



Nascitur exiguus,

vires acquirit eundo.

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THE Supper took place last term on the second play night, and as usual went off with great "éclat." The somewhat bare aspect usually presented by 'hall' had been in a measure toned down by a superabundance of floral decorations, very tastefully arranged by various members of the house, while the school mottoes which adorned the walls gave a true Westminster appearance and enhanced the general effect. The supper having been done full justice to and such preliminaries been generally concluded, Erskine rose to propose the health of Mr. and Mrs. Heard. He thanked them on behalf of the house for their kindness during the past term and for the great interest they took in Grants and the doings thereof. He proceeded to point out that the term had been a very successful one; in the football field Grants remained unbeaten and it only remained to show that she would ever so continue. He noticed with pleasure the re-appearance of that irrepressible organ the *Grantite Review*, feeling convinced that under the able leadership of its present Editors it would continue to flourish. He further proceeded to commend the institution of a Grantite Literary Society. Its meetings had been most satisfactory and the thanks of all members of the society were due to Mr. Heard for his continued interest in it and to Mrs. Heard for allowing the society to hold its meetings every week in her drawing-room.

In conclusion he asked the House one and all, to join him, in drinking the health of Mr. and Mrs. Heard. Mr. Heard in returning thanks agreed that the term had been a most successful one. He thought that Erskine had omitted to notice one way in which the House had been to the fore, and that was in the "musical world." He went on to say that it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to welcome "Up Grants" former members of the house. Old Grantites were always most welcome, he said, and he hoped moreover that leaving Grants did not mean leaving as well all memories and pleasant associations behind, but that Grantites would feel that the fact of being a Grantite would be a 'passport' through life, and would always ensure a welcome at the hands of any other member of the house in whatsoever path of life he might be placed. Veitch then rose to propose 'Old Westminsters.' He pointed out that it was unnecessary to eulogize that august body. No school perhaps could boast of so close an alliance between past and present members, no school could have more reason to be proud of its former members. He therefore proposed the health of Old Westminsters coupled with that of H. W. Smyth, their representative on the present occasion. Smyth then rose to return thanks. He thanked all very heartily for the way in which the toast had been responded to, and he only grieved at his own inability to make a fitting reply. In the course of his

speech he said that he took this opportunity of recommending to all, the *Grantite Review* as a very secure investment for their money. He said what infinite pleasure it gave him to be present on the occasion, and finally sat down amid universal applause. A number of songs were then sung among which C. W. Barwell's may perhaps be quoted as the most successful. The Grantite song was rendered with true Grantite spirit by the house, the solo part, specially written for the occasion, being sung by G. P. Stevens. Mr. Heard then rose to propose the toast of the evening; 'The 'Floreat.' It is sufficient to say that the toast was responded to most heartily. After singing the National Anthem the party was broken up and shortly each retired to sleep and to dream of the wonders of the Play just performed, or the horrors of some examination to follow on the next day.

NOTES.

The following boys have come up Grants this term as Boarders:—E. G. Burton in the Under Remove, H. L. Colville in the Science Vth., H. V. Anthony and J. O. Powell in the Modern Remove, and as half-boarder P. P. Henderson in the Upper Fourth.

We beg to congratulate J. G. Veitch on obtaining his pinks for football, and A. G. Lambert on obtaining his house colors.

We believe the Yard Ties will be played early in February before the weather gets too hot.

Grants this term is fuller than it has ever

been since Mr. Jones left, there being thirty boarders and sixteen half-boarders.

We beg to congratulate C. Erskine on the success that has attended his efforts in getting together a school choir, and we wish him every success in it, and hope that the rest of the school will help him at last to satisfy the persons, who are always complaining of the singing in Abbey.

FOOTBALL.

GRANTS v. HOMEBOARDERS.

This Match was played on Thursday, December 2nd, in splendid football weather, except that the wind was blowing very hard down the ground. Grants won the toss and elected to play against the wind; for the first half; Hemmerde kicked off for Homeboarders and aided by the wind they began to press us hard and got several corners but nothing came of them; then our forwards began to get together and after a few rushes, which were well stopped by the Homeboarder backs, Woodbridge shot our first goal (1-0). When the ball was started again Veitch put the ball through again, but the point was disallowed owing to a claim of "Hands" being given, however just before half time, from an animated attack, Veitch shot another (2-0.) After half time Grants, having the wind behind them, pressed their opponents very hard, but the Homeboarder backs, assisted by frequent rushes by their forwards, among whom Hemmerde and Edwards figured prominently, manfully resisted our efforts until ten minutes from time, when Thornton hurting his leg and having to retire into goals the backs seemed to go to pieces and Veitch well backed up by the other forwards shot two goals in the space of a few minutes. Just before time after a good run by Lambert, Powell shot the fifth and last goal for Grants. For us Veitch was splendid, while Stevens and Lambert played very well. For them Thornton, Gordon and Hemmerde were best; the Teams were;

Grants, E. A. Everington (goals), E. G. Moon (Capt.), F. G. Oliver (backs), G. P. Stevens, R. O. Mills, P. Armitage (half backs), A. G. Lambert, C. T. G. Powell (left), J. G. Veitch (centre) A. Lambton, A. R. Woodbridge (right.)

Homeboarders. H. Dewdney (goals), R. G. Thornton (Capt.), A. G. Prothero (backs), H. H. Gordon, W. M. Woodhouse, H. C. Witherby (half backs), G. L. Edwards, H. S. Moore (left), A. J. Hemmorde (centre), A. G. Clarke, W. V. Doherty (right.)

GRANTS v. RIGAUDS.

