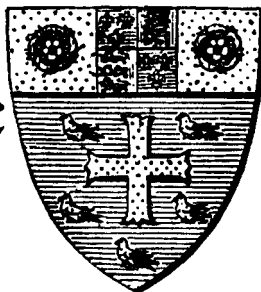


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EDITORIAL.

THROUGH the medium of this Editorial we would like to congratulate the House and the members of its team on winning the Football shield for the second time in succession. After the disheartening misfortunes of the Play Term, it was relieving to feel that at least we had kept something with which to decorate Hall. But not only did we keep the shield, three stalwarts managed to come in third, fourth and fifth in the Long-Distance race, thereby retaining that Cup.

But as Mr. Willét pointed out after congratulating the House on retaining the shield, it is essential for the younger members to keep up a certain pitch of keenness so that in the next few years we shall have geniuses who will be able to win cups and keep the shield. Grant's has won the present shield four times, and there are four more years before the shield is filled up; and, as Home Boarders have won it three times already, it is necessary to retain it for at least two more years in order to win it. It has also been Grant's ambition to win the Fives Cup, and we have been in the Finals many times, but have never actually won it. The only possible way to win the Cup in future is for the junior members to gain a proficiency, easily obtainable by constant

practice. We are glad to notice that there is already in the House a group of players whose keenness has given them a most promising form. In fact, we can confidently say that if they develop consistently, our chances of winning the cup will be very considerable.

The Fives Cup is not the only cup to be considered, and if those who will in future represent the House, will become keener and practise, there will not be so many blank spaces on the mantelpiece.

HOUSE NOTES.

THERE left us last term : J. E. Manby and P. R. E. Tanner. We wish them every success in the future.

We welcome this term : J. G. Boyd, G. O. Hand, K. H. O. Hand.

H. T. James, P. Talfourd-Jones and R. G. Nicholson have come up into Middle from Outer.

R. W. Edgar, J. F. Turner, A. G. Hunt and G. C. Daisley have come up into Outer from Hall.

We heartily congratulate J. Harrop and R. W. Edgar on their Football Pink and Whites, and I. P. G. Walker, P. H. G. Wright and E. F. P. Bennett on their Thirds.

We also congratulate R. W. Edgar, I. P. G. Walker, E. F. P. Bennett, P. Talfourd-Jones, P. H. G. Wright and E. A. Bompas on their Football House Colours.

We managed to retain the Inter-House Football Shield, scoring seventeen goals in all, and only conceding one.

We also retained the Long-Distance Race Cup owing to the skill and admirable endurance of R. W. Edgar, J. F. Turner and H. T. James, who came in third, fourth and fifth.

In the Sports, Grant's were a good second for the House Challenge Cup, being only twenty-four points behind Rigaud's.

By the splendid performance of A. N. Winckworth, P. C. Kavanagh, K. de K. Bury and R. C. T. James we won the Junior Medley in the Inter-House Relays.

We must congratulate R. W. Edgar, J. F. Turner, I. K. Munro, P. H. G. Wright and E. F. P. Bennett on their House Running Colours.

I. K. Munro, P. H. G. Wright and R. W. Edgar are to be congratulated on running for the School *v.* Eastbourne and Achilles Club.

B. N. Gedye has been promoted to Lance-sergeant in the O.T.C.

R. G. Nicholson and M. V. Argyle have represented the School at Boxing.

In the Junior Inter-House Fives we were beaten in the semi-finals by College, who eventually won the cup.

I. K. Munro, E. A. Bompas and J. B. Bury won the yard ties.

J. F. Turner and P. J. Sutton beat R. W. Edgar and R. M. Mills in the finals of the Fives ties.

A. N. Winckworth beat T. W. Brown in the finals of the ping-pong ties.

SCHOOL COLOURS IN THE HOUSE.

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pink and Whites.</i>	<i>Thirds.</i>
I. K. Munro.	J. Harrop.	I. P. G. Walker.
J. R. Moon.	R. W. Edgar.	P. H. G. Wright.
J. B. Latey.		E. F. P. Bennett.
J. F. Turner.		

FIRST ROUND OF SENIORS.

Grant's *v.* Ashburnham (won 9—0).

Grant's played Ashburnham in the first round of Seniors at Morden. It was a glorious day, with hardly a cloud in the sky, yet there was that crispness in the air that is so pleasant to the footballer. The ground was rather sticky, but was not really muddy, and the ball was light, which gave the players a good opportunity of playing their best.

