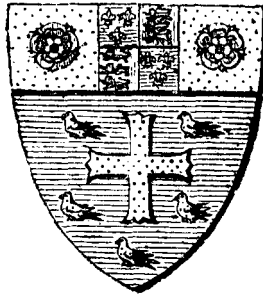


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WESTMINSTER MAGAZINES.

The "GRANTITE REVIEW" has now reached its twentieth anniversary. Such a length of life in a House paper is probably quite unique, and this seems a suitable occasion for giving a summary of its history. The Rev. C. Erskine, who founded the paper in 1884, has very kindly put into our hands full particulars of its foundation and subsequent editors, and the whole paper, from its start to the present day, is in the possession of the House. The same gentleman has also lent us a complete list of Westminster magazines, and, as no full account of these has yet been published, it may be interesting to give a short account of some of our predecessors and rivals.

The first magazine to appear at Westminster was "The Trifler," by Timothy Touchstone, of St. Peter's College, Westminster." The first number was published on May 31st, 1788, and the fortieth and last on March 21st of the following year.

Among the contributors were R. Olliphant, J. H. Allen, Will Aston, and T. A. Twisleton. There is a copy in the Scott Library. A more sudden fate befell its contemporary, the famous "Flagellant." The exact year of its publication is uncertain, but was probably 1788. It is thought to have run for nine numbers, and was edited by Robert Southey, who is believed by some to have been the editor of "The Trifler"; it was for an article which he wrote in the "Flagellant" upon Corporal Punishment, sarcastically ascribing its invention to the Devil, that he was expelled.

The magazine was published anonymously, but Dr. Vincent

prosecuted the printer, whereupon Southey voluntarily confessed: not only was he expelled from Westminster, but even refused admittance at Christ Church.

In 1815, the "World at Westminster" appeared, and ran for some thirty numbers, a copy of one of which is in the Scott Library.

A year after the decease of the "World at Westminster," the name of our first magazine was revived. The new "Trifler," however, was not so successful as its predecessor; born in March, 1817, it only saw thirty numbers, dying in September of the same year.

The next magazine to appear was "College and Town Boy Life at Westminster," of which thirty-two numbers came out between 1845 and 1847.

Both the last were published by G. W. Ginger, the famous school printer. "College and Town Boy Life" was immediately followed by "Nugae Westmonasterienses," of which fourteen numbers were published in the course of 1847. The seventh magazine to appear at Westminster, the "Elizabethan," has had an immeasurably longer life than any of its predecessors. It was published in 1874, and ten years later the first number of the "GRANTITE REVIEW" was issued at 2, Little Dean's Yard.

To both these papers we may apply Pippa's words:

"That having lived so long, there seems  
No need the King should ever die."

Since then five school papers have been born, none of which have survived. The "Westminster Review," edited by Grant Wilson, twenty-four numbers; all profits were to be devoted to the School Mission; that most enterprising penny weekly paper, "Westminster Truth," which ran for fourteen numbers in 1890, and handed over £6 to the "Elizabethan"; the "Rigaudite," of which more hereafter; the "Martlet," which lasted for five numbers in 1893, and the "Mirror," which appeared in 1901-2. Other papers mentioned in the "Elizabethan" are the "Literary Lounger" and the "Tatler," but their genuineness appears doubtful. To these we may add "Pen and Brush," which is coupled with the "Westminster Review" in "THE GRANTITE" for July, 1891.

We now come to the "GRANTITE REVIEW" itself. It was started in March, 1884, by the Rev. C. Erskine, then "a little boy in Hall."

It soon won recognition, and the "leader" in the second number was written by the Head of the House, M. H. M. J. Pigott.

It was edited by its founder until he became Head of the House in 1886, when the editorship was taken over by C. T. G. Powell and H. G. Lambert. The "GRANTITE" was originally

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rather smaller than the "Elizabethan," but far larger than at present. The change was made in Feb., 1888, with the commencement of the third volume, from which time the Head of the House has been *ex officio* editor. In March of the same year began the most learned series of articles which the "GRANTITE REVIEW" has ever published, an elaborate account of Westminster Head-Masters. They were written by the founder of the magazine under the pseudonym of Colloriel. During 1891, the "GRANTITE" seems to have fallen on evil days. The "Rigaudite Review," though it lasted for but two numbers, apparently dealt it a pretty serious blow. In July, 1891, the "GRANTITE" opened with "A Farewell." "Never," we read, "has our struggling and hapless Review received such a violent and unprovoked attack as that which our upstart friend next door has just published . . . . It has now grown so weak, that we, the Editors, think it would be better if it went down into the dust of death. We are induced to make this confession not so much because we feel crushed and utterly annihilated by the harshness of 'Number One,' as from the fact that we have long foreseen its certain end."

