

# EDITORIAL.

With this number the GRANTITE REVIEW completes its eighth volume and also the twenty-fifth year of its existence. Perhaps a few details may not be uninteresting. The first number appeared in March, 1884. It was then a small quarto of four pages, which came out at various times throughout the term. It appeared in its present form in February, 1888 (No. 23). But furious onslaughts by a short-lived Rigaudite contemporary and insufficient funds brought the GRANTITE to an end in July, 1891. It was re-started by G. H. G. Scott, in March, 1892, and since that date, save for one number, it has had an unbroken career, and its position has steadily improved. At the present day it has 44 outside subscribers, all of whom are Old Grantites, and it is free from pecuniary difficulties.

At first looked on by its contemporaries rather askance there were some who insinuated that the Editors wrote their own correspondence, a charge at the moment difficult to meet, but which the Editors treated with magnificent contempt—the GRANTITE lived to see its adversaries give up the unequal struggle and disappear, while it continued to flourish and to more than justify its existence as a permanent record of the "doings" of the House.

To mark the completion of a quarter of a century of its life, the Editor is presenting a complete edition to the Scott Library, so that the back numbers may be more readily accessible to the School than they are at present.

### ETON v. WESTMINSTER.

There was no event in the rowing world which aroused more interest, except only the University Boat Race, than the race between Eton and Westminster. As early as 1818 Eton had challenged Westminster, but the race was put a stop to by the interference of the Head Masters, and the same thing happened in 1820-the Head Masters of both schools were for some reason always against the race; indeed, at Eton it was not until 1840 that rowing was recognised as a school amusement, and even then, though the river was "in bounds," the road to it was not. In 1829, however, the long-expected race took place, and Eton proved successful by about a quarter of a mile; they won again in 1831 and in 1836. In 1831 the first intimation that Dr. Keate, the Eton headmaster, had that there had been a race between " the youths of the Brocas and those of the lofty hall and pillar'd aisle," as "Bell's Life" puts it, was when at five o'clock "absence" a St. Bernard dog was led up to him, amidst cheers, covered with the blue rosettes the boys had worn. When he asked what it meant he was told, "Please, sir, we've just beaten Westminster." He smiled indulgently, and murmured "Foolish boys." On May 4th, 1837, took place the fourth race, and it is this race which is the subject of our paper. It being Westminster's turn to challenge, a challenge was sent, and some correspondence ensued owing to Dr. Hawtrey refusing to let the race take place anywhere but at Eton, while Westminster wished it to be on their own ground instead of always on water chosen by Eton. Eventually a compromise was effected, and a piece of water was suggested at Datchet, and approved by certain of the Westminster crew, who went to see it. It was arranged that the race should be "from Datchet Bridge one mile and three-quarters with the stream, round a boat and back through the Bridge. No fouling until after the first half-mile. To have gentlemen steerers (each side chose one from their own school), and each boat to be allowed to practice on the water any one day previous to the race" (Westminster Water Ledgers).

The two crews were :--

ETON: 8, W. J. Garnett; 7, P. J. Croft; 6, E. Boscawen; 5, W. Rogers; 4, H. Morgan; 3, N. Fane; 2, T. H. Fellows; 1, W. C. Rayer. Cox, A. Shadwell.

WESTMINSTER: 8, R. M. Howard; 7, C. Vialls; 6, F. Turner; 5, S. Mackenzie; 4, G. Mackenzie; 3, T. Vialls; 2, H. Lee; 1, J. J. T. Somers Cocks. Cox, Lord Somerton.

Grantites. From some simple and the two Mackenzies were

The Westminster crew went down the day before, and

in the afternoon rowed several times over the match ground to familiarise their cox with the steering. The next morning the King sent down for their names, and a letter arrived from Mr. Shiffner, an old Westminster, to say the King had given orders for the crew to be shown over the Castle, and further that he intended to honour the race with his presence. That morning the King said to Lord Howe : "What carriage shall I have to-day ?" Lord Howe replied : "Your Majesty ought not to go out. You are too unwell !" The King replied that he must see the race.

The race was to begin at five, but long before that time crowds of spectators arrived and lined the banks. Among others were the Four Westminsters who had just been elected to Christ Church, who stopped on their way to Oxford in a barouche and four, to see the race. About 4.30 Eton began to come out of school, and soon after the Westminster crew got into their boat, the "Haidée," appearing for the first time in pink. In previous years both crews had worn blue and white, but this year, says the Westminster Water Ledger, "it was thought good to change them. . . Our dress was white rowing shirts cut off at the arms and trimmed round with pink, white trousers, our original 'shag jackets,' and straw hats. The boat was also painted pink. Our steerer had a blue cloth jacket, lined and trimmed with white, which had great effect!" There is a tradition both schools wanted the colour pink, and the result of the race was to decide which should wear it. But, however this may be, and it seems doubtful, the fact remains that " pink " has been the Westminster colour from that day to this, while Eton has retained the colour blue.