Ashburnham had the misfortune of having four of their men ill, including one of their best forwards; but even if they had had their full team, they could not have given Grant's many dangerous moments. As it was, their forwards had only about three shots at Grant's goal. Had it not been for the remarkable feats of their goal-keeper, Béranger, the score would have been considerably larger. He played an amazing game, and saved shots which looked like certain goals, while twice he flung himself headlong upon the ball and lay upon it until he could manage to throw it behind.

As a team, Grant's played very well together. In the first half the forwards played in very good combination and made some very good rushes down the field together, but they seemed to lose this rather towards the end; their shooting, however, could be considerably improved. The halves backed up the forwards very well and played a good game, while the backs certainly never let through their opponents. The goal-keeper had only one goal to save, which he did successfully.

Munro kicked off, and Grant's immediately attacked.

After two corner-kicks, before the game had proceeded for three minutes, the ball was kicked into the net by Walker, resulting from a good pass by Talfourd-Jones. After seven minutes, in which Grant's had been attacking nearly all the time, Munro gave a good pass, off which Latey managed to score. Ashburnham then made a dash down the field; however, the ball never went anywhere near the goal, although there were some exciting moments, when two corners were given. But Grant's managed to repel the attack, and themselves retaliated by pressing on the Ashburnham goal, when Béranger made some magnificent saves. But after half-an-hour's play Walker gave a good centre and the ball was rushed in. Five minutes later Munro rushed the goal-keeper

and succeeded in scoring another goal. This made the score 4—0 to Grant's at half-time.

The play was fairly even after this, until after about seven minutes Walker dribbled down the field and centred for Munro to score again. Béranger then made some more very good saves, when Munro and Talfourd-Jones both nearly scored. It was then that Ashburnham made their most formidable attack, Matthews, rushing right down the field, and just being pushed off the ball by Moon, as he was approaching the goal. Edgar then gave a good pass to Munro, who had an open goal, but he unfortunately was off-side; however, he soon managed to score again. Three minutes afterwards Munro again scored, as a result of a good pass by Turner. After another ten minutes' play, Munro again found the net after some very fine saves by Béranger, sending the ball into the corner of the net. Latey then put in a hard short, which was saved, but in the last minute of the game Munro again scored off a pass from Turner.

The teams were:—

Grant's.—P. H. G. Wright; J. R. Moon, J. Harrop; E. F. P. Bennett, R. W. Edgar, P. Talfourd-Jones; J. F. Turner, I. P. G. Walker, I. K. Munro, J. B. Latey, R. G. Nicholson.

Ashburnham.—S. C. W. Béranger; R. W. A. Coleman, R. W. Kidner; D. B. Huxley, J. C. Bune, A. R. H. Williams-Treffgarne; B. E. G. Levey, M. H. Matthews, D. S. Jewel, P. H. Shinnie, A. C. Johnson.

Referee: T. M. Murray-Rust, Esq.

T. W. B.

SEMI-FINAL OF SENIORS.

Grant's v. Rigaud's (won 3—0).

Rigaud's proved a much harder nut to crack than Ashburnham. The match was played up-fields on a day very different to the one on which Grant's played Ashburnham, being cloudy and cold. Though the ground was slightly stickier than before, the ball was light and was very difficult to control. The game was very evenly balanced, and except for the last ten minutes consisted of attacks and counter-attacks by each side. Both sides had one of their players

missing, A. V. Turk, Rigaud's outside-left, and R. G. Nicholson, of Grant's, whose absence caused certain alterations in the Grant's forward line. The Grant's defence played a very solid, sound game, and many times saved the side from perilous positions, while the goal-keeper kept his head well in the many rushes. The remarkable play of Edgar must also be commended; he played a hard game all through, many times relieving the backs and feeding his forwards well. But the forwards were not up to their usual form and did not seem to get together until the last ten minutes, when they improved very much; but their shooting, on the whole, was rather weak. Rigaud's, on the other hand, were essentially a team that had not played together before. They seemed to take each other by surprise by tricks which they did not all understand, and it is probable that if they were to play again they would be a much improved team.

Munro kicked off and Grant's immediately started attacking. Rigaud's fouled, and Edgar took a good free-kick, which ended in a corner. However, the ball was not shot into the goal, and Rigaud's took their opportunity, and rushing down the field very nearly scored, but Grant's again attacked and gained a corner. This was very well kicked by Walker and went right across the mouth of the goal, but the forwards failed to put it in. Rigaud's then made a formidable rush, but Wright managed to keep them out. After some close shaves, the ball returned to the other end of the field, and Turner had a shot, but well cleared the bar. Grant's then put in several shots, until the Rigaud's forwards again received the ball and replied with a long attack. Munro managed to get the ball and took it down the field, but was repelled by the Rigaud's backs. Walker then took another good corner, which was again missed by the Grant's forwards. It was not until five minutes before half-time that Turner managed to find the net with a hard shot, Walker having swung the ball right across the field. This made the score 1—0 to Grant's at half-time.

