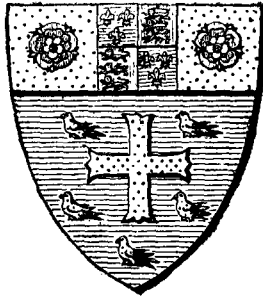


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No. 7. THOMAS KNIPE.

THE year 1695 saw the death of the greatest of head-masters, and the world must have wondered (if indeed the world did wonder at all on such subjects in those days) where it would be possible to find a worthy successor to so great a man. It was not, however, necessary to look beyond the precincts of the School itself, and in the Under-master, Thomas Knipe, was found one to fill, and to fill successfully, the chair of Busby. That Knipe owed his great learning and ripe scholarship, in a measure, to Busby, is shown by the fact that the latter had been Head-master for seventeen years before Knipe left the School for the University. It is probable, too, that Busby was anxious to secure, as soon as possible, the services of his former pupil as an Assistant-master, for we learn that Knipe was allowed to take his B.A. and M.A. degrees without keeping all his terms, owing to his work at Westminster School.

Despite all this, we learn from various sources that Busby was not at all satisfied with his former pupil. Probably,

like many great men, he expected too much of others, and Knipe did not come up to *his* high standard, though we know how much the future Head-master was appreciated by his pupils. Mattaire, an old Queen's Scholar, and one who had been on the foundation when Knipe was Under-master, testifies to the excellencies of Knipe in a work of his later days, saying that he (Knipe) was one "cui se sua omnia debere fateatur." Mattaire was himself eventually Under-master when Knipe was Head-master, and it is likely that the former pupil sought the assistance and advice of his master in the publication of many classical works, which testify to his great literary attainments.

Biographers have not thought fit to hand down to posterity very much information about Knipe. The most important dates of his life, however, those of his academical career, are preserved, and these we will proceed shortly to note. He was born in 1638, and received his early education at Westminster as a Q.S. The first period of his life was closed by his election to Christ Church, Oxford, in 1657, with five others, himself being head of his year. Three years later he took his B.A. degree, and in 1663 his M.A., being allowed to dispense with five terms, as aforesaid. Towards the close of his life, in July, 1695, he accumulated the degrees of Bachelor and Doctor of Divinity. Four years after his election to Christ Church he returned to his old school as Usher, destined never to leave it again until his death. In 1663, that is to say, two years after his appointment as Usher, he was made Under-master, and this post he held for thirty-two years. Busby's death in 1695 caused his promotion to perhaps the highest office the most patriotic of Westminsters could desire to attain to, and this post, that of Head-master, he held until his death, which took place on the 6th August, 1711, at Hampstead. He was buried in the Cloisters of the Abbey, and his wife erected a monument to his memory in the south aisle of the Abbey. Only one other appoint-

ment is recorded as being bestowed on him ; he was made a prebendary of Westminster Abbey in 1707.

Such is the brief outline of his life, uneventful, indeed, as far as the outer world was concerned, but interesting to all connected with Westminster. One important fact remains to be told. We know of the very prosperous condition to which Busby brought the school. As a proof that this prosperity did not diminish after his death, we learn that the numbers went on increasing under Knipe until they nearly reached 400; a number which we know was considerably exceeded under Knipe's successor. Knipe himself has left us no great examples of his literary powers. He published in 1708 a Hebrew Grammar. He wrote a short notice as preface to a book by Mattaire, "Graecæ Linguæ Dialecti," in usum Schol. West.; this book went through several editions.

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EDITORIAL.