The King, accompanied by the Princess Augusta and several of the royal visitors, arrived in four carriages about a quarter to five. "Hang-theology" Rogers, who was rowing No. 5 in the Eton boat, says, in his "Reminiscences": "I remember well his figure seated in a closed carriage, wrapped in a white great coat, about 150 yards from Datchet Bridge." As soon as the King arrived the Westminster crew rowed opposite to him and "saluted him with three times three." The Eton crew arrived a little later in their boat, the "Britannia," and the two strokes, Garnett and Howard, tossed for choice of station. Eton won the toss and chose the Eton side of the river. Both boats having taken up their station at Datchet Bridge, the race started about five o'clock. Westminster at once took the lead, and when the King's carriage was passed they were at least half a length ahead. "At the corner of the Park Wall," says a contemporary account, "and nearly opposite to Mr. Fowler's cottage, the Etonians came once more into the middle of the stream and evidently made a strong pull, in the hope of catching their opponents on the quarter, but they were wide of the mark, and dropped full the length of their boat in the wake of the Westminsters. Westminster continued to increase its lead, and between the fouling place and the boat where the crews were to turn, the distance had increased to five lengths. At the turning place at Newlock, however, amidst great enthusiasm, the Etonians took advantage of their smaller boat, and, creeping up, doubled with greater dexterity than their antagonists, with the result that they brought the nose of their boat, the 'Britannia,' full on to the sixth oar of the Westminsters, who would have shipped water had not young Lord Somerton, the Westminster cox, bore the 'Haidée' up by leaning over on the opposite side. The starboard forward men of the 'Britannia' then pulled as hard as possible, while those on the larboard backed water, and both boats coming alongside of each other the Etonians took the inside, and also the lead for a time. Westminster, however, after further manœuvring, soon caught them up, and passing them on the outside against stream, drew ahead, and increasing their lead by every stroke, finally passed under the Bridge amidst great cheering, victorious by about six lengths."

It was the first time Westminster had won, and the excitement was tremendous. As soon as the King saw that Westminster was ahead he pulled down the blinds of his carriage and drove back to the Castle, declaring that Eton had lost because Dr. Hawtrey was looking on ! It was the last time the King went out, and he died about six weeks after the race. The Eton tradition has always been that after their defeat the King took to his bed, which he never afterwards left. At Westminster, however, the tradition is that there were two Old Westminsters in the carriage with the King, and that as he had been to the Westminster Play two years before, and contributed largely to the "Cap," his sympathies could not have been entirely undivided !

L. E. T.

#### SENIORS.

This match was started Up-fields on Monday, July 12th. The wicket was an easy one for batting, and the failure of our first few batsmen came as rather a surprise. R: Rawson, however, soon showed us how to treat the bowling, and played an invaluable innings of 49, which quite demoralised our opponents' bowlers. With five wickets down for 84, Smith went out to join Gilmour, who was just settling down to steady cricket. These two now started to put on runs at an extraordinary pace, 19 runs being actually hit off one over. Gilmour made good use

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of the hook shot on bowling that was gradually getting weaker. Smith kept his end up, but showed that he was quite capable of run getting, his off-drives being especially noticeable. Our opponents now became very lax, and the batsmen, taking full advantage of this, continued to score at a steady pace, and 200 was signalled after they had been batting for nearly two hours. Both were now quite worn out by the strain, and the scoring was very slow. At 240 Smith was bowled by Hill, bringing to an end a stand that had placed Grant's in a thoroughly satisfactory position for the first innings. Gilmour failed to get well hold of another short ball from Circuitt, and was caught at mid-on, thus completing a magnificent innings of 101. Our tail, with the exception of Graham, failed to score off the now exhausted bowlers, and the innings closed for 280. Hill and Gray opened the innings for Home Boarders, to the bowling of Gilmour and R. Rawson, but these two were soon disposed of. Mellor and Circuitt, however, made a useful stand, but at 92 Circuitt was caught at wicket. The rest, however, gave us very little trouble, and the whole side was out for 139. H.BB. then had to follow on, and Circuitt and Hill opened the second innings. Circuitt was soon out to a long hop. Hill seemed to be settled, but was caught and bowled by Marriott for 36. Mellor failed to give any trouble this innings. Gray was the only batsman in the side who managed to make any stand against our bowling. H.BB. were all out for 99, thus leaving Grant's victorious by an innings and 40 runs. The victory was the more pleasing as for the last three years we have been beaten by Home Boarders. Our success in this match was to a very large extent due to the excellent batting and bowling of R. Rawson. 3 Score :--

