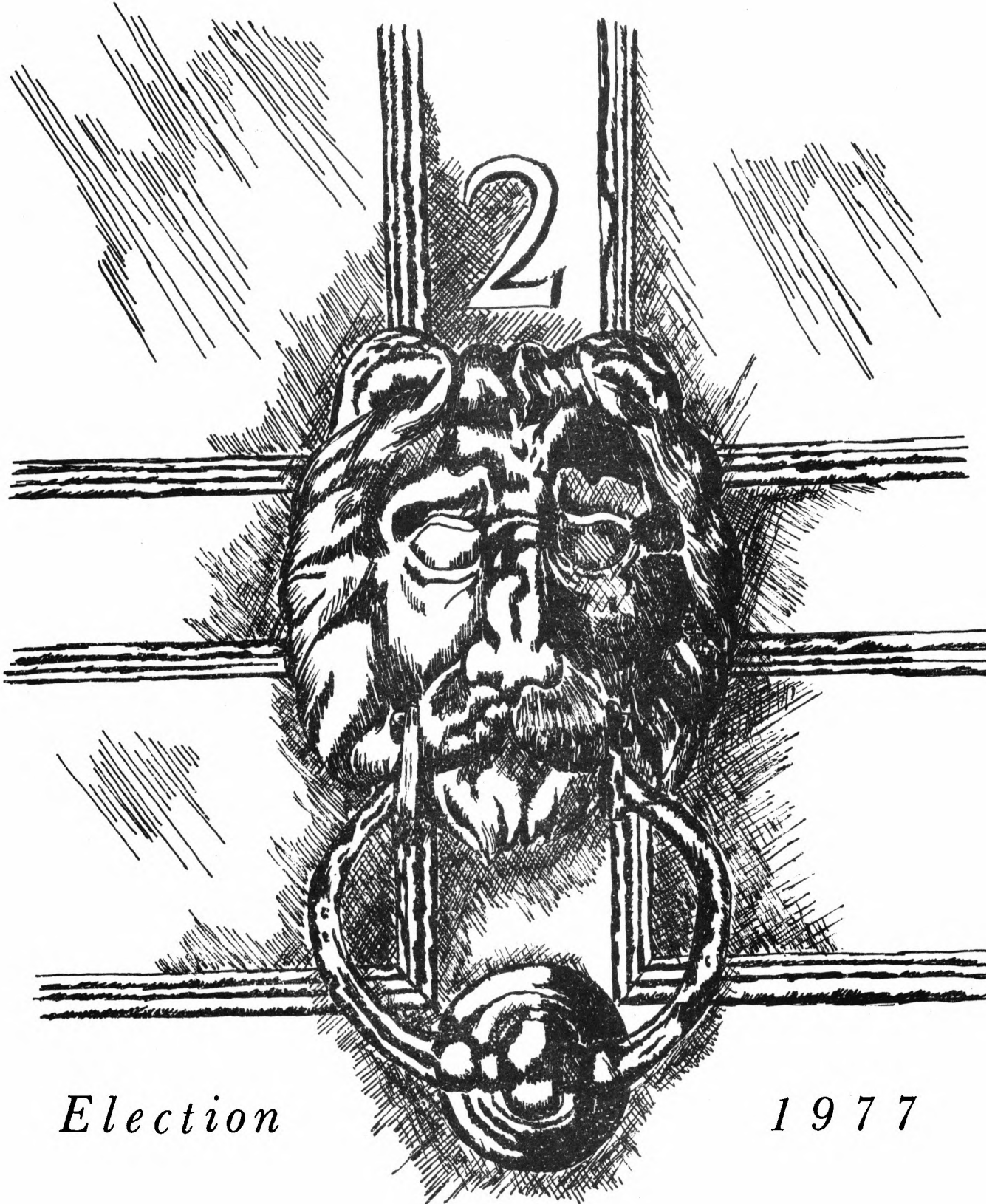


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Election Term 1977.

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# *Editorial*

Perhaps you have heard of a recent experiment in school magazines; heralded as the 'common boy's ( and common girl's) answer to the 'Elizabethan', the Hatchet started up a couple of terms ago. It was not long before the 'Hatchet' acquired those all-too-familiar pretentious overtones we know so well from the 'Elizabethan'.

