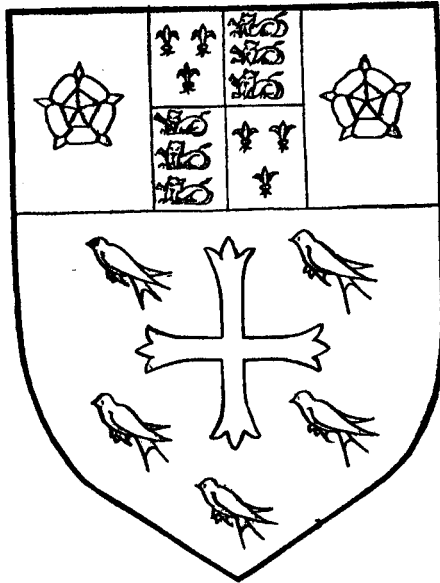


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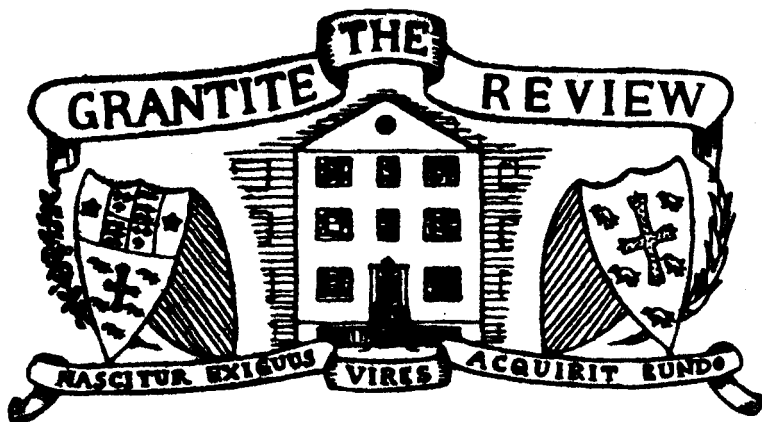


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EDITORIAL.

Although he himself may deplore it, we cannot let the retirement of Mr. Murray-Rust from housemastership of Grant's go without comment. It would be easy to write the conventional type of paragraph amounting to the idea "Grant's will never be the same without him," and yet such a paragraph would be untrue and unworthy of Mr. Murray-Rust. Untrue because he had the satisfaction of knowing that Grant's will rise to greater heights yet and unworthy because it would deny all that he worked for.

Among all the things he did for the house, the most important was that he made the House a part of the world. In his house were reflected all the changes that were going on in the world while he was in control. That he was able to introduce towards the end of his term of office, what at first seemed startling innovations with such a minimum of friction and unrest, was no doubt due in part to his own personality. But each step he took towards making Grant's a part of the world and not a water-tight compartment shut off from it, made the going easier. In one sense Grant's will not be the same when he leaves, because by minute degrees it is changing every day as the world outside changes. But the man who was primarily responsible for breaking down the door between Grant's and London was Mr. Murray-Rust.

In the minds of many Grantites, Mrs. Murray-Rust will always be associated with the thought of meal times well spent. But great though the job, as she made it, was she will also be remembered as forming the ideal team with the housemaster. The members of this house have always had in their midst a happy family sharing their family life with the members of the house.

And though "The Murray-Rusts" have left 2, L.D.Y., they haven't left Grant's and they know that as long as there is chocolate

and light blue around Westminster they will get a welcome not as visitors but as Grantites.

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Wilson to the house and to congratulate them on an excellent beginning with the birth of a son and heir during the summer holidays.

At the beginning of a school year we welcome back the Head Master, who was away for reasons of health during the past year. Old Grantites will be glad to hear that he has completely recovered.

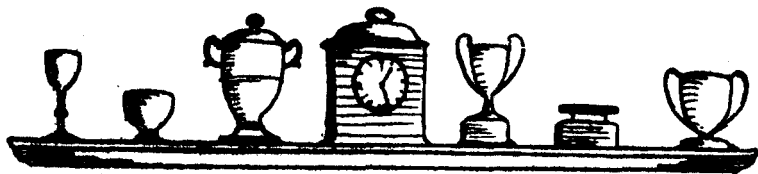
Mr. and Mrs. Murray-Rust's new address is :

3, New Walk,

Beverley, East Yorkshire ;

where they will be pleased to welcome past and present Grantites.

We would offer our sincerest sympathy to Mr. Fisher in his recent bereavement. Those of our readers who were at Buckenhill and knew Mrs. Fisher there, will feel especially the tragedy of her death.



HOUSE NOTES.

There left us last term :—J. R. B. Smith.

We welcome this term :—G. G. F. Wordsworth, A. W. Abbott (boarders) and D. M. Lloyd-Jones (day boy).

In Inner there are :—D. L. Almond, R. E. Nagle, P. C. Pearson, D. M. V. Blee ; and E. M. Carr-Saunders (day boy).