> GRANT'S. H. F. Rawson, c. and b. Circuitt W. T. Rawson, l.b.w., b. Circuitt T. F. Marriott, c. Williamson, b. Circuitt R. R. Rawson, b. Hill F. G. Hobsen, b. Bonner 2 . . 1 • • 15 . . 49 .. .. .. • • 3 . . •• A. K. Gilmour, c. Thoresby-Jones, b. Circuitt 101 . . B. Smith, b. Hill .. .. 68 .. .. ... R. A. Graham, b. Circuitt R. F. Potter, b. Circuitt C. V. Miles, b. Bonner (H. F. Whitmore, not out ... 22 ... . . . . 4 .. . . . . 1 ... ... . . 0 .. ... . . Extras .. .. 14 . . ... . . 280 BOWLING ANALYSIS H BB

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M. Thoresby-Jones, b. Hobson 1 b. R. Rawson 7
C. B. Bonner, c. Hobson, b. R. Rawson 0 b. H. Rawson 1
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### SENIORS (Final).

Grant's met Rigaud's in the final for the Cricket Shield on July 19th. The wicket was in perfect condition for a batsman, but we nevertheless managed to get rid of Goodall and Clarke at no very great expense. Goodall and Lamb opened our opponents' innings. Goodall made some very nice shots, but Lamb contented himself with poking the ball away for single runs. With 47 on the board, Goodall was run out from a good throw-in by Miles. Clarke came in and started to hit R. Rawson's bowling, but was splendidly caught in the deep at square leg by Whitmore. Slubicki and Cobbold survived a few overs, but were soon out. Lamb, who was still in, was clean bowled by H. Rawson for 43. In his next over the next four men were clean bowled by H. Rawson in four successive balls. Gilmour took the last two wickets in his next over. Rigand's last seven wickets fell for four runs, and their innings closed for 92. Rawson took five wickets for four runs.

H. Rawson and W. Rawson batted first for Grant's. The elder Rawson started to score very rapidly with some brilliant off-shots off Clarke's bowling. At 48 W. Rawson was out, l.b.w., to Clarke.

The match was finished too late for a full account to be published. Our innings closed for 244. In their second innings

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Rigaud's made 130, leaving Grant's victorious by an innings and 22 runs. The Shield thus comes "up" the House.

Score :--

 GRANT'S.			
H. F. Rawson, b. Goodall			118
W. T. Rawson, l.b.w., b. Clarke.			9
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#### RIGAUD'S.

T. F. Goodall, run out	29	st. Marriott, b. R. Rawson 0
A. F. Lamb, b. H. Rawson	43	c. Hobson, b. R. Rawson 16
E. C. K. Clarke, c. Whitmore, b. R.		c. and b. H. Rawson 72
Rawson	9	
J. M. de Slubicki, c. Graham, b. Marriott	1	b. Gilmour 0
F. B. Cobbold, b. H. Rawson	3	b. R. Rawson 11
C. Hurst-Brown, not out	0	l.b.w. b. H. Rawson 6
D. A. Harvey, b. H. Rawson	0	b. Gilmour 0
T. G. May, b. H. Rawson	0	c. Marriott, b. Gilmour 3
R. C. Cooke, b. H. Rawson	0	b. Gilmour 2
A. G. Cowie, c. Marriott, b. Gilmour	2	st. Marriott, b. R. Rawson 0
A. G. Leck, b. Gilmour	0	not out 0
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### CRITICISMS ON THE TEAM.

**H. F. Rawson** has made a very good captain. Although he did not find his cricket until late in the season, he has latterly played up to his true form. He has some really beautiful strokes, and his bowling in House matches was deadly.

**R. R. Rawson** has bowled and batted very well for the School this season. His fielding is very smart, but his throwing in is sometimes erratic. He has in every way come up to our expectations.

F. G. Hobson—a good hitter, but very weak on his leg stump-Bowls very well for about three overs. A fairly sure catch.

T. F. C. Marriott-a very steady bat, and a useful change bowler.

A. K. Gilmour played a very useful and good innings against H.BB. He is a good bowler, and should do very well next year.

**B.** Smith is a very sound bat. He should learn to throw better. He should be good next year.

R. A. Graham-a useful hitter, but rather slack in the field.

**C.** V. Miles—his fielding has greatly improved since last year. Batting and bowling rather weak.

W. Rawson has not done so well as expected this year. He is very much inclined to get in front of his wicket. He can hold catches.

