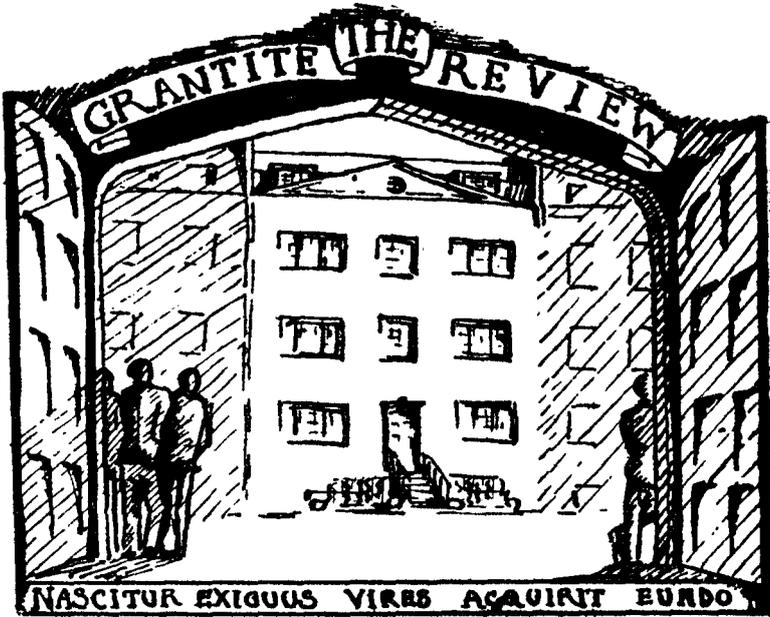


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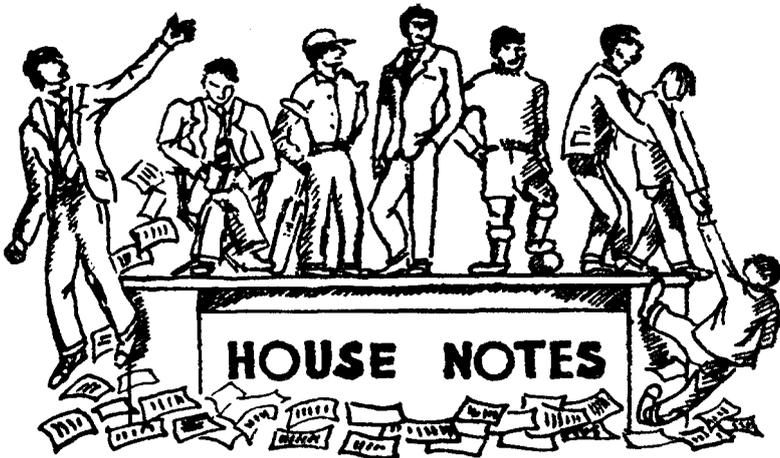
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## EDITORIAL

Grant's has had in the past, and still enjoys a fine collection of Heroes, boys whom nature has endowed with that enviable ability to outshine their fellows, commanding respect and admiration in their chosen field. But it is not from the ranks of such as these that the House draws her life-blood, nor ever will she. It is rather the sturdy prop, the average undistinguished fellow, who, while never standing apart, never exciting comment, yet, by a combination of perseverance and goodwill embodies the spirit and tradition of the House and makes it what it is.

Such a boy was Boundsey. Not for him the glory of a hat trick at Vincent Square, nor yet the more lasting triumph of a scholarship to one of our universities. He was, as he himself with a certain modest pride was the first to admit, "just an average fellow," doing his work, plying a dependable oar, regularly attending classes in campanology, eating his lunch, leaping off the mantlepice, he attained in all things an endearing mediocrity. Heroes we acclaim, but it is on Boundsey and his type that the House thrives. Long may it do so.



There left us last term: E. C. Blauvelt, A. G. Cheyne, J. A. Macfarlane, H. H. L. Phillips, N. E. Skeffington, P. B. Westoby, M. Makower and A. M. Rentoul.

We welcome this term: P. J. Bottomley and R. A. Summerfield as boarders.

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Congratulations to: P. C. S. Medawar on his Seniors and Thirds for Cricket.

and to: C. Macfarlane on his Seniors and Colts for Water.

and to: J. A. Corcoran and A. E. Richmond-Watson on their Seniors for Water.

and to: F. B. Lowe and R. N. Chinn on their Seniors for Cricket.

and to: R. J. Abbott on his Seniors for Tennis.

and to: J. K. Ledlie on his Colts for Cricket.

and to: M. A. Hall and R. Pain on their Junior Colts for Cricket.

and to: E. R. Espenhahn and J. K. Ledlie and R. Pain and M. A. Hall on their Juniors for Cricket.

and to: C. D. Gale and N. R. K. Halpin on their Juniors for Tennis.

