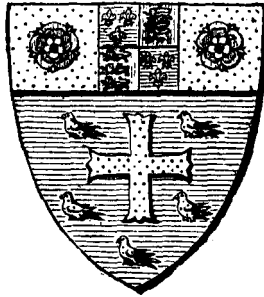


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STATION IN THE CRICKET SEASON.

Much has been written and more said about last year's lamentable display of cricket at Westminster, and the last thing the Editor of the *Granite Review* wishes is to bring this into prominence; nor would this subject find a place in our columns were it not that we wish to suggest a remedy. Compared with other schools Westminster is at a disadvantage in one point, viz.; that we cannot practise at odd times, as our ground is so far distant from the school buildings. Again, evening station is so late in the day that many homeboarders find it almost impossible to attend it regularly or, in some cases, at all. And yet this is the longer station of the two. One reason why our cricket suffers is to be found in the fact that, except on Wednesday, we have no continuous station and the games get broken into terribly. It is out of the question to have one long station and then school afterwards, as that would make the school hours too late for many homeboarders. But the longer station might be put first, and we might give up half-an-hour of afternoon school and devote it to cricket. Thus first station might last from two till four o'clock, and school from 4.30 to 5.30. Second station would then only be of an hour's duration and this could be given to practice at the nets and fielding out, at which the school was not quite up to the mark last year.

The objection to such a scheme would be the sacrifice—no doubt many of our readers would not consider it a sacrifice at all—of half-an-hour's school. But this would not matter very much; those whom it would affect most would be those who are standing for election, and as they generally devote

some part of their time out of school to work, they could take an extra half-hour out of school. If this did tell somewhat against the work of the school, still the improvement in cricket which would probably result, would be more than compensation for this.

In conclusion it is our hope that the subject will not drop, and that others will come forward to discuss this scheme and suggest new ones of their own.

We print the following extract from the *Nugæ Westmonasterienses* to show how different the life of a fag at Westminster is now, from what it was half a century ago. We should like to print, if there is room in our next number, the amount of fagging a fag of the present day has to do, if some fag would kindly supply us with a leaf of his diary.

The extract is taken from a Journal of a Westminster, found in one of the boarding houses in the year 1847; the date is twenty years earlier.

Monday, Oct. 10th, 1827. Got out of bed at half past six, brushed my master's clothes, and filled his pitcher, went to bed again and awoke at 3½ minutes to 8; washed, dressed and got up school just as Dr. — arrived!; 8 to 9, was shown up for not knowing my grammar, muzzed 3 pages of ditto for my help; 9 to half past, breakfasted, but very badly as I was sent by the seniors to Shotton's three times; 9.30 to 10, picked up balls; 10 o'clock, went into school again and got through 15 lines of Homer pretty well, though I had not learnt them; 11 to 12, cut my name on the form; 12 o'clock, went into Green and was knocked by a butcher for abusing him, but he got well paid out by Jackson.

Half past one went to dinner, very bad mutton, would have gone to Shotton's but knew that the under-elections were there.

Half past 2, went up school, and got 200 lines to write out for not being able to find my shoes when called up for lesson. (Connaught had pulled them off and hid them).

Five till a quarter to six, made my master's tea and put his room in order.

Quarter to six. My master came upstairs in a very bad humour, because he had a long imposition to do; nearly kicked me down stairs because the tea was not strong enough. 7 o'clock to 8, did my exercise but with many interruptions, as I was continually called away to get things for my master.

9 o'clock, was licked with a cane because I could not find Willoughby's Homer; 9 to 10, did my imposition: 10 o'clock, went to bed very tired.

NOTES.

At a meeting held to fill two vacancies on the Athletic Committee, P. Armitage was first of the successful candidates. E. A. Everington is an ex-officio member of the Committee.

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In the Senior Gymnasium Competition which was solely between Q. SS. and Grantites, E. W. Woodbridge was second and H. D. Everington fourth.

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In the Junior Competition H. D. Everington shared the first place with H. B. Hunt, a homeboarder; several other Grantites were conspicuous in the competition.

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The following fellows have received their house-colors:— F. P. Farrar, J. O. Powell, H. C. Barnes, and D. P. Winckworth. Farrar received his colours before the match *v.* H.B.B; the others were given subsequently.

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C. S. W. Barwell, who was second in the long jump at Oxford, represented that University at the Inter-University sports; at the third jump he was leading, but was afterwards beaten by a few inches by both the Cambridge competitors.

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The following Grantites represented T.BB. in the match *v.* Q.SS.: E. A. Everington (capt. of T.BB.), R. O. Mills and E. W. Woodbridge.

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The list of school colours up Grants this season is: Pinks, E. A. Everington, R. O. Mills and E. W. Woodbridge; Pink and white: P. Armitage; Third elevens, G. E. Campbell, F. P. Farrar and J. O. Powell.

