

OF CUSTOMS.

GRANTS has perhaps more customs than any other house at Westminster. We say "has," but we fear we should rather say "had," for customs are not now what they used to be. Yet a few still exist, though they serve, in great measure, only to show the absence of others which have fallen into disuse. One, however, among a few others, still survives, viz., that every new boarder must "walk the mantel-piece" in Hall, before he is considered a Grantite. Another is the calling of "Hall!" for summoning a fag, which we believe is peculiar to Grants. This has, of course, arisen from the fact that the junior members of the House dwell in Hall and not in "Chiswick," which, by the way, for the benefit of those that don't know, was so-called "in the days of Dr. Busby," from the school sanatorium at that place. We are glad to say that the perhaps most ancient of all Westminster customs, that of "Substance and Shadow", has not been dropped, though we believe we share this last with Rigauds to a certain extent. Lately we have heard murmurings of disapproval throughout the school of the yard game "as she is played " up Grants. The game dates from time immemorial, and though, of course, not so beneficial as "Green," it at

least teaches accurate passing. What few injuries are sustained in the yard, we are inclined to think are owing to there being a great number of holes in various places, which would be none the worse for remedy. Its popularity among Old Grantites is evident from the fact that few come "Up Grants," without "sporting" a ball.

HOUSE NOTES.

THE monitors for the year are A. R. Severn (Head of the House) and W. F. Fox.

The following fellows left last term :--H. S. Ladell, G. H. G. Scott, K. H. A. Kellie, E. G. Phillimore, W. G. Chapman and D. E. Jowers.

C. G. Bird, in the London Matriculation, is the only new boarder this term. He was previously up Home Boarders.

The following Grantites got cricket colours at the end of last term :--Pinks, A. R. Severn and H. S. Ladell; Pink and Whites, L. J. Moon and G. H. Lambert; 3XI^s. W. F. Fox, G. E. Hornor, E. G. Phillimore and A. P. Day. These, with K. H. A. Kellie, G. H. G. Scott and A. H. Woodbridge, made up the House XI.

The following were the football colours "Up Grants" at the beginning of this term :—Pink, A. R. Severn; Pink and Whites, W. F. Fox and L. J. Moon; House Colours, A. H. Woodbridge and G. H. Lambert.

The following Grantites have played for the School this term:-A. R. Severn, W. F. Fox, and L. J. Moon. For the 2nd XI. A. H. Woodbridge.

The Literary Society has read this term :---" The Rivals," "Hamlet," and "She Stoops to Conquer."

The Cricket yard ties last term were won by A. R. Severn, G. H. Lambert and H. G. H. Barnes.

We were sorry to see A. R. Severn injured in the first ten minutes of the match v. Ashburnham House, in the first round of the Trial House Matches. He may be *hors de combat* for the rest of the term.

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TRIAL HOUSE MATCH.

GRANTS v. ASHBURNHAM.

