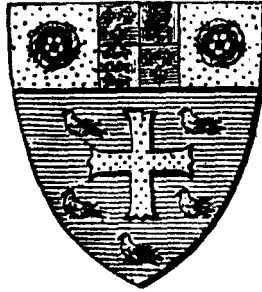


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EDITORIAL.

The Editor has first to consider what he is going to write about, and unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately from the reader's point of view, the usual topic is absent. We refer to the habit of apologizing for the lateness of the number, and this disease had almost become chronic. We determined, therefore, to be punctual, and such punctuality has not, we hope, been obtained at the cost of matter, in fact there are articles on such unusual subjects as Music and Water. The former has been unheard of by Grants for some years, save in the Upper Change. We would like to thank the energetic people who have contributed articles on their own speciality in Sport or otherwise. But we think that articles of literary or topical interest unconnected directly with the House might well be forthcoming. Perhaps the House and others are conforming to the opinion expressed by an illustrious predecessor, that the literary works and opinions of Schoolboys were not deserving of a place in this paper. Maybe he was thinking of his own Editorial. On the contrary we shall welcome any articles, and moreover letters, which will help to broaden the foundation of the Paper.

But as if to refute the charge of literary "sluggishness," the House has not been devoid of literary activity. The Literary Society has provided evenings of immense enjoyment to its members. A detailed account will be found in this number. Thus the righteous wish of a former Editor that the Society should be restored has been fulfilled. In this respect the House Tutor, Mr. Carleton, has nobly helped, and we were very glad that he was present with us in the House Photograph.

Meanwhile, "at the beginning of a new School year," we can do no better than hope that the House will continue on the even tenor of its way with a due proportion of success in the "Silver" direction. But the baser substance of bricks and mortar seems to loom large on the horizon. We refer to the urgent need of greater and more up-to-date accommodation. The new Busby's inevitably brings this matter more forcibly home to some of us. The Chiswicks, indeed, are far too small for the numbers they have to house. They are "overcrowded" in the legal sense of the word. While the only real and lasting solution would seem to be to rebuild completely the whole of Grants, the building of a further storey on the low, flat roof overlooking Great College Street would go far to solve the problem. The present design of this roof shows that the possibility of such an extension was contemplated if at any future date the need for it were realised and funds were available. The need is realised only too well now, and we live in hopes that somehow something might be done, although we do not know how or when.

HOUSE NOTES.**Election Term.**

There left us this term P. J. Sutton, A. S. H. Kemp, R. C. T. James, R. G. Reed, J. C. Heard, P. N. Cardew, M. J. Baird-Smith, A. M. Doswell, J. G. Boyd, R. B. Stock, A. J. Morgan-Griffiths, J. S. Rivaz, and D. G. Fevez. We wish them the best of success in the future.

We heartily congratulate D. F. Cunliffe, J. C. S. Doll, and D. L. Wilkinson on their Cricket Pinks, and also J. W. Woodbridge on his Pink and Whites. R. G. Reed captained the Second XI through most of the term.

We are very pleased to congratulate G. L. Y. Radcliffe, A. J. Morgan-Griffiths, and J. K. Morland on their Rowing Pinks, and J. G. Boyd, M. J. Baird-Smith, and H. H. E. Batten on their Pink and Whites.

We have also to congratulate C. R. Strother-Stewart, and R. D. Rich on their Rowing, and J. M. Archibald on his Fencing Thirds.

Likewise B. V. I. Greenish is to be congratulated on his Colts; A. J. Morgan-Griffiths and J. K. Morland on their Rowing Seniors; C. R. Strother-Stewart, H. H. E. Batten and C. A. Argyle on their Rowing Juniors; and J. S. Rivaz, R. O. I. Borradaile, D. C. Evans and C. E. Newman on their Cricket Juniors.

We lost to College in the first round of Seniors by 87 runs and to Busby's in the first round of Juniors by the narrow margin of one run.

The Squire Bowl, presented in 1935 by Mr. R. T. Squire, President alike of the Elisabethan and Old Grantite Clubs, for the house which attains the highest aggregate of points in all inter-house contests has been won this year by Grant's.

For the first time for some years we won the League Cup.

We won both the Senior and Junior-Senior Fours, beating College and Ashburnham in the Finals respectively.

We have to congratulate G. L. Y. Radcliffe on winning the Senior Sculls, C. R. Strother-Stewart on winning the Junior-Senior Sculls, and C. A. Argyle on winning the Junior Sculls. The other finalist in the Senior Sculls was also a Grantite, R. C. T. James.

We lost the Foil Cup to Ashburnham.

We were third in the Senior Shooting Competition, and our position in the Junior had best not be mentioned.

A Grant's Tent was second in the Tent Competition at Camp by a narrow margin.

P. N. Cardew has been promoted to Sergeant, M. J. Baird-Smith, G. L. Y. Radcliffe and R. G. Reed to Lance-Sergeants, D. L. Wilkinson to Corporal, and D. G. Fevez to Lance-Corporal.

It is worthy of note that Grant's thus have both of the two Under-Officers, three full Sergeants, three Lance-Sergeants, one Corporal and one Lance-Corporal, or about one third of the N.C.O.'s in the School.

We congratulate D. F. Cunliffe on his fine performance in the Swimming Competition. He won the Breast-Stroke and was second in the Diving. C. E. Newman was third in the Junior Diving. Unfortunately the rest of the House did not follow in their wake.

At the end of the term we had what must be almost a record number of Pinks in the House. There were four for Cricket, four for Water, three for Football, one for Fencing and one for Athletics.

J. G. Boyd and A. S. H. Kemp were Candidates at Election.

Thanks to the energetic efforts of P. N. Cardew the House came Second in the Music Competitions, the choir (of the whole House) and one of the quartets winning their respective items.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Murray-Rust for the extremely good supper, which he provided at the end of Term to celebrate our victories in this and the previous Term.

PLAY TERM.

We welcome this term A. J. Henderson, F. H. Hughes, L. A. Wilson, D. P. Davison, N. O. Sandelson, A. D. Self and V. B. Levison as boarders, and F. G. Overbury, W. S. G. Macmillan and A. W. Pratt as half-boarders. We sincerely hope that they will be happy in their new surroundings.

In Inner this term are G. L. Y. Radcliffe, D. L. Wilkinson, D. F. Cunliffe and H. A. Budgett.

The Head of the House is also Captain of the School.

G. L. Y. Radcliffe has been appointed Head of the Water, and H. A. Budgett Secretary of Football.

CRICKET.

The Past Term in Retrospect.

"How are the mighty fallen!" That is how we are all feeling at the conclusion of this Election Term. We have lost both Seniors and Juniors, and in both cases we ought to have won, even though we were without some of our best players. What are the reasons for these failures? They are the slackness in fielding and the present weakness of the bowling. There was nothing wrong with the batting. It is often a good tip, at the beginning of an innings, to remember that it is nearly always one's feet that get one caught in the slips or L.B.W. through inability to move them fast enough. Nerves, probably, have much to do with this.

There was undoubtedly too much unnecessary slackness in the fielding against College in Seniors. This is often due to people becoming so slack in fielding in ordinary games during the term that when a big test such as Seniors or a match comes, try though they may, they cannot alter their slothful habits.