In Chiswicks there are :—D. N. Croft, R. R. Davies, N. P. V. Brown, E. S. Chesser, J. H. Milner, G. N. P. Lee, R. N. Mackay, F. D. Hornsby, T. E. D. Beresford, D. G. S. Hayes (boarders) and D. F. H. Sandford, L. Lipert, H. Ward and A. E. C. Bostock (day boys).

The Head of Hall is A. J. Allan and the Hall Monitors are R. M. Milligan, T. B. Jellett, E. J. W. Oyler (boarders) and R. P. Harben (day boy).

We won the Squire Bowl.

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We won the Halahan Cup.

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We won Cricket Seniors.

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We came second to King's Scholars in the Erskine and Exeter Music Cups.

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We won the Shooting Competitions.

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We won Cricket Juniors.

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We won the J.T.C. Cup.

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We came second to Rigaud's in the Gym Competitions.

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We came second to Rigaud's in the P.T. Cup for the third successive year.

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Congratulations to:—D. N. Croft on being appointed Secretary of the Boat Club.

to:—G. N. P. Lee on being appointed Secretary of Cricket.

to:—D. N. Croft on his Pinks for Water.

to:—D. L. Almond on his Pinks being re-awarded for Cricket; and to G. N. P. Lee on his Pinks for Cricket.

to:—H. Ward on his Pink-and-Whites; to R. P. Harben and R. R. Davies on their Thirds; and to D. M. V. Blee, A. J. Allan, T. E. D. Beresford, K. J. S. Douglas-Mann and S. G. Croft on their Quarters, for Water.

to:—N. P. V. Brown and K. J. M. Kemp on their Colts for Cricket.

to:—A. J. Allan on his Thirds for Boxing.

to:—R. P. Harben on his Seniors; and to R. P. Harben, R. R. Davies, K. J. S. Douglas-Mann, E. S. Chesser, S. G. Croft, T. E. D. Beresford, D. G. S. Hayes, T. J. Smethurst, J. W. L. Croft, T. J. Davies, B. A. Clarke, D. J. van

Rest, I. J. Fulton, K. H. Hodgson,
G. G. F. Wordsworth, and R. A. Miles
on their Juniors, for Water.

to :—N. P. V. Brown and K. J. M. Kemp on
their Seniors ; and to M. L. B. Pritch-
ard, A. C. Hornsby, C. J. H. Davies,
J. F. Wordsworth, A. H. R. Martindale
and D. S. Cammell on their Juniors,
for Cricket.

to :—R. M. Milligan on his Seniors for Tennis.

MUSIC.

An interesting innovation in the musical field this year was the early date of the music competitions, only five weeks after the beginning of term on Wednesday, June 9th. The general arrangements were the same as last year except that the afternoon events were held up School again. Sir Stuart Wilson, musical director of the B.B.C., was the adjudicator, with assistants for the individual events which took place in the morning.

In these, pride of place must go to D. L. Almond, who in his last term crowned a splendid musical career at the school by winning the wind solo for the second time running. Both the house and the school will miss a keen, willing and talented musician. N. G. Maw, besides doing very creditably in the wind solo came second in the unbroken voice event. F. D. Hornsby and D. G. S. Hayes again came second in the senior piano duet. They go about this event in an admirable spirit which to a great extent makes up for any lack of technical ability. If they can improve this latter also, they should do very well. And lastly, Martindale, who has stepped into J. A. Davidson's shoes as house pianist and who came equal second in the senior piano solo and won the original composition besides playing in the winning chamber music group.

Rather late in the day we got together a trio consisting of N. G. Maw, D. L. Almond and R. E. Nagle, chose an easy piece, and entered for the vocal ensemble. After a rather trying period when we each learnt our parts by banging them out on the piano one at a time, we improved under the acute ear of Martindale, so that in the competition we came second to KSS. with a total of forty points out of fifty. KSS. who beat us by five points, gave an admirable performance which would have won the most hardened opponent to part singing.

I have left till last the House Choir, because it is so important in that its sets the atmosphere of the whole competitions. Due to the early date of the music competitions we were compelled to

follow a policy of having only a few weeks of rehearsals which we had in fact adopted last year. We chose a difficult but interesting song as our own choice, "But saddle to Horse and Away," a setting by Dyson of Browning's poem. The set piece, "The Keeper," proved unexpectedly difficult but the choir mastered it just about in time for the competitions. The choir sang well in the competition and although no second or third places were announced to KSS.'s win, we were invited to perform at the school concert. Perhaps this is where most praise is due to the house who after two or three weeks break after the competitions started the difficult task of relearning our own choice and correcting those mistakes pointed out by the adjudicator to give a fine spirited rendering at the end of term. In the house choir, as in everything, Martindale was a great help and I would like to thank him and all the house for the interest and keenness shown this year.

CRICKET.

JUNIORS.

