



Nascitur exiguus,

vires acquirit eundo.

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WESTMINSTER EXPRESSIONS (*continued.*)

THE space allotted us in the April Number of the *Grantite Review* only brought us to certain innovations on old Westminster phrases, such as 'detention' for 'Up-School,' 'chap' for 'fellow,' and the like. In this we were to a certain extent digressing; and we purpose in the present article, which unavoidable circumstances prevented from appearing so early as we had intended, to wit, in the June Number,—to confine ourselves to an analysis of those expressions peculiar to the School, which the destroying hand of Time has hitherto hesitated to sweep out of existence.

One of the first words which are sure to strike a boy on entering a school with such a rich vocabulary as our own, is the verb or substantive 'muzz.' The derivation which most readily suggests itself is the Latin 'musa,' whence our common English word to 'muse.' To 'muzz' means to work hard at lessons, a tendency which every schoolboy has, we believe, from ages immemorial, marked with the strongest disapprobation; and the word has a ring of scorn in it by no means reassuring to the student of twelve, who has perhaps left home with a promise to make the best use of his time. It is possible to make the word come from 'musso,' or 'mussito,' which means to sit silent and grumbling, in a word, to sulk. A

'muzz' is therefore a fellow who is over-fond of his books. It certainly does not speak well for the general industry of the School, that the word should be an opprobrium rather than a compliment. However, it is now more often used in a more rational sense; and fellows talk about 'muzzing' merely in the sense of doing their work, and not implying particularly hard work.

No one can be a week Up-Grants without discovering the meaning of the cry of 'Hall!' For the benefit of outsiders we may say that it is the Grantite formula for summoning a fag, and owes its use to the fact that fags are, as a rule, 'in Hall'—that is, use the Dining-Hall for their study, and are precluded 'Chiswick.'

The derivation of the work 'blick' might well puzzle the most erudite philologist. At Westminster it signifies a ball of any kind. To 'make a two,' an expression which explains itself, is not used, we imagine, at any other Public School. It is the conventional phrase for asking a friend to go "up fields" or indeed to join you in any other occupation or amusement. 'Two's company, three's none' is a saying that finds much sympathy at Westminster, for one asks, or is asked, as the case may be, to 'make a three' not half so often as to 'make a two.'

Another expression is in common use in the School. When one fellow annoys another in

any way, he is told to 'dry up.' Those of our readers who are not acquainted with the meaning of this phrase will be no longer in the dark when we inform them that it is synonymous with another, to 'shut up.'

There are a number of expressions constantly heard at Westminster, to ascertain the genuineness of which, it would be necessary to pay a flying visit to all the schools in the United Kingdom. Of these, we may mention that to 'shunt' means to 'charge' or push at football, &c.; and that to 'wire up' means to be energetic, especially at Games. Here we must leave off for the present; before long we hope to have an opportunity for continuing this subject.

A. G. O. E.

NOTES.

We beg to congratulate J. G. Veitch, E. G. Moon and G. P. Stevens on getting their "pinks," and W. N. Winckworth and F. G. Oliver on getting their "pink and whites."

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Also E. W. Woodbridge, B. I. Southey and P. Armitage on getting their House Colors.

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We were agreeably surprised on Monday, by the announcement of a 'late-play' which was asked for by J. B. Hodge, an O. G., on the occasion of his getting a First at Oxford for Modern History; this is the third time that Grants has had to congratulate herself on the success of this former head of the House.

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Another successful old Grantite is W. L. Marshall, whom we beg to congratulate on

getting a Third for History at Christ Church, Oxford.

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We beg to congratulate C. H. Bompas on passing 24th in the Indian Civil Service examination.

GRANTS v. RIGAUDS.

