two up at half time. During the second half the School added four more goals, and the visitors succeeded in penetrating the home defence on only one occasion. Result: School, 6; Middlesbrough H.S., 1. Scorers: Ackroyd (2), Winter (2), Brown (1), and Cooke (1).

School v. Coatham.

TEAM.—Goal: Cockburn; backs: Moody, Barker; half-backs: Casson, Moore, Clarkson; forwards: Cooke, Wilson iii, Ackroyd, Brown, Winter.

Played at Coatham, Oct. 23rd.

Unfortunately, the School were not able to turn out with a full team. Although Coatham were the better team, the score flatters them greatly. Result: School, 0; Coatham, 6.

School v. Stockton G.S.

TEAM.—Goal: Spires; backs: Thubron, Barker; half-backs: Moody, Moore, Clarkson; forwards: Cooke, Casson, Ackroyd, Pattinson i, Winter.

Played away, October 30th.

The ground was rather slippery, owing to rain. Stockton having several Old Boys playing, strengthened their team considerably. The School scored first, but Stockton quickly put on six goals while we were only able to reach the total of five. Result: Stockton G.S., 6; School, 5.

School v. Middlesbrough O.B. A Team.

TEAM.—Goal: Clarkson; backs: F. Pattinson, Barker; half-backs: Moody, Moore, Thubron; forwards: Cooke, Casson, Ackroyd, Brown, Winter.

Played at Guisbro', November 6th, on a dry ground.

The visitors were a much larger team on the whole than the School. But the School forwards, by their nice passing, succeeded in

beating the Middlesbro' custodian six times. Result: School, 6; Middlesbro' O.B. A. team, 0. Scorers: Ackroyd (3), Casson (2), Winter (1).

School v. Coatham G.S.

TEAM.—Goal: Hutchinison; backs: Clarke, Barker; half-backs: Moody, Moore, Clarkson; forwards: Cooke, Casson, Ackroyd, Wilson iii, Brown.

Played on the School ground, Nov. 13th.

This game was keenly played, and was interesting throughout, the teams being evenly matched. Coatham were the first to score. In the second half, the home team were continually attacking but were only able to score once, several good chances being missed. Hutchinison played well in goal. Result: School, 1; Coatham, 1. Scorer: Casson.

School v. Guisbro' Scouts.

TEAM.—Goal: Spires; backs: Moody, Thubron; half-backs: Ward ii, Moore, Clarkson; forwards: Cooke, Casson, Ackroyd, Wilson iii, Brown.

Played on the Scouts' ground on Nov. 20th.

The School were without Barker, and the Scouts had their strongest team. Nevertheless the School came out winners in an exciting game by 2 goals to 1. Scorers: Cooke and Ackroyd.

School v. Middlesbro' H.S.

TEAM.—Goal: Spires; backs: Thubron, Barker; half-backs: Moody, Moore, Clarkson; forwards: Cooke, Casson, Ackroyd, Linford, Brown.

Played at Middlesbro', 27th Nov., on a very muddy field.

The game started, and gradually the ball was kicked near the School goal, one of the opponents scoring. The School and Middlesbro' scored alternately until the end. The School lost, as they were not accustomed to playing on mud and water. Result: Middlesbro', 3; School, 2. Scorers: Cooke (1), Ackroyd (1).

School v. Guisbro' Scouts.

TEAM.—Goal: Spires; backs: Thubron, Moody; half-backs: Ward ii, Moore, Wilson iii; forwards: Cooke, Casson, Ackroyd, Linford, Brown.

Played on the School ground, Dec. 4th.

The ground being very hard owing to frost, handicapped the players. Play was all in favour of the School. No scoring took place until seven minutes from time. Through Cooke's good play and passing the School won. Result: School, 4; Boy Scouts, 0. Scorers: Cooke (2); Linford (2).

PRIZE LIST.

Pupil Teachers' Prize - - - - Casson.
Form V. 1st Prize - - - - Robinson i.
2nd Prize - - - - Ward ii.
Form IV Prize - - - - Bolton.
French and Latin - - - - Ward i.
Mathematics and Science - - - - Moody.
English and Divinity - - - - Bolton.
Form III Prize - - - - I'Anson.
French and Latin - - - - Gray.
Mathematics and Science - - - - Armstrong.
English and Divinity - - - - Pattinson i.

Preparatory.—1. J. Berwick.
2. Quantin.

Mrs. Chaloner's British Empire Essay:
Senior. Robinson i.
Junior. Burdon.

Successes in *July Cambridge Local Examination*:
Senior. Class III. Casson.
Certificate. Spires.

London Intermediate: Hugill.

Preliminary Certificate: Knight, Barker, Craggs, Hugill, distinguished in Mathematics, Science, French, Latin.

The Old Boys Club's Fourth Annual Dinner.

