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THE PAST YEAR.

On the whole, Grant's may congratulate herself on a successful First of all the cricket shield remains up the House and vear. the football shield has been won. In the first round of the football seniors we had a hard fight with Ashburnham; we drew against them at first o-o, owing to the disgraceful shooting of our forwards; however, we had better luck next time and succeeded in winning 2-0. Rigaud's we succeeded in defeating by a larger margin, 3-0. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens was Captain of the School cricket and football XI.'s; F. N. Ashley was our only other football Pink. In the Sports our display was rather disappointing. The House tug-of-war team had no difficulty in winning the inter-House tugs, and we had two representatives for T.BB. against K.SS.; however, in spite of all our efforts, we only finished Third for the Sports Cup. The next event of importance was the Concert; J. D. H. Dickson upheld the highest musical traditions of the School on his fiddle, and was encored time after time, in spite of his having to retire in the midst of a soulinspiring passage to replace a snapped string.

In cricket seniors, we had less difficulty in disposing of Ashburnham than we had at football, for we beat them by an innings and 146 runs; this victory was, perhaps, due as much to some excellent bowling, as to the brilliancy of some of the batting. Against Rigaud's, also, Grant's won a brilliant victory, defeating them by an innings and 12 runs.

In the Charterhouse match, Grantites came well to the fore in batting, bowling, and fielding. Grant's could boast at the end of the Summer term, of four cricket Pinks; E. C. Cleveland-Stevens, J. P. Blane, J. M. Logan, and H. Logan. In the final for the House-rackets Cup, Blane beat S. A. Dickson. Cricket Yard-Ties were revived with some success. We have to regret the loss during the past year of D. H. Whitmore, P. M. Battle, and A. S. Dugdale at Easter, and E. C. Stevens, J. E. Y. Radcliffe, M. C. Smith, J. P. Blane, and J. M. Logan at Election.

We can also proudly point to the fact, that Grant's has appeared in an altogether unaccustomed light as winner of several distinctions at Election.

It will be seen from the above short *résumé*, that whilst Grant's has taken a backward step in no department of School life, she has advanced in many things. It is long since the hearts of Grantites have been gladdened by the sight of two shields in hall, and we have every reason to expect that they will stay there yet another year. But because they are before our eyes, we need not think that it is unnecessary for all up Grant's to be willing to take the places of those who leave, and worthily maintain the reputation of the House, which has benefitted so much at the hands of those who have just departed from our midst.

TRIALS.

1ST ROUND.—GRANT'S v. RIGAUD'S.

This Match took place on Wednesday, November 27th, on the First Game Ground. Grant's were greatly handicapped by the loss of Ashley, Kirkpatrick, and Sonnenschein. Soon after the start Grant's broke away, Woodbridge made a good run but failed to score an easy goal. The game was then very even, our defence being slightly better than our attack. Rigaud's pressed at times, and Powers put in a good shot which Knight saved; Grant's then again pressed but were unable to get within range, and Rigaud's followed their example, which ended in a scrimmage in front of goal, but a good clear from Lewis enabled our forwards to again resume the offensive. Dickson then sent in a soft shot which Langton easily saved, and from a "corner" Johnston nearly headed the ball in, but it was just saved. Shortly afterwards C. Lonsdale unfortunately injured his ankle and had to leave the field. Half-time arrived with the score o-o. On play being resumed there was some tough play in the Grantite "quarter," in which Knight particularly distinguished himself by making two excellent saves, and our backs, who had been playing exceedingly well, managed to clear. Reed then arrived, Willett having kindly allowed him as substitute for Lonsdale.

Two corners fell to Grant's, which proved futile, and Rigaud's pressed more than before; Craig made a shot, but it was saved by Knight.

On Monday, 2nd December, Grant's again met Rigaud's to play off the round. Forty minutes was played each way. Rigaud's kicked off, and Grant's immediately pressed them hard, the forwards being strongly reinforced by Sonnenschein, whose valuable services Grant's could not have done without, while Dickson also proved a great improvement as an outside. After about twenty minutes' play, Sonnenschein opened the scoring after a good rush. Several times Rigaud's rushed down, but our backs again were splendid. Just before half-time, Woodbridge and Sonnenschein broke away, the latter scoring with a fine shot. Half-time then arrived without further addition to the score (2-0). After half-time, Grant's again pressed, but Willet stopped several good rushes; but a little later Dickson shot a magnificent goal from outside right (3-0). Rigaud's then began to press, but never arrived within shooting range, and so the game resulted in an easy win for Grant's by three goals to none.

