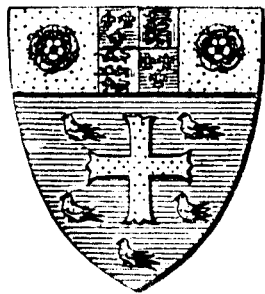


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## THE GRANTITE AND ITS CONTEMPORARIES.

"In the days when there was no discount to be got from *The Times*," wrote a former Head of Grants' thirty years ago, "when penny papers were not sold for a halfpenny, and the light of truth had not begun to shine in the columns of the *Daily Mail*; after the simple seventies had passed, and the eighties were well advanced, the first *Grantite* made its bow to an astonished world. The duty of leaders is to lead; the duty of school papers is to begin with a leader." Some might sneer at the fourpenny four page quarto (published two or three times a term, until November 1887, after which it appeared once a term) which Rev. C. Erskine, (then described as "a little boy in Hall") produced in March 1884—remarking that it never had anything new to tell. "For is it not written in the Books of the Chronicles?"—in the House Ledger and the *Elizabethan*? But the House Ledger was lost in 1901 (together with J. E. Y. Radcliffe's Yard Ball Fund, for which see the *Grantite Review*, Vol. VI, No. 16) and since then the despised periodical has been of the greatest value. Others looked upon the *Grantite* askance, but, more subtle in their methods, insinuated that the editors wrote their own correspondence (the letters to begin with were both copious and fatuous)—a charge which was treated with superb contempt.

The first *Grantite* opens with a spirited rhetorical question. "It may seem presumptuous to attempt the publication of a paper on so small a basis, and even impertinent to expect success; yet are we not safe from either impeachment if we entrench ourselves behind these defences?" On the third page we find a prize essay competition, a Shakespearean quotation puzzle, a double acrostic, a classical numerical enigma, a cross-word enigma; in the latter is a most mysterious clue—"My next is in Donkey, but not in Sheep." Short stories the Editor remarks, will not as a rule be accepted; but anecdotes up to 200 words in length are encouraged. The first number was a great success and the leader in the second was written by M. H. M. J. Pigott,\* the Head of House. In this second number Pinks for Grym are urged and we find querulous complaints on the "mock performance" into which the Pancake Greeze (in which the whole School used to take part) had recently degenerated; and above all on the "deformation" of Water at Westminster (resulting in a bitter correspondence between Phoenix, A Water Fellow, Lunatic Contributor, C.O.X. Honorificabilitudinitatibus, and Another Water Fellow). There is a letter inquiring the origin of the word quartern, and a list of Errata which includes the inevitable "for gaols read goals." The third number had added to its title page the School coat of arms, but in the leader suggestions for increased size are turned down on the ground that "if we add many more pages we shall be approaching the same size as the *Elizabethan*, which would not do at all." A note is inserted mentioning that the way up fields will in future be via Victoria Street and Artillery Row. All answers to the Charades, Puzzles, and Enigmas must be in by *June 31st*, and a letter appears in which these puzzles are compared (unfavourably) with those in *Little Folks*. The editor resents this, but after No. 5 he wisely refrains from continuing them. In later numbers of the first volume we get suggestions for a swimming bath behind Ashburnham (a correspondent was "sized by the idea"), leaders are written on the history of football, "now becoming

\*Founder of the now notorious *Isis* up at Oxford, and by some said to have been joint founder of the *Grantite Review*, with Charles Erskine.

so fashionable and favourite a game" and on "The School Room" (i.e., "up School"); lists of *Errata* appear; and the departure of Rev. B. F. James is deplored; there are rumours of structural alterations in the House; one, "Investigator," writes a letter complaining of the Americanisms so frequently introduced into the language in 1885; there is an article on the Pancake Greeze, the prize for which was apparently given that year to 'the first fellow to touch it.'

Vol. I, No. 10, was the first six page number, and in it the new House-master, Mr. W. A. Heard, is welcomed. A letter in No. 12, suggests that too many members of other Houses come up Grants' and advocates in future giving them a warm reception. "Answers to Correspondents" in No. 14 inquires if a barbarous correspondent calling himself Antiquus comes from the *Figi Islands*.

The *Grantite Review* was edited by its founder until he became Head of House in 1886 when the editorship was taken over by C. T. G. Powell and H. G. Lambert. In Vol. II, No. 2, a long leader describes the Play Supper in 1887. Mr Heard greets the re-appearance of the irrepressible organ of the House and H. W. Smythe O.W. recommends the *Grantite* as "a safe investment." The first Lit. Soc. meeting is recorded.

No. 3 contains six pages; a leader on Chiswick and on how those who have "attained Chiswickian rank" have such facilities for hard work that they ought to lead Grants' to the fore in school as well as in games\*; together with an article on Westminster Expressions, continued in No. 5. Vol. II, No. 4, begins "The question of the pronunciation of Latin has of late been copiously and exhaustively discussed in the daily papers, and, although the *Grantite Review* is not in the habit of borrowing subjects from this source, the importance of the subject to such a school as our own has compelled us to attempt to bring home to our readers the *momentum* of the question." Later comes a poem on Queen Victoria's Jubilee (which puts us to shame for not inserting a poem on the King's Jubilee in the present number). A second leading article on "The School Room" appears in No. 7; W. N. Winckworth is congratulated on his Pinks; and a blustering letter from "Critic," with a shocking split infinitive in the middle, attacks the attitude adopted by the *Grantite* in the row which it was at that moment having with the *Westminster Review*, and is promptly but courteously squashed in an editorial note. The quarrel between the editors of the two papers is reviewed by the editor of the *Grantite* from a lofty standpoint.

In February 1888, with the commencement of the third volume (from which time the Head of Grants' has been *ex officio* editor) the original broad sheet of the *Grantite Review* was changed to its present shape. Vol. III, No. 2, saw the first of a long series of learned articles on Archididasculi Westmonasteriensis by Charles Erskine under the pseudonym Colloriel. The fourth number contains an interesting note. "It is hardly necessary to notice the discontinuance of the *Westminster Review* this term. Now that the oracle is no more it is comforting to think that we made peace with it before the end came." There is also an Indian Love Song, parodied in the next number by a song ending,

"Dos't miss thy rival true,  
"Grantite Review?"