Consequently, it failed to attract interest, and this week it brings out its last issue. Another potentially good idea has been suffocated.

Bearing this in mind, then, here is the 'Grantite Review' for 1977. I have tried, like the Editor before me, to show what it's really like up Grant's.

As the great Victorian architect Augustus Pugin once said:  
'There is always beauty in truth.'

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# *The House*

House Diary.

Hall has been transformed! We now have a large partition down the middle so that we need not see Drydens, and some new curtains which were kindly given by the Old Granite Club and which make a considerable change for the better in Hall on cold Winter Nights.

John Blaksley's work on the roof garden and on that desolate patch at the North end of that passage outside Hall has been much appreciated by the House, and no doubt his reputation as a gardener has since risen considerably. No doubt he would receive many complimentary visitors if it were not for the Piranha fish lurking in his study.

As usual, a couple of Germans braved the depths of Grant's for a few weeks in the Summer, and left without a word.

We would like to congratulate Simon Batten on winning the Music Competition; although he was not awarded his House Tie, the Housemaster publicly congratulated him, saying that this was the best that he could do in that more superior kind of House where House Seniors are reserved for more athletic feats.

On music of a different sort: someone was optimistically at the beginning of term heard to exclaim: 'The war on Pop Music begins today!' The group of people to which he belongs have provided something as an answer to what they call 'Mick after a really tuff gig' and it appears later on in the magazine.

House News.

Play Term 1976

- Head of House : D.A.B. Tanner.  
Head of Hall : T.M. Barrett.  
Monitors : N.J. Barrett, T.D. Brow, C.T.A. Campbell,  
C.A. Cranleigh-Swash, J.C. Hamilton,  
S. Porfyratos, I.M. Reid, R.A. Stubbs,  
W.D. Upton.  
आगमनामि : T.S. Baker, M. Bernstein, L.A.P. Cary,  
N.M. Croft, N.S. Cumming, K.G. Jackson,  
A.T. King, J.D.G. Morell, J.E.J. Vickers,  
अपगमा: : T.M. Barrett, P.L. Bowers, I.M. Reid.

Lent Term 1977

- Head of House : D.A.B. Tanner.  
Heads of Hall : J.C. Hamilton, W.D. Upton.  
Monitors : E.C.W. Adams, T.D. Brow, N.J. Barrett,  
C.T.A. Campbell, C.A. Cranleigh-Swash,  
S. Porfyratos, G.J.J. Rackham, J.K. Severn,  
R.A. Stubbs.  
आगमनामि : P.E. Jepson, M.C.I. Lipman, and W.J.P. Wrathall  
who we would like to congratulate on his Honorary  
Scholarship.

Election Term 1977

- अपगमा: : S.T. Banks, J.P. Blaksley, T.D. Brow,  
C.T.A. Campbell, A.R. Parnwell, J.R. Mayor,  
J.K. Severn, R.A. Stubbs, D.A.B. Tanner.

# *Michael Brown*

I first met Michael Brown when he was a very senior boy, and needless to say he was running a mile, a record mile too. That was in 1961, and in the Play Term he left Westminster, a popular figure much missed.

He returned as a master in 1969 and was immediately snapped up as a House Tutor in another house, but that didn't last long as the Housemaster left to take up an appointment in another school. So we were all very glad when he came to Grant's for the second time in 1970. Since then his contribution to the life of the house has been inestimable, made all the more obvious when he went away for a year in 1975. All sorts of things just weren't happening! Athletes in particular will appreciate just how much they owe to his enthusiasm on the running track and on Wimbledon Common, and many in the Shells and the Fifths have been glad of his sympathy when they had to present a handful of indifferent order cards. Grant's has often been accused of total illiteracy, but fortnightly Play Readings under his guidance have ensured that this aspect of informal education was not neglected. All in all we owe him a debt of gratitude which it would be impossible to express, but we nevertheless can wish him, and his wife Ruth, every success and happiness when he takes up his position as Head of the Classics Department at Eastbourne College.

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'Where Givan ran on a fine day, Brown ran through the rain.'

'Where Givan collapsed on at Putney, Brown finished imperturbable, splashed and spotted, but hardly out of wind.'