The second half showed much better and harder football on each side. Grant's again attacked first, and after two long shots by Edgar, and a rush down the wing by Turner, ten minutes after half-time Turner passed to Munro, who rushed through and beat the goal-keeper with a good shot.

After Munro had pierced the defence many times but failed to score, Rigaud's harassed the Grant's defence very much. The ball went right across an open goal-mouth, but the forwards failed to put it in.

After some more attacks by either side, Munro shot, but P. Bradbury managed to push it away for Walker to put in a hard shot from the side, which hitting the post glided in past the goal-keeper. Angelo then made a dash down the field, but Moon tackled him in time. It was then that the Grant's forwards began to improve, and the last ten minutes of the game were taken up with sharp shooting by the Grant's forwards. But P. Bradbury played well in goal, and did not let any goals through during that time.

The game was very hard fought, sometimes to such an extent that it resulted in a free-kick.

The teams were:—

Grant's.—P. H. G. Wright; J. R. Moon, J. Harrop; E. F. P. Bennett, R. W. Edgar, P. Talfourd-Jones; I. P. G. Walker, E. A. Bompas, I. K. Munro, J. B. Latey, J. F. Turner.

Rigaud's.—P. Bradbury; J. W. Triggs, C. C. Klein; G. Baker-Cresswell, L. P. B. Bingham, N. Wallace; L. C. Eaton, R. H. Angelo, B. B. Willmott, A. H. W. Matcham, J. Bradbury.

Referee: C. H. Taylor, Esq.

T. W. B.

FINAL OF SENIORS.

Grant's v. Home-boarders (won 5—1).

The Final of Seniors showed a marked improvement in the Grant's team as a whole, but more especially in the forwards, who combined very well and made some fine attacks, especially Munro and Walker, who both played magnificently. The halves did not play so well as in the former matches, but they did their share, and their deficiency was made up by the backs and goal-keeper, who played much better than previously, and many times saved Grant's from what seemed to be fatal situations. Although the score proved somewhat different, Home-boarders proved to be as hard to beat as Rigaud's. The day very much resembled that on which Grant's played Ashburnham, being very sunny

yet with a cold wind blowing, except that, unlike the Ashburnham match, the ground was very hard, which made tackling rather difficult. However, it made kicking easier, and the long kicks of Talfourd-Jones and Harrop were most noticeable.

Home-boarders kicked off and Grant's immediately attacked. Then followed five minutes when the ball spent its time on the touch-line, until Home-boarders managed to force the ball through and gained a corner. Grant's then cleared and replied with an attack, which ended with a good corner being taken by Walker, who sent it right in front of goal. There was then a scrum in front of goal, when Grant's put the ball in, but unfortunately an off-side was given. Home-boarders made a rush down the field, and Corrie very nearly defeated the goal-keeper. After some severe attacking by Home-boarders, the ball was cleared to Turner, who dribbled down the field and passed to Walker, who scored. This made the score 1—0 to Grant's a quarter of an hour after the start of the game.

Home-boarders replied with a very serious attack, gaining two corners, but Grant's succeeded in clearing the ball and started an attack, in which Munro centred the ball, which the forwards failed to put in. Shortly afterwards Munro passed to Walker, who dribbled through and managed to score, twenty-five minutes after the game had begun. Grant's then made a series of attacks in which the forwards carried out some good movements. Home-boarders then made a number of attacks, but Harrop was playing very well and repelled them each time. This left the score 2—0 to Grant's at half-time.

The second half was very like the first and led to short, sharp attacks by each side, combined by some even play in the centre of the field, till after twenty minutes Edgar dribbled down the field and passed the ball to Munro, who found the net with a hard, short shot, giving the goal-keeper no opportunity of saving it. Home-boarders then made a dangerous attack, which Grant's successfully repelled, replying with a fierce rush down the field, which ended in Turner charging the goal-keeper and knocking him flat on the ground, but causing him to concede a corner.

After another attack by Home-boarders, Grant's attacked, and managed to rush in a very good corner taken by Walker. After five minutes Home-boarders attacked,

and Byers taking a brilliant long shot scored the only Home-boarders' goal. After the kick-off Home-boarders again attacked and Hobbs very nearly did the same thing. Munro, however, receiving the ball, took the ball down the field by himself and scored five minutes before the end of the game. This made the result 5—1 to Grant's.

