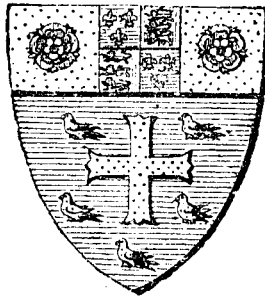


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WESTMINSTER IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

“He who cannot look forward with comfort,” wrote Cowper some thirty years after he left Westminster, “must find what comfort he can in looking backward. Upon this principle I, the other day, sent my imagination upon a trip thirty years behind me. She was very obedient and very swift of foot, and presently performed her journey, and at last set me down in the sixth form at Westminster. I fancied myself once more a school-boy, a period of life in which, if I had never tasted true happiness, I was at least equally unacquainted with its contrary.” Cowper and Cumberland, the actor, boarded together at the same house in Dean’s Yard, and though, undoubtedly, he had a rough time, yet the recollections of his schooldays remained among the happiest of his life. Dr. Nichol was then head-master, and Vincent Bourne one of the ushers, of whom, in after life, Cowper cherished the warmest affection. “I love the memory of Vinny Bourne,” he writes; “I love him with the love of partiality, because he was usher of the fifth form at Westminster when I passed through it. He was so good-natured and so indolent, that I lost more than I got by him, for he made me as idle as himself”; and again, “the neatest of all men in his versification, and the most slovenly in his person. He was so inattentive to his boys and so indifferent whether they brought him good or bad exercises, or none at all, that he seemed determined as he was the best, so to be the last, Latin poet of the Westminster line. I remember seeing the Duke of Richmond set fire to his greasy locks, and

box his ears to put it out again." Somewhat akin to this was the amusement which Mr. C. A. Stevens (himself an O.W.) tells me was common in his father's time (1790-1797), for the boys in the Shell "to fire paper arrows into Vincent's wig. He (his father) had often seen him go down School with his wig full of them. He took no notice of them, though he must have felt every shot: unless a bad shot missed the wig and came down upon the table before him; then regrettable consequences ensued!"

Westminster was a rough place in the 18th century. "Leather braces had to be hung up somewhere out of reach, or there was only a mangled remnant and a buckle or so to be found in the morning." A nobleman awoke one night with a rat hanging to his ear, nor were rats the only discomforts, for bullying was also very rife, and Boswell writes of his son, "He is so oppressed by the big boys at Westminster School that I am almost afraid to send him thither." Reynolds, the dramatist, who boarded at Jones', which stood where now is No. 1, Dean's Yard, has left us an amusing account of his experiences as a new boy in 1776. At a former school his clothes had failed to impress his school-fellows, so when it was settled he should go to Westminster, he determined to arrive there in a dress of "more fashion and splendour." He accordingly arrived in a "scarlet coat, spangled satin waistcoat, an evident reduction of one that had been worn by my father as under-sheriff, white cotton hose, large plated buckles, and a pair of large black silk stockings transmuted by my nurse's patience into breeches. The effect was instantaneous" —but not in the way Reynolds had anticipated, and that night he wrote to his mother: "If you don't let me come home I die. I am all over ink, and my fine clothes have been spoilt. I have been tossed in a blanket, and seen a ghost." However, after going home again for a few days, he returned more suitably dressed, and being able to answer in the affirmative the all-important question, "Does your father keep a coach?" met with very little further annoyance. Southey also speaks of being held out of the window by one leg and having water poured into his ear when he was asleep. Southey boarded with Mrs. Farren (probably in Dean's Yard), and "Botch" Hayes "whose heart was always in the right place, which certainly his wig was not," was usher of the house. Southey also kept a tame owl called Aaron while at Westminster. Colman, the actor, who boarded at Jones', together with a friend, sported a phaeton and pair in Tuttle Fields: the equipage was a rude fabrication consisting of unpainted pieces of rough wood, clumsily nailed together, and the cattle a couple of donkeys called Smut and Macaroni.

In the 18th century, when there were very few houses at the back, and all round what is now Vincent Square was open fields,