From 'Hats off to M. B. McC. Brown,'

The Grantite Review, Lent 1960.

# *Trivia*

Whattagod, Orphull, Dinn,  
and Row, Solicitors.

Sir,

Whilst we realise that the 'Stones' are 'far out' 'deep', 'solid gone', 'cosmic', the 'scene', and 'Where it's really at', as representatives of a considerable percentage of the Grants community we feel that we must reply to the article so tastefully handsigned from one Mick After a really tuff Gig Esq. which contained several pointed references to our clients.

It is unfortunately correct that the whole house does 'constantly vibrate' to the 'exquisite sounds' of 'Brown Sugar', 'Satisfaction', and 'Rock Off', as Mr. Gig so helpfully points out. Although it may be true that this, coupled with the 'high quality' of the 'Stones' music, produces an overpowering influence over the 'trendy Grantites', we must point out that it produces an equally overpowering influence over both the structure of this building and the hearing capacities of its inhabitants.

Mr. Gig refers to our clients as unbelievers, and expresses his delight with their present 'far and few between' situation.

These 'unbelievers' are not few and far between: indeed, their numbers are growing.

With reference to the praise Mr. Gig heaps upon the 'Rolling Stones', as far as our clients are concerned the sooner this band becomes 'hallowed and divine', the happier they will be.

Yours faithfully,

C.M.J. Whattagod.

Chants up Grants, or taste debased.

In years gone by  
To take a stroll  
On study floors  
Meant out the doors  
Came rock and roll  
With volumes high

But times do change  
Farewell rock fans  
Our taste has sunk  
As low as punk  
Or 'new wave' bands  
It sounds so strange.

Jean-Jaques Burnel-Black  
(A monitor)



## Hoorah For GRUNT'S!

helo This is me agane e.g. nigel molesworth.

Tho my xam results were hardly complimentary hem-hem GRUNT'S welcomed me with open arms wich is not suprising seeing the CASH They xtract for the privilige,tho Wot a shock it was for i (grammer) nigel molesworth curse of St Custards and inventor of the Peason-Molesworth clockwork brane surgery kit to find myself a mere new bug curses curses.

First Thing the new bug sees is the klassical beauty of GRUNT'S it is not unlike St Custards really with a posh door for parents,through the 18th century corridor into the neo-georgian suite for sherry hem-hem while the boys have to go down thru the basement it is most unsavoury chiz chiz.GRUNT'S is steeped in tradition this means the roof leaks the chairs collapse it is always ten degrees below freezing etc. and there are lots of ancient RITES viz. jumping the mantlepeece.

Terrified new bug is forced onto mantlepeece which is approx 30 feet high.As hole house is screaming uncomplimentary...



The klassical beauty of GRUNT'S with matrons cat in the foreground gosh my dere the neo-georgian arkitekture leves one stunned eh?

...remarks most new bugs cry faint shout for mama etc. but nothing can help Them so eventually They hurl themselves off the edge at the head of house who step nimbly aside at the last moment allowing new bug to plummet into the concrete floor.

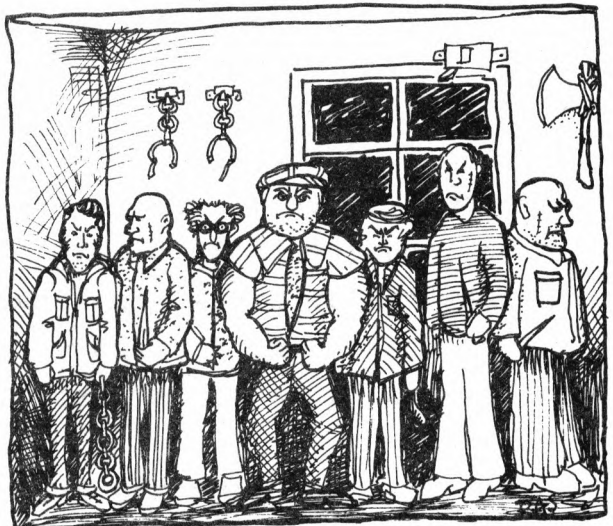
next new bugs have to lern The facts of Life viz. new bugs are lower than slaves which xplanes why they hav to do all the work chiz chiz.This mean that new bug spend his time burning toste spilling milk forgetting to wake

people up etc and preparing for the Lagging test.This is another ancient rite where the new bug is tested on his knolege of the skool hem hem.new bug is roused from his depe slepe and thrown into darkened room.sudenly a spot lite pins him to the wall and thru the gloom he can make out the shadowy faces of the