\*It is interesting to note, in this connection, that this term all the Chiswickites are either in the VIth or VIIth.

followed by several lines of dots and asterisks. No. 6 tells us that in the Play Term 1888 fives was "out of fashion" 'up Grants,' and includes a letter suggesting the founding of a School Photographic Society. The next number (November) pathetically announces that "It is our painful duty to intimate that many reasons combine to force upon the editors the conclusion that they will be unable to carry on the *Grantite* after Christmas next." But in December the editors of the eighth number joyfully tell us that Mr. Heard had paid their debt and aptly advocate *nil desperandum* as a second motto for the paper.

Vols. IV and V were almost entirely sterile, though in the last number of Vol. IV we find the famous leader entitled "A Farewell" (July 1891) which attributes the collapse of the *Grantite* partly to an attack which the *Rigaudite* (a short lived contemporary of which only two numbers are recorded (had launched against it. "Never has our struggling and hapless Review received such a violent and unprovoked attack as that which our upstart friend next door has just published . . . . It has now grown so weak that we, the editors, think that it would be better if it went down into the dust of death. We are induced to make this confession not so much because we feel crushed and utterly annihilated by the harshness of 'Number One,' as from the fact that we have long foreseen its certain end." However, less than a year later (March 1892), it was re-started by G. H. G. Scott, and thenceforward its position steadily improved, up till the end of Vol. VIII (1908 and 1909).

With Vol. V the price went up to 6d. and the size increased from eight pages to ten in No. 1, and twelve in No. 5 (though No. 7 went down of four pages—a disgraceful relapse). Throughout Vol. VI, there is an improvement in size and interest (the earlier numbers all have eight pages and Nos. 12, 13, 14, 16, twelve each) continued even more markedly in Vol. VII (in which only Nos. 5, 7, 9, have less than twelve pages; while Nos. 10, 11, 12, have sixteen, eighteen, and twenty pages respectively, apparently owing to the energy of R. W. Reed the Head of House from Play 1904 to Election 1905). Vol. VIII has numbers of eighteen pages each consistently (except Nos. 2, 4, 5, of sixteen pages).

We may, indeed, justly say that the *Grantite Review* reached its second zenith in interest and its first maximum in size in the period between Play 1904 and Play 1909 inclusive (Vol. VII, Nos. 10, 11, 12 and the whole of Vol. VIII). After that there was a second long decline (beginning in Vol. IX, at its worst in Vols. X and XI, and slowly reviving in Vols. XII and XIII) in which, however, the size of the paper never fell below ten pages. Vol. XIII, No. 8, heralds a revival, lasting possibly as late as Vol. XIV, No. 8 (for all through Vol. XIV there is a gradual decline).

Thus the history of the *Grantite Review* may be summarised as follows. The first three volumes (March 1884 to February 1889) are of considerable interest and very amusing to read. They are followed by two volumes (March 1889 to December 1895) which are so dull as to be devoid of interest of any kind. The *Grantite* then improves gradually in interest and size throughout Vol. VI (March 1896 to Election 1901) and in Vols. VII, VIII\* and IX reaches its zenith. There is a grievous decline

\*Since Vols. V to VIII inclusive are bound Library and therefore readily available I will not summarise their contents, only recommending especially the leaders in Vol. VIII, Nos. 10 and 11.

in Vols. X and XI, which are even more sterile than IV and V; followed by a third period of interest, culminating in the numbers towards the end of Vol. XIII and the beginning of Vol. XIV after which a slow relapse precedes the even greater revival heralded (we hope) by the present number and to be witnessed by Vol. XV *if only the House will interest themselves in their Review.*

First among our contemporaries we naturally put the *Elizabethan*, nearly ten years our senior—the august organ of the School, whose captain in its *ex-officio* hon. editor, just as the Head of Grants' is of the *Grantite Review*. Up to this term we have never come into conflict with the *Elizabethan*, though not infrequently satires have appeared in these pages directed against it. (For example in Vol. IV, No. 9 "We don't ask (like the *Elizabethan*) for impassioned poetry, but we certainly expect letters." "The Haddock of Epping" in Vol. VII, No. 8; and the letters in Vol. VI, No. 3 and Vol. XIV, No 8).

But war, hitherto averted, has just been declared. The assistant editor of our 61-year-old contemporary, whom we understand is responsible for its recent Editorials, and that in Vol. XXI, No. 8 in particular, has published a scurrilous and unprovoked attack on the *Grantite*. Apart from the rudeness of his sneering attitude, which it is beneath our dignity to resent, I feel that all Grantites should be informed that the *King's Scholars' Chronicle*, with which this assistant editor has had the effrontery to compare our paper, is at present merely a series of typed sheets collected in a file, a rag which can, by no possible means whatever, be called a House magazine, and of which the King's Scholars themselves are rightly somewhat ashamed: and even before its relapse in 1933 the *King's Scholars' Chronicle* could never justly be compared with the *Grantite Review*. It lacked both the tradition and the balance of our periodical. For though brilliant it was incorrigibly scurrilous, and it was only started in 1927.

The first mention of the *Grantite Review* in the pages of the *Elizabethan* occurs in Vol. IV, No. 13 (Easter 1884) under the heading School Notes. It begins "We observe that a paper has been issued up Grants' under the title of the *Grantite Review*." The writer then proceeds to forecast the rapid decease of the paper, referring to "similar outbursts of literary activity within the last 5 or 6 years and the brief existence which was the lot of them all," unwillingly admits that enterprise is shown; and goes on to deplore such enterprise when the school periodical is so badly supported ("the first literary duty of a school-boy is clearly his school magazine"). He was perhaps smarting under the accusations of dullness and sterility which even at that date were being levelled against the *Elizabethan* (then barely ten years old). Next year, however, in Vol. VI, No. 23 (July 1885) a correspondent singing himself Leander asks the editor to elucidate a cryptic remark (referring to diving competitions to be held in the Charing Cross Baths) in "your illustrious contemporary the *Grantite Review*," (Vol. I, No. 10).

