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vires acquirit eundo.

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CHISWICK.

THERE is probably no institution peculiar to Grants, to which members of the house owe so much happiness and comfort, as that known under the name of 'Chiswick.' When first a boy comes 'Up Grants,' the sight of that long room, divided into three studies and separated only by a narrow passage from the yard, to which it runs parallel, is sure to excite his curiosity and then his admiration. The first feeling is probably soon extinguished by an admonition.—'You musn't look into Chiswick,' from some initiated form fellow, or even from a newly-made Chiswicker, proud of his fresh position; the second is longer-lived, but is, we regret to say, in most cases dropped on the attainment of Chiswickian rank. Perhaps admiration scarcely expresses the feeling of 'hallery' with regard to that 'abode of the blest'; for the outward appearance of Chiswick is certainly not prepossessing, and like everything else at Westminster, it is, in the commonly accepted meaning of the term, decidedly the worse for wear. In another sense, it cannot be said to be so, if our pride in the relics of antiquity is any compensation for the loss of a handsome exterior.

As regards this visible decline of beauty (if Chiswick was ever in a position to boast on that head), we must take this opportunity of

congratulating Chiswickers on the new departure in decorating the walls of their 'sanctum sanctorum,' which can hardly be called a 'renaissance,' for never within our recollection has Chiswick been so tastefully, or so plentifully, adorned with pictures, plates, vases, and bric-a-brac of all sorts, as at the present time. 'Inner' took the lead a short time ago, with a handsome present from Chiswickers about to remove to Library; and now, Inner, Middle, and Outer Chiswick, if they are not perfect models of art, at least succeed in agreeably relieving the eye between the hours of study, fresh from the cold and bare walls of the form room. May this movement be religiously kept up; for to make Chiswick as comfortable as possible should be the effort of all who wish Grantites to do well in educational matters.

And be it remembered, whatever the artistic tendencies of future Chiswickers may be, one decoration, and by far the proudest we can have, will always remain so long at least, as a Grants worthy of its past shall continue to exist: I mean the goodly list of names carven, some neatly, some in rude letters, on the panels: some of them to recall many an honest Grantite to his schoolfellows, some to rouse the spirit of emulation in the hearts of present and future members of the house.

But it is in the evening that Chiswick is found the greatest boon to its inmates. What schoolboy has not, at some period of his

scholastic career, experienced, in preparing the lessons for the next day, the greatest discomfort from the noise of other less industrious students, or contributed, in common with scores of others, to the inconvenience of someone more studious than himself? Now, in Chiswick no such interruptions of labour need be feared, inasmuch as four persons out of five are not likely to make too much noise for the assiduous disposition of the remaining student.

Surely, with such advantages and facilities for hard work as Chiswick affords, Grants ought always to be as much to the fore in the graver duties of school life, as she has been (during this year at least) on the cricket and football fields.

NOTES.

We beg to congratulate G. P. Stevens on obtaining his "pinks," E. A. Everington his "pink and whites:" and R. O. Mills, F. G. Oliver, N. P. Wright and C. Powell on getting their House colours. We also beg to congratulate A. Ellershaw and O. G. on getting his Woolwich colours.

The Grantite XI. therefore is as follows:—Moon, Veitch, Stevens, "Pinks," Winkworth, Everington, "Pink and Whites," A. R. Woodbridge, A. G. Lambert, R. O. Mills, F. G. Oliver, N. Wright, C. Powell, House Colours.

Several rounds of the yard-ties have been played, but they have been considerably delayed by the inclemency of the weather and also the proximity of the House matches.

WESTMINSTER EXPRESSIONS.

In England's oldest public schools it was, and may still be, a custom that each new boy should possess himself within a certain period, and that a short one after his advent to that place of education, of a perfect knowledge and acquaintance with all school traditions, customs and language; and if on careful examination by the monitorial authority he should be found wanting in any way and not be thoroughly up in all points of school etiquette, the result was, to say the least, of a very disastrous character to the new comer. At Westminster our pride would not allow us to indulge in what almost seems to be tyrannical. If a young Westminster has not sufficient affection and respect for his school, he certainly will hardly gain it by having it banged into him. In point of fact personal experience has shewn that it needs must be a most stubborn and hardened nature that would not take the keenest interest in Westminster, surrounded as it is by so many historical associations and traditions, and possessing so famous and far-extending a past.