Regarding the prospects for next year, I think they are decidedly good. We undoubtedly have the talent, but I do urge everyone to practise really hard at their bowling, not so much on spin and speed, but on keeping a really good length. Anyone who can attain this will undoubtedly get into Seniors. Let us hope that next year we make up for the failures of this term.

D.F.C.

SENIORS.

Grant's v. King's Scholars.

College beat Grant's in the first round of Seniors by eighty-five runs. Without wishing to eclipse any of College's glory I would like to say that we were unfortunately without Sutton, our Captain, Stock and Greenish. The latter has chosen his days of absence rather badly as he has missed both Senior's and Junior's. It is unfortunate for him—and for us! The blank spaces were filled up by the younger Reed, Rivaz and Borradaile. Stock's bowling would have lent vigour to an attack that was almost non-existent. At the same time considering that College had to call upon their tennis players, their performance was remarkable.

College opened their innings with Boyle and Channing-Pearce as their representatives. The Grantite attack was provided by the elder Reed and Patterson, but although they managed to keep the runs down they did not cause the batsmen any serious trouble. Patterson is not a born fast bowler, though he has tried hard to make himself into one. He has succeeded to a certain extent, though his action is not the easy one necessary to the best fast bowler. Boyle was batting confidently, though slowly at first, and was doing justice to his rather new Pink Cap. Channing-Pearce, the Captain of Tennis, was batting amazingly well, and if our magazine sank to head-lines his name would certainly be there in heavy type. The fifty went up in

forty-five minutes without any change in the batsmen. Things did not look too good for the odds-on favourites (a term, I understand, applied to horse-racing!). When Cunliffe relieved Reed the batsmen had got set and began to score more quickly. Woodbridge and the younger Reed each had spells and it was while the latter was bowling that the long-awaited wicket fell. Boyle, making a stroke that lacked his usual caution, was bowled. His fifty-four was as invaluable to College as it was shattering to our Grantite hopes. Thus the score stood at 86 for one. The next entry was O'Brien, who had also laid aside the tennis racket for the cricket bat. He immediately got going at a good rate and the pair showed us that they would be as much at home at Lords as they would be at Wimbledon. Channing-Pearce reached his fifty in about eighty minutes. Meanwhile O'Brien was also heading for a fifty and it was a great relief to see him head for the pavilion after a hurricane innings of 46. His departure was the result of a good ball from Cunliffe. The score had now risen to the alarming height of 159, and we were not too pleased to see Meyer, a young batsman with the reputation of a hitter. Fortunately, however, his stay was a short one and a catch by Patterson off Woodbridge sent him back on the long, long trail. The last few minutes were spent by Dean and Channing-Pearce after Petley had been run out before receiving a ball. College had spent their two hours well in getting 207 for the loss of four wickets. Channing-Pearce, undefeated to the last, made 81. It was a splendid innings of which any cricketer might be proud—let alone a tennis player!

The Grantite attack showed all too plainly the drought of bowlers which has set in over the School. I am glad to say that the new boys this year have provided a fair sprinkling, but before the School can really shine at cricket there must be a flood of good bowlers, fast and slow. The fielding was good and somewhat made up for the weak bowling. In the absence of Sutton, Cunliffe showed he could Captain a side, but he must remember in a match played on the two hour system not to take too long in arranging his field if only for the sake of appearances.

The Grantite innings was begun by Wilkinson and Fursdon against the bowling of Boyle and Seward. Fursdon, who played so well in Juniors, did no harm to his reputation in this game. In fact he survived his more illustrious partner who, after reaching eleven runs, was out L.B.W. to Seward. Fursdon was then joined by Cunliffe who, though labouring like Boyle, under the reputation of a Pink Cap and under the responsibilities of captaincy, started off well. Before long, however, Fursdon left with the score at 21. Doll, who now joined his captain, unfortunately failed to score. The fault of this batsman is that he is disappointed if the first three balls do not get hit out of the ground. Cunliffe's next partner was the elder Reed, and this pair took the score from 30 to 51 before Reed was bowled for 14. When Cunliffe was bowled for 19 at 55 things looked

very bad indeed for Grant's. However, Woodbridge now joined Budgett and the two played much better cricket than we had yet seen from Grant's. They added forty runs without wasting much time before Woodbridge was well caught by O'Brien off Seward to make the position 97—6—22. Patterson, whom we expected to hit the ball hard, was immediately bowled before he had scored. The younger Reed helped Budgett to put on another ten runs before the latter was well caught by Geane off Boyle. He had played an invaluable innings and, except for Woodbridge, received no support. Reed was bowled by Petley after a plucky innings of 12 and soon after Dean caught Rivaz off the same bowler. Grant's were all out for 122.

It was a disappointing display but College were too good for us. They had plenty of bowling strength in Boyle and Seward and some good batsmen in Boyle, O'Brien and Channing-Pearce.

J.C.H.

SCORE.

Grant's v. King's Scholars.—1st Round.

King's Scholars.

W. J. A. Boyle, b R. A. Reed	54
T. Channing-Pearce, not out	81
C. M. O'Brien, b Cunliffe	46
E. S. Meyer, c Patterson, b Woodbridge	12
D. Petley, run out	0
M. E. Dean, not out	7
Extras	7
Total	<u>207</u>

E. M. H. Wilkinson, M. F. Dowding, J. D. W. Geare, E. H. Seward, and D. R. Halsall did not bat.

Grants.

D. L. Wilkinson, lbw, b Seward	11
G. W. J. Fursdon, c Halsall, b Seward	10
D. F. Cunliffe, c Geare, b Halsall	18
J. C. S. Doll, b Petley	0
R. G. Reed, b Halsall	14
H. A. Budgett, c Geare, b Boyle	23
J. W. Woodbridge, c O'Brien, b Seward	22
M. H. Patterson, b Seward	0
R. A. Reed, b Petley	12
R. O. I. Borradaile, not out	4
J. S. Rivaz, c Dean, b Petley	3
Extras	5
Total	<u>122</u>

Bowling.

King's Scholars.	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
W. J. A. Boyle	12	1	43	1	43
E. H. Seward	10	2	21	4	5.25
D. Petley	6.2	1	26	3	8.66
D. R. Halsall	5	1	28	2	14
Grant's.					
M. L. Patterson	10	3	22	0	—
R. G. Reed	6	1	39	0	—
D. F. Cunliffe	14	1	77	1	77
J. W. Woodbridge	9	1	39	1	39
R. A. Reed	2	—	13	1	13

SENIORS CRITICISMS.

D. F. Cunliffe (Vice-Captain). With an increased self-confidence he has also enlarged his range of effective scoring shots and can play a really good innings once he has got going. Unfortunately his weak shots predominate very much in the first few minutes and have accounted for curtailed innings. His bowling has improved but is still of variable length, while his fielding is as keen as ever. As Captain in the actual match, he managed his bowling and field as well as possible under rather difficult conditions. T.M.R.

J. C. Dell. Played well at the beginning of the term and then lost his form and has not been able to find it since. His fielding, too, has suffered. However, he fielded well in Seniors and is always useful in the deep.

D. L. Wilkinson. His wicket-keeping in Seniors was above reproach, just as it has been during the term. His batting has greatly improved, but it is unfortunate that he has had to open for the 1st XI, as he is not an opening batsman and has failed to make runs on this account.