The teams were:—

Grant's.—P. H. G. Wright; J. R. Moon, J. Harrop; E. F. P. Bennett, R. W. Edgar, P. Talfourd-Jones; I. P. G. Walker, E. A. Bompas, I. K. Munro, J. B. Latey, J. F. Turner.

Home-boarders.—K. S. Maclean; M. Huggins, G. N. L. Godber; D. E. Samuel, W. H. Studt, J. G. Shaw-Scott; E. R. Hobbs, F. E. Studt, D. Mangakis, C. F. Byers, J. A. G. Corrie.

Referee: C. H. Taylor, Esq.

T. W. B.

SENIORS' CRITICISMS.

I. K. Munro (Capt.) (*Centre Forward*). In Seniors he was an admirable captain, combining the two essential qualities of encouragement and criticism. His constructive play was very good, especially his long-swinging passes to the wings, through which many of the goals were scored. It is a pity, however, that he cannot head the ball better, but even this did not seem to trouble him in Seniors.

J. R. M.

J. R. Moon (*Right Back*). He played with remarkable skill and determination in Seniors, and in combination with Harrop and Wright effectively repelled all the attacks made against them, setting a very fine example for the whole defence.

It may here be noted that Grant's only conceded one goal in all three games in Seniors.

J. B. Latey (*Inside Left*). In Seniors he kept his wing well supplied with passes, and his positional play was good; but he is much too slow to be a good inside forward, nor has his shooting enough power to be of use in front of goal. His scheming and constructive play, which is very good indeed, is far more effective in the position of half-back.

J. F. Turner (*Outside Left*). He is fast and his positional play is good; he has good ball control, and this enabled him easily to overcome the opposition which he encountered. Although his centring was effective, it could be still further improved by greater accuracy.

J. Harrop (*Left Back*). He played admirably in Seniors and was very reliable. His tackling was good, but his kicking was done with too much haste, often resulting in a kick into "touch." He played throughout with great determination.

R. W. Edgar (*Centre Half*). He played very steadily and worked very hard. He sent some very good passes through to the forwards, but was inclined to hang back too much. He used his head to good advantage, and with a little more speed should be a most useful centre-half.

I. P. G. Walker (*Outside Right*). He played in Seniors better than I have ever seen him play before. He knows a lot of tricks and got through his opponents with little difficulty, in several cases scoring from very difficult angles. He worked very hard and effectively throughout.

E. F. P. Bennett (*Right Half*). A hard worker who never stopped trying. His steady methods wore out all the forwards who were against him, and he very seldom allowed them to take the ball away from him. His heading was good and his passing was accurate.

P. Talfourd-Jones (*Left Half*). A player who adapted himself very well to the position of half. He worked hard, and his weight was very effective against the less skilful of his opponents. He was rather wild, but this was to be expected, since he knew very little of his position.

P. H. G. Wright (*Goal-keeper*). He did what little he had to do very well, and could not be blamed for the one goal which he conceded, as its flight in the wind was most deceptive. In fact, he kept an almost perfect goal, and showed no signs of his besetting fault of slowness in getting rid of the ball.

E. A. Bompas (*Inside Right*). His one, apparently unremediable, fault is slowness. His passing shows very careful forethought and his knowledge of positions is quite

remarkable. In spite of his slowness, if he can learn to kick the ball further, he will make a good inside-forward.

I. K. M.

JUNIOR HOUSE FIVES COMPETITION.

1st Round *v.* Ashburnham.

Grant's did not really meet any serious opposition against Ashburnham. The first pair, Bompas and Mills, won rather easily against a pair who were not nearly as experienced as themselves. The second pair, Lonsdale and Winckworth, met some very much more determined players, who very soon dispelled any doubts as to the result by taking two games rather easily.

Against College, however, Grant's were undoubtedly pitted against the future winners. Their first pair, O'Brien and Alderson, were more than a match for Bompas and Mills, who, however, did not let them have it all their own way. The second and third pairs, also, were beaten by more-experienced players. It may be mentioned that three of the four players who represented the Colts' team played for K.S.S. Juniors.

CRITICISMS.

E. A. Bompas. A player who shows distinct knowledge of the game. He should try to be quicker on his feet, and to aim at accuracy rather than strength with his shots.

R. M. Mills. A player who has improved tremendously by practice. He is still too slow on his feet and a little slow in anticipation, but should make a good player when he gains experience.