The fourth annual dinner of the Guisborough Grammar School Old Boys' Club took place at the Buck Hotel, Guisborough, on Dec. 8th, at 7-30 p.m. The chair was occupied by the Rev. T. F. H. Berwick, the headmaster of the school. A large and jovial company thoroughly enjoyed the very excellent repast, and after this was consumed a short toast was discussed. After the loyal toasts, in which the Chairman said we have the best of kings in the best of countries, had been duly honoured, Mr. B. H. Charlton gave "The Guisborough Grammar School," and said that to make a good speech nowadays all one

must say is: "Down with the Lords," and after cheers have subsided "Down with the Dukes." (More cheers, laughter).

Concerning the Grammar School, he had been looking over the list of head masters and their careers, and he was sure that none had been better than the present one.

The Rev. T. F. H. Berwick, who replied, was enthusiastically received. He gave a descriptive account of the doings of the school, both in the matter of scholarships and in games.

The toast of the evening, "The Old Boys' Club" was given by Mr. J. Hutchinson, who touched upon the ability of their President (Mr. Berwick), who was the organiser of the club, and the good work gladly done by the Secretary.

Mr. A. E. Sockett responded, and said the club was going strong, and that both the membership and finances of the club were in flourishing condition.

Other toasts were "The Visitors" and "The Chairman." Mr. A. H. Fordham presided at the piano, and songs were sung by Messrs. Hutton, Winter, B. Charlton, and others.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Form V.

	Weight. lbs.	Height. inches.
Brown	162½	72½
Moore	147	69½
Moody	143	68½
Watson	135½	66½
Cooke	135	66
Spires	133	66½
Ackroyd	125½	67
Casson	124	67
Wilson i	123½	66
Ward ii	122	65½
Cowen	114½	63½
Bolton	105½	68
Robinson i	101	60½
Wilson iii	92	59
Ward ii	82½	60
Robinson ii	70½	58½

Form IV.

	Weight. lbs.	Height. inches.
Pybus	124	66
Thubron	119½	63
Burdon	117	66½
Carter	117	63
Armstrong	114½	65
Gibson	113½	62½
Farndale	109	63½
Morrison i	107	64½
Hutchinson	105	65½
Grey	100	62½
Mayhew	93	61½
Linford	91½	62
Harland i	90	60
Thompson	88	61
Allison	86	60
F'Anson	81½	56½
Morrison ii	74½	57½
Garwood	68	55

Form III.

	Weight. lbs.	Height. inches.
Clarkson	136	68
Varty	113½	66½
Newson i	110	65½
Scarth	106	62½
Shand	95	60½
Denby	93	61½
Earle	90½	63½
Cockburn	88½	62
Newson ii	87½	61
Dawson	87	60
Pattinson i	86	59½
Whitwood	85	58½
Donaldson	85	56½
Matson	83	57½
Wilson ii	78	58½
Heseltine	77½	59
Fordham	75	55
Scott	73	57½
Pattinson	66½	53½
Lofthouse	63	57

Preparatory.

	Weight. lbs.	Height. inches.
Robinson	66½	50½
Harland	62½	52½
Rees	61½	52
Quainton	57	56

It will be easily seen from the table given below what are the average weights and heights of boys at various ages. These averages are not applicable to each case. One boy may be much above the average, another much below. The main point is that each boy should notice if his growth in height and weight is regular. Boys grow most quickly in stature at the ages of nine and fifteen, and in weight at the ages of ten and sixteen. Every boy who is normal, that is, who does not stray far from the average and is otherwise physically and mentally fit, ought to enjoy mental and physical exercise daily. He ought even in the holidays to give his brain some honest exercise, and his body some healthy recreation. He might easily read a sensible book in the early morning for a quarter of an hour at least just as regularly, as he ought, stripped, to do some physical exercise before he leaves his bedroom.

Age.	Height in inches.	Weight in lbs.
8	47.4	54.41
9	49.7	59.82
10	51.7	66.4
11	53.5	71.09
12	55	76.81
13	57	83.75
14	59.6	93.48
15	62.3	104.9
16	64.7	120
17	66.2	129.19
18	66.5	134.97

SCHOOL NOTES.

The numbers of the School have gone up to the unprecedented total of 68. As far as it can be discovered, nothing like this number was reached in the old School. If this should meet the eye of any one who can give us information on this subject, we would be glad. Registers then either were not kept or have been lost.

Lofthouse, Matson, and Newson ii were awarded County Scholarships at the beginning of this term. Whitwood was appointed to a Pursglove Scholarship. Cowen's Venables Exhibition has been extended.

Lectures by Miss Gertrude Bell on 'Mesopotamia,' and by Sir Alfred Pease on 'Lions and Lion-lands' in the Temperance Hall were largely attended by the School and much appreciated.

At the July Cambridge Local Examination Casson obtained a Third Class and Spires a Pass in the Senior. Hearty congratulations to both! May it be a good omen for future encounters!

The Locals are on us as we go to press. Twenty-nine entries welcome the Rev. A. P. Mitchell who still watches with tender care over the young antagonists wrestling with the vagaries of Vergil and Caesar, and searching for a hold on some obtruse problem. Deus sit propitius huic pugnatori!

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