J. W. Woodbridge. A keen cricketer if he wants to be, he gave of his best in Seniors and batted extremely well. His bowling is useful, although he often tries to bowl too fast; when he pitches the ball well up he gets some wonderful wickets. His fielding, too, is excellent.

R. G. Reed. A useful all-rounder who is handicapped by the fact that all his movements are lethargic, and this was particularly noticeable in Seniors. He is a good bowler with the new ball and his batting has improved.

H. A. Budgett. He has improved greatly as a cricketer this year. His batting in particular has shown an improvement and his fielding is good. He batted well in Seniors, but must learn not to "nibble" at the ball outside the off-stump. He usually gets out this way, caught in the slips.

M. L. Patterson. Always very keen. His bowling is terribly erratic, but occasionally he bowls a good ball. His batting is rustic, but he sometimes connects and then with success. His fielding is very valuable.

G. H. J. Fursdon. He batted extremely well in Juniors and nearly won the match for Grant's. He also batted well in Seniors. With a little more coaching he will become a very good bat indeed. His fielding is quite good.

R. A. Reed. A cheerful cricketer who takes the game in the right spirit. His bowling has much improved and now he keeps a good length and is a useful change-bowler. His fielding is sound, but he is a slow mover.

J. S. Rivaz. He has improved greatly this term and well deserved his place in the Senior's team. His batting is quite reliable and his fielding was conspicuously good. A word of gratitude is due to him for his inspiring and tireless efforts in the League.

R. O. I. Borradaile. He is a very promising young cricketer and, besides being a very useful bat, he is becoming a useful change-bowler. He fielded well in Seniors and Juniors and was unfortunate not to get more runs in Juniors. D.F.C.

JUNIORS.

Grant's v. Busby's.

Grant's were drawn against Busby's in the first round of Juniors. Except that we were without the services of B. V. I. Greenish, our Captain, I have no excuse to offer for our defeat. Considering the small number of cricketers up Busby's they put up a remarkable showing.

The match was played at Vincent Square. Busby's won the toss and Calway sent in Klein and de Mowbray to face Reed and Newman. Reed, as we say at Kennington, sent the first ball down from the Vauxhall end. If de Mowbray showed himself to be a Hobbs, Klein did not look like a Sutcliffe. De Mowbray was playing good cricket, but Klein played rather an inferior type of croquet. Our opening attack appeared to have no effect on the enemy, although it was backed up by good fielding. A double change, however, had its effect, for Fursdon coming on instead of Reed, bowled Klein, 34—1—9. Soon after this a further wicket fell, for de Mowbray was rightly given out L.B.W. after a good innings of twenty. It was fortunate for Grant's that, after Calway and Duke had taken the score to ninety, the former was bowled by Borradaile for 24. Although Reed bowled Duke after six more runs had been scored, 96 for 4 was a useful score in Juniors, in which, by the way, the two-hour system is played. Good as the score was, it would have been much better if the batsmen had run better between the wickets. This is a fault that exists not only in the Busby's Junior

Eleven but even in the English XI. The first run should always be run quickly so as to make a second or third possible. "There endeth the first lesson," as we say elsewhere, and I will now get on with the description of the game.

Wickets fell regularly at intervals of about five minutes until our opponents were all out for 140.

Grant's opened their innings rather disastrously for two men, or rather boys, were out for only thirteen. Borradaile was caught at 8 and Reed was L.B.W. at 13. Newman was the next visitor to the crease and stayed with Fursdon to raise the score to 39. The former is a promising young batsman with plenty of strokes, while the latter should also have a good career at Westminster. Gammon came in for a merry, hard-hitting knock. He reminds me of Leyland for, apart from being a left-hander, he wears his cap at a typically Yorkshire angle. He has plenty of strength for his age and should eventually make a very hard hitter. Finn, after a short stay at the wicket, left with the score at 62. Fevez left seven runs later and with the score at 69 for 6 it looked as though Grant's would be out for less than one hundred. But Fursdon, playing with the confidence of a Woodfull, kept up our hopes. By a good innings he had helped to win Juniors last year, and we old men in the pavilion hoped that he might do the same this year, nor was it his fault that we did not survive the first round. Going in first, he left at 107 for 7, having contributed an invaluable sixty-one. He played beautiful cricket after a rather shaky start and looked set for an even larger score than he obtained.

Budgett unfortunately failed to score. He would do much better if he took the game more seriously. With more practice and concentration he might become a good cricketer. Excitement was increased by a really plucky innings by Evans. He, too, will be a good cricketer when he grows a little more. He has got a good eye and a certain amount of style and is only lacking in strength. When he left after making seventeen we still needed thirteen for victory with one wicket to fall. Winckworth and Cranfield had a hectic task to perform and they were not far from accomplishing it. Gradually the runs crept up until Winckworth gave Reid a catch and we were all out when only two runs were needed to win.

So ended a most enjoyable game, in some ways preferable to the cricket we see at Lords, for in under four hours 278 runs were scored by boys of under sixteen! It is not my job to write a criticism of each player, but before ending I would like to congratulate Fursdon once more on his innings, without which I should not have had much to write about. Of the bowlers the most promising was Newman. Though young, he has a surprisingly easy action and I forecast a big future for him at Westminster. The fielding was, on the whole, very good and very few catches were dropped. It is safe to say that, judging from the standard of cricket in this game, the School, in three or four years time, should have some useful cricketers.

SCORE.

Grant's v. Busby's.—1st Round.

Busby's.

D. S. de Mowbray, lbw Fursdon	20
J. R. Klein, b Fursdon	9
G. P. A. M. Balfour, b Reed	2
F. F. Calway, b Borradaile	24
J. F. Reid-Dick, lbw Reed	31
A. R. C. C. Scarfe, b Reed	0
P. H. H. Hiscox, st Winckworth, b Borradaile ...	4
J. S. E. Duke, b Reed	31
B. A. Giles, b Newman	3
G. N. G. Reid, not out	2
R. C. Morris, c Reed, b Newman	0
Extras	13
Total	139

Grant's.

G. H. J. Fursdon, c Klein, b Calway	61
R. O. I. Borradaile, c Reid, b Reid-Dick	4
R. A. Reed, lbw Reid-Dick	1
C. E. Newman, b de Mowbray	12
F. D. Gammon, c Giles, b de Mowbray	14
M. G. Finn, c Klein, b Scarfe	2
R. L. Fevez, c Hiscox, b de Mowbray	0
D. C. Evans, c Giles, b de Mowbray	17
W. P. Budgett, b Reid-Dick	0
D. S. Winckworth, not out	9
H. E. Cranfield, c Reid, b de Mowbray	2
Extras	16
Total	138

BOWLING.

Busby's.	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
F. F. Calway	14	—	53	1	53.0
J. F. Reid-Dick	9	1	23	3	7.7
M. S. de Mowbray	6.4	1	30	5	6.0
A. R. C. C. Scarfe	2	—	16	1	16.0
Grant's.	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
R. A. Reed	10	1	31	4	6.25
C. E. Newman	7.5	2	13	2	6.5
G. H. J. Fursdon	4	1	9	2	4.5
R. L. Fevez	4	—	20	0	—
M. G. Finn	3	—	18	0	—
R. O. I. Borradaile	5	—	33	2	16.5

JUNIORS CRITICISMS.

