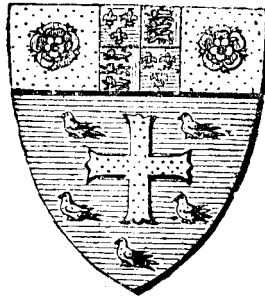


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## EDITORIAL.

We feel that we take up the editorial pen in peculiar, and to some of us somewhat sad, circumstances. Both the House and the School suffered more losses last term than we ever remember before, and every day we are reminded of the absence of many who seemed a part of our school life. Indeed, the present seems to be one of those rare occasions when we can definitely draw a line, and start a new chapter in our annals. Those few of us who have, as it were, outlived our generation have seen more changes than most in their five or six years here. We therefore feel that we need no excuse for offering our experience to the Granites of the future, to help them to meet many new phases in school life.

The recent change of headmasters has naturally awakened many new interests, and given a fresh impulse to old ones. The New Buildings, the Cadet Corps, the Scientific and Glee Societies, and the lectures Up School are but a few of the signs of renewed activity in all the branches of life at Westminster. But a much more important and far-reaching change had been going on in the midst of the last generation, and strangely enough has hardly attracted their attention. Whether it is the effect of our being a London school, or whether it is simply a sign of the times, it is becoming less and less usual for boys to stay at Westminster their full time. This modern craze for hurrying a boy into his business in life is producing the result, in a school where the numbers are steadily rising, of a very rapid change in the "personnel." If there is one thing which distinguishes Westminster among our great schools, it is the strength and

continuity of her traditions. From his very first day at the school a Westminster begins to feel the influence of a "genius loci," which is essentially the same to-day as it was in Busby's time. If when he leaves his "alma mater," her spirit has become, in Mr. Sargeant's words, "an abiding presence" in his life, he has learnt all that she has to teach him. The problem before the Westminster of to-morrow is whether, with increasing numbers who stay with her a shorter time, she will be able still to influence her sons thus.

Apart from the fact that the members cannot flourish if the whole body is sick, we have a selfish object in maintaining the true Westminster spirit, which we can best sum up in the familiar word "keenness," for the house where it is strongest is always the best. We hope that Grant's sets an example in this respect both in School and Up Fields. Our boarder element should and does give us an advantage over the half-boarder houses in fostering this spirit, but the triumphs of the past generation can only be emulated by the loyal and unselfish efforts of every Grantite. Let us cherish that pride which makes it unnecessary to have a Saturday afternoon station list up Grant's. More especially let the older boys realise their responsibility, for if we are outstripped in the race it is the fault of those of us who have not handed on the torch.

### THE PAST YEAR.

It cannot be said that the past year has been a great success. Grant's found Rigaud's too strong for her at football, and had to part with the new shield after holding it for the two years since its presentation. It was a disappointment, as we had beaten Rigaud's (1-0) in the trials, after an easy victory over H.B.B. (8-0), and in spite of the loss of M. J. Pemberton, the Grantite captain, we still hoped to be able to pull through and win. In the Lent Term, however, we were drawn against Rigaud's in the first round, and though Grant's pressed at first, Rigaud's secured the first goal by an extremely lucky shot. From this time Grant's seemed to utterly lose heart, although for a time they pressed again, but failed to score, and the game ended in a defeat of 4-1. Our football Pinks at the end of the year were Kirkpatrick and Houdret, both of whom have now left.

At the Sports, again, we lost the Cup to College, though we were beaten by but a narrow margin. Our points were won by Castle-Smith, Shearman, Lee, Reed, Worlock, and Horton, and we hope that they will repeat their successes this year. The O.W.W. race also fell to an O.G., H. Logan winning with the greatest of ease.

In Cricket Seniors we were also doomed to disappointment. In the first round we were drawn against A.H., and ran up a

score, in the first innings, of 364, of which Kirkpatrick contributed 201—a record for a total, and also for an individual score in a House match. It was, therefore, with hope that we started the match against Rigaud's, whom we dismissed for the absurd score of 78; but Grant's, alas! were no better, and only made 54. In the second innings Rigaud's made two less than before, but Grant's could not make more than 89, leaving Rigaud's winners by 12 runs. Kirkpatrick was, unfortunately, given out l.b.w., and but for that we should almost certainly have won.

