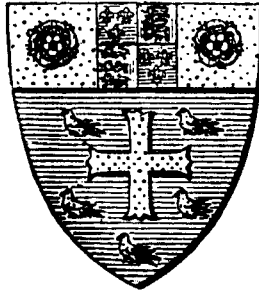


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## EDITORIAL.

ON reaching the end of a school year, it is customary for the editor to moralise, either on the achievements of the year or the sorrows of parting, etc., etc.

However, since last term the editorial dealt with such matters, this time we are free to explore other lines. At this time, a few words with regard to customs might perhaps be permissible.

There are people (let us hope that few are up Grants) who regard customs and traditions as so much 'fudge' and whose outlook is essentially a common-sense one.

Such people might, with a certain amount of justice, say "what earthly good does it do you to watch new boys on the first Monday of each term, shuffling over a mantelpiece?" In theory of course these people are right, it does us no good, but it is not we who are concerned, it is the house and all who are, and who have been up the house, for custom and tradition together form the one link that binds generations of Grantites together.

One is often asked by Old Grantites whether new boys still walk the mantelpiece and in every case on being reassured they are delighted.

How would you, present Grantites, when you are old

men, feel if on asking if such and such a custom was continued, you were told that it had been dropped because it was so futile? Wouldn't you feel cut off?

No one is suggesting dropping the custom of walking the mantelpiece, but it is the small things we have to look to: for one thing leads to another, and before long if the little things are dropped, the more important ones go 'by the board' also, and then one might as well change the name of the house.

So may I in conclusion, in the name of all Old Grantites, ask you, when customs seem to you impracticable and futile, to remember the pleasure they give to generations of Grantites and 'bear with them awhile.'

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### HOUSE NOTES.

THERE left us last term A. W. D. Leishman, G. E. Johnstone, G. H. Rountree, D. I. Peacock, C. E. W. Lewis, F. A. Macquisten, R. G. Samuel, C. L. Macpherson and A. Walker. We wish them every success in the future.

In their place we welcome the following new boys: H. J. Gardner, W. S. Munro, C. H. Arnold (boarders), and J. M. Ockleshaw, I. C. Ivimey, N. Woodward, R. Clarke, W. Wakely and J. S. Kennedy (half-boarders).

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Our first duty is to congratulate M. G. Stratford and G. E. Johnstone on their cricket "pinks," A. W. D. Leishman, K. J. Gardiner and D. A. Bompas on their "pink and whites," and T. G. Hardy, D. R. P. Mills and R. G. A. Mordaunt on their "thirds." W. P. Mallinson received his House Colours and W. E. Heard and L. J. D. Wakely their colts' caps.

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Our Junior team was victorious for the second year in succession, congratulations to them all. In Seniors we were defeated in the final round by Rigauds.

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On the water our two Junior fours, coached by C. E. W. Lewis and G. H. Rountree, rowed out the final race, so bringing the Jefferies Cup up the house. R. P. Adler and C. P. Wykeham-Martin, M. F. Pearson, G. R. D. Bangay and D. K. C. O'Mally received their Junior rowing caps, and R. P. Adler his House Colours. C. E. W. Lewis was a finalist in the School Senior sculls.

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Congratulations first to R. B. Orange and R. P. Adler on winning the Tennis Cup for the House, and second to F. R. Rea and the quartette and choir on their success in the House Singing Competition.

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In the O.T.C. we have again three successful 'A' Certificate candidates in A. B. Lousada, M. G. Stratford and R. G. Samuel. Subsequently they were each promoted to the rank of corporal.

F. A. Macquisten was promoted to acting C.Q.M.S. for camp, T. G. Hardy to Corporal and F. R. Rea to Lance Corporal.

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A. M. Shepley-Smith is head of House this year. He is assisted by the following monitors: D. R. P. Mills, T. G. Hardy and F. R. Rea (boarders), and A. B. Lousada and M. G. Stratford (half-boarders). We have now both the Captain of Football (J. A. Cook) and the Captain of Cricke (A. M. Shepley-Smith) up Grants.

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We must congratulate J. A. Cook, R. B. Orange and F. M. Oppenheimer on coming from Outer to Middle; R. G. A. Mordaunt, R. W. Carr and R. P. Adler from Hall to Middle; and C. S. Makower, C. P. Clarke, R. M. Mere, A. G. de Montmorency, A. G. Hildesley, W. P. Winkworth, W. P. Mallinson and L. D. Wakely from Hall to Outer.

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### O.T.C.

