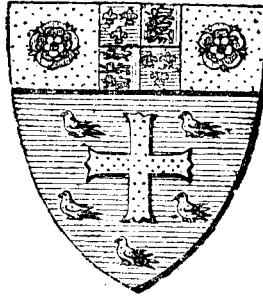


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## “MUMPS.”

The subject, strange and irrelevant as it may sound to O.G.G., is, nevertheless, one of peculiar interest to present Grantites, and is, at the time of writing, the one topic of conversation throughout the School. We do not talk of glands and germs, but we inquire tenderly as to the health of our opponents—Grant's ask after Ashburnham—College after Grant's, and it sometimes almost looks as if a spread of the malady would be not unwelcome.

When House matches were at last due, they were postponed for mumps, the team was intact, and we gained an easy victory over Rigaud's; then we played Ashburnham, and drew twice with them, thanks to causes which are enumerated elsewhere; and now it is that mumps has to be reckoned with. Mumps is all very well in its way; some say we all get it once in our lives; but surely it need not remove the props of our strength at the moment when they are most required. The long and the short is that next time we meet Ashburnham we shall be *at least* one man less, while they will be reinforced by the timely arrival of a valuable centre half.

Our one bright star has waned under the influence of mumps, and, as a result, our victory in the School Sports is considerably jeopardised, and we rely still more on junior events to pull us through.

A motion was proposed by a Grantite member in the School Debating Society early in the term, "That this House disapproves of mumps"; it was almost unanimously carried, and, so far as Grant's is concerned, served well as a preventive against the scourge until prevention was most desirable.

Let us hope this gentle murmur against mumps will effectually allay its raging, and that this member will be the last, as he was the first, of the XI. to get the mumps.

N.B.—According to the Doctor, the prevention of "Camelius mumps" is at present an utter impossibility, and can be effected by no amount of hard exercise. The cure proposed in the well-known song has been proved fictitious, and must be a case of poetic licence.

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#### PLAY SUPPER.

Last term the play supper was held "Up Grant's" on the second night of the play. When we had allayed the pangs of hunger with the good things which the hospitality of Mr. Tanner had set before us, G. R. Fraser rose and, after a short speech, called upon the company to drink the health of Mr. Tanner. After all had responded enthusiastically, Mr. Tanner replied in a very happy speech. After touching on the difficulty of finding something fresh to say, he spoke of the successes of Grant's during the past year, in particular the regaining of the Cricket Shield, and wound up his speech by proposing the health of the Monitors. Then G. R. Fraser again rose, and proposed the health of the Old Westminster. After H. D. Everington had made a very amusing speech in reply, songs were called for, and H. S. Ladell started with "Camelius Hump." Among the best songs that followed were a song of E. C. Cleveland Stevens, the name of which we have unfortunately been unable to trace; F. G. Worlock's "Three for Jack"; K. E. Newman's "Awful Little Scrub"; H. D. Adrian's "A thousand miles away"; and "They pushed 'em through the window," sung by a Monitorial quartet. After spending a most enjoyable evening, we at last came to "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King." A good number of Old Grantites were present, including H. D. Everington, H. S. Ladell, G. H. G. Scott, H. S. Bompas, E. C. Cleveland Stevens, W. T. S. Sonnenschein, C. B. H. Knight, G. M. S. Oldham, R. E. Tanner, R. W. Reed, and G. R. Y. Radcliffe. We greatly missed J. D. H. Dickson, who usually accompanies the songs, but his place at the piano was ably filled by A. C. Boulton.

## THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The House met on six evenings this term, and Shakespeare's Comedies were almost exclusively read. The session opened with an admirable reading of *The Tempest*, where the parts were distributed as follows:—

## "THE TEMPEST."

Mr. Tanner ...	...	...	<i>Prospero.</i>
G. R. Fraser ...	...	...	<i>Ariel, Stephano, Master.</i>
E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins ...	...	...	<i>Caliban, Gonzalo.</i>
K. E. Newman ...	...	...	<i>Alonso, Trinculo.</i>
D. S. Graham ...	...	...	<i>Adrian, Juno.</i>
C. G. Reed ...	...	...	<i>Ferdinand.</i>
L. E. Tanner ...	...	...	<i>Miranda, Boatswain.</i>
G. W. Hodgson ...	...	...	<i>Antonio, Iris.</i>
W. R. Horton ...	...	...	<i>Sebastian.</i>
C. E. G. Shearman ...	...	...	<i>Francisco, Ceres.</i>

The play was read on Tuesdays, Jan. 30th and Feb. 6th, 1906. At the third meeting of the House, the play chosen was *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The reading of this play was considerably delayed owing to the Exeat and other unforeseen causes, so that though the reading was begun on Feb. 20th, the House was unable to complete it until March 13th, when the play was eventually finished. The last reading was found to be too short for the evening, and Sheridan's *The Scheming Lieutenant* closed the meeting. The two plays were read with the following arrangement of parts:—

## "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM."

Mr. Tanner ...	...	...	<i>Oberon, Starveling.</i>
G. R. Fraser ...	...	...	<i>Bottom, Egeus.</i>
E. Ratcliffe-Cousins ...	...	...	<i>Puck, Hermia.</i>
K. E. Newman ...	...	...	<i>Lysander, Peas-blossom.</i>
D. S. Graham ...	...	...	<i>Theseus, Cobweb.</i>
C. G. Reed ...	...	...	<i>Demetrius, Quince.</i>
L. E. Tanner ...	...	...	<i>Titania, Helena.</i>
G. W. Hodgson ...	...	...	<i>Snout, Hippolyta.</i>
W. R. Horton ...	...	...	<i>Flute, Mustard-seed.</i>
C. E. G. Shearman ...	...	...	<i>Snug, Moth.</i>

## "THE SCHEMING LIEUTENANT."

Mr. Tanner ...	...	...	<i>Lieutenant O'Connor.</i>
G. R. Fraser ...	...	...	<i>Dr. Rosy.</i>
E. Ratcliffe-Cousins ...	...	...	<i>Justice Credulous.</i>

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K. E. Newman	...	...	<i>Serjeant Trounce.</i>
C. G. Reed	...	...	<i>Mrs. Bridget Credulous.</i>
L. E. Tanner	...	..	<i>Lauretta.</i>
G. W. Hodgson	...	...	<i>Corporal Flint.</i>

The latter is a delightfully witty piece, and was read with considerable vigour and enjoyment by the Society. Mr. Tanner's dialect is most admirable, and this, together with excellent reading on the part of all, produced almost uncontrollable merriment from beginning to end of the short sketch. *Two Gentlemen of Verona* was the last item of an excellent programme, and was read on March 27th and April 3rd. The absence of E. Ratcliffe-Cousins and C. E. G. Shearman for the last reading of the session was much regretted, but their places were admirably filled by G. L. P. Eyre and F. Wylde.

“TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA.”

Mr. Tanner	...	...	<i>Proteus.</i>
G. R. Fraser	...	...	<i>Valentine, Musician.</i>
E. Ratcliffe-Cousins	...	...	<i>Launce, Sylvia.</i>
K. E. Newman	...	...	<i>Lucetta, 2nd Outlaw.</i>
V. S. Graham	...	...	<i>Antonio, Host.</i>
C. G. Reed	...	...	<i>Duke, 1st Outlaw.</i>
L. E. Tanner	...	...	<i>Julia.</i>
G. W. Hodgson	...	...	<i>Speed.</i>
W. R. Horton	...	...	<i>Thurio, 3rd Outlaw.</i>
C. E. G. Shearman	...	...	<i>Panthino, Eglamour, Servant.</i>

The reading throughout the term was quite good, and—as usual—Mr. Tanner was excellent. We seize this opportunity of thanking Mr. Tanner for his very kind hospitality through the term; and those of us who have read our last play with him, wish to express our sincere gratitude to him for many an enjoyable evening spent at meetings of the Literary Society in time past.

