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EDITORIAL.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Wilson on his marriage to Miss E. M. Sultzberger on December 31st. Mrs. Wilson needs no introducing, as we all knew her as Matron, and we wish them both the very best of luck.

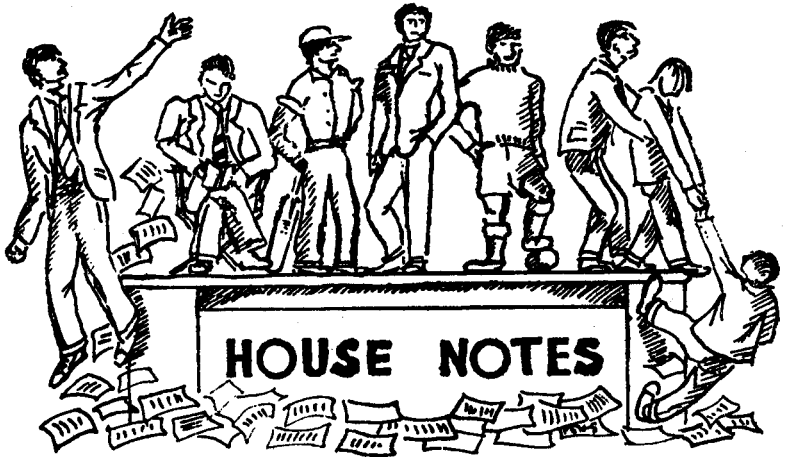
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The Play Term passed smoothly but uneventfully. Grant's gradually accustomed themselves to their new temporary, though more spacious quarters in No. 19. At half-term some new tables appeared in the dining-room. They are covered with blue linoleum—presumably a thoughtful gesture to prevent the tables being disfigured by ink spilt during "prep."—and they will be used in our new dining-room when it is built.

The Abbey was re-opened at the beginning of November and Grant's once again occupy their familiar seats in the South Transept at the School service at nine o'clock.

On the last evening of term we had our first Play Supper in No. 19. It was also our first Play Supper to be cooked by College

Hall, who certainly did justice to the standard of previous Play Suppers cooked up Grant's. We were very pleased to have as our guests this year Mr. G. A. Shepherd, Mr. D. I. Gregg, Secretary of the Old Grantite Club and D. N. Croft and H. Ward, who are both Old Grantites.



There left us last term : J. D. S. Macdougall and J. W. Parker. We wish them the best of luck.

We welcome this term : F. M. F. Cox as boarder, J. H. McKendrick and A. H. Lee as half-boarders.

In Inner there are : J. H. M. Anderson, M. S. Makower, C. J. Croft, N. A. Phelps Brown (boarders), and I. R. Cameron, W. E. A. Phillips (half-boarders).

In Chiswicks there are : J. G. F. Fraser, P. K. T. Smith, A. C. H. Lathe, G. I. Chick, C. H. Prince, R. T. J. A. Clark, D. N. S. McArthur, J. U. Salvi, and A. C. B. Hunter (boarders), J. S. Woodford, R. P. G. Richards, and D. D. Cammell (half-boarders).

The Head of Hall is C. C. L. Brown, and the Hall Monitors are D. Dewar, D. B. Wilkins and F. A. Warholm.

M. S. Makower is Captain of Fencing and Head of School Music.

I. R. Cameron is Secretary of the Photographic Society.

J. H. M. Anderson and M. S. Makower are School Monitors.

J. S. Woodford is Head of House Football.

J. H. M. Anderson is Head of House Water.

N. A. Phelps Brown is Head of House Athletics.

We tied for second place in the Football Juniors.

We won the House Foil Cup and the Fencing Seniors.

Congratulations to : C. J. Croft on winning the Epée-Sabre Cup.
 and to : F. R. Lucas on his junior colts for football.
 and to : J. A. K. Garrett, F. R. Lucas, J. A. G. Harrop, and R. G. M. Spry on their juniors for football.
 and to : P. M. Godfrey and M. C. M. B. Frances on their juniors for fives.

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CLAENDAR OF EVENTS.