IT is our first duty to congratulate the three successful "A" Certificate candidates. There was a greater number of candidates this year than there has been for many years, but though many negotiated the practical exam. successfully, the theory papers seemed to be too much for most. Let us hope that next year a larger percentage will actually obtain the Certificate.

Nevertheless, the number of N.C.O.'s in the House is quite satisfactory and there will be a good foundation to start the new year on.

Thirteen Grantites attended camp at Mytchett Farm this year and had quite an interesting time: the work was not so

strenuous as usual and the boating on the canal was an unusual advantage.

We hope that people will have realised by now that camp is not the terrible ordeal that it is supposed to be, and that next year there will be a much larger attendance.

A. W. D. L.

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### SENIORS.

GRANT'S v. HOME BOARDERS : PLAYED AT  
VINCENT SQUARE, JUNE, 1925.

*Result* : Won by 8 wickets.

THIS was a particularly interesting match as the game veered in favour of one side or the other in remarkable fashion. Home Boarders batted first on an excellent "plumb" wicket and did nothing out of the ordinary to get 176. This total seemed well within the reach of Grant's but at the close of the day's play they had lost four of their best wickets for 93 only, thus leaving the game in a very open state. Thanks, however, to a magnificent effort by Mills, who increased his over-night score of 36 to 170 we obtained the substantial lead of 138. Once more though, the game turned, and so well did the first three Home Boarders players bat, that play for that day closed with Home Boarders 15 runs ahead, only one wicket lost, Lionel Clare—the terror of Seniors' bowlers!—not out 90 and the prospect of a more than unpleasant wicket for the last innings. It was with some anxiety, therefore, that Grant's entered the field for the last day's play, but Johnstone settled everything by bowling Clare, Levey and Dunn in his first over, and after that there was very little doubt!

Clare and Bull opened the Home Boarders innings, and Cook starting the bowling from the Vauxhall end, got Bull palpably L.B.W. to his 3rd ball. The brothers Clare then entered upon a partnership of some 80 runs, with the elder hitting finely and looking good for any score, and the younger playing less attractively but getting runs. Bowling changes were tried and Stratford had shocking luck, but nothing was of any avail till Cook went on from the Pavilion end. L. Clare could not resist cutting at a fast rising ball outside the off stump and Stratford held a really hot catch at 2nd

slip. Thurlow was out immediately and A. Clare soon followed. Cook carried all before him though Dunn batted very pluckily and resisted for a considerable time. Mangeot and Evans stayed together for a while for the last wicket and it was not till Leishman went on with very slow leg breaks that they could be shifted. Cook's bowling was excellent. He kept up his pace throughout and it speaks a good deal for his accuracy and direction when it is seen that of his 7 wickets 4 were clean bowled and 2 L.B.W. The fielding was not bad but not always very clean.

Grant's started with Shepley-Smith and Leishman and the former faced Dunn bowling from the Pavilion end. The first over was a remarkable one. The first ball was wide on the leg-side and was missed, the second was glided for 5. The next ball was wide to the leg and Leishman missed it, but hit the next past square leg for 5. Shepley-Smith missed the next ball which was wide on the leg but glided the next for 5! Fifteen in the first over. The batting then became a good deal more sedate and in the next over from Dunn, Leishman played the ball hard on to his pad and was promptly given out L.B.W.! Hard luck that! Mills then came in and began the innings which pulled Grant's through the first round. Almost at once he lost Shepley-Smith who was beaten by a good fast ball from Levey which turned just enough to beat the bat. He played, however, what looked like rather a careless stroke. Cook stayed with Mills for a bit but he, too, got bowled, the glare making batting distinctly difficult and Stratford was run out. Ninety-three for 4 was none too pleasant but on the next day Mills settled down at once and began hitting the ball very hard. He scored chiefly by a crisp square cut and by never failing to hit the loose ball hard and true. His treatment of the full pitch was particularly harsh! He had one or two "edges" through the slips but as far as could be seen no real chances went to hand, and his innings cannot be too highly praised or its value over-estimated. Mordaunt stayed for some time and played a really pretty innings. His display was also of great value as it enabled Mills to get on with his good work. Gardiner looked rankly out of form but made one beautiful off drive. Hardy started quietly—surprisingly so for him—but finished by making a very useful little score. Mills was finally bowled by A. Clare and more than deserved the cheers he received as he returned to the pavilion. Home Boarders stuck to their work manfully and the bowling never became really loose.