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LIMERICKS.

There once was in Inner, 'tis said,  
A youth with a one-sided head;  
When it swelled out in lumps,  
They remarked, “You've got mumps,  
We insist on your going to bed.”

There once was a small Middleite  
Who always was game for a fight;  
When pushed in the back  
He replied with a hack,  
And settled his enemy quite.

An Outerite often was seen  
 To rise early and run about "green";  
 When they said, "Are you well?"  
 He replied, "Go-er-away,"  
 Which was commonly voted obscene.

There lives a small person in Hall  
 Who always appears to a call;  
 Back and forward he runs,  
 Fetching bottles and buns,  
 And he lives but to answer a Hall.

M. E.

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## HOUSE MATCHES.

### GRANT'S *v.* RIGAUD'S.

This match was played up fields on March 21st. Rigaud's were unlucky in having three of their men down with mumps, whereas Grant's were represented by a particularly strong team. Newman kicked off for Grant's from the Grosvenor Hospital end at 2.40. Grant's immediately ran down and remained steadily fixed in front of the Rigaudite goal, though unable to score; two or three corners were conceded, which, however, proved fruitless. The game now worked back towards the half-way line until some good combination on the right wing enabled Newman to put Looker in front of an open goal. He was, however, ruled off-side. From the ensuing free-kick the Grantite forwards secured the ball, and carrying it right down enabled Newman to open the scoring with a well-placed shot, which Milne could not save (1-0). From the kick-off Rigaud's looked like getting away, but Glover was given off-side. Grant's then pressed, and after several fruitless attempts Newman again scored (2-0). Rigaud's then broke away, and Wylde was forced to concede a corner, which, however, was easily cleared. Again Grant's came to the attack, and remained perilously near the Rigaudite goal until half-time; Newman, who looked like scoring again, being given off-side. At half-time Macmanus, who had for some time been suffering from a sprained ankle, gave place to his younger brother. In the second half Rigaud's had slightly more of the game than before, but the Grantite defence was impregnable, the halves and backs working well in combination. Grant's were continually pressing, the right wing being particularly effective, and goals came in much quicker. Geare and Moore ran up, and the former scored (3-0); then the left wing took the ball down, and Looker scored (4-0); shortly after, several good shots were put in by Newman and Geare, but were saved well by Milne; at length Newman scored with a good hard shot (5-0); Moore then took the ball

up and centred towards the goal ; Milne let the ball through his fingers, thus putting Grant's well ahead (6—0). Newman then scored 2 goals in rapid succession (8—0). This rapid scoring had completely disheartened the Rigaudite forwards, who, though they sometimes got the ball, never became really dangerous ; Hadley did some accurate clearing, but was never hard pressed. Geare now added the ninth goal with a good hard shot which Milne could not have saved, and the same player just before time added another goal, which Milne let slip through his fingers. Before anything else could happen the whistle blew, leaving Grant's victorious by 10 goals to nil.

The whole Grantite team played considerably better than was expected, the forwards especially being conspicuous, their passing, and at times their shooting, was excellent. Owing to the weakness of the opposing attack, the backs did not have very much to do ; but when they were called upon, they showed themselves to be excellent tacklers.

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#### GRANT'S *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

The final tie for the House Shield was played on March 28th, resulting in a draw of one goal each.

Ashburnham won the toss and Newman kicked off from the Hospital end. From the beginning Grant's pressed hard, Geare soon had a good opening, but shot wildly and Cousins had several good runs on the wing, but kicked wildly at the critical moment. Grant's kept up a hot attack upon the Ashburnhamite goal, but Geare after making good openings twice shot over. One or two runs on the wing by Mappin were for some time the only efforts made by the Ashburnham forwards. A corner conceded by Davidson as a result of a hot shot by Geare was kicked behind, and shortly after Cousins made a fine individual rush, and, after beating the backs, drew out Treatt, only to miss the goal by inches. Not long afterwards, however, the Grantites' efforts were rewarded, Newman finding the net from a centre by Moore (1—0). From this point the game became more even, but Grant's still did the greater amount of pressing. From a corner forced by Ashburnham, Cousins made another rush, which he again missed by a narrow margin. Ashburnham now pressed hard, and forced two corners without success, but kept the Grantite defence occupied until half time. Grant's crossed over a goal to the good, having had considerably more than their share of the play. The referee appeared to have forgotten his watch, for the game had been in progress nearly an hour when half-time was called. During the first ten minutes of the second half the