C. J. G. Lonsdale. At the present moment a very erratic player. His shots are correct but are not carefully enough directed, and he needs a tremendous amount of practice if he is to become good.

A. N. Winckworth. He has a good knowledge of the game and uses a lot of intelligence in the placing of his shots. He needs more practice, with which he should become good.

P. J. Sutton. A very much-improved player, who tries very hard. He does not use his left hand enough and should try to hit with more accuracy. He should become a very good player with experience.

J. B. Bury. A player who does not know enough about the game to be good; he needs a lot of practice, and should try and anticipate the flight of the ball more than he does. He played a good game in Juniors, but it is only by constant practice that he will become good.

R. D. H. Preston. He is much too unreliable, and seems to have no idea when he is going to hit the ball and when he is not. He hits hard occasionally, but is much too careless. Constant practice and more care should make him a good player, as he undoubtedly has the ability if only he will use it.

I. K. M.

BOXING.

It is nice to see more people entering for the House Boxing Competition, but this number could still be improved.

In the lighter weights this year, Daisley was beaten by Worthington after a not very inspiring fight, while Nicholson, who was unfortunate enough to be unfit to box in the competition, eventually boxed for the School. Argyle defeated Dean very easily, and this paved his way to the final, which he won in very good style. R. James, who ought to be good with more experience and practice, was in too heavy a weight to be effective. Rivaz beat Mills in a rather surprising manner and reached his semi-final. Bompas was unfortunate in meeting Wilmoth, who is perhaps two years older than himself, and as a result suffered defeat before he knew where he was. Latey, in the same weight, beat Eaton before scratching to Wilmoth in the semi-final. Munro beat Mair in the semi-final of his weight, but was subsequently beaten by O'Brien in the final. Talfourd-Jones met Grace, the Captain of Boxing, in the first round of his weight, and went all the way to take it to three rounds before being beaten after a very plucky fight.

I. K. M.

THE SPORTS, 1932.

GRANT'S more than fulfilled expectations in the Sports, as a whole, although we won only a single victory in the Inter-House Relays. In points for the House Challenge Cup, we were 2nd to Rigaud's, gaining 94 points to their 118, and Home-boarders were 3rd with 56 points; of standard points alone, Rigaud's had 33, Grant's 32, and King's Scholars 16.

The prospects for next year are good; some of our best athletes will still be here, and there are sure signs of athletic ability lower in the House. A great handicap to the Sports is lack of time for training; and it is to be hoped that in a few years their importance will be more fully recognised, and that they will attain to their rightful position of equality with School Cricket and Football. Meanwhile it is essential to make the most of the time that is appointed for training. If every member of the House tries to contribute his share, and if those who may be of use for House purposes devote a small part of their spare time to training, next Lent term, I see no reason why the House Challenge Cup and rows of batons should not come to enhance the splendour of our mantelpiece.

The Long Distance Race took place on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 8th, and coincided with the flood of a high spring tide; whether this was pure chance, or had been carefully arranged by those in authority to add interest to a somewhat tedious race, is not yet certain. The towpath between Hammersmith Bridge and Harrod's was submerged; but although this slowed down the race considerably, all went well for the House; Edgar, Turner and H. James came in 3rd, 4th and 5th, respectively, which easily gained for us the Cup that we shared with Home-boarders last year.

The Senior Inter-House Relays were run off on Tuesday, March 29th, and the Junior on the following Thursday. Heavy falls of rain on the few days previous had produced a sodden track, and it was very hard to "take the corners" at speed. In the Senior Relays we were in the final of both the Sprint and the Hurdle Relays, but were only 3rd in each.

In the Junior Relays we did better. We were 2nd in the Sprint Relay, our time being 73 secs., $\frac{2}{5}$ th of a sec. longer than that of Home-boarders, the winners, and 3rd in

the Hurdle Relay : and an admirable performance—for which our team deserves much credit, especially K. Bury and R. James, who ran for the House in all the Junior races—won for us the Medley in 5 mins. 10 $\frac{2}{5}$ th secs., and secured a baton.

Our Relay teams were (in order of running) :—

Senior :—

Sprint—E. F. P. Bennett, J. Harrop, H. James, I. K. Munro.

Hurdles—J. R. Moon, J. F. Turner, I. K. Munro.

Medley— $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile, H. James ; 220-yds., J. Harrop ; $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile, R. W. Edgar ; $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile, P. Wright.

Junior :—

Sprint—P. C. Kavanagh, R. James, J. Bury, K. Bury.

Hurdles—R. James, J. Bury, K. Bury.