MONITAURS who are brave noble fearless etc(i had to put that bit in chiz) who fire questions at bug like machine gun bulets. viz .wot kolour is matrons cat wot is the name of the

skool wen do the pubs open who' do you fancy for the Derby etc If new bug servives this he will probably make it as far as

pto...



The MONITAURS,who are noble brave fearless kind to the weak hem-hem.

...a-levels if not well matrons cat is always hungry.  
After a time the new bug will get used to peeling paint draughts unsavoury fag-ends etc and who kno's he may even come to luv the place the company the view the smell of tradition and various other unsavoury things all of which go to make up the happy house.

The most important person in the happy house is the HOUSEMASTER. The new bug do not actually see the Housemaster all he see is the DOOR which he is allowed to look at but not to touch (if he do touch door boys scream bells ring matron faints world blows up etc)

Next come the Head of House and the MONITAURS who all carry flik-nives blackjacks nuckle-dusters etc chiz chiz THEY ARE YOUR FRIENDS THEY ARE THERE TO HELP YOU hem-hem where have i heard that before all they do is lie in wait for an innocent tick to make a mistake when they pounce on him beat him up break his fingers chiz chiz chiz.

After these come a strange race known as the STUDITES who live in litle boxes like batery hens wot is the point i ask you.

Last and least come the HALLITES they are no worse than savages they goble their food make rude noises and are most unsavoury my dere.

fotherington-tomas hav gone to Eton where he have lots of friends hem-hem no fate can be too bad but his spirit seem to have pervaded some members of GRUNT'S it is fritening you canot open cupboards with an eazy mind and they spend their time at one with Nature (hallo trees flowers fish etc) but i discard them and vise versa (grammer).

O well yore skool days are The Happiest Days of your Life  
pto...

...as any fule kno so make the most of them i dred to  
think wot will come next.

a RUPERT STUBBS Xtravaganza.

NOTICE

It has often been suggested that the 'Grantite Review' should contain news about Old Grantites. If you would like to write and tell us about what you have been doing in the past year we would gladly print it in the next edition of this magazine. We hope that this might prove a useful way of keeping in touch with other Old Grantites.

Please send your news to:

The Editor,  
The Grantite Review,  
2, Little Dean's Yard,  
London, SW1.

## Reflections on the Waters.

Early Spring; the snow is melting on the mountains, the streams are swollen with water, the fish are on the way up the rivers and the first spate 'taks a' the smolts awa''. The salmon fishing fraternity gathers, its ranks comprising folk from all walks of life: Council workers and clerks, labourers and farmers, tenants and landlords, all mix happily and without their differences to discuss the state of the water and their own preference of tackle.

Then they will proceed to the old battle ground, and, immersed waist deep in icy water, exposed to either a fierce North wind or roasting August sunshine, they cast their lines down and across, with a skill that can only come from years of experience. After a particularly hard spell on the water the fisherman returns to the fire in the hut for a 'wee dram', the stimulus for the courage required to take on the river for another session. In the Spring, during the course of a few hours, there may well be rain, snow, and hail, as well as an incessant thin wind.

There are, however, very few fishermen who at no time have ever perpetrated a breach of the law; indeed, there are some, seen in a mixture of scorn, silent amusement, and even respect who have altogether given up the accepted methods of fishing for the more productive ones. I know, and know of, many who once the odd salmon has been seen rising a weir (which signifies their presence in the river) are to be found on the river in the small hours of the morning armed with equipment, and cunning, brutal, and devious ideas.

The old and well tried poacher's ploys like the dynamite in the

crowded holding-pool have long since been regarded as obsolete. The poacher's equipment nowadays includes hardware which is more often scientific than just plain mechanical, and as crude and barbarous as he dares. The more subtle and advanced poacher uses a variety of mechanical even electronical gadgetry in his quest for illegal fish. One particular method is a wet-suit, like the ones used by divers, and a gaff or boat-hook, although this practice is reserved for the younger men with fast reactions as salmon are remarkably tough and agile creatures.