With Vincent Square almost fully restored to our use it was possible to resume Juniors this year. We were fortunate in having six regular members of the Colts' XI up House, who could form the nucleus of a very strong side.

Unfortunately they never came across any opposition to test them seriously, and the fielding, particularly, suffered as a result. But in Kemp we had a bowler who was rather faster than most of our opponents were used to, and he caused a lot of trouble. Lee and Davies, C., also bowled well—more steadily but less successfully than Kemp. Of the batsmen who were required to perform, Lee was the most polished, but Pritchard, Hornsby, A., and Davies also played useful innings. Pritchard, a watchful batsman, has a fluent off-drive which he should use more often. Hornsby and Davies, both new this year, played well enough to become established members of the Colts' side and have the keenness necessary to do really well. Wordsworth kept wicket remarkably well in his first season behind the stumps. He is a little slow in stumping, but he allows very little to pass him.

In the first round Busby's were our opponents. They batted first on a fairly easy wicket and were all out for 18 runs. (Lee 3 for 0, Kemp 2 for 0, Davies 3 for 6, Brown 1 for 3, Hornsby 1 for 3). In passing their total we lost two wickets.

In the final we met Rigaud's and batted first, although losing the toss. Lee and Pritchard opened the innings cautiously against only moderate bowling. The partnership had reached 67 before Lee was run out. Davies lost his wicket without scoring and Hornsby

joined Pritchard before the innings was declared closed at 100 for 2 (Pritchard 44 not, Lee 36). Only two Rigaudite batsmen faced our bowling at all confidently, Cantrell, who obviously had no respect for it, and Samwell, who played a more subdued innings. Their innings finally closed at 45 (Cantrell 27, Samwell 11, Kemp 3 for 14, Lee 3 for 23, Brown 3 for 2).

Team :—G. N. P. Lee (capt.), N. P. V. Brown, K. J. M. Kemp, M. L. B. Pritchard, R. M. Milligan, A. C. Hornsby, C. J. H. Davies, J. F. Wordsworth, D. F. H. Sandford, A. H. R. Martindale, D. S. Cammell.

SENIORS.

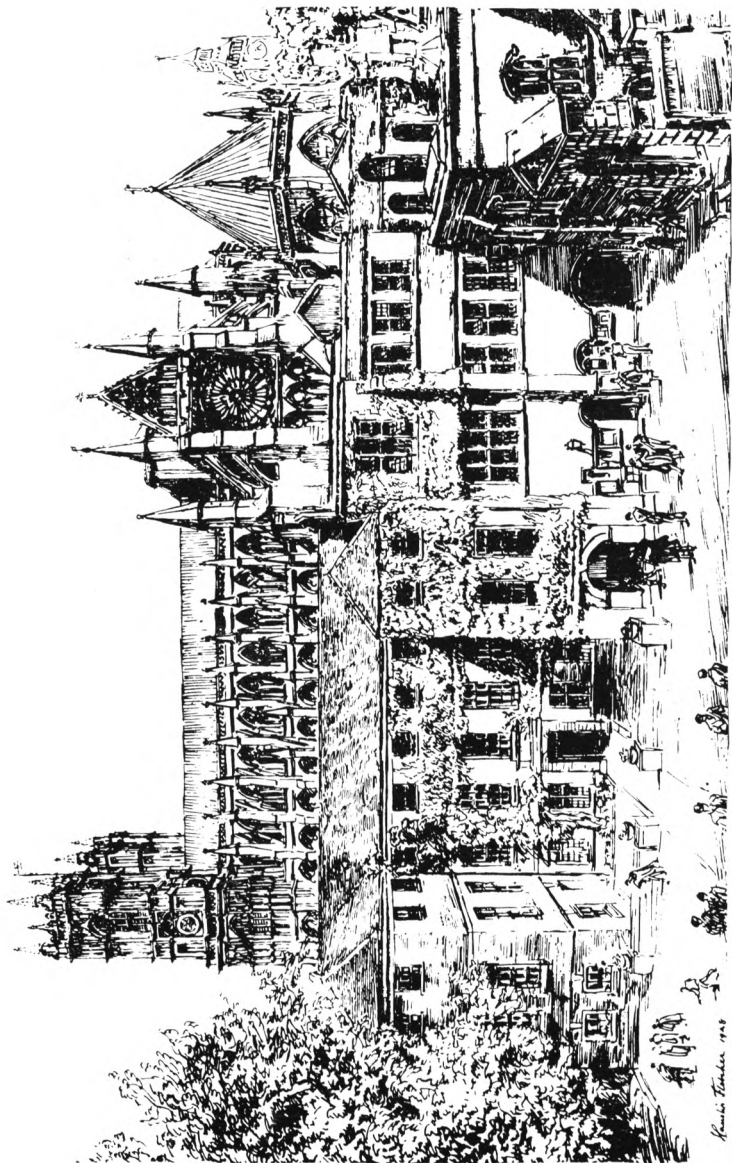
The draw was a perfect one for us this year, for, as it turned out, we had two preliminary matches before meeting our old rivals, College, in the finals.

