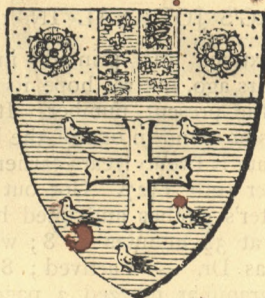


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THE PAST YEAR.

Except for the loss of the cricket shield Grant's has had a very fairly successful year. The football shield remains up the House, and the Sports' Cup has been won for the first time. In the first round of football Seniors we easily beat Home Boarders (10—0), and in the final round we were victorious against Rigaud's (2—0). In football Juniors we were finally passed by College, and lost the cup. H. Logan, M. Pemberton, and L. G. Kirkpatrick played against Charterhouse, but L. A. Woodbridge was, unfortunately, out of School. The football Pinks at the end of last season were L. A. Woodbridge, H. Logan, and M. Pemberton, the last of whom is fortunately remaining for the season.

In cricket Seniors we were beaten in the first round by Rigaud's by ten wickets. H. Logan played an excellent game, making 50 in the first innings, and 48 in the second. In Juniors we were beaten by Rigaud's by an innings and 29 runs. The cricket Pinks at the end of last term were H. Logan and L. G. Kirkpatrick.

At the Sports, Grant's carried all before them, making 52 points out of a total of 139. Our success was mainly due to Logan, who won the Hammer, the Open Hundred, and was second in the Long Jump and Hurdles. With Kirkpatrick, Ratcliffe-Cousins, Newman, Lee, and, we hope, Castle-Smith, we ought to have an excellent chance of keeping the cup this year.

At the Concert, J. D. H. Dickson played with his usual success, and H. C. Pedler, J. L. Johnston, and H. V. Argyle sang.

During the past year we have lost J. Harrison and R. W. Willcocks at Christmas; L. A. Woodbridge at Easter, before the end of his year of office, and H. Logan, J. L. Johnston, and H. T. Kite at Election.

A FAG'S JOURNAL IN 1827.

The following extract was printed in the "GRANTITE REVIEW" fourteen years ago, but we hope its interest will justify its reappearance in the present number. It is taken from a journal of a Westminster found in one of the boarding houses in the year 1847; the date is twenty years earlier:—

"Monday, October 10th, 1827. Got out of bed at half-past six, brushed my master's clothes and filled his pitcher, went to bed again and awoke at $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes to 8; washed, dressed and got up School just as Dr. — arrived; 8—9 was shown up for not knowing my grammar, muzzed 3 pages of ditto for my help; 9 to half-past, breakfasted, but very badly as I was sent by the seniors to Sholton's three times; 9.30—10, picked up balls; 10 o'clock, went into school and got through 15 lines of Homer pretty well, though I had not learnt them; 11 to 12, cut my name on the form; 12 o'clock went into green and was knocked down by a butcher for abusing him, but he got well paid out by Jackson.

"Half-past one went to dinner, very bad mutton, would have gone to Sholton's but knew that the under-elections were there.

"Half-past 2, went up school, and got 200 lines to write out for not being able to find my shoe when called up for lesson (Connaught had pulled them off and hid them).

"Five till a quarter to six, made my master's tea and put his room in order.

"Quarter to six. My master came upstairs in a very bad humour, because he had a long imposition to do; nearly kicked me downstairs because the tea was not strong enough; 7 o'clock to 8, did my exercise, but with many interruptions, as I was continually called away to get things for my master.

"Nine o'clock, was licked with a cane because I could not find Willoughby's Homer; 9 to 10, did my imposition; 10 o'clock went to bed very tired."

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

"AS YOU LIKE IT."