Feb. 11th	...	1st XI v. Winchester (Home).
„ 20th	...	1st XI v. Eton (Away).
„ 27th	...	1st XI v. Old Westminsters (Home).
Mar. 2nd	...	Fencing 1st Team v. Winchester (Home).
„ 16th	...	Schools' Head of the River Race.
„ 18th	...	“ Macbeth.”
„ 19th	...	“ Macbeth.”
„ 20th	...	Athletic Finals.
„ 20th	...	“ Macbeth.”
„ 25th	...	Athletics Match v. Eastbourne College (Home).
„ 26th	...	Concert.

LIT. SOC.

Last term we read :—“ One Wild Oat ” by Vernon Sylvaine,
 “ A Damsel in Distress ” by Ian Hay and P. G. Wodehouse,
 “ Busman's Honeymoon ” by Dorothy L. Sayers and “ Rookery Nook ” by Ben Travers.

The Secretary for the year is J. H. M. Anderson.

THE SCHOOL PLAY.

There will be three performances of “ Macbeth ” up School on March 18th, 19th and 20th.

Any Old Grantites and others who would like to come should apply for tickets to :—

The Business Manager,
 The School Play,
 2, Little Dean's Yard,
 London, S.W.1.

MATRON.

We welcome as our new Matron this term, Miss W. N. Hoare, who has recently been Matron of one of the houses at Eton. We wish her the very best of luck up Grant's.

HOUSE DIARY.

Looking for something to say in this House Diary I have just read through the results which Grant's achieved in the sporting-world, and although house cricketers are lying dormant or regretting summer at the muddled goal-mouth and watermen disclose little

of their esoteric practices, it is noticeable that Grant's have an inordinately large percentage of fencers, and a corresponding success. Why Grant's should thus favour the fencing-world is a problem which has deeply interested me, and I have arrived at the following conclusion ; Grant's has always been one of the draughtiest buildings at Westminster, so that in order to survive Grantites have had to avail themselves of all the warmth possible and as the gymn has a stove and two radiators, I can only conclude that this is the sole motive behind Grant's fencers.

Last term ended with the usual last-minute preparations for the Play Supper, Mr. Shepherd gave an amusing and informative speech on the subtle intricacies of the inner-workings of the R.A.F. section, then we were confronted with the usual spectacular and glamorous entertainment which this occasion provides.

It seemed that having demolished most of No. 2, the builders' (or rather demolition squads') imagination had run dry, but during the last week a hut appeared which has been followed, as was expected by some "workmen," whose industry has been a constant reproach to those who have the time to stand and stare.

Standing and staring has become a fashionable pastime in the first few weeks of the Lent term, and those who delight in gazing into holes, have found infinite scope for diverting themselves, by watching the frenzied efforts of Mr. Wilby and his crew trying to locate a split pipe.

The cold weather has accounted for many pipes, whose sad fate was indicated by festoons of icicles and Grant's has been particularly hard hit, resulting in a shortage of water. In fact it is rumoured that certain gentlemen have availed themselves of the opportunity by not washing for a week.

THE CONCERT

The school concert was held up-school on Friday, December 18th, 1953, under the direction of Mr. Arnold Foster, Director of Music. Though the evening was cold and foggy, and hardly inviting for ladies and gentlemen to venture forth in evening dress, School was well filled, both with heat and the audience. The evening's music was started off with a lively performance of Mozart's symphony No. 41 in C major, "The Jupiter" (K.551). This was followed by Parry's Cantata : "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," an amusing setting of Browning's well-known poem, in which the choir sang very well and got most of the intricate story over to the expectant audience. The parts of the Pied Piper and the Mayor were sung by Wilfred Brown and the Rev. C. T. H. Dams, O.W., precentor of Westminster Abbey. Though Mr. Brown, who sings for the B.B.C. Third Programme, has a pleasantly suitable voice for the part, he did not make full use of it to bring out the drama of the story. Canon Dams' voice is more suited to precenting, and perhaps he was not quite at home up-school singing the what is meant to be dramatic part of the

Mayor of Hamelin. But the overall performance was unspoiled by the lack of support from the soloists.