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The Racquets Ties have been played off and the result was very creditable to our house and to the winner in particular. We have not space to give a detailed account of the ties, but the semifinal round was E. A. Everington (Grants), *v.* D. Fitzmaurice (Grants), C. Gardiner (Rigauds), a bye. Everington defeated Fitzmaurice by two games to love, the scores being 11-6 and 11-2. The first game of the final tie between Everington and Gardiner was very even, the score being 11-7; in

the second game, however, Gardiner was nowhere, and Everington won easily by 11-1. The court is in a very bad state, so bad that one cannot depend on the ball bounding truly; the games committee ought to see to it before next year.

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In the sports which have just been held the following Grantites distinguished themselves: E. W. Woodbridge won the Hurdle Race (challenge cup), and was second in the Long Jump; D. P. Winckworth won the Mile (challenge cup); H. D. Everington was second in the Long Jump under 15, the Quarter Mile under 15, and the Hundred Yards under 15; C. N. Lambton got the second prize in the Quarter Mile under 16. E. A. Everington, P. Armitage and B. I. Southey pulled for Townboys in the Tug of War.

H.BB. v. RIGAUDS.

This match was played up Fields on Wednesday, March 20th, and resulted in an easy victory for H.BB. by 6-0. Rigauds kicked off and the ball was taken down to the Rigaudite end, where Pendred soon scored. (1-0) The Homeboarders still had the best of the game, but their shooting was not accurate and they missed more than one chance of scoring. At length Pendred scored again with a good shot. (2-0), After half time H.BB. obtained several corners, which followed by another goal. (3-0). Not long after Gregory secured another. In spite of their want of success Rigauds still continued to play up and Willett took the ball down to the Homeboarder end; but the back division were too strong for the Rigaudites, and soon after Gifford scored the fifth goal for H.BB. with a brilliant shot. (5-0). Another goal was rushed through, making the score 6-0. No further point was scored before time was called; H.BB. thus gained a decisive victory, although their forwards were not in good form. Rigauds were without the assistance of C. Gardner and A. J. Booker.

Teams. H.BB.: E. H. Winslow, (goal); W. V. Doherty and C. H. Gregory, (backs); J. Gifford, A. W. Guy and J. Hollocombe (half-backs); A. R. Hoskins, A. G. Clark (right), B. Pendred (centre), S. H. Gregory and C. Page (left), (forwards).

Rigauds: H. Langton (goal); H. R. Blaker and H. C. Jonas (backs); G. O. Shattock, H. Allen and C. Rivaz (half-backs); C. E. Balfour and E. Gates (right), J. A. Willett (centre), R. Waterfield and H. Rye (left), (forwards).

GRANTS *v.* H.B.B.

This match was played at Vincent Square on Saturday, March 23rd, in fine weather, and resulted in a win for H.B.B. by four goals to nil.

H.B.B. therefore keep possession of the Shield for the ensuing year.

Grants won the toss and Pendred kicked off against the wind. H.B.B. at once began to press, but the Grantite backs managed to clear their goal, Everington playing splendidly in goal; Grants then ran down and, after some pretty passing, Farrar broke away but lost his chance by wildly kicking over.

The H.B.B. forwards then brought the ball down and after pressing for some time Clark put the ball past Everington, scoring the first goal. (0-1.)

The Grantite forwards now did their best to equalise, but though playing well, were weak in front of goal, and H.B.B. managed to clear; again Grants were hard pressed although favoured by the wind, and after some neat runs and centres by Edwards and Hoskins, Clark shot a second goal, the ball gliding off Mills' arm. (0-2.)

Grants were still pressed but no more goals were scored before half time.

After the interval, playing against the wind, the Grantite backs had hard work, but they stuck to it and managed to keep their opponents from scoring any further goals for some time, chiefly owing to Everington's splendid play. Woodbridge now ran down and passed out to Powell, who centred to Farrar, but Winslow saved; Grants still pressed but the forwards were weak in shooting and the H.B.B. defence was very good. Winslow also saved some difficult shots and rushes.

The Home-boarder forwards now relieved their backs and after Everington had saved some difficult shots, Pendred placed a third goal to the credit of H.B.B. (0-3.)

On restarting Grants made another effort and, rushing the ball down, Woodbridge made an excellent shot which hit the cross bar and, rebounding into play, was got away and carried into the Grantite territory, but Barnes, who was playing a steady game, returned it. But Edwards getting the ball made a dashing run and easily passing Mills, centred across to goal to Hoskins, who passed to Pendred, a fourth goal resulting. (0-4.) A very strong appeal for off-side was not allowed, one umpire being unable to see, and the other not

allowing the appeal. So the referee, although supporting the appeal, could not give it.

After this H.B.B. had a few chances which were not taken and time was called, leaving them victors by 4 goals to nil.