**H. F. Whitmore** played a good innings in Juniors against Rigaud's. He is not a bad field.

**R. F. Potter**—a good bat and a fair field. He should do well next year.

# JUNIORS.

Our Juniors have again failed to secure the Cup, but it can scarcely be urged that it was due to an inferior team. This year's Juniors were started too late; it made it impossible for every team to play the rest, and by failing in our one match we lost our chance for the Cup. Our match with Rigaud's end d in a defeat by five wickets, although on paper they were a distinctly weaker team. In our first innings Smith and Rawson, who went in first, made a good beginning, the first wicket falling for 65. Of these, Smith was responsible for 45. Hodgson came in at third wicket and made a useful 34. W. Rawson was shortly after bowled by Noakes for 37. Our innings closed for 173. Rigaud's first three wickets fell for six runs, and we had six of them out for 72. Cooke, who came in first wicket, had already scored very freely, and now started to hit our bowling wherever he chose. Our bowlers were thoroughly demoralised, and continued to send down any number of loose balls. Our fielding, already very poor, many easy catches having been dropped, now got worse and worse, no attempt even being made to back up a throw-in or run in to field a ball. Cooke was eventually bowled by Whitmore for 140 runs; he hit two 7's, two 6's, and fourteen 4's. Their tail added very few runs, and they were out for 239. Our second innings was disastrous; everyone seemed to refuse to play their usual game, and played the bowling without any spirit. With the exception of Whitmore, who made 46, we failed miserably, only managing to make 102. This left Rigaud's with only 36 to get to win, and with five wickets down they made the runs.

# THE INTER-HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION.

This competition was held at Staines on Wednesday, June 30th, in a somewhat gusty wind, but a good light. As last year, Grant's had a good team, three of whom had shot for the School. F. G. Hobson would have shot for the House, but he was unable to do so because of a School match on that day. His place, however, was filled by A. G. Pemberton, who shot for the School Cadets. Grant's won by six points from College, who beat us at 200 yards. The full score was as follows :---

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Pte. Mason	4,	5,	4,	4,	3,	4,	4	=	28	5,	5,	3,	5,	4,	5,	5	=	32	60	
Pte. Sturgess	2,	5,	4,	5,	3,	4,	4	-	27	4,	4,	5,	5,	õ,	4,	2		29	56	
Pte. Hobson	4,	3,	4,	4,	4,	5,	4	-	28	4,	3,	5,	3,	4,	4,	5	-	28	56	
Pte. Pemberton	3,	4,	4,	4,	4,	5,	4		28	4,	5,	5,	4,	4,	3,	3	=	28	56	
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This is the third successive year that Grant's have won the Cup. J. H. Mason was second for the Brinton Medal, with a score of 60, the winner's score being 64.

### HEADS OF THE HOUSE.—III.

(Continued from the last GRANTITE.)

1882	J. B. Hodge. <sup>1</sup>	1894-96 W. F. Fox. <sup>7</sup>
1882-83	G. E. M. Eden. <sup>2</sup>	1896-97 W. H. M. Lonsdale.8
	A. M. T. Jackson, <sup>3</sup>	1897–99 J. Heard.
	A. J. Pryce.	1899–1900 H S. Bompas. <sup>9</sup>
1885	J. Salwey.	1900–01 D. H. Whitmore.
	C. Erskine. <sup>4</sup>	1901-02 W. T. S. Sonnen-
1887-88	C. Powell.	schein. <sup>10</sup>
1888-89	H. C. Barnes.	1902–03 L. A. Woodbridge. <sup>11</sup>
1889-90	F. J. Maclean.	1903–04 D. S. Robertson. <sup>12</sup>
1890-91	R. A. Yeld.	1904–05 R. W. Reed. <sup>13</sup>
1891-92	H. D. Everington.	1905–06 G. R. Fraser.
1892-93	H. S. Ladell. <sup>5</sup>	1906–08 C. G. Reed. <sup>14</sup>
1893-94	A. R. Severn. <sup>6</sup>	1908–09 L. E. Tanner.

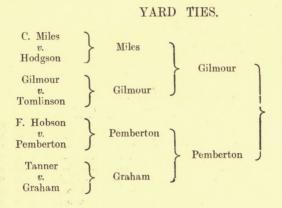
<sup>1</sup> J. B. Hodge. 1st Classics (Mods.), 1884. 1st Classics, 1886. 1st Mod. Hist., 1887.

<sup>2</sup> G. E. M. Eden. Westminster Cricket XI., 1881-82.