Mr. Tanner ...	...	<i>Orlando.</i>
D. S. Robertson ...	...	<i>Touchstone.</i>
J. D. H. Dickson ...	...	<i>Rosalind, Denis.</i>
R. E. Tanner ...	...	<i>Jacques and Le Beau.</i>
L. G. Kirkpatrick ...	...	<i>Duke, Frederick, Sir Oliver Martext.</i>
R. W. Reed ...	...	<i>Adam, Silvius.</i>
M. C. Houdret ...	...	<i>Celia, Amiens, William.</i>
A. F. Noble ...	...	<i>Duke, Audrey, Hymen.</i>
L. Thompson...	...	<i>Phebe, Charles.</i>
G. E. Neville ...	...	<i>Oliver, Corin.</i>

This play was not read particularly well, as with a few exceptions people did not enter into the spirit of the piece. Mr. Tanner made an excellent Orlando, and Dickson a charming Rosalind. D. S. Robertson was not bad as Touchstone, and Thompson was promising. Tanner made a very melancholy Jacques. The rest were poor. Kirkpatrick was absent the first reading.

“THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.”

Mr. Tanner	... ..	<i>Sir Peter Teazle.</i>
D. S. Robertson	..	<i>Joseph Surface.</i>
J. D. H. Dickson	... ..	<i>Lady Teazle.</i>
R. E. Tanner	... ..	<i>Charles Surface, Lady Sneerwell.</i>
L. G. Kirkpatrick	... ..	<i>Moses.</i>
R. W. Reed	... ..	<i>Sir Benjamin Backbite, Snake.</i>
M. C. Houdret	... ..	<i>Mrs. Candour, Trip.</i>
A. F. Noble	... ..	<i>Sir Oliver Surface, Sir Harry Bumper.</i>
L. Thompson	... ..	<i>Crabtree.</i>
G. E. Neville	... ..	<i>Careless Rowley, Maria.</i>

This play went off very well indeed. Everyone read well. Mr. Tanner made a delightful Sir Peter Teazle, and Dickson was excellent as Lady Teazle, their duologues being most amusing. Robertson was good as Joseph Surface. Of the rest, Noble was excellent. Kirkpatrick was again absent the first reading.

“SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER.”

Mr. Tanner	... ..	<i>Mr. Hardcastle.</i>
D. S. Robertson	... ..	<i>Tony Lumpkin.</i>
J. D. H. Dickson	... ..	<i>Miss Hardcastle.</i>
R. E. Tanner	... ..	<i>Marlow.</i>
L. G. Kirkpatrick	... ..	<i>Sir Charles Marlow.</i>
R. W. Reed	... ..	<i>Hastings.</i>
M. C. Houdret	..	<i>Mrs. Hardcastle.</i>
A. F. Noble	... ..	<i>Miss Neville.</i>
A. L. Thompson	... ..	<i>Landlord.</i>
G. E. Neville	... ..	<i>Diggory.</i>

The play was read even better than the “School for Scandal.” Mr. Tanner and Dickson were, as usual, excellent. Robertson was also good, and Tanner made a spirited Marlow. All the rest were fair. Strange to say Kirkpatrick was absent again for the first meeting.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

GRANT'S *v.* RIGAUD'S.

Although we lost by (1-nil), it was an evenly contested match. Our backs were inclined to muddle but Adrian played a good game and saved a worse defeat. Newman, by ill-luck, had a bad day, and trying to do too much did very little, time after time running over the ball. Pemberton in one rush showed his command over the ball, and very nearly notched us a goal. On the wing, Willcocks got through now and again, but nothing came of it.

Our halves were good, Thompson in the centre did very good work and kept Rigaud's forwards well in check.

For us, Willcocks and Thompson were best.

GRANT'S *v.* H.BB.

An interesting match showing what small people in combination will do. H.BB. forwards played an excellent combined game, and it was hard luck that they didn't score. The first ten minutes the game was anybody's, then Grant's began to warm into the game and soon showed their superiority, and our forwards making a grand rush a goal was scored (1-0). H. B. Adrian was good, but Worlock must make himself a master of his limbs and then he ought to be good.

For us, Argyle and Willcocks were best.

GRANT'S *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

A very good game, both sides playing their best. Our forwards found it very hard work to pass the Ashburnhamite defence, and very rarely did so in the first half. Just before half-time the Ashburnhamite forwards rushed the ball into our goal (0-1). But in the second half our forwards seemed to wake up from the sleep in which they had been in the first half, and, after an opening from Pemberton, got the ball away and scored (1-1). G. Worlock was good in the centre, and Willcocks made some good rushes. Our captain, H. V. Argyle, was the best on the field; of the others, Willcocks and Pemberton was good.