When in our last number the Editors reluctantly announced the probable disappearance of the *Grantite* at no distant period, and confirmed this notification at a meeting of the Debating Society, they certainly could not have anticipated the generous offer which has since made that announcement needless. The kindness of Mr. Heard in volunteering to make good the very considerable *deficit* for which the Editors found themselves liable, cannot be too much appreciated by those who expressed regret at the apparently moribund condition of the paper. By relieving it from a pecuniary embarrassment, he has removed the only obstacle that could ever have stood in the Editors' way ; for certainly nothing short of this would have induced them to desist from their task without the prospect of being able to find successors. At the same time, it is to be hoped that on making a new start the *Grantite Review* will be supported, not only by those who now assist it—a nucleus consisting mainly of

present members of the House—but by many others on whom we have some sort of claim, and who, with some very notable exceptions, have hitherto shown little interest in their old House paper. The most valid reason for not supporting us that these old Grantites might have given, would be that the *Grantite* fails to interest them; and this they have never asserted, never even implied. This being so, it remains to see whether they will be as much concerned for the continuance of the House organ as present Grantites have long shown themselves. We hope they will; and in this hope may the motto *nil desperandum* fulfil the promise of the old motto of the *Grantite Review*: *Nascitur exiguus vires acquirit eundo*.

NOTES.

Mr. Heard kindly offered two prizes for a Gymnasium competition, which was held on Tuesday, December 14th. The prizes were awarded to E. W. Woodbridge and G. H. Scott.

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In the two trial house matches, Grants has been without the services of P. Armitage, who, we are sorry to say, was out of School.

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C. Gardiner and A. J. Booker were unable to play for Rigauds against Grants, owing to injuries received in the football field.

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In H. L. Colville, who is leaving this term, Grants will lose the Secretary of the Debating Society.

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The Grantite Play Supper was held on the second night of the Play (December 17th). We were glad to see among the guests present, C. H. Bompas, F. M. Yglesias, H. W. Smyth, C. Erskine, C. Powell, A. G. Lambert and A. R. Woodbridge. A further account of the supper will appear in our next number.

Although the *Grantite Review* is only a House paper, the Editors fail to see why there should not be a contemporary column, and we should like to start one next year. We hope that this will meet the eye of editors of other school papers, and that they will be willing to exchange their own valuable productions for the *Grantite Review*.

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L. A. G. Hanmer has passed out of Sandhurst.

THE FIELDS.

GRANTS *v.* HOMEBOARDERS.

The trial match between these houses was played on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, and resulted in a victory for H.B.B. by four goals to nil. Everington won the toss, and elected to play from the church end, and at 2.30 the ball was started by Pendred. Homeboarders at once took the aggressive, Clark and Hoskins bringing the ball down towards the Grantite goal, but they were stopped by Mills. Some even play followed, neither side having the advantage until Edwards got away and brought the ball dangerously near the Grantite goal, when Witherby shortly afterwards put in a shot, which was headed through by Hoskins (1-0). Homeboarders then obtained several corners which were well put, but Farrar and Powell got away, and the game was taken down to the Homeboarder' end, where it remained until Edwards made a good run down the right and shot over. After half-time Grants continued to press their opponents, and Powell and Barwell forced Dewdney twice to use his hands. The Homeboarder forwards, however, again advanced and Hoskins middled, when Pendred put the ball through after a scrimmage in front of goal (2-0). Almost immediately afterwards Homeboarders obtained another goal from a corner, which was well kicked by Hollocombe, Clarke heading the ball through (3-0). After this the game was of a more even nature, but Edwards again broke through and middled to Page, who scored the fourth and last point for Homeboarders (4-0). Homeboarders gained another corner; nothing, however, resulted, and time was called soon afterwards.

The Homeboarder forwards were all good, Edwards being the most conspicuous. They were well backed up by their half-backs, who were very strong and did a lot of work. Of the

Grantite team, Mills was the best; he played a very plucky game and tried hard to avert defeat. Campbell also played well; Farrar and Woodbridge were the best of the forwards.

TEAMS.

Grants:—E. A. Everington (capt.) (goal), R. O. Mills and H. C. Barnes (backs), J. Corbett, W. T. Barwell and G. Campbell (half-backs), E. W. Woodbridge and F. J. Maclean (right), F. P. Farrar (centre), D. P. Winckworth and J. O. T. Powell (left) (forwards).

Homeboarders:—E. L. Dewdney (goal), W. V. Doherty and C. H. Gregory (backs). J. Hollocombe, H. C. Witherby (capt.) and J. G. Gifford (half-backs), A. R. Hoskins and A. G. Clark (right), V. Pendred (centre), G. L. Edwards and C. E. Page (left) (forward).

GRANTS *v.* RIGAUDS.