Nine members of the team had played in Juniors, the side being completed by the addition of Hornsby, F., and Almond.

Ashburnham and Homeboarders provided the opposition in the first round, and after 100 minutes rather timid batting they were all out for 36 (Kemp 6 for 15, Lee 4 for 14). We lost two wickets in hitting off the necessary runs in 17 minutes (Kemp 19 not).

Our opponents in the second round were Rigaud's. They batted first but only Steward looked likely to score runs and he had no one to stay with him. They were all dismissed for a total of 17 (Kemp 6 for 12, Lee 4 for 4). Pritchard and Hornsby, A., batted confidently in passing their total without being separated.

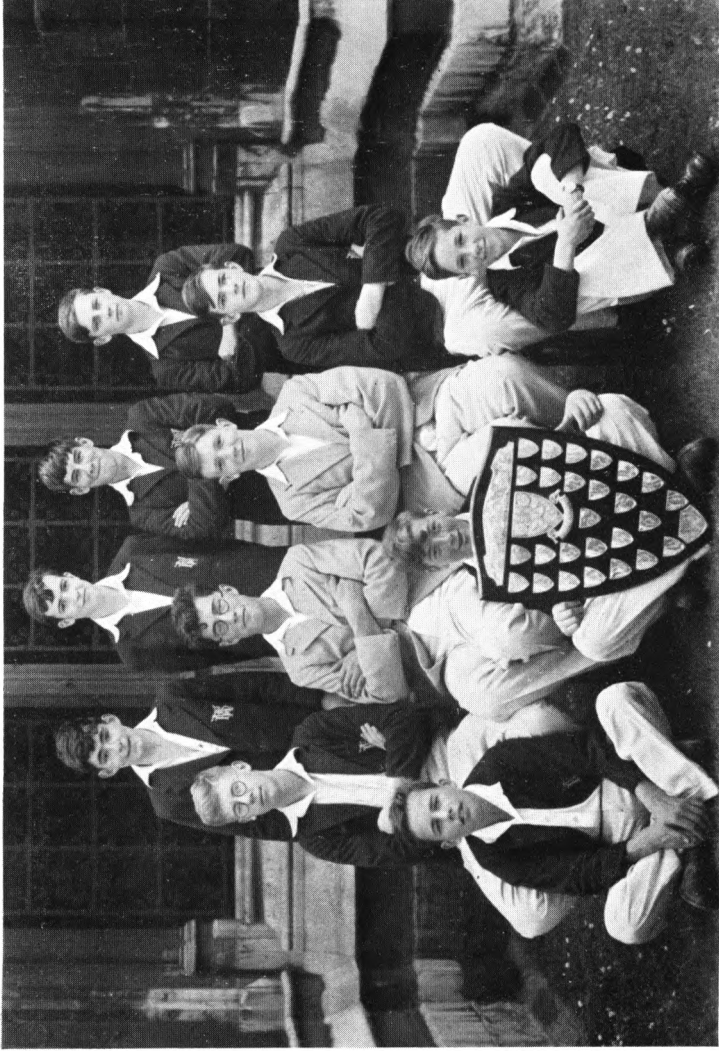
We met our old rivals College in the final, and having won the toss decided to bat on a drying wicket which was likely to crumble later. Our innings consisted almost entirely of three stands. The first was between Almond and Lee after the early loss of a wicket. They set about the 1st XI bowling of Wade and Clarke in no uncertain manner and in 36 minutes added 61 runs before Almond was out. Two more wickets fell quickly and this brought Davies and Brown together in a stand which produced 36 valuable runs for the fifth wicket. Brown has never played better or more confidently, and Davies is to be congratulated on a very good display against two of the most successful 1st XI bowlers. At this stage five wickets fell for the addition of only two runs. But Hornsby, F. and Cammell were not to be deterred and added twelve useful runs for the last wicket. Our innings lasted only 113 minutes, and the general policy of attacking the bowling had paid handsomely for the bowlers were never allowed to settle down and bowl a length. Clarke, medium-paced, bowled best for College and kept one end going during the whole innings. Wade, rather faster, was not at



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The Drawing by Hanslip Fletcher presented to Mr. and Mrs. Murray-Rust on Mr. Murray-Rust's retirement from Housemastership of Grant's, by the Old Granite Club.

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GRANT'S CRICKET, SENIORS TEAM.

Back: A. H. R. MARTINDALE, M. L. B. PRITCHARD, J. F. WORDSWORTH, F. D. HORNSBY.

Centre: N. P. V. BROWN, G. N. P. LEE, D. L. ALMOND, K. J. M. KEMP.

Front: A. C. HORNSBY, C. J. H. DAVIES, D. S. CAMELL.

Photo: L. H. BURD.

his best, and went to pieces when he received rough treatment. Barker, a Colt, bowled his flighted leg breaks very well and remarkably inexpensively.