In Football Juniors we beat H.B.B., drew with A.H., and lost to Rigaud's and College. In Cricket we beat Rigaud's and A.H., but lost to College.

Grant's has been much to the fore in the Cadet Corps, and H. C. G. Pedler made an excellent Colour-Sergeant. The Inter-House Shooting Cup has been won by Grant's, whose representatives made not only the highest total but also the highest individual scores.

Our losses in the House during the past year have been very great. R. E. Tanner, M. J. Pemberton, and G. St. B. S. Watkins left at the end of the Play Term, and G. Castle-Smith at the end of the Lent Term. At the end of Election Term D. S. Robertson was elected first to Trinity, where he had already won an Open Major Scholarship: we hope he will have a brilliant career. J. D. H. Dickson, J. S. Lewis, L. G. Kirkpatrick, H. C. G. Pedler, M. C. Houdret, A. F. Noble, G. J. E. Neville, and L. F. Thompson all left, much to everyone's regret. We can only wish them all success in the future.

### THE RHINE.

Atthrough a land of dreams, the land of Goethe's lays,  
The Rhine with current swift rolls 'neath the starry rays;  
Its moonlit castled crags rise up before my eyes,  
And ever to my ear its haunted water sighs.

And on each rolling wave as on a wizard's glass,  
The ghosts of Germany in dim procession pass;  
The dauntless chiefs who fought the mighty hosts of Rome,  
Who dared the Cæsars' wrath to save their hearth and home

They, frowning, fade away—a hedge of steel appears  
With god-like Cæsar there amidst the row of spears;  
The river rushes on, the wizard mirror brings  
The quaint old Gothic crowns of Carovingian kings.

Now also vanish they—The Hermit rears his cross,  
And chargers shrilly neigh and plumes in tumult toss,  
The knight leaps on his steed, his men obey his will,  
And thundering o'er the moat both ride to burn and kill.

Not yet they fade, not yet—still glide some lingering shades,  
And still some murmurs breathe the while the starlight fades,  
Still from the Lorelei I hear the Siren call,  
And still I see the ghost in Roland's mouldering hall! W. B. N.

## THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

We flatter ourselves that this Society has had a more successful term than there has been for several years. The motions have been more keenly debated, and the good order of the House has been much better maintained. There have been two debates, both of which were concluded in one evening.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18th, when the motion under discussion was, "That this House disapproves of the proposed use of Vincent Square during the holidays."

The proposer, Mr. F. G. Worlock, in a maiden speech, denounced the promoters of the movement as "Radical agitators." He stated also that it was of Roman Catholic origin. He said that it had been stated that Vincent Square was a common, which he denied, since it had been given to the School, and had belonged to them since 1810. He said that by the provisions of the Enclosure Act it was undoubtedly the property of the Governing Body, and that the people had no claim upon it. He showed the damage which would be almost certain to be done to the cricket pitch and to the football ground.

Mr. G. M. Nott-Bower, who opposed the motion, stated that the movement was purely philanthropic, and that the amount of suffering which it would save poor children was immense. He argued that there was no reason why the children should not be admitted under proper supervision, when all danger of such damage as Mr. Worlock had mentioned might be easily avoided. He made no attempt to deny the right of the School to the land, but thought that, as it had originally been a common, the authorities might, at least, lend it for the benefit of the poor.

Mr. Vecqueray's speech also was maiden. He appeared to think that the School would have to provide for the control of the children. He argued that if they were admitted once, they would be a constant nuisance in endeavouring to make a road through the Square, and that it would be very difficult to keep them out.

Mr. Worlock denied Mr. Nott-Bower's statement that the School ought to lend Vincent Square to the poor. He stated that it was granted to the School by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey, on condition that it should be reserved exclusively for the recreation of the boys of the School.

Mr. Ratcliffe-Cousins denied that commons were private property. He said that they were granted by the Sovereign to the people, and had no right to be enclosed.

Mr. Argyle said that if poor children, when admitted into Vincent Square, were to be placed under all kinds of restrictions, they would not be induced to enter. They were always happy enough in the streets, where their freedom was practically unlimited, and he did not see why they should wish to enter Vincent Square under those conditions.

Several more members spoke on the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

The second meeting was held on Tuesday, November 8th, when the motion of the evening was, "That this House disbelieves in the existence of Ghosts."