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Grantites went off their game, and during this time Johnson, after being within an ace of scoring on two occasions, scored the equalising goal with a good shot into the corner of the net (1—1). After this reverse, Grant's woke up, and the game became very even, Geare again being conspicuous for wild shooting at close quarters. During the last twenty minutes Grant's completely overran their opponents, but score they could not. It was a continuous story of lost opportunities. Once indeed Newman looked almost certain to score, when he was badly fouled by Johnson (who, in the excitement of the game, seemed to have lost control of his arms) well within the penalty area. Grant's pressing without cessation, the whistle blew for time amid great excitement, the score being (1—1).

On the day's play, Grant's were easily the better team, and only erratic shooting prevented them from winning handsomely.

With the exception of Newman, who worked very hard throughout, and at times Cousins, the Grantite forwards were a great disappointment after their form against Rigaud's. The halves were again good, and the backs excellent.

For Ashburnham, Johnson, in spite of his occasional excitement, played a good game, while Hamel and Davidson at back, and Ogilvie at half, were exceptionally good.

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#### GRANT'S *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

This match was played on Thursday, March 29th, and ended in a draw of one goal each, a most unsatisfactory result considering the day's play.

Newman won the toss and elected to play with wind and sun in his face. From the first the game was very fast, each side attacking in turn; Moore made a good run down the right wing and Cousins soon after outstripped the halves and backs, but shot wide. In return, Ashburnham made several attacks on the Grantite goal, but Hadley had little to do, owing to the excellence of the backs, Adrian clearing on two occasions in particular. On one occasion, however, Hadley punted away too low; the ball struck Johnson on the knee and rebounded into the net, despite an heroic effort by Wylde to clear (0—1). Grant's played up magnificently after this set-back, but the quality of the play was greatly marred by rough play. Repeated attacks were made on the Ashburnham goal, Moore being very conspicuous for his pace and fine centring. Once Newman got within an ace of scoring, but he and Treatt rolled over together, and the ball was cleared; Newman was hurt as the result of this fall, and the game was stopped for some minutes. Half-time came soon after with the

score (1—0) against us, though they had had far the larger share of the attacking. With the wind at their backs, Grant's immediately took up the attack, and Newman netted the ball with a hot shot in the first minute, but was given off-side. The whole of the second half Grant's pressed, and Hadley only touched the ball three or four times; Treatt, on the other hand, was kept busy almost without a respite. Keeping their heads admirably, considering the excitement, the Grantite forwards combined excellently, and Looker beat Treatt, but was given off-side. Time flew on and the House were still a goal to the bad twenty minutes from time. Then, at last, the gallant attempts of the Grantite forwards received their well-merited reward, for Newman netted the ball from close quarters (1—1). From this point the excitement was tremendous. Ashburnham got away only twice, Johnson looking very dangerous on one occasion, but he was beaten by Reed, and Wyld cleared; on the other hand, Grant's kept up a ceaseless bombardment of the Ashburnham goal, Looker putting in two beautiful shots and Moore playing a magnificent game on the extreme right. Yet Treatt managed to keep his charge safe, and a grand game, unfortunately somewhat spoilt by rough play, ended in a draw.

The Grantite team played a magnificent uphill fight for part of the game. The forwards played splendidly, Moore and Geare making a particularly dangerous and dashing right wing. Reed was easily the best half on the field, and the backs, especially Adrian, were brilliant. Ashburnham were well served in goal by Treatt, who saved several hot shots, and, as before, the backs were excellent, but the forwards were not quite so good.

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### THE GRANTITE TEAM.