For Grant's the forwards showed great improvement, and the combination was at times excellent. Of the halves, Lonsdale was the best, but Oldham had a great deal of work to do on account of the weakness of our right half. As for the backs, they could not have done better, and their tackling was excellent. Knight had scarcely any work to do, but the little he had he did well. For Rigaud's, Willett was far and away best, but Lonsdale at back, and Craig at centre-half, were excellent. The forwards were quite useless.

TEAMS.

Grant's.—C. B. H. Knight (goal); H. Logan, M. Pemberton (backs); C. W. Lonsdale, M. S. Oldham, J. S. Lewis (halves); M. Houdret, J. L. Johnston, L. A. Woodbridge, W. T. S. Sonnenschein, and S. A. Dickson (forwards).

Rigaud's.—S. W. Langton (goal); A. T. Willett, W. S. Lonsdale (backs); R. D. Fraser, J. M. Craig, and F. S. Fleuret (halves); E. E. S. B. Atherley-Jones, C. Powers, T. Stoker, C. Couchman, and A. Seddon (forwards).

FINAL.

GRANT'S v. ASHBURNHAM.

This Match was played on Wednesday, December 11th. Grant's lost the toss, and so played against the wind and towards the Guards' hospital. At first the Shield-holders looked like scoring, but Ashley muddled it when within twenty yards of the Ashburnham goal; their opponents then carried the ball up and pressed, Grant's failing to show any dash, and having an off day. At last the forwards broke away, and Woodbridge scored with a high shot (1-o). But even this did not stop Ashburnham from pressing, and Kirkland equalised out of a "scrum" in front of

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our goal, with a shot with which Knight had no chance. Shortly afterwards half-time was called (1-1). On play being resumed the game was as slow as ever, and Ashburnham began to show signs of fatigue and consequently Grant's pressed more than in the first half. Sonnenschein soon afterwards scored (2 - 1), which greatly added to the interest of the game; Schwann, however, was playing a splendid game, and was the mainstay of his side, his long kicks enabling the Ashburnham forwards to make several good rushes through the Grantite defence : but Mears, in leaving his goal, allowed Ashley to score with a very long shot. The game then became much faster, both sides rushing each others defence, but time was called before anything else was added to the score, leaving Grant's the winners of a poor game by 3 to 1. Although they won Grant's did not cover themselves with glory, for seeing that they were so strong on paper, while Ashburnham were decidedly weak, they ought to have beaten them by a far wider margin. Ashlev's play at half alone saved them from disgrace.

The following were the teams :--

Grant's.—C. B. H. Knight (goal); M. Pemberton and H. Logan (backs); C. W. Lonsdale, F. N. Ashley, J. S. Lewis (half-backs); S. A. Dickson, W. T. S. Sonnenschein, L. A. Woodbridge, M. S. Oldham, J. L. Johnston (forwards).

Ashburnham. – R. P. Mears (goal); W. Wells, G. Schwann (backs); W. Wallace, C. Conolly, W. Walton (half-backs); K. Kirkland, F. V. Hughes, G. Geddes, K. N. Colvile (forwards).

HOUSE NOTES.

The monitors this year are :---

W. T. S. Sonnenschein,

D. S. Robertson,

L. A. Woodbridge,

S. A. Dickson.

The Literary Society and the Debating Society still continue their meetings.

There has been started a House chess tournament, of which A. L. Stephen is the moving spirit.

A Yard Committee has been formed, mainly to put a stop to rough play. We are inclined to doubt the wisdom of this policy.

Grant's was resplendent with new paint at the beginning of

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this term. We were particularly pleased to see the beams marked out once more from the rest of the ceiling in Hall and the Under-Changing Room.

The House have to thank Mr. Tanner for another addition to the long series of shield photographs.

Yard ties have not yet gone far, but slowly they wander on the even tenor of their way.

The House has done well on the football field, as will be seen by a glance at the full accounts of the Trials which we print elsewhere. And this too in spite of accidents innumerable to much of the best in our team.

Our Juniors too have, to date, done very satisfactorily. They administered a crushing defeat to Rigaud's (7-0) and a less severe one to H.BB. (2-0).

Before leaving this subject, we should mention that seven Grantites have played for the School; the list of names is worth putting on record:—F. N. Ashley, L. A. Woodbridge, C. B. H. Knight, S. A. Dickson, H. Logan, C. W. Lonsdale, and L. G. Kirkpatrick. Besides these, we have also had Oldham and Sonnenschein playing for the 2nd XI.