Mr. G. Rae Fraser proposed the motion. He said that although everyone knew someone who had seen a ghost, yet we never meet a person who can confidently state that he himself has seen a ghost. He said that the modern theory on the subject of ghosts is, that the brain is divided into two hemispheres, each of which is capable of taking an impression; that one of these hemispheres receives an impression while the other is at work; and that afterwards the two hemispheres form a fixed idea that something material has been seen. He said that, moreover, fear, which always accompanied such imaginary spectacles, deprives the brain of power to take accurate observation.

Mr. E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins, in opposing the motion, derived the word "ghost" from a Teutonic root, "gast," which means "to terrify." He therefore maintained that a ghost need not of necessity be visible; he argued that there was no reason why spirits should not return to warn or hold communication with people alive. He gave several instances of telepathy, and said that the existence of this force is undoubted. He stated that the Society for Psychical Research, a body formed entirely for the investigation of such cases, had found many well-authenticated instances of ghosts.

Mr. H. V. Hughes, who seconded the motion, said that the old idea of ghosts, that of figures dressed in white, carrying blood-stained knives, had almost disappeared. That in almost all cases in which people believed that they had seen ghosts, the ghosts had been proved to be masqueraders, and that, if they had not been unmasked, it was because they had not given their pursuers any chance to do so. He said that telepathy was a form of hallucination, and did not come under the heading of ghosts.

Mr. F. G. Worlock stated that in cases where men had some crime or evil act upon their conscience, it was only natural that they should imagine that they saw something supernatural where nothing of the kind really existed. He brought forward several cases in which supposed ghosts had been proved to be false.

The motion, which was keenly debated, was carried by acclamation.

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### JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

In Juniors, Grant's has been unusually successful this year, having won every match. The Cup has thus been won for the second time since its presentation.

Against Ashburnham, the team, on the whole, was perhaps at

its best; Ratcliffe-Cousins and Horton showed promise in this match. Our next opponents were H.B.B.; here again Grant's showed to advantage, being much quicker on the ball; the backs especially proved themselves capable.

Against College our forwards were most prominent, and of these Eyre played the best game, getting two of the three goals.

Our last match was against Rigaud's, when, although the result was a win for Grant's, our team could not have played worse. The forwards entirely lacked combination, and the halves the power to feed their forwards. Lee, with the exception of Hadley, in goal, who played a very good game, was the only one who seemed to play with any decision. Until the last ten minutes there was no score, but then Shearman obtained our first goal with a very fine shot from the half-way line; a few minutes before time G. Worlock added another. Grant's thus won by 2 goals to nil.

#### CRITICISMS ON THE JUNIOR TEAM.

**A. G. Lee**, as captain, generally played a good game, but he should look after his team more in the field.

**L. D. Looker** seems to have gone off considerably this year, and dribbles too much without getting any further forward with the ball.

**E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins** runs well down the wing, but seems incapable of getting in a good centre.

**R. Hadley**, in goal, was always safe, and at times effected some brilliant saves.

**C. G. Shearman** is a little too wild in his kicking, but he should be very useful in the future.

**W. R. Horton** is often erratic in his play, but always sticks well to his man.

**C. G. Reed** feeds his forwards well, but he should get rid of the ball sooner.

**H. Pemberton** uses his weight well, though he is far too slow to make a good half.

**G. Worlock** played with greater dash when on the wing, but as an inside was very poor; he is always much too inclined to overstep the ball.

**D. Graham** combined well with his centre and is a fairly good shot, but he lacks pace.

**G. Eyre** played well in the first three matches, and was especially good against College; with a little more experience he should make a very pretty forward.

#### THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Literary Society has had a very successful term, and the plays have been, on the whole, well read—especially Sheridan's

and Goldsmith's. Comedy seems to suit the Society best, though tragedy was by no means badly read. At the first meeting the *Critic* was read, and the parts were divided as follows:—

Mr. Tanner	...	...	<i>Puff.</i>
R. W. Reed	...	...	<i>Dangle, Hopkins.</i>
F. G. Worlock	...	...	<i>Sneer.</i>
G. R. Fraser	...	...	<i>Sir W. Raleigh, Justice, Confidant.</i>
E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins	...	...	<i>Sir C. Halton, Son.</i>
K. E. Newman	...	...	<i>Don Ferolo Whiskerandos.</i>
G. M. Nott-Bower	...	...	<i>Governor, Justice's Lady.</i>
H. V. Argyle	...	...	<i>Tilburina, &amp;c.</i>
A. G. Lee	...	...	<i>Leicester.</i>
J. I. Liberty	...	...	<i>Beefeater, Master of the Horse.</i>

The next play read was Shakespeare's *King Richard II.*, but it was not so well rendered as the others.