All public schools have, what may be styled, a dialect of their own—a list of words, arising from internal associations and various other causes—and in this Westminster is not behindhand: of late, however, many old words have been falling into disuse, many new terms being introduced. It is difficult to prevent these sad changes, and they take place so slowly that they are almost unpreventable, and when one awakes, alive to the danger, it is too late to rectify the evil. It may not therefore be amiss to mention shortly a few expressions peculiar to Westminster, stating, as far as possible, the derivations of the words.

Every Grantite knows what is meant by

“Chiswick”; perhaps every one does not know that these studies were so named to commemorate the exodus of the school to Chiswick at the time of the great plague. Another expression peculiar to Grants is “to cus” (pronounced cuss.) This meant to change one’s coat and boots and to make oneself generally tidy before tea in the evening. To do this every one had to go upstairs to the dormitories, and the initial letters of the words “come upstairs” were taken to form the word “cus.”

Former generations have christened the street boys “scis” (pronounced skies), likening themselves and their natural enemies to the Romans and the Volsci, and it is easy to see how the first syllable of this word fell off in accordance with the usual tendency of the English to clip words. “Scadger” which means the same thing, more or less, as “sci” is rather more difficult to derive. It may possibly be a shortened form of ‘scavenger.’ This derivation however is merely a conjecture and for the present must not be accepted as positive. Probably the smallest boy in the school knows that to “greeze” means to squash or push and that a “greeze” means squashing or pushing. Its derivation is not so easy to see: it may probably be an onomatopaeic word. Mon. Os., which should not be written as one word, and which stands for “Monitor ostium,” simply means, as a classical boy will see at once “Monitor of the doors.” The Westminster meaning attached to the word “station” should be noticed, though it is not quite easy to see how it came to be used in its present sense of compulsory attendance on any occasion (generally at games but by no means limited to this.)

One seldom hears a younger member of the school say that he is “Up School,” though he means the same thing when he says he is in

detention or “in deten’”—Horrible expressions! A boy was put up school by his master for not knowing his work. “Up School” was held once a week in the Big School on Thursday and derived its name from the fact of its being held “Up School.” Is there any reason why the name “Up School” should not be retained? It may be said to be more “Up School” than ever, as it takes place every day of the week, Saturdays excepted. Another objectionable word has lately found its way into the school, one too especially peculiar to private schools. Thirty years ago any boy, who used the word “chap,” when he meant to say “fellow,” would have received such a licking at the hands of his companions, as would make him think twice before using it again. Bear this in mind, ye present Westminsters, when you hear anyone using the word, and if you are the stronger of the two, take a hint from this historical fact. Such is a brief and imperfect account of a few words most commonly known and used at Westminster. To give a longer list would be to exceed the space allotted in the present number: at the same time an opportunity may offer itself to continue the list in another number of this paper at no distant period.—

A. G. O. E.

[Apropos of the above subject, we are authorized to state that a catalogue of “Westminster Expressions” is being collected and will be presented to the school, we hope, in a very complete form. Any suggestions or contributions, derivations or authority for words will be gladly received by the compilers and should be addressed to the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.—ED.]

YARD TIES.

BOARDERS. 1ST ROUND.

F. P. Farrar.	}	v.	}	H. M. Davson.
G. E. Mills.				H. D. Everington.
B. I. Southey.				E. G. Burton.

This tie was rather onesided, Mills' forward play being exceptionally brilliant. Davson for the losers made some effective kicks. Farrar's side won by 12 goals to 4.

E. G. Moon.	}	v.	}	R. O. Mills.
N. P. Wright.				H. L. Colville.
V. E. Francke.				E. W. Woodbridge.

Moon's side won by 15 goals to 8. Moon exhibited some very neat dribbling—Mills tried hard to avert defeat.

A. G. Lambert.	}	v.	}	E. F. Knox.
C. T. G. Powell.				R. A. Yeld.
H. C. Barnes.				G. H. G. Scott.

Lambert's side very easily ran away from the others and won by 16 goals to 2. Scott promises to be a very good man when he has grown a little more.

J. G. Veitch.	}	v.	}	E. A. Everington.
F. G. Oliver.				H. H. Burt.
J. O. Powell.				F. J. Maclean.

This tie was very uneven, Veitch's side winning by 18 goals to 5. Veitch and Powell played well for the winners and Maclean and Burt for the losers.