L. Clare's batting in the Home Boarders second innings when he came in first with his brother was very good. He hit the ball all over the field with tremendous power and scored off practically every ball. It seemed impossible to bowl him a length ball. In contrast to his brother A. Clare was very slow but he stayed while 80 runs were put on and Levey stayed to be not out at the end of play with Home Boarders 15 ahead and 9 wickets to hand. Levey played well and scored at a good pace and nothing was able to shift that pair that night. The next day, however, told a very different tale. Johnstone opened the bowling from the pavilion end and his first over was a memorable one for in the course of it he completely beat Levey and bowled him; he bowled Dunn first ball with a beautiful bailer which would have beaten most and he made Clare chop the ball into his wicket, and all this for one run! It was a fine piece of bowling and the results of it were almost too good to be true. He did not get any more wickets but he bowled on beautifully and that over of his had clinched the match. M. Levey and Bull stayed together for a considerable time but neither made many scoring strokes and finally Mallinson finished the innings off by taking 3 wickets in 9 balls for 10 runs.

Grant's were left with 60 to get and set about the task very gently and soberly to begin with but suddenly Shepley-Smith opened out and showing a preference for Lionel Clare's bowling drove him hard several times over his head. The last 40 runs were obtained in 17 minutes. Leishman was bowled by a real good one from Levey and Mills was caught at third man off a skier in an endeavour to hit out of the ground. Johnstone came in just in time to see the winning hit!

It was a good game and interesting up to the end. Mill's and Johnstone's achievements have already been dealt with and the team as a whole worked well and very keenly. A word of praise is due to Cook who bowled wonderfully pluckily. He is a fast bowler with a longish run and not a very lucky one at that, as was clearly shown in the Rigaud's match, but he stuck to his job most manfully and got through the work of quite two men. Altogether it was a good game which we quite deserved to win.

A. M. S. S.

GRANTS v. RIGAUDS: PLAYED AT VINCENT SQUARE  
JULY 18TH, 20TH AND 21ST.

*Result*: Lost by 149 runs.

This match was little less than a disaster for Grants. Everything seemed to go wrong with us from start to finish. At the same time we must give Rigauds credit for some fine bowling, keen fielding, determined batting and for making full use of their opportunities. Likewise they were well and cleverly captained by Robson.

Rigauds won the toss and batted first on a dead, slow and easy wicket. Cook opened the bowling from the Vauxhall end and promptly dismissed Aitken—a left hander. Then he yorked Symington first ball and a few runs later got Robson caught by the wicket-keeper standing back. This was a good start—too good to be healthy as events turned out. Foster, who had taken Aitken's place, then played a very plucky innings. He stepped into Cook and drove him over extra-cover's head once or twice and anything over pitched he hit hard on the leg side. Grahame at the other end stuck painfully to the task of staying there. Foster lashed at everything, no matter how narrowly the ball before had missed his stumps. Some he hit in the middle of the bat, others not, but they all made runs. Changes were tried but it was not till Shepley-Smith put himself on that he was shifted. Shepley-Smith bowled him a slow ball quite outside the off stump and it was hit joyfully for 4; the next one was treated in the same manner but the third Foster hit right across and enabled Johnstone to make a good catch rather wide at mid-on. His innings had been so valuable in that it had been so unorthodox, and so many of his strokes so bad, that it fidgeted the bowlers considerably. Carter stuck for some time and Paulson played quite a nice little innings but the side was out soon after luncheon for 137. Cook again had bowled heroically and had been mainly responsible for the small total.

When Grants went in to bat the sun had come out and was making the wicket none too pleasant but above all causing a dreadful glare. Cambell opened the bowling from the pavilion end and Cumming bowled the second over. The innings opened quietly with a single for each batsman, but in Cumming's first over Shepley-Smith turned him neatly to leg for four, two balls later he got another four to leg, this time from the inside of the bat, and the ball passed over the top of

the leg stump! The ball came at a tremendous pace off the wicket and turned like lightning. Cumming hit that spot three more times and each time got a wicket! Shepley-Smith was the first to go. Cumming hit the spot and the ball shot straight along the ground, but Shepley-Smith was down on it and stopped it well. On looking round however the off bail was found lying on the ground IN FRONT of the wicket. The ball was by the square leg umpire. Robson appealed to Mr. Knight, umpiring at the bowlers' end, who said he could not give a decision as Shepley-Smith had covered up the wickets so completely that he could not see. He referred however to the square leg umpire, who, after a lot of unnecessary delay, gave him out as having played on. It was very unsatisfactory and very hard lines on Grant's and it is a significant fact that *several* times during the remainder of the innings the game was stopped while the bails were adjusted because they had been dislodged in the high wind then blowing.

