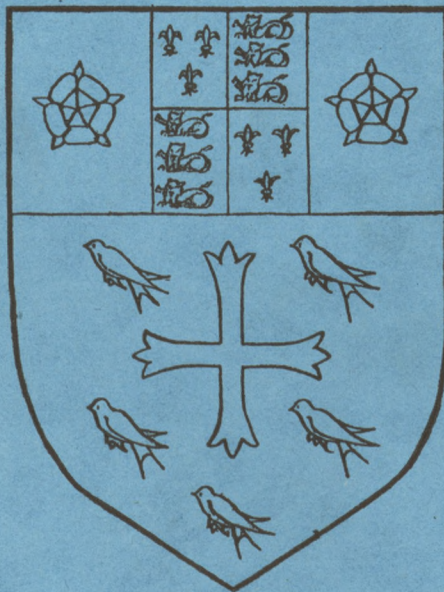


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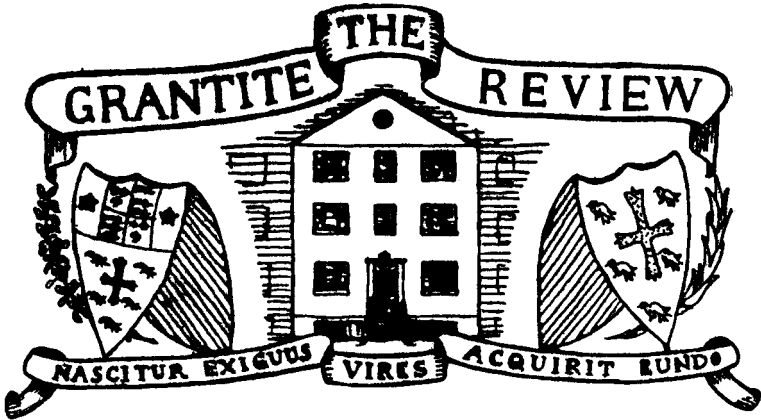
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EDITORIAL.

For the third successive year, Grant's have won the Squire Bowl, an achievement of which the whole House can be proud.

It is generally recognized that of all the aspects of character by which a person is judged, sportsmanship and a love of fair-play have a predominant part and that is probably what a certain famous athlete meant when he said, in the last century, that the state of a College's sport was an index of the prosperity of that College. For the qualities implied in the term sportsmanship can only be gained during the course of active competition, as a member of a team against a similar team, and the more successful the teams are, the better will be the opportunities for displaying sportsmanship on the part of the individuals comprising those teams.

The purpose of the sporting activities at a school is chiefly to provide the necessary exercise, but, almost as important, is the power they have to develop in the individual the instincts of sportsmanship and fair play. It is right that the team which contains the greatest proportion of athletes should win, but it is impossible for any team, however powerful physically, to continue to win if it does not compete with the right spirit.

As far as the House is concerned in the sporting side of school life, two things can happen. Either it continues to be as successful as it has been in the last three years, or the pendulum will begin to swing back in favour of some other house. If the latter should occur, let us hope that we shall prove the famous athlete wrong by showing that it is as easy to display the same sportsmanship, while competing against better and stronger opponents, as it is when successful.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE KING'S VISIT.

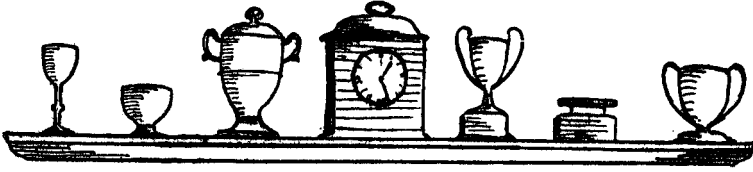
For many months the thought of the King's forthcoming visit had been lingering in the back of many boys' minds, but it was not until the preceding fortnight that it began to assume live proportions. It soon became clear what a great occasion it was going to be. Rehearsals were left until the last few days before the event, by which time the many elaborate preparations had been successfully completed. "Yard" was looking quite gay with flowers in the new window boxes; the Ashburnham geraniums being especially charming but only a few flowers in College Garden were in bloom. A case of scarlet fever a day or two before June 6th deterred very few from coming to the ceremony.

The great day dawned very warm—one of those typical June days; and the morning rehearsal was carried on in blazing sunshine. Some marquees had been erected in College Garden and a few flags hung from four of the College windows.

Most of the 2,000 invited guests were seated quite a time before the thanksgiving service in the Abbey was due to begin. The School less the King's Scholars, was seated in the nave from which a good view of the procession was obtained.

After the 20-minute service, concluding with a breath-taking fanfare of trumpets, the King and Queen went to Ashburnham House where various masters and others connected with the School, were presented. Meanwhile the School and guests proceeded into College Garden. When the presentations were finished the King and Queen came into the garden, their arrival heralded by trumpets and onto the dais erected at the North end of College's front, where the captain of the School welcomed them with an address in Latin, to which the King replied, in a speech of charming allusions, and flattering observations and crowned with a request to the Headmaster that an extra week be added to the summer holidays. This was received with great applause from the School. He then cut a tape and entered College through one of the lower windows for a tour of the building. While he was there the guests "scrambled" for tea. A little later the Royal Party emerged from College, and had tea in a marquee with the Monitors and heads of houses. The School then made a line across Yard to cheer Their Majesties as they left; the Abbey bells pealing forth as they passed under the archway. When they had gone the boys made a terrific rush for tea, the quality of which was much appreciated.

Thus ended a very memorable and picturesque occasion.



HOUSE NOTES.

PLAY TERM.

There left us last term :—H. Ward, E. S. Chesser, F. D. Hornsby and S. R. N. Rodway. We wish them the best of luck.