Mr. Tanner	...	...	<i>King Richard II.</i>
R. W. Reed	...	...	<i>John of Gaunt, Berkley, &amp;c.</i>
F. G. Worlock	...	...	<i>Bolingbroke, Salisbury, &amp;c.</i>
G. R. Fraser	...	...	<i>Duke of York.</i>
E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins	...	...	<i>Aumerle, Northumberland.</i>
K. E. Newman	...	...	<i>Green, Carlisle.</i>
G. M. Nott-Bower	...	...	<i>Mowbray, Exton.</i>
H. V. Argyle	...	...	<i>Duchess of Gloucester, Surrey, Queen.</i>
A. G. Lee	...	...	<i>Duchess of York, Willoughby.</i>
J. I. Liberty	...	...	<i>Lord Marshal, Abbot, &amp;c.</i>

The next play was again Shakespeare's. *As You Like It* was chosen, and was much better read than *King Richard II.* The following were the parts:—

Mr. Tanner	<i>Orlando.</i>	}	K. E. Newman	<i>Celia, Amiens.</i>	
R. W. Reed	<i>Touchstone, Dennis.</i>		G. M. Nott-	}	<i>Audrey, Hymen.</i>
F. G. Worlock	<i>Rosalind.</i>		Bower		
G. R. Fraser	<i>Duke, Sir O. Martext</i>		H. V. Argyle	<i>Phebe, Charles.</i>	
E. R. J. Ratcliffe-	} <i>Adam, Silvius.</i>		A. G. Lee	<i>Frederick, Jaques.</i>	
Cousins		J. I. Liberty	<i>Oliver, Corin.</i>		

Goldsmith's *Good-natured Man* was next read. (The play finished the Society's meetings for this term, much to everyone's regret; and we thank Mr. Tanner most heartily for the enjoyable meetings we have had.) It was much better read than any of the others, and everyone seemed to take much more interest in their parts.

Mr. Tanner	<i>Croaker.</i>	}	K. E. Newman	<i>Leontine.</i>	
R. W. Reed	<i>Honeywood.</i>		G. M. Nott-	}	<i>Garnet, Land-</i>
F. G. Worlock	<i>Lofty, Bailiff.</i>		Bower		
G. R. Fraser	<i>Olivia.</i>		H. V. Argyle	<i>Mrs. Croaker.</i>	
E. R. J. Ratcliffe-	} <i>Honeywood.</i>		A. G. Lee	<i>Miss Richland, Butler.</i>	
Cousins		J. I. Liberty	<i>Jarvis, Postboy.</i>		

## THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

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### GREAT COLLEGE STREET.

[The following are extracts taken from a lecture read by E. P. Warren, Esq., F.S.A., and we think they will be of some interest to our readers, owing to the close proximity to Grant's of the places described.]

Great College Street forms the southern boundary to the garden of Westminster Abbey [more generally known as College Garden], from which the street is separated by the well-known mediæval stone wall that runs along its northern side. In many old maps this is called the Dead Wall, and separated the garden from the path and watercourse, the situation of which are accurately represented by the street of to-day. In a map dated 1690, at the British Museum, this Dead Wall is shown as forming the southern enclosure of the Earl of Lindsey's garden, the eastern portion of which seemed to have formed part of the site of the Abingdon Street houses.