J. P. Stevens.	}	}	}	a bye.
A. R. Woodbridge.				
W. T. Barwell.				

HALF-BOARDERS.

Henderson.	}	v.	}	D. P. Winckworth.
W. N. Winckworth.				F. Eccles.
Clift.				J. Corbett.

This was a very exciting tie but W. Winckworth by very bold and energetic play enabled his side to win by 4 goals to 1. The scoring in this tie was unusually low.

P. Armitage.	}	v.	}	A. Lambton.
R. Chamberlain.				Fitzmaurice.
L. Chamberlain.				Jones.

This was a very close tie indeed, Lambton playing a very plucky game. His dribbling was highly applauded also that of Fitzmaurice. Armitage by his lengthy reach of limb, effected much and made the result doubtful till the last minute, when the result was 8—7 in favour of Armitage.

Stopford.	}	}	}	a bye.
Cory.				
Campbell.				

2ND ROUND.

BOARDERS.

E. G. Moon.	}	v.	}	G. P. Stevens.
V. E. Francke.				G. E. Mills.
H. C. Barnes.				J. O. Powell.

Steven's side was obliged to scratch owing to the disablement of Mills when the score was at 9—7. Moon's side having the best of the game. The combination of Mills and Powell was excellent.

J. G. Veitch.	}	v.	}	A. G. Lambert.
A. R. Woodbridge.				F. G. Oliver.
B. I. Southey.				N. P. Wright.

Lambert's side did not show up so well as was expected and Veitch's consequently won by 15 goals to 4. Woodbridge played well for the winners.

C. T. G. Powell.	}	}	}	a bye.
F. P. Farrar.				
W. T. Barwell.				

The result of the Penultimate round and the Final will be published in the next number.

GRANTS v. HOME-BOARDERS.

This match, the first for the new Shield, was played up fields on Monday, March 21st, and resulted in a brilliant victory for Grants by 6 goals to 1. Grants won the toss, and Wodehouse kicked off from the Church end a little past 2 o'clock. The Home boarders were the first to score from good shot by Witherby from half-back, which Everington was unable to reach. On the ball being again set in motion Grants took it into the Homeboarder territory and Stevens shot just outside the post. Woodbridge and Wright then made a good rush which was followed by a couple of corners by Mills and a splendid shot by Moon from back, which however was headed over by Prothero. Soon after Veitch scored the first goal for Grants from a good shot from the left, which Gregory vainly attempted to save. (1-0) Lambert scored next with a fine shot from the left after a good run by Veitch. On the ball being

restarted the Homeboarders ran down into our ground but effected nothing, and Woodbridge getting the ball, ran down the right and middled to Veitch, who put the ball through (3-1). The Homeboarders again made a combined rush down to the Grantite goal and Doherty missed a rather easy shot. After this Lambert and Woodbridge each had a shot but both went behind. Again Edwards and Whinney brought the ball towards the Grantite end, but half time was called just as the backs got it away.

On change of ends Grants began to wire up, and a long shot from Veitch was stopped by Gregory. Hemmerde immediately got the ball away but tripped up as he was about to shoot. Edwards shot again but Everington fisted the ball out and Veitch got away, but effected nothing. Shortly afterwards Lambert and Powell made a good run but they were stopped by the Homeboarder backs. Soon after this Veitch again scored for Grants (4-1). The Homeboarder forwards then wired up and brought the ball down to our end but Veitch getting away again scored for Grants, (5-1). Shortly afterwards Woodbridge added another goal to the Grantite score with a fine shot from the right. After this the Homeboarders several times approached our goal but their shots went behind. Gregory again saved a shot by Veitch, and when time was called after only an hour's play, the score was 6 goals to 1 in favour of Grants. The ground was in a very sticky condition or we might have added more goals to our score. For Grants the best were—

Veitch, Woodbridge and Wright forward, and Moon and Winckworth back. For them Hemmerde worked hard, and Clarke was good, while Thornton and Doherty were the best of the defence.

The teams were as follows :—

(Grants) E. A. Everington (goal), E. G. Moon (Capt.), and F. G. Oliver (backs), W. N. Winckworth, G. P. Stevens and R. O. Mills (halfbacks), A. G. Lambert and C. T. G. Powell (left wing), J. G. Veitch (centre), N. P. Wright and A. R. Woodbridge (right wing) (forwards).