Winning Team : Medley— $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile, A. Winckworth ; 220-yds., P. C. Kavanagh ; $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile, K. Bury ; $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile, R. James.

Individual Achievements.

In the open Events :—

I. K. Munro won the Putting the Weight with a “ put ” of 32 ft. 1 in., and was 2nd in the High Hurdles.

E. F. P. Bennett was 3rd in the Putting the Weight with a “ put ” of 29 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ in., and was in the Final of the High Jump.

J. Harrop also ran in the Final of the 100 Yards.

H. T. James was 4th in the Mile and 5th in the Long Distance Race.

R. W. Edgar was 3rd in the Long Distance Race, 4th in the Half-Mile, and 2nd in the Mile.

J. F. Turner was 4th in the Long Distance Race.

P. G. Wright was 2nd in both the 100 Yards and the Quarter-Mile, 3rd in the High Jump, with a jump of 5 ft., and was in the Final of the High Hurdles. He was 10th in the Long Distance Race.

R. M. Mills was in the Final of the Long Jump.

J. S. Brown won the O.W.W. Race in 14 $\frac{2}{5}$ th secs.

In the Under 16 Events :—

K. de K. Bury won the 100 Yards in 12 $\frac{1}{10}$ th secs., and was 2nd in the Half Mile, the Quarter Mile, and the High Hurdles (3 ft.).

In the Under 14½ Events :—

R. C. T. James won the Quarter Mile in 62 4/5th secs., and the Hurdles in 19 1/5th secs. He was 2nd in the 100 Yards and the Long Jump, with a jump of 15 ft. 0¾ in.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

G. C. DAISLEY, G. D. Everington, and F. A. Rivaz became members of the Society this term. During the latter part of the term Mr. Gleason honoured us with his presence as a member, after attending the second reading of "The Critic": can we be allowed to consider his membership the result of the impression made upon him by our reading?

Although our ranks were much depleted by the ravages of 'flu, we succeeded in meeting seven times, and read three plays—J. M. Barrie's "Quality Street," Sheridan's "Critic," and "Hamlet."

We were unfortunate in losing Munro at nearly all our meetings, who was absent owing to the exigencies of the School Certificate.

Barrie's "Quality Street" occupied the first two readings of the term. The play was of a style altogether new to the Society. It was unfortunate that Mr. Tanner was unable to attend either of the meetings, and Latey's absence owing to indisposition was a still further handicap. Nevertheless, the play was a success.

Talfourd-Jones gave an excellent interpretation of the two school children, Isabella and Arthur, just striking the right note for the two parts. Hadden had two parts, each of which needed entirely different interpretations. As Patty, the maid, he was knowing, sly and slightly insolent; as Charlotte Parratt he was affected and languid. Brown, as Miss Susan, added to his previous triumphs; he pointed the contrast between the two sisters excellently. Bompas, as Miss Phoebe, the other sister, just got the right balance between primness and an innate desire to cast that primness to the winds. In his scenes with Captain Brown, though they are very long, interest never flagged.

But the greatest success of the play was Moon as Captain Brown. He has given the Society some good readings, but never one so good as this. The part of Valentine Brown

is one that may very well become dull and insipid, but Moon was always showing us some new and interesting phase of this complex character.

The parts were as follows :—

Susan Throssel	T. W. Brown
Phœbe Throssel	E. A. Bompas
Valentine Brown	J. R. Moon
Patty	}
Charlotte Parratt	
Ensign Blades	}
Isabella	
Arthur Wellesley Tomson	
A Gallant	
Recruiting Sergeant	}
Miss Willoughby	
Miss Fanny	B. N. Gedye
Miss Henrietta Turnbull	G. C. Daisley
Harriet	J. Harrop
Lieutenant Spicer	H. T. James
Old Soldier	I. K. Munro
	J. F. Turner

“ The Critic ” is one of the shortest of Sheridan’s plays, and we were able to finish it at one reading. It is, of course, easier for a very amateur and immature society, as is ours—especially when deprived of Mr. Tanner’s presence—to make a success of a comedy, but even so I think we may consider our reading of “ The Critic ” as one of our most creditable performances.

Harrop and Brown, as Mr. and Mrs. Dangle, made the best of an opening which cannot be considered as equal to the rest of the play. Gedye, as the interpreter, and Tal-fourd-Jones started loud laughter, which was sustained almost continuously throughout the play.

Gedye also scored a great success as Puff. The very long speech in which Puff describes the various kinds of “ puffs,” may very easily pall, and Gedye’s reading of this speech may be heartily praised; he read it fast enough to prevent monotony, but slowly enough to allow one to gather the humour.