In Vol. IX, No. 12 (March 1889) the *Elizabethan* published a leading article entitled "Journalism at Westminster" in which was the following curious remark. "In March 1884, appeared the *Grantite Review*. With one brief interval it has continued from that day to this, and has fully justified its motto, 'Nascitur exiguus, vires asquirit eundo.' We fancy

that even now there are some Westminsterers who do not know that the *Elizabethan* is not the only paper published in the School." The value of this leader may be gauged by the following extract from the conclusion. "Suffice it to say that . . . . the *Elizabethan* is now dear to the hearts of all Westminsterers. It follows the statesman to India, the soldier, to the deserts of the Soudan, bringing with it everywhere pleasant recollections of youth and of home." A truly stirring and purple passage!

So much for the *Elizabethan*. Among other contemporaries now deceased we may mention the *Mirror* (1900 and 1901); *Rags and Bones*, a spasmodical produced up Grants' the last number of which came out in 1930, and a typical selection from which is to be found in the *Grantite* Vol. XIII, No. 8; and the various extinct House magazines, the *Ash Tree*; the *Homeboarder*—of which up till this term there was some hope of a revival; the *Busbite*; and the *Rigaudite*, the best of them all, and which, we hear, may be going to appear soon once again. There was also the *Westminster Chameleon*, of whose six editors, three were Grantites (H. M. Baillie the founder and prime instigator of the paper; J. B. Bury, his somewhat futile collaborator; and K. de K. Bury who was elected an editor late in the proceedings, but whose energy was of the utmost importance in the publication), which was concerned almost entirely with literature, history, politics and science, and whose sole appeal to the majority of the School was a bogus advertisement of "Confidence Ltd." In consequence it sold badly and left a debt of £6, which the editors, we understand, have just paid off.

Our living contemporaries are, in fact, very few. The *Elizabethan*, (?) the *Chameleon*, the *Rigaudite*, and the rags which are only typed out—the *King's Scholars' Chronicle*, edited by M. E. Dean and others; the *Scorer* official organ of the Homeburnham Wanderers F.C., edited by Messrs. W. and F. Studt (O.W.W.) and H. F. B. Symons; and the *Left Wing*, whose aim, we read in the leader of the third number "We have reiterated many times . . . . which is, put briefly, to make the Wanderers politically conscious" and which is edited by Messrs. S. C. Béranger and P. L. Shinnie (O.W.). But it is questionable whether we can really dignify these typed papers so far as to admit them as contemporaries at all.

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### THE ROYAL WEDDING.

(from our own Correspondent.)

At the wedding of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Kent last term, most Grantites had to content themselves with positions in Broad Sanctuary, where indeed they had some compensatory advantage over those within in being able to see both cavalry and equipages; R. D. H. Preston, however, as a School Monitor, had a post by the West Cloister door where he received the guests, and L. R. Carr and J. B. Bury, being on the Monitorial Council, were kindly given seats in the nave by the Headmaster. A. N. Winckworth and J. K. Morland, though normally they should have represented the House among the KSS (who through the kindness of the Chapter Clerk acted as ushers) were, ridiculously enough, refused admission on the ground that they were non-residents.

Those who had arrived inside the Abbey by 9 a.m. had an excellent opportunity not only of comparing the emptiness of the building with its

later crowded state, but also of admiring those twin luminaries Messrs. Carleton and Cheadle, resplendent as Castor and Pollux in their court dress. Your Correspondent was enabled to read the names of all the illustrious persons on the seats under the Lantern and in the Presbytery; it was noteworthy that the chairs in the Presbytery for the Royal Party were more uncomfortable than any others. The majority even of those within the Abbey caught only glimpses of the processions; but a very few, Your Correspondent among them, gained positions which, however impeded by clumps of stalwart Generals, gave a view of the actual ceremony better than that which many more distinguished persons had. It was pleasant to note that Dr. Perkins, our old and valued Sacrist, while of course ensuring that he should be at the very centre of the whole proceedings from beginning to end, was yet prevented from creating his customary disturbances by having to clasp a massive cross—which he bore in front of the Dean of Westminster (with whom, it is rumoured, he had previously rather unfortunately fallen out). Mrs. Jocelyn Perkins is reported to have said “Jo is awful this morning.” I shall not dwell on the magnificence of the scene in the Chancel, or on the brilliance of the full dress uniforms (among which those worn by the diplomats were the most striking); it would need the pen of a Sir Bernard Burke adequately to describe them. Suffice it to say that Mr. Peasegood refrained from the more startling musical efforts with which he usually graces such occasions; that Dr. Bullock’s anthem was, if perhaps remarkable for a total lack of unity, at least not offensive; and that a very interesting and effective “sevenfold Amen” was played; while so crowded was the company, that when the Aga Khan, who was looking rather ill, attempted to leave, Mr. Cheadle was heard to say in a stage whisper “the Aga Khan’t.”

However that may be (as Herodotus would say) the splendour of the sights and sounds in the Abbey that morning could not but lead any romantic observer to more general meditation. Most, indeed, would agree with *The Times* that here “for a brief hour there glowed the signs and symbols of the antiquity, the greatness, the devotion, the wealth, and the dominion of the Royal House of England.” Yet perhaps to the more sensitive perceptions of some, the atmosphere had in it a certain tinge of melancholy besides. Here was a company as illustrious as any that St. Peter’s Church has witnessed since the last Coronation; but the very sight of so many Kings and Princes gathered together brought to one’s mind what havoc the War had caused among the fortunes of foreign Royal families. In 1914 France was the only important republic in the whole of Europe; now, though there are still sixteen monarchical states, they form but a fringe on the North-West and South-East of the Continent. The assembly of Royal houses that once celebrated such occasions as this, is more and more transforming itself into a concourse of exiles. The popularity of these events in England, and the pleasure in the pomp and ceremony to which they give rise, are due of course to deep-seated instincts of human nature in general and of the English character in particular. Yet in spite of this it is *remarquable* how the English have for the last century looked with indifference, if not with pleasure, on the collapse of thrones on the Continent; and have, while clearly expressing their genuine loyalty and faith in their own limited monarchy, persistently been helping to create an international atmosphere most uncongenial to monarchy of any kind. I have mentioned the instincts in human nature for pomp and ceremony. In those countries which have been deprived of their lawful rulers, is it possible that

these instincts can be gratified by the pitiful gyrations of representatives elected from the people? Assuredly not; the journals of the United States and the sarcastic lines of Aristophanes are but two witnesses to the clear conclusion that the more democratic the constitution, the more snobbish are the people at heart. The Germans, after attempting ten years of social democracy, have found it necessary to make themselves a monarch to adore with all the *cura et caerimonia* of royalty; and how ludicrous a figure he cuts! Even for these lesser considerations it must be urged that both those who would abolish monarchy in this country (a course which no doubt the author of the unspeakable political article in the *Elizabethan* Vol. XXI, No. 7, would advocate) and those who view with equanimity its abolition elsewhere, are doing a grave disservice to humanity and acting contrary to its best interests. Meanwhile, applying it to our own case, let us echo the wish which Juno expressed on another occasion: *Sint Albani per sacula reges!*