Many confident statements are to be met with that the watercourse in question was a tidal creek, practicable for boats and barges as far as the ancient Abbey gateway, represented by the archway at present giving access to the south-eastern corner of Dean's Yard, anciently called the "Elms." . . . . But in the recent demolition of buildings in Great College Street, and the subsequent excavations, nothing has been discovered either in the nature of quays, or of wharves, or in that of fragments of boats or apparatus of any sort, to warrant the supposition that the stream was navigable . . . . In Richard Bloom's map of the parish of St. Margaret's . . . . the position of the eastward commencement of uncovered water-way in Great College Street coincides with the bridge recently uncovered at the junction of the street with Tufton Street. . . . Bloom's map shows Tufton Street as the Bowling Alley . . . . and indicates several small bridges crossing the course of the stream in what is now Great College Street, and connecting the path that ran along the bank under the old wall, known as the Dead Wall. The bridge consists at present of a round brick arch or vault placed between two stone abutments or flanking walls of obviously earlier date. The brickwork appears to be, at earliest, of 17th century character, and the arch uncovered recently seems to be the end of a culvert rather than a bridge, and formed between the stone abutments of a demolished bridge, which was probably of timber, merely to enable the street to be carried solidly up to the entrance of Dean's Yard . . . . The stone abutments or flanking walls of the bridge are in fairly dressed masonry of Kentish rag, and are probably not later than the earlier part of the 15th century.

Eastward of the bridge, and marking the southern bank of the stream, is a row of small timber piles or camp shedding, probably placed to form a stable site on the bank for building purposes. Upon this site, extending between Tufton Street (the old Bowling



Alley) and Barton Street, there stood until last year two blocks of houses, separated by a narrow passage called Black Dog Alley, and all of the 18th century, though the brick vaulted cellars beneath those in the eastern block next Barton Street, built of smallish bricks, had the appearance of 17th century work. [Of the western block, the two School shops occupied each end, Sutcliff's next Tufton Street, and Martin's next Black Dog Alley.]

A very large number of pottery, spoons, knives, &c., mostly of the 17th century, were found in the recent excavations beneath the houses . . . . The exact spot is bounded by Tufton Street on the west, the Mill Stream or Great College Street on the north, Barton Street on the east, and extends some 80 or 90 feet southward from Great College Street. Most of the articles were found within 20 or 30 feet of the old stream, many in the course itself . . . . The most interesting find has been the "Gray-beard" jug with its contents. When found it was stoppered down with a cork; upon opening it and washing out the contents there was found within it a small piece of cloth or serge, formerly red, cut carefully and neatly into a heart shape, and stuck full of brass round-headed pins, each pin bent; a small quantity of hair, ostensibly human, and some small finger nail parings. There can be little doubt as to the nature of this deposit inside a corked jug, found in the clay of the Mill Stream bank. It is a malevolent charm, the intended victim of which was a woman, and it is, perhaps, permissible to surmise that the depositor and evil wisher was of the same sex. Perhaps a maidservant who had a grudge against her mistress, and who could easily obtain the clippings and parings of her toilet. The jug and its contents were probably buried with the accompanying rite of a fearful incantation. The Lord's Prayer may even have been said backwards, and a peculiarly malevolent phase of the moon may have been awaited. If it is fair to form these somewhat uncharitable and ungallant surmises, the opportunity is also presented of adjusting the balance of charity and of gallantry by expressing the sincere hope that the charm was ineffectual, that the fair intended victim escaped all aches and pains, and that the only pricks bestowed were upon the repentant conscience of the depositor.

### THE YARD TIES.

The Yard Ties this term have been played on the Knock-out System, and were finally won by K. E. Newman. The following are the results of the Rounds:—

		FIRST ROUND.	
Liberty was a bye.	Lee beat Nott-Bower	..... by .....	10 goals to 8.
	Newman beat Reed	..... " .....	10 " " 6.
	Fraser beat Metcalfe	..... " .....	13 " " 12.
	Willcocks beat R.-Cousins	..... " .....	13 " " 5.
	Worlock beat Adrian	..... " .....	13 " " 9.
	Lewis beat Argyle	..... " .....	25 " " 4.

Liberty was a bye.	SECOND ROUND.			
	Newman beat Lewis	..... by .....	15 goals to 13.	
	Lee beat Worlock	..... " .....	15 " " 5.	
	Willcocks beat Fraser	..... " .....	15 " " 13.	
SEMI-FINAL ROUND.				
	Newman beat Willcocks	..... by .....	12 goals to 11.	
	Liberty beat Lee	..... " .....	10 " " 9.	
FINAL ROUND.				
Newman beat Liberty by 14 goals to 6.				