the Tuttle or Tothill Fields, as they were called, were the usual playground of the School. Colman used to go and shoot field-fares and larks there, and Cowper, as a truant boy, passed his bounds "to enjoy a ramble on the banks of Thames." Edward Nares who boarded at "Mother" Packharness', the centre house on the terrace in Dean's Yard, in his "Life" tells us: "One of the bigger boys, whose father kept a pack of hounds, took it into his head that he might keep a pack at Westminster. As, however, there were no dogs, boys took the place of hounds, and were trained to leap ditches, break through fences, &c. Nares and another boy were appointed terriers; their business was to hunt the fox out of any hiding place if he should be lost. Whoever acted as fox was to slip out of School an hour before we were regularly dismissed, and, with a piece of chalk, to scamper away to Tothill Fields, marking as he went the corners he turned. The ditches were broad and full of filth, but if the course the fox took seemed to lead that way there was no hesitating, in or over we must go. Over was beyond the power of us short-legged terriers, so that sometimes we alighted in the midst of drown'd puppies and kittens, whilst it was left to the whipper-in to whip us out! Often the fox would pass the bounds of Tothill Fields and bring us to fault among the houses at Chelsea, and then, if by chance a door was seen open with a staircase immediately opposite the terriers had to mount the stairs at once to see if the fox were hid in the garrets. Many old ladies seemed to think this intrusive, and would follow us with weapons of divers sorts, so that once I was nearly killed by a toasting-fork." Towards evening the fox had to get back to Dean's Yard and could hide in the Cloisters, and the wretched terriers had to drag him out by force. Apparently the authorities did not seem to mind as long as they got back in time for lock-up.

L. E. T.

SUNRISE.

Come, Phæbus, come! The sable hues of night
Merge into blue, then purple, lilac, grey;
The darkest hour before the dawn is past,
When all things halt and every pulse of man
Flags in its beat, and the frail thread of life
Comes near to break, and life's flame flickers low.
Come, Phæbus, come! Dispel the dreary grey:
The world begins to stir; waits but for thee.
The shadowy formlessness of night departs;
Things take firm shape, become themselves again:
Thy roseate fingers clasp the eastern sky.
Come, Phæbus, come! Up from the lowland stream
A mist arising spreads across the fields,
Hiding the shrinking misery of the land,
And shrouding all with soft caressing touch.

Come, Phoebus, come! Ah! See! Far in the east,
 Down on the broad horizon of the sea,
 A fleck of golden glory now appears,
 And growing momentarily, becomes a flame,
 Glowing and spreading, shooting fiery rays
 To make a shining pathway o'er the waves.
 The cold earth feels the loving touch of day,
 Shakes from her robe the moisture of the rain,
 Spreading her palms to meet the kindling rays,
 The life-bestowing element of light.
 The birds break into song: the babbling brooks
 Roll on their downward course into the sea,
 Singing for joy, while drops of diamond dew
 Turn the whole earth into a mighty jewel,
 Fit diadem for thee! *Hail, Phoebus, Lord.*

E. R. C.

Our correspondent in Hades forwards us the following report (delayed in transmission) of a match played in the Elysian fields between the Asphodel C.C. and the Tartarean Tramps and Ground. Hercules, the Elysian captain, tossed the obol and lost to Orion, the leader of the Tramps, but with the aid of his club succeeded in obtaining a reversal of the decision and elected to go in first. He took with him to the wickets as partner General Agamemnon, G.C.B. Hercules batted first from the Styx end against the bowling of Ixion; Minos and Rhadamanthus being the umpires. The batsman was given out lbw. off the first ball, but the new umpire Æacus reversed his injured colleague's decision. The Elysian giant then hit four twelves and a sixty-four (the ball having been annexed by Cerberus who was fielding out in the country), but while having a trifling altercation with Charon, who was keeping wicket, he spread-eagled his stumps, and was given out "hit wicket." The new umpire, Solon, however, said that while he was unable in any way to disagree with the decision of his colleague, yet considering the former good character of the defendant he would in this case overlook the offence. The game then became rather tame, the players following one another to the wickets in scoreless procession; Hercules still hit steadily, though the supply of umpires was giving out. At one critical moment, when the giant lifted one in the deep field safe into the hands of Tantalus, the game was saved by Cerberus (who is charitable, and letteth not his right head know what his left head doeth), feeling hungry, and the catch was dropped. The innings closed for a total of 1026·000 runs, of which Hercules had compiled 1026, and there were 000 byes. After a short interval for refreshments (supplied by Bacchus & Co.), the Elysians took the field. Sisyphus and Orion came out to face the bowling of Hercules and Hercules. After the first of these two gentlemen had bowled 8 balls and

disabled 8 batsmen (ahem! taken 8 wickets), the umpire suggested it might be over, but another was found whose opinions were not so bigoted. Achilles, the old running blue, had a lot of work to do at long stop, and in spite of all his efforts 985·0 byes and leg byes were scored off the first 10 balls. During the next 3 balls the two remaining batsmen fell, and 41·0 byes were added, bringing the total up to 1026·00 for 10 wickets. Hercules claimed the victory on the ground that 1026·000 was greater than 1026·00, but Orion maintained that when dealing with decimals the larger number of figures was the smaller in size. After an hour's stiff argument, man to man, it transpired that Hercules (being the sole survivor) maintained his title to the victory.