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R. D. Creed won the Levi Cup for Photography. J. S. Ingham won the Masonic Essay Prize.

Head of House is R. D. Creed.  
Monitors are C. W. Redgrave, G. B. Patterson, R. G. M. Spry  
(Day Boy), C. P. Wakely and M. D. Fairbairn.  
Head of Hall is J. T. Wylde.  
Hall Monitors are M. B. McC. Brown, M. C. Norbury and  
P. J. B. Latey.

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R. D. Creed is *Princeps Oppidanorum*.  
R. G. M. Spry is Captain of Football.  
N. R. P. Heaton is Captain of Shooting.  
C. W. Redgrave is Captain of Fencing.  
G. B. Patterson is Secretary of Fencing.  
The House won the Squire Bowl last year, having won the  
Halahan, the Fencing, the Shooting and sharing the Football Shield.

## HOUSE DIARY

### MESS SOUP

Those of us who were on the school party that visited the charming town of Richmond in the Yorkshire Moors last holidays may well have been surprised by the vast quantities of soup served to the camp at lunch; those who visited Folkestone last year certainly were. The explanation of this phenomenon, a closely guarded secret until now, dates from the first day, when it was discovered that the soup provided was not sufficient to satisfy our College Hall swollen appetites. A deputation was sent to the cookhouse and duly returned to the mess tent some minutes later with a second can of the good liquid. The next day the two cans once more appeared and, in fact, continued to do so for the rest of the week; and then on Sunday only one can was forthcoming. An indignant consultation was held, and once more a deputation was dispatched to the cookhouse, which after a very short time returned souplless but smiling. On the Monday the two cans were once more in position and continued to arrive until the end of camp.

Now to those not in the know, the source of the soup remained an insoluble problem. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord," was the only comment on Sunday; and, indeed, most of the Westminster contingent may well have known as little of what was going on in the dark depths of the cookhouse sheds as did the school in the mess tent next to them. And here lies the key to the mystery; for the first day the deputation sent to the cookhouse had "somehow" managed to get their hands on the soup destined for the tent next door; a few cigarettes had changed hands, no questions were asked, and, hey presto! All went well until Sunday when an unfortunate "faux pas" let the precious can of soup slip through to its rightful destina-

tion. There was much consternation, and it was greatly feared that the cat was out of the bag; but nothing happened, and the soupless school remained apparently contented with its lot. Camp ended and nothing more was heard of the matter.

The true reason for the passive acceptance of their condition by the tent whose soup was appropriated can only be a matter of conjecture. It is even doubtful whether the matter occurred to them at all, so veiled in mystery and hearsay is the whole story. But it is my own theory, and I only heard the tale fourth or fifth hand that the poor misfortunates next door to us never knew that there was any soup at all, until Sunday, and then only thought that it was a special treat. I may be right; I may be wrong; but who can say? Perhaps I have just made it up to fill in space.

## MATRON

Miss W. Hoare is leaving us at the end of this term, having been married during the Exeat to Colonel G. R. V. Kinsman, C.M.G., D.S.O. Although we are sorry that she is leaving us, we wish her every happiness in her married life.

## WATER

Nineteen-fifty-seven proved to be yet another victorious rowing year for Grant's. The House completed its hat-trick by winning the Halahan for the third year, a feat never before achieved.

However, although this year's Regatta was a happy event, our victory, somehow, seemed to mark the end of Grant's "turn" to win the Halahan. Lower in the House, Grant's rowing assets seem to have sunk to practically nothing, but in saying this, I am, I hope, taking far too pessimistic an attitude of our future hopes.

On Finals Day Grant's was represented in the Senior IVs, the Junior-Senior IVs, the Senior Sculls and both sides of the Junior-Senior Sculls. Having lost the Finals of the Double Sculls on Friday to Rigaud's "B", the points lay at: Rigaud's 36, Grant's 24. To win the Halahan we could only afford to lose one Final. Undoubtedly the most surprising and satisfying result for Grant's came from Macfarlane's victory in the Senior Sculls. Everyone had presumed that Davison (AHH.) would win and Macfarlane is highly to be commended for having proved the "experts" wrong, very convincingly. Then came the Junior-Senior Fours which we won through extraordinary determination on the part of the crew.