We can safely assert that a greater interest has been shown in these Yard Ties this term, and the rule that a Tie was to be played every Wednesday proved very beneficial in finishing them. There will be another lot next term.

### TO GRANT'S.

BY AN OVERWORKED O.G.

When I arise at early morn, Before the "rosy fingered dawn," And see my features pale and drawn, I sigh for thee.	When, late at night, I creep to bed, And lay my weary aching head Upon the pillow, tears I shed At thought of thee.
While I am speeding to the train, Without my breakfast once again, Tortured by hunger's gnawing pain, I think of thee.	And when my brain at last gives way, As I am sure it will some day, May this be my last thought, I pray, The thought of thee.

J. H.

### REMINISCENCES.

My very first sensation, when I joined this happy nation, was the pleasant realisation that I was master there ;  
 And my Ma's anticipation I would one day lick creation, was a hopeful expectation that my father didn't share.  
 For my sisterly relation I showed no consideration, and enjoyed the occupation of pulling out her hair ;  
 Which, to my perturbation, ended in a castigation, a horrid situation about which I didn't care.  
 To complete my education I made every preparation, and with inward jubilation I started off to school ;  
 With a fixed determination I learnt every regulation, but before the next vacation I'd forgotten every rule.  
 There was such a thing as "Station," which caused me much vexation, with no little trepidation I entered in the yard ;  
 But the days in quick rotation passed with little variation, with the usual exhortation that I wasn't working hard.  
 At seven the pulsation of a bell caused execration, and a smothered exclamation of "What an awful bore !"  
 A hasty preparation of our toilet and lavation, then some mental aberration for half-an-hour or more.  
 In the evening "occupation" was my usual delectation, afterwards in due gradation came the evening meal of tea ;  
 Then a pleasant relaxation, which soon led to preparation of some proses or translation, unintelligible to me.  
 Then a great participation in some pleasant conversation, then an awful intonation of a monitor saying "Hall" ;  
 Causing much anticipation, and no little consternation, for that vile vociferation we didn't care at all.

After some deliberation, and a lengthy explanation, mixed with much reiteration that we ne'er do it again, We resumed our respiration with a feeling of salvation, and night drew a termination to our sorrow or our pain. Now I've finished this oration without any hesitation, and am nigh to suffocation, and must get a breath of air ; But I trust this recitation (I might call it a narration), will receive your approbation, but that is your affair.

A. T. ION.

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#### HOUSE NOTES.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to chronicle the departure of D. S. Robertson, J. D. H. Dickson, L. G. Kirkpatrick, J. S. Lewis, H. C. G. Pedler, M. C. Houdret, A. F. Noble, G. Neville, L. F. Thompson, all of whom left at the end of last term. We wish them every success in their several careers.

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We had seven new boys at the beginning of this term—Tunncliffe, Storer, Godfray, Johnston, Philby (who came up from Ashburnham), and Wheeler and Graham (who came up from Home Boarders).

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C. G. Reed returned, after a year's absence.

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R. W. Reed has succeeded D. S. Robertson as Head of the House, with G. R. Y. Radcliffe, H. D. Adrian, and F. G. Worlock, as fellow monitors.

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We must congratulate W. B. Nichols on his winning the Gumbleton English Verse Prize. We hope that this will be the first of many more successes.

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Congratulations are also due to R. E. Tanner, on his getting into Sandhurst.

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We were pleased to see J. D. H. Dickson once more playing to us. He took the first violin in Mr. Piggott's lecture on "Schumann," with great success.

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Mr. G. H. Newton has been appointed Assistant-Engineer on the S. Indian Railway.

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We congratulate O. Lewis, H. D. Adrian, and F. G. Worlock on their House Colours.

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The following have all played for the School this term:—K. E. Newman, O. Lewis, F. G. Worlock, H. D. Adrian, R. W. Reed. We have also had several more representatives in the 2nd XI.—H. V. Argyle, E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins, and A. G. Lee.

The following are the colours at the end of this term :—

PINK & WHITES.	3RD XI'S.	HOUSE COLOURS.
K. E. Newman.	R. W. Reed.	O. Lewis.
	H. V. Argyle.	H. D. Adrian.
		F. G. Worlock.

The Play Supper this year will, as usual, be held on the Second night of the Play.