P. J. B.

### HOUSE NOTES.

At the end of last term the Head of House, R. D. H. Preston, left us, which we all regret, but hope that he will be as successful and popular in his new surroundings as he was here. J. B. Bury takes over the duties of Head of Grants. There also left us, A. J. Glyn and J. L. Sherriff (half-boarders) whom we wish the best of luck in the future; and E. M. H. Wilkinson who was up House only one term and has now been elected to College, where we hope that he will prosper.

We welcome this term two new boarders, D. L. B. Farley (Ellersshaw Scholar) and D. S. Winckworth.

R. C. T. James has come up into Outer from Hall.

In the first round of Football Seniors we drew Homeboarders (the favourites) and lost to them, after a disappointing game, by 5—2. We may, however, congratulate our team on being the only one to score against Homeboarders.

We heartily congratulate P. J. Sutton on his Pinks for football; L. R. Carr on his Pink and Whites; D. F. Cunliffe and M. L. Patterson on their Thirds; and J. B. Bury, M. L. Patterson, and J. W. Woodbridge on their House Colours.

R. C. T. James has been rowing for the Second and First Eights this term; D. Aggs and G. L. Y. Radcliffe for the Second and Third Eights; and J. G. Boyd for the Third Eight; and, though under the present system changes in the Eights seem to be so suddenly and arbitrarily made that these promotions and reverses mean very little, we congratulate them all. D. Aggs and R. C. T. James have been awarded their Trial Eight Caps.

We congratulate P. J. Sutton on his Half-pinks for shooting.

In the Long Distance Race Grants' were third, but a Grantite, R. C. T. James, won the race, beating last year's winner (B. I. Simpson. Rigaud's).



In the Sports, in spite of winning twelve events out of twenty-five, Grants' were second to College. The points were : KSS. 372; GG. 296.

In the Relays Grants' won the Senior and Junior Sprints; and were second in the Senior Low Hurdles Relay.

We congratulate R. C. T. James on his Pinks for athletics, which everyone must agree that he very well deserved, though unfortunately for him illness prevented him from running in either of the two school matches; also K. O. H. Hand, the best high jumper in three public schools (Westminster, Aldenham and Eastbourne), on his Half-Pinks; and J. W. Woodbridge and J. C. S. Doll on their Colts Colours.

J. B. Bury and H. A. Budgett also represented Westminster at the Triennial Athletic Meeting and in the Eastbourne Match.

Congratulations to J. A. Barrett-Le<sup>n</sup>nard on his Half-Pinks for fencing.

Grants' drew a bye in the Inter-House Fives and were just beaten by College in the semi-finals. Our first pair lost, our second pair, although they did not finish, were winning fairly easily, but our third pair lost in a very equal and exciting third game. College won the cup, so that we have the dubious consolation of being beaten by the winners.

D. Aggs and D. L. Wilkinson have represented the School in Fives matches.

J. W. Woodbridge has boxed for the School.

The House O.T.C. squad won the Inter-House Corps Cup, for which we congratulate them, and their commander, A. S. H. Kemp.

H. A. Budgett and A. N. Winckworth have been made patrol leaders in the School Scout Troop (52nd Westminster) and D. Aggs a Patrol Second.

Owing to the remarkable individual enterprise of certain members of the House, particularly J. G. Boyd, A. B. Watson-Gandy, G. O. Hand, J. P. Hart, S. Moller, J. S. Rivaz, and J. W. Woodbridge, the Lousada Art Cup has come up House for the next year.

The following School Prizes have been won by Grantites : Phillimore Greek Translation (P. M. B. Savage); Senior Cheyne Mathematics (J. B. Bury); Junior Orations Prize for the Lent Term (R. V. C. Cleveland-Stevens).

Owing to a regrettable error of omission no mention was made in the last number of the award of the Hinchliffe History Scholarship at ~~C.C.C.~~ Oxford, to a Grantite, H. M. G. Baillie at last Election. Ch. Ch.

There were no ping-pong ties this term owing to lack of entries; while the fives ties had to be scratched owing to the slackness of some of the

competitors, who seemed at no time throughout the term to be able to bring themselves to play.

In the finals of the Yard Ties J. B. Bury, J. C. S. Doll, and D. L. B. Farley beat D. L. Wilkinson, R. G. Reed (substituting for J. W. Woodbridge) and V. G. H. Hallett, 10—6.

The following school colours are up Grants' this term:—Football; Pink, P. J. Sutton; Pink and Whites, H. A. Budgett and L. R. Carr; Thirds, R. C. Reed, D. F. Cunliffe and M. L. Patterson; Colts, J. W. Woodbridge and J. C. S. Doll. Water: Trial Eight Caps, D. Aggs and R. C. T. James. Fencing; Pink, A. M. Doswell; Half-pink, J. A. Barfett-Lennard.

#### Mr. Willett's Retirement.

This number records the resignation of our House Master, Mr. Willett, who has reigned for ten years up Grants'. It would be difficult to express just why he was so successful in the house, and that the question never arose, that his most lasting influence was intangible, seems in part to explain the secret; he helped the boys, without their ever quite noticing it, to educate themselves, and kept his own influence negative enough to lead to the best positive results in the boy—the self achieved results. His personal contacts with everyone who came under him, and his way of allowing for the changes in the years, the terms even, had made in them, his sympathy for all sides of himself a boy cared to show and a good many that he did not, and this with the implicit suggestion, always there whether addressing the house or one alone, of a particular nature and way of looking at life, perhaps more generous than anything else, and yet more susceptible even than generous; all this goes to show that Mr. Willett was a man before a master, and a friend as well as an example. And lastly, that he used these talents more or less unconsciously is a tribute which is also a further proof that one who teaches boys to be men must have something of both in himself.