But the "GRANTITE REVIEW" was not dead but sleeping. In March, 1892, less than a year later, it woke up again, and has run without interruption ever since. Nothing is more strongly borne in upon the reader of the old "Grantites" than the unaltered character of the House. Truly, Grant's has changed little in the last twenty years! Little, indeed, in the last fifty; and, in the dim days further back, of which all record has perished save a few names upon our panels, can she have been very different? Who can believe it? Immutable is the Genius of Grant's, far too strong to change with the brief generations of her inheritors.

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#### THE PLAY SUPPER.

The Play Supper again took place "Up Grant's" last term on the second night of the play. Fourteen Old Grantites were present, including six former Heads of the House, the Rev. C. Erskine, A. R. Severn, W. F. Fox, H. S. Bompas, W. T. S. Sonnenschein and L. A. Woodbridge. Among other well-known Old Grantites present were H. D. Everington, G. H. G. Scott, M. Castle Smith and several who have left more recently. After full justice had been done to the bountiful repast kindly provided by Mr. Tanner, D. S. Robertson rose and, in a short speech, proposed the health of Mr. Tanner. Mr. Tanner, in his reply, alluded to the successes and failures of the House during the past year. D. S. Robertson again rose and after informing the company at somewhat greater length of the doings of the House, ended by proposing the health of the Old Westminsters. The

Rev. C. Erskine replied for the Old Westminsters in a very interesting speech. Songs were then called for. Several excellent ones were given, including "John Peel" by G. H. G. Scott, a delightful Devonshire song by L. A. Woodbridge, C. B. H. Knight's "Old Grey Fox," and "The Old Carrion Crow" by J. E. G. Radcliffe. The last, perhaps, caused most amusement of any. Some of the best of the other songs were R. E. Tanner's "Off to Philadelphia," and M. C. Houdret and G. T. Neville's duet "The Twins." A very enjoyable evening then ended with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

### HOUSE MATCHES.

#### GRANT'S *v.* RIGAUD'S.

Rigaud's won the toss and chose to defend the hospital end, Looker kicking off for Grant's at 2.35. Rigaud's started pressing at once, and a weak shot by Failes was easily stopped by Pedler. Grant's then got away and forced Fleuret to give a corner, which, however, proved fruitless. For the next 10 minutes Grant's had rather the better of the game, and at times looked like scoring, Kirkpatrick making a poor shot of a fairly easy chance. Grant's were now playing at the top of their form, Houdret's tackling and passing being particularly brilliant.

Some clever work by Walker and G. Hepburn made Smith kick behind, but Rigaud's failed to make any use of the corner.

Smith missed his kick badly, but Walker shot wide. Further shots by Coleby and Craig, Pedler saved. A good shot by Houdret was saved rather luckily; Kirkpatrick passed to Willcocks, who ran down and kicked behind. Reed found Fleuret too much for him, and could make no headway. Walker and G. Hepburn ran down, and the latter scored a fluky goal which Pedler ought to have saved easily. After this, Grant's fell to pieces, everybody seeming to lose heart, though Houdret and Lewis worked very hard.

After a nice pass from Looker, Kirkpatrick took the ball down, only to be pulled up by J. Hepburn, who was playing a marvellous game. Shortly afterwards Rigaud's scored again through Hepburn, G., and half-time came with the score (0-2).

Upon the resumption, Reed ran down and kicked behind, while Coleby and Brown did some fine rushes on the left wing. Looker did some fairly useful work, and Kirkpatrick missed a long shot. The Rigaudite forwards, who were combining splendidly, found no difficulty in getting through our defence, but their shooting was weak. Lewis passed to Willcocks, who again kicked behind. Walker, after some wily work netted the sphere,

and shortly afterwards Coleby increased their score to 4. Grant's now pulled themselves together a bit, and pressed continuously, but Newman, Kirkpatrick, and Reed shot wide.

A good run by Kirkpatrick ended by his putting in a shot which Edminson saved, only to be put in by Newman.

Looker and Newman were then conspicuous, but both shot feebly; Reed made a very effective run, but failed to centre. Houdret continuously pulled up the opposing forwards, and put in some good shots. Shortly after this the whistle blew, leaving Rigaud's victorious by 4 goals to 1.

For Grant's, Houdret was invaluable, working hard throughout. Adrien and Thompson were at times good. The forwards lacked skill, and Willcocks may well have been off the field.