### THE YARD BALL FUND.

At the beginning of this term the amount of £145. 6*d.* was raised by a subscription of sixpence from every member of the House: these people were entitled to play in Yard on the condition that they paid fourpence for every ball they skied or burst. In this way the Treasurer has been enabled to return sixpence to every one of these people who paid their subscription at the beginning of the term, and the surplus he hopes to hand over to the "Grantite" or to be utilised for some other well-deserving purpose.

The following are the accounts :—

EXPENSES.		RECEIPTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Fri., Sep. 3. 1 doz. balls	0 7 0	Sixpence collected from	
Tues., Sep. 27. 1 doz. balls	0 7 0	every member ... ..	1 4 6
Thur., Oct. 6. 1 doz. balls	0 7 0	165 balls skied (4 <i>d.</i> per	
Wed., Oct. 19. ½ doz. balls	0 3 6	ball) ... ..	2 15 0
Wed., Nov. 2. 1 doz. balls	0 7 0		
Tues., Nov. 22. 1 doz. balls	0 7 0		
Tues., Nov. 29. 1 doz. balls	0 7 0		
	2 5 6		
Sixpence returned to every			
member ... ..	1 4 6		
	<u>£3 10 0</u>		<u>£3 19 6</u>
Receipts ... ..		£ s. d.	
Expenses ... ..		3 19 6	
		3 10 0	
Surplus ... ..		<u>£0 9 6</u>	

F. G. WORLOCK, *Hon. Treasurer.*

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### OUR OXFORD LETTER.

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

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It is long since an Oxford letter appeared in your columns, yet I regret to say that during that time no addition has been made to the numbers of Old Grantites up here.

The Senior O.G. up is Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe, and he maintains his reputation as an agitator, no less as a prominent light at the Oxford University Musical Club than as a member of Christ Church beagles. He still sings with the same zest the "Carrion Crow" and "Uncle Tom Cobley," for his voice and the appropriate gestures which so assist his voice have lost none of their cunning. His eloquence is unique.

Mr. C. B. H. Knight still keeps a fine goal with an elaborate manner all his own, for he views the art of goal-keeping with the same high-seriousness which characterises everything that he does. I believe that Exeter College have made him their father-confessor: with a view to maintaining the dignity of which position he is working very hard for History finals. He himself admits that no one who knew him at Westminster will believe without seeing how well he bowled last summer in College matches.

Mr. W. T. S. Sonnenschein is working with his customary energy. His personalities at debates are notable, and the skill with which he conceals his fear at "rugger" is admirable. His running is, according to the papers, "apathetic."

Mr. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens has been elected to be Secretary of the Christ Church cricket eleven, but the cares and labours of secretaryship have not yet robbed his laugh of its merry ring. He has just been in for a History prize, and is a fancied winner, but the result has not yet been declared.

Good luck to your attempts on the Shield, and may your luck second your desert.

I am, Sir, yours very truly,  
EX AEDE CHRISTI.

#### OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

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

DEAR SIR,

I am afraid there is not very much to record about the doings of Old Grantites in this University. There are now about six O.G.'s up. The patriarchs are A. L. Stephen of Trinity and K. Macmorran of King's, who are both in their third year.

H. Logan may be seen any morning at seven, taking his usual run. He has also been known to sign his name in the l. abs. Many are the tips that he has for Newmarket and such like places, but these he only allows his friends to partake of.

Of the freshers, L. G. Kirkpatrick is, of course, "facile princeps." He has been causing the greatest anxiety to his friends by his heroic devotion to study, but it is hoped that he may be induced to take a day off towards the end of term. In football, needless to say, he has been doing great things.

D. S. Robertson has taken to footer in the winter of his age and plays with more energy than success for the "Scythians" at

Trinity. He was once played in a match. He has also been seen trotting across country with kindred spirits on wet afternoons.

G. J. E. Neville has suddenly leaped into eminence and may be seen most afternoons coxing for Jesus. The authoritative tone in which he utters his commands is wonderfully impressive.

Ness, it is rumoured, has a musical instrument in his rooms which is a source of great delight to his working friends, especially in the early hours of the morning. It is also rumoured that after his recent successes on the river he intends to enter for the "Diamond Sculls" at Henley next year.