We were greatly strengthened at the beginning of the term by the acquisition of C. B. H. Knight from H.BB. He has had a very hearty welcome up the House.

L. J. Moon (O.G.) has been very ill, and kept out of the football and cricket field for some time; but we were delighted to see him looking fairly well again at the O.WW. match.

There is going to be a supper at the end of this term, thanks to Mr. Tanner's kindness, but no O.WW. are to be invited. It is to be a private supper.

The following were the colours at the beginning of this term :---

Pinks. F. N. Ashley L. A. Woodridge M. S. Oldham L. G. Kirkpatrick C. B. H. Knight S. A. Dickson C. W. Lonsdale.

During the term the following colours have been given :---

S. A. Dickson, Pink-and-Whites; H. Logan, C. W. Lonsdale, and L. G. Kirkpatrick, 3rd XI.'s, ; and W. T. S. Sonnenschein, House Colours.

J. Blane won the House Racket Cup at the end of last term.

We heartily congratulate the captain of football on winning, in some mysterious and unknown way, a prize for ability, shown in his disposition of his forces on a field far more serious than that on which he usually shines.

One of the most noticeable achievments of the term is the marvellous way in which S. A. Dickson has kept the yard-ball fund running. He has spent so much time over it, we wonder he he finds time to—write so many letters.

Against Ashburnham, the constellation of the Grantite shooting stars was once more seen brightly shining.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

This Society has been meeting fairly regularly throughout the The reading has been steadily improving, and the difference term. between the first and the last plays was very marked. The plays read have been: "The Merchant of Venice," "The School for Scandal," and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." In the first play Mr. Tanner was exceptionally good as Launcelot Gobbo, and I. D. H. Dickson made a charming Portia. Of the others Stephen as Salanio and H. Logan as Salarino, gave some indications of what they were to do in the future. Knight was disappointing; and Woodbridge was monotonous, and Sonnenschein ruined Bassanio. In the "School for Scandal," Mr. Tanner took Charles Surface, and gave up his usual part of Sir Peter Teazle. We do not think the change was at all a success. Sonnenschein was a great improvement as Joseph Surface, and Stephen's Sir Oliver and Mrs. Candour was one of the features of a most successful reading. S. A. Dickson was less sleepy than usual. But the finest reading that has been heard for a very long time, and which will never be forgotten, was J. D. H. Dickson's Lady Teazle. It was "as good as a play." In "A Midsummer's Night Dream" Mr. Tanner was Oberon, and J. D. H. Dickson Titania. Sonnenschein made a farcical Bottom and Logan a staid Puck. Stephen did what little Quince had to say well, and Ashley showed some improvement. To sum up, it cannot be said that the Society rose with their plays, but rather the higher the play the lower the standard of reading maintained.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The House met on Tuesday, October 1st, to discuss the motion "That this House disapproves of the system of fagging prevalent in our Public Schools."

Mr. J. Harrison (Proposer), in a short speech, objected to the system for various reasons. He thought that monitors could "take it out" of any fag they had a grudge against. The rest of his speech was devoted to trying to prove that fags ought not to have so much work to do.

Mr. W. T. S. Sonnenschein (Opposer), defended the monitors They were chosen for their influence and character, and, as such, were not likely to abuse their authority in such foolish ways as the Proposer had mentioned. Fagging undoubtedly did fags good; they were taught to obey, and that quickly; the system too had great moral influences and prevented much bullying.

Mr. O. W. Lonsdale (Seconder), brought forward as his chief argument that fagging encouraged monitors to slack; they were the same socially as the fags, and misused their power. New boys were intimidated.

Mr. S. A. Dickson said it was absurd that boys were intimidated. He would like to know what good any person did in the world if he had not learnt to obey.

Mr. O. B. H. Knight pointed out to the House that all the big schools adhered to the system, which was a proof that the authorities approved of it as beneficial.

Mr. J. D. H. Dickson made perhaps the best speech of the evening. He explained that a fag was socially as good as a monitor, and naturally resented fagging after being thought somebody great at his last school. He maintained that the system raised the character of monitors.

Mr. F. N. Ashley, in an excellent speech, showed that fagging instils into the minds of the younger boys habits of discipline and respect for their elders; it induces older boys to have a feeling of responsibility and to set a good example (question). It also induced fags to rise quicker in the School.

After a few remarks by Mr. Sonnenschein, and others, the House divided, with the result—

Ayes, 2; Noes, 10.

The motion was therefore lost.

The House met again on Tuesday, October 15th, to discuss the motion that "This House approves of Vaccination."