This match was played Up Fields, on Thursday, Dec. 13th, and ended in a victory for Rigauds by one goal to nil. Weichand won the toss, and Mills started the ball for Grants from the Hospital end. After some even play on both sides, Winckworth put in a high shot, which hit the tape. The umpire, however, decided that it went over. Shortly after this the Rigaudite forwards made a combined attack, which as Barnes failed to tackle Waterfield, ended in that player putting the ball through the Grantite posts, thus scoring the only point in the game for the Rigauds (1-0). On changing ends at half-time Everington changed places with Winckworth and the forwards, who had been showing good form before, now gave the Rigaudite backs plenty of work to do. Mills put in a good shot, which was stopped by Blaker; then two corners fell to Grants, but nothing resulted. Shortly after a high shot was put in by Woodbridge, and the ball fell just over the tape. Grants soon obtained another corner, which was well put by Campbell. The Rigaudite forwards, encouraged by the much-resounding voice of their captain, brought the game down to the Grantite end of the ground, but the ball was returned to the Grantite forwards, who again made strenuous efforts to score, but the Rigaudite

backs managed to keep their goal intact until the umpire's whistle brought the game to a close. Grants had considerably the best of the game, and nothing but the good play of Weichand and Jonas prevented Rigauds suffering a defeat.

TEAMS.

Grants:—E. A. Everington (capt.) (goal), J. Corbett and H. C. Barnes (backs) G. Campbell, W. T. Barwell and H. D. Everington (half-backs). J. O. Powell and F. P. Farrar (left), R. O. Mills (centre), D. P. Winckworth and E. W. Woodbridge (right) (forwards).

Rigauds:—H. R. Blaker (goal), P. Weichand and C. Jonas (backs), G. Allen, J. Shattock and H. Allen (half-backs), Gates and Waterfield (left) A. J. Willett (centre), A. Challis and C. E. Balfour (right) forwards.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 27th, this Society met and finished Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"; after reading this tragedy to its doleful end, the Society agreed to read Sheridan's "Scheming Lieutenant," at the next meeting.

The latter play was read through on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, and caused much laughter. Unfortunately the person responsible for such things had not noticed how short the play was, and the meeting lasted little longer than half-an-hour. The cast was as follows:—

Mr. Heard	Mrs. Credulous.
H. C. Barnes	1st Countryman.
F. P. Farrar	Justice Credulous.
R. O. Mills	Dr. Rosy.
E. A. Everington	Lieut. O'Connor.
F. J. Maclean	Sergeant Trounce.
W. T. Barwell	Flint.
E. W. Woodbridge	Lauretta.

At the last meeting of the term, held on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, Sheridan's "Duenna" was read. The final scene was well read and created much amusement. The parts were distributed in the following way:—

Mr. Heard	Don Jerome.
Mr. Conyngham	Don Antonio.
H. C. Barnes	The Duenna.
F. P. Farrar	Don Carlos.
R. O. Mills	Isaac Mendoza.
E. A. Everington	Don Ferdinand.
F. J. Maclean	Donna Louisa.
W. T. Barwell	Donna Clara.
E. W. Woodbridge	Lopez.

THE GRANTITE GYMNASIUM COMPETITION.

This competition was held on Tuesday, Dec. 14th, for a prize, which Mr. Heard had kindly volunteered to give. The proceedings opened with various exercises on the horizontal bar, in which E. W. Woodbridge and H. D. Everington were conspicuous. This was followed by vaulting, which was generally well done. Then followed races up the ropes, in which Everington, H. D., beat Woodbridge, E. W.; Corbett beat Powell; Yeld beat Barwell; Scarfe beat Lambton; Burton beat Woodbridge, E. T.; Scott beat Boulter. After this there were exercises on the parallel bars, in which Woodbridge, E. W., was good. The next exercise was on the rings, "cutting right and left." The dumb-bells were then resorted to, and right hand, left hand, and both hands exercises were gone through. The evening ended with exercises on the ladders, and pole-climbing by Scott. On adding up the marks it was found that E. W. Woodbridge was the winner, with honourable mention of H. D. Everington, while to Scott was awarded a junior prize.

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