THIS match was played "Up Fields" on Wednesday, November 29th, and resulted in a win for Grants by one goal Severn lost the toss and kicked off from the church to nil. end shortly after 2.30. Grants immediately began to press, but Robertson and Last defended well, and nothing tangible resulted. At length the Grantite forwards worked the ball up and forced a corner, the outcome of a fine shot from Severn: but Robertson fisted out and the ball was got away. Shortly after this Severn was badly hurt, and was obliged to leave the field, which left us with only four forwards. Ashburnham, profiting by this misfortune, then made straight for Grants' goal, and were beginning to look dangerous, when Lambert cleared; and Moon, passing out to Woodbridge, who returned it, transferred to the left wing, and Bernard, who missed an exceedingly easy chance right at the beginning, ran the ball over the line. From the kick-off, Guy got away, but was pulled up in time by Hornor, who sent the ball on to Woodbridge: the latter went away at top speed, eluding Last, but a corner was all that resulted, from which, however, nothing accrued. Give and take play then ensued up to half-time, and the sides crossed over with no score. The next most noticeable item was some fine play by Griffin, who caused Moon a lot of trouble, and though he repeatedly gave his forwards excellent chances, the Grantite back-division managed to stave off the attack. Moon and Woodbridge occasionally relieved and several times got well on towards Robertson, but the latter saved well the shots he received. until Fox got an opening close to goal, but shot badly: however Templer was lying handy and quickly put the ball into the net (1-0). This served to make Ashburnham "wire up" very hard and Taswell had several shots to negotiate, which he did well. Kirkpatrick found Langston troublesome at times, but worked hard, though he was too much inclined to kick at random when he got the ball. Moon combined well with Woodbridge, who, though he dribbled well down the outside, centred too slowly. In the last fifteen minutes Ashburnham had plenty of opportunities, owing to the energy of Griffin, but turned them to no account, and a disappointing game ended in favour of Grants as stated above. For Grants, Taswell did what he had to do well; Hornor was erratic, but Lambert, on the other hand, was steady all through and played well, out of his usual place; the halves had a lot to do and did their work fairly, and the forwards worked hard, but the combination was spoilt by the absence of Severn. For Ashburnham Robertson was safe, the backs tackled fairly but kicked badly, Griffin was out and out the best of the halves, and played finely throughout, and of the forwards Langston, Guy and Kennedy were the pick of a feeble lot. The teams were :- Grants: S. L. T. Taswell (goal), G. H. Lambert and G. E. Hornor (backs), W. F. Fox, H. J. Kirkpatrick and A. P. Day (halves), A. H. Woodbridge and L. J. Moon (right), A. R. Severn (centre), H. B. Templer and E. J. C. Bernard Ashburnham House:-J. A. Robertson (left) (forwards). (goal), E. H. Last and F. P. Adams (backs), T. N. R. Griffin, G. Raikes and J. Haweiss (halves), S. H. Langston and Kennedy (right), T. C. English (centre) J. Skeffington and A. Guy (left) (forwards).

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

FIRST ROUND-GRANTS v. H.BB.

THIS match was played "Up Fields" between schools on Monday, November 20th, and resulted in a victory for H.BB. The result was a foregone conclusion, and the by 5-0. winning team was superior at all points of the game. H.BB. went off with a dash and scored before the game was ten minutes old, through the agency of Maughan. This was quickly followed by another from Underwood, and this was the state of the game at half-time (0-2). In the second half the game was keenly contested, each side in turn getting About ten minutes before "time" H.BB. put dangerous. on three more and one which was disallowed through an infringement of the off-side rule. For Grants, who were without Lambert, Templer and Bernard were perhaps the best; for our opponents, Last, Blaker and Underwood. Teams:—Grants: S. L. Taylor-Taswell (goal), G. E. Hornor and C. G. Bird (backs), H. J. Kirkpatrick, D. W. Tacy and F. W. B. Willett (half-backs), A. P. Day and J. H. S. Watt (right), A. H. Woodbridge (centre), H. B. Templer and E. J. Bernard (left) (forwards). H.BB.: C. Underwood (goal), Muriel and Hollocombe (backs), Woodhouse, Davies-Colley and Jones (half-backs), Underwood and Last (right), Brailey (centre), Maughan and Blaker (left) (forwards).

TRIAL HOUSE MATCHES.

FINAL-GRANTS V. RIGAUDS.

Owing to injuries sustained by two members of our team, this match has been postponed to Wednesday, December 13th, 1893. An account will therefore appear in our next number.

YARD TIES.

BOARDERS. FIRST ROUND.

A. R. Severn		H. Kirkpatrick
H. B. Templer W. Lonsdale	beat	T. Taswell F. Willett
W. Lonsuale		r. whett

35-5

Byes.-Moon, Lidwill and Barney.

A most uninteresting tie as will be seen from the result.

W. F. Fox		G. Lambert
A. H. Woodbridge A. P. Day	beat	F. Willett E. Bernard

20-8

Bernard and Willett played subs. for Bird and Tacey.

HALF BOARDERS.

J. Watt		J. Corbett
H. Matthews	beat	H. Smith
A. Scarisbrick		M. Grahame

15-6

Bye.—Hornor.

SECOND ROUND.