Twice more Cumming bowled that almost unplayable ball and Johnstone, who had done his job as a first wicket bat by staying for 25 minutes, and Mills suffered accordingly. Cook looked as if he might pull things together a bit but was bowled playing back to Cambell. Leishman and Stratford carried on for a while but Cambell was making full use of a wicket inclined to be unpleasant and bowled magnificently. Bowling a little faster than slow he came off the wicket at a good pace and used his swing with great judgment. The best stand was by Gardiner and Bompas for the ninth wicket. Gardiner played a brilliant innings and made one stroke in particular which was an off drive all along the ground for six all run. Bompas played quite nicely and they both ran between the wickets particularly well. Despite these efforts, however, the whole side was out for 97.

The Rigaud's second innings was a dreadful affair as far as we were concerned. They were painfully slow, and lucky and in addition to this the Grant's fielding went sadly to pieces, and there were but three on the side who did not drop a catch. This sort of thing happens to any side but it was cruel luck that the phase should come on at so critical a time. To hinder us the more, rain rendered the pitch easy for the batsmen and the ground difficult for the bowlers to stand on, also the ball was often slippery and difficult to hold. It was an innings difficult to report, in that with the exception of Robson, who was dropped by Shepley-Smith in the gully,



they all batted in much the same way, being successful if not altogether correct and orthodox. The feature of the innings was Cook's bowling. He was rewarded with iniquitous luck, for time and time again he beat the batsmen completely and the ball would just shave the stumps. Often, also, the batsman looked certain to be caught at the wicket or in the slips but each time they just missed the ball by the merest fraction. This sort of thing was enough to discourage any bowler but Cook stuck to his job and bowled his hardest throughout. If ever a man worked hard for his side he did.

Robson and Carter gave the side a good start and the rest carried on, and they are to be congratulated on the stolid way they stuck to their job. Symington batted quite nicely and showed the best form after Robson. That Hill's was a lucky go no one will deny, but it was a good effort for his side and if for that reason only it deserves praise. Paulson played his first ball straight back to Cook, who would easily have brought off a catch but for the fact that the other batsman got in his way and Cook fell over him! Hard lines again.

Grant's fielding was not good, though everyone worked really well and tried right up to the last ball. Bompas kept wicket well. It was just an off day with no luck—a day which is to be prayed against. A word of praise is due to Stratford's bowling in Seniors. Throughout he bowled well and not a bit luckily. He had to bowl far more overs than he was used to bowling, but he got through his work well and was never collared.

Faced with 261 to get to win, Grant's never looked like it after the first two wickets had gone. Johnstone once more justified his position and played really quite nicely and looked as if he might stay for some considerable time. Mills also played nicely till he got caught a short leg. Shepley-Smith and Cook were taken at the wicket—the former on the leg side—and Grant's hopes looked more or less gone. Meanwhile, however, Gardiner had been playing brilliant cricket. He took risks but some of his strokes were really fine and he seemed certain for 50 when he had cruel luck in being run out. It was a noble effort. The rest of the story is a sad one and the innings terminated as more or less a procession. Rigaud's got us on the run and it must be said to their credit and Robson's captaincy that they kept us there. Nothing was given away in the field.

Thus the shield we had held for two successive years was

lost. We cannot pretend that we were not bitterly disappointed. There is hope and comfort, however, when we reflect that but two only of this year's team will not be here next year. Surely we ought to—but then we said that this year!

A. M. S. S.

#### CRITICISMS OF THE TEAM.

**A. M. Shepley-Smith.** Vice-Captain of the School Eleven. He has improved greatly since last year and is becoming much stronger on the leg side.

**J. A. Cook.** A lion-hearted cricketer. His batting was rather disappointing after such a brilliant start. Has improved enormously as a bowler. His pace has increased and he is more accurate. His fielding is admirable. Altogether a very useful cricketer.

**M. G. Stratford,** played regularly for the School. His batting was sadly disappointing, and he too went off after a good start. His bowling was good but unlucky in Seniors. He often bowled beautifully for the School and was very accurate. Safe field.

**G. E. Johnstone.** His batting has improved enormously. He went in first in the final and more than justified his position in each innings. He seems a bowler of moods. If he is good he is *very* good, as his bowling *v.* Home Boarders showed, but if he starts badly rarely settles down. His fielding—at one time weak—has improved tremendously.