Mr. J. L. Johnston (proposer) mentioned that Vaccination was only opposed by a few Radicals. Ever since its discovery by Jenner smallpox had decreased. The recruits in the Navy and Army were all vaccinated, and a case was very seldom heard of. Anti-Vaccinationists maintained that better drainage and general sanitation were the best checks to smallpox, but such diseases as diptheria and scarlet fever were still rife. Vaccination was enforced in Germany, and smallpox was there unknown. Mr. H. Logan (Opposer), in a long and excellent speech, pointed out that improved sanitation was the only cure for smallpox. The introduction of the disease into a town was often due to a tramp. In Glasgow, lately, vaccinated and unvaccinated were attacked equally. He referred to Leicester, where vaccination was once regular, and where deaths frequently occurred from smallpox, but on the abolition of vaccination the death-rate decreased and the disease is practically unknown. Medical men were the worst possible to consult on this point, as they were biased. He cited the "Encyclopedia Britannica" in his support, which amused but did not convince the House. He ended by another reference to Leicester, and maintained that Vaccination was a grave danger.

Mr. A. F. Noble (Seconder) thought that the small inconvenience of Vaccination was worth the risk of a long and terrible disease, and perhaps even death.

Mr. F. N. Ashley caused amusement by saying that he firmly disbelieved every word the Opposer had said. He referred to the German Army as a sure proof that vaccination was a check to smallpox.

Mr. A. L. Stephen, in opposing the motion and Mr. Ashley's reference to the German Army, quoted the Italian Army and various doubtful statistics.

Mr. Knight, Mr. J. D. H. Dickson, and Mr. Lonsdale made a few unimportant remarks, and after further heated discussion between Messrs. Logan, Ashley, and Stephen the House divided as follows :---

Ayes, 9; Noes, 3.

The motion was therefore carried.

The House met again to discuss the motion "That this House disapproves of the New Australian Commonwealth."

Mr. O. B. H. Knight (Proposer) was brief. His chief point was the Commonwealth would beget a spirit of independence and that Australia would follow America's example in separating herself from the Mother country.

Mr. F. N. Ashley, in opposing, made a very patriotic speech. He disagreed with the Proposer, and maintained that the loyalty of the Australians would be proof against any wish to alienate herself from England. He ended with a flourish and the words "Advance, Australia!"

Mr. L. G. Kirkpatrick (Seconder) did not give the House a chance of enjoying his great eloquence, for he limited his speech, which was inaudible, to one sentence, in which he appeared to endorse all the Proposer's arguments.

Mr. W. T. S. Sonnenschein thought Mr. Knight knew very little

history. There was no parallel between America and Australia, for America seceded because England hampered her advancement, while we were furthering the interests of Australia in every way. The House soon after divided, with the result :—

Ayes, 5; Noes, 6.

The motion was therefore lost.

In reviewing the session's work, we find that there is but little eloquence in the House. Ashley's enthusiasm and patriotism carried him away and produced some stirring and excited harangues, which reached their culminating point in his magnificent outburst of "Advance, Australia." Sonnenschein was too fond of addressing his remarks to the table in front of him, as though he thought the House beneath him. The few remarks which S. A. Dickson inflicted on the House were not so eloquent as the sestures which accompanied them. Woodbridge did not give us much chance of judging of his capabilities; perhaps he was wise. Logan made one excellent speech on vaccination. Knight was too fond of playing with his chair and endeavouring to balance it in impossible positions, and not sufficiently lively to get the ear of the House. Various other members addressed the House, but their number apparently does not contain a John Bright or a Gladstone. Kirkpatrick is evidently a believer in Shakespeare's maxim, "Brevity is the soul of wit." All his thoughts and eloquence were expressed in one sentence, which was inaudible. If the House did not find it witty, they at least found it amusing. Everyone regretted that J. D. H. Dickson did not speak more often. He gave us no chance of saying, like Ben Jonson of Bacon, "the fear of everyone who heard him was that he would end." A. L. Stephen occasionally addressed the House from his lofty position, but the words that reached us from that exalted region seemed only to refer to Italian armies and were not received with much interest.

SOME GRANTITES.

The Lover is a strange admixture of gaiety and gravity. At times when letters are rare he is apt to be cast into the deepest dejection and melancholy, losing all his usual overflowing spirits. In outward appearance he does his best to remedy nature; his hair is immaculately pasted and plastered down on each side, which imparts to the countenance an air of amatoriness. He is a great connoisseur in ties and makes an especial study of their various shapes and designs. "Self-love is blind."