We welcome this term :—R. T. J. A. Clark, A. C. B. Hunter, D. N. S. McArthur, J. W. Parker, J. U. Salvi, R. P. G. Richards.

In Inner there are :—R. P. Harben, E. J. W. Oyler, J. F. Wordsworth and A. H. R. Martindale.

In Chiswicks there are :—S. G. Croft, M. L. B. Pritchard, N. N. G. Maw, K. J. M. Kemp, T. J. W. Smethurst, J. W. L. Croft, T. H. Stewart, K. H. Hodgson, R. A. Miles.

In Buckenhill there are :—C. J. H. Davies, A. C. Hornsby, J. G. S. Harris, I. J. Fulton, D. S. Cammell.

The Head of Hall is D. J. Van Rest and the Hall Monitors are G. G. F. Wordsworth, A. W. Abbott, T. J. Davies, J. Brostoff.

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ELECTION TERM.

We won the Squire Bowl for the third successive year.

We won Cricket Seniors, winning all our matches in the American Tournament.

We won Tennis Seniors.

We came second in the Halahan Cup.

We won the Athletic Relay Cup.

We came second in the Shooting Competition, being beaten in the shoot-off by Busby's.

We lost the P.T. Cup to Ashburnham.

We won the Exeter Cup for House Choirs.

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R. P. Harben has been appointed Head of the Water.

C. J. H. Davies has been appointed Secretary of the Cricket Club.

A. H. R. Martindale has been appointed Head of School Music.

R. P. Harben has been appointed Head of House Water.

A. H. R. Martindale has been appointed Head of House Football.

T. J. Davies has been appointed Head of House Tennis.

C. R. Hayes has been appointed Head of House Athletics.

A. H. R. Martindale has been appointed Head of House Fives.

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Congratulations to :—H. Ward on his Pinks for Water.

and to :—C. J. H. Davies and A. C. Hornsby on their Pinks for Cricket ;

and to :—J. W. L. Croft on his Pink-and-Whites for Water ;

and to :—D. S. Cammell on his Pink-and-Whites for Cricket ;
 and to :—K. H. Hodgson on his Thirds for Water ;
 and to :—A. H. R. Martindale on his Thirds for Cricket ;
 and to :—T. J. Davies on his Thirds for Tennis ;
 and to :—R. P. C. Hillyard, on his Colts for Cricket ;
 and to :—J. W. L. Croft and K. H. Hodgson on their Seniors for Water ;
 and to :—C. J. H. Davies, A. C. Hornsby and F. D. Hornsby on their Seniors for Cricket ;
 and to :—T. J. Davies, A. C. Hornsby, F. D. Hornsby and J. F. Wordsworth on their Seniors for Tennis ;
 and to :—C. R. Hayes, A. H. R. Martindale and M. L. B. Pritchard on their Seniors for Athletics ;
 and to :—M. W. M. Davidson on his Juniors for Water ;
 and to :—R. P. C. Hillyard and E. J. N. Kirkby on their Juniors for Cricket ;
 and to :—J. D. S. MacDougall, C. T. Sims-Williams, I. J. Fulton, R. P. C. Hillyard, J. H. M. Anderson, M. S. Makower, W. E. A. Phillips, E. J. N. Kirkby and I. R. Cameron on their Juniors for Athletics.

HOUSE DIARY.

Any review of the past term without mention of the departure of Matron would be incomplete. She was unfortunately called away during the term to nurse her mother during her last illness. The whole House expresses its sympathy to Matron in her bereavement. Her absence from the House made us realize how much we used to rely on her. We wish her the best of luck.

At the end of term one of the notices to be seen among the various appointments and promotions was " To? — . . ." followed by a list of names. No, this did not mean that Judgement Day had arrived at Grant's, but merely that a new dayroom was being formed and was as yet officially unnamed. Details of the new dayroom were not announced but it was known that it was to be a kind of " Upper Hall " and was to have Inner Change as its home. Both Hall and Chis. have been overcrowded and the formation of a new dayroom should do a lot to ease this. At the time of writing Inner Change could not be called luxurious, but we are told that a bit of paint can work wonders.

On the subject of paint, all the woodwork at the back of the House has been repainted and new flower boxes appeared at the front of the House before the re-opening of College and remained

for the rest of term despite several attempts at sabotage in the form of mysterious missiles—not flying saucers but merely garments thrown out from dormitory windows.

On the last Monday of term S.N.U.G. presented two plays in the lecture room, Terence Rattigan's "The Browning Version" and Noel Coward's "Fumed Oak." "The Browning Version" came first, but except for a scene in which pepper was administered to Andrew Crocker-Harris in order to make him cry more convincingly, suffice it to say that the best part of the first half of the evening was the ice-cream on sale during the interval. The second play, "Fumed Oak," was a very different matter. It commanded our attention from the very first. The play was an excellent choice and was well produced. In a good cast Wilding was outstanding, giving a very realistic portrayal of the Cockney wife, Doris. Croft did well in the difficult drunken scene, bringing out just the right amount of pathos. The audience was well pleased and went away happy. A word of praise must go to the stage staff for the smooth running of the play under conditions which were not ideal.

"MATRON."

Miss Brazier has just retired from being the most recent of those who are officially and affectionately addressed as "Matron." A stranger to Westminster, she came in 1946 when the School, and in particular Grant's, was still fresh from its evacuation and was shaping its new life in London. The interest of this transition absorbed her, and she was quickly swept up into the whirl of expanding Westminster life and into a deep regard for the School.