**A. W. D. Leishman.** Unlucky not to get his Pinks. He unfortunately developed a funny habit of putting his left foot *across* the wicket to play a straight ball, and this cost him his wicket once or twice. Always difficult to get out. Safe catch.

**K. J. Gardiner** always gives one the impression of being a careless bat. He makes some brilliant strokes and equally some very bad ones. His bowling has gone off but his fielding is good. Must take more trouble with his batting.

**D. A. Bompas.** A really good wicket-keeper and a free bat who should make runs when he cultivates a bit more defence. He must remember to stand *right* up to the wicket.

**T. G. Hardy.** As has been said before "a rustic player" but none the less useful. Not a bad field and very keen. Should cultivate his hitting powers and not bother about style, etc.

**R. G. A. Mordaunt.** A very neat little player who should

be good next year. He has a nice style and hits the ball quite hard. He is a good field and should try and get back his form as a bowler.

**D. R. P. Mills.** Not a pretty player but he hits the ball hard. Was wonderfully consistent in league games and gets runs at a great pace. Has one or two lovely shots, notably a square cut. Not a great fielder but this is probably due to nervousness and must be cured.

**W. P. Mallinson.** A highly nervous player and this quite ruins his play on big occasions. Should bat quite nicely in time. Has an extraordinary action as a bowler and comes off the wicket at a great pace but till he can control his length and his nerves, will never be a great bowler though brilliant at times. Not a bad field. A. M. S. S.

GRANT'S SENIORS CRICKET AVERAGES, 1925.

| <i>Batting.</i>        |                       |                      |                        |                   |                |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                        | <i>No. of Innings</i> | <i>Times Not-out</i> | <i>Most in Innings</i> | <i>Total Runs</i> | <i>Average</i> |
| 1. D. R. P. Mills      | 4                     | 0                    | 170                    | 194               | 48.50          |
| 2. K. J. Gardiner      | 3                     | 1                    | 38                     | 71                | 35.50          |
| 3. A. M. Shepley-Smith | 4                     | 1                    | 38                     | 75                | 25.00          |
| 4. R. G. A. Mordaunt   | 3                     | 0                    | 29                     | 31                | 10.10          |
| 5. J. A. Cook          | 3                     | 0                    | 18                     | 30                | 10.00          |
| 6. A. W. D. Leishman   | 4                     | 0                    | 13                     | 37                | 9.25           |
| 7. M. G. Stratford     | 3                     | 0                    | 15                     | 26                | 8.67           |
| 7. T. G. Hardy         | 3                     | 0                    | 18                     | 26                | 8.67           |
| 9. G. E. Johnstone     | 4                     | 2                    | 10                     | 17                | 8.50           |
| 10. D. A. Bompas       | 3                     | 0                    | 12                     | 19                | 6.33           |
| 11. V. P. Mallinson    | 3                     | 1                    | 2                      | 2                 | 1.00           |

| <i>Bowling.</i>        |              |                |             |              |                |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
|                        | <i>Overs</i> | <i>Maidens</i> | <i>Runs</i> | <i>Wkts.</i> | <i>Average</i> |
| 1. R. G. A. Mordaunt   | 1            | 0              | 4           | 1            | 4.00           |
| 2. W. P. Mallinson     | 5.3          | 2              | 26          | 3            | 8.67           |
| 3. J. A. Cook          | 80.2         | 9              | 263         | 21           | 12.52          |
| 4. G. E. Johnstone     | 29           | 6              | 72          | 5            | 14.40          |
| 5. A. M. Shepley-Smith | 19           | 7              | 43          | 2            | 21.50          |
| 6. A. W. D. Leishman   | 3.4          | 0              | 24          | 1            | 24.00          |
| 7. M. G. Stratford     | 71           | 20             | 167         | 6            | 27.83          |
| 8. K. J. Gardiner      | 12           | 1              | 62          | 1            | 62.00          |

*Runs.*  
 Runs for, 584 for 32 wickets. Average 18.25.  
 „ against, 665 for 40 wickets. „ 16.62.

*Fielding.*  
 3 catches each. Mordaunt, Shepley-Smith.  
 2 „ „ Johnstone, Mallinson.  
 1 catch „ Bompas, Cook, Gardiner, Leishman, Stratford.

## JUNIORS, 1925.

**L. D. Wakely.** Quite a good bat and should come on considerably. An extraordinary bowler who gets wickets. He might with advantage take this bowling more seriously. Good field.

**W. E. Heard.** Should make a good fast bowler when he can keep the ball more off the leg side. -Not a great bat and rather nervous in the field.