The sky began to darken as College began their innings and soon the light was bad enough for an appeal against it to be upheld. Meanwhile four wickets had fallen and there were only 66 runs on the board. Play was resumed after half an hour, during which time light rain had fallen. On the resumption there followed the only stand of note in the innings. Kingdon and Clarke added runs for the sixth wicket, but once they had been separated the innings came quickly to a close. The bowling of Kemp was a feature of the innings. Although inclined to bowl a little short, he can move the ball both ways in the air and produces an occasional almost unplayable ball. He was well supported by the accurate bowling of Lee and Davies. The fielding throughout the Seniors' matches was of an extraordinarily high standard; no catches were dropped and few unnecessary runs were given away.

GRANT'S.

1. G. N. P. Lee, c Lummis, b Clarke	21
2. M. L. B. Pritchard, b Wade	0
3. D. L. Almond, b Wade	40
4. C. J. H. Davies, b Barker	14
5. K. J. M. Kemp, c Bateson, b Clarke	0
6. N. P. V. Brown, c Kingdon, b Clarke	23
7. J. F. Wordsworth, b Barker	0
8. A. C. Hornsby, c Lowe, b Wade	1
9. A. H. R. Martindale, b Clarke	0
10. F. D. Hornsby, not out.....	8
11. D. S. Cammell, c Wade, b Clarke	3
Extras (b. 2 ; l.b. 3 ; w. 1)	6
Total	116

Fall of wickets : 1—5 ; 2—66 ; 3—66 ; 4—66 ; 5—102 ;
6—102 ; 7—104 ; 8—104 ; 9—104.

<i>Bowling.</i>	O.	M.	R.	W.			
D. J. P. Wade	14	...	4	...	51	...	3
S. L. H. Clarke	19.1	...	6	...	36	...	5
N. J. Barker	6	...	0	...	23	...	2

COLLEGE.

1.	P. C. Petrie, run out	9
2.	R. T. Robinson, lbw, b Kemp	0
3.	C. C. P. Williams, b Kemp	6
4.	C. J. Lummis, b Kemp	0
5.	D. J. P. Wade, b Lee	2
6.	S. L. H. Clarke, lbw, b Kemp	15
7.	C. F. Kingdon, c Wordsworth, b Kemp	18
8.	L. E. Lowe, b Davies	1
9.	F. D. Bateson, not out	1
10.	D. W. Hide, b Kemp.....	0
11.	N. J. Barker, c Brown, b Kemp	0
	Extras (b. 1 ; l.b. 2)	3
	Total	55

Fall of wickets : 1—0 ; 2—14 ; 3—14 ; 4—19 ; 5—19 ;
6—53 ; 7—54 ; 8—54 ; 9—55.

<i>Bowling.</i>	O.	M.	R.	W.			
K. J. M. Kemp	10	...	1	...	16	...	7
G. N. P. Lee	10	...	4	...	23	...	1
C. J. H. Davies	4	...	1	...	13	...	1

THE WATER.

The eights, with the exception of the second eight, all had a comparatively successful season, the First Eight winning all its races on the tideway as did the fourth. The third eight beat three of its five opponents while the fifth won all its races except that against the fourth when it lost by only a third of a length in the last few strokes. The first eight did rather badly at Marlow but retrieved their honour at Henley where in the Princess Elizabeth cup they were beaten by one and a half lengths by Bryanston who reached the final of the Ladies' Plate. The first eight were a light crew and Bryanston had an advantage in weight of twenty-four pounds per man. The second eight, after starting the season rather badly, did quite well at Marlow, giving B.N.C. a close race and winning their last tideway race quite comfortably.

Grants were represented by Croft at five and Pearson at four in the first eight. The latter started the season rowing at two but

was later moved to four while the former, the heaviest member of the crew by nearly half a stone, after a slightly shaky start at the beginning of term, settled down very well and was by Henley one of the most valuable members of the crew. Ward was the only member of the second eight where his standard of coxing improved a great deal this term. He also deputised on several occasions for absentees in the third, fourth and fifth eight races and once rowed four in the second. Harben, Nagle and Davies rowed at 6, 3 and 2 respectively in the third eight. Of these, Harben is proving to be a very promising oar and, as he is still young, should be very useful to the house and school. Grant's has also six out of the nine members of the fourth eight with three regular and several occasional members of the two fixed-seat eights.

In the Regatta we won the Halahan with 62 points, beating Busby's by 27 and Rigaud's by 32 points. This was only the second time we have won this cup and although we could not equal the record of the 1936 watermen, G. L. Y. Radcliffe, R. C. T. Jones and their compatriots, who won everything except pairs and Junior fours we helped to fill the mantlepiece by winning Senior fours, Senior sculls and Junior-Senior fours as well as the Coxes' Handicap.

