



Nascitur exiguus,

vires acquirit eundo.

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RUMOURS and reports, more or less vague, seem just now to be floating about the school, with regard to the erection of a bath on the river, exclusively for the use of the school. There can be no doubt that such an addition would be unanimously hailed with great joy; and no one could attempt to deny that the want of something of the kind is very considerably felt. Doubtless, if any swimming bath *is* built, it would be a miniature Charing Cross Baths; but what grounds there are (if any) for leading one to suppose that any present member of Westminster School will see this much longed-for bath we cannot pretend to say. One of our correspondents says:—

“The new bounds have been instituted, and nobody can now go to baths. This is a great deprivation, and as yet we do not seem to get anything in exchange. It may be said that there is no need for going to baths now that water is “dried up.” But I think that it will be plain to any reflecting mind that there is very nearly as much need for them as ever. Every one knows how pleasant it was to go to baths after a game of rackets in one of the hot courts. If we are not allowed to go, why do we not have baths of our own, as so many other schools, of much less note than Westminster, have? There is space behind Ashburnham House, where the fives courts were to have been. This is an evil which, I have no doubt, has presented itself to the minds of many Grantites, and especially those who have been at that much injured institution ‘water.’”

And this last reference to “water” reminds us of this fact,—which we cannot help thinking is worth the notice of our readers,—two of the principal reasons for putting a stop to “water” were “time” and the “amelioration of cricket.” But

just let us glance at the result. In the evening now there are two hours: this, after deducting half an hour for changing and going up-fields, leaves just an hour and a half to play in. What is that? Just sufficient time for one side to get half through an innings when the cry of “quarter” warns one to “draw stumps.” From this it is evident that unless evening station is lengthened, cricket will not prosper, water or no water. Another point is also gained by increasing evening station, and that is, it will do away with one of the apparent barriers to the continuation of “water.”

NOTES.

The annual school Confirmation takes place in Henry VII Chapel, and the date is fixed for the 19th July. There are nearly 40 candidates. The BISHOP OF ROCHESTER is to confirm the boys.

Nets have been instituted up-fields for the respective houses, and a selected few are chosen from each house to practice at their respective nets. Those from Grants are M. T. Pigott, Veitch, F. and C. Fulcher, Gordon, and C. N. Clarke.

We omitted to mention in our last that E. G. Moon has not returned this term owing to a severe accident to his arm, which he met with at the end of last term, when playing “chevy” in the yard; we hope, however, he will be able to return next term. He will be greatly missed at cricket.

We were glad to see, at the beginning of the term, that new wires had been put up over college court.

The Dean has kindly undertaken to show a few fellows over the Abbey on 24th July.

CRICKET.

We unfortunately are unable to insert the score of Junior Grants *v.* Junior Rigauds, which took place last term, owing to the fact that it has been lost. We believe the totals were somewhat as follows. Grants 174, Rigauds 56.

The above figures certainly speak well for Grants, and we consider that the latter have no reason to be ashamed of the subjoined match: for though in the first innings they were beaten, yet we venture to believe, that judging from the way they began to score in the second innings Grants would have had a very fair chance of licking the Home-boarders.

JUNIOR GRANTS *v.* JUNIOR HOME-BOARDERS.

This match was played at Vincent-square on the afternoon of Friday, 20th June, and resulted in a victory for Home-boarders. The second innings was not finished: thus the game was decided by the first. Grants began their second innings and when stumps were drawn they had made over 90 for 5 wickets:—

The following are the scores of the 1st innings:

JUNIOR GRANTS.		
Fulcher, F.	b. Tritton	0
Smyth, H. W.	b. A. G. Prothero ..	16
Pigott	b. Tritton	39
Veitch	b. Tritton	10
Gordon	run out	2
Ellershaw	b. Tritton	0
Fulcher, C.	b. Tritton	0
Clarke, C. N.	b. Tritton	1
Pryce	b. Tritton	0
Smyth, N. M.	not out	0
Young	b. Tritton	0
Extras		6

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JUNIOR HOME-BOARDERS.