**K. E. Newman** is, on his day, an excellent centre-forward. He is fast, and though, at times, he is very erratic in his passing and shooting, he is clever with his feet and keeps the forward line well together. He was at the top of his form in the match against Rigaud's, his shooting being at times really brilliant. He played for the school the whole year, and had hard luck in not getting "Pinks." A first-rate captain.

**H. D. Adrian**, towards the end of the season, developed into a really good back, and his defence in Seniors was excellent. He is perhaps, not careful enough about feeding the forwards, but nevertheless, he has been invaluable to Grant's during the year.

**E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins**: a very fast wing forward, but has no idea of combination with the rest of the team. He



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worked very hard in Seniors and made many fine rushes down the wing. His absence will be greatly felt in the final match.

**L. D. Looker** started the season very well indeed, his shooting being unusually accurate; however, in House matches he did not play up to expectations. We wish him every success as captain of Grant's next year.

**C. G. Reed** played very slackly during the early part of this term, but in Seniors he more than fulfilled our most sanguine hopes; in fact on two occasions he was quite the best half on the field, and was very effective in shadowing the opposing centre-forward.

**C. G. Shearman** made a better back than he did a half, but he was quite a success in Seniors; if it were not for inaccuracy in passing he would be one of the best kicks in the school.

**E. Wylde** is a good sturdy back with plenty of pace; he did, on the whole, very well in Seniors, he seemed to make mistakes in order to rectify them, and provided painful excitement for the spectators.

**E. Moore** was a great discovery, he filled very well what might have been the weak spot of the team. He has a very good idea of the right moment for centring and should prove a very good player next year.

**S. D. Graham's** passing alone quite justified him playing for Grant's, but although his size naturally handicapped him, he proved a hard man to get past.

**W. A. R. Hadley** was at times a good goalkeeper, but in Seniors he was very slow in getting rid of the ball when clearing. Though he showed promise at the beginning of the season he has not done himself justice this term.

**J. Geare** was extremely good against Rigaud's, but fell off considerably against Ashburnham, both in shooting and passing. We hope that he will do himself justice in the future.

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#### THE PRIOR.

The most important man in every Monastery after the Abbot was the Prior. He conducted most of the business of the Monastery, and when the Abbot was away became for the time his representative. He was responsible also for the discipline

of the Monastery. As was natural a Prior was only chosen after great deliberation, "he ought to be humble, kindly in disposition, a living example of religious observance, excellent in everything, doing all things like the rest of the brethren." Or as the Westminster Customary says, "just as he surpasses all in rank, so ought he to surpass all in piety."

Jocelin de Brakelond, the monk of Bury St. Edmund's, gives us in his chronicle, an account of the election of a Prior. At the time the old Prior died, the Abbot (Samson) was in London, and there was great speculation among the monks who should take his place. "Some—few in numbers, indeed, but whose advice was more respected—were desirous of promoting Master Hermer, the Sub-prior, as being an experienced, learned, and eloquent man, skilful and expert in the cure of souls, who at that had governed the cloister for fourteen years in good discipline, an approved Sub-prior and well known." The rest of the community thought otherwise, grumbling and saying that "he was a passionate, impatient, restless, fussey, and fretful man." The Abbot himself wished to promote his Chaplain, Herbert, "a youth and almost beardless novice, who had only become a cloister monk four years ago." When the Abbot had returned he set forth "amply and eloquently what sort of man ought to be appointed Prior. John, the Third-prior, answered, in the presence of all, that the Sub-prior (Hermer) was a worthy and fit person." This suggestion was greeted with cries of "A man of peace; let a man of peace be given us." The Abbot thereupon adjourned the matter to the next day. On the next day the Abbot nominated four men: the Sacrist, who, however, was at once objected to as "being infirm and insufficient," and was struck out. John, the Third-prior, his cousin, Maurice, his Chaplain, and the before-named Herbert. The Abbot dwelt long in speaking of and commending the person of John in many respects; but, nevertheless, on the other side, alleged that the great number of his regulations in this province would lie heavy on his neck if he were Prior. Now when the Abbot was about to allege the same thing concerning Maurice (and he could with reason do it), so that in a roundabout way he should come to make mention of Herbert, his discourse was interrupted by one of the elders of the convent saying, "Master Precentor, you have the first voice; name Master Herbert." "He is a good man," said he. On hearing the name of Herbert, the Abbot stopped speaking, and turning to the Precentor, said, "I have no objection to receive Herbert if you will." On this saying, the whole convent cried out, "He is a good man; he is a good and amiable man!" Herbert at first protested his unworthiness, but his objections being overruled, the Abbot "with his own hand placed him in the Prior's seat, and commanded all that they should pay him