Hadden, as “ Sneer,” found a part completely congenial to him, and made a great success of it. His manner of expressing “ puff ” was very convincing.

Finally, Turner's amusing rendering of Don Ferolo Whiskerandos deserves mention; his was, perhaps, the best of the parts of the play within the play, and he entered splendidly into the spirit of the entravagant burlesque. He and G. D. Everington, as "Beefeater," executed the duel scene admirably—when one comes in pat with the finish of the other's speech.

The second reading was very little, if at all, inferior to the first.

The personnel of "The Critic" and of "Hamlet" was so altered between the readings that it is wiser not to include the detailed cast.

After an unfortunate start, when Mr. Tanner, who had been ill just previously, was unable to continue, the Society met three times to read "Hamlet." Under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Tanner, as Hamlet, the reading could not be anything but a success; the performance was further improved by an extraordinarily amusing rendering of Polonius by Mr. Gleason. Moon, as King Claudius, made a success of a long part; he rightly showed the comparison between the outwardly bland, affectionate and tolerant royal uncle and the base schemer beneath. Brown in no way diminished his reputation as one of our most promising readers; his rendering of Ophelia was clever and polished. Bompas, as the queen Gertrude, made the best of a part which was not very congenial to him.

One of the most successful, however, was James; since he read Crichton he has not succeeded in enjoying any particular part. In Horatio he found a part quite to his liking, and made an excellent come-back; he fully interpreted the bluntness and loyalty of Hamlet's friend, and showed the contrast between the two characters. Munro and Turner (as the two gravediggers) provided the welcome comic relief.

REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD GRANTITE.

Arthur Lambton.

ALTHOUGH appreciating the compliment of being asked to contribute to the GRANTITE REVIEW, I fear that a more undistinguished representative of the House could not have been selected, as I shone at nothing, with one exception.

I would, however, like to state how interested I was to read of Charles Erskine, the founder of your paper, as he and I shared a room together, and he has always remained in my memory—and for this reason. At school one never doubted that the Church was his destination, but at the same time, I have known few people outside the theatrical profession so devoted to the stage. He would describe to me the particular play that he and his mother had witnessed on the Saturday, when we returned from the weekends at home. I myself used to go to the theatre on Saturdays frequently, but with Erskine it was chronic. Like “Dick Sheppard,” he was for “Church and Stage.”

Public schools in my day were rougher places than they are now, and I am afraid in the houses bullying was not unknown. Moreover, an iron discipline prevailed. Upon one occasion the laundry failed to return my flannels. Salwey, the head of Grant's, asked me what I meant by keeping “station” in ordinary clothes. I explained the reason. Nevertheless he said that he must tan me—and he did. Trivial as it was, the incident never faded from me, firstly, because of the injustice, and secondly because he might have tanned me with a quill pen, in fact, so little did I feel it, that I hardly knew when the operation commenced and when it ended.

Years afterwards I was watching Westminster *v.* Charterhouse, and with me was Mr. R. E. Tanner—incidentally one of the most delightful men it has been my good fortune to know—and for no particular reason, I asked him who was in the long field close to where we were standing. “Salwey,” he replied, “the son of your old head of Grant's.” I then told Mr. Tanner my story. He shook with laughter, and when the next wicket fell, he darted up to the son and passed it on to him. It is curious how people's ideas of humour differ, and it is not always a question of date or century.

I remarked just now that “Up Grant's,” I shone at only one thing, and here I branch into the most colossal conceit.

But at “Ball in the Yard” I was “It.” It was *my* game par excellence. I could take the ball off the wall with my foot as though the latter were a racquet, and I was “moving” towards the goal all the time. I have already bragged in a book how in a tie, against Winckworth, Veitch

and E. G. Moon, I lost by 13—8, having only on my side two newboys of 13 or 14 years of age. It is not so long ago that at Broadstairs, Ted Moon recalled this to me, and gave me "The Prize Song." Freddie Oliver was another who in after years crowned me with laurel. But at football proper I never got going, the ball always seemed too large for my feet. I played two years for Grant's and never got my colours, in fact, I was much better the first of the two years than the second.

At Cambridge I did better, and played many times for the O. W. W.

I had no chance at my College (Jesus), as we had five Association Blues (Pryce-Jones, Bolus, Hossack, Henfrey and Brook). Incidentally, too, we had seven Rugby Blues, and five Cricket Blues, the last including Macgregor, Woods and A. J. L. Hill, and shortly afterwards A. O. Jones came up. A side far stronger than most 'Varsity XI's. But this by the way.