The result shows the relative merits of the teams but does not exactly give a true idea of the play; H.B.B. certainly had the best of the game but they did not lose the chances of shooting which the Grantite forwards did. H.B.B. put in plenty of shots but Everington was in great form. The Home-boarder back division was very good. Gifford was splendid but dribbled too much, however the success of H.B.B. was greatly due to him. Doherty was in magnificent form. Gregory was good and not as wild as usual. Guy was very steady and helped his forwards well. Hollocombe was fair but does not consider sufficiently the importance of getting the ball and not the man.

Of the forwards, the outsides Edwards and Hoskins were best, the inside men were hardly in their best form, although they played fairly well. The combination of the forwards was not as good as in the trial match.

Of the losers Everington was undoubtedly best. Mills played extremely well, but not so brilliantly as we have seen him. Barnes showed very great improvement.

The half-backs were a level lot but not over strong, although they worked hard and played up pluckily.

The forwards played up well at times and occasionally passed well, but were distinctly weak in shooting, Woodbridge kept them well together. Farrar and Powell were very good but the former is very wild in front of goal, the right wing were rather weak.

There is no doubt that the best team won, although had Grants had luck and taken one or two easy chances which were offered, the result would have been close and exciting. One or even two of the goals were very luckily scored against us, one being suspiciously offside and the other going off Mills' arm, and therefore being really hands and also preventing Everington saving it.

TEAMS.

H.B.B. :—E. H. Winslow (goal), *W. V. Doherty and C. H. Gregory (backs), J. Hollocombe, *J. Gifford (capt.) and A. W. Guy (half-backs), *A. Hoskins and *A. G. Clark (right), B. Pendred (centre), *S. H. Gregory and *G. L. Edwards (left), (forwards.)

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

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Literary Society met on Tuesday, March 5th, and finished the 'Merry Wives of Windsor.' Mr. Heard was absent and his part, 'Falstaff,' was taken by Mr. Conyngham. On the following Tuesday the play was Shakespeare's 'Tempest'; the first two Acts were read, with the following cast :—

<i>Prospero</i>	...	...	...	...	Mr. Heard.
<i>Miranda</i>	...	...	...	...	F. J. Maclean.
<i>Ferdinand</i>	...	...	...	...	H. C. Barnes.
<i>Ariel</i>	...	...	...	...	R. A. Yeld.
<i>Alonso</i>	...	...	...	...	F. P. Farrar.
<i>Antonio</i>	...	...	...	...	W. T. Barwell.
<i>Gonzalo</i>	...	...	...	...	E. W. Woodbridge.

At the next meeting this play was concluded. Mr. Conyngham was present and took the part of Ariel, Yeld taking Caliban. Mr. Heard was absent and his part was taken by E. A. Everington. The next meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, March 26th, when 'Julius Cæsar' was begun, the first two Acts being read; the principal parts were distributed as follows :—

<i>Brutus</i>	...	...	...	...	Mr. Conyngham.
<i>Cassius</i>	...	...	...	...	Mr. Heard.
<i>Julius Cæsar</i>	...	...	...	...	F. P. Farrar.
<i>Mark Antony</i>	...	...	...	...	H. C. Barnes.
<i>Flavius</i>	...	...	...	...	E. A. Everington.
<i>Marullus</i>	...	...	...	...	F. J. Maclean.
<i>Lucius</i>	...	...	...	...	W. T. Barwell.
<i>Portia</i>	...	...	...	...	R. A. Yeld.
<i>Decius Brutus</i>	...	...	...	...	E. W. Woodbridge

*Played last year.

The extra parts for the meeting held on Tuesday, April 2nd, were arranged in the following way:—

<i>Octavius Cæsar</i>	...	...	...	E. A. Everington.
<i>Lepidus</i>	...	...	...	F. P. Farrar.
<i>Messalla</i>	...	...	...	R. A. Yeld.
<i>Varro</i>	...	...	...	F. J. Maclean.
<i>Lucilius</i>	...	...	...	E. W. Woodbridge.
<i>Popilius Lena</i>	...	...	...	W. T. Barwell.

THE YARD TIES.

SEMIFINAL ROUND.

R. O. Mills		E. W. Woodbridge
G. E. Mills	beat	E. M. Stopford
Gatty		G. E. Campbell

by 17-7. This tie was played after station on a half holiday and this perhaps is the reason why Woodbridge's side did not make a better game of it. The winning side played well.

J. Corbett		
A. G. Cory	a bye	
B. I. Southey		

FINAL ROUND.

G. E. Mills		R. O. Mills
J. Corbett	beat	A. G. Cory
B. I. Southey		Gatty

by 7-3 after a very good game in which R. O. Mills had the weaker side but managed to keep even with his opponents up to the last few minutes. G. E. Mills dribbled very well; Gatty was plucky but not much use, as he is not yet sufficiently acquainted with the yard.

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