The teams were as follows:—

<i>Elysians.</i>	<i>Tartareans.</i>
E. Sandow Hercules.	Orion.
Lord Agamemnon, G.C.B.	Sisyphus.
Peleides Achilles, Esq.	Tantalus.
Polly Metis Odysseus, J.P.	Ixion.
Rev. Teiresias.	Typhœus.
Euphrenor.	Rhœtus.
Menelaus.	Cœus.
Antilochus.	Enceladus.
The Rt. Hon. Demosthenes, M.P.	Titan.
General Miltiades, K.C.B.	Polyphemus,
Themistocles.	Charon.

Umpires.—Minos, Rhadamanthus, Æacus, Solon, Lycurgus, Aristotle, Phrynichus, Æschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Bacchylides, Socrates, Plato, Xenophon, Epicurus, Aristagoras, Pythagoras, Archimedes, Strepsiades, Cleon.

Stretcher-bearers.—Timon, Phocion, Hiero, Demarchus, Agesilaus, Agis, Cleombulus, Peithodorus, Timoleon, Alexander the Great.

General Nuisance.—Cerberus.

SMITH MINORIA.

γινώσκω, γενήσομαι, ἐγγήγορα, γυναικα.

ὦ γέγραφα, γέγραφα. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem.

Q. Who was Esau? Esau was a hairy man who sold his birthright for a mass of potash.

τὶ δ' οὖν ἀθυμεῖτε. Are we down-hearted?

P.C. = Postcard. PP.C. = Postcards. D.V. = Dust Van.

"The leaven of the Pharisees" means the 12 apostles.

St. Augustine was a fat little boy who wouldn't eat his soup.

The peculiarity of Manx cats is that "they don't have kittens."

Cuckoos are birds which don't lay their own eggs.

Linoleum is "stuff you stick on your face."

An antiquarian is "a place to keep fish in."

The Ides of Quintilis = $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (a) \text{ a mountain range north of Rome.} \\ (b) \text{ a book by Quintilian.} \end{array} \right.$

The Pentateuch is a kind of grasshopper.

HOUSE MATCHES.

1ST ROUND. GRANT'S *v.* RIGAUD'S.

The match was begun on Wednesday, 11th. Rigaud's won the toss and opened with Harley and Glover to the bowling of Looker and Reed. Glover played on in Looker's second over, and was succeeded by Goodall. At first scoring was slow, 10 going up as the result of 20 minutes' play, but when 20 was reached Looker bowled Goodall after he had made 8, and Hepburn came in. Reed's bowling was now severely punished, and Hadley came on instead, but without much success. Both batsmen, however, seemed unable to do anything with Looker, who was in fine form: only 8 runs in fact were hit off his first 10 overs. Fifty went up at 3 o'clock, and Harley and Hepburn were still scoring steadily. After 23 more runs had been added, Harley was bowled after a steady but rather slow 18. Reed soon disposed of Lamb, and in his next over got Hepburn lbw. for a fine 45. The remaining wickets presented no very great difficulty, though the score stood at 121 before Milne was bowled by Wylde for 14.

The Grantite innings opened badly. Hodgson and Hadley were bowled by Hepburn almost immediately, and Rawson was caught just as he looked like getting set. Three wickets were now down for 10. However, Reed and Worlock got together and began a partnership which was not dissolved till 46 runs had been added to the score, when Worlock was bowled after a most useful 16. Wylde and Looker were dismissed without adding much, and Shearman gave a chance at wicket directly he came. After this he and Reed played well together till 92 was reached, when Reed was bowled by Hepburn, and closed a magnificent innings of 51—an innings which practically saved the game. Hobson came in and sent up an easy catch to Failes; he was missed, however, and helped to send the score up to 122. Shearman was bowled by Clarke after a good 18, and Graham succumbed to a full-pitch from the same source before scoring. Horton, our last man, joined Hobson, but the stumps were drawn before they had time to make any runs. The innings was

continued on Friday. Horton and Hobson did some good hitting and brought our lead from 1 to 21 before the former was bowled by Hailey after making a very useful 20.

