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vires acquirit eundo.

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## SOMETHING ABOUT FOOTBALL.

FOOTBALL is now becoming so fashionable and favourite a game that a word or two about its history may not be out of place. It was an early and favourite sport with the English; and William Fitzstephen, a Monk, of Canterbury, mentions it among the games of the Londoners as early as the time of Henry II. The next known mention of it in literature is in Pepy's "Memoirs," A.D. 1664 or 1665, Vol. 1, p. 324, where he writes "January 2nd, to my Lord Brouncker's by appointment in the Piazza, Covent Garden: *the street full of footballs.*" It is probable that at this time the game was very roughly played, without any definite rules. James I. forbade it to be practised near his Court as dangerous; but it seems to have been more popular during this century, as Joseph Addison, 1672, in the "Spectator," speaks of a "Football Match" as one of the village sports patronized by Sir Roger de Coverley. It appears to have died out considerably, and only to have been kept alive in some of the remote districts of the northern counties during the eighteenth century and the first half of the present century; and Charles Knight, in his "Cyclopædia of Arts and Sciences," 1861, writes "It is still a game much practised by school-boys, and in many rural districts. At Derby it was played till a very recent period by opposing parishes, and not unfrequently attended with serious accidents." At the time this was written, Football was in a most depraved state, especially the Rugby game, so much so, that before playing a match the Captains of the sides always engaged in a conference in order to settle the points upon which there was a probability of there being some difference in the mode of play of their respective Clubs. Therefore, in October, 1863, the Football Association was formed, and on January 26th, 1871, the Rugby Union was instituted, which drew up a revised code of rules of the original Rugby game.

A great change has taken place in Football during the last thirty years. Before 1863, what is now the Association game allowed running with the ball and other abuses, and the game was chiefly kicking backwards and forwards; but after the

formation of the Association, the art of dribbling became fashionable, and has existed up to seven or eight years ago, when some of the northern Clubs set the example of passing and playing together, and this mode of play was found to be so successful that, although dribbling is necessary for "forwards," much more work is done by the modern passing system. As a sure proof that Football is of very old origin, we find that Shakespeare says in one of his well-known Tragedies—*Kent*: "Nor tripped neither you base Football player" (tripping up Oswald's heels). *Kent* here evidently despises Oswald as a Football player for being unable to withstand a trip.

## NOTES.

Since our last was sent to the Printers, Evening Classes have been formed; so that every boy must go to some class or other every evening, except Saturday. The following is the list of evening *amusements*: Library (for sixth and shell only), Debating Society, Drawing, Gymnasium, and Singing. On every other Wednesday, Chemistry Lectures are to be given from 5.15 to 6.15.

A new Society has been formed for giving Entertainments, musical and otherwise, on Wednesday evenings not taken up by Chemistry Lectures.

The Yard Ties have by this time been played out. A full account will be found on the next page.

We are sorry to say that H. W. Smyth, who proved so useful in the Junior House Matches at the beginning of this term, will not be able to play any more this season owing to an accident he met with some time since.

## FOOTBALL:

JUNIOR GRANTS v. JUNIOR RIGAUDS.

This Match took place on Thursday, October 16th, and resulted in a victory for Grants by 1—0.

Rigauds won the toss, and chose to play with a slight wind in their favour. Bompas kicked off from the hospital end. A very even and consequently exciting Match ensued. Up to half-time neither side succeeded in obtaining any goals. An appeal for a goal was made by Rigauds, but it was disallowed by the Umpires. Soon after this, N. M. Smyth, by a lucky shot, succeeded in scoring the first and only goal for Grants, the ball hitting the posts and going through. When the ball re-started, a somewhat brilliant rush was made on the Granite goal, but, owing to the excellent play of the backs, among whom Veitch was prominent, no score resulted. Shortly afterwards, time was called, leaving Grants victorious. For the victors, Bompas, N. M. Smyth and Ellershaw were most conspicuous among the forwards; *all* the backs played well, especially Veitch.

For Rigauds, Petrocochino, Balfour and Probyn strove hard to avert defeat.

The sides were: Rigauds—R. Rawlinson (goals), S. Petrocochino (Captain) A. Balfour (backs), F. Allan, J. Williamson (half-backs), P. C. Probyn, C. J. Hurst, M. Berens, W. Ritchie, H. A. Croft and A. H. Harrison (forwards).

Grants—M. V. Ravenscroft (goals), J. Veitch, H. H. Gordon (backs), H. W. Smyth (Captain), E. G. Moon, A. G. Lambert (half-backs), C. Bompas, N. M. Smyth, A. Ellershaw, G. P. Stevens, and W. B. Winkworth (forwards).

#### JUNIOR GRANTS *v.* JUNIOR HOMEBOARDERS.

This Match was played on October 21st, and, after a fairly exciting game, the Homeboarders came off victors by 1—0. The toss was won by Grants, who chose the hospital end. Small kicked off for Homeboarders a little before two. Just before half-time, Cowell made a good shot from half-back, which, however, was well saved by Ravenscroft. Nothing particular occurred until shortly after half-time. Buttar, after a neat run down, middled in front of the Granite goal, where, after a few minutes of exciting play, Small, getting possession of the ball, kicked it just beneath the rope, scoring the only point of the Match. Both sides played up well after this, but no further advantage was gained by either side.