the reverence and obedience due to him as Prior." Jocelin tells us he had all the qualities needful for a good Prior, "he was handsome and pleasant-looking; always cheerful; of a smiling countenance, be it early or late; kind to all; polite in speech, possessing a sweet voice in chanting, and expressive in reading; young, strong, of a healthy body, and always in readiness to undergo travail for the needs of the church"; a man of moderate understanding, who, if "too much learning should make him mad," might be said to be a perfectly-accomplished man.

From being Prior to Abbot was but a step; nine of the Westminster Priors became Abbots. When there was a vacancy in the Abbacy, the Prior became the head of the convent until the new Abbot was appointed. Being, of course, very likely to be chosen, he was anxious to ingratiate himself with everybody at this time, "he was desirous of irritating no one, of not provoking anybody to anger; in fact, of keeping all persons and things in quietude. He nevertheless winked at some acts in our officials which needed reformation, and especially in the Sacrist, as if he cared not how that officer dealt with the sacristy." This Prior, however, in spite of all his care, was not eventually elected Abbot.

The duties of the Prior were many and various, beginning at daybreak. He had to give the signal for the monks to rise for matins, which took place soon after midnight. He was the last to take his place in the choir, and if he himself was not taking part in the service, armed with a lantern, it was part of his duty to go round the Dorter or Dormitory to see no brother had overslept himself. After Lauds, which followed almost at once after Matins, the monks were allowed to go back to bed until the Prior roused them for Prime some time between six and seven. There were two more services between Prime and the daily Chapter; during this time the Prior went round and visited the sick in the Infirmary. In Chapter when the Prior entered all were to stand up till he gave them leave to be seated. Any complaints against him were heard in Chapter. In the cloisters, however, when the Prior appeared the brethren were only to rise if he wished to seat himself, and not otherwise. The Prior's seat at Westminster was the first seat at the East end of the North Cloister. There were two more services, Terce and High Mass followed by Sext, before the mid-day meal, which took place in the Frater or Refectory. The brothers were summoned to the Frater by the Prior ringing a bell loudly, "so that the brothers, who were either in the Dormitory or Church might come with deliberation and without disorderly haste." In the absence of the Abbot the Prior presided. If any brother upset his liquor he had to prostrate himself until the Prior gave him leave to rise. At the end of the meal the Prior knocked on the table with his knife as a sign for

the remnants to be collected and given to the poor. The Prior, if he was not present in the Frater, might also invite some of the brethren to have their meals in his own room, which at Westminster seems to have stood along the eastern side of Dean's Yard. His garden at Westminster was remarkable for being planted with damson trees. Three more services, Nones, Vespers, and Compline, with intervals for study and meals, completed the day. When all had retired to the Dormitory, the Prior, taking a lantern, went round the house and cloister, saw the doors were fastened, the lights were safe, and everything as it should be. Then he returned to the Dormitory, taking the keys with him, and sat by his bed till all were in bed, and, lastly, retired himself.

L. E. T.

### POETRY.

Out in the woods when the twilight falls,  
 And the evening star shines forth on high,  
 And the cattle come as the shepherd calls ;  
 When the sun has sunk from the western sky,  
 Yet leaving behind his fiery train,  
 Saffron and gold and merging green,  
 Mingled aloft with the jacynth strain  
 Of darkling blue and starry sheen :  
 When the daylight dies, and the shadows long  
 Are lost in the spreading gloom of night ;  
 When the weary birds have ceased their song,  
 Which they sung aloud through the long daylight :  
 When all the world is hushed and still,  
 And all the sounds of nature cease,  
 Then to wander the woods at one's own sweet will,  
 Brings rest to the careworn soul, and peace !  
 True peace !