Rigaud's began their second innings with Harley and Glover to the same bowling. Looker was again in good form, and Reed bowled Harley when the score was at 13. The arrears were cleared off without further loss, but at 21 an appeal for a catch at wicket succeeded in dismissing Goodall, who was followed by the Rigaudite captain. Runs now came surely but very slowly, perhaps owing to the excellence of the Grantite fielding and bowling. Fifty went up after over an hour's play, during which the scorers were certainly not overworked though they may have been bored. At last Glover was run out after making 13 in 90 minutes, and soon after Hepburn played a ball from Reed hard on to his wicket, after getting 31—the longest score on either side in the second innings. Failes made 11 before being caught by Hobson, and the rest of the side contributed to bring the score to 102, giving Grant's 82 to make. Rawson began well, but only made 8, and Hadley was bowled after making 12. Reed, who had played so brilliantly in the former innings, had the misfortune to be caught before scoring. Great excitement and some apprehension was now felt among the ranks of watchful Grantites, but we were comforted by reflecting that the score for three wickets was at least 14 more than that of the former innings. Worlock and Hodgson now played very steadily and brought the score from 26 to 54, when Hodgson had his middle stump knocked out of the ground by Hepburn, after a very plucky 17. Shearman played on after making 12, and bringing the score to 73, and Worlock and Looker soon knocked off the required runs and gave the victory to Grant's. Worlock played a fine innings at a critical point in the game and deserved to make the winning hit. The fielding was good in both innings, particularly in the second, and Worlock's wicket-keeping deserves special mention.

RIGAUD'S.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
R. Harley, b Hobson	18	b Reed	8
W. E. Glover, b Looker.....	1	run out	13
J. F. Goodall, b Looker.....	8	c Worlock, b Reed	5
G. Hepburn, lbw Reed.....	46	b Looker.....	31
A. Lamb, b Reed.....	3	b Reed	4
B. Failes, b Reed.....	0	c Hobson, b Looker.....	11
S. McKenna, b Looker	5	b Looker.....	0
T. E. Rodocanachi, b Wylde.....	9	b Reed	3
D. W. Milne, b Wylde	14	b Looker	13
E. Clarke, b Hadley	3	b Looker	13
G. Matthews, not out	4	not out	0
Extras.....	5, 3 l-b, 2 n-b	Extras	13 b, 1 l-b
	10		14
Total	121	Total.....	102

GRANT'S.			
FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
G. W. Hodgson, b Hepburn.....	0	b Hepburn	17
H. F. Rawson, c Milne, b Harley ...	7	b Harley.....	8
W. A. R. Hadley, b Hepburn	2	b Harley.....	12
C. G. Reed, b Hepburn	51	c Goodall, b Harley	0
G. L. Worlock, b Harley	16	not out	20
E. W. Wylde, c Rodocanachi, b Harley	1	did not bat.	
L. D. Looker, b Hepburn	0	not out	3
C. G. Shearman, b Clarke.....	18	b Harley.....	12
F. Hobson, b Harley	20	} did not bat.	
R. A. Graham, b Clarke	0		
W. R. Horton, not out	6		
Extras.....	18 b, 1 l-b, 2 w	Extras	11 b, 1 l-b
	21		12
Total.....	142	Total.....	84

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Runs.	Wickets.	Overs.	Maidens.	Average.
Looker	47	8	27.1	13	5.9
Wylde	14	2	4.3	0	7.0
Reed	80	7	31.0	8	11.2
Hobson	28	1	4.0	0	28.0
Hadley	30	4	14.0	4	30.0

FINAL TIE. GRANT'S v. HOME-BOARDERS.

The first innings was played on Wednesday, 18th, and was highly disappointing, nearly all our good bats failing to come off. Hodgson and Rawson went in, and the former was bowled by Turner when the score stood at 6. Hadley made 13, and helped Rawson to bring the score to 35 before he was caught and bowled by Circuit. At 61 Reed gave an easy catch to the younger Circuit, off Longhurst's bowling, after making 12. Shortly afterwards, Worlock shared Hadley's fate. All our men seemed unable to refrain from hitting up catches, even Rawson gave one or two chances in this way. At 84 Shearman was stumped, and at 105 Wylde was lbw. After two more runs had been added Rawson was stumped, after a fine innings of 45, containing seven 4's—a wonderful performance considering his size. Looker went out after making one, and when the score was 129 Horton was caught at the wicket, leaving Hobson with a good not out 15, the next best score after Rawson's.

Home-Boarders opened with Circuit, C., and Worthington. Reed bowled Circuit almost at once, and Longhurst when 19 was up. Turner joined Worthington, and seemed to play with more confidence than usual. Worthington played well, the result being that 62 went up before he was run out. Circuit, A. J. was bowled by Hadley soon after, and Gover was very well caught by Graham at square leg before scoring. Summerhayes joined Turner, and the 100 went up at half-past five when only five

wickets were down. After 8 more had been added, Summerhayes was caught at the wicket by Worlock, and at 120 Looker brought off a brilliant high left-hand catch from Perkins. Hill made a four off the first ball Reed sent him, but was bowled by the second (124-8-4). Feasey was dismissed by Hadley when the Home-Boarderite score was exactly equal to ours. After a lead of 5 had been secured, Reed got Turner lbw. after a very fine innings of 51.