This year, although we had four of last year's crew, we entered Senior fours only fourth best on paper. Under Mr. Pearson's coaching the crew came on very well and we entered the regatta feeling confident. We had drawn Busby's in the semi-final and establishing a lead at the start, held on to it and won by 1 length. The final was much closer and after racing level to the Boat Houses, Rigaud's started to draw away and by Beverly were nearly a length ahead. Here Ward started to cut the corner (the race was rowed at almost High Tide and by the end was, if anything, against us) and gave us a couple of tens. The crew, which had been up to then rowing rather raggedly, settled down and we went right past Rigaud's to win by $2\frac{1}{4}$ lengths. The whole crew rowed well but Ward must be congratulated on steering a very good course, without which our chances of winning would have been considerably less.

We were entered on the last Monday of term for the Inter-Schools' Regatta. In the first round we drew Owen's School to whom we lost by one length after a rather shaky start, involving a crab opposite the Boathouse. The only other Grantites in this regatta were Ward who won the Coxes' Handicap and Croft, J., who rowed 2 in the winning Junior four.

In the Junior-Senior Fours both Grantite crews reached the final and the "B," admirably stroked by Ward and backed up by Beresford at 3, went on to win by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 2.25 only two seconds over the record. This was a very good performance as they were the lightest Junior-Senior four at 8 stone 13lbs., nearly a stone lighter than Rigaud's.

We also entered two Junior Fours, both getting through the first round, and meeting in the semi-final. Grant's "A" went on to the final where they lost to Busby's. Both these crews put up a very good performance and all the members of the crews worked as hard as they could.

There were only two Grantites in the Senior Sculls. Croft., D., reached the semi-final but there lost to Beard (B.B.) while Pearson, after a close race against Spokes (R.R.) in the first round, passed through the semi-final quite comfortably and in the final beat Beard by three lengths in the record time of 4.45.

Altogether seven Grantites went in for the Double Sculls, unfortunately our two most promising pairs were drawn together in the same half of the draw as the favourites. Ward and Pearson after a hard race with Croft, D., and Davies, went on into the semi-final, only to come up against Spokes and Leigh-Clare (R.R.) who beat them by two lengths and won the final easily.

In the Junior-Senior Sculls Ward and Davies both reached the Semi-Final. Ward gave Leigh-Clare (R.R.), the eventual winner, a good race, leading him to the Boathouses, where his opponent's weight began to tell and he was overtaken and eventually lost easily. Davies was led all the way and never showed any likelihood of catching his opponent. Harben reached the semi-final of the Junior Sculls, and Croft, J., Wordsworth, G., and Clarke all got through their first rounds.

Ward again won the Coxes' Handicap, this being the first time a cox has won it on two occasions. On his showing in this race he might well prove to be someone to be contended with in the Senior Sculls in a year or two's time.

Altogether Grant's had a highly satisfactory season and I only hope that Croft., D., into whose sure hands I entrust Grant's Water, will be as fortunate as I.

P. C. P.

The Crews.

Senior Four : R. E. Nagle (bow), R. P. Harben, D. N. Croft, P. C. Pearson (str.), H. Ward (cox).

Junior-Senior " B " : A. J. Allan (bow), A. E. C. Bostock, T. E. D. Beresford, H. Ward (str.), E. S. Chesser (cox).

Junior-Senior " A " : D. M. V. Blee (bow), R. N. Mackay, R. R. Davies, K. J. S. Douglas-Mann (str.), S. G. Croft (cox).

Junior " A " : I. J. Fulton (bow), K. H. Hodgson, T. J. Davies, J. W. L. Croft (str.), E. S. Chesser (cox).



GRANT'S WATERMEN, 1948.

Back: A. J. ALLEN, T. E. D. BERSFORD, R. E. NAGLE, R. P. HARBEN, A. F. C. BOSTOCK, E. S. CHESSEY.
Front: D. N. CROFT, P. C. FEARSON, H. WARD.

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The arrival of the Inspecting Officer at this year's J.T.C. General Inspection, Lt.-Col. Lonsdale, O.G.

TENNIS.

It is to be hoped that the plans for constructing at least two tennis courts up Fields in the near future will materialise. This would help to ease the lot of the unfortunate tennis players who normally have to play on hired courts, the time spent journeying to and from which often exceeds the allotted playing time. The number of players had to be further restricted this year ; no new members were admitted without trial and many of those who played last year found themselves excluded. That the standard of tennis in the school would fall was inevitable, and the present standard may be judged from the fact that two members of the cricket 1st XI played, whenever available, for the tennis VI.

We were less fortunate than most houses in having only three tennis players, and, of them, only Milligan and Lipert were available for Seniors as Rodway was taking an exam. Nevertheless we acquitted ourselves fairly well, for, although we only took one match off our opponents, Ashburnham and Homeboarders, the eventual winners of the competition, no other house achieved even that.