E. R. C.

### HOUSE NOTES.

We lost seven members of the House last term : M. Nott-Bower, H. V. Hughes, R. Kuhlmann, N. C. Moore, D. Philby, H. Pemberton, R. Wheeler.

Our numbers this term have decreased, since only four new boys, Graham, Gilmour, Collier, Borradaile, have come in place of those we lost last term.

We managed to inflict an overwhelming defeat on Rigaud's by ten goals to love in the semi-final round of House matches. We

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have also played two drawn games (1—1) against Ashburnham in the final round.

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We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. L. J. Moon (O.G.) on the consistent batting form he has shown throughout the South African tour of the M.C.C.

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Our prospects for the Sports are greatly marred by the absence of E. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins, who has succumbed to "mumps"; however, there are one or two others who hope "to do things," and, also, we have quite a good number of promising juniors.

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We must offer our congratulations to K. E. Newman, E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins, and L. D. Looker, on playing for the School against Charterhouse; also to K. E. Newman on playing against Winchester.

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The following are the Football Colours up to the end of the term:—

PINK AND WHITES.	3RD XI.'s.	HOUSE COLOURS.
K. E. Newman.	L. D. Looker.	C. G. Shearman.
H. D. Adrian.	R. W. Reed.	E. Moore.
E. J. R. Ratcliffe-Cousins.	E. Wylde.	S. D. Graham.

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Our prospects for the Inter-House Drilling Cup are fairly bright, as we have several *veterans stationed* up Grant's, and we are in charge of a most capable commander.

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We wish to offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. D. S. Robertson, who was *proxime accessit* to the Porson Scholar.

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Mr. H. S. Ladell is the author of a dramatic monologue "Lotos," whose plot was designed by H.S.H. Princess Henry of Pless; it was successfully performed before H.M. the King, at Chatsworth, in January, this year.

## THE YARD BALL FUND.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
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42 Subscriptions of 6d. each	1	1 0	Jan. 20th, 1 doz. balls ...	0	7 0
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			Feb. 13th, 1 doz. balls ...	0	7 0
			Feb. 21st, 1 doz. balls ...	0	7 0
			Mar. 2nd, 1 doz. balls ...	0	7 0
			Mar. 9th, 1 doz. balls ...	0	7 0
			Mar. 18th, 1 doz. balls ...	0	7 0
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K. E. NEWMAN.

Audited and found correct,

G. G. RAE FRASER.

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE."*

SIR,

May I, through the medium of your columns, make an appeal on behalf of the unfortunate dwellers in Middle, who are being slowly but surely suffocated by the dense clouds of smoke which issue from their fire every time the wind blows? Is there any veteran in the house who can inform me when the chimney was last swept? Under the present conditions this fire is a nuisance to the whole of Chiswicks, and surely something can be done to relieve the distress of Middle as a whole, or, at any rate, of one who has been (with humble apologies)

SMOKED OUT.

*To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."*

DEAR SIR,

May we suggest, through the medium of your pages, that measures be taken that the obnoxious puddle at the bottom of the

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Grantite steps, caused by rain, be filled up, to prevent giving wet feet and splashing articles of clothing, which takes hours of weary toil to brush off. Hoping that this will not incur great expense, and apologising for trespassing on your valuable space,

We are,

Yours apologetically,

BOOTS AND TROUSERS.

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*To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."*

DEAR SIR,

As a late member of the House, famous for his power of "looking" at furniture with disastrous effects, has left a considerable quantity of property in Middle, I would suggest that a large bill for housing it should be sent him, and that the proceeds (if any), should be used for purchasing a new poker.

I am, Sir, with the usual apologies,

POKERLESS.

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