The second innings was played on the evening of Friday, 20th, and was even more disastrous than the first. The bowling, particularly Turner's slow balls, seemed to beat most of our men completely. Rawson knocked off the arrears with a hit to leg, but when the score amounted to 12 Hodgson tried to play back to a half-volley from Turner and was bowled. At 26 Hadley was dismissed, and Reed got out in the same way as Hodgson without scoring. Worlock hit up a catch when the score was 34, and Rawson was bowled in attempting to hit a ball from Turner after making a good 16. Soon after Shearman was bowled by Circuitt, and Looker only stayed long enough to make 2. When the score was 57 Wylde was stumped after a praiseworthy but rather reckless 16, consisting mostly of fours off Turner's bowling. Hobson seemed more at home with the bowling than most, and might have done something to increase the score, but that Horton, who joined him, hit a two off his first ball, and in attempting to make an impossible third ran him out. However, by way of atonement for his mistake, he contributed a fine innings of 22, hitting nearly all of Turner's balls to leg for threes and fours. Graham also deserves praise for keeping his end up and not giving way to nervousness while Horton was making the runs. When our score was 87 Horton sent up a very difficult catch behind the wicket, and though it passed through the wicket-keeper's hands it was taken by Hill, and the Grantite innings closed, leaving Home-Boarders 82 to win.

Worthington and Circuitt, C. went in again, and the former was bowled by Looker when the score was 7. Soon after the stumps were drawn. The match was continued on Monday evening, and our score was passed without the fall of a single wicket. Fifty went up shortly after six, and the bowling was changed from Looker and Reed to Hadley and Shearman. Soon after Turner gave Looker a fairly difficult catch from Shearman's bowling, but he failed to take it, and later on Reed missed a hard catch from Circuitt.

Neither the fielding nor the bowling seemed as good as it had been in the former innings, and a good many runs were given away by overthrows. Both Looker and Reed missed chances, the former dropping a fairly easy catch in the slips from Circuitt, and the latter a harder one behind the wicket from Turner.

Several other possible chances were given but not taken, and Circuitt made the winning hit at a quarter past six, giving the match to Home-Boarders, and leaving himself and Turner with 33 and 39 not out, respectively.

GRANT'S.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
G. W. Hodgson, b Turner	2	b Turner.....	6
H. T. Rawson, st Gover, b Turner ...	45	b Turner.....	15
W. A. R. Hadley, c & b A. Circuitt...	13	b Turner.....	5
C. G. Ree ¹ , c C. M. Circuitt, b Longhurst	12	b Turner.....	0
G. L. Worlock, c & b A. Circuitt	6	c Summerhayes, b A. Circuitt	4
C. G. Shearman, st Gover, b Turner...	10	b A. Circuitt	0
E. W. Wylde, lbw A. Circuitt	7	st Gover, b Turner	16
L. D. Looker, b A. Circuitt	4	run out	2
F. Hobson, not out	15	run out	2
R. A. Graham, lbw Circuitt	0	not out	6
W. R. Horton, c Gover, b Circuitt.....	0	c Hill, b A. Circuitt.....	22
Extras.....	10 b, 5 l-b	Extras.....	4 b, 5 l-b
	15		9
Total.....	129	Total.....	87

HOME-BOARDERS.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
B. V. T. Worthington, run out	33	b Looker	1
C. M. Circuitt, b Reed	0	not out	37
H. F. Longhurst, b Reed	5	did not bat.	
F. G. Turner, lbw Reed	56	not out	33
A. J. Circuitt, b Hadley.....	5	} did not bat.	
C. C. Gover, c R. A. Graham, b Shearman	0		
D. S. Summerhayes, c Worlock, b Reed	6		
G. R. Perkins, c Looker, b Reed	0		
H. G. Hill, b Reed.....	4		
G. G. Feasey, b Hadley.....	2		
J. H. Massingham, not out.....	0		
Extras.....	20 b, 1 w, 2 n-b	Extras	13 b 13
	23		
Total.....	134	Total.....	84

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Runs.	Wickets.	Overs.	Maidens.	Average.
Reed	72	6	20.1	1	12.0
Shearman	14	1	4.0	0	14.0
Hadley	30	2	9.0	1	15.0
Looker	61	1	17.0	1	61.0
Wylde	5	0	1.3	0	—

THE HOUSE TEAM.

W. A. R. Hadley is a very keen captain; has had bad luck in the batting line; ought to be a good bowler next year.

C. G. Reed has improved greatly all round since last year. He played an invaluable innings against Rigaud's. Played regularly for the School.