But, for a Matron, the interest was far from being academic. The absence of a sanatorium involved the likelihood of extensive nursing in the sickroom and, if that were full, in dormitories one or two storeys higher up. Fortunately her prescience and an eagle eye reduced this to a minimum. The close links between the School and Westminster Hospital had been interrupted by evacuation; it was a delicate, personal, matter to re-establish them and Miss Brazier's share in this was not inconsiderable. Grantites certainly provided her with a variety of reasons for visiting the new hospital buildings! The care (and recovery!) of clothes is a humdrum affair—except to parents, who owed much to Miss Brazier in this respect.

But any attempt to catalogue her contributions to the welfare and re-development of Grant's would be inadequate. A Matron has a delicate, diplomatic, perch between the "male" side of the House (the Housemaster and the boys) and the "female" side (the Housemasters' wife, or cateress, and the staff); I owed a great deal, and so did the House as a whole, to Miss Brazier's successful balance in this position.

CRICKET.

This year a new form of Seniors took the place of the old knock-out competition ; Juniors owing to the lack of time had to be dispensed with and instead we used a points system which ensured that every house played five games. Twelve points were awarded for a win and four for a draw.

The draw proved admirable for Grant's as our first three matches were played against the weakest houses and we therefore were able to gain valuable confidence and experience as a team.

The first match was against Busby's and losing the toss we were put in to bat. After a bad start, M. L. B. Pritchard being l.b.w. to Kendall with the score at 4, Davies, C., and Hornsby, A., took the score past 50 ; with the score at 55 we lost Hornsby, and Cammell, and shortly afterwards, Hornsby, F. Then, however, Davies and Kemp came together and runs began to come more easily ; some good strokes and some hard hitting taking the score to 175. Kemp was then caught at square leg off an attempted hook, having made 45 ; shortly afterwards Davies was run out when only four short of his century, a good innings, the driving and hooking being especially powerful. With the score at 197, we declared, leaving Busby's 2½ hours to get the runs. After a bad start in which they lost 2 wickets for 4 runs, they never looked like making the runs and were all out for 45, Davies taking 7 for 12 and Kemp 3 for 23. We undoubtedly had the best of the wicket and some hostile bowling was too much for a young side.

The second match was against Rigaud's and on a damp wicket we put Rigaud's in to bat. The move seemed to be correct for Rigaud's quickly lost 5 wickets for 26 runs ; Rigaud's No. 6 then gave a hard chance in the slips which the fieldsman got his hands to but couldn't hold. Taking advantage of this the batsman added 61 in partnership with his No. 7. These two (Lorriman-Thomas and Denny) batted very stubbornly and enabled Rigaud's to reach 102. The fielding was inclined to be patchy and the bowling was again hostile though at times erratic. Kemp and Davies bowled right through the innings, Kemp taking 9 for 47. The Grant's reply proved inconsistent but by dint of some hard hitting by Hornsby, A., Pritchard and Kemp the total was passed with 5 wickets in hand. Pritchard batted well for 30 and he hit a good six.

The third match against Wren's was played on part of two afternoons and ended in a win for Grant's by 71 runs. Grant's were put in to bat and began promisingly with a stand of 89 between Davies and a newcomer to house cricket, Kirkby. Both batsmen batted well and it was pleasing to see that there is some promising talent at the bottom of the house as we shall not always be able to rely on the old guard of stalwarts who have played over the last three or four years. Davies completed his half century before being well beaten and although we lost some quick wickets in the 80's, some hard hitting by J. F. Wordsworth enabled us to reach 146 for 7 dec. Wren's are a young side this year and although their Captain,

Robinson, and Jackson batted stubbornly they could only reach 75. Kemp and Davies bowled steadily, taking 6 for 29 and 3 for 31 respectively.

On the last Saturday of term we played College and although we beat them by 4 wickets, the game proved to be the most exciting of the series. Grant's won the toss and put College in hoping to force a win against a moderate bowling side. Williams and Kingdon opened the College innings rather too confidently from a Grant's point of view and they took the score to 24 before Kingdon mistimed a drive and was well caught by Hornsby, F. Robinson then joined Williams and taking advantage of some loose balls on the leg from Kemp they took the score to 58 when Robinson was well bowled by Davies. Wickets now began to fall regularly and when Williams was caught and bowled by Kemp the innings was nearly over and the whole side was out for 99. Kemp took 6 for 42 and Davies 4 for 38.

The Grant's innings started confidently, but at 18 Davies was beautifully caught at short extra, off a really hard drive, by Williams. Hillyard then joined Hornsby and they took the score to 44 before Hornsby hit his wicket; wickets then began to fall quickly and we had soon lost 6 wickets with only 72 runs on the board. Hornsby, F., was in now and summoning up his wealth of Seniors experience and keeping a cool head he began to knock off the 28 runs needed to win. With the help of Cammell he pulled the game round and after many anxious moments took the score past their total. Credit must go to the College bowlers who kept a good length on an unresponsive pitch and to their excellent fielding. Hornsby, A., made 20 and Hornsby, F., 25 not out.

On the last Monday of term we played Ashburnham in the final round of the competition. It was a warm, sunny afternoon and we decided to bat. The Ashburnham attack was keen and pretty steady and before we knew where we were we had lost 3 wickets for only 22 runs. Fortunately Pritchard and Hornsby, F., kept their heads and by process of slow but most valuable batting the score was lifted to 63, when Hornsby, F., was caught off Garcia. Kemp went quickly but Pritchard was still batting safely and when he was joined by Wordsworth runs began to come more easily; both batsmen were severe on the leg side and they added 76 runs before Pritchard was run out for an extremely good 49, combining strong defence with an occasional drive or sweep. Soon after Wordsworth was bowled for 43. Although not a polished batsman he can and does make many useful runs. With the total at 147 for 7, Kemp declared leaving Ashburnham 105 minutes to get the runs. Pitamber and Tourlmain put on 29 before the latter was bowled off his pads by Kemp. Pitamber made one or two lovely cover drives before he was bowled trying to hit a good length ball over the bowler's head. Once Pitamber had gone, little resistance was offered and with the score at 59 for 9 all appeared to be over, but the last pair proved very defiant and by some really good strokes they added 25 runs. Both were young and looked very promising.