J. Hepburn undoubtedly won the game for Rigaud's, whose forwards were also good.

#### TEAMS.

*Grant's*: \* H. C. G. Pedler (Goal); H. Adrian and \* G. M. Castle-Smith (Backs); \* M. C. Houdret, \* J. S. Lewis, and L. F. Thompson (Half-Backs); \* R. W. Reed, \* † K. E. Newman, L. D. Looker, \* † § L. G. Kirkpatrick, and R. W. Willcocks (Forwards).

*Rigaud's*: H. Edminson (Goal); S. McKenna and \* J. K. Hepburn (Backs); B. Fraser, \* † § J. M. Craig, and \* † F. S. Fleuret (Half-Backs); G. Hepburn, H. Walker, \* F. C. Failes, \* E. Coleby, and G. Brown (Forwards).

**L. G. Kirkpatrick** is about the best forward in the house team, he can dribble well and shoots with skill, he has considerable pace but doesn't use it enough, doesn't feed his outside sufficiently, and is apt to be very nervous.

**M. C. Houdret** is a splendid half, works very hard and feeds his forwards well, uses his head with great skill, an excellent shot, is perhaps a bit slow.

**H. C. G. Pedler**. An uncertain goal-keeper. At times he is brilliant at others very feeble.

**K. E. Newman** can dribble well, but is in too much of a hurry to get rid of the ball, is very weak in front of goal. Should make a good captain next year.

**G. M. O. Smith** is a useful half, but must learn to use his right foot, he was not much of a success as a back.

**J. S. Lewis**, centre half, works hard and tackles well, feeds his forwards badly, but is likely to improve a good deal.

\* Played in 1903. † Played in 1902. § Played in 1901.

**B. W. Reed.** A very useful outside right, with plenty of pace, but doesn't use it, would be twice as good if he centred a few times.

Our prospects for next year are not very bright, though Newman should raise together a fairly useful team. H. Adrian and Shearman are useful backs. Thompson and Argyle should be very useful halves next year though the latter was a disappointment this year. There are numerous forwards in the House of whom Looker, Willcocks, Pemberton, Worlock, G., and Moore, N., are the pick.

The following are the football colours—

PINKS.	3RD XI.'s.	HOUSE COLOUR.
L. G. Kirkpatrick.	H. C. G. Pedler.	R. W. Reed.
M. C. Houdret.	K. E. Newman.	
	G. M. C. Smith.	

#### POETRY (?)

### THE HADDOCK OF EPPING.

*(With profound apologies to the Elizabethan.)*

It was a sunny afternoon, the sun it sparkled bright,  
 Beneath our barrow's rushing wheels, the road it flashed snow-white,  
 Not many miles behind us, the roofs of London rose,  
 A heavy wreath of thick black smoke, the herring fish-shop shows.  
 The night had seen the bargain, good fish we did not lack;  
 And o'er the road to Epping town, we drove our donkey back.  
 My father's was a good moke, and at its back we toil,  
 Upon the cart, both fore and aft, is heaped the hard-won spoil;  
 A single haddock had we, a fair-skinned, blue-eyed fish,  
 With savoury form and features, some thrifty housewife's dish.  
 Scarce one year younger than myself—and I was just sixteen,  
 'Twas but the second haddock my youthful eyes had seen.  
 My father looked upon the fish, then turned and said to me,  
 "Sonny, that fish I bought last night for lunch he'll be to thee.  
 Ho! spratling, dost thou hear thy fate? My sonny's lunch art thou;  
 Who was thy father, what thy name, come quickly, tell me now?"  
 His eyes flashed fire, and quick as thought, his fearless answer came—  
 "My father was a haddock bold, and I am much the same,  
 And to a hungry son of yours a lunch I'll never be,  
 So cut me loose from off your cart, and throw me 'neath yon tree!"  
 Just as he spoke, my footing slipped, I dropped into the dust,  
 And after me the haddock plunged, to try and get there "fust."  
 Get it did. We climbed aboard. O! how my father swore—  
 "A son of mine this fish shall be, henceforth for evermore."  
 And as he said, through many a fray, hard fought on land and sea,  
 This haddock and I have brothers been, and brothers we shall be.

O. R.

## THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

This Society has read three plays in the course of the term : Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," Sheridan's "Scheming Lieutenant" and "The Rivals." The Sheridan in both cases proved the more successful owing perhaps to the fact that Shakespeare is more difficult to read and harder to understand.

The play chosen for the first meeting of the Society was "The Scheming Lieutenant." The reading was not so good as usual. Mr. Tanner, however, was excellent as Lieutenant O'Connor, and Robertson made a good Mrs. Bridget Credulous.