After the interval, M. M. Aufenast (Wren's) played Rimsky Korsakov's Fantasia on Russian Themes for violin and orchestra. Though very good by ordinary standards, he was not on his best form that evening. The Fantasia hardly gave full scope for his technical and musical skill; it was rather a collection of showy pieces with little continuity. There followed The Three Festive Carols for Chorus and Orchestra by our own Music Director, Arnold Foster. They were well sung by the choir and the effect was altogether pleasing; the audience generally like the three carols, which set the scene for the last item on the programme, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" arranged by F. Austin. Mr. Foster taught the audience the various difficult parts of the carol with his usual humour and success; everybody joined in heartily, which partly made up for the lack of the school song, always a pleasant conclusion to the evening's music.

Once again the school, under Mr. Foster's careful and invaluable direction, had performed a successful concert.

WATER.

For the first few weeks of the Play Term most of the more senior members of the Boat Club were being coached in tub boats, but by Exeat most of them had graduated to eights. Later on in the term three trial boats went out, Abydos, Sestus and Corsair, and they continued until the end of term, but on the last Saturday three crews, A, B and C were formed.

This term began with a spell of unusually cold weather, which froze not only the spray on the oars and boats and the water-supply in the boathouse but also caused a major catastrophe to the cylinder block of Mr. Hamerton's Rolls-Royce.

Last term all the senior members of the Boat Club were able to obtain valuable sculling coaching from Eric. It was also gratifying to see that so many Grantites, both junior and senior, took advantage of the remarkably good weather to put in a good deal of sculling during the term. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that everyone in the house must take every possible opportunity to scull, for it is only by making the most of long hard winter outings that we can hope to achieve our aim in the Halahan Cup in the summer. It is no good sitting back now and then beginning to scull a week before the Regatta.

FOOTBALL

Interest this term was centred mainly on the Juniors, who did well to tie for second place in the competition with six points, but never looked like winning the championship. Although the defence was sound, the effectiveness of the team was hindered by a goal-shy forward line, which was upset by positional changes.

The first match was against Busby's. It produced the fair result, 2—2, and was a good display. Against a weakened Wrens,

the team played lethargically and never deserved more than the 0—0 draw, although playing more skilful football than against Busby's. Against both College and Rigaud's the team pulled itself together at half-time, and won both games easily. The team for the Ashburnham match was weakened by the absence of Wilkins, but did well to keep the score down to 1—3. They fought hard against the larger and more experienced side.

Spry, the goal-keeper, is very keen and shows promise. The backs, Godfrey and Prince were reliable, if not constructive. The half-backs, Harrop, Wilkins, and Benson, gave excellent consistent performances. In the forward line, Cheyne played skilfully and should do well when he is a bit bigger, Lucas and Clarke tried very hard, and had a certain amount of success, and Frances did much good constructive work. Garrett and Munro-Faure did well in unaccustomed positions. The result was :

Goals						
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
5	2	2	1	12	6	6

Goalscorers : Wilkins 3, Clarke 3, Lucas 2, Prince, Harrop and Benson 1.

At the present Grant's can produce reasonably good Seniors and Junior sides, but lack reserves, especially good keepers. There are a good number of keen young players who should form strong teams in the future.

GRANT'S LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

The lack of success of the league team may partly be explained by lack of players, either good or bad. The team has, in fact, played non-Grantites in one or two games. Unfortunately the new boys did not provide an answer to the situation. Hunter, an ex-waterman, showed promise, but was put out after his second game by a fractured arm.

Lathe, Phelps Brown, Fraser and Smith were the mainstays of the team ; the junior members, with the notable exceptions of Westoby and Abbott, proved to be ineffective. Rigaud's and Ashburnham, with large and experienced sides, dominated the league and Grant's can consider it a reasonable feat to be third. The figures printed below are misleading owing to large wins over the Queen's Scholars, which account for twenty-three of the goals scored by the team.

Goals						
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
16	8	1	7	45	31	17

FENCING

Last term was again a successful term for Grant's fencing. Not only did we retain the House Fencing Cup and House Foil Cup, but we also won the only other fencing cup—the Epée-Sabre Cup. On points we were well ahead of any other house, and although foil was undoubtedly out strongest weapon (in which we took

the first three places), we won the Sabre, and came first equal with College in the Epée.