With 15 minutes to go, however, Kemp yorked the number 8 and they were all out for 84, Kemp taking 8 for 30 ; and so we had won the shield for the third year in succession.

The new competition is a definite success for it has given each house a considerable amount of fun and also promoted some good cricket. We have been lucky in possessing a very strong backbone of senior cricketers and it is this, combined with a good spirit, which has enabled us to win.

After the games Seniors were awarded to :—C. J. H. Davies, A. C. Hornsby, F. D. Hornsby.

Juniors to :—R. P. C. Hillyard, E. J. N. Kirkby.

The regular team was :—K. J. M. Kemp (captain), C. J. H. Davies, A. C. Hornsby, J. F. Wordsworth, F. D. Hornsby, M. L. B. Pritchard, D. S. Cammell, A. H. R. Martindale, D. M. Lloyd-Jones, R. P. C. Hillyard, E. J. N. Kirkby. K. J. M. K.

THE WATER.

When the draw for the School Regatta was announced, the usual optimistic forecasts took place, which variously resulted in Grant's winning the Halahan Cup by ten, twenty or thirty points. In actual fact, no one of these was accurate ; we finished the fortnight second to Busby's by fifteen points, although winning three events to their two.

The only crew which did not fully justify itself was the Senior IV, which, with two rowing Pinks and the spare man for the 1st VIII, should have done better. Drawn against Ashburnham, Grant's never really settled down and lost to a well-balanced four by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. The Junior IV, against King's Scholars who were a very much heavier and experienced combination, did very well to lose by only $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, after staying with their opponents for three-quarters of the course.

This term there were exactly eight Junior-Senior oarsmen and we entered two fours in this event. On the Thursday, Junior-Senior "A" met Busby's "B" who had beaten our "B" crew on the Tuesday. Grant's led at the start and, keeping this advantage, passed the U.B.R. stone two lengths ahead in the good time of 4.24, only two seconds outside the record set up by King's Scholars last year. In the other semi-final Busby's "A" beat a hard-racing Rigaud's four by the same margin and in the same time. It was clear that the final might well be a close race although most critics thought that the superior experience of Busby's with two members of the 2nd VIII and one of the 3rd VIII, would be sufficient to overcome the Grant's crew, which was drawn entirely from the 4th and 5th VIII's. The final, rowed from the End of the Fence to the Stone was certainly surprising. Leading off at the start, as previously, Grant's were soon a length ahead, but already watchers on the bank were admiring the style and precision of the Busby's crew, who would soon row Grant's down. But at the Football Ground, Grant's had increased their lead and at Beverley were $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths ahead. Here Busby's did begin to creep up as Grant's waited for

their second wind and, at the Boat House, they were only $\frac{1}{2}$ length behind ; but Grant's rallied themselves and, in spite of a rudder-line coming unfastened, raced home to win by $\frac{1}{2}$ length in the time of 4.18, which broke the record by 4 seconds. This race did show that, at least while racing in tub-boats, it is not the academical skill which brings results, but the capacity to race hard over the whole course. Busby's were probably the most pleasing Junior-Senior IV to watch since the war, but unfortunately they let Grant's slip them at the start and only realized the lead they had gained too late.

The standard of Grantite sculling this year was well up to its usual level, but unfortunately, as last year, the most promising and enthusiastic were drawn against much heavier opponents, and on fixed-seats and even slides in clinker boats, it is the relative weights which are the deciding factor. It is only in best boats that a light sculler can be sure of winning if he is a better sculler. In Junior Sculls, both Rogers and Wilding showed that they have profited from the amount of practice they indulged in, and they should both have more success next year in Junior-Senior Sculls, where weight is not so decisive.

In Junior-Senior Sculls, with one exception, those that practised were successful. In particular Wordsworth, Hayes and van Rest did very well, and have improved a great deal since last year. Hodgson was very unlucky to be drawn against someone as skilful as himself and he was beaten by Gane by 2 lengths.

In the Double-Sculls, Grants entered two pairs. Hodgson and Harben were beaten by Roscoe and Eker (AH) in a race rowed into a strong head-wind, where their opponents weight and experience told. In the other half of the draw, Croft, J. and Ward beat Ross and Hayek (AH) and Walker and Birt (KS) to reach the final where they defeated Pigott and Bendixson (B) in a hard race (with the additional competition of a tug's wash) by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in the time of 4.40.

In the Senior Sculls, out of our four entries, two got into the Final. Chesser and Harben were both defeated in the first round by Pigott (B) and Leigh-Clare (R) respectively while Croft, J. and Ward reached the semi-finals by beating Gray (R) and Roscoe (AH) to meet Bendixson (B) and Pigott. It was in this round that probably the most exciting sculling race of this year's Regatta took place, when Croft beat Bendixson. Giving away over two stone to his opponent, he was only $\frac{1}{2}$ length down at the Boat-House and in the last quarter-mile he overhauled him in a magnificent spurt to win by $\frac{3}{4}$ length in the time of 4.59. Ward beat Pigott by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths in 5.03 and in the final on Saturday beat Croft by 1 length in 4.59 to win the event for the second year.

In the Coxswains' Handicap, Chesser finished second and Chick 6th ; in Lamprobactics, Grant's again had three representatives and Town Boys, settling down by the time they reached the Boat-House, beat King's Scholars by a canvas.

In the Inter-Schools Regatta, Grant's had two representatives in Senior Sculls, which were won by Croft ; Anderson rowed bow

in the successful novice four and Chesser entered for the Coxswains' Handicap.

This year's racing has shown how invaluable and essential practice is for success. Although in Junior Sculls the heavier competitors usually win, in the other events it is not necessarily so. Grant's this year have improved their position in the Halahan Cup by one place through hard practice; if Grantite scullers can bring themselves to use the winter properly, I am sure Grant's will finish first next year. H.W.

CREWS :

SENIOR IV.	JUNIOR-SENIOR 'A' IV.	JUNIOR IV.
K. H. Hodgson, bow	G. G. F. Wordsworth, bow	R. F. Wilding, bow
2 J. W. L. Croft	2 D. J. van Rest	2 W. E. A. Phillips
3 R. P. Harben	3 S. J. Croft	3. J. H. M. Anderson
H. Ward, str.	M. W. M. Davidson, str.	H. H. M. Rogers, str.
E. S. Chesser, cox	H. Ward, cox	E. S. Chesser, cox

TENNIS.

There has been some controversy this term over the question of putting cricketers into tennis seniors. The head of house tennis, Rodway, believed that a house should field its best team, and so played Hornsby A, Hornsby F. and Wordsworth J. to the exclusion of himself, Smethurst and Maw. This in the end, although causing some ill-feeling amongst the other houses, won the tennis seniors for Grant's; and one would be justified in saying that our chances of getting through a round would have been very small had we used only regular tennis players.

Grant's entered the first round with great determination but little confidence, although the draw was satisfactory. The match was played Up Fields one evening against Ashburnham. The first pair, Davies T. and Hornsby A., had little difficulty against either of their pairs, winning 6—2, 7—5 and 6—0, 6—1. Our second pair, Hornsby F. and Wordsworth J., who were later to cause the best players in the school the utmost difficulty, won 6—0, 6—3 against their second pair. The best match of the evening was then played and was closer than the scores suggest. After a long and strenuous battle, our steady combination won through against the hard hitting of Pitamber, and we won 6—2, 6—2.

The second round was played against College on two successive nights. This was probably our hardest match, and the result was decided on games. Both our pairs beat their second pair, conceding between them only seven games. Their first pair, Robinson and Williams, both cricketers but probably the best pair in the school, did not find our first pair as easy as was imagined, and some very good tennis was played. Our second pair, using their extraordinary tactics, played a game which completely surprised them and managed to take five games. With the five games that our first pair obtained, we had beaten College by 34 games to 31, and we had reached the final.

The final was played against Rigaud's on the last Friday of term and again the critics said Grant's could not win. It was decided to change round the pairs, calling the first the second and vice versa, and it was hoped that the unorthodox tactics of Hornsby, F. and Wordsworth would surprise their first pair. This in fact turned out to be the case and our second pair made a determined effort, losing 4—6, 4—6. Our first pair having beaten their second 6—0, 6—3, played their first. By the end of one set, which they had only just lost 5—7, the result of the other match was heard, where Hornsby, F. and Wordsworth had beaten their second pair 6—0, 6—0. Davies and Hornsby, A., continued to struggle and their good play, although rather untidy at times, brought them the set, 6—4. The match had been won by 5 sets to 3, and, after playing a few games in the final set, they had to stop.

So Grants had won tennis seniors. It had surprised everyone and no one could understand how it had been done. The answer lay in the fact that we had two steady and effective pairs. This could counter the brilliance of the individuals that other houses produced. Davies, T. and Hornsby, A. are both good players and should develop their tennis well. They are not afraid to hit hard and take the offensive, and both have a fairly effective service. The placing and chopping of the ball by Davies, T. and the backhand drive into the tram-lines by Hornsby, A. are their especial characteristics. They must, however, try to play together more. Hornsby, F. and Wordsworth, J., were the two who surprised everyone. Their steady pat-ball style of play, which consisted of well-placed although unorthodox strokes, and their art of playing on their opponents' mistakes, seemed to stem the best of players; and the confidence of Wordsworth before a match was astounding but not unfounded. The pair worked together and were worthy of their places if only as match-winners but they showed that they could play tennis as well.

Tennis seniors has proved that Grant's has some very confident, if not altogether orthodox, players. Most of these are staying at the school for at least another year and, with practice, should improve. It is encouraging to have a Grantite, Davies, T., in the first six. He well deserves his place for his steady, accurate play, and should prove to be a great asset to the school. It is, perhaps even more encouraging to hear that next year the younger members of the school are going to be allowed to play tennis as a station. For the rule that a boy has to have been at the school for two years before playing tennis is probably going. Grant's has some keen and proficient younger members of the house, Croft, C. and Hillyard, as well as older boys like Davies, C. in particular. Some of these will be kept by cricket but it is hoped that the others will be able to play. If this is the case Grant's should soon find that tennis is not merely a social asset.

S. R. N. R.

ATHLETICS.

The School sports and the Inter-House Relays were held at the end of last term, and on a good track, there were some creditable performances.

In the Sports, which took place on July 22nd, one school record was broken, C. R. Hayes (G.G.) knocking 2 secs. off the previous U.16 880 yards record of 2min. 16sec. Hayes had already won the U.16 440 yards in a fast time, and in two or three years, with reasonable opposition, he should get inside the school Open records.

In the Open events, Hornsby, F., won both Mile and 880 yards for the second year, and Pritchard took second place in the High Jump.

Hillyard and MacDougall, without actually winning, were prominent in the U.14½ events, and will do well.

It might also be mentioned that an ex-Grantite, L. E. Lowe (K.S.), Captain of Athletics next year, won four Open events, including the Hurdles, which are so old that it is an achievement to finish the course!

On the following Monday the Inter-House Relays were held and G.G. were successful in retaining the Cup, with 30 pts. to 21 pts., by King's Scholars.

At first the final result promised to be much closer, and it was chiefly due to the efforts of the U.16 runners that we won convincingly.

In the Open events we came third in the 440 yards relay and first in the Medley, in which all our runners ran well. Hayes (having already run twice) hung on grimly to Pitamber in the first 440, and Pritchard and Martindale both ran fast 220's, Hornsby, F., taking over 10 yards behind Hunt (K.S.) and eventually winning easily in the half-mile.

Hayes, Lloyd-Jones, Van Rest, A. Hornsby and Sims-Williams in the U.16 relays must be congratulated, all three races being won. The 100 yards relay in particular was a fine effort, Lloyd-Jones finishing first by a yard.

The U.14½ teams secured a 2nd and a 3rd place, and might have won the 220 yards had not Makower been fouled when well-placed.

The results and some of the times are commendable because there was little practice possible for baton-changing, and some runners had had little or no training.

Of those in their first Athletics season, Hillyard, Anderson, Makower, Phillips, Kirkby and Cameron show promise and enthusiasm, and there is every prospect of Grant's being successful again under Hayes next year.

F. D. H.

GOLF.

The School played the O.W.W. at the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf club on May 1st. Foursomes were played in the morning and Singles in the afternoon. S. L. Henry (RR) was a welcome newcomer to the team, but as C. J. H. Davies was unfortunately ill, the School were one short. In spite of this, an enjoyable day finished with the School winners by $6\frac{1}{2}$ matches to $5\frac{1}{2}$.

F. D. H.

Team : R. K. Pitamber, R. T. Robinson, T. J. Davies (G), A. C. Hornsby (G.), F. D. Hornsby (G.), S. L. Henry, G. N. P. Lee (G.).

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We should like to congratulate S. L. C. Tester, an ex-Grantite, on winning the College Juniors Race on Election Monday.

THE C.C.F.

There seem to be three distinct opinions evident at Corps Camps ; a few people really enjoy the activities and are glad that they came ; a large number feel that their time could be more pleasantly employed elsewhere but have the good sense to make the best of things and discover that in fact camp is a good deal more fun than they had been told ; and a few find the discipline, discomfort and any physical labour really unpleasant and have a genuinely miserable time. This year there seemed far more of the first two schools of thought among the contingent, and pleasantly few of the last.

In many ways the camp was very successful, and most of them were connected with our physical comfort. Good food, adequate washing arrangements and pleasant entertainments to pass away spare time do make that considerable difference between hating the life and tolerating or enjoying it, and also cut down the inevitable murmur of grumbling. In those respects, our accommodation was excellent : I am not suggesting that we lived in the lap of luxury, but there was no need for anyone to be hungry, dirty or bored. Compared with Pirbright camp, where we went last year, Crowborough was very comfortable.

Only two real disadvantages affected us. The first was that we were not allowed to fire blank, because the area belonged to the National Trust. The second was that we spent our first few days under canvas, and the ground was not suitable to withstand the heavy rain that fell, with the result that about half the contingent was flooded out, and moved into huts. Finally we deserted the tents altogether, and a mass exodus took place for the drier and more comfortable accommodation of huts. After that the sun shone until we left camp, and we had lost the advantages of being under canvas for nothing.

We saw two very interesting demonstrations during our stay, and carried out some full-day exercises. Here the ban on blanks was a considerable disadvantage, since whistle blasts to represent fire confused both combatants and umpires. We carried out night operations against Charterhouse, which turned into a very noisy

and unorganised game! of rather doubtful military value, though of course everyone enjoyed themselves. Two days before our return we made the long journey from Crowborough to Eastbourne to fire on the ranges, and on the way back a party of six, three N.C.O.s and three cadets, under the command of Mr. Brock, were dropped, about 15 miles from camp, to march back by night. They started at 10 p.m. and arrived, footsore and pleasantly tired, at about 3.45 next morning.

As soon as we left camp the rain began again, and we dispersed at Westminster, wet, but on the whole satisfied with our activities and experiences.

S.N.U.G.

Snug has now been flourishing for nearly two years, and to celebrate this a festival was held during the term. This lasted for a week and there were various entertainments to delight the loyal Snug supporters.

On the first night the housemaster opened the festival, which was held in Hall. One of Matron's bandages was put across the entrance, and a young Grantite, holding a cushion on which was placed a pair of scissors, was planted by the side. Mr. Wilson, accompanied by the President, opened the festival by saying that he hoped Grantites would carry the name of Snug into all corners of the earth. He then cut the tape, while the cries of "Vivat, Vivat, Vivat Snugness" were heard from the delighted young Grantites. Then the fun began—there was a well prepared fun-fair to await the eyes of all who had come with pennies in their pockets. There was a half-crown to be covered in a bucket of water and tins to be knocked down, as well as a fortune teller to be visited in a hidden corner of Hall, a mystery voice to be guessed, and some money waiting to be won from Kim's Game.

On the second night of the festival a film show was given in Hall. Film shows have always been a success, and many people came to loose themselves in the fooling of Charlie Chaplin and Laurel and Hardy. It was hoped to end the festival with a gramophone recital but this had to be postponed for a week.

The festival was a great success, and, besides raising 11s. 7½d. for Snug funds, showed that there is much enthusiasm amongst the younger members of the house. Throughout the term young Grantites have been debating topical questions, acting charades, hearing good music and generally improving their "cultural" education, besides enjoying themselves.

The climax of the society's work is to be reached at the end of this term when two plays "The Browning Version" by Terence Rattigan and "Fumed Oak" by Noel Coward are to be performed in the Lecture Room. Although the choice of plays is very ambitious, the actors have worked hard and gained something from their efforts.

Next term will see a new era of Snug. Some of the founders and ardent supporters will no longer be there. But there is no need for worry. A rock has been established and a link has been formed—the rock is an enthusiastic society and the link that between senior and junior. Enthusiasm was found amongst the junior members of the house, and, becoming senior, they have encouraged their successors. Let us hope that as this new era of Snug approaches, it will be as successful as the start.

THE SCOUTS.

This year, the first in which the system by which everyone does at least one year in the C.C.F. has operated, saw the Troop potentially at its largest since the war ; with half-a-dozen members in the Corps there was a total of 40. During the course of the year, everyone reached First Class standard, although for this to be possible, the members of the Troop had to spend their whole time on instruction, and there was no time for badgework except in a few cases. However, it was decided in the Lent Term, when we finally learnt that there was very little chance of obtaining an A.S.M., that it was preferable to have the standard of the whole Troop good rather than having one or two at an excellent standard, and the remainder poor. By the end of camp indeed, there was no one who after a few weeks next term should be without First Class ; even in the higher sphere of badgework, there were six or seven successes while the T.L. became the first in the Troop to qualify as a King's Scout under the new regulations.

The large number in the Troop made it probable that camp would be well patronized. It is suspected that it was to this end that Dartmoor was chosen as a centre, in the hope perhaps of keeping some away. If this was the object, it failed and the final number who arrived at Princetown on August 2nd was 31, thus making it the largest camp ever to be held. At one time it was doubtful whether or not there was enough equipment, but finally all was arranged satisfactorily.

Life proceeded as usual and we were not unduly worried by the weather, which for the first week was only showery. Scouts were encouraged to go out on the Moor and two-day camps became very popular and successful. Three Grantites (van Rest, Stewart and Wordsworth) reached Hope Cove and several visits were paid to Buckfast Abbey. In the second week a training scheme was organized and all was going very well when the weather broke. For thirty-six hours we had continuous rain and wind of gale-force. Just as we were wondering how to get packed up without causing the tents to rot, it cleared up and almost simultaneously, Mr. Wilson arrived to give us a hand over the final two days. The sun came out and for twelve hours it was delightful ; then we were faced with the task of packing, which somehow was completed on time and we left the station at 6 o'clock on Thursday, August 10th, after one of the most enjoyable camps since the war.

THE GYM DISPLAY.

Grant's was again well represented in this year's Gym Display, which was performed as usual in College Garden in front of as large an audience as ever. And though some of the crowd showed a distinct tendency to slink off, those who remained saw and applauded a most enjoyable display, which though it took the usual form, was enlivened by a most welcome novelty in the shape of a demonstration of "The Noble Art of Self-Defence" by eight members of Ashburnham, as well as the now customary display of P.T. by the winners of the Head Master's Cup, this year Ashburnham.

There were six Grantite performers, headed by Hornsby, F., who once again demonstrated for us the easy and yet forgotten art of walking and standing on the hands.

My only criticism of what was on the whole an excellent performance, is that much good work was spoiled by the waiting between exercises, which were in themselves well executed. This year's display somehow lacked the snap and timing which we have come to expect of the Gym Display, due, it is rumoured, to lack of time for practice owing to the competition from other activities.

WASHINGTON.

A big bustling town, not industrial, but commercial, Washington gives a better impression of an American town than New York. It is the seat of the Government, the home of the President, the central point of business.

English people are inclined to think of New York as the only town in America, while Americans always think of Washington first. To the Englishman, New York seems a wonderful place with its giant sky-scrapers, but sky-scrapers are not everything and that is all New York has to offer. To Americans, Washington is the only place, the symbol of liberty and freedom.

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The first thing you notice in Washington is the taxis. All over the world people have often heard about the brightly coloured taxis of America, but in Washington it is a paradise; of blues, yellows, greens, purples and all the other colours you can think of and several that you cannot.

If you come by train to Washington you will arrive at Union Station and as soon as you emerge from its pillared front you will notice on your left a building with a dome like St. Paul's, its name, the White House, home of the President.

The amazing thing about Washington is the way it is spread out. The number of suburbs and adjoining towns is staggering. The different conditions of living are startling. There are some of the richest neighbourhoods in the world and some of the most appalling slums.

There is a wonderful variety of shops. There is a vast number of serve-yourself shops, where you are given a little trolley, which you

wheel around the counters, taking what you want from the shelves. Then when you have sufficed your needs you go to the clerk's desk, where the prices of your goods are tallied up.

There are few places of amusement, but of course in the summer there is the baseball-ground. It is amazing how the Americans go crazy over baseball. They flock in thousands to the grounds paying absurd prices for seats.

The reader has probably come to the conclusion that Washington is a dull, uninteresting blot on the map. Please do not misunderstand me, Washington is a gay, happy place, and indeed a great and wonderful city.

THE ABBEY . . .

What monarchs lie within this noble pile,
But they are now forgotten, dead and cold ;
Their names are but a memory of old ;
Their bodies, but a handful of dust, while
You uprear your ageing stones heavenward.
Your majesty will last for evermore,
When reigning monarch long have ceased to awe
And lie in dusty vaultages ignored.

But in one corner of your well-filled ground
Lie men whose names will surely never die,
Whose fame lies not within the battle field,
Nor for their mighty leadership are they renowned ;
These few have fashioned monuments more high,
More strong, more lasting than the victor's shield.

C. J. H. DAVIES.

THE GREEN STAIRCASE.

As the train pulled out of the Gare de Lyons I settled down in my seat. I thought how nice it was of Louis De Soisson to invite me to his chateau. I met Louis in the war ; he was always very pleasant to me and often said that one day he would invite me to France.

It was a hot drowsy afternoon and before long I dozed off. In my dream I was already at the chateau and entering through its great doors, I came into the hall. The walls were adorned with portraits, a great open fireplace faced me, while on one side there was a graceful green staircase, which curved upwards. As I looked a door slid open at the top and a pretty girl came running down the staircase towards me, her beautiful brocade dress standing out against the vivid green of the staircase. Her face was drawn with terror and she cried :—

“ Save me! Save me! ” At that moment the train jolted to a standstill and I awoke with a start.

Louis was at the station to meet me, looking very brown and healthy. Together we drove the several miles to his estate, through

the massive gateway and up the drive to the stone chateau itself. As I entered the hall it seemed familiar. All was the same ; the portraits, the fireplace, then the staircase of my dream. I looked up almost expecting to see the girl come running down ; but she was not there, nor was the door.

I went up the staircase to my room and told Louis about this ; but he only laughed. However, my curiosity was aroused and the next morning I looked where the door should have been. There was no obvious door in the panelling, but upon lifting a portrait of one of Louis' gay ancestors, and rubbing my finger along the moulding there was a click and a panel opened before me.

I ran to fetch Louis and a torch. Then we entered, Louis leading. The room was dark and airless, and the walls were festooned with cobwebs. The floor was littered with piles of mouldering books and in one corner we found a fragile skeleton clothed in faded, rotting brocade.

SNOOKER IN HALL.

Whene'er one treads Grant's lofty halls,
One hears the sound of snooker balls,
And sees two boys with joyful shout,
Knocking the ancient balls about ;
If you approach the table green
A wondrous sight is to be seen
As the balls shoot, leap or roll.
Into the gaping netted hole ;
They've missed the yellow, now the black,
It's cue-control they seem to lack ;
Of course the lads are not to blame,
They're just beginners at the game ;
This is a stirring, thrilling fight,
They're striving hard to pot the white!
And now the score as we can see,
Is ninety-nine to sixty-three.
The play is good—and, yes what's more
A player has a break of four ;
Someone quickly takes a look,
Into a dusty record-book,
And says as far as he can see,
The previous highest score was three ;
But now the Head of Hall strides in,
With countenance that's black and grim,
And says in anger-shaken tones,
That pierce the player's very bones ;
" Come, stop that most unholy row,
It's time to leave for Abbey now."
And so the balls are packed away,
To use again another day,
Spectators leave in threes and fours,
While players retire with self-applause.

THE MOUSE THAT HELPED.

The sergeant-major glared ferociously at the new recruits: "I want smartness," he shouted, "or it'll be the worse for you. Squad shun."

The squad came smartly to attention—smartly with one exception; a small man, with protruding nose and scraggy moustache, did not even wince.

"Yer ain't a general yet, mouse face," shouted the sergeant-major with a sergeant-major like leer on his face. The little man went very red in the face and clumsily shuffled a pair of large feet into position.

"Smart, ain't he?" said the sergeant-major to his favourite in the squad, a tall fair man, with an empty-looking face. (He was good for nothing but drill).

"Yes," said the tall man in a expressionless voice.

"See 'ere," said the sergeant-major to the little man. "You want to be like Muggers 'ere, you do; Muggers ul go plaices, e'll be a blooming sergeant before long, an' you'll be what you are now till the end of this 'ere war, even if it lasts till Doomsday."

A year went by and the sergeant-major was right. The company to which Sergeant Muggers and Snooch, for such was the little man's name, were posted, was stationed near the enemy lines. The commanding officer and Snooch for once had something in common—they were both worried. The commanding officer was worried because he feared an enemy attack; Private Snooch was worried because he had lost his toothbrush—he had always promised to brush his teeth every day, and so far he had kept his promise.

Private Snooch lay on his mattress, unable to sleep. At last he made up his mind to go and find his toothbrush; with grim determination, as well as his moustache, on his face, he slid silently out of bed and shuffled as quietly as he could out into the cold night.

For a quarter of an hour he wandered and then—smack—he had tripped over a guy-rope, and it was the guy-rope of the captain's tent. The tent was down and peculiar guttural sounds were coming from within:—

Sergeant Muggers came running towards the disturbance; with a flying leap he disappeared into the mass of heaving canvas. A minute later, he emerged dragging by the hair an enemy soldier. Following came the captain, red-faced, who showered congratulations on the delighted Muggers.

"Well done, sergeant," he said. "That chap was after my papers. He'd have got them if the tent hadn't collapsed. What broke the guy rope?"

"Per'aps it was a mouse norin' through the rope, sir," said the sergeant.

Meanwhile, in another corner of the camp, Snooch was brushing his teeth vigorously. He had found the brush when he fell over the guy.

"I 'ope," he muttered to himself, "They don't find out as it was me 'oo pulled down the captain's tent."

OLD GRANTITE CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Grantite Club will be at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, October 27th, in Ashburnham House. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have very kindly invited members of the Club Up Grant's after the meeting.

We should like to congratulate B. G. ALMOND on his recent marriage, and R. A. LAPAGE on his engagement ; also D. O'R. Dickey on being spare man for the Leander crew for the Grand Challenge Cup.

K. J. S. DOUGLAS-MANN won the Junior Sculls at Henley Town Regatta.

P. C. PEARSON, now demobilised from the Navy is reading Law at Trinity College, Cambridge.

D. N. Croft, after spending some months in Canada and U.S.A., is reading Medicine at Trinity College, Oxford, where R. N. Mackay is reading History.

J. C. BARRINGTON-WARD has been winning Inter-Services long distance races in Malta.

T. B. JELLETT, after being " finished " in Switzerland, has returned to Dublin to read Law.

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