For Homeboarders, Wylde and Peck played excellently among the forwards, and Thornton and Tritton among the backs. For Grants, H. W. Smyth, Veitch and Ravenscroft (in goals) played well.

The Homeboarders' eleven consisted of:—A. G. Prothero (goals), Thornton (Captain) and Tritton (backs), Cowell and Bristowe (half-backs), Buttar, Mc Hardy, Paul, Small, Peck and Wylde (forwards).

Grants' eleven was the same as in the former Match.

### YARD TIES.

#### FIRST ROUND.

Lambton	} beat {	Ravenscroft
Phillimore		Armitage, W.
Smyth, N. M.		Bompas

by 7—6; owing to Smyth's excellent play.

Veitch	} beat {	Hamner
Oliver, F.		Oliver, H.
Armitage, P.		Mills

by 14—9. Mills and Hamner tried hard to avert defeat, but were over matched.

Gibson	} beat {	Clarke
Monroe		Woodbridge
Pendred		Erskin

by 15—4.

Pryce	} beat {	Moon, W. R.
Gordon		Lawson
Powell		Winkworth (II.)

by 8—5. In which Pryce played well for the winners, and Moon for the losers.

Ellershaw	} beat {	Barnes
Stevens		Lambert
Winkworth, W. B.		Wilkins

by 17—4. A very unequal tie. Lambert did all he could, but in vain.

#### SECOND ROUND.

Armitage, P.	} beat {	Veitch
Smyth, N. M.		Lambton
Oliver, F.		Ellershaw

by 7—6. This was an exceedingly good tie, and ended contrary to the expectations of many. Smyth and Armitage wired up splendidly.

Winkworth	} beat {	Phillimore
Stevens		Gordon
Pryce		Pendred

by 16—4: another uneven tie. Gordon played well for the losers.

Gibson	} a bye.
Powell	
Monroe	

#### THIRD ROUND.

Stevens	} beat {	Smyth, N. M.
Gibson		Pryce
Powell		Oliver, F.

by 11—6. In this tie, perhaps Gibson was most conspicuous.

Monroe	} a bye.
Armitage	
Winkworth	

FINAL TIE.

Gibson	} beat {	Winkworth
Monroe		Stevens
Powell		Armitage, P.

by 14-6. Gibson played well for his side; Armitage and Stevens for theirs. It was, however, as results show, and most uneven and consequently uninteresting tie.

ENTERTAINMENT.

A fairly large audience assembled in the Great School on Wednesday, the 5th of November, to witness what proved to be a most successful Entertainment. The performance opened with Steven's Part Song, "Blow, blow, thou wintry wind," which was well rendered by a chorus chosen from among the boys. This was followed by Hullah's "Storm," sung by F. H. Collier, who obtained a well deserved applause. E. F. Allan then amused the audience with a reading from Pickwick Papers—"Bob Sawyer's Evening Party"; and it is to be hoped that Recitations, etc., in time will take as prominent a part in the programme as the Vocal and Instrumental Music, for, judging by the reception which this Reading met with, they will be cordially received. What was fated to be the success of the evening, followed W. Doherty's rendering of Molloy's admirable song, "Oh! how delightful," an encore was demanded, and, in spite of the shortness of the time, the audience insisted on having the second verse repeated. We hope that many Entertainments of this kind may pass before we loose so charming a singer as Doherty. The programme concluded with the well-known chorus, "The joy of the Hunter." The thanks of all are due to Mr. Blackburn for the active part he took in the general arrangements.

In conclusion, we can but add in reference to these performances as with regard to all things connected with Westminster School—

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PRIZE COMPETITION.

It has been finally decided to award the Prize to S. J., whose Poem we insert below. We have not received many Poems since our last issue, a fact which proves plainly that Prize Competitions are not sufficiently popular that we should fill our paper with them or trouble our readers with them any further.—EDITOR.

JULY.—A FRAGMENT.

The sun smote torrid on the leaden roofs,  
That gave back equal heat; no breath of air  
Was there, save where the dust besprinked leaves

Just quivered, trembling like the dancing haze  
That rose from all we glanced at; those without  
Thought most how they might shun the open street,  
Where the thick dust, with dazzling blaze of white,  
As it were burnt their eyes; all sought to walk  
On the cool flags of cloisters, or to rest  
Their burning frames under the reverend shade  
Of some old archway of monastic times.  
But best of all to walk in the holy pile,  
Where storied glass with its dim blazonry  
Darkened and cooled the rays, and massive walls  
Helped to keep off the heat; and there to read  
Some quaint inscription, whose fresh vividring  
Transports us to old times—those days when living  
Jonson and Bacon, Spenser, Sidney too,  
And that great hero of undying fame,  
Great, e'en among those great ones gone before  
Sir Walter Raleigh.