R. A. Reed. See Seniors' Criticisms.

G. H. J. Fursdon. See Seniors' Criticisms.

R. O. I. Borradaile. See Seniors' Criticisms.

W. P. Budgett. His batting does not yet show the improvement that has been expected, due mainly to the fact that he fails to watch the ball sufficiently. His fielding in Juniors was very sound. A keen player.

R. L. Fevez. A keen cricketer, who is very anxious to improve. He was rather overawed by the occasion, especially in his batting. If he batted as well as he does in Yard sometimes, he would make a lot of runs. A fair bowler, but has not yet got much command over length. A good fielder.

D. S. Winckworth. His wicket-keeping has greatly improved and he "kept" very promisingly in Juniors. His batting resembles too much that of his brother. However, he has a good eye and, if he watched the ball better, he would make a lot of runs in House games.

M. G. Finn. A batsman who hits the ball hard, but somehow fails to get more runs. This is probably due to inexperience, and he should make some scores in future years. His slow bowling is very promising and when he learns to spin the ball both ways he should make a very useful cricketer. Fielding is always good, and he is always keen.

C. E. Newman. A good, promising bat, who was unfortunate not to make more runs than he did in Juniors. A useful change-bowler, who keeps a good length. He also fields well, and should become a very useful cricketer.

D. C. Evans. He batted very pluckily in Juniors against bowling which was better probably than he had come up against before. He batted well at a time when the earlier batsmen had failed. He may one day make a useful bowler if he does not try to bowl too fast and if he keeps the ball off the leg.

F. D. Gammon. He shows signs of becoming quite a useful batsman when he gets more strength. He watches the ball very carefully on to the bat. His fielding is good.

L. E. Cranfield. His batting needs much improvement before he can expect to make runs but he tries as hard as he does in the field.

THE LEAGUE.

For the first time for some years the Grant's League finished the cricket season at the top of the table. I am particularly pleased about it, in that it looks hopeful for future Seniors' teams.

The Leagues this season have been played under a much better system and the number of leagues was cut down. This meant that Grant's only had one league, and consequently I hardly ever had to ask for any substitutes.

Some of the performances by various members of the league were really remarkable. I would like to give one example. Apparently on one occasion the opponents had been got out for the moderate total of 48. However, to quote the report written on the game by M. L. Patterson, who was captaining the side: "At the end of the third over Grant's had won." Patterson was a very useful player, as in spite of having played several times for the Second XI, he has not yet got his Pink and Whites, and is therefore eligible for the League. Rivaz has often proved a useful player and an exceedingly keen Captain. The younger Reed has made some runs for the side, and has the right temperament and physique for a league player. Greenish has played on occasions when he has not been representing the Colts. Of the younger members Borradaile, Newman, Evans and Gammon were the most reliable.

Once again Mr. Murray-Rust has shown his enthusiasm and interest in everything that concerned the League, and I am glad that we have been able to show our appreciation by winning the cup this term.

J.C.H.

WATER (Lent Term).

This term (or rather the term before last) at our Putney Resort has been one of thrilling excitement; nothing at all has happened. Excepting the fact that there is keenness and interest in the School Eights preparing for the summer season, there is nothing of great importance to report. This will give us an opportunity for a serious entreaty which we hope and believe will not appear over tedious.

We understand that the present Government has undertaken some vast scheme for reviving, increasing and generally resuscitating the armed forces of the Empire. Well you know, we shouldn't take much notice of snaky actions like that. There are other forces of arms to be revived, increased and generally whatever-we-said in other paths of our struggle for life in a naughty world. Join the Boat Club and see Life with a capital 'ELL (phonetic spelling)! Do not be bullied—come to Putney and watch your biceps GROW! It would fill a book, nay, volumes, should we attempt any full description of the manifold pleasures to be derived from rowing at Putney. For instance, the variety of smells alone is such as to shatter the nerve cells with amazement. Soothing odours are wafted to the quivering nostrils (these must quiver simultaneously in order not to upset the

balance). There are smells of rotting vegetation, rotted vegetation and long-rotted vegetation, of chewing gum and oranges (from the football ground), of fish, of g-g-garbage (very noticeable), of stewed prunes from Manbré and Garton, while just above Hammersmith lurks a blaze of smell which is a sight for sore tongues: indeed it is almost too bright for the ears to feel as it hovers uncertainly around Chiswick Eyot; Latitude 26°; Longitude 2°; Altitude—very; Density—enough; Strength—overwhelming—no flowers by request. But lastly oxygen has been seen by an alert nostril in Putney. The last time was somewhere back in 1873 but, this being the year in which Bossy was born, there has been none since. I questioned Mr. Phelps about this phenomenon but he seemed to think that I was insulting him and the meeting broke up in disorder. The truth is that there is so much down at Putney which we would willingly share with other less fortunate brethren of this portion of the Alma Mater's anatomy. So many bricks fall from the boat-house roof and so many people are immersed in the flowing and filthy waters of Thames that we feel we are selfish in braving alone all these hardships.

Seriously, we would like to see more recruits for the ranks of Grantite Watermen. Grant's this year is reaping the fruits of the laborious sowing carried out by a noble and distinguished Old Grantite, Nelson Cleveland-Stevens (*Salve tibi Cleveol*) to whose perseverance, energy and forethought we owe our recent rowing successes. The time has come for us to sow again in the hope of another such harvest in years to come so that Grant's may in the future have regular success in rowing. You will never regret having joined the Boat Club once you are a member. You will find it interesting and also you will find a personal interest being taken in you. I advise and ask all those who do not sparkle especially at football or cricket, and many who do, to become Watermen, to learn to enjoy the greatest of sports and to expound the most delicate of arts, to begin with the help of willing coaches to tread the glorious path which leads to Royal Henley and a free pass to Immortality.

Be a wise man; be a clever man; be a happy man; be an OARSMAN.

WATER (Election Term).

Rowing is not an easy art. Nobody can step into a boat and row properly without any previous experience. Perfect oarsmanship comes, as does perfection in any other art, from hours of patient practice and energetic experience. Concentration is essential, the great expenditure of mental energy necessary to become an oar of any merit is such that mere laymen find it difficult to understand the rowing man's mentality. This is unfortunately the cause of many sad misunderstandings and fierce but futile arguments.

Nobody, however, will argue that Grant's have been unsuccessful on the Water this year. As far as School rowing was concerned a

large number of Grantites were doing their share this term. The First Eight, which met with some success at the Marlow Regatta, contained three Grantite oarsmen at "three," "seven" and "stroke," and was also blessed with a cox from the same honourable house. The spare man for the VIII was also from Grant's and was very unlucky to fall ill just before the St. Paul's race and so relinquish his place in the VIII. However, the 1st VIII's loss was the 2nd VIII's gain and Boyd put in some excellent work as stroke of the 2nd VIII with Baird-Smith of Grant's rowing at "seven" to back him up. Also from Grant's, H. H. E. Batten rowed in the 2nd VIII, having previously stroked a very light third eight in a plucky race against St. Paul's 3rd VIII. Both Strother-Stewart and Rich rowed in the third VIII too. Altogether we were pretty well represented and it is especially good to see Grantites being of real value to the School.