G. L. Worlock has developed into a very good bat and has played two or three good innings lately for the School. The best wicket-keeper the House has had for some time.

E. W. Wylde made a good captain of Juniors. At times he was a great hitter. He obtained most of the wickets in Juniors.

L. D. Looker has made great improvement as a bowler; there is room for the same in his batting.

G. W. Hodgson, a steady bat, not seen at his best in House Matches. A smart field.

C. G. Shearman has wonderfully improved in batting. Played two very useful innings against Rigaud's. He is quite a good field.

H. F. Rawson, a most promising bat. Made far the best show against Home-Boarders. A good field. Should do well next year.

W. R. Horton played a very plucky innings against Home-Boarders. Fields smartly, but takes too long throwing the ball in.

F. Hobson, a great hitter, should do well in the future. Is handicapped in the field by his knee.

R. A. Graham, not a great success as a bat, but should improve with practice. Very smart and safe in the field.

As regards Juniors, S. D. Graham is a fair bowler, his batting could improve; Miles met with considerable success as a slow leg-break bowler. Eyre was disappointing, but Tanner showed promise.

HOUSE NOTES.

We have to congratulate Mr. D. S. Robertson on being first in the first division of the Classical Tripos at Cambridge in his second year.

We have seven new fellows this term. The brothers Vey have come up the House from Home-Boarders. The names of the rest are C. L. C. Hodgson, a boarder; Yolland, Hurst, Pemberton, and Ricci, half-boarders.

In the Inter-house Shoot we did better than was expected, pulling up to second when we were supposed to have no earthly chance. The scores of the team were as follows :—

		200 yds.		500 yds.	Grd. Total
Col.-Sergt. Metcalfe ...	3 5 5 5 4 3 5	30	4 5 4 5 5 5 4	32	62
Sergt. Ratcliffe-Cousins...	4 4 5 5 5 4 4	31	0 4 5 5 5 5 5	29	60
Private Hobson ...	5 3 4 5 5 4 4	30	3 5 5 4 4 4 4	29	59
Private Adrian, E. ...	3 5 2 4 5 2 5	26	0 4 2 4 0 3 3	16	42
Private Graham ...	3 3 3 4 2 4 5	24	2 2 0 2 3 2 3	14	38
Private Boulton ...	2 5 2 4 3 3 3	22	3 5 3 0 3 2 4	20	42

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Sergt. Ratcliffe-Cousins was unlucky in getting his rifle overheated, which caused his first two shots at the 500 yards to miss. A change of rifles, however, proved effective, and, under the circumstances, his 29 is very creditable. Col.-Sergt. Metcalfe shot systematically well throughout, and Private Hobson is distinctly good considering his age.

Col.-Sergt. Metcalfe and Sergt. Ratcliffe-Cousins represented the House in the Bisley team this year. They were also our representatives in the School fives ties, but after a stiff and exciting match succumbed to Home-Boarders—15-0 and 15-1.

We congratulate C. E. G. Shearman, H. F. R. Rawson, and R. Horton on their house-colours; also G. L. Worlock on his brilliant 50 for the School v. O.W.W.

THE PURSUIT OF THE IDEAL.

Intangible ideal, elusive sprite,
 Who, like the treacherous Morganita fair,
 Dost lure men on, floating upon the air
 Before their dazzled eyes an effluence bright.
 See! How men toil and strive and sweat and fight,
 Grasping in headlong rush thy vision rare,
 And ever failing, sink in mad despair,
 Rising and falling, struggling day and night.
 Through all the years thou lead'st, they follow thee
 Down to the margin of the deathly sea.
 The sun sinks low, their earthly course is run:
 Pursuing still, in the dark waves they die;
 And thou, with laughter fancy free, dost fly
 Along the golden pathway to the sun.

E. R. C.

THE YARD BALL FUND.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
46 Subscriptions of 6 <i>d.</i> each	1	3	0	May 4th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	0
356 balls skied (2 <i>d.</i> each).	2	19	2	May 9th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	0
				May 12th, ½ doz. balls	0	2	0
				May 14th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	0
				May 16th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	0
				May 19th, ½ doz. balls	0	2	0
				May 22nd, 1 doz. balls	0	4	0
				May 27th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	0
				June 1st, 1 doz. balls	0	4	0
				June 4th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	0
				June 11th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	0
				June 29th, 1 doz. balls	*0	4	6
				July 2nd, 1 doz. balls	0	4	6
				July 7th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	6
				July 9th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	6
				July 12th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	6
				July 14th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	6
				July 18th, 1 doz. balls	0	4	6
				July 21st, 1 doz. balls	0	4	6
				July 23rd, 1 doz. balls	0	4	6
				July 24th, ¼ doz. balls	0	2	3
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*As Martin's had kept us three weeks for balls, and has not had any since, the rest had to be got at the Stores; hence the change in price.