Our first pair took theirs to 5—7, 4—6. We had a set point in our favour in the first set with the score at 5—3, and in the second set we led 4—0 but allowed our opponents to recover again. This inability to press home our advantage may be put down largely to inexperience and lack of practice, which made concentration over long periods difficult. After this strenuous match, Almond and Milligan played a much fresher Homeburnham second pair and beat them, only after a great struggle, 7—5, 6—4.

Our second pair, Lipert and Hornsby, F., were swept off their feet by our opponents' second pair to the extent of 2—6, 1—6, but they were able to settle down more against their first pair and, though losing 4—6, 1—6, played a much steadier game.

We must hope that next year will not only see all-round improvements in tennis facilities but also an increase in the number of tennis players up House. Floreat!

D. L. A.

GYM.

The standard of gym in a school depends rather on the competent many than the brilliant few, and that is why, although there are no outstanding performers, the standard is higher now than it has been since revival of gym in evacuation. The display was generally agreed to have been the best so far, due mainly to the fact that, though there were fewer spectacular exercises, pyra-

mids were more ambitious—as well as more numerous—than those attempted in the past.

The standard of gym up House suffered even more than we had expected by the loss of F. R. H. Almond at the end of last year. Had we been inspired by the same enthusiasm for practice, this might well have proved to have been the third successive year in which we won the competitions, but as it was we had to be content with second place to Rigaud's. The lapse may prove to be only a temporary one for, although we failed miserably in the senior competition, we won the Junior by a large margin.

In the latter event three Grantites were placed in the first four, Sandford (1st), Hornsby A. (3rd), and Martindale (4th). Sandford was in a class of his own on the horizontal and parallel bars but his ground work was poor by comparison. Hornsby and Martindale are to be congratulated on startling progress in their first year as gymnasts, but must now spend more time on the bars. Although Davies, T. (10th), Davies, C. (13th) and Clarke (14th) have not made such striking progress they all show promise and should do well if they are prepared to put in more practice.

In the Senior, our most successful entrant, Almond, could do no better than come sixth, while Hornsby, F., was eighth, Sandford ninth and Davies, R., tenth. Hornsby and Sandford should do well next year.

Proficiency in gymnastics can only be attained by hard work and patient practice and all gymnasts should remember that progress is directly proportional to the time spent in practice.

D. L. A.

SHOOTING.

The inevitable end-of-term rush made last term's shooting competition less exciting than it could have been, as it was necessary for each team to shoot on a different morning of the week while time for practice amounted to very little. In the final result we won the competition by a fair margin. Grant's now has two members of the school eight, but unfortunately the steady succession of members which has come from the house over the past few years show signs of falling off.

Partly due to the inadequate facilities for shooting and owing to the considerable amount of time required for only a small number of people to shoot it is impossible to give most people more than one or two shoots in a year. Even the eight can only get in one or at the most two practices per person per week. To those who are interested in what can be a most interesting sport, I would say, get all the practice you can outside the school. The basis of all good

shooting is a good position and any practice you can get even without rounds will pay large dividends. It is no exaggeration to say that eighty per cent. of the art of .22 target shooting can be learnt without firing a round.

If anyone is interested in learning to shoot I am prepared to do all I can to help them.

R. E. N.

THE GYM DISPLAY.

The annual Gym Display was once again held on Friday, July 25th. College Garden seemed, more than usual, to be a corner in the Elysian Fields, having escaped from yard with the clamour caused by the demolition of the shelters.

While I meditated on this, and looked through my programme, filled with complicated phrases like—double leg acting knock-off—the thin white line came in at the double, led by Mr. Monk and D. L. Almond, Captain of Gym. The weather, a most important item in this outdoor event, managed to keep fair.

Within no time, the specators were delighted by a quick succession of efforts on the Horizontal Bar and the Horse, together with two excellent pyramids. After these there came a physical training display by Rigaud's, the first such event for some time, which was carried through very well.

Back at the double come the gymnasts to carry out further feats on the Parallel Bars and on the ground in company with many well-executed Voluntaries and some impressive pyramids—the two most famous being the Crash Pyramid and the Buckenhill Pyramid. Naturally enough the Under School needed no second asking for volunteers for the Long Diving event.

All too soon we found the afternoon drawing to a close and the Display ending with the gymnasts Leap-frogging out of sight, amidst genuine and hearty applause very well deserved.

Special thanks should also go to both the Master and Captain of Gym who had taken such pains in presenting another first-class performance.

HARD BOILED?

All was dark. There was no sound, save the occasional creak of some rotten piece of woodwork. It was a mysterious atmosphere as if dozens of pairs of eyes were watching. Then there was a slight rustling sound and slowly, very slowly, a blurred white shape appeared and suddenly a series of triumphant cackles broke the silence. . . .

“ Good,” said the farmer's wife, “ she's laid another egg.”

SONNET ON CAPTIVITY.