K. de K. B.

#### Miss Tice

All who have been up the House during the past ten years will share our regret at the departure of Miss Tice which took place at the end of last term, and will remember with gratitude her unflinching sympathy with every individual Grantite and her interest in the achievements of the House as a whole. Miss Tice had become so much a part of Grants'—and she and the dogs were such a familiar sight—that perhaps one hardly realised how much of the smooth running of the House depended upon her and how constant was the quiet influence which she exerted in the House. No one, however, could fail to recognise her care and kindness when anyone was "out of school" and how competently she dealt with the thousand ills that flesh (or at any rate the average Grantite) is heir to. We shall miss her greatly and we can but assure her that she leaves with the good will and best wishes of us all.

1st Round of Seniors.

Grants' v. Homeboarders. Lost 5—2.

Grants' misfortunes began when Carr lost the toss, which meant that for the first half Homeboarders had the advantage of both wind and slope.

From the kick-off Grants' started to attack. The ball was sent out to Woodbridge on the left wing, who took it up and centred; but unfortunately Carr just failed to get his head to it and the Homeboarder backs cleared. Following this raid, the most dangerous that Grants' were to make in the first half. Homeboarders proceeded to make the most of the advantage given them by the toss. During the next five minutes the Grantite defence was hard pressed and no fewer than four corners were given. Homeboarders continued to attack. Abrahams broke away and put across a dangerous centre which Sinclair headed towards goal: Patterson, however, got to it and cleared. A little later Long nearly scored with a good cross-shot which just went wide.

So far Grants' had held out well, but soon afterwards Homeboarders showed that they were going to win. After fifteen minutes play Sinclair took the ball from Patterson and scored. This was the only goal which Patterson might have saved; the other four could have been stopped only by a brilliant goalkeeper. Half a minute later Abrahams ran right through to score the second Homeboarders goal. Grants' seemed able to do nothing. When our forwards got started a bad pass and a quick clearance by the Homeboarders backs soon finished the attack. Our three halves were all working hard but they had to help the backs rather than feed the forwards. After these two quick goals, Grants' replied with a short attack, but Carr, taking a "first-timer" with the left foot, sent the ball over the bar. Homeboarders soon assumed the offensive again. From a throw-in Holliday, their right half, sent a beautiful pass right across to Abrahams on the other wing; and, though Abrahams was not allowed to shoot, a few minutes later he once more broke away, and passed to Corrie, who cleverly beat Sutton and Patterson and brought the score up to 3—nil for Homeboarders. After the kick-off Homeboarders pressed and Patterson was again bombarded. From a scrimmage in front of the goal the ball went out to Duncan who drove hard from outside the goal area—a magnificent shot which travelled so fast that our goalkeeper could scarcely have seen the ball. Grants' once more attacked and Woodbridge put across a good centre from which Cunliffe shot high. Just before the whistle blew for half-time Corrie broke through again, but shot wide.

At half-time Homeboarders, with their lead of four goals, were in a very strong position. They owed their lead mainly to the speed of Abrahams and Corrie, whose lightning raids our backs found great difficulty in repelling. The Homeboarder defence was sound and Carr and Cunliffe in particular, were very carefully marked. The outstanding player on our side up to half-time was Woodbridge. He frequently passed the back who was marking him by sheer speed: some of his centres might easily have given us goals. Our halves also were all playing a very hard game indeed. Bury, who played this year as right-half, worked very hard, while Budgett and Sutton made use of much experience gained in the first two school elevens.

After half-time Grants' made a fine attempt to decrease Homeboarders' lead. We did almost all the attacking this half. Sutton and Budgett both had likely shots from outside the area. (It is very often the long range shot from the half-back that scores). Woodbridge nearly scored with a good shot which went just wide. Then, twenty minutes after the interval, Carr gave the ball to Hand who scored from very short range. After the kick-off Homeboarders attacked, but Sutton cleared; Grants' pressed again but could not quite finish off some good movements; Woodbridge made two more good attempts but hit the side of the net. Finally, after Corrie had nearly scored for Homeboarders, some good passing between Woodbridge and Cunliffe ended in the latter scoring with a good hard drive. Unfortunately Grants' great efforts were spoiled by Abrahams scoring again from a pass by Corrie. During the last five minutes Homeboarders pressed hard, but Patterson cleared well.

It was unfortunate that we should have drawn Homeboarders in the first round. The speed of their attack again overwhelmed our backs who did not mark their wings as closely as they might have done (which is shown by the fact that Abrahams scored three out of their five goals). As a result of this marking, our halves often had to help the backs and thus leave the inside forwards unmarked. In the second half, however, everyone played much better. The halves again distinguished themselves—especially Budgett, who was easily the best half-back on either side—while Cunliffe and Woodbridge were the best of the forwards. Carr, as in the first half, was carefully marked, but once very nearly scored from a difficult angle.

The teams were :—

*Grants'* :—M. L. Patterson; R. G. Reed, R. B. Stock; H. A. Budgett, P. J. Sutton, J. B. Bury; K. O. H. Hand, A. N. Winckworth, L. R. Carr (captain), D. F. Cunliffe, J. W. Woodbridge.

*Homeboarders* :—R. E. Lygon; J. M. Herbert, J. R. Quertier; D. A. A. Duncan, K. G. Neal, G. Holliday; R. B. S. Instone, E. A. Sinclair, J. A. G. Corrie (captain), A. E. F. C. Long, G. M. Abrahams.

J. C. H.

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### SENIORS' CRITICISMS.

**L. R. Carr** (captain) (centre-forward). Played in an unaccustomed place owing to the absence of Doll. He did a lot of work, especially in passing out to his wings; but his powerful scoring shot he did not use to its full extent; and too rarely made full use of his weight on the opposing defence, who marked him very closely.

H. A. B.

**P. J. Sutton** (centre-half). His tackling is hard and accurate, and although a purely defensive centre-half, his passing is thoughtful and opens up the game well. He was not quite at his best in Seniors and seemed at times unsettled by the exceptional speed of the opposite centre forward. Always a most useful player.

**H. A. Budgett** (left-half). A really good half who "sticks to his man" and also helps his forwards by good passing and by following up their attacks. His ball control, (especially his trapping), and tackling are good, and he is very fast.