**C. E. Lonsdale.** Quite a good bowler and could be a lot better if only he would keep his arm as far above his head as possible. This is essential. Should bat in time. A good field.

**J. S. Paul.** A very useful slow bowler who swings the ball a lot. This comes naturally to him so he must concentrate on keeping a length and not bother about anything else. Quite a keen cricketer.

**W. J. Syngé.** Should make a bat in time. He has not nearly enough defence as yet. Not a bad field.

**W. E. P. Moon.** Quite a useful hitter and might become good if he made up his mind when he was going to hit, then hit it hard and not funk half way. Not a bad field.

**C. P. Clarke.** A waterman but none the less a very keen cricketer. It is a pity he cannot play more often. Fields quite nicely.

**E. G. Rayner.** Disappointing. He is a left handed bowler and gives the impression he might be useful if he took the trouble. At the moment, however, he will not pitch the ball up. A lazy player.

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## ROWING UP GRANT'S, 1924-25.

DURING the past year we have made up lost ground and gained considerably in numbers, and the popularity of rowing has reached a high level. Our numbers during last term were over 20, and it is hard to see how we could take more without injuring other games.

I was most splendidly backed up by the whole house and I ask that this may be extended to my successors. As a result we won our first rowing trophy and we have made a start towards holding that position on the water so long

held by Ashburnham under the Edwards brothers, to whose wonderfully easy victories we can alone compare the crushing superiority of our first four.

As a result of the higher standard of junior rowing, Junior House colours were voted for water. Only one crew a year is allowed to have colours given them, thus making them harder to attain than almost any other colours.

Almost all of us who remember the old School fours, have left, and we who have seen the revival of eights, feel that there is a great future for rowing at Westminster. But this entirely depends on house rowing, so once more may I urge all those who can to take up rowing.

C. E. W. L.

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#### THE TOWNBOY RUDDER, 1925.

ROWED on Saturday, July 25th, over a short course from the U.B.R. Stone to the Football Ground, a distance of 7 furlongs. Grant's drew Ashburnham who beat us by three lengths. Rigaud's scratched to Home Boarders who rowed over the course. Later the same afternoon Ashburnham defeated Home Boarders by a few feet, thus winning the rudder for the fifth time in succession.

#### THE RACE.

Grant's on the Middlesex station took the lead for a few strokes, but Ashburnham's greatly superior weight and skill had gained them almost a length at the boathouse. From this point Grant's rapidly tired, and the coxswain taking us too far over the flats we were defeated rather easily by three lengths.

Considering the nature of the crew, our usual difficulty about getting a crew together and the frequent interference of exams., the result was not discouraging. The racing was immeasurably better than our rowing in practice and the crew worked far harder than anyone expected it would.

C. E. W. L.

#### CHARACTERS.

*Bow*.—**D. I. Peacock** (9st. 7lbs.) Rowed in fair style during practice, but tired rather rapidly when racing.

2. **G. H. Rountree** (9st. 9lbs.) Worked hard, but was short and clumsy owing to lack of practice.
3. **R. P. Adler** (10st. 7lbs.) Improved steadily and should develop into a useful oar.

*Stroke.*—**C. E. W. Lewis** (11st. 7lbs.) Was in a class by himself as an oar, but was not well enough backed up to do himself justice as a stroke.

*Cox.*—**G. F. Watson** (5st. 7lbs.) Shewed some promise as a cox.

M. H. E.

### THE JEFFRIES CUP FOR JUNIOR FOURS.

#### DRAW.

|                         |   |                         |   |                     |   |                  |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|---------------------|---|------------------|
| Ashburnham <sub>1</sub> | } | Ashburnham <sub>1</sub> | } | Grants <sub>1</sub> | } | GG <sub>.1</sub> |
| Rigauds                 |   |                         |   |                     |   |                  |
| Grants <sub>1</sub>     | } | Grants <sub>1</sub>     |   |                     |   |                  |
| Ashburnham <sub>2</sub> |   |                         |   |                     |   |                  |
| Grants <sub>2</sub>     | } | Grants <sub>2</sub>     |   |                     |   |                  |
| King's Scholars         |   |                         |   |                     |   |                  |
| Home Boarders           | } | Home Boarders           |   |                     |   |                  |
| Ashburnham <sub>3</sub> |   |                         |   |                     |   |                  |

As a Grantite crew rowed in five out of the seven races I have written a short account of the whole event.