Although there are only three senior fencers in the House at the moment, M. Makower has been representing the school in the Colts' team, and he has a very good chance of gaining for the House valuable points in the Juniors' competition later this term. We have also some very promising new fencers, who also will later be fencing in this competition.

The results of the seniors' competitions were as follows:—

Place.	Foil	Epée.	Sabre.
1 ...	C. J. Croft (G.G.)	Croft	Croft
2 ...	I. R. Cameron (G.G.)	Deakin	Miller
3 ...	M. S. Makower (G.G.)	Miller	Makower
4 ...	J. D. I. Boyd (B.V.)	Boyd	Cameron
5 ...	N. D. Deakin (Q.S.S.)	Makower	Boyd
6 ...	D. J. D. Milla (Q.S.S.)	Cameron	Oliver
7 ...			Deakin

Points for the House Fencing Cup were as follows:—Grant's, 37; College, 18; Busby's, 8.

FIVES.

Grant's entered two pairs for the House Junior's competition last term. Wilkins and Lucas were eliminated in the first round, but Godfrey and Frances went on to reach the semi-final. The semi-final match was unfortunate for us, since Godfrey was not fit, but the Ashburnham pair had considerable experience, and went on to win the final easily. Since then Godfrey and Frances have been playing frequently for the school colts' team, and with more experience they should become a formidable combination.

CHESS.

As is customary in the Play Term the school knock-out competition for individual players was held. Grant's fielded a team of twelve among whom we had some promising players. Last year two of our team reached the quarter-finals and we had high hopes of their doing even better this year. However, Anderson did not enter because of his scholarship work and Chick, although complimented with a bye, failed to fight his way through. Garrett and Patterson both played confident and intelligent games and did well to reach the third round. The most successful Grantite, however, was MacDougall, who reached the quarter-final but was forced to resign since he was leaving.

The house annual American Tournament was also held, for which we had seventeen entrants. It was decided this year that only people in the Shells and under should be eligible for this competition, so that there might be more chance for any promising juniors to demonstrate their ability, and also more encouragement for juniors to feel that they had better hope of some success. The competition got off to a good start and play was eager and frequent.

Soon after the Ëxeat, however, it was realized that the prize was likely to go to one of four people, and the final result was that out of a total of 32 points, Patterson attained first place with 31, Garrett second with 29 and Lucas third with 24. The competition besides being successful in itself, has also shown us that the house has a considerable amount of talent to use on the house boards this Lent term.

OLD GRANTITE NEWS

Our congratulations to :—

R. O. I. BORRADAILE (1935–1940) on the birth of a daughter (Oct. 8th, 1953).

W. J. REED (1939–1944) on his marriage (Dec. 22nd, 1953).

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We apologise for any inconvenience that may have been caused by the announcement in error of the birth of a daughter to R. PLUMMER (1924–1928).

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R. A. LAPAGE (1944–1947) and his wife are now settled in Vancouver, B.C., where he has a post with a subsidiary of the I.C.I. He writes “ the opportunities are here, not to make a fortune overnight, but to achieve a decent standard of living comparatively easily. Nearly everyone runs a car, has a refrigerator and takes three weeks off each year to go to California.” The one disadvantage, apparently, is that although Vancouver has plenty of cinemas, drive-in theatres, restaurants, and drug stores, there is little cultural activity.

Flying around R.A.F. airfields in England during his fifteen days annual reservist’s training was D. O’R. DICKEY (1937–1942). He arrived at a bomber airfield in Lincolnshire in his Chipmunk and caused much confusion by landing during a rehearsal for a forthcoming inspection. When asked whether he liked teaching History (at Bedford Modern School) he replied “ the holidays are very good ”!

Feeling thankful (though we don’t know why) that there are no other O.G.G. at Wadham College, Oxford, and still photographing busily is J. BROSTOFF (1947–1952). Although he is working hard (like all medical students) he still found time to become Photographic Editor of *Charwell* until Anatomy interfered with Photographic Studies.

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WANTED.—by next May 1st, news of O.G.G. for publication in *The Grantite Review*. Nothing too short or unimportant turned down. Positively nothing rejected. Letters or postcards to :

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