"The Merchant of Venice," was the play chosen from the rather limited selection of Shakespeare usually read by the Society. It is needless to say that Mr. Tanner was excellent. His Shylock is well remembered by all who have belonged to the club in past years, but on this occasion he surpassed himself. He delighted everybody moreover with his Launcelot Gobbo, a part which he always takes as well as that of Shylock. Bassanio is a character which is hard to grasp ; there are no very marked characteristics which one can seize on. Robertson, however, acquitted himself well, and read with life and vigour. As usual Dickson took the part of Portia, and read as well as he has ever done, which is saying a great deal. Kirkpatrick made a somewhat dull Duke and Prince of Arragon, and read without much interest. Gratiano and old Launcelot Gobbo were very well done by Reed, who is generally good, and on this occasion acquitted himself well. Houdret's Nerissa was a little lacking in vivacity. Noble made a very good Lorenzo and Prince of Morocco ; and Neville was most amusing as Stephano and Salarino. On the whole, however, the reading was dull, and there was rather a tendency to sacrifice sense to scansion.

The parts were as follows :—

Mr. Tanner	...	...	<i>Shylock and Launcelot Gobbo.</i>
„ Robertson	...	...	<i>Bassanio and Tubal.</i>
„ Dickson	...	...	<i>Portia and Salarino.</i>
„ Kirkpatrick	...	...	<i>Duke and Prince of Arragon.</i>
„ Reed	...	...	<i>Gratiano and Old Gobbo.</i>
„ Houdret	...	...	<i>Nerissa.</i>
„ Noble	...	...	<i>Lorenzo and Prince of Morocco.</i>
„ Neville	...	...	<i>Stephano and Salarino.</i>
„ Thompson	...	...	<i>Jessica and Antonio.</i>
„ Ratcliffe-Cousens	...	...	<i>Servant, Clerk and Balthasar.</i>

"The Rivals" was next read, and proved more successful than either of the preceding plays. Mr. Tanner as Sir Anthony

Absolute was more delightful and amusing than ever. He was the life and soul of the play, and every one else read much better than usual. Robertson's Bob Acres was very successful, and his "oaths referential," were delivered with admirable force. The lady's part was as usual assigned to Dickson, who succeeded in floundering with inimitable gravity amid "a nice derangement of epitaphs." Kirkpatrick made a most dutiful and excellent Jack Absolute, and in the scenes between him and Sir Anthony was most amusing. One of Reed's parts, that of Faulkland, was somewhat dully read, as the part in itself is rather uninteresting. He was more successful as the maid Lucy. Noble, as Miss Lydia Languish, made a most excellent and delightful lover. Of the rest, Thompson read the part of David with plenty of life and humour, Neville made a good Julia, and Fraser a passable Fag. This play closed the meetings of the Society for the year.

The parts were as follows :—

Mr. Tanner	... ..	<i>Sir Anthony Absolute.</i>
„ Robertson	... ..	<i>Bob Acres.</i>
„ Dickson	... ..	<i>Mrs. Malaprop.</i>
„ Kirkpatrick	... ..	<i>Captain Absolute.</i>
„ Reed	... ..	<i>Faulkland and Lucy.</i>
„ Houdret	... ..	<i>Sir Lucius O'Trigger.</i>
„ Noble	... ..	<i>Lydia Languish.</i>
„ Thompson	... ..	<i>David and Servant.</i>
„ Neville	... ..	<i>Julia and Thomas.</i>
„ Fraser	... ..	<i>Fag and Maid.</i>

#### THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

This Society has had a very successful term. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th of January. After questions and preliminary motions the following motion was discussed: "That this House disapproves of the private ownership of land."

Mr. L. G. Kirkpatrick proposed in an interesting speech. He pointed out that no one has any real right to the possession of land. It is unreasonable and unjust to tax such a necessity of life. The landowners under the present system can keep people out of land altogether. The poor farmer is very unfairly treated, for he has to support the landowner as well as himself. Until the law is altered "free country" is an empty name. He also attacked the law of Primogeniture.

Mr. R. W. Reed asked what alternative system was proposed. He spoke of the abuses of the Church land system. If the State managed land they would probably do so very badly. Each man has a right to the land which his family has held for generations.



He pointed out that the measure was a socialistic one, and showed the impossibility of socialism.

Mr. K. E. Newman seconded. After other speeches by the proposer, the opposers, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Dickson, and others, the House divided, and the motion was lost by 4 votes to 8.

The next meeting was held on the 18th of February, and the following motion was discussed :

“That this House considers that steps should be taken against the abuse of advertisements.”