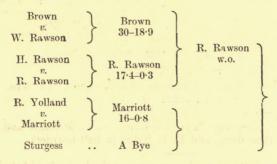
- <sup>3</sup> A. M. T. Jackson. Scholar of Brasenose College, Oxford. 1st Oriental Studies, 1888. Boden Sanskrit Scholar, 1888.
- 4 C. Erskine. Died Dec. 18th, 1905. In 1907 the Singing Cup for Inter-House Competition was presented in his memory.
- <sup>5</sup> H. S. Ladell. Westminster Football XI., 1892–93. Westminster Cricket XI., 1893.
- <sup>6</sup> A. R. Severn. Westminster Cricket XI., 1893–94. Westminster Football XI., 1892–94.
- <sup>7</sup> W. F. Fox. Westminster Cricket XI., 1894–96. Westminster Football XI., 1893–96. Captain, Football, 1895–96.

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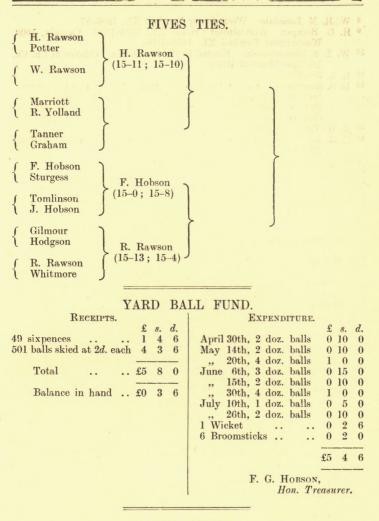
- W. H. M. Lonsdale. Westminster Football XI., 1896-97.
  H. G. Bompas. Westminster Cricket XI., 1898-1990. Captain, 1900. Westminster Football XI., 1899-1900.
- 10 W. T. S. Sonnenschein. Elected to Ch. Ch., Oxon. Scholar of Ch. Ch. 1st Class Classical Mods.
- 11 L. A. Woodbridge. Westminster Football XI., 1902-03.
- 12 D. S. Robertson, Elected Trin. Coll., Camb. Major Scholar of Trinity. Stewart of Rannock Scholar, 1905. Members' Latin Essay, 1906. Pitt Scholar, 1907. Chancellor's Classical Medal, 1908. 1st Classics, 1906 (1st Division), Pts. I. and II. <sup>13</sup> R. W. Reed. Westminster Cricket XI., 1904–5. <sup>14</sup> C. G. Reed. Westminster Cricket XI., 1906–8. Westminster Football
- XI., 1907-8.



HALF BOARDER YARD TIES.



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# HOUSE NOTES.

L. W. Collier and E. L. Faire left us at the end of last term. The former has gone to Heidelberg. We wish them every success in the future.

There were three new boys this term : L. C. Melsome and E. J. Longton (boarders), and E. L. Kellie (a half-boarder).

T. F. C. Marriott was made a monitor at the beginning of the term. He was awarded for an essay on "The Relations between

Heat and Electricity" a prize given by the Old Westminster Lodge of Freemasons.

The following are the cricket colours up to the end of the term :---

	PINKS.	PINK & WHITES.	3rd XI.	HOUSE COLOURS.
H	. F. Rawson.	F. G. Hobson. A.	K. Gilmour.	B. Smith.
R	. R. Rawson.	T. F. C. Marriott.		R. A. Graham.
				W. T. R. Rawson.

F. G. Hobson played regularly for the School. A. R. Gilmour also played.

In the Officers' Training Corps, R. A. Graham has been made a Corporal. J. H. Mason and A. T. Sturgess shot for the VIII. at Bisley.

The School Cadets this year at Bisley were both Grantites -J. C. Hobson and A. G. Pemberton. They were 14th in the Public Schools.

In the Inter-House Drill Competition, which took place on April 5th, we were defeated by College and H.BB. But we were only three points behind College. The marks were : College, 80; H.BB., 79; Grant's, 77. We were specially commended for our skirmishing.

In the Inter-House Singing Competition we were fourth. We thus lose the Cup, which we have had two years, to College, who were placed first.

In the Sports last term we were third for the Cup. As far as Grant's was concerned, it was almost a one-man affair, R. A. Graham getting no less than 23 out of our 24 points. He won the hammer (62 ft.), 100 yards open, long jump (18 ft. 6 in.), hurdles, and was second in throwing the cricket ball—a really fine performance. R. D. Cargill was second in throwing the cricket ball under 15.

After a very hard tug we were pulled over by H.BB. in the Inter-House Tug of War.