Farquharson	b. Ellershaw	13
Grant-Wilson	b. Veitch	0
Tritton, H. B.	c. and b. Veitch	21
Thornton	c. Pigott b. Veitch ..	2
Pettitt	c. Pigott b. Veitch ..	1
Small	run out	5
Thompson	b. Veitch	1
Prothero, A. G.	c. Gordon b. Veitch ..	22
Prothero, F. L.	c. Pigott b. Veitch ..	1
Peck	not out	20
Paul	b. Veitch	2
Extras		8

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In the second innings F. Fulcher made 11, H. W. Smyth also made 11, Pigott 22, Veitch, not out, 34, Gordon 1, Ellershaw 5, and C. Fulcher, not out 3. Pigott was conspicuous at the wicket for several good catches; and without Veitch's bowling, Grants would not have fared so well. Smyth, H. W., succeeded in reaching double figures in both innings, a fact which could not have been expected from one who used to go to "water." Tritton played excellently for Home-boarders, as also A. G. Prothero, and the latter has received his house colours.

The following lines we believe were contributed somewhere about the year 1739 by a writer in the "Gentleman's Magazine." They will doubtless be of considerable interest to our readers, more especially if they compare them with the "Forms" of our own time. They are evidently written not in the order of the forms as regards merit, but as regards their position in the school-room. The name "form" does not apparently seem to have existed at Westminster in those days, since the writer calls his verses:—

THE CLASSES.

Ranged in seven distinct, the classes lie,
Which with the Pleiades in lustre vie.
Next to the door the *first* and least appears,
Designed for seeds of youth and tender years.
The *second* next your willing notice claims,
Her members more extensive, more her aims.
Thence a step nearer to Parnassus' height,
Look cross the school the *third* employs your sight.
There martial rings, there Justin's works appear,
And banished Ovid finds protection there.
From Ovid's tales transferr'd the *fourth* pursues,
Books more sublimely penned, more noble views.
Here Virgil shines, here youth is taught to speak
In different accents of the hoarser Greek.
Fifth; these more skilled and deeper read, in Greek
From various books can various beauties seek.
The sixth in every learned classic skill'd,
With nobler thoughts and brighter notions filled;
From day to day with learned youth supplies,
And honours both the Universities.
Near these the Shell's high concave walls appear,
Where Freind in state sits pleasingly severe;
Him as our ruler and our king we own,
His rod, his sceptre, and his chair, his throne.

From these lines one is led to suppose that the Removes did not then exist, but are merely recent innovations.

PRIZE COMPETITION.

We venture to give our readers another chance of displaying their powers of composition, but in a slightly different way. This time, a prize is offered for the best verse, consisting of not less than four lines, on *any subject whatsoever*. All verses must be sent in before the 4th of August; or if not before then, they must reach us some time in the first week of next term.

We intend being more generous this time, and no rules will be laid down. It is requested, however, that every competitor will write the subject on which his verse is written at the head of the paper.

CHARADE.

Come riddle! this riddle of riddles to me,
And tell what 's the key-note of society.

Answers to these enigmas must be sent in before the last week in September.

All communications concerning, and contributions for No. 5 must be sent in not later than the 30th of September.

ANSWERS TO LAST NUMBER'S ENIGMAS.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 3.

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ASSIZES. CIRCUIT.

CHARADE.

HONEY-MOON.

ENIGMA.

A POSTMAN.

Correct answers to all have been received from nobody. M. A. Green guessed the charade rightly, but in the acrostic only five lights were right. "Aien Aristeuin" guessed the charade and enigma correctly.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 4.

1. If you can say that these are looking well,
You 'd hardly think of better news to tell.
2. This word he 'll use, who delicately scorns
To speak, in verse grandiloquent of horns.
3. In here again the poet will exalt
Into this rare word the common "salt."
4. Small they seem to view, separately, till
They stand *en masse* before you in a bill.
5. The first two letters of the lowest score
A man can make, and hopes to make no more.
6. The largest river Devonshire can own,
On which is situate its largest town.
7. This man so far has sunk, and loves to sink,
Till he no pleasure finds in aught but drink.

The initials name a council, which is led
By him the finals give you as a head.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—On looking at the last number of your Paper I was astonished to see at its head the school crest "without the school motto," but in its place the motto which, on referring to your back numbers, I discovered to be the motto of the *Grantite Review*. Now sir, not only do I think that the school motto should always appear with the crest, but under your present system outsiders are likely to be misled by thinking that the motto at the beginning of your Paper is the school motto. Could you not in some way remove this objection by inserting the school motto in close affinity to the shield, and altering the position of the *Virgil* quotation; or better still have a different design for your heading, say Grant's steps, or a group of books and a racket.