**R. G. Reed** (right back.) His play in this game was rather erratic and he did not mark the opposing wing, whose speed was often too much for him, as closely as he should have done. He is, however, a most useful back and was unfortunately not at his best on this occasion.

**D. F. Cunliffe** (inside left). Has improved greatly this season and overcome the handicap of his size which has been apparent before. Although always a good footballer, he has gained greatly in effectiveness by adding more thrust and power to his game.

**J. B. Bury** (right-half). Worked extremely hard, and used his speed and size to advantage. His defence was better than his constructional play, but he has had little practice in this position.

**M. L. Patterson** (goalkeeper). A most promising goalkeeper. Usually very safe, but occasionally he is very erratic. He must aim at consistency and not develop a tendency to make a spectacular save when it is unnecessary.

**J. W. Woodbridge** (outside left). An excellent wing forward who possesses speed and with it sufficient ball control to beat most backs. He is not afraid to cut in and shoot and his centres are well-judged, but occasionally he keeps the ball too "close."

**A. N. Winckworth** (outside right). A really hard worker but a little slow in action. It is often too apparent where he is going to pass, and if he could disguise his intentions more he would be a much better inside forward.

**R. B. Stock** (left back). His kicking and tackling are good, but he is rather slow in getting to the ball and in recovering when "beaten." This fault could be made much less serious by closer marking and by giving more thought to positional play.

**K. O. H. Hand** (outside right). Has a good shot and fair ball control, but he makes almost no use of his speed. He would improve greatly if he would become quicker on the ball.

L. R. C.

### THE WATER.

In recent numbers of the Grantite statements have been made to the effect that Grants' position down at Putney has definitely been improving. And now these statements seem even more definite, since we have a representative in the 1st VIII, who, however, is likely to stay there. R. C. T. James was moved up from 2nd VIII about half-way through the term. There have been a large number of changes in the first two VIII's this term, and even some Pinks have been omitted from the 1st VIII. This goes to prove that, in Water, it is no good thinking that you are certain to remain in an VIII when you have got your colours; for some very queer things can happen if you are not careful. Looking at the situation from a different angle and more cheerfully, it is obvious that if keen enough you can sometimes get promoted. The last three weeks of the Season witnessed the promotion of G. L. Y. Radcliffe to the 2nd VIII.

It is interesting to note that neither James nor Radcliffe rowed in the Senior House four at the beginning of the Play term. This shows that either both of them have improved very greatly, or else Grants' have a very

poor House Captain of Water. More likely the latter. D. Aggs received his Trial VIII last term: he is now in the 3rd VIII. But Grants' must not get depressed by a few disappointments. We must heartily congratulate James and Radcliffe and look forward to their winning the Junior Senior fours next term, with J. G. Boyd, who has been rowing *consistently* in the 3rd VIII.

[Our contributor evidently feels strongly on the subject of the *very queer things* which can happen down at Water. We entirely agree with him. Unless we are grievously misinformed (and there is always so much discontent among watermen that this seems probable) ~~it~~ appears that, at present, when a member, say, of the 1st VIII, say even a Pink, is observed to be rowing slackly for a number of weeks or months, he is suddenly sent down into the 2nd VIII, without having been told *at the very beginning* that his slackness would endanger his position in the VIII: he is degraded, in fact, without warning, and without even having been given the opportunity of remedying the defect. It would be interesting to guess at the motives of the Water authorities in adopting this system. Ed.]

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#### BALLADE.

O who is this fellow who rants  
 While his beady eye balefully blinks?  
 Whose nose is a series of kinks  
 And inspires me to write a lampoon?  
 On whose bags any crease was so rare  
 To be subject of many sly winks,  
 But who now appears dress'd with more care?  
 Yet whose lower lip still slightly sinks,  
 Whose face still crimson at noon,  
 Who still perspires freely in June,  
 Who is still called the purple fac'd *noop*  
 And still wears the asbestos lin'd pants—?

J. B. B.

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#### SENIOR FIVES.

##### SEMI-FINAL v. COLLEGE.

Grants' drew a bye in the Inter House Senior Fives and played the favourites, College, in the semi-finals.

Our first pair (J. B. Bury and P. J. Sutton) lost to C. M. O'Brien and J. P. Rayne 15—2 and 15—4, scores which do not represent quite fairly the run of the play. All the players were tired before they started, owing to the Finals of the Sports, which had taken place immediately beforehand. Unfortunately our opponents profited more by our mistakes (which we might have avoided had we been fresh) than we by theirs. Towards the beginning of the game there were several long rallies in which Sutton particularly distinguished himself by his hard and effective vollying while Bury played a safe game in the back court. Nevertheless, this good play was wasted, because our opponents, making use of their greater experience, practically invariably ended in winning the rallies; while those that were won seemed to be always when they were up in the box, which accounts for the apparently disgraceful score.

In the second game our pair were encouraged to begin with by a spell of surprisingly poor play on the part of our opponents. But the luck did not last, and it was not long before they were again playing as well as ever, which somewhat rattled our pair. Meanwhile, though Sutton's smiting remained excellent throughout both games, Bury's became rather inaccurate, which was fatal for our chances, since we relied largely on smiting them down first time—our upper court play being much inferior to theirs.

The second pair (D. Aggs and D. L. Wilkinson) won one game off T. C. Pearce and E. H. Seward. No other games were played because Seward had to be operated on for appendicitis, but as both the other pairs lost there was no need for a decisive match. The score was 15—10. It was a hard-fought game, but we were leading all along by about three points. Seward was definitely their weaker player and seemed out of practice. Probably more points were gained for us while Wilkinson was up, for he is particularly good on the step. Nevertheless, Aggs was playing a very good game, especially in the back of the court where he is particularly aided by the experience and sound judgment to which he owes his position in the School Fives VI. We were fortunate in getting the first few points and then being able to hold the lead.

The most evenly contested match of the three was played by the third pair. A. N. Winckworth and A. S. H. Kemp were about as good as each other, and could therefore rely upon one another. This was not so with the College pair, since W. J. A. Boyle was much better than M. F. Dowding. The first game was won by College 15—10. This game was in our favour but we lost the last nine points: these were not lost with a rush, and the standard of our play was kept up throughout. In the next game Grant's got more into their form and College were inclined to be tired and unreliable. The game was won by Grant's 15—10.