(Homeboarders) H. Gregory (goal), R. G. Thornton and A. G. Prothero (backs), H. H. Gordon, H. Witherby and W. V. Doherty (half backs), H. L. Edwards and E. V. Whinney (left wing) W. M. Wodehouse (centre), A. G. Clarke and A. J. Hemmerde (Capt.) (right wing) (forwards).

GRANTS v. RIGAUDS.

This match was played on the 25th of March and resulted in a victory for Grants by 4 goals to 1 after a hotly contested game. Rigauds won the toss and elected to play against a very strong wind for the first half. Veitch kicked off soon after 2.30 o'clock and the ball was quickly brought before the Rigaudite goal. Two corners fell to Mills and one to Winckworth without any result. Shortly after this Veitch, obtaining the ball, gained the first point for Grants by a good shot—(1-0) Grants, still continued to pen their opponents despite the excellent back play of A. M. Balfour and Harrison, and Lambert, from a magnificent shot, scored a second goal for Grants—(2-0). The ball was again put through the Rigaudite posts but was disallowed on plea of offside. Rigauds now obtained the ball, and a combined rush by Probyn and Burge brought the ball in front of Grants' goal. Moon however cleverly cleared his lines and the ball being brought

before the Rigaudite goal, was neatly put through by Stevens (3-0). Half-time was now called when the ball was restarted, Veitch brought the ball in front of their goal and shot, Weichand however saving it.—After some loose play on both sides in which Daniel distinguished himself, Lambert passing to Powell, the latter put it through thus gaining the fourth goal for Grants—(4-0). After this, the game was more even, Probyn and Druitt showing up well for Rigauds, while Grants' half-backs did much good work. From a good run from Druitt who passed to Willet, the latter put the ball through the posts, thus gaining the only point for Rigauds (4-1). Some more shots ensued which Everington cleverly fisted out and Woodbridge ran the ball to the Rigaudite end, where it was kept until, shortly after "time" was whistled. For Grants every one played well, while for Rigauds, A. M. Balfour, Harrison, and Willett played best. The teams were as follows :—

Rigauds :—P. Weichand (goals), A. M. Balfour, and A. H. Harrison (backs), A. E. Balfour, A. M. Daniel, K. Vickers, (half-backs), C. Hurst and M. Druitt, (right), P. C. Probyn (Capt.) (centre), H. Willett and F. Burge (left wing) (forwards).

Grants :—E. A. Everington (goals), E. G. Moon (Capt.) and F. G. Oliver (backs), W. N. Winckworth, G. P. Stevens, R. O. Mills, (half-backs), N. P. Wright and A. R. Woodbridge, (right), J. G. Veitch (centre), C. Powell and A. G. Lambert (left-wing) (forwards).

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

MY DEAR SIR,—The complaint made by Big Court in your last number is only, alas! too true; when I returned to Westminster on Play night last term, to enjoy my

annual game of Racquets about midnight I found the Courts in a dreadful state. My balls never bounced true, and I hardly managed to 'keep it up' for more than 4 or 5 times; I don't find it very easy to see the balls at that hour, especially when the Courts are so untrue. The consequence was I did not enjoy my 'knock-up' much—and if the Courts are not improved a bit, it really will not be worth my while, coming all the way I have to come, though as an old Westminster there is nothing I enjoy so much as my return to the dear old place and I wish I could come oftener than I do, but the Fates won't allow. But when I do come surely I might enjoy myself in a harmless 'knock-up' thus recalling my former skill, and the friendly faces that used to be my companions in those sacred precincts.

Yours, dear Sir, very humbly,
RACQUET COURT GHOST.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—I wish to call attention to the name "Fag," applied to Grantites 'Town Boy Juniors' is I believe the correct "Westminster."

I remain yours,
X. Y. Z.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—I wish to call attention to a fact hitherto misrepresented. To read a number of the *Elizabethan* or *Grantite Review* one would imagine that the performances of the Glee Society are very popular amongst the school as a whole. As a matter of fact they are quite the opposite. Great objections are raised at the way in which attendance is practically rendered compulsory on Wednesdays at these Concerts, which is the only day on which there are no occupations. Would it not be better to have the Concerts only twice a term?

I remain yours,
"CHISWICK."

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