I remain, sir, yours respectfully, LION COUCHANT.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

SIR,—I consider I am quite justified in answering that impertinent letter which you thought fit to insert in your last number; and I must confess, Mr. Editor, that I was somewhat surprised to find that *you* would allow such an insolent attack to be made through the medium of your paper. "A Water Fellow" flatly denies that water is in danger of extinction. Let him look at facts. May I be permitted to ask him how he has enjoyed his boating this term? I don't wish to take up any more space, but in concluding let me warn you not to insert such compositions in your Paper in future as others may not regard it in the same light as

PHENIX.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—You say you are not responsible for the opinions of your correspondents, but really, when such an outrageous letter is sent to you as one I saw in your last number by one signing himself "A Water Fellow," I do think it is high time you interfered, at any rate the "water fellow" might be requested to restrain his indignation and to commit his injured feelings to paper in slightly less offensive terms.

I remain, &c., ANOTHER WATER FELLOW.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

SIR,—Since the game of cricket in the yard in the summer term is quite as much taken up as football in the winter, I think that it is a great pity cricket ties in the yard are not instituted. I am sure if the idea was started many would take it up besides,
SNARLEY.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—It is with sorrow and indignation that I witness the way in which ancient rights of Chiswick are treated nowadays: everyone seems to think he has a perfect right to look into and even enter Chiswick whenever he pleases. Surely this ought to be put a stop to as quickly as possible. Hoping that fellows will take this hint,

I remain, etc., CHISWICKER.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Sir,—I see in your last issue that "all communications concerning, and contributions for, No. 4 must be sent in not later than *June 31st*." From the time I wore little frocks, I was taught that:—

"Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November."

I also quite agree with Editor, B. A. S. M. that too much room is taken up by third-class enigmas, which appear to be answered by less than half a dozen fellows.

I remain, yours truly, "ANTLER."

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Sir,—At the risk of incurring considerable odium, at least from the water interest up Grants, I should like to make a few remarks upon the letter which appeared in your last number from "A Water Fellow." In the first place, your worthy correspondent has the audacity to deny that water is threatened with speedy extinction. But, surely, Mr. Editor, it is extinguished—at least, except on half-holidays; and, surely, even he can hardly be sanguine enough to imagine that any crew in the scratch can become proficient which only practices for a few hours twice a week, and yet he says that he has considerable hope of its recovery. The only remark which I have to make on this part of his letter is that this wonderful "Water Fellow" must be endowed with a remarkably sanguine constitution. Then, again, he speaks of the old days when we used to race and beat Eton. But let me remind him that in those days we had several boarding houses in Dean's Yard, and I believe, even beyond these limits, besides College and the time-honoured Grants and Rlgauds, while Eton had by no means grown to its present huge limits, those were the days when Eton, Winchester, and Westminster alone considered themselves entitled to the name of Public Schools; but now, when we are almost invariably beaten by Charterhouse at football and cricket, and by such schools as Bedford and Derby on the water, and dare not even put ourselves against such a modern invention as

Radley, much less Eton, the less said about water at Westminster the better. It is utterly impossible that with our small number we can hope to keep up both cricket and water. Let us, then, throw all our energies into one and try if we cannot at all events hold up our heads among other Public Schools on land. Hoping that I have not trespassed too much upon your valuable space "with rubbish,"

I remain, etc., LUNATIC CONTRIBUTOR.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—Could it not be arranged by some means that some fellows besides those at the very top of the house might see the papers. I myself have only seen two comic papers this term, and not many more of the others; and I know that it is the same with regard to other fellows. Surely the lower fellows have as much right to see them as those higher up in the house. Hoping that the papers may be more generally seen,

I remain, etc., "CALAMITY-POP."

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—A sudden idea has siezed me and I hasten to commit it to paper in the hope that you will think fit to insert it. I believe it is true that next term owing to the diminution in the numbers "up Grants," the room generally occupied by the head boy, which is commonly called library, is to be abolished for that purpose, and that Chiswicks and Hall alone are to be used by the boys. This being the case I have the following proposition to make:

Cries are constantly rising that the papers "up Grants" are very often destroyed without being seen by half the house, and as yet it would seem that no remedy has been found to rectify this fault. Here is an opportunity! Why not avail ourselves of it? Let all the papers in future be placed on the table in library *and left there*, so that anyone and everyone may go in and read whenever they like. Moreover, at the end of the term when the papers are drawn for they will be considerably more complete than heretofore.

Yours truly, ÆNCAS.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

DRIOTOS.—Your suggestion is certainly good, but as a letter on the same subject appears in this number, we have not thought it worth while to insert yours.

G.A.L.—We are sorry we cannot insert your advertisement; but we think it not very suitable for a house paper. We recommend you to send your advertisement in the form of a letter to the Editor.

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