The number of balls skied has been enormous: in one day 33 were skied, most of them irrevocably! An analysis will show that, as there have been 240 balls purchased and 356 skied, only about a third of the balls come back. Most of them were skied into the street or Rigaud's, or burst. As there is some more money to come in before the fund is wound up, but after we go to press, it is probable that there will be a balance of about 2*s.* 3*d.*

E. RATCLIFFE-COUSINS,

Hon. Sec.

DEFINITIONS.

[With apologies to BAKER and BOURNE.]

- Volume*.—A volume is an amount of space occupied by paper. A volume has length, breadth, and height. It also has weight. [When you drop it.]
- Dimensions*.—There are four dimensions; length, breadth, height, and depth. Some people also add thickness, but this is a matter of taste.
- Surface*.—The surface of a body is the part which conceals what is going on inside.
- Line*.—A line has length, but no breadth or thickness; you cannot, therefore, draw a line—[but I do: at *that*. Ed.]
- A St. line*.—A straight line is the course traversed by the hungry boy when the dinner-bell rings.

Point.—Point is the helpless target of vicious batsmen; a point should have neither length, breadth nor thickness; he would then be safer.

Curve.—A curve is the course taken by the ball that bowls us, and the catch we drop.

Wrangle.—A wrangle is the disinclination to one another, each to each, of two boys who meet together, but are not both on the classical side.

Beginners should note that the size of the wrangle depends to no small degree on the strength of the arms. [*Vide Baker and Bourne*]

Circle.—A circle is a plain figure (dressed in blue, with big feet) contained by one line called a belt, and may be squared, if you are exceeding the speed limit (and can afford it).

Radius.—The radius (4 mile) is an imaginary line which varies in proportion to the mendacity of the cabman.

A thing may be said to be bisected, when you have divided it into the portion you mean to take yourself and the part you intend for the other fellow.

If there be two school colours, and the side on the one be equal to the side on the other, then the score made by one will be equal to the score made by the other (o—o).

Any four plays are together less than one whole holiday (and they will be put into the exeat).

KEENNESS.

A term or so ago the "GRANTITE" commenced with a large article calling the attention of members of the House to Keeness. Grant's has always held the first place for Keeness in work or play, but perhaps it is becoming too studious in work, and is at the present time showing very little keeness at games. It has always been the custom up Grant's to have "No Station" on Saturdays. The consequence is that hardly a single half-boarder goes up. Every boarder, without exception, can say he has been up-fields on four Saturdays; this is a reasonable attendance for those who can get away only in the week-end. No true sportsman would take advantage of there being no list.

There also seemed to be very little enthusiasm displayed in "Seniors." There is no clapping for good batting or fielding; true, all Grant's is present; but some are sleeping in deck chairs, others are either "up Elson's," or crowding near the gate waiting for six o'clock to strike, so that they can be off home! That is *not* Keeness, and if Grant's wishes to keep its reputation as a Sporting House, it will have to make a considerable change. Perhaps when Grant's hold the one shield and the one cup they

cannot lose, they will rouse themselves again to win back those which they have lost. For the present we can only hope that those who have been slack this last term, will, seeing their mistake before it is too late, make an effort to redeem their characters by a more regular attendance "up-fields" next term.

O. W.W.

[We agree entirely with our correspondent. The only alternative is to have Saturday Station, as was proposed a short time ago. It was only the great reputation of Grant's (which demonstrated so clearly what could be done without Saturday Station) which prevented a universal application of the system throughout the school.—Ed.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Oxford has divided and gone to its respective homes long ago now, and the Oxford Old Grantites are once more scattered over the face of the globe in their units. But here are a few notes about their doings of the last two terms. Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe still continues his "system," and is willing to take pupils for any pass Schools. Unfortunately, Old Grantites are too clever to need his assistance to defeat the examiners; otherwise no doubt their patronage would be invaluable. As it is he has been so busy that he has almost had to give up his old pastime of cricket. This, of course, is a great blow to the college. He only needs official recognition to be the most prominent graduate in Oxford; and such is the regularity of his appearances in Cathedral, that we cannot but think that that will be soon forthcoming.

It is well for Mr. W. T. S. Sonnenschein that the result of the Greats list has not yet been published, else when writing I might fail to hold myself and my language within the bounds of a decent propriety. Too weighty a censure can scarcely be passed upon his infamous conduct. The way in which he prosecuted on behalf of a charming young lady at the assizes held in Tom Quad in a breach of promise case still lives in the memory. He is very proud of the fact that he was chosen to represent the college at base-ball. He is still alive, as the match was postponed.