When the cheering and hiccups of Henley had faded, all the houses began to prepare for the School Regatta with a keenness hitherto unrivalled. Every Grantite Waterman was entered for the Sculling events and we had a Senior and a Junior-Senior four to represent us in the bigger events. We would have liked to put in a Junior Four as well but were unable to on account of the great age and beards of most of our rowing hands and we could not muster as many as four under the age required. On paper our Senior Four was very strong but Rigaud's were training hard with the help of the Rev. A. H. Franklin and King's Scholars were well together and presented a danger. We were drawn in a preliminary heat against Rigaud's and we realised that we had a job which would **not** be roses all the way. Unfortunately our bow-oar, Morgan-Griffiths, went down with some sort of plague and we had some difficulty about finally choosing a boat. Bow's place was temporarily taken by M. J. Baird-Smith from our Junior-Senior Four for the purpose of practice. We had a few days to get together again in the "Pygmy" when Morgan-Griffiths returned, and we felt strongish when the race-day came. There was an unfortunate loss of time at the start when stroke allowed his button to stray through the rowlock and both stroke-side oars caught crustaceans. This lost us two and a quarter lengths, but we quickly recovered and went chasing after Rigaud's at a sturdy, grim but determined row. The gap was gradually closed and a "double ten" sprint at Beverley Brook brought us level after a previous sprint at the boat-house had put us within reach. While we were settling down again, however, Rigaud's gained slightly and Grant's seemed to be tiring. But when we took her in from above the football ground there was a fight every fathom of the way, and we just scraped home by a canvas, the winners but weary.

Eventually the Senior Fours were won by our crew, having then beaten Homeboarders in the Semi-Final and King's Scholars in the Final. Our Junior-Senior Four which was also strong had a good

tussle with Rigaud's and beat Ashburnham by a long margin in the Final. Grant's won all three Sculling races. We had three Semi-Finalists in the Senior Sculls and when R. C. T. James had reached the final by employing Black Magic to force two consecutive opponents to take to the river involuntarily he was put in his place, happily by another Grantite G. L. Y. Radcliffe. The latter had defeated Griffiths of College, the favourite, in an epic race (with one pause for breath and a chat!). Strother-Stewart used his weight to win the Junior-Senior Sculls and C. A. Argyle rowed very pluckily and with much vigour and won the Junior Sculls. The Henderson Cup for the highest total of points also went to Grant's and, added to the Rouse Ball cup and the T. B. B. Rudder, it was a shocking collection. We just failed to carry off the Coxwain's sculling race as well. Morland and Roberts, our two representatives, could not quite obliterate the lead Hadfield got as a handicap. Perhaps, we felt, this was as well. We did not want to appear greedy. After all this, two Grantite oarsmen and a cox again represented the T.B.B. in Lamprobatatics, which the T.B.B. won.

We were particularly glad to have Mr. Murray-Rust so frequently down at Putney to encourage and support us. Often Mrs. Murray-Rust, Matron, and the dogs were there, too, and it was of real comfort to us to have the support in person.

I should like to end by congratulating all the Watermen of Grant's for contributing happily and keenly to the triumphs herein recorded and for helping the house to become a real pillar of the Boat Club and not, as Grant's was long ago, a mere splinter in its frame. Let us hope that Grant's Water will continue with success in attempt as well as achievement, not only with pride in past examples such as this but with both thought and spirit for the present and the future.

R.C.T.J.

SENIOR FOURS.

1st Round.	Grant's	Middlesex.	1.
	Rigaud's	Surrey.	2.
Won by a "Canvas."			

The tide was running up quite fast, although only half an hour from high tide, but luckily the water was quite smooth: there was a slight head wind.

There was a serious mishap to Grant's at the start, stroke's oar slipping through the rigger and two catching a crab at the same time. Rigaud's took advantage of this and at Ayling's were about two and a half lengths up. It looked like a bad defeat for Grant's, for at the Boat-house we were hardly holding them. But then quite suddenly Grant's started going up. At Beverley we were almost level, then Rigaud's "gave her ten" and went up nearly a length, Grant's spurred and caught up again. It was then a neck to neck

race round the bend. At the end of the fence Grant's were a canvas up. Could we do it? We just managed it and passed the Mile Post a bare canvas ahead. Rigaud's must be congratulated for their good effort against a heavier and more experienced crew.

The crews were : Grant's :—A. J. Morgan-Griffiths (bow), 10st. 8; J. G. Boyd, 10st.; G. L. Y. Radcliffe, 9st. 12; R. C. T. James (stroke), 12st. 1; J. H. Morland (cox), 8st.; Rigaud's :—B. L. Simpson (bow), 9st. 9; R. F. Scott, 9st. 7; D. H. Lines, 10st. 10; B. H. Cumberland (stroke), 10st. 9; M. H. Mills (cox), 8st. 4.

J.P.H.

2nd Round.	Grant's	Surrey.	1.
	Homeboarders	Middlesex.	2.
Won by 1½ lengths.			

The tide was running up, and as there was a strong head wind the water was bad. Soon after the start there was a bad wash and both crews shipped some water. Grant's drew steadily away and at the Boat-house were about three quarters of a length up. Homeboarders went in under the wall and got some shelter, but Grant's were not rowing very well. They settled down a little more at the end of the fence, and drew away to be about half a length clear. Homeboarders rowed very well considering that they had not had an outing for a week before the race.

The crews were : Grants :—Same as in Round 1. Homeboarders :—E. J. Townroe (bow), 9st. 7; P. M. Shearman, 9st. 5; M. Knowles, 10st. 5; A. P. R. Robinson (stroke), 11st. 7; D. R. Mullis (cox), 6st. 5.

Final.	Grant's	Middlesex.	1.
	King's Scholars	Surrey.	2.
Won by 1½ lengths.			

The race was rowed up. The conditions were fair. King's Scholars determined to try to obtain a winning lead at once and were a length clear at the Boat-house. Grant's rowing well together spurted at Beverley and were on terms at the Football Ground. At the bend Grant's spurted and drew away to win by 1½ lengths.

The crews were : Grant's :—Same as in Round 1. King's Scholars :—J. W. Griffiths (bow), 9st. 13; A. V. Adams, 9st.; E. J. A. Freeman, 10st. 8; W. P. W. Barnes (stroke), 10st. 9; E. N. Skrender (cox), 7st. 5.

G.L.Y.R.

SENIORS CRITICISMS.

A. J. Morgan-Griffiths (bow). Has a good build for rowing and a very easy natural action. At present he lacks experience. His slide forward tends to get out of control at times, while his finish is too low and not drawn out firm enough. C.H.F.

J. G. Boyd (2). He rows well and hard in races and can always be absolutely relied on. He has not, however, learned to control his slide backwards or forwards. He tends, also, to be heavy handed coming forward and this makes him dig at the beginning and wash out at the finish. His blade work and his slide control want a good deal of attention.
G.L.Y.R.

G. L. Y. Radcliffe (3). His blade work is excellent and he follows up a hard beginning with a good drive through the stroke. His swing is short, and this sometimes produces rather a drop away of the body at the finish. If he can develop a bit more length in his swing forward, his finish will become much easier. As a seven he kept with stroke excellently and was always ready to follow him in a spurt.

R. C. T. James (stroke). His technique has improved immensely this year and he always rows a long and powerful stroke: he is still a trifle clumsy and stiff in his movements. As a stroke he sets an excellent rhythm and in a race can always get the most out of his crew.
C.H.F.