One of the greatest joys at Westminster was the floating swimming-bath at Charing Cross, and excitement was added to the shallow end, as when a steamer passed the water rose a foot or two, and non-swimmers assured me that their past lives were about to rise up before them when the waters mercifully subsided. There was a high diving-board, and a running board underneath. Determined to be the world's high diving champion, I got two fellow-Grantites to hold me on the top rail of the high diving board. They let go of me at the wrong moment, and as I fell I wondered who would be taking a header from the board underneath, and whether I should break his neck as well as my own. But providentially for him, no one dived at that moment from below. They were wonderful evenings in hot weather, and are a joyous memory. There was a swimming cup in the school, but I am sure that I did not enter for it, though many Grantites wanted me to. There was a Grantite, younger than I, one Knox, and he was faster over a short distance, though I might have beaten him in a longer race.

Ragging was sometimes indulged in, as I suppose it always will be, and I remember bringing back to school a magic-lantern and the noise occasioned by the display in the dormitory caused Mr. Jones—the house-master—to pay a domicillary visit. Naturally, by the time of his entry everything was quiet, but I shall never forget his startled exclaima-

tion, as fronting him on the wall he saw a highly-coloured gentleman in pursuit of an equally coloured goose. "It is one of those who saved 'The Capital,' sir," said a boy. One is reminded of:—

" Oh Goose, how good thou art!
Only a Roman could 'Anser.' "

Mr. Jones had to laugh, and took it very well. "Be careful you don't set the house on fire," was all he said.

He was a wonderful elocutionist, and all through life I have carried with me his reading of "The Prodigal Son" in Poets' Corner. The serried rows of boys irradiated by the prismatic sunbeams which resembled so many golden arrows projected from the triforium, and that wonderful delivery, "For this my son which was dead, is alive again, he was lost and is found." I can see and hear it all now.

Upon one occasion a stand was erected opposite the Victoria Tower so that the School could see the Queen open Parliament. She drove past us in the famous Cinderella coach with Princess Beatrice, but the boys cheered so loudly that she asked the latter to put the window up. I think we were all rather hurt, especially as the coach was practically at its destination. It will be remembered that in one of her stories, Marie Corelli treats of a similar subject. And it was a pity that a certain humorous incident did not occur after, instead of prior, to this, as it would have raised our dejected spirits. But the cavalcade of important personages who drove to the House of Lords, of course, included the Ambassadors in their gilded coaches, with the three lacqueys standing behind, and like the coachmen, attired in gorgeous livery.

All colours seemed to pass us in turn. Presently there drove past us a coach, the flunkeys of which were attired in dazzling black and yellow. Immediately upon beholding it, Percy Probyn cried in stentorian tones, "Well played, Rigaud's!"

I fear that that day Grant's were defeated.

OLD GRANTITES.

In the New Year Honours Mr. L. E. Tanner was made an M.V.O.

Mr. Kenneth Mead Macmorran has been appointed a King's Counsel.

The Rev. J. H. C. Twisaday has been appointed Vicar of All Saints', Notting Hill.

OBITUARY.

Edgar Soames was a son of Eley Soames, of Bromley, and was up Grant's from 1876 to 1880. He went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. and LL.B. in 1884. He was admitted as solicitor in 1887, practised at Bromley, Kent. He retired in 1900 and went to live in East Grinstead, where he died early in January.

Willam Francis Teignmouth Shore was the elder son of the Rev. Canon T. Teignmouth Shore, of Worcester, and was up Grant's from 1879-1883. He went to St. Mary's Hall, Oxford, and became a journalist and author of several biographies, novels and other works. In 1910 he published a small book on Westminster for a series entitled "Public School Life." He was interested in the subject of crime, and edited several trials for "Notable Trials" series. He died recently at the age of 66.

Richard Oswald Mills was the eldest surviving son of the late Sir Richard Mills, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., and was up Grant's from 1884 to 1889. He entered the Bank of England, of which he subsequently became Assistant Secretary. He died on March 6th, aged 62.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

SIR,

All Grantites will be grateful for the "True and Authentic Story of the Historic House Fire up Grant's in the Early 'Eighties." It is a superb story and worthily told, though there is one incident, however, which I do not find

recorded. It has always pleased me, and I should be sorry to think it apocryphal. I have always been told that as the Housemaster fought his way upstairs, slipping at every step on the well-soaped stairs and with the water pouring down on him from above, he was heard exclaiming in tones of profound and genuine gratitude, " Brave boys ! Brave boys ! Well *done* ! Well *done* ! "

Yours, etc.,
L. E. T.

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