Owing to various other occupations it was a few days before the third game was played. In this game neither side was ever more than two points ahead, and soon the score was 13—13. Then both sides' play went off badly after such an even game and we lost 18—16. Grant's played very good games all through, getting up difficult shots, but both players seemed definitely better in the upper court. They were rather uncertain every now and then, and missed easy shots by trying to slam too low and hard. Kemp is perhaps too much inclined to poach when he plays on the top step, whereas Winckworth leaves almost everything, so that his partner on the lower step gets tired out with rushing backwards and forwards. But on the whole they played well together and much credit is due to them for doing so well in what appeared to many as a walk-over for College.

#### FIRST PAIR.

**J. B. Bury.** A player who has not improved as much as might have been hoped. His smiting is inclined to be erratic and his topcourt play clumsy; but otherwise his shots are reliable and often cleverly directed, particularly from difficult angles in the back court.

P. J. S.

**P. J. Sutton.** He played well, but though his smite was deadly, though he vollied successfully with both hands, and especially distinguished himself by his fast hard hitting, all this was to a certain extent marred by slightly inaccurate placing, due to lack of practice. A vigorous player, whose energy makes up for his recklessness.

## SECOND PAIR.

**D. Aggs.** His play on the step is clever and successful, and though even better in the back of the court he is apt to be slow and his shots from there tend sometimes to be badly directed and not quite hard enough. His smiting is accurate, but again would be much more formidable if he would put a little more force behind it.

**D. L. Wilkinson.** By incessant practice he has become remarkably efficient. He is reliable both in the top and lower courts, his placing is admirable and his smiting is uniformly good, though perhaps not up to the standard of the rest of his play.

## THIRD PAIR.

**A. N. Winckworth.** Though his game is never brilliant he is a most methodical and careful player. He scarcely ever gets rattled and is usually equally good in smiting and playing both up on the step and in the back of the court; perhaps, however, he is sometimes over-cautious in making sure of getting the ball up when on the step rather than risking a better placed but more difficult shot; and then, as if in reaction, too reckless in the back of the court.

**A. S. H. Kemp.** For the length of time that he has been playing fives, he is extraordinarily good. He is astonishingly keen and very quick, while his height does not prevent him getting up low shots with great energy. But he is so anxious to reach the ball that he is inclined to misjudge shots which a less energetic but more experienced player would be able to anticipate.

J. B. B.

## THE SPORTS.

A complicated notice put up on the House notice board by the House Captain of Athletics was the first warning which most Grantites had that an entirely new system of sports training had been instituted. To increase keenness and to make training a more organised proceeding the School Athletics authorities had decided that two plans should be put into practice. First there was to be a House run at 3.15 p.m. (before which everyone would be expected to run at least twice round the main track) in which all those members of Grant's capable of training were to be lined up in alphabetical order round the secondary track at 10-yard intervals and then would alternately trot for 20 to 30 seconds (maintaining the intervals) and sprint for 8 to 10 seconds (attempting to overtake those in front)—a pistol being fired for the change-overs; and after two or three such sprints the final order would be taken. Secondly there would be a system of moral compulsion, the effect of which would be to oblige every fit person to enter for at least one event, even though he had absolutely no chance even of gaining a standard point; because the total House points were to be multiplied by the ratio of those who entered for events to those who could have entered, which would mean that if one was fit and yet did not enter for at least one event because one knew that one was absolutely hopeless, one would be, in effect subtracting points from the House total.

This second system for increasing keenness by making the relative House keenness so important a factor in the points gained, it was hoped by the



Athletics Authorities would work well, on the ground that when boys saw that they must enter for events in order not to subtract points from the House total, they would be likely to take training more seriously.

But it was not long before certain members of the School contrived to get this system changed for the much better one which was actually used in the Sports. Instead of keenness being of prime importance in House sports, a general standard of comparative ability was now substituted. And the incitement for entering for events was changed from the moral compulsion of running in order that points gained by others might have their full value, and not be decreased owing to lack of keenness, into a much more healthy spirit, the desire to gain points for the House oneself. For the new idea was to have low or B standards for events, so that even a moderate runner or jumper might gain one point for his House. Ordinary or A standard would then count 3 points and Public Schools standards 5 points. Other changes also were made, particularly in increasing the points gained by winners of events, and 2nd and 3rd places correspondingly, and in giving 4 points for the 4th place in Open events and 3 points for the 3rd place in under 14½ events.

J. B. B.

The first event of the Sports, the Long Distance race, was run over the usual towpath course on the afternoon of March 12th. Grant's were never exactly favourites for the Cup as we only had James with any hope of gaining a good place. At the last moment one of our four entries, Aggs, went out of School, so Radcliffe and Bury entered, but unfortunately they were of little use to us. The winning cup again came up Grants, but not the House Cup. James won in 15 mins. 36 secs. Winckworth came in 11th. Reed would undoubtedly have gained a better place had he not been handicapped by his shoe coming off. Rigaud's were first in the House cup competition with 14 points (2nd, 3rd, and 9th), the King's Scholars second with 19 points, and Grant's third.

D. A.

The sports themselves were completed almost within a week, from March 16th to 25th. This is really much too short a time and it means that some boys may have to compete in as many as six events in one afternoon.

In the heats Grant's gained a very large number of standard points. Fursdon was undoubtedly the best Under 14½ athlete in the School. In the heats he gained a tripe A standard in the 100 yds., and A standards in the 440 yds. and 120 yds. low hurdles. Greenish also ran well to gain three A standards in the same races. In the Under 16 events we had easily the best all-round performer in Woodbridge, who got double A standards in the 100 yds., 220 yds. low hurdles, and 440 yds.; and A standards in the long jump and 880 yds. Doll did very well in the long jump trial, leading easily at the end. In the Open events James won his heat in the 440 yds. with Beyts (K.S.) second and gained an A standard. He also gained A standards in the 220 yds. low hurdle heats, in the 120 yds. high hurdles and the 880 yds., and reached the finals in the trials of putting the weight. Bury won his first heats in the 100 yds. and 440 yds. and gained A standards.

In the semi-finals of the 220 yds. low hurdles Woodbridge set up a new record for that event, Under 16, and James equalled the Open record.