Mr. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens has developed into a cricketer. In spite of the incredulity with which this statement will be greeted, I can assure you it is true. Ask P. F. Warner. He is also President of the C.S.U., which, I am told, means Christian Social Union. He was honourably mentioned in the Stanhope,

a distinction which he thoroughly deserved. What he doesn't know about Castlereagh isn't worth knowing. This also applies to a great deal that he does know. Last, but not least, he has been a feature at most Oxford dances during the term.

Mr. R. W. Reed maintains his good looks, but is getting Grant's an unwelcome reputation for over-dressing. He is still young. Naturally, he is also very earnest; for the young are always serious. He has treated his examiners with a victorious contempt. Most Oxford cricket grounds know now what to expect when he makes his appearance on the field. He is probably the only man in England to whom it is consistently safe to run two to third man. We hope to see him a whip of the beagles next term: the costume will suit him.

Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe has developed a morbid and unnatural enthusiasm for watching cricket matches. As it is better to be an actor than a spectator in life, we should advise him to play tennis instead. His display in the Cardinal v. Twenty football match was the feature of the game—a unique show. His intellect is growing; likewise his volubility. He has shown great promise as a nurse, and when his heart puts his head into the background he is at his best: for his heart is as soft as his head is hard. Luckily his heart is big.

Mr. G. M. S. Oldham, in spite of the eulogy in the *Sportsman*, has not made so many appearances on the cricket field as we could have wished. His football was sacrificed to his rowing, and his rowing missed fire. Such is the fate of many who come up with an exaggerated idea of the part rowing plays in Oxford life. If there is one bit of advice which it is safe to give to a man just fresh from school at Oxford, it is, "If you can do anything else, don't row." Mr. Oldham is always as busy as a bee (without a sting in his tail).

Mr. G. Beech, on the other hand, is a drone, but as is the case so often with the idle, he queens it over the most energetic Merton freshmen. His hair is almost as satisfactorily and firmly pasted as Mr. R. W. Reed's, and may be called the Grantite type.

Good-bye, sir, and may you have all luck in Election and the Shield this term, and may many of you join us next is the sincere wish of

EX AEDE CHRISTI.

OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."

DEAR SIR,

Ἰσράηλ ὅτε παῖδες, ὃ' ἀγλαὰ φῶλ' Ἰακώβου

(as John Milton elegantly terms the chosen people) were compelled to make bricks without stubble of straw; we are informed

that "they did see that they were in evil case." Very similar are the feelings of your correspondent. For, firstly (if a layman may use the word), there are none too many O.G.G. at Cambridge, and, secondly, it is a severe tax on the memory to recall their several doings in the solitude of a Sussex hamlet. But still, *nil desperandum*,—K. M. Macmorran, B.A., we believe to be still at King's (Oh for a "Residents' List"!)—last time we looked him up his address sounded attractive; "1, Newnham"! No doubt there would be much to record of his doings, did we but know it. At Trinity D. S. Robertson is to be congratulated on his intrepid horsemanship, his painstaking tennis, and the result of his trip. We cannot believe that the Christmas Card Angel who blew the last trump in front of the Master's lodge, at 12.45 a.m., one May-week morning, supported by Dinizulu, Vesta Tilley, and a "Symmetrion girl," was really he, but the circumstantial evidence is strong, though the Senior Dean did not confiscate Messrs. Hopkins' excellent coach horn. We hope we have not seen the last of the Trumpington Street meteor. R. W. Willcocks, of the "Gonville" and Caius, is said to be an expert in the use of the scalpel and the detection of All-butt-chicken pox. Neville of Jesus (what the deuce—I beg your pardon, sir,—what on earth are his initials?) coxed a Jesus boat with success in the "Mays." I think it was the first boat; but "bricks without straw," Mr. Editor! We certainly heard his mellow throat made mellower by a neatly attached megaphone, and cheered him and his to victory. We regret to add that we so far forgot ourselves as to encourage him by the name of Adolphus; but his soul was "far from the mist and hum of that dim spot."

With best good wishes, yours, &c.

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."

DEAR SIR,

May I call attention to a matter which has been referred to by a former correspondent, namely, the condition of the Chiswickite basins? At present only two of them can be used, and there is an occasional absence of that necessary article, soap. I feel that, having regard to the saying, "Cleanliness is next to godliness," these matters need only be mentioned to be properly remedied.

I trust that you will excuse these remarks from one who has been compelled to be an

IMPERFECT ABLUTIONER.

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