The Critic makes it his business to comment on the failings of his betters. The highest encomium he has ever been known to pass is "very promising!" He is very stiff, but puts on an air of jovial condescension when he is about to make one of his most biting taunts. Unfortunately he is not always proof against

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counter-attacks, and we have heard it hinted that punctuality is not his forte. "Physician, heal thyself."

The Tactician plays many parts. He shines alike as artist, orator, footballer, and soldier. In all his accomplishments he displays the same faults and virtues. On the one side stand out pluck and originality, on the other an invincible narrowness of mind. He thoroughly believes in himself; and his opinions, which are often peculiar to himself. He has advanced merely by the strength of his own perseverance. "For he is a military man."

RHYMES.

INNER.

There was a young fellow of Inner Who was really a terrible sinner,

He always came late,

In a terrible state

For breakfast, for tea, and for dinner.

MIDDLE.

There was a musician of Middle

Whose talents were really a riddle;

When marching in drill

He charmed them all still,

Like Orpheus, by playing his fiddle.

OUTER.

There were two young sportsmen of Outer, But no one knew which was the stouter :

The one was a smug

With a face like a pug,

And the other-a real out-and outer.

HALL.

There once was a new boy in Hall, Whose height was abnormally tall,

And the football *elite*

Couldn't get past his feet When they wanted to get at the ball.

THE CHESS TOURNAMENT.

FIRST ROUND.

A. L. Stephen beat H. Logan, 2-0.

W. T. S. Sonnenschein beat R. E. Tanner, 2-0.

These games can hardly be dignified by the name of chess. J. L. Johnston *beat* C. B. H. Knight, 2—I.

A very good game, in which fortune fluctuated considerably.

J. Harrison beat F. N. Ashley, 2-1.

H. Kite, a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

A. L. Stephen *beat* H. Kite, scratched. A poor game.

J. L. Johnston *beat* W. T. S. Sonnenschein, 2-1. The third was the only good game. J. Harrison, a bye.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. Harrison beat A. L. Stephen, 2-1.

FINAL.

J. L. Johnston beat J. Harrison, 2-1.

GRANTITE TYPES.

No. 4.

THE INDIFFERENT.

The indifferent is a strange compound of negative qualities. He is not a positive. Even his virtues are vices; and his vices are almost virtues. If he is of an equable temper, it is because he has not the spirit to be otherwise; if he is slack he at least does no harm. An entire disregarder of authority when incompatible with his own comfort, he does not oppose it except by doing as he likes : and he does not claim it for himself. He will not take a bath himself, but he does not mind having one given him, and though he never does any work, he never goes up-fields unless he is compelled to it. When he does play, he walks about the field or yard, and hopes the ball will follow him, and he is equally indifferent whether he wins or loses. Were he to commit a murder, he would not defend himself, and would die with a fading smile on his lips. But he would never take the trouble to commit a crime. When he is addressed he turns round with an expressionless countenance, and answers in a tone equally uninterested. His mind is a haze, and he is not susceptible to either pleasure or pain; but passes his life in a state of apathy. In fine, he has no faults and no virtues, and there never was such a culpable saint, or so pardonable a sinner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Yard.

To the Editor of the "GRANTITE."

DEAR SIR,

May I venture through the medium of your columns to air a grievance which I am sure I share with many of your readers?

This term a rule has been made to stop "rough play" in Yard, and a committee has been appointed to enforce it. Mr. Editor, Sir, I do not play roughly : in fact I am far too much afraid of getting hacked to do anything of the kind. But I very often find myself opposed in Yard to members of the aforesaid committee. Whenever I accidentally touch their persons I am warned that unless I am careful I shall be suspended. Yet nevertheless I am frequently so violently "barged" by these same persons that I have sometimes severely injured my person by unexpectedly sitting down upon the asphalte. Surely, Sir, this is a monstrous instance of corruption in high quarters !

Yours wrathfully,

BOMBASTES FURIOSO, JUNIOR.

What! No Soap?

To the Editor of the "GRANTITE."

MR. EDITOR, SIR,

I have a grievance. I am by nature a lover of cleanliness. I make this statement in spite of the fact that my hands are very frequently silent witnesses against it. But what is the cause of this? Sir! it is want of soap! As a member of one of the oldest Houses in one of the oldest public schools in England, I protest against the excessive mediævalism, that deprives me of this very necessary article of commerce. I have frequently searched the Under-Changing Room and the Chiswick basins in vain for Soap, and have been obliged to eat my dinner with unwashed hands. I object to this, and, until this grievance be remedied, I remain, Mr. Editor,

Yours faithfully, but sulkily,

SAPONOPHIL.

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