The Smythe Cup for wooden racquets is again being played for this term. It is some years since it was last played for. The ties have reached their second round.

The notes on the History of Grant's are, owing to lack of space, held over until the next number.

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Lord Justice Vaughan-Williams (Grant's 1851-52) has been elected President of the Old Westminster Boat Club. Lord Stalbridge (Grant's 1849-) and Sir R. P. Fitzgerald (Grant's 1853-) are Vice-Presidents.

Among the new Knights on the King's Birthday we notice the name of Lt.-Col. W. B. Leishman (Grant's 1878–80). Col. Leishman has been for some time Director of Pathology at the R.A.M.C. College, Millbank.

W. T. S. Sonnenschein (Grant's, 1894–1902) has been awarded a First Class with a Certificate of Honour in the Final Examination of the Council of Legal Education. He has been called to the Bar at the Inner Temple.

G. R. Y. Radcliffe took a First Class in "Greats."

G. Rae Fraser (Grant's 1902-06) took a Third Class in the Final Honour, School of Law. G. F. Pitt-Lewis (Grant's 1901-06) took a Second Class in the same Law Schools at Oxford. E. Ratcliffe-Cousins (Grant's 1902-06) took a Third Class in History.

H. G. Dillon (Grant's 1904-07) has been awarded a scholarship of £40 at Christ's College, Cambridge, for Mediæval and Modern Languages, in place of the £30 one he already held, C. F. Metcalfe (Grant's 1901-06) took a Third Class in the Mechanical Science Tripos at Cambridge.

### BIRTHS.

WOODBRIDGE.-On April 16th, the wife of Edgar T. Woodbridge, of a son.

HEARD.-On May 27th, the wife of James Heard, of a son.

### MARRIAGES.

RAWLINGS-CALROW.—On June 17th, at St. Saviour's, Walton Street, S.W., Reginald Price Rawlings to Maud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calrow, of 11, Barkston Gardens.

# OBITUARY.

It is our sad duty this term to chronicle the death of two who were our own contemporaries at Westminster. George Mowbray Nott-Bower was admitted a boarder Up-Grant's at the beginning of Election Term, 1903. He had previously been Up-Ashburnham. He remained Up-Grant's until the end of Play Term, 1906. He passed into Woolwich last year, where he was doing well and would have got his commission probably about the end of June this year. We record with deep regret his death on Easter Sunday at Pencraig Llechryd, Cardiganshire, by the accidental discharge of a revolver which he was cleaning at the time.

It is also with deep regret that we have to record the death of one who had but just come amongst us. Ludwell Charles Melsome was admitted a boarder at the beginning of this term. But he had only been here for just over a month when he developed meningitis, and though we hoped that his life might be spared, he passed away at University Hospital on Friday, May 28th. The House contributed a wreath to the funeral, which was, by his mother's special wish, quite private. We take this opportunity of offering to her our very sincere and deep sympathy.

As we go to press we hear with great regret of the sudden death of Sir A. Guillum Scott. Although not at Westminster himself, two of his sons were Up-Grant's and to one we owe the revival of the GRANTITE REVIEW. In the death of Sir Guillum Scott the School has lost one of her best and truest of friends, and his loss will be deeply felt as an especially personal one by very many present and past Grantites and Westminsters. Anything to do with Westminster and Grant's never failed to interest him, and he never willingly missed any School function. His daughter was to have married a former Head of Grant's, W. F. Fox, on July 28th. We are glad to think that the last time Sir Guillum's familiar figure was seen Up-fields he was able to lead the cheering on the victory of the School in the Charterhouse Match, which, we know, afforded him the greatest pleasure.

# CORRESPONDENCE. Our Oxford Letter.

#### To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

There is no very exciting news this term, but the brothers Radcliffe have both achieved the apparently impossible. Jack has taken to work, while poor Geoff has talked himself ill. It is

very doubtful whether anyone will believe it, but it is none the less true. It is to be feared indeed that Jack will soon disappear from Oxford, and that in consequence the Oxford letter will be cut down by about one-half, for he is working hard and steadily for his Bar exams., having come to the conclusion that coaching the undergrad. is not all beer and skittles-though the former plays a very important part in the business. We shall all miss his commanding presence, but it is no good being gloomy about the future, for this letter is to tell of what is happening at the present. Beyond working, Jack has done nothing very extraordinary this term, but he shines well as an umpire; indeed he was summoned all the way down to Hampshire for that purpose, so that the victory of his side should be assured, for he has a remarkable knack of seeing a profusion of legs scattered all over the wicket. Beyond umpiring, his exercise consists of eating enormous Sunday lunches and bicycling out to Garsington every day, for he is still in residence at the kennels, keeping watch over the politics of the fluctuating proletariat.