HOUSE TRIALS.

FIRST ROUND.—GRANT'S *v.* HOME BOARDERS.

This match was played on the first game ground on Wednesday, November 25th, and resulted in a handsome win for us by eight goals to nil. Both sides were the weaker for the loss of their best forwards, Kirkpatrick being out of school, and Vernon, who made his first appearance on the field since the half-term,

playing back. Vernon won the toss for H.B.B., and we kicked off from the Church end. At first H.B.B. pressed hard, and before the ball had been long in play Davey all but scored a goal with a fine centre from the left wing, the ball striking the cross-bar and almost bouncing back into goal. Soon, however, Grant's began to carry the play past the half-line, and after about ten minutes very even play Newman scored our first goal (1-0). From this time H.B.B. hardly ever brought the ball into Grant's end, and Newman quickly followed up his first goal with a second (2-0). Our next goal was scored by Reed, who took the ball right down the field and put it through (3-0). Reed also got the next goal, which he scored off a pass from the flank (4-0).

After the fourth goal came half-time, when Vernon had unfortunately to retire from the field owing to having hurt his leg. The fifth goal was scored after a grease in front of goal; it was hard to see who shot it, but apparently Newman kicked the ball just beyond the line, and Watkins rushed it further in (5-0). Davey now made a desperate effort to retrieve H.B.B.'s bad fortune, but after a fine run down he only succeeded in scoring a corner, which was cleared. This was the only time H.B.B. got really near our goal for the rest of the game, and we easily scored three more goals before time (8-0). These were shot by Newman, Reed, and Watkins respectively.

I think there is little doubt that the halves were the mainstay of our team. What work they had to do they did well, and again and again stopped the onslaughts of Corfield and Davey. The halves played a sound game, and the H.B.B. forwards only pressed them twice. The forwards, though they were weak in combination, played a very good individual game. Reed did very good service with his rushes, and played the best game of the team; of the others, Pemberton, Houdret, and Watkins were best.

The teams were—

Grant's.—H. C. G. Pedler (goal); M. J. Pemberton (Capt.), H. D. Adrian (backs); G. Castle-Smith, J. S. Lewis, M. C. Houdret (halves); R. Willcocks, H. V. Argyle, G. Watkins K. E. Newman, R. W. Reed (forwards).

H.B.B.—G. F. L. Circuit (Goal); J. E. Thoresby-Jones, J. C. Vernon, (Capt.) (backs); G. B. Sankey, G. C. Turner, H. S. Vigor, (halves); A. P. D. Davey, G. M. L. Circuit, E. Y. Corfield, H. G. F. Longhurst, S. D. Graham (forwards).

HOUSE TRIALS.—FINALS.

GRANT'S *v.* RIGAUD'S.

This match took place on the first game ground on Wednesday, December 2nd, and resulted in a win for Grant's by one goal to nil. Rigaud's kicked off from Hospital end and for some time

pressed us hard, but though they were several times near our goal they failed to score. Shortly before half-time they gained a corner but it was cleared and Grant's ran right down with the ball but failed to shoot a goal. So far, up to half-time, the game had been very even and hotly contested, Rigaud's having rather the best of it than otherwise. They pressed still more hotly for a short time after the half, and after a scrimmage in front of goal, in which they nearly scored, Walker kicked the ball into goal off a clear of Pedler's but was declared off side. These attempts were quickly followed by others, including two corners running, but Pedler managed to clear all their shots, though in a hazardous and loose way which was unpleasantly exciting to watch. After this the Grantite forwards seemed to pull together a bit more and the ball was run down off a behind kick. Reed failed in his shot but Rigaud's were unable to get the ball away from in front of goal, and the only goal of the game was shortly scored by Newman (1-0). The rest of the game was mostly passed in Rigaud's end of the field, but although we gained no less than five corners before time we failed to score off any of them.