*Heat 1.* HBB. beat A.HH.<sub>2</sub> easily in 4mins. 47<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub>secs. Neither crew was good or well together but HBB. easily outclassed their opponents and rowed with quite a good drive from the stretcher.

*Heat 2.* Grants<sub>1</sub> beat Ashburnham<sub>2</sub> easily in 4mins. 37secs. Grant's at a fast stroke soon established a lead and by Beverley were half a length clear. The stroke gradually dropped from 38 to about 24 and Grant's continued to draw away to win by 6 or 8 lengths in 4mins. 37secs.

Grant's started none too well but their opponents started worse and after a fast inefficient row for about a minute they lengthened out and paddled home. The boat ran well and stroke was well backed up.

*Heat 3.* GG<sub>.2</sub> beat K.SS. by 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lengths in 4mins. 33secs., the fast time being due to a false start which shortened the course.

The second crew established a lead of half a length in about 10 strokes but were not clear till the end of the first minute. By the T.R.C. boat-house they were 2 lengths clear and here at last the rate of striking was lowered and they reached the stone in 4mins. 33secs., easy winners.

*Heat 4.* Ash<sub>1</sub> beat Rigaud's by 2 lengths in 4mins. 50 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.; both crews were badly together but the superior weight of Ash. told, and they reached the stone two lengths ahead of the holders of the cup.

*Heat 5.* Grants<sub>1</sub> beat A.HH.<sub>1</sub> very easily by 8 lengths in about 5mins. The tide was just on the ebb and with a head wind blowing up the course the water was choppy. Grant's cleared their opponents in about 10 strokes and were 2 lengths up by Beverley. Here the crew lengthened out nicely and though O'Mally steered too far over to the Middlesex wall, possibly to avoid rough water, A.HH. fell steadily behind and were ultimately beaten by about 8 to 10 lengths.

The crew as a whole took some time to lengthen out, owing to the deceptive appearance of a boat behind, which always appears to be coming up and is inclined to make a young oar rush, and stop the boat running. The water was so rough and the crews so far apart that the paddling became rather idle. But none the less it was a creditable win, contrasting the trained and the untrained crew.

*Heat 6.* Grant's II. beat HBB. by 2 lengths in 4 mins.

Both crews got off at 36 and HBB. getting the better start gained about six feet which they had increased to about a canvas at the T.R.C. Here Grant's began to challenge their lead and rowing the slower stroke were level at Aylings. Here HBB. cracked and though Tyrell tried to spurt, Clark pushed his crew so hard that they gained  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length in the next 200 yards, and another  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths within 50 yards of the finish through HBB. collapsing and stopping.

A very close race in which both crews shewed the right spirit, and determination never to be done. Grant's started in slack water and so lost a few feet but Watson took them out into the centre of the stream and kept them going dead straight on the centre arch of the Bridge. His good steering was the essential factor in catching HBB. up soon enough to crack them.

*Heat 7 (Final).* Grants<sub>1</sub> beat Grants<sub>2</sub>. Grants<sub>2</sub> stopping half-way.

The first crew on the Surrey station soon drew away and were 2 lengths up at the boat-house when Grants<sub>1</sub> stopped

owing to stroke's rigger coming loose. The football ground was reached in just under 5 mins.

A rather unsatisfactory finish to a most successful event. A re-row was not ordered.

In all their races, the 1st IV. rowed with a fair amount of life and a nice easy swing. They learnt to control their boat to a remarkable degree considering the crew was only a junior one, and they were beginning to grasp the idea of "that quick entry of the blades into the water right behind the rigger, which is so essential to real pace." They were the only crew which had learnt even to paddle properly. They had no true idea of how to row, owing perhaps to the shortness of the time for practice and possibly also to the lack of expert coaching. They beat their opponents because they rowed a fast stroke and went all out till they were well ahead, and then settled down to an easy paddle. This was when another 5 or 6 lengths would be gained and when the boat was travelling really fast. They tried hard, were always keen and thoroughly deserved their victory.

The second crew were far lighter, younger and less experienced and did well to beat K.SS. and H.BB. They learnt to shove together, to row a fairly fast stroke, and they had just a faint idea of swinging, only a faint idea, but good enough to beat any crew entered, except Grants I. It reflects very highly on the skill and perseverance of G. H. Rountree that they were as good as they were. The only race of the whole event was when they beat H.BB. They won because they trained and their opponents did not.