The Senior Four, which we regret to say might almost have been called a shambles, then proceeded to lose convincingly to Rigaud's. Lastly everyone held their breath while Fairbairn and Westoby raced along the course in an all Grant's Final of the Junior-Senior

Fours in terrible conditions, in which Westoby took the lead at the start of the race and kept it that way. After this very satisfactory Finals everyone settled down to a hearty tea in the new Tea Room.

During the holidays Macfarlane again distinguished himself very forcibly by winning the Junior Sculls at the Henley Town and Serpentine regattas.

Grant's were represented by Hewitt and Macfarlane in the Westminster Watermen VIII which did very well in the regattas during the holidays winning the Junior-Senior VIIIs at Maidenhead and Henley Town.

Altogether a very satisfying season both for the House and the School.

## CRICKET

Cricket Seniors usually run very much to a set pattern and although there are always one or two surprise victories every season, it is very unusual for any side to come much higher or lower than expected at the outset.

Grant's were not, on paper, a strong side, and by coming fourth out of seven in the final table they were one place lower than they should have been, due largely to a surprise defeat by Busby's.

In the first match, against Wren's, Grant's won by 10 wickets against practically no opposition. Lowe and Hall scored the few runs required with little effort. This good start was probably the cause of Grant's bad showing against Busby's who batted first and scored 123 in quick time, a rather low score. Grant's however, started slowly and due to two unfortunate run outs failed to reach this low total in spite of a good last minute stand between Pain and Espenhahn.

College, the eventual winners, had a strong side and, although they lacked good batsmen, scored quite enough runs to dismiss Grant's easily with plenty of time to spare.

An easy victory was gained against Ashburnham who had a very weak side.

Rigaud's, in the running for first place, were, at first, completely on top of Grant's taking the first 7 wickets for 58. However, Alderson and Espenhahn put on a very good last wicket stand of 42 and thanks to this and a fine innings by A. G. Cheyne, Grant's again had some chance. Unfortunately, enough runs had still not been scored and in spite of several quick wickets near the end Rigaud's won easily.

Liddells, playing in seniors for the first time, were far too weak and the seniors ended with Grant's winning by a huge number of runs and wickets.

During the season it became apparent that some of the younger players in the House were better than the more experienced members of the team and they were also much more determined to fight back

in a difficult situation, as was shown by the Busby's and Rigaud's matches.

Most of the runs were scored by R. G. M. Spry, A. G. Cheyne, Lowe and Hall, though Pain, Espenhahn and Alderson all scored runs in our hours of need. Cheyne kept wicket throughout and the main bowlers were Spry and Medawar. Two very keen players were Chinn and Ball, both of whom proved very useful in the field.

On this season's showing one would expect Grant's to have a very good side in two or three years.

At Grove Park Grant's did better than at Vincent Square by winning the league.

## FENCING

The individual foil competitions will be held towards the end of the term, and a strong Grant's entry is forecast. In the senior competition we shall be represented by C. W. Redgrave, winner for the last two years, G. B. Patterson and A. H. Lee, now fighting in the "A" team. We shall meet some stiff competition from College and Wren's, but the prospects are bright. For the junior contest we cannot be so sanguine.

Beginning to fence this term are N. R. Halsted and G. C. Pope.

## TENNIS

Five tennis players left last year and only three new ones came, leaving the total at six. The Barnes Cup won last year by Clarke was inevitably lost to Ashburnham this summer; only Munro-Faure and Ball succeeded in reaching the quarter-finals, where they were both comfortably defeated. In the doubles Munro-Faure and Abbott reached the semi-final and were only beaten 5—7, 6—4, 14—16 by a strong Busby pair after a tremendous struggle. The second pair, Wakely and Ball, though they put up a spirited performance, were beaten in the first round. In the junior singles competition, despite a large Grantite entry, only Hornsby reached the quarter-finals; many preferred to decide the match with a coin rather than a tennis ball and this is most unsatisfactory way for all concerned. The organisers are constantly irritated by boys who have neither the time nor inclination to play and it was disappointing to see so many Grantites in this category. It was unexpected that Gale and Halpin should reach the final of the junior doubles, the hope resting in Noakes and Sandford-Smith, who gave their opponents a walk over. However, Halpin and Gale were unable to master the winners' experience, although they showed great spirit and determination.

Abbott was awarded his House Seniors and succeeds Munro-Faure as Captain of House Tennis; Juniors were awarded to Gale and Halpin.

## CHESS

Since the last *Grantite* came out, much has happened in the world of House Chess. At the end of last term the much forecast inter-house team competition had already begun; indeed, was well on the way to completion; and the seeds of Grant's chess which had been growing steadily throughout the Spring and early Summer had at last begun to show their fruits. Our team was not, on paper, a strong one, for two members were junior enough never to have played for the House before, and even the second board had not played since his fourth board days back in the dim past; but the season was in front of us, and we were sure of gaining at least experience.