The halves again were the mainstay of our team. M. C. Houdret played a good game, and proved a hard man to pass. J. S. Lewis kept Newman and Kirkpatrick well supplied. Coleby and Walker gave our backs some trouble but very rarely passed them. Our forwards found in Hepburn and McKenna a wall of strength, but Kirkpatrick and Newman broke through the wall now and again, and Newman crowned himself with laurels by shooting the only goal.

Rigaud's team was:—Edmundson (goal), J. Hepburn, McKenna (backs), Lamb, J. M. Craig (Capt.), Fraser (halves), Rodocanachi, Coleby, F. Failes, Walker, Brown (forwards).

For Grant's the team was the same as that which played against Home Boarders except that Kirkpatrick was back, and Argyle did not play.

CRITICISM ON GRANT'S TEAM.

Max J. Pemberton did yeoman service for the house in Trials. Fortunately for the house on both days the ground was hard, thus he was at his best. His tackling was exceedingly fine, time after time breaking up the opponents' combination.

L. G. Kirkpatrick was a great loss in the first round with H.B.B., and would have made a great difference in the score. He's an excellent dribbler, but rather a weak shot.

H. O. G. Pedler. His great fault is nervousness, once overcoming this he will be an excellent goal. His punting and kicking is good, but with a ground shot he is totally at loss.

K. E. Newman. There is a saying "Experientia docet;" and

this applies to Newman. Once he learns to shoot he will be an excellent forward, for his dribbling is all that might be required.

M. C. Houdret is by far the best of our halves. Tackles very well, and knows how to pass.

N. G. Castle-Smith tackles well and sticks to his man, is a sound kick, but rather slow in getting rid of the ball.

J. S. Lewis has been known to do some good work, but was not in his usual health or form in either game.

R. W. Reed is far the best shot in the team, but must not trust to his own individual efforts too much.

H. D. Adrian kicks well, rather weak in tackling, will be useful next term.

R. W. Willcocks has his days, against H.B.B. his centreing was very good.

G. B. St. S. Watkins. Exceedingly good against H.B.B. But disappointing against Rigaud's.

THE YARD-TIE.

In many a former House-Note,
When little was found to record;
"The Yard-Ties are progressing"
Has swelled the scanty hoard.

Can it again be noted;
The simple Truth is best:
Let the fact stand thus recorded,
"*The Yard-Tie has progressed.*"

GRANTITE DEBATING SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the above society, held on Wednesday, the 21st October, the President, Mr. D. S. ROBERTSON in the Chair, Mr. A. F. NOBLE was elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. L. F. THOMPSON was elected Under-Secretary. Five members were elected from Hall, Messrs. G. ST. B. WATKINS, K. L. NEWMAN, G. R. FRASER, H. V. ARGYLE, and A. G. LEE. The meeting was then adjourned.

A second meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th October. Nearly everyone spoke and the meeting was thoroughly successful. The motion before the House was "That this House approves of Motor Cars."

Mr. M. C. HOUDRET proposed, Mr. R. W. REED opposed, and Mr. G. ST. B. WATKINS seconded.

Mr. M. C. HOUDRET said that motor cars were the best inventions of modern times: they were more convenient than horses: a motor car was better than four horses. They were

getting cheaper every day. They were not as dangerous as cabs, as they could draw up in their own length. He preferred electric cars to those driven by petrol, and suggested the establishment of electric charging stations all over the country. He was in favour of trams being driven by electric motors. The tubes surpassed the old underground railways, because they were thus driven. In conclusion Mr. HOUDRET said that motor cars were advantageous in every way.

Mr. R. W. REED, in opposing, said that the cars used in London were altogether different to those used in the country: the latter were very dangerous, owing to the speed at which they travelled. They made horses shy, and ran over cyclists. The drivers were quite careless of other people's safety. There was no advantage in such speed, as the point of travelling through the country was to see the scenery: people who wished to get about fast should go by train. Although the number of actual motor car accidents was comparatively small, most carriage accidents were caused by horses shying, very often when frightened by motors.

Mr. G. ST. B. WATKINS, in seconding the motion, denied that anyone travelled as fast as 60 miles an hour in this country: in modern cars the smell is nil. The manufacture of motor cars had introduced a new industry, which would benefit our trade as it had benefited that of France. Motor cars greatly improved touring, because a great deal of baggage can be carried, and a far wider field is opened to tourists. Lastly, cars were every day becoming more popular.