All O.G.'s here are looking forward to hearing of Grant's success in Trials. O.G.—Cambridge.

[Trials have been discontinued this year, as there is no real point in them. They were originally started when there were no School matches towards the end of the Play Term, and as matches are now always played to the end of the term the primary object of Trials is lost.—Ed.]

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

DEAR SIR,

A new and evil influence seems lately to have sprung up in our midst. It is now the exception rather than the rule, I fear, for the Grantite Half-boarders to go up-fields regularly on Saturday afternoons. Most of them appear to think that it is quite enough to go up and watch three or four matches in a term—some, it is sad to say, do not even condescend to do that. What makes it all the more deplorable is that Half-boarders high up in the House, who should set their juniors a good example, are as bad as the smaller boys, and almost invariably skip the matches in the afternoon. Perhaps a not over good example has been set them during the last three or four terms, but that is no reason why they should follow it now. I have no doubt, myself, that a Saturday afternoon "Station List" would be as distasteful to the Grantite Monitors as to the rest: for Grant's, more than any other House, has the reputation of attending the matches regularly. A Saturday "Station List" has never yet been started, for the very good reason that there has never yet been any need for it; but if the Half-boarders bring Grant's down to the level of the Home boarder Houses, I fail to see what else can be done. I would appeal, therefore, to every Grantite to take upon himself to maintain the reputation of his House; for it would, indeed, be an evil day which first sees a "Station List" up Grant's on Saturday afternoons.

Hoping I have not trespassed too much on your valuable space.

I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

AN OBSERVER.

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

SIR,

When all the spaces in the last Football Shield were filled it found a permanent resting-place up Rigaud's, the House which had won it most times. We are thus left without any record of the Grantite teams who from time to time carried off the shield, with the exception of the shield photographs in Hall, which can hardly be said to be a very lively reminder of our past glories, though of great interest in other ways. Could not a board be put up with the names of the teams who won the shield, as has already been done in the case of the two original shields, thanks to the generosity of Major Smythe, V.C.? The most obvious way of defraying the expense would be to write to all those whose names would be recorded, asking them to subscribe. The cost when divided would probably not come to more than a shilling a head, if any of your readers are sordid enough to entertain doubts on that score. There would be no difficulty in the matter if some energetic person would take it up.

I beg to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MONITOR.

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

DEAR SIR,

May I be permitted to make, through the medium of your columns, an appeal to the generosity of the House? Will someone do something to alleviate the burden which has fallen upon me of late years? I refer to the Half-boarders' hats that are daily formed into a pyramid upon me. I am acquainted with the proverb "Two heads are better than one," but that this can be applied to hats I have yet to see. Will no one erect a shelf or something to share my burden and relieve my pain? As it is, the crush that forms round me at five o'clock and (though I weep to say it) at one o'clock on Saturday, reminds one of the armoury on a field-day. Hoping someone may take pity on me.

I remain, Yours, &amp;c.

"THE WINDOW-SILL."

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

SIR,

By the time the Chiswickites have come down from prayers of an evening, the passage from the Under Changing Room to the stairs is one seething mass of small Half-boarders, whose frantic struggles to get their hats and coats on render motion, if not

impossible, at least highly unpleasant. I cannot help thinking that all this crowding and pushing can be, and ought to be, avoided.

At the School Debating Society the other night a member, speaking in defence of the "greeze" outside the School tuck-shop, said, "One of the advantages of this excellent institution, Mr. President, is that if one meets a Master to whom one owes a grudge, one can take due vengeance."

Now, Sir, it appears to me that much the same reprehensible feeling is manifest among certain "Hallites" to-day.

Surely this trouble could be checked by prompt action on the part of the proper authorities.

Believe me, Sir,  
C. H. ISWICK.

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

DEAR SIR,

Can nothing be done to improve the present bad state of the Chiswickite basins? Excluding the hot-water tap, there are only two which run properly, and the basins often take hours to empty. There are only two towels supplied a week, and after a few days these get so sodden and dirty as to be absolutely useless. Besides which, they very often become disconnected at the top, and are left on the ground to be trampled on until they are often no more than mere dirty rags, which one would not like even to touch, much less to use as towels. There is also at times a lack of soap. Trusting that these evils will be remedied as soon as possible.

I remain, Yours truly,  
"A SUFFERER."

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