On Thursday, July 7th, we met Rigauds in the final tie for the shield, they having defeated Home-Boarders by 8 wickets. Probyn won the toss, and Rigauds batted first on an excellent wicket. During the first hour the scoring was not very rapid, but the batting was steady and no wickets fell. But when the game was resumed, Willett and A. M. Balfour were bowled by Moon in quick succession. Ash played in good style for 11, and was then bowled by a beautiful ball from Moon. Burge followed, but was caught at the wicket after making 6, and Harrison was joined by his captain. The former however was soon splendidly thrown out by E. W. Woodbridge in attempting a fifth run, and had to retire for a fine innings of 73, only marred by one difficult chance of c and b before he had scored. Daniel came next, and with Probyn played out time. The game was resumed on Friday, when three quarters of an hour sufficed for getting the remaining five wickets, Probyn getting 39 before being caught at the wicket, and Daniel being bowled by Moon for 18. Of the rest none did very much except Weichand, who hit up an exceedingly lucky 15, and the innings closed for 223. Moon bowled very steadily all through, and Oliver and Stevens kept up the other end between them.

Grants were represented by Winckworth and Lambert, but the former was quickly bowled, and Stevens who followed was at once very badly run out, Lambert calling him for an impossible run. Moon filled the vacancy, but only to see Lambert bowled by Balfour, and was himself stumped a few overs later by Probyn. These disasters were soon followed by others; Veitch was clean bowled for a single, and though Mills and Woodbridge made a short stand,

none did very much except the latter, who compiled a very useful 19, and the innings closed for the paltry total of 56. Balfour bowled splendidly, taking 7 wickets at a very small cost. On Monday 11th, Grants followed on against the large majority of 165.

Moon and Winckworth were the first two, and they soon got to work, the latter especially scoring very rapidly. Having made 28 out of 44 he was bowled by Probyn, and Veitch came in, but after 30 runs were added he lost Moon, l. b. w. to Daniel (74. 2. 23.) Stevens came next, and after seeing Veitch caught off Probyn for 35, was clean bowled by Balfour. Woodbridge quickly hit up 15, and was then bowled by Probyn, and Oliver was caught off the next ball. Mills and Lambert then got together and made a long stand, both playing good cricket. When the latter's score was at 18 Probyn bowled him a ball before he was ready, and he hit at it and was bowled. As he was palpably unprepared for the ball, however, Probyn and Balfour very generously asked him to go in again, and the offer was accepted. He then increased his score to 63 not out, compiled by splendid cricket, without giving a chance. Mills got 21 by steady play, and E. W. Woodbridge got 12, the innings closing for 229. Balfour and Probyn again got most of the wickets between them. Rigauds were thus left with 63 to get to win.

With 20 on the telegraph Moon clean bowled Harrison with a shooter, and at 24 three more wickets fell, A. M. Balfour being caught off Moon, and Ash and Burge clean bowled. Then Probyn joined Willett, and both played steadily for a few overs and added a dozen runs, and then Willett was well thrown out by Moon while attempting to run a bye. Daniel followed, and hit Stevens for 5, and was then caught at the wicket off Moon (43—6—5), and Weichand was clean bowled next ball. Grants' hopes now rose high, and they were further augmented when Balfour was clean bowled by Stevens, and Probyn caught at slip. The latter had compiled a steady and invaluable innings of 17, and had made a very plucky attempt to save the game. Blaker was then joined by Balfour, who hit Stevens' first ball to leg, but Blaker was run out in attempting a fourth run, and Grants were left victors by 6 runs, after one of the most exciting matches ever played for the Shield.

Moon again bowled splendidly, obtaining 6 wickets for 18 runs.

In conclusion we desire to express our approval of the sportsmanlike conduct of Probyn and the rest of the Rigaudite eleven in allowing Lambert to continue his innings.

RIGAUDS.

A. H. Harrison	run out	...	73	b. Moon	...	13
A. Willett	b. Moon	...	11	run out	...	11
A. M. Balfour	b. Moon	...	0	c. E. W. Wood-		
				bridge b. Moon	o	
C. Ash	b. Moon	...	11	b. Moon	...	0
F. Burge	c. Veitch, b. Moon	6		b. Moon	...	0
P. C. Probyn	c. Veitch, b. Oliver	39		c. Moon, b.		
				Stevens	...	17
E. C. Daniel	b. Moon	...	18	c. Veitch, b.		
				Moon	...	5
P. Weichand	c. A. R. Woodbridge			b. Moon	...	0
	b. Moon	...	15			
A. E. Balfour	b. Oliver	...	0	b. Stevens	...	0
R. Blaker	e. b. w. Moon	8		run out	...	2
C. E. Balfour	not out	...	0	not out	...	3
	Byes 28, L. Byes 5			L. Byes 2, Wide		
				Ball 1	...	
	Extras wides 2 No.			No Balls	2	
	Balls 7	...	42	Extras	...	5
	Total	...	223	Total	...	56

GRANTS.