MR. R. W. REED disagreed with much that Mr. Watkins had said.

Mr. J. D. H. DICKSON said that doctors found them invaluable, and that as they occupied less space than horse-carriages they lessened congestion of traffic.

Mr. D. S. ROBERTSON, Mr. A. F. NOBLE, Mr. H. V. ARGYLE, and Mr. L. G. KIRKPATRICK also spoke: the last-named made several effective criticisms on preceding speeches.

The motion was finally put to the vote, and was carried by 6 votes to 5.

The House then adjourned.

HOUSE NOTES.

The monitors this year are D. S. Robertson, J. D. H. Dickson, R. E. Tanner, J. S. Lewis.

H. Logan, J. L. Johnson, and H. T. Kite left last term.

We must congratulate H. Logan on winning the Hundred—being second in the High Jump in the Freshers' Sports at Cambridge.

The Play Supper is to be held this year on the second night of the Play, as usual.

Grant's contributed a large proportion of singers at commemoration.

The Literary Society has read "As you Like it," "The School for Scandal," and "She Stoops to Conquer."

The Debating Society has been revived and has had a very successful meeting.

Our Juniors were beaten by Rigaud's (0—1), beat H.B.B. (1—0), and drew Ashburnham (1—1).

In Trials we easily beat Home Boarders (8—0), and in the Finals beat Rigaud's (1—0).

L. G. Kirkpatrick has been out of School several times, and we are sorry to say he was unable to play in trials.

The following have played for the School besides M. Pemberton and L. G. Kirkpatrick: H. C. G. Pedler, K. E. Newman, M. C. Houdret, and G. Castle-Smith.

The following were the colours at the beginning of this term:

EX-PINKS.	PINK & WHITES.	3RD XI.'S.	HOUSE COLOURS.
M. Pemberton.	L.G. Kirkpatrick.	H. C. G. Pedler. R. E. Newman. M. C. Houdret.	J. S. Lewis. G. Castle-Smith. R. W. Reed.

During the course of the term G. Castle-Smith received his 3rd XI.'s.

We have five new boys this term, four of whom are boarders, namely, G. Nott-Bower, H. V. Hughes, Shearman, C. A. C. Vecqueray, boarders, and E. D. Adrian, half-boarder. Nott-Bower comes to us from Home Boarders, and Hughes from Ashburnham.

The following were the cricket colours at the end of last term:—

PINKS.	PINK & WHITES.	3RD XI.'S.
H. Logan. L. G. Kirkpatrick.	J. L. Johnston. M. Pemberton. M. C. Houdret.	R. W. Reed. R. E. Tanner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "GRANTITE."

DEAR SIR,

May I trespass on your valuable space to call attention to a small blemish on the general perfection of Grant's which could very easily be removed? Everyone must have noticed the hole which generations of Grantites have worn at the bottom of our venerable steps; most of us must have splashed into it more than once on the many rainy days which have distinguished this term. Small as it is, this puddle is quite sufficient to soak our boots, splash our trousers and spoil our tempers. Surely, Sir, it would not be difficult to have it filled up with mortar during the holidays. Yard has already been greatly improved by being restored to its original smoothness. I hope that the hole at the bottom of the steps may soon follow its fellows in yard.

Yours, &c.,

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To the Editor of the "GRANTITE."

DEAR SIR,

Everyone knows how little progress the Yard-Ties have made this term, and unless some remedy is introduced there seems little prospect of next term being any better. If you will permit me, I should like to propose that some such system as the following be adopted. The fault this term lay chiefly in the slackness of the Captains of Yard-Ties, for those who were drawn against one another could hardly ever be got to play on the same day. Indeed, on one occasion *all* the Captains had some excuse for not being able to play. If a fixed date were assigned to every pair of Ties, and those teams which were unable to play were in every case scratched, the Yard-Ties would at least be finished: it would of course be a little unfair in some cases, but it would be a great improvement on the existing system.

Yours truly,

YARD-BALL.

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