I know a certain place where the pool is deep and unobstructed: very vulnerable for poaching, and at the top I once found a log lying across the neck of the pool. I subsequently realised that the pool created by the log was just large enough to accommodate a small net of the type used by the poaching fraternity, who had only to heave the net upwards to be sure of a fish or two; this turned out to be the case; next day, the log was gone, and gone no doubt with a dozen salmon .....

John Urquhart

# *Station*

## The Water.

Once again Grant's won the School Regatta, ending up with twice as many points as our nearest rivals, Wren's. Our leader and the Head of the Water, Simon Tenison, came very close to achieving an unprecedented treble by almost winning all the senior events. Although he won the Senior Sculling easily, and with Victor Lavenstein, Guy Rackham, and John Hamilton in the Grant's Senior 4 was impeccably coxed to victory by Rory Howard, a fault in the steering of his pair denied him success in that particular event.

We were also successful in other events. The silent Guy Rackham stole in to win the Colts Sculling trophy from Wren's. Our novice four - Paul Everington, David Green, Nicholas Budd, Crispian Howard and Struan Reid - made up for their unorthodox technique with a lot of weight, also won their event.

The Junior Colts, hit by injury, were beaten in their final, thus denying the hard-working Christopher Williams, George Miller, Philip Longford, David Nutting, and the ubiquitous Struan Reid the cup they so richly deserved.

We should be able to repeat our success next year, as we still have two members of the 1st.VIII, three members of the 2nd.VIII, and several promising Junior Colts.

But Grant's needs new blood in the boathouse; we cannot just rest on our laurels for ever. Suppress your oarsmanian instincts no longer - join rowing, a growing sport, now!

John Hamilton, Head of House Water.

## Cross Country and Athletics.

This year seemed to be a year of individual success both for Cross Country and Athletics: in the long distance races the biggest surprise was the brilliant run by Nick Barrett, who came through to win the race easily beating the hot favourite. However, even after good runs from Struan Reid (4th) and Alexander Cary, we failed to win the Team Event. The senior team failed to field a full team of six yet over a slightly longer course all three ran well: Rory Howard in fourth place, Cosmo Campbell fifth, and Ben Cooper thirteenth. We could not really compete for the team event owing to the small team. The best team effort of the season was the Bringsty Relay; we fielded a very young team, the oldest being only  $16\frac{1}{2}$ , and yet on very muddy Wimbledon Common we ran very well, and it turned out to be a battle between Grant's and Wren's. Nick Barrett gave Grant's the lead in the second lap, but Wren's soon overtook and even with good runs from Ben Cooper and Struan Reid, Wren's beat us to the finish. Maybe, however, this is a good sign for the future after a slight relapse in Grant's House Cross Country running.



## Cross Country and Athletics, continued.

Athletics is also a story of individual success. Grant's now finds itself in the unique position of having the only three notable high jumpers in the school: Ben Cooper with 6ft.1", Richard Ray (5ft.9") and Ralph Wood (5ft.7"). Richard Ray also did well in sprinting and hurdling events for the school team. Chris Dawson is showing good signs in the 800 metres and Adrian Parnwell threw the shot well.

The Inter House Sports were cancelled due to the re-seeding of Vincent Square.

As I look back through the previous Grantite reports, I read of the end of the Golden Age of Grantite Athletics, but now I feel that a new age is dawning which may last for many years.

Ben Cooper, Head of House Cross  
Country and Athletics.

## Senior Basketball.

There was an impressive trio of Grantite Athletes doing this station reserved for the elite, and they all did very well with all but three earning their House Seniors - Well Done!

Head of House Basketball and  
television.

House Football.

Grant's won the House Seniors for the first time in 15 years.

Shooting.

With one of the most competent house sides seen for many years, Grant's has a very good chance (99.99 percent) of recapturing the coveted School Shooting title. The team, consisting of R. A. Stubbs, (noble captain), J. Severn, H. Moss, and J. Urquhart, has already shot a magnificent first round, dropping a mere 18 points. This so demoralised the opponenets, Liddell's, that they did not bother to shoot their cards, thus conceding victory to Grant's.