For seven weary years have I sat here
Upon a hard, stone bench and in a cell
So dark and cold it seems an earthly hell
Where time stands still and ev'ry day's a year.
How long can I endure this mental strain,
And shall I ever see the world outside
A world that's light and green, and free and wide,
Or will dread death relieve my present pain?
For seven years have I sat here alone
And now too weary is my deadened brain
To think of joy or happiness again,
For all my hope of freedom now is gone.
A man who lives to threescore years and ten
Is useless if cut off from other men.

ISLE OF ARRAN.

I hope I am not being too Irish when I say that the first thing that strikes you about Scotland is that the people are all so terribly Scots. Possibly it is because we are taught too often that it is over three hundred years since Scotland first started agitating for home rule: before that she had got it. Whatever the reason there is no doubt that people in England do think of Scotland only in terms of oats and first engineers and it comes as somewhat of a shock to find that they all do talk like music hall comedians and that they all do eat porridge. Indeed the first impression on arriving at Glasgow Central Station is that they have all been told to talk like that to attract visitors but when the maid comes in to your bedroom with morning tea and says "Shall I be leavin' the licht?" you begin to gather that it goes deeper. While on the subject of tea, the intending visitor had better know that he will get tea on at least five separate occasions during the day, at every meal in fact. Coffee is either served black or black with the cold milk from someone else's tea. More often it cannot be got at all.

Arran is one of a group of islands laying off the Firth of Clyde and you reach it by a steamer which, starting from near Glasgow calls at various piers on the mainland and some of these islands on the way. Arran itself has been described as Scotland in miniature and indeed it deserves its title. From the east side of the island Goat Fell rises from almost the water's edge to a height of three-

thousand feet. Down the slopes, looking like small glaciers from a distance, flow the burns with their foam, cream coloured by the peat. Even the sea round Arran is peaty from the river water. Over on the west coast is a fertile valley where most of the island's dairy produce is grown. It is in the mountains in the north-east however, that the finest scenery is to be found. Goatfell can be approached by a fairly easy path but even on this track near the summit, climbing can be an awe inspiring experience on a cloudy day, and the top of Goatfell is nearly always covered in cloud. Here and there the clouds part as if a gauze curtain were drawn aside and you can catch a glimpse down two thousand feet of black rock. Then almost before you can begin to notice it the curtain is lowered and all one can see is a grey opalescence while all the time cloud streams over the ridges like smoke from a ship's funnel.

In Arran one may still see relics of old Scotland, wild deer grazing on the slopes of distant hills and bands of gipsy tinkers camping by the wayside. Seals and sharks are in plenty in its waters and a prosperous whaling industry was once based on ports near Arran. Nearly all of the island is owned by the Duke of Montrose to whom one pays (not directly) a twopenny landing due at the pier. There are no railways on Arran but several local bus services cover the island pretty well. Whiting Bay, one of the towns on the Island, is distinguished by having two churches according to whose boards the same minister was preaching at both at the same time. The word town flatters Whiting Bay or indeed any of the communities on the island. All are haphazard collections of houses without any semblance of order or planning.

Arran depends on the steamer services entirely for goods from the mainland and there is great rivalry between the privately-owned and railway-owned steamers. There is a story that one steamer which formerly had red funnels was taken over by the railway and had its funnels painted yellow. On its first sail under the new colours it left Greenock and when it arrived back at night its funnels were red again!

To end with, a true story about the steamers. A young lady rushed down the pier at Gourock (one of the island piers) one day to catch the last boat home to Glasgow. When she had been aboard about ten minutes and the ship was well away she noticed to her dismay that the funnels were the wrong colour. On enquiry she found that the Glasgow boat had left earlier and that this one she was on was going in the opposite direction. After much chat, they turned the boat round and started in pursuit of the other one chasing it from pier to pier. Eventually they caught it up and drew alongside. As she stepped off the captain called down from the bridge, "Weel Lassie we've got you here, but we've taken hree tons o' coal doin' it."

OLD GRANTITE CLUB.

In the course of the year it was unanimously agreed that a presentation should be made to Mr. and Mrs. Murray-Rust on their retirement from the House. An etching by Mr. Hanslip Fletcher, of Yard, the School buildings with the Abbey behind and drawn from Grant's 6-bedder window (Chiswick's) was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Murray-Rust on the 21st July in Library. 26 Old Grantites attended.

The Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner were held at Westminster on Saturday, the 9th October. Mr. Tanner presided. The Reception took place in Jerusalem Chamber and the Dinner in College Hall. Forty-six Old Grantites attended. Our guests were the Head Master and the Housemaster. We were honoured to have the use on the dining tables of the cups won by the House during the year.

A list of Club Rules and Members, with their addresses, is being printed shortly. It is very important, therefore, that any Old Grantite who has recently changed his address notifies this to the Hon. Secretary :

D. F. Cunliffe,
Brookwood Corner,
Ashstead, Surrey.

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The Club regrets to record the death early this year of Mr. W. P. Daniel, of Richmond, Surrey. He was up Grant's from 1895-1898.

There are now 109 Life Members, 105 Ordinary Members and Honorary Members, making a total membership of 220.

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