Our first match was with Busby's, a strong side with two members of the school team, and, at best, we hoped for a draw and this we got, two games all.

The second round of the competition was against Rigaud's, and here we were very lucky indeed, and, moreover, played well. Not only did we win 3—1, but we had the satisfaction of knowing that not one of us had been defeated; for both Fairbairn and Halsted, playing on boards two and three respectively, gained draws, the latter by a very skilful stale-mate from a sticky position. Moreover, Espenhahn surprised everyone by beating Baughan, who was, let it be whispered, one of Rigaud's best players placed tactically on board four, and Patterson won on board one. This was, on the whole a good effort all round.

We were next, however, drawn against Ashburnham easily the strongest team in the running, and here luck failed us. Result: match lost 3½—½, and Ashburnham well on the path to total victory.

Grant's succeeded in playing no further matches during the rest of the Election term, but started this term well with a match against Liddell's. Result was another victory: 3—1.

We are not, of course, in a position to come first for Ashburnham are virtually unbeatable by now, and we still have to play the strong Wren's and College teams. Yet we have most certainly done better than was expected. Fairbairn has gradually found his old touch, and is now set to render great services on board two; Patterson has succeeded in justifying his office on board one; but a very great share of the credit must be given to the two new members of the team, N. Halsted and P. I. Espenhahn, who have so mastered their inexperience as to become most useful third and fourth boards. Those of the old guard may rest assured when they leave, that House Chess, far from going to the dogs, will be in the hands of up-and-coming players who will have on their side vigour, and the unusual combination of Youth and Experience.

## MUSIC

The individual events in the competitions provided relatively few surprises. Grant's was well represented, but, with a number of

close finishes in which we invariably seemed to be narrowly edged out of a place by the odd point, only in the senior duet played by C. W. Redgrave and R. D. Creed, and in the strings, where S. C. Pollitzer in his first music competition gained second place, did we receive points. Nevertheless, credit is due to E. G. Jones and A. H. Lee for coming a very respectable fourth.

In the ensemble, Grant's were second by one point to College. This year, singing Vaughan-Williams' arrangement of "Bushes and Briars," we were curiously weak in the tenor parts, and this it was that spoilt an otherwise musical performance.

It has been the custom in the past for house choirs to be kept on tenterhooks during the summing up at the end. This year was no exception. For several agonizing minutes we waited, knowing that we were hard pressed by College, who had earlier sung with considerable brio "We're going home." Finally, the fact that in Warlock's "The Jolly Shepherd" we had attempted something on a harder scale, told in our favour.

## JUNIOR LIT. SOC.

### A VISIT TO WATNEY'S BREWERY

A grey, pouring morning; rivulets swirling in the gutters. Little groups groping for umbrellas—umbrellas spitting incessantly from their gargoyles to the groups, umbrellas headed by a figure wielding one without a handle. Here is Grant's House Junior Literary Society struggling behind Mr. French on their way to the Victoria Street bus stop.—St. Luke's day, all soaking—but jolly, for imaginations and throats are intent on Watneys White Stag Brewery at Victoria, or at least its contents.

The brewery is ragged and grey and spiked with formidable belching towers. We were harboured first in the boiler room covered in greasy pipes and handles. It proved not to be the main show room of the brewery—when we were forked out by one of the "chief brewers," a kindly, round fellow in a grubby brown jacket and spotless overall. The first place of visit is up a flight of iron steps, where the tubs of malt are stewing away. If you ever go, look out for a harmless ventilator underfoot whence issues a most malodorous steaming vapour. Up some three hundred stairs we were led to a threshing floor which was once a splendid expanse of maple wood—note the "once." During the war it was cemented through because of the bombs and after the firm had spent so many thousand pounds and ruined a famous floor, no bomb fell anywhere near.

You are spared a conducted tour because the brewer did all in such detail that I cannot recall it all. "Kiddy Wonder" books explain the process better than I.

But did you realise Watneys brewed the finest beers in the land? Do you know what Guinness do?—they dissolve great sides of

fatty beef into each copper of mixture—but Watneys, oh no, in goes all the ingredients that have been used for centuries. Mixed in the same vessels let me add. Machinery dates from Victoria and a Watsian steam engine (1870) looking in need of an old-age pension from the Science Museum, stands in perfect working order.

