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vires acquirit eundo.

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EDITORIAL.

“TEMPORA MUTANTUR.”

A GAIN we take up our Editorial pen, and strange to say with the same reluctance as on previous occasions; in fact the old adage that “Practice makes perfect” is one that we have never thoroughly understood. Since last we had the pleasure of addressing the members of Grants, several events have occurred in our opinion worthy of note. The “Shield so long the subject of contention between the rival houses has at last found a permanent resting place “Up Rigauds;” and while we congratulate our adversaries on their victory, we feel that we must express our conviction that had Grants been fully represented, the final contest would have been a close and exciting one. The absence of Gibson and Veitch, especially must have had a dispiriting effect on the team, yet still surely we may say that Grants showed herself worthy of that name and fame for wiring up which she has always possessed. To turn to other subjects we feel bound to congratulate Grants’ on the promise we have of an increase in the numbers of the boarders for next term, notwithstanding the fact that several are leaving, or will we hope get into College. So much depends upon the way in which the boarders unite in seeking the welfare of their School in work or games, seeing that they form

the nucleus and backbone of Westminster. It is then with a full assurance of the safety and truth of our prophesy, that we say, that the promised increase in our numbers presents a very happy augury, of the future success, and prosperity of Grants, and through Grants, of Westminster in general. As regards the school in general, it is with great pleasure that we announce that the Concert was held “Up School:” for several reasons, chiefly on account of extra space, this was a change for the better. Last year a great addition was made to this annual institution by the introduction of an orchestra and we feel sure that the emigration “Up School” has even added to last year’s success. The next subject which it is our duty to mention is one which has caused us all alike, we feel sure, great sorrow: we refer to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Sloman and Mr. Dale: there truly is a gap among those whose faces we were wont to greet with pleasure each succeeding term.

But while we regret their loss we wish them all success and happiness in their new spheres into which they have respectively entered. We must not pass from this subject without giving Mr. Roseveare and Mr. Nall a hearty welcome. In conclusion, another change has taken place since last term; football is over, but cricket has begun, there is still a cricket Shield to be fought for; and before the end of the term Grants must either win or lose it. Do not let

her XI. be represented by five members, and six substitutes, but let every individual fellow do his very best to gain this trophy, which has never yet hung upon Grants walls, and thus substitute for that, she strove so nobly to retain, another "Shield."

NOTES.

At the conclusion of the Football Season we had the following colours in the house :

C. Gibson	}	Pinks
E. G. Moon		
J. Salwey	}	Pink and Whites
J. G. Veitch		
C. H. Bompas		
H. W. Smyth	}	Third Elevens.
W. N. Winckworth		
G. P. Stevens		

The following are also House Colours: W. B. Winckworth, A. R. Woodbridge, C. N. Clarke, E. A. Everington.

The Concert this year took place on Friday, 28th May, and was held "Up School" for the first time; by which change a much larger audience was accommodated than heretofore.

R. O. Mills received his house colours for cricket after the XI. v. XXII. match. We beg to congratulate him.

The following new boys have come "Up Grants" this term as half boarders:—Fitzmaurice, Corbet, Edgelow, Clift.

C. Bompas and J. G. Veitch were among the five who represented the School against Charterhouse in the Chess Contest. J. Salwey was unable to play.

The following events were won by Grantites this year in the Athletic Sports;—J. Salwey won the challenge Hammer, the distance thrown being 64-10 ft. W. B. Winckworth was second in the mile, and C. Bompas second in the consolation race; and we must not forget to mention that our "Boy" won the servants' race.

Owing to the number of fellows who are leaving at the end of this term, Mr. Heard has kindly promised to give a House Supper. It will be on the last Monday or Tuesday in the term.

GRANTS V. RIGAUDS.