Woodbridge	Matthews	Severn	beat	Bernard
Hornor beat	Day	Fox		Lidwill
Lonsdale	Templer	Scarisbrick		Barnes
21-12			38-10	

Templer was good for the losers.

Byes,-L. J. Moon, J. Watt,

PENULTIMATE ROUND.

A. R. Severn		L. J. Moon
W. F. Fox	beat	A. H. Woodbridge
W. V. D. Mathews		J. H. S. Watt
	21-15	

Severn and Fox for the winners, and L. J. Moon and A. H. Woodbridge for the losers were distinctly good.

Byes.-Hornor, Lonsdale, and Scarisbrick.

FINAL.

The draw is-

Α.	R. Seve	rn		W. F. Fox
G.	E. Hor	nor	v.	W. H. M. Lonsdale
Α.	Scarisb	rick		W. V. D. Mathews
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Owing to Severn's injury, this tie has been indefinitely postponed.

GRANTS' LITERARY SOCIETY.

SHERIDAN'S "RIVALS."

We read the "Rivals" on October 17th. The following new members were elected—H. Kirkpatrick, A. P. Day, F. Willett.

Mrs. Tanner	•••		Mrs. Malaprop
Mr. Tanner	•••		Sir Anthony Absolute
A. R. Severn	•••	•••	Captain Absolute
W. F. Fox	•••	•••	Fag
A. H. Woodbridge	•••		Sir Lucius O'Trigger
D. W. Tacey	•••		Lucy, David
G. H. Lambert			Lydia Languish
H. Kirkpatrick	•••	•••	Faulkland
A. P. Day	•••		Acres
F. Willett	•••	•••	Julia

We began Shakespeare's "Hamlet" on Tuesday, October 30th. L. J. Moon was elected. The reading was fair.

Mrs. Tanner			Gertrude, Ophelia
Mr. Tanner	•••		Hamlet
A. R. Severn			Polonius, Ghost, Osric
W. F. Fox	•••		King of Denmark, Reynaldo
A. H. Woodbridge	•••	•••	Horatio
G. H. Lambert			Voltimand
D. W. Tacey			Laertes, Servan t
H. Kirkpatrick	•••	•••	Marcellus, Guildenstern
A. P. Day	•••		Second Clown, Rozencrantz
F. Willett		•••	Bernardo, Corneli u s
L.J. Moon	•••	•••	Fortinbras, Sailor

We read Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" on November 21st. The parts were distributed as follows :—

Mrs. Tanner	•••	•••	Mrs. Hardcastle
Mr. Tanner	•••	•••	Hardcastle
A. R. Severn	•••	•••	Miss Neville
W. F. Fox		•••	Tory Lumpkin
A. H. Woodbridge		•••	Diggory
D. Tacey		•••	Miss Hardcastle
H. Kirkpatrick	•••		Young Marlow
F. Willett	•••	•••	Sir Čharles Marlow
A. P. Day			Hastings
L. Moon	•••	•••	Maid, Landlord

THE YARD.

To the Editor of the GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR.

I have referred once before, through your columns, to the bad state of the yard, but no notice has apparently been taken of my suggestions. Surely, Mr. Editor, the remedy is simple enough, and the advantage gained would be well worth a little trouble. A subscription throughout the house of, say, one shilling, would not ruin most people, and would make something towards the comparatively small sum it would cost. It is by no means pleasant for one's foot to come into violent contact with the hard stone instead of the hall, which is often the case, owing to the number of holes.

Hoping this will receive due consideration,

Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

B. LICK.

To the Editor of the GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR

Am I right in thinking that nasty, horrid, rough game—so-called football—still exists in the yard Up Grants? I feel quite sure that seventy-five per cent. of the injuries sustained by members of Grants are the result of that 'fated' yard-game, and I would suggest that in its place some nice quiet game be instituted, for instance, nine-pins, or some other game which could be played without the risk of such fearful accidents.

> Hoping you will agree with me, I remain, yours truly,

MOLLIS.

[Our correspondent has somewhat exaggerated matters. The question is discussed elsewhere in this number.—ED.]

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