But while Jack is thus vigorous, his winsome brother Geoffrey is in sorry plight. Worn down to the last stages of exhaustion by his arguments with his friends on the mysteries of Greats, he fell an easy victim to the scourge of influenza, along with many another of our noble sons; but, unlike them, he is not yet recovered, and we fear he has been utterly unable to do himself anything like justice in Greats. We most heartily sympathise with him over this, for he had been looking forward for many weeks to "doing the examiners proper." But there is a lighter side to the tragedy. Think of the sorrowing maidens who missed him during term and commem., where his execution and grace are alike the admiration and envy of all his friendsthough one of these fickle damsels sat out 21 dances running with a rival, bemoaning Geoff's sad fate. And think of all his sorrowing friends and the blank that falls on their festive gatherings at the absence of the sparkling wit and biting sarcasm of his well-rounded phraseology, though their wine bills are probably considerably lighter. If anyone wants an opinion, though only an opinion, on any wine, good, bad, or indifferent, please apply to Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, who will perform this difficult task gratis.

Mr. G. Beech is still going strong, at the head of the flower of Merton, and seems to find no time to look up his former friends. He watches an occasional cricket match, and grows a fine moustache that even rivals that of Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe.

Mr. G. R. Fraser formerly studied mathematics, but has now taken up law—took a Third Class Final Honour Schools. *Publications*: Ghosts and how to know them; Pianos, and how to bang them; Windows, and how they are broken; Hair, and how to

wear it (in collaboration with Mr. E. J. Radcliffe-Cousins). Recreations: Milk-drinking; gastronomy; symphonies. Residence: Old Library. Club: The Sophists (??).

Mr. E. J. Radeliffe-Cousins is still quite the lady-killer, with his Tyrolese hats and polychrome suitings, to say nothing of his classic features. There are 75 pictures of Gabrielle Ray in his rooms—what more can a man want? *Recreations*: Siding to himself; doing the heavy swell at the theatre. *Publications*: The Possibilities of Mercury, being a series of thoughts for the future.

Messrs. G. F. Pitt-Lewis and H. D. Adrian both live retired and sequestered lives, but as far as is known are quite happy. Mr. Adrian rows; Mr. Pitt-Lewis sails on the Upper River; he also took a Second in Law.

Mr. Boult is secretary to the "Oriana Society," whatever that may be. He is also an ardent Territorial, though that seems hard to believe, and is learning to blow a trumpet for the M.I. His extraordinary efforts have so far unnerved the Dons that he is not allowed to play out of tune, which is as good as saying he may not play at all. He is president of the Martians, a club of war-like madmen, where with blazing eyes he instructs his fellow fire-eaters how to raze a fort and put women and children to the sword. When not engaged on topics like these, he accompanies Mr. Sayer to church at Cowley. Mr. Saver thinks he is doing the right thing, and Mr. Boult does not suffer more than a soldier can bear, so there is no great harm done, and of course Cowley must be frightfully pleased. We were very pleased to see Mr. L. E. Tanner on a visit to us this term, and overlooking his want of wisdom in not coming up to Oxford, we wish him every success at Cambridge, and hope he will write a Cambridge letter of as near a quality as possible to those that we write from Oxford. But, Sir, why are there no Grantites coming to the House, or, indeed, to Oxford? It is a very serious thing, for the best men generally come from Grant's.

Mr. C. G. Reed, of Brasenose, has failed in Divvers, having done more than the necessary quantity of three days' work. He has done fairly well at cricket, having an average of 52, without ever having made a fifty during the whole term. He was a steward at the ball, but not having the finish of Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, he elected not to dance, but conducted everyone he could see into supper. He had previously helped to taste all the wine, so there was probably a good reason for acting thus. He has done nothing very exciting this term, beyond helping to rag everyone in the Sheldonian on degree day, and giving the bull-dogs a run or two. Mr. E. C. Cleveland Stevens was also at the ball. He narrowly missed a Fellowship at B.N.C., when everybody now wishes he had got it, and nobody more than the Westminsters who know him.

Messrs. Greene and Sayer still grace Magdalen; beyond that nothing is known.

Mr. Williams has migrated to Tom for peace and quiet; we should have thought Meadow's more suitable. We expect that you, Sir, must sadly miss him and his cricket notes; unhappily he does not report anything here.

Mr. Hughes, of Keble, is another of those who are so seldom seen, but he leads a sedentary and immaculate (in the spiritual sense) life, which he does not care to disturb to see the appalling fellows who were at school with him.