It was with a grim resolve to do or die that Grants' eleven, or what remained of it, went up fields on Wednesday, March the 17th, to meet Rigauds in the final contest for the shield. We were deprived of the services of no less than six of our fellows, including Gibson and Veitch, while Rigauds were without Daniel. Moon won the toss and Hurst kicked off from the hospital end. From the first the game was more or less in Grantite territory, though occasionally the pressure was relieved by rushes by Bompas and Woodbridge. Rigauds soon made a very strong attack, and Hurst, middled to Berens, who however, failed to score, and Moon got the ball away. During this time the Grantite half backs, and especially W. N. Winckworth, were conspicuous. All through this half of the game Rigauds kept making rushes at our goal, but failed to score until half-time, chiefly owing to Moon's splendid defensive play. On resuming play after the five minutes' interval, the ball was at once driven into Grantite territory, but though continually there no point was for some time gained by Rigauds, though several attacks were made by Hurst and Probyn. This was in a great measure due to the good goal keeping of Everington, who played very well throughout. Our forwards made several rushes headed by Bompas and Woodbridge, but were only too soon overcome by Rigaudite backs, who were

very strong. Not long after Probyn by a long shot, scored the first goal (1-0) the ball bouncing over the goal keeper's head. On restarting Hurst and Berens again made several attacks, though for some time without result, until at length Hurst, by a long shot, secured a second goal for Rigauds (2-0). After this nothing worthy of record occurred until time was called, Rigauds being thus victors by 2 goals to none. This game, although a defeat, we feel was creditable to Grants as our expectations were that we should probably lose by 5-0. For Rigauds, Hurst, Probyn, Harrison and Berens were best; while for Grants, Moon's play was magnificent, as was also Salwey's; W. N. Winckworth, Bompas and Woodbridge were also very good.

The teams were as follows:—

RIGAUDS: H. Power (goals); E. G. Man, A. H. Harrison (backs); E. Jervis, S. Petrocchino, A. M. Balfour, (half backs); P. C. Probyn, H. Willet (right); A. R. Hurst (centre); H. Berens, F. Burge (left).

GRANTS: E. A. Everington (goals); E. G. Moon, J. Salwey (backs); G. P. Stevens, W. N. Winckworth, C. N. Clarke, (half backs); A. R. Woodbridge, C. H. Bompas (right); C. T. Powell (centre); A. Lambton, W. B. Winckworth (left).

THE GLEE SOCIETY

Gave a performance on March 17th, before a fairly large audience, and on the whole the entertainment was successful, perhaps somewhat above the average. First on the programme was a duet "Could a man be secure" sung by C. S. W. Barwell and F. M. Yglesias. We venture to think that this did not 'go' with quite as much spirit as it should. Perhaps the nerves of the tenor are responsible for any shortcomings. R. B. Harrison, Esq., O. W. then played a Sonata of Handel's in A for Violin and Piano. This delightful and well-known composition received at the hands of the audience the applause it merited, and an encore was readily granted. H. C. Rawson, Esq., O. W. chose as his first song to sing "Shipwrecked," by *Steven Adams*. The mere mention of the composer's name will suffice to describe the general nature of the song which in words and style is precisely similar to all that this favourite composer has ever written. It lacked some-

what in spirit we thought but the audience demanded and obtained an encore. A Piano Solo by R. H. Bellairs was the next item on the programme. He played first Album Clatt by *Kixhner*, and then *Nachtstück* by *Schumann*. These are both charming little pieces and the latter by no means as easy to play as one might imagine on hearing it. They received a careful and creditable rendering at the hands of the performer. H. C. Rawson, Esq. then sang his second song "Vittoria" by *Carissimi*. We did not like his rendering of this so much as that of the first.

R. B. Harrison, Esq. played a Sonata of *Beethoven* for Violin and Piano. This piece was hardly as successful as his first and was somewhat too lengthy. F. M. Yglesias then sang *Hatton's* popular song "To Anthea" and obtained for it an encore. This was well and carefully sung and would have proved even a greater success had not the accompanist drowned the singer in one or two places. "O Summer Wind," a quartet by R. E. Olivier, Liberty, F. M. Yglesias and R. H. Bellairs brought the programme to an end; and after joining in the National Anthem the audience dispersed.

The last Entertainment of the ("scholastic") year was given by the Glee Society on Wednesday, March 31st, and proved a very considerable success. H. Harrison opened the performance with a Tenor Solo "Hope the Hermit" and was supported by a bass Chorus, who were however hardly up to the mark. J. A. Hallett, Esq., who it is needless to say was most enthusiastically received, then recited the very famous scene from "King John," between Hubert and Arthur; C. Page then sang "Far away."