This Match was played on Wednesday, December 8th, in very bad weather, the wind being tremendously high, and after a very close and exciting game ended in a draw. Moon won the toss and elected to play against the wind, for the first half which gave them a great advantage. However the game was very even, but not very long after the commencement Probyn was enabled to score from a bully in front of our goal. Our forwards put on their mettle by this event attacked the Rigaudite goal but there was no result. ¶Half time was called and we fully expected to have the benefit of a favouring wind but it veered round in our faces and yet we pressed them with much vigour, and Armitage failed to score from an easy shot. Very soon the ball was again put in front of their goal and Veitch succeeded in sending it through with a very hard shot. After this the game was fairly even and neither side gained any further points. Probyn, Harrison, A. M. Balfour and Garrard were in good form for Rigauds; for Grants, Veitch, Stevens, and Lambert.

The Sides were as follows:—

Grants,

E. A. Everington (goals), E. G. Moon (Capt.), and F. G. Oliver (backs), W. N. Winckworth, R. Mills, and G. P. Stevens (half backs), A. R. Woodbridge and A. Lambton (right) J. G. Veitch (centre), A. G. Lambert and C. T. G. Powell (left.)

Rigauds—

P. Weichand (goals), A. H. Harrison, A. M. Balfour (backs), A. Daniel, L. Garrard and A. E. Balfour (half backs), P. C. Probyn (Capt.), and M. Druit (right), T. Willett (centre), C. J. Hurst and F. Burge (left.)

THE GRANTITE LITERARY SOCIETY.

This Society held its first meeting this term to read "Much Ado about Nothing," the parts were taken as follows:—

Don Pedro	-	-	-	MR. HEARD.
Don John	}	-	-	A. R. WOODBRIDGE.
Claudio		-	-	
Benedick	}	-	-	C. ERSKINE.
Conrade		-	-	
Leonato	-	-	-	J. G. VEITCH.
Antonio	-	-	-	G. P. STEVENS.
Balthazar	}	-	-	A. G. LAMBERT.
Borachio		-	-	
Friar Francis	}	-	-	F. P. FARRAR.
Ursula		-	-	
Dogberry	-	-	-	C. POWELL.
Verges	-	-	-	A. LAMBTON.
Beatrice	-	-	-	H. C. BARNES.
Margaret	-	-	-	E. G. MOON.

[We venture to insert the following which was picked up on Grants steps.—ED.]

"We are informed that the delay in the completion of the Fives Courts is due to the absence of Mr. Wright for a week out of town."

Oh dear! what can the matter be?

We were so very much out,
They said they would give us some courts to play "fives"
But instead we must wait till the end of our lives,
Or at all events till the contractor arrives
Home from his seaside bout!

Oh dear! what can the matter be?

We were so very much out,
Wright (the contractor) we're certain was *wrong*
For keeping us waiting (and cursing) so long,
This is the reason I *write* this song
We were so very much out.

Oh dear! what can the matter be?
 Wright is so very much wrong!
 He said we must wait for a wire net *paling*,
 He kept us a week or so constantly *railing*
 But now for my poetry is rapidly failing
 Quickly I'll end my song.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—I wish to second the proposal of a correspondent of the *Elizabethan* who reminded us that there was a Swimming Challenge Cup, and suggested that it should be competed for, as in the days of Water. There would be no difficulty in arranging for the contest to take place in some convenient Swimming Bath. Hoping the authorities will take the matter in hand,

I remain, yours etc.,
 NATATOR.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—Mayn't I be repaired? I want new pavement, a new black line and I should like a little wire where I join Mr. Raynor's house as many people "shy" balls over me there and I can't stop them: but my pavement is the greatest horror, on wet days I am nothing but puddles, and small boys who then try to "knock up" on me have to swim for their ball occasionally. Hoping I shall be repaired soon and also see "wires" come in again.

I remain etc.,
 BIG COURT.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR, Allow me to say a word or two against this dreadful new word which has sprung up among us in the last two years. I mean the word "*detention*," often rendered even more offensive by being abbreviated into "*deten*." Why cannot the old expression "*up school*" suffice for the present generation of Westminster, as it has for the preceding ones? I have been pleased to hear that the Sergeant, calls that begrimed and greasy ledger, "*the up-school*" book,—not "*'tention book*," the name by which it was known to his predecessors in office.

Ever yours truly,
 UP-SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—I notice in your last number a letter suggesting the formation of a Grantite Debating Society, and I cannot refrain from writing to dissuade you from the project. No one recognises better than I do the devotion which Grantites owe to their house, but there is yet a higher duty which must by no means be forgotten in the lesser, their duty to the School. Now Sir, I know that the Debating Society, though it has produced many good speakers, has never been in all respects worthy of the School; but this should be no excuse for Grantites with-

drawing from it but rather a reason for their giving it their hearty support and doing everything in their power to raise its character. I think that all Grantites must see their duty in this; their love for their house should but be a means of increasing their love for the School.

I remain, Dear Sir,
 Yours truly,
 A. O. G.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—I wish to propose a new Cap rule, at least to revive an old idea, that is, that all fellows should wear house-colours, or as they would be called house-caps, and that the House XI. should have either the date and F. E. or C. E. worked on the peak, or a star, or even they might wear a house sash to distinguish them from the rest of the house. Hoping the idea will be useful and that the authorities will look to it.

I remain, dear Sir,
 Yours truly,
 A BLUE CAP HATER.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your own correspondent C. A. B. who proposes that we should have fives ties up Grants, I should like to call attention to the very scanty amount of time we at present have for playing. Would it not be better to institute these ties after the football season is over and while we are training for the Sports; at that time we should stand more chance of playing in fine weather. I would also propose that to a certain extent the representatives of our House should be chosen from these ties if Inter-House Matches are going to be played.

I am dear Sir,
 Yours etc.,
 "IN HOLES."

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