W. N. Winck-	b. Probyn	...	7	b. Probyn	...	28
worth				not out	...	63
A. G. Lambert	b. Balfour	...	5	b. Balfour	...	14
G. P. Stevens	run out	...	1	e. b. w. Daniel	23	
E. G. Moon	St. Probyn b.					
	Balfour	...	7	b. Probyn	...	21
R. O. Mills	c. Weichand, b.					
	Balfour	...	8	c. Ash, b.		
J. G. Veitch	b. Balfour	...	1	Probyn	...	35
				b. Probyn	...	15
A. R. Woodbridge	c. Blaker, b.					
	Balfour	...	19	c. Balfour, b.		
F. G. Oliver	b. Daniel	...	0	Probyn	...	0
				b. Probyn	...	12
E. W. Woodbridge	c. Probyn, b.					
	Balfour	...	0	b, Balfour	...	1
B. I. Southey	not out	...	1	b. Balfour	...	6
P. Armitage	b. Balfour	...	0	Extras	...	11
				Byes 4, L. Byes		
Extras	Wides 7	...	7	5, Wides 1,		
				No. Balls 1		
	Total	...	56	Total	...	229

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

1ST INNINGS.

Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Moon	46.1	21	88
Oliver	28	13	43
Stevens	18	4	74

2ND INNINGS.

Moon	17	10	18	6
Stevens	8	5	16	2
Oliver	8	4	8	0
Mills	2	0	9	0

1ST INNINGS.

Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	
Balfour	14	7	22	7
Probyn	13	4	27	1
Daniel	1	1	0	1

2ND INNINGS.

Balfour	47	12	101	4
Probyn	37	10	94	5
Daniel	8	0	23	1

AN ECHO FROM THE SCHOOL.

While every humble songster chants thy praise,
 And no one deems him of too low degree
 To glorify thee at thy Jubilee,
 Shall we, Victoria, hesitate to raise
 A voice of admiration—poor in phrase,
 But rich in heartfelt gratitude? we whom
 Thine ancestress, long since lain in the tomb,
 Endow'd with blessings by which our young days
 Are made so happy,—blessings which should aim
 To rear men worthier to own thy rule,
 And to increase the honour of thy name,
 Whose love for Queen and country ne'er shall cool:
 Outside thy virtues, this alone doth claim
 A lowly tribute from a loyal school.

A. L. W.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—It was with much pleasure that I perused the last number of this review. There is one thing however, to which I should like to draw your attention. Your correspondent, while reminding your readers that a difference of opinion existed on the subject of the

pronunciation of Latin, might well have given us the benefit of his own (doubtless) matured judgment. There can I think be little doubt as to which is right and which is wrong. No other language in the world, for instance, gives the vowel A the pronunciation which ours does, and which we persist in giving to the A of classical languages. There is, I admit, no more potent benefactor of the school than the spirit of conservatism; but to keep an old custom on just because it is old, when it is evidently a bad one, is an example of letting sentimentalism and bigotry triumph over right and expediency.

I am, Sir, yours &c.,
 COMMENTATOR.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—The irregularities in the appearance of your otherwise extremely popular paper has lately been a subject of so much comment that I venture to take up my pen and propose a perfectly feasible remedy, viz: that a certain day should be fixed for its monthly appearance.

Am I wrong in saying that this is the last number of the year, and that this is only our 5th copy?

Feeling sure that this proposal will meet with the fullest consideration,

I remain, Sir,
 Your obedient servant,
 A SUBSCRIBER.

[No comment of the kind referred to has reached our ears; had that been the case, we should have given them the same answer as we do on the present occasion: namely that the Editors, after the greatest efforts, have found it impossible to remedy the defect alluded to by "A Subscriber" In saying that this is the last number of the year he is certainly wrong, for the year begins in December with the *Grantite Review*. ED.]

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