D. I. Peacock did valuable work tubbing and coaching the spare men when our 3rd IV. was scratched.

#### CRITICISMS.

##### *Grant's I.*

- Bow.*—**C. P. Wykeham-Martin** (9st. 3lbs.). Has a natural swing; when he swings straighter and sits up more at the finish he will improve enormously. Raced well and should do well next summer.
2. **M. F. Pearson** (10st. 13lbs.). A rather awkward oar who never learnt to swing right out to it every stroke with the others. Improved greatly and rowed quite well.



3. **R. P. Adler** (10st. 5lbs.). Has not yet learnt to swing as far out as he should, but he pushed hard and contributed largely to the pace of the boat. When he gets his hands away faster at the finish instead of admiring the view, and keeps his arms straight longer, he should improve rapidly.
- Stroke*.—**G. R. D. Bangay** (9st. 0lb.). At the beginning of practice he had no swing at all, was short in the water, tearing the blade out at the finish. But he overcame all these faults to a large extent and improved very considerably. Has quite a fair idea of making a crew race.
- Cox*.—**D. K. C. O'Mally** (7st. 0lb.). Quite a good cox with a good carrying voice. His steering was not always above reproach but he steered well in the races.

## CRITICISMS.

*Grant's II.*

- Bow*.—**C. S. Makower** (7st. 12lbs.). Very light but keen, a good tryer.
2. **G. E. D. Halahan** (9st. 2lbs.). His bladework was rather clumsy but he pushed well.
3. **A. E. K. Salvi**. Some idea of swing, but has a poor finish. Raced well.
- Stroke*.—**C. P. Clark** (7st. 13lbs.). Rather short in the water, but he learnt a lot in a short time. Rowed with plenty of life and spurted well against H.B.B.
- Cox*.—**G. F. Watson** (5st. 3lbs.). Very light with a good voice. Learnt a great deal in a few days. Steered some very creditable courses.

## COLOURS.

House colours given to R. P. Adler.

Junior house colours given to:

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| C. P. Wykeham-Martin | R. P. Adler     |
| M. F. Pearson        | G. R. D. Bangay |
| D. K. C. O'Mally     |                 |

C. E. W. L.

## OLD GRANTITES.

Sir Charles M. Lush has resigned the office of Judge of the High Court of Justice and has been sworn of H.M.'s Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr. E. G. H. Robey and Mr. W. B. Frampton have been called to the Bar.

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## BIRTH.

EALAND.—On 22nd August, the wife of Capt. V. F. Ealand, late R.A., of a son.

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## MARRIAGE.

SALWEY—PENRUDDOCKE.—On August 5th, Humphrey John, son of the Rev. Prebendary Salwey (O.G.), to Lorna Mary, only daughter of John Powys Penruddocke of Winchester House School, Eastbourne.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.*

DEAR SIR,

It has occurred to me that the following little episode might appeal to some of your readers. I don't know on what grounds, but still I feel it might. I must make it clear at the start that I am interested in birds and never lose an opportunity of studying them in their haunts. Thus it was that some time in August of this year, I was standing in the middle of a Perthshire moor, watching a pair of herons fishing in a burn.

Suddenly a voice sounded behind me, "I say young man, you won't think me rude, will you, but do you mind moving on? Ha! Ha!" The speaker gave a mirthless and somewhat nervous chuckle. I turned and found myself in the presence of an elderly gentleman, of a little below the ordinary

stature, who wore pince-nez. His voice was high and thin and his general appearance seemed to indicate that he was the "factor" (in English bailiff) of the estate. I inquired if such was the case and was answered in the affirmative; "and what the dickens do you think you are doing here," he went on, "the head-keeper and I are running this moor." I explained that ornithological study had drawn me there and finally said, "Oh! well, I suppose, if you say so, I can't stop here." "No! I should jolly well think you couldn't," he shouted or rather screamed. "I'll move you on! I'd like to take the hide off you, only unfortunately I can't." "No I should jolly well think you couldn't," I replied. "Look here, I am not going to be imitated by you, you cad!" gasped out the now totally infuriated factor, his somewhat insignificant little figure fairly swelling with rage, "I should think you've been drinking." I ignored this last remark and we soon reached a gate through which I quitted the moor. His parting blessing as it were, was "now you go on."

This horrible act of injustice has incensed me against that feudalism of which he is a relic, and I feel sure that this letter will persuade many of your readers of the horrors of exploitation, as practised by those "viperous lackeys of capitalism" as one of Mr. Buchan's characters aptly calls them.

Wishing Grant's all success in the School year now opening and hoping that the ranks of the Communist party will be noticeably swelled as a result of my little effort.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

"GOBSKI."

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