J. K. Morland (cox). He steered good courses in the races, but it is absolutely essential, if he wants to be good, that he should learn to concentrate far more than he does at present. He will then not need to use his rudder so strongly. At present he rather over uses this and tends also to waggle it. His voice is quite good though he must try to make up his mind sooner.
G.L.Y.R.

JUNIOR-SENIOR FOURS.

In the first round we drew Rigaud's. We had the Surrey Station. The race was straight forward. At the Boat-house Grant's had a slight lead, which they increased by "tens" at the Boat-house and football ground to win by a comfortable margin.

The crews were: Grants:—M. J. Baird-Smith (bow), 10st. 6; J. P. Hart, 9st. 7; C. R. Strother-Stewart, 11st. 1; H. H. E. Batten (stroke), 9st. 8; P. J. J. Roberts (cox), 7st. 6. Rigaud's:—R. D. Knowles (bow), 8st. 7; H. L. Pewtress, 8st. 8; J. Upsdell, 9st. 1; I. McNeil (stroke), 10st.; D. S. Ellis (cox), 7st. 7.

In the Final Grant's had an easy victory over Ashburnham.

The crews were: Grant's:—Same as above. Ashburnham:—A. T. P. Harrison (bow), 7st. 4; P. F. Taylor, 9st. 9; R. H. Pinder-Wilson, 8st. 6; C. A. M. Barker (stroke), 10st. 2; P. J. D. Lofting (cox), 5st. 12.

JUNIOR-SENIOR FOURS CRITICISMS.

M. J. Baird-Smith (bow). His style on a sliding seat looks excellent, but he must learn not to look at his oar. On a fixed seat it was revealed that he tends to use his arms too early on and too much in the stroke. On a slide he can overcome this by using his back more. His blade work is good, and he always rows hard.

J. P. Hart. He is very keen and does not shirk helping to balance the boat. He rows hard, but he must try to make his finish a little less stiff and hard in the wrists. He tends sometimes to get caught up because of this.

C. R. Strother-Stewart. He hardly, at the moment, rows his weight and he must try to lengthen his swing both forward and at the finish. At the present time he sits almost upright at the finish. If he swings further back and keeps his body still while he draws his hands in he will get a lot of extra power.

H. H. E. Batten (stroke). He strokes well in a straight-forward manner. But he is not really a "born" stroke. His finish at the moment is not quite right. He must try and have his shoulders level and his head upright. He will then experience less difficulty in getting his hands away.

P. J. J. Roberts (cox). He coxes quite well but he does not take it seriously enough. His commands are quite good, but his courses are not quite as good as they would be if he concentrated more.
G.L.Y.R.

SOCCKER PROSPECTS.

Grant's once again should have a very good team for the coming season. In the Senior's side there will be two out of the five remaining Pinks; two pink and whites—D. F. Cunliffe and G. W. Woodbridge—who have both frequently played for the 1st XI; together with Wilkinson, Reed and Greenish who have played in Big Game.

Cunliffe, who has a sound knowledge of the game, must try to be a little quicker on to the ball, he must also shoot more accurately. Woodbridge, who has every asset of a winger, must try to co-operate with the rest of the forward line even though he is too fast for them. Wilkinson is a clever footballer; he is rather slow for a wing-half but will make a useful inside forward as his positional play and passing are good. Reed and Greenish have the capacity to become very useful backs, especially on account of their size. They must both learn to use their heads as this is one of the most important assets for a back. Reed must learn to control his legs, for he has no idea what is going to happen next with them! Greenish, who will be young enough for Juniors, must try to be much quicker in every way; he can kick the ball hard when he feels the urge to do so, but takes too long in making up his mind.

Moller and W. P. Budgett are two useful players; the former must learn to pass the ball more, the latter must learn to kick with either foot.

Grant's Juniors side will not be up to the same standard as last year as it has lost Patterson, Woodbridge, Reed and Budgett. But there are three good footballers in the making—Fursdon, a

very fast Athletics runner, who slows up too much on the football field and seems to have his thoughts concentrated on anything but the game: if he could overcome this habit, he should make a useful player. Newman is a good fast winger with plenty of "go" in him; he must learn to co-operate with the rest of the forwards and the same applies to Evans, inside forward, who is a very clever footballer but hangs on to the ball too long.

H.A.B.

FIVES.

The season for indoor games having now returned, the Fives Courts should be crowded. It is hoped that the crowd will be mainly composed of Grantites. Lessons will be willingly given to new and old members of the House, and it is hoped that new members especially will take this opportunity of learning.

Fives balls can be obtained cheap through the House and gloves can also be borrowed, so that, since balls are provided for teaching by the House, a beginner can learn at no cost to himself.

We hope that these measures will increase the entry for the Fives Ties, which, by the practice they afford people, will benefit the House Fives.

There are two cups to be won from College, so that there is a worthy aim in view.

D.L.W.

THE O.T.C.

"Woe is me. Alack a day. No sooner have I with untold labour composed one article for one number of the Grantite than I am bidden to set to and write another article for another number. My plight is aggravated and my condition made more parlous by this, that whereas formerly I had some little subject matter to weave into the contexture of my article, I have now well nigh nothing. And if I have no matter, how then shall I write?"

While I thus groaned, communing with myself, and solaced my grief with the nibbling of my pen, behold the genius of Grant's stood by me, and he tapped me on the shoulder with his forefinger of his right hand, and said unto me: "O Son of Grant's, why dost thou idle away the time with girlish lamentation? Bestir thyself and write, for indeed thou must write." And I said unto him: "O have pity on thy servant, for I have nothing to write." And he said: "Take heart: and take thou also a sheet of quartern, and take thy pen, and forget not the ink, O thou Son of Grant's." And I answered again and said unto him: "I have not forgotten, O genius of the House, but yet have I nothing to write." But he answered: "Write thou the names of the mighty men of war that are in the House." And I said: "Crush me not beneath thy heel, O genius of Grant's, but in a former treatise I have written the names of the mighty

men." Then the genius was wroth and he cried unto me: "Have not some become captains of hundreds who were but captains of ten, O thou foolish of heart and weak of understanding, and are not some captains of thousands that were captains of hundreds?" And I said: "Yea, Cardew is a full sergeant who was formerly a lance-sergeant. Baird-Smith and Radcliffe and Reed are become lance-sergeants who were corporals. Wilkinson was a lance-corporal, and behold is he not now a corporal. And Fevez was formerly as nothing, who is now a lance-corporal." And he said: "Write these names." And I said: "Lo, O gardener of the House window-boxes, and, behold, I have written." Then said the genius of Grant's: "It is well." When, therefore, I made as if to ask what I should write next, he opened his mouth and spake, saying: "What of those that shoot with the bow, and strive toward the mark? Write thou of them, for are they not worthy?" And when he had thus spoken he was gone from me and I saw him no more. Now when he asked of those that with the bow strive toward the mark, I supposed that he spake of the shooting contests.