Grant's is also the major contributor to School Shooting with J. Severn and J. Urquhart (pending approval) in the 2nd. team, and R. A. Stubbs (School Secretary of Shooting), G. Rackham (Arms Officer) and H. Moss (Nothing at all) in the first team. Although three are leaving the team at the end of this term, H. Moss has proved himself to be very promising, while J. Urquhart promises to be an efficient Head of House Shooting next term.

As always, our thanks to Mr. Hugill, without whom, I can honestly say, none of this would have been possible.

Rupert Stubbs, Head of House  
Shooting.

## Cricket.

This season Grant's were able to contribute greatly to school cricket, with one player in the 1st. XI, and one sparkling youngster, Toby Baker, in the U.14.

However, despite this overwhelming accumulation of talent, Grant's were unable to withstand the ferocious bowling attack from College in the first round of the House Matches. All ten wickets fell for 38 runs, whilst the opposition had previously registered a score which can only be described as of a different order of magnitude.

John Severn, Head of House Cricket.

## Squash.

Grant's House Squash can boast another successful and lucrative season. All Grantites who played squash last season managed to secure a place in the 1st.V. However, the 1st.V did not do particularly well since they lost all their matches; for this, the finger of suspicion must be pointed at that Grantite, who, along with the other three members of his team, lost all his games.

John Severn, Head of House Squash.

# *The Old Grantite Club*

The 1977 Annual General Meeting and Sherry Party was held on Tuesday, January 25th 1977, Up Grant's by kind permission of the Housemaster.

W.R. van Straubenzee MBE, MP presided. The following member attended: -

Lord Balfour of Burleigh  
E. A. C. Bostock  
P. J. Bottomley  
J. Bradley  
D. S. Brock  
J. D. W. Brown  
M. B. McC. Brown  
J. H. D. Carey  
A. Corcoran  
Dr. D. N. Croft  
D. F. Cunliffe  
E. R. D. French  
A. J. Glyn  
J. G. S. Harris  
P. G. Hollings  
F. D. Hornsby  
M. J. Hugill  
H. C. E. Johnson

M. L. Patterson  
P. N. Ray  
Lord Rea  
F. B. M. Rugman  
The Hon. P. E. H. Samuel  
C. T. Sims-Williams  
J. R. B. Smith  
V. J. G. Stavridi  
Dr. M. Stratford  
G. J. H. Williams  
L. A. Wilson  
A. N. Winckworth  
J. S. Woodford

After the meeting members adjourned to the Housemaster's rooms for sherry, where they were joined by the Editor and Business Manager of the Grantite Review and Matron.

Announcements were made relating to the success of the 50th Anniversary Appeal - the curtains were now hung in Hall - and of the 50th Anniversary Dinner which was attended by over 100 Old Grantites. Also the Grantite Review had changed from Letterpress to Lithographic Printing with a saving of £100.

We have to record the deaths of George L. Brown and Nicholas Radford. The Club extends its deepest sympathies to their relatives.

The 1977 Annual Dinner was held on Tuesday May 10th Up Grant's by kind permission of the Housemaster.

Mr. W. R. van Straubenzee presided, and the guests of the club were the Housemaster and the Head of House.

The following members attended: -

J. Bradley	F. D. Hornsby	A. J. Stranger-Jones
D. S. Brock	V. B. Levison	V. J. G. Stavridi
M. B. McC. Brown	E. J. Oyler	N. S. B. Tanner
J. H. D. Carey	R. L. Paniguan	V. T. M. R. Tenison
D. F. Cunliffe	M. R. Parnwell	L. A. Wilson
A. P. D. Drury	P. C. Pearson	A. N. Winckworth
C. N. Foster	P. N. Ray	J. S. Woodford
P. G. Hollings		

The President made special reference to the death of Mr. R. Plummer, for many years the Honorary Treasurer and subsequently a Vice-President of the club, and gave details of a memorial service to be held for him.

Before dinner there was a tour of the school for those old Grantites who wished it. The tour was conducted with great charm and expertise by two current members of Grant's, to whom the club owes a special vote of thanks.

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