A Violin Solo by C. Eccles was the next item on the programme; he played a Gavotte by *J. S. Bach* and obtained an encore. R. E. Olivier then sang an original song by C. Erskine, "Friendship," the simple and unaffected manner in which this song was rendered called forth a well deserved encore. A second Recitation by J. A. Hallett, Esq. was followed by the success of the evening in a piano solo by Rev. R. F. Dale, who played a Scherzo by *Chopin* as few amateurs can even hope to play and as an encore a Ballad by the same composer.

R. E. Olivier then sang a second solo

"When Delia Sings," by *F. W. Hobbs*, and again acquitted himself most successfully. J. A. Hallett, Esq. then amused the audience with a selection from *Mark Twain* respecting guides abroad. The programme wound up with a Bass Chorus "Here's an health to the Queen," the solo being very spiritedly sung by H. Withers. The entertainment was brought to a close by the National Anthem.

During the summer months these performances are always discontinued, but in October it is to be hoped they will be revived with all their customary vigour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Have you yourself been "Up Fields" this term on a Saturday? If so you will doubtless like myself have been horrified and shocked at the wretchedly small attendance of fellows up there. This appears to speak but ill for the interest taken in cricket. Is there no remedy? Does not your wide experience suggest something. Strong measures should certainly be adopted to rectify a fault which cannot fail not only to injure the school cricket itself but almost to lower the school in the opinions of outsiders. Is it right for fellows to go out on half holidays and represent various clubs?

Yours,
Q. E. F.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Sir,—I should like to say a few words in answer to your Correspondent "C. P." with regard to fellows up other houses coming up Grants. It appears to "C. P." he says, that some Grantites think they are at liberty to encourage members of other houses in coming up Grants whenever they choose, and in wandering about wherever they please. Surely all Grantites are at liberty to invite any one they like into their own house, and to take them wherever they are at liberty to go themselves. There might be some reason to complain if "C. P." or some other hall fellow (for I hope for the sake of Library and Chiswick that C. P. belongs to Hall) were to allow any of his friends to enter Library or Chiswick. With regard to the complaints of our next door neighbours, I suppose we should all complain if the lower fellows of Rigauds were uninvited to stare into our rooms, as I am ashamed to say ours did into their rooms. From his letter I presume that "C. P." is one of those pests of a public school, who are always trying to raise that ill-feeling of jealousy between the various houses which I am thankful to say is fast dying out in Westminster. Perhaps if C. P. were to try and make himself more agreeable to his fellows he would not find them so ready to seek congenial companions in the fellows of another house. Yours etc.,

JOHN O'GAUNT.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Sir,—I wish to address a few remarks to you on the increasing luxury which is noticeable "Up Grants" at

the present time. When I first came to the School we lived in a manner almost Spartan in its simplicity and hardihood. One fire in hall during the day had to suffice the whole house *whatever the weather*. As to carpets, tablecloths, easy chairs, sofas and such things, they were never dreamt of, and I expect that they would have been promptly burnt if they had appeared. Perhaps things in those days were carried too far, but then at any rate six members of our house XI were never out of School when we had to play Rigauds. I cannot help thinking that there is some danger of the old hardy spirit dying out, that spirit which it should be our care more than ever to foster, now that our numbers are fewer than formerly. If Sir, you do not exert the influence of your important periodical on the side of reform I do not see whence help is to come. For I am sorry to say that the fellows in the upper part of the House are even worse than any others. Library and Inner Chiswick are perfectly palatial abodes; and if the inhabitants of these set such an example of luxury and effeminacy, I think the only hope is in applying to you. Yours truly,

ANTIQUUS.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Sir,—Why will fellows persist in going out on Wednesdays, instead of being up fields at their games, where as things now are, there can hardly be got together a sufficient number to make up two games? As to continuing a game for more than one day it is impossible.

C. S. G.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. T. P.—Your ideas of an Editor's duties must be somewhat extraordinary if you think he has nothing better to do than to write letters to himself.

I. C.—There are, we believe, a few whose sentiments coincide with yours as to the disgraceful condition of the singing in Abbey. But seeing that many letters have appeared on the subject, herein and elsewhere, and that no improvement results, one is led to suppose that the majority rather enjoy a complete hash-up of the music. It is much to be regretted.

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