In the Senior Shooting Competition our team was R. G. Reed, Baird-Smith, Radcliffe, R. A. Reed, with Kemp as team leader to give the indication on the landscape target. The Cup was won by College from Rigaud's with a score of 286 out of 335 or so. Busby's were second with 266 points. We were third with 259. Our shooting on the ordinary targets was not inspired, though quite sound. It was only natural that College, who have most of the school team, should beat us, though as a matter of fact they were not in good form and had some rather startling lapses. R. G. Reed shot well throughout for Grant's, but some of our team were rather at sea when it came to the small 500 yards targets, which always seem to be hull down on the horizon and liable to disappear at any moment. Our main success was on the landscape target where we were the only house beside College to have any success in arranging our shots in a suitable point-scoring pattern on the fair English landscape before us.

Each team shoots in two pairs at two different areas on the target, these areas are defined by circles which should be, and frequently are, invisible to the marksmen, but which can be seen through the field-glasses of the team leader. He is allowed two minutes to persuade each pair to point their rifles at one of the encircled areas on the target. Our team were so easily persuaded to do this that we scored 79 points out of a possible 96. College got 85. Most of the other teams were in the thirties and forties.

The results of the Junior Shooting Competition gives us an opportunity for drawing the discreet veil. Our team was R. A. Reed, Hallett, Newman, Borradaile. We were placed 6th in a field of the same number. Rigaud's were first, and most of the other houses beat us. Of our team, Reed shot soundly to score 50 points out of a possible 60. The others, I imagine, were rather nervous. Hallett,

at any rate, can shoot much better than he did. He should try to be more optimistic. The other two will still be Juniors next year and this year's experience will then be useful to them. One very real cause of our failure is that there was very little material to select from, most of the people who are of a suitable age appear to have been more attracted by the Scouts than by the Corps.

Wesminster School O.T.C. has been to camp after an interval of two years, and it is still alive. The complete contingent numbered just over 60. We were allotted 11 tents, in rather an unhappy arrangement, because at one end of one of our lines were a few tents from King's School, Taunton, and at the other end of our other line were a couple of tents belonging to Winchester. However, Winchester were friendly so that we did not fare so badly. Grant's had two thoroughbred tents, numbers 4 and 8, and one mongrel, 5. No. 4 consisted of Kemp, James, Radcliffe, Reed, Morgan-Griffiths, Roberts. No. 5 had Cardew as tent commander, with Baird-Smith, R. A. Reed, and a number of Ashburnhamites. In No. 8 were Heard (tent commander), Wilkinson, Fevez, Patterson, Woodbridge, Batten and Hallett.

We were allowed two platoons, which formed with Winchester part of No. 2 company of D battalion. Cumberland commanded one of our platoons, Seward the other. Heard and Cardew were platoon sergeants. Baird-Smith, Reed, Radcliffe, and Wilkinson, were all section commanders. Kemp was Contingent Sergeant-Major, James was Quarter-Master.

The period of camp was definitely an active one and there was very little time even for the writing of the one or two perfunctory letters which are expected of the boy at camp. There is a common theory that at corps camp there is nothing to do all the afternoon and evening. This was certainly not true of our camp. We always had a parade in the morning, lasting till about 1 o'clock. Sometimes we had two parades in the afternoon, in addition to the traditional foot inspection, a rifle inspection, and the awful tent inspection. This last, which was marked with great care for an inter-House cup, was a major nightmare for those who were foolish enough, or conscientious enough, to take it seriously. The tent competition produced a tough struggle among the three leading tents. In the end No. 2 tent won, a mixture of Homeboarders and Rigaudites under the command of Long, who ruled his rather servile tent with a rod of iron, more or less forbidding anyone to enter the tent after lunch while he himself arranged it for the inspection. No. 4 tent were a close second, the Grant's tent under Kemp. No. 2 tent won the daily competition three times, No. 4 won it twice. No. 1, the College tent under Seward, were third, and the second Grant's tent, No. 8, were the fourth.

The field-days, or field-mornings, which we had might have been arranged better from our point of view. Several of our people were in the unhappy position of having more rounds of blank than they had ever had in their young lives, and of having little or no oppor-

tunity to shoot them off. However, we had some excellent demonstrations in the afternoons of occupying section posts and making outposts, liberally interspersed with the special army humour which alone makes a visit to camp worth while. " Corporal Pull-through " acted brilliantly and well deserved the applause which he got.

Now the inevitable question: Did we enjoy camp? I shall only speak for myself, but personally I did, and, though I do not know for certain, I think that most other people did too. It was certainly strenuous. Some of us were on guard, as battalion guard, all Friday night, out again on night operations on Saturday night, out again at the Tidworth Tattoo on Monday night, and lastly up at about 4 o'clock on Wednesday morning in order to get away in good time. It sounds a lot, but it was good fun. Incidentally, night operations were badly arranged, but, as usual, a good time was had by nearly all. At any rate we learnt how incredibly difficult it is to direct operations in the darkness.

I have said that most of us enjoyed going to camp. Even if there were some who did not, most of those, I think, would agree that it is an interesting experience. It is certainly worth while going once. If you go once, you will probably go again. A boy who goes to camp as a cadet finds it different when he goes as a corporal, and different again when he goes as a sergeant. At any rate camp is seldom dull.

It has been suggested that I might say something about the value of the O.T.C. I am not qualified to do so, but I am now well away from the school, so I will dare.

The ostensible function of the O.T.C. is to train officers for the army, over against that mysterious thing, a " national crisis." It does this to some extent, but its greatest service is threefold. It teaches some pride in appearance, from the inspection which forms part of every parade: it teaches smartness of movement and bearing, from drilling and marching: and it teaches confidence, from commanding. P.T. gives nimbleness, quickness to obey and fitness, and rightly forms part of our training. If there were time it would form a larger part, as it does in the army.

This is not written in a spirit of petty rivalry, but it must be said that the Scouts organisation does not inculcate these qualities in the same way. It aims at something else, at teaching book-binding, carpentry, path-finding, cooking, first-aid. These are all valuable, particularly the last. But it is more valuable to the ordinary citizen, or potential citizen, to have smartness and confidence than to have the ability to bind a book, or even to put a splint on a broken leg.

This may be complete bilge, but I think that it is a point of view worth considering.

As this is, I hope, the last article that I shall write for the Grantite, I may as well wish the House continued prosperity and further success in the future. After all, what it has done before, it can jolly well do again.

SCOUTS.

As usual there were only three parades during the Election Term; these were one full field-day and two half-days. This year Oxshott Common was chosen for the First Class maps; it affords a variety of details, as well as a maze of paths. All candidates passed their tests successfully.

On Friday, July 3rd, a parade was held in Green; all the tents were taken out of cold storage in the cellar and pitched in rather longer time than is usual in so fast a troop, but on this occasion the tents had to be revised and in some cases altered.

Throughout the term the First Class candidates went to their various districts to complete their journeys; all were successful in overcoming the weather and the district.

As this article goes to press we hope to have safely arrived and pitched camp in Borrowdale, and that the rain will not cause as much havoc as it did in Buttermere.

H.A.B.

MUSIC.

Grant's music has been raised from the lowest depths of depression in the short space of two years. In 1933 we achieved nine points, in 1934 we dropped to eight points, due no doubt to a certain lack of keenness. In 1935 we took an upward turn and scraped together forty points; and this year we have succeeded in coming second with two hundred and four points. Although College was far ahead of us with three hundred and forty points, we left Rigaud's and other houses well behind, Rigaud's having a hundred and seventeen points.