Well, Sir, this finishes the list of Old Grantites at Oxford, and it really makes me blush (only as regards length, of course), so without more ado I will wish you and the House the best of luck for the Shield, though I could say a great deal on the scarcity of Grantites at Oxford.

Yours, &c.,

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# OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

# DEAR SIR,-

The Old Grantites at Cambridge are flourishing one and all, like David's green bay tree.

Our veteran is Mr. D. S. Robertson, of Trinity, who, we understand, has given his last lesson at Newnham, to the intense grief of that college. He has been seen several times on mixed river-picnics, has fallen three times into the river, has been thrown by a cart horse which he tried to ride bare-backed, and has played lawn tennis with more perseverance than skill. We have not seen him on horseback, with the exception of the inauspicious occasion already referred to. His learned thesis on the "Golden Ass" is said to be steadily growing in bulk by the drastic method of pasting chunks of German, Greek, and Latin quotations into a wholly unintelligible mosaic, and punctuating the result with remarks about the weather—but this is perhaps a libel.

The other representative of Grant's at Trinity is the inimitable Hodgson, who is, of course, as charming as ever. The time that he saves from adorning his person is given to pacing Jesus Lane with a slow and solemn gait, by which he well exemplifies the maxim of his favourite poet, Shakespeare : "Too swift arrives as tardy as too slow."

Of the doings of another distinguished Grantite at Trinity, Mr. E. D. Adrian, we failed to inform ourselves. We are told that he is continuing his brilliant career, and has only to go in for exams. to gain first classes. At Pembroke Mr. C. F. Metcalfe is a stalwart member of the second boat. He has just proceeded to his degree by the far from primrose path of the Mechanical Science Tripos. Next October, we fear, he will no longer be "in statu pupillari."

Mr. J. W. A. Geare, who is at the same college, has distinguished himself as an equestrian member of the Officers' Training Corps. In his most lucid moments he is, we believe, to be heard humming that gallant song, "The Galloping Major."

Mr. W. R. Horton (Trinity Hall) is not unknown to the athletic world, either as an exponent of the art of high jumping or as an equestrian. We hope to see him representing the University at Queen's Club next March in the first-mentioned branch of athletics.

Mr. R. S. Storer, of Clare, is another musical product of Grant's, and we believe he finds lawn tennis a  $\pi \acute{a}\rho\epsilon\rho\gamma\sigma\nu$ .

The brothers Vey live a cloistered life, but are by no means undistinguished either in the world of intellect or sport.

Last, but not least—save in stature—Mr. H. G. Dillon is the notorious cox of Christ's first boat. We have not heard whether he has added another language to his repertoire, but perhaps he has exhausted all those which are commonly used in polite and rowing circles.

Now the rest of the acts of Grantites at Cambridge and all that they did, are they not written in the volumes of the "Cambridge Review" and "Granta"?

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant, TRIN. COLL. CAMB.

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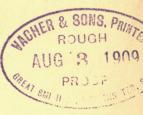
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### THE GRANTITE CAT.

Mysterious creature, thou, whose secret life Has ever in my thoughts made question rife, Whether I rise at morn to go to Hall, Or fare Up-fields to chase the fleeting ball; Whether at ten o'clock I go up "Lib.," With leisured step to join the history tribe; Whether return at night from Evening Station Back to the greater woes of Preparation-Still thou art there to greet me, sleek and fat, Thou harmless, most unnecessary cat. O shame, poor cat, that life already hard-(For who can find much sustenance in Yard ?)-Should harder be, what with the pranks of boys, Idle, replete with wickedness and noise: Such wanton mirth thy suff'ring soul eschews, And vents its plaintive grief in tearful mews; Or as a racquet-ball renews its fears, Bewails its woes with Niobean tears. What fortitude, what resignation rare, To suffer much, and, suffering, still sit there ! Here we, so oft to proper feeling blind, May take a lesson from the catty kind ! Herein we see, O glory of thy race, How much affection binds thee to the place; An answer, here, to those who cats decry ! Here an example of true loyalty !



### IN BISHAM WOOD.

Without this cool and shady haunt of peace The high sun is oppressive; but within The birds are singing merrily at ease,

Untroubled by the warmth and by the din That echoes from the dusty country road,

Where motors rush, and children laugh and shout, And plodding horses drag the heavy load.

'Tis heaven within, but liker hell without ! In the great poets there is many a spot

Of happy gloom where peace and wisdom dwell, And where the clamour of the world is not:

Where man may struggle with himself and quell His passions, and where all is calm and good—

As in this old and subtly fragrant wood !

WALLACE BERTRAM NICHOLS.