S. J.

ANSWERS TO LAST NUMBER'S ACROSTIC.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 5.

I m P  
M en U  
P ardo N  
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S amo S  
I sia H  
T er M  
I nvit E  
O rga N  
N ebat T

IMPOSITION. PUNISHMENT.

Correct answers have been received from Lotifroo and M. A. Green.

We do not intend to insert any more Acrostics—at any rate, for the present. M. A. Green has guessed most Enigmas; but no Prize will be given until the end of our first year.—EDITOR.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Sir,—I think that the Editor of the *Grantite Review* might not be too severely critical in his answers to correspondents. I have before me a rather unduly severe criticism on the letter of C. O. X. It seems to me that the Editor in criticising this letter has forgotten one or two most ridiculous assertions in that of the "Lunatic Contributor," which assertions C. O. X. seems to me to have corrected in a very unbiassed and fair manner. Might it not be better if the Editor confined his Answers to Correspondents to merely answering questions, and not criticising, as in this case, an excellent letter in a rather too severe manner? I am, Sir, yours, &c., B.P.H.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Sir,—Could it not possibly be contrived that the Junior fellows as well as the Seniors should be allowed access to the library. I myself have never even seen it, and I daresay

I am not the only one. Moreover, many an unhappy wretch has paid half-a-crown as his subscription for cutting a desk or some like offence, thereby subscribing for the amusement of fellows, which amusement he himself is not allowed to partake in. Contrasting our library with "The Vaughan" at Harrow, everyone knows that the lowest boy in that school is allowed to enter at stated times of the day as much as any other fellow. Hoping a more general access may soon be granted,  
I remain, &c., A. Y. L.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Sir,—The play is stopped! and some feeble excuse given for its non-appearance. Why should we be deprived of it? Such things have not been known until *quite recently* to have happened in the school. And are we, Mr. Editor, to have no compensation for this theft? for theft it certainly is to deprive us of our time-honoured institution this year. At any rate, let some breaking-up entertainment be got up either by boys or masters. That you will insert this is the hope of  
A WESTMINSTER.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Might I venture to make a suggestion which would, I feel sure, be an improvement? Could it not be managed to provide covers for the *Weekly House Papers*, as they are often lost or torn, and the fellows who draw them at the end of the term seldom get a complete set? Y.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Sir,—Why is it, Mr. Editor, that so-called *Junior* house matches can't in reality be *Junior* matches? that is to say: Why are "house colors" allowed to play in them? They certainly should not, if the name implies anything. I appeal to the captain of Grants, and ask him what his opinion on the subject is. Perhaps he can give some reason for allowing "house colors" to play, though what that reason is I'm at a loss to know.  
Your obedient servant, SMALL BOX.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Will you, if your please, be the kind means of having these sentiments of mine put into print? The late head of Grants (he is not dead) often protested against the inefficiency of the House's weekly papers,—I refer to the *Graphic*, &c. Not only did the head of the House make these complaints, but many other Grantites also; and I will venture to say, that if the head of the House had stayed with us longer we should have had either an exchange for the *Graphic* or *Illustrated*, or an addition to the number of papers. The paper that I should suggest, and which I believe has often been suggested before as a change from the present papers, or as an addition to their number, is that well-known and instructive weekly, *The Sporting and Dramatic News* (price 6d). This paper is, at the same time, full of news, and excellently illustrated. As regards the present weekly papers, I think that it is quite sufficient to have one only of the two illustrated ones that we now have, and that instead of the other we might have the aforementioned journal; and I must say that I think a step in the right direction was certainly taken in substituting *Pastime* for *Fun*. Hoping that this humble letter may stimulate the present head of the House to do his best in the matter,  
I remain, yours sincerely,  
"A BRINDLED COW."

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Sir,—Allow me, through the medium of your columns, to congratulate a most efficient committee of management of the new society (I know not what to call it) for the excellent manner in which the entertainment some Wednesdays back was performed. It was quite a delightful surprise—the whole thing. We went up with not only the fear but with the intention of being bored, and come down again wishing for more. May I venture to suggest that the sooner this society has a name the better, as various appellations have sprung up which I do not think wise to send to you, Mr. Editor, as the less heard of them the better. Would it not increase the interest of all concerned therein if *more* guests were invited? "The more the merrier" says an old saying; and doubtless you and all your readers will agree in this point, at any rate, with  
A CRITIC:

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

X.Y.Z.—Your good suggestion has been acted upon with great success, as our present number shows. Don't imagine that you were the happy instigator of this plan.

ST. MICHAEL.—It is very good of you to take so much trouble about the paper. If you will *pay* for a new heading, we shall be pleased to change our old one.

N.B.—We cannot help hoping your suggestion will be carried out.

BLACK KNIGHT.—We are afraid there are rather too few chess players "up Grants" to get up much fun.

## ERATA.

The following errata occurred in our last number:—In Grants *v.* Rigauds, after Ingram, etc., insert "Man.... b Ellershaw... o." In Answers to Correspondents—"another" read "Antler."

## NOTICES.

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