This year we were strong on the singing side, which made up for our weakness instrumentally. We had batteries of basses to send in for the broken voice solo. But Mr. Middleton, the judge, was not well disposed towards them. I even heard him remark to J. P. Hart, having just listened to his fine rendering of the "Policeman's Song" from "The Pirates of Penzance," that he should have been on the stage instead of in a concert hall. It is uncertain whether this was a compliment or not! However, we loosed J. S. C. Doll on him, and from then onwards he was a broken man. He placed Doll second with the criticism of "Ample Tone!"

D. L. B. Farley did good work in the morning by winning the unbroken voice solo (with J. B. Craig third). Then he went on to win the Senior piano sight-reading and to get second place in the Senior piano solo. J. K. Morland entered for the wind solo with his accordion. There was some discussion whether this was a wind instrument, but all difficulties were overcome and, pumping a pretty bellows, he blew his way to second place. The judge admitted that it was the only instrument on which he had never heard Handel's "Largo" played. After this we had an adjournment for lunch, a

lunch which proved very beneficial to Grant's success later. Before this we had only scored fifty four points with Rigaud's at ninety two and College somewhere in the hundreds.

But after lunch we had a great success with the House choir. It has been suggested that Sir Hugh Allen thought the choice song appropriate to his meal. College, as usual, did the low down with an oboe obligato at the beginning of their song, but luckily for us they got scared of King in the middle and went flat, leaving us with first place. Farley's misdemeanours in the choice song were more than made up in the polished rendering of the scales in the "Poacher." The conductor unwisely took the "Drinking Song" at double the usual speed, with the result that the choir, except Doll, were well out of breath at the end.

The quartet succeeded in singing in tune and coming at the end of the last verse on the same note as they started on, and, being the only house which did so, won it!

The orchestra, strangely, did not win after all the nice remarks made about them. Sir Hugh Allen commended the way in which the players kept calm amidst the extraneous noise and movement going on. Kemp's martial spirit was praised, and also the emotion, feeling and technique with which the whole orchestra played wrong notes. We got through the actual music with surprisingly few variations, whether intentional or unforeseen. One of the pianists, however (never having rehearsed before) played the first tune at three times the speed we took it, thereby giving a pleasant fugal effect. At one moment some oversight in the orchestrating seemed to have arranged that all the players at the same time were playing rests as hard as they could. Consequently there was dead silence (except for wrong notes), but we heroically picked up the tune a few bars further on and finished unperturbed amidst great applause.

This was our last blast, and from then on College forged ahead to finish an easy first.

P.N.C.

THE CONCERT.

It might seem that the Grantite is hardly the place in which to mention the Concert given at the end of the term. But when Grantites had supplied so much of the entertainment the objection can be logically overruled.

Farley repeated his piano solo with success. He made one mistake, but, with great presence of mind, he repeated the passage so well that few people noticed the original mistake. Doll was quite the best performer in the Pied Piper. He mastered a difficult and thankless solo piece and he was the only singer whose voice successfully overcame the orchestra. J. K. Morland on his piano-accordion was the most popular item on the programme, but I think

that he might have chosen something better for his encore. I hope that this will encourage any other accordionists up Grant's to enter for the music competitions in future years. The House choir was reduced in numbers and sang much better in its more manageable form. It sang the "Drinking Song" and the "Poacher" so well that the audience were inspired to sing well for once in the chorus.

P.N.C.

Editor's Note.—The good singing of the audience was almost entirely due to the precision and ease with which P. N. Cardew conducted. He conducted such a large "choir" as if a professional, and the success of Grant's in the music world of the School is due to his tireless efforts.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

No long account is possible this term, I am afraid, owing to lack of time. Perhaps the last article on the Society will suffice to show people what our activities are and what enjoyment the readings can give. The good work has been continued throughout the Lent Term and also, contrary to the old custom, when possible in the Election Term. There are difficulties in the Election Term but popular favour demanded that readings should continue and we had some very enjoyable evenings. The most worthy performance was that of Mr. Laurence Tanner as Mr. Pim in "Mr. Pim Passes By," by A. A. Milne, a part which he has read before but one which we should never tire of hearing. C. H. M. Gould, who was one of our better readers, gave us an admirable portrayal of Helen in the Barrets of Wimpole Street but was unfortunate in not finding another part which suited him in the Lent Term, after which he left us. D. F. Cunliffe had several large parts which he read with competence, even if some of them appeared too tragic. His Juliet was studied and his success is all the more commendable because it is a difficult part. Mr. J. D. Carleton gained a great triumph as the Dauphin in Shaw's St. Joan and again distinguished himself in the first half of Richard of Bordeaux as Richard. Mr. Murray-Rust as Joseph Surface and Mr. Tanner as Sir Peter Teazle gave delightful performances in "The School for Scandal" and M. J. Baird-Smith's Moses very nearly broke all records. P. J. Sutton was also a success as Sir Oliver Surface. This reading again convinced me that Sheridan is one of the most successful authors for the society. This was really a most enjoyable year of revival in the Literary Society's history (may it be a long one). I hope everybody enjoyed the meetings as much as the Secretary did; if they only enjoyed them half as much it was worth the effort.

The Secretaryship of the Literary Society has been left to the keen and conscientious care of D. F. Cunliffe who has been a loyal supporter and an able reader in the past year and who expressed his willingness to carry on the tradition. We like to think that it was in part owing to experience gained in our Society that he won the Clifton Gordon Reading Prize (Senior) this term. I hope he will have a successful year and will further confirm the Society in a position which it may keep for ever.

I would like to say to future members of the Society that it is entirely for their benefit and enjoyment and they should look on the readings in this way. There will be difficulties, there always are, difficulties of time, opposition, disagreement, but I am convinced that they will enjoy reading good plays, as we have, when these obstacles have been surmounted and that, in return for their action in perpetuating the society, they will gain enormously in elocution, intelligence and understanding.

PLAYS READ.

Lent Term.

Romeo and Juliet; The School for Scandal; St. Joan, The Barretts of Wimpole Street.

Election Term.

Macbeth; Richard of Bordeaux; Mr. Pim Passes By.

R.C.T.J.

OLD GRANTITES.

At Oxford the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on Professor E. D. Adrian, F.R.S.

BIRTHS.

BUCKLEY. On July 30, the wife of E. Graham Buckley, The Rifle Brigade—a son.

GARDINER. On June 23, the wife of Geoffrey Baring Gardiner—a son.

REA. On June 24, the wife of Findlay Rea—a son.

STRATFORD. On June 6, the wife of Martin Stratford—a son.

VERNON. On May 9, the wife of Denis S. F. Vernon—a son.

MARRIAGES.

ARMITAGE—RUSSELL. On July 24, Robert Armitage to Mary Dorothea, widow of the Rev. E. Bachelor Russell and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barclay, of High Leigh.

CLARK—BROWETT. On June 27, Charles Peter Clark to Cynthia Loveday, younger daughter of the late Captain Arnold Browett and Mrs. G. T. Browett, of Beauchamp Avenue, Leamington Spa.

OBITUARY.

We regret to record the death of Stephen Langmead Taylor-Taswell on March 12 at the age of 57. He was up Grant's from 1893 to 1896. He then went up to Christ Church, Oxford. He was for many years a Civil Servant in South Africa, and a prominent sportsman.

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