The Finals were for the most part held on March 21st. and 25th. We were very unlucky, in the Under 14½ events, to be without R. A. Reed and Greenish. The former had broken his wrist during training and the latter went out of School with 'flu after the heats. Also H. A. Budgett had been out of School with neuralgia between the heats and finals and was not feeling too fit. College won the House Challenge Cup with 372 points and Grant's were second with 296. It is true that this difference of 78 points is in large part accounted for by the success of the King's Scholars in the new field events (throwing the javelin and throwing the youth's discus) which have this year been introduced for the first time, and by our own lack of entries for them. But that is no excuse. There was not nearly enough trouble taken in practising for these events, with the result that, not only were there no proficient Grantites (with the solitary exception of R. G. Reed), who reached the final of the javelin throwing and gained an A standard, being the only Grantite in the final of either discus or javelin) but some even felt forced to scratch at the last minute. The King's Scholars, on the other hand, took a great deal of trouble in practising for these events and Beyts, Rayne, and King all gained both places and Public Schools standards. It is true also that College had 25 per cent. added on to their standard points for being a smaller House, but even without it they beat us by over 30 points, so that even if that were an excuse we could scarcely plead it.

Individual achievements in the Finals were as follows:—

Open : R. C. T. James won the High Hurdles (3ft. 3in.) in 18 2/5th secs.

won the Low Hurdles (2 ft.) in 28 secs.

won the 440 Yds. in 54 4/5th secs.

won the Long Distance Race in 15 mins. 36 secs.

was 2nd in the 880 yds.

was 3rd in Putting the Weight.

was 4th in the Long Jump.

K. O. H. Hand won the High Jump at 5 ft. 1 in.

J. B. Bury won the 100 Yds. in 11 1/5th secs.

was 3rd in the 440 Yds.

H. A. Budgett was 2nd in the 100 Yds.

Under 16 : J. W. Woodbridge won the 100 Yds. in 11 3/5th secs.

won the 440 Yds. in 58 1/5th secs.

won the 880 Yds. in 2 mins. 17 secs.

won the Low Hurdles (2 ft.) in 29 4/5th secs.

won the Long Jump at 16 ft. 3½ in.

J. C. S. Doll was 2nd in the Long Jump at 15ft. 10 in.

was second in the High Jump at 4 ft. 11 in.

Under 14½ : G. H. J. Fursdon won the 100 Yds. in 11 4/5th secs.

won the 440 Yds. in 71 1/5th secs.

won the 120 Low Hurdles (2 ft.) in 19 3/5th secs.

D. A.

## THE RELAYS.

Naturally with Greenish and several other "probables" for the Under 14½ relays out of School the prospect of our winning any of those events seemed rather remote. But fortunately this year the relay-races were divided into two parts, the first run on March 28th and the second on April 2nd. And since on the first day we still had James, Sutton, and Woodbridge, we were able to make sure of winning two batons and gaining the second place in the low hurdles relay.

In the senior sprint relay (4 x 150 yards) we won our heat quite easily from Busbys', but in poor time owing to badly managed change-overs and several of the runners not going "flat-out." Kings' Scholars, whose last change over was one of the best pieces of running that afternoon, won their heat in faster time, so that it looked as if the final would be a good race. But in the final College were most unfortunate in badly spoiling the first change-over owing to the fall of one of the runners; we thus won fairly easily from Ashburnham. In the Junior sprint (4 x 150 yards) we just won our heat from Kings' Scholars and again the other heat was done in better time, by Ashburnham: again an exciting final was adumbrated, and this time we were not disappointed. Our change-overs were bad, particularly the last, which meant that Woodbridge had to catch up nearly 10 yards on Somper of Ashburnham, a very fast sprinter who was third to Woodbridge in the Under 16 100 yards. However, Woodbridge did it and won by a few inches, running what was certainly the most spectacular race that afternoon. It was unfortunate for our chances in the Senior low hurdles relay (3 x 220 yards) that H. A. Budgett had been out of School recently, because he lost a certain amount of ground on the first flight of hurdles; R. G. Reed, however, ran well to give James third place; while James himself passed one and was definitely catching up the winner (Corrie, of Homeboarders) over the last flight.

Of Grant's performances on the second day of the relays it would perhaps be better not to speak. With James and Sutton out of School it was decided to scratch from the senior medley (880, 440, 440, 880 yards) in which they had originally been expected to run an 880 yards and a 440 yards respectively. Nor could we find sufficient runners for it to be worth our while entering for any Under 14½ events, or for the Junior high hurdles relay. But it was decided that we should enter "scratch teams" for the Senior high hurdles (3 x 120 yards) and the Junior medley (440, 220, 220, 440 yards). Unfortunately the Programme order was not kept to, and no notice to that effect was given out previously; which resulted in one of our team coming up Fields a few minutes late (thinking that there was no hurry since on the Programme he would be running only in the 6th heat from the beginning) and Grants' were scratched. A protest demanding a re-run was disallowed on the ground that the programme was "notoriously untrustworthy." Apparently the reason why the order of events was changed was that the hurdles chanced to be up at 3' (the Senior hurdles height) while the first event on the Programme, the Junior high hurdles, required 2' 9" hurdles; and it was evidently thought by the authorities that this was an omen indicating that the Senior event should be run as first, instead of normally as third event on the Programme.

In the Junior medley relay Grants' came in fourth, but this was in no way discreditable since Doll (who took Woodbridge's place) had not done a 440 yards in the whole Season; nevertheless he ran well, as did also W. P. Budgett in his 220 yards, and Archibald who ran instead of Greenish in the other 440 yards.

The teams for the relay-races were as follows:—

Senior Sprint (4 x 150 yards) : H. A. Budgett, P. J. Sutton, P. C. Kavanagh, J. B. Bury.

Senior 2 ft. Hurdles (3 x 220 yards) : H. A. Budgett, R. G. Reed, R. C. T. James.

\*Senior 3 ft. Hurdles (3 x 120 yards) : R. G. Reed, L. R. Carr, K. O. H. Hand.

Junior Sprint (4 x 150 yards) : P. H. Bosanquet, G. H. J. Fursdon, J. C. S. Doll, J. W. Woodbridge.

Junior Medley (440, 220, 220, 440 yards