Scorn not the Watneys brewery. It started round 1680, is the only factory in Westminster and has a malicious pride in causing so much stench round Buckingham Palace when they brew. Their bottling is fascinating, enlivened by the smash and trickle of the odd bottle out and these they shake like a crowd of furious football fans or like the figures in the Mackeson advertisements.

There is no need to repeat that Watneys is unequalled. All remembered in mind and some in body the “ samples ” at the end. There they were, crate upon crate, in that visitors’ room and no one to restrain the twelve—well, what can you expect?

The empty, broken bottles and pools of spilt beer mounted with the minutes and the same twelve so politely standing when they entered, lolled now in the chairs. But no false impressions, please. N.B.—That the amount of empty Coco-Cola bottles exceeded even those of Hammerton Stout.

And, as we left, the sippers were convinced that Watneys was a splendid place and a splendid beer, but the drinkers, judging from their swaying looks, might not have been so sure.

## AUTUMN

Winter is drawing on  
In Washington  
And the lawns are turning brown.  
Leaves float down  
Like tickertape;  
People gape;  
The Queen’s in town.

Flags appear;  
The atmosphere  
Smells of booze  
And Big News.  
Yet the lawns are turning brown,  
Despite the Crown,  
Along the avenues.

But Progress  
Must greet the young Queen Bess  
As Queen to Queen;  
To be believed is to be seen:  
And when the great day dawns,  
All the lawns  
Have been painted green.

## OLD GRANTITE CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Grantite Club will take place Up House on Thursday, December 12th, at 6 p.m.

The Annual Dinner will take place on Friday, May 2nd, 1958.

## OLD GRANTITE NEWS

The death occurred on June 10th, 1957, at his home in London of Mr. William Cleveland-Stevens, C.M.G., Q.C., President of the Old Grantite Club, at the age of 76. Only a few weeks before his death Mr. Cleveland-Stevens had presided at the Annual Dinner of the Old Grantite Club held in the House of Lords.

Mr. Cleveland-Stevens was at Westminster from 1895 to 1899 from where he went up to Christ Church. He was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1907 where he became a Bencher in 1935 and Treasurer in 1955. He was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Birmingham in 1937, of Truro in 1940 and of Gloucester in 1946, and in 1939 he became Director of the Council of Legal Education and Head of the Inns of Court School of Law. He was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Enemy Exports Committee in 1939, and of the Contraband Committee in the following year. He took silk in 1930 and was appointed C.M.G. in 1953. In 1914 he married Ann Felicia, daughter of A. H. Strauss and she predeceased him in 1953.

In 1954 Mr. Cleveland-Stevens succeeded Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe as President of the Old Grantite Club, an appointment which, as a loyal son of the House, had given him much personal pleasure. He always took infinite trouble over the arrangements for the various Club functions and presided over them with a charm which will remain in the memory of all those who experienced it. In particular, it fell to him to preside over the memorable Dinner held Up House in 1955 which commemorated the rebuilding of Grant's, and right up until a few days before his death he was engaged in the Club's affairs. In particular, it had given him much pleasure to learn that Sir Adrian Boulton had agreed to allow his name to go forward for nomination for the Presidency at the Annual General Meeting in December, and it is indeed sad that at that Meeting the Club will not have the opportunity it would have wished to thank him for the years of his distinguished Presidency and his work for the House he loved so well.

The death occurred on July 10th, 1957, of WILLIAM GUY BORRODAILE, aged 64. He was up House from 1906 to 1907, and his son R. O. I. BORRODAILE was up House from 1935 to 1940.

GEORGE HUMPHREYS NEWTON, who was up House from 1896 to 1898, died on June 14th, 1957. He left school early to join Paget's

Horse in the South African War, and served in India in the 1914–1918 War. Before retiring from India he was Chief Engineer of the South Indian Railways.

LORD ADRIAN, O.M. (1903–1908) has been elected Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University.

R. J. M. BARON (1939–1944) who was awarded a Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the Air in the Birthday Honours List, has retired from the Royal Air Force, and is now living with his wife in Sweden. Present address: Arteorägen, 9, Johanneshov, Stockholm, where he will be very pleased to see any of his contemporaries if ever they should visit Sweden.

H. A. E. TILNEY-BASSETT (1945–1946) has moved to Surrey where he is engaged on district work with the Forestry Commission.

G. J. PUXON (1953–1956) sends greetings from Moscow without saying what he is doing there.

R. F. FULLER (1951–1955) is doing his National Service and was last heard of at Catterick.

D. J. VAN REST (1947–1952) is doing research work on grain drying as a Graduate Assistant in the Agricultural Engineering Department of Purdue University, Indiana.

C. J. H. DAVIES (1947–1952) was awarded a golf blue at Cambridge this year.