Mr. M. C. Houdret made a good speech in support of the motion. He remarked that the best thoroughfares of London and many of the finest country views are ruined by posters. Railway stations are spoiled by them. They are useless and a nuisance. He also spoke of the abuses of “Hidden Treasure.”

Mr. Noble, in opposing, denied that posters spoil the appearance of London: on the contrary, they cover ugly hoardings. He asked whether the proposer would consider “Hidden Treasure” a nuisance if he found it. The Encyclopædia Britannica educated the people. In fact, while advertisements harm no one, they benefit those who employ them.

After a speech by Mr. Argyle, in support of Mr. Houdret, the discussion became general, and continued actively until ten o'clock. The motion was then put to the House and was won by 8 votes to 5.

The third meeting was held on March 8th. After some preliminary questions and motions, the President called upon Mr. G. Rae Fraser for the motion of the evening: “That this House considers that steps should be taken to limit the immigration of undesirable aliens.”

The proposer objected to aliens for two reasons: firstly, because their immigration tends to increase the ranks of the unemployed; and, secondly, because by bad workmanship they lower the quality of English manufactures. He asserted the superiority of English workmen, and suggested that we should imitate the American laws which prevent the landing of pauper aliens. Their presence also causes frequent disturbances.

Mr. Ratcliffe-Cousins asked whether we should like it if we were refused admittance to foreign countries. Aliens who work for small wages enrich the country, and, moreover, spend most of what they earn here.

Mr. G. Nott-Bower seconded, in place of Mr. A. G. Lee, who was out of school. He spoke well, but seemed to have very hazy notions about the incidence of the Income Tax.

Mr. Robertson pointed out that the law was systematically evaded in America.

After speeches by most of the members the question was put to the vote, and carried by acclamation.

The House then adjourned.

## HOUSE NOTES.

In Juniors we beat H.B.B., lost to Rigaud's and College, and the game with Ash. was a draw. Adrian, Thompson, and O. Lewis were, perhaps, the most consistent members of the team.

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In the Inter-House Yard Ties we have played Ashburnham and beat them, 28 goals to 6. L. G. Kirkpatrick, M. C. Houdret, and G. M. Castle-Smith represented the House, while S. F. Johnson, R. W. Geddes, and A. Davidson represented Ashburnham.

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Last year's Racquet Ties are not yet finished. L. G. Kirkpatrick and R. W. Reed are in for the final.

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We regret to record that Max J. Pemberton left last term : his loss was especially felt in the House Matches. G. St. G. B. Watkins also left. We have three new fellows, Kuhlmann, from Home Boarders, Geare and Eyre, all of whom are boarders.

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Grant's has lost the Football Shield, which we had held for the last three years. We were beaten by Rigaud's (4—1) in the first round, and the Shield has gone up.

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Another Fire-escape practice has been held up Grant's. The whole apparatus is now in excellent order.

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W. T. S. Sonnenschein has been running with great success at Oxford.

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The Yard-Ties are being rapidly played off, and we hope that by the time this is published they will be finished.

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The Literary Society has read "The Scheming Lieutenant," "The Merchant of Venice," and "The Rivals."

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The following have played for the School this year: H. C. G. Pedler, K. E. Newman, and G. M. C. Smith. R. W. Reed and H. V. Argyle have played for the 2nd XI.

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L. G. Kirkpatrick and M. C. Houdret represented the House in the Inter-House Fives Ties. They had hard luck in being beaten.

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Grant's is, of course, well to the fore in the Cadet Corps.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of the "GRANTITE."*

DEAR SIR,

There is not much news to record of Old Grantites in Oxford. C. B. H. Knight, perhaps overcome by the onerous duties of Librarian at Exeter College, is gradually absenting himself more and more from Westminster circles. His voice is one of the most conspicuous features of the Exeter Choir. J. E. Y. Radcliffe is still the same as of old, and makes a prominent part of the college life at Christ Church. He is a wondrously prolific and dogmatic speaker at the various college debating societies which he frequents as a visitor, and unduly exalted in spirit at his election to the "Twenty." W. T. S. Sonnenschein has had his term darkened by the propinquity of Honour Mods. Traitorously he has deserted "soccer" for "rugger," at which game he is quite famous, for, *inter alia*, his want of courage. He has been running with more energy than success.

E. C. Cleveland-Stevens was a great addition to our ranks last term. He lives in an odour of sanctity pervaded by noise, and is training for Mods. by occasional motor drives. He is unable to play football as yet: but his laugh is as cheery as ever.

Finally, we all wish you the very best of luck to aid your skill to keep the shield in its proper home; but none wishes it more earnestly than, dear sir,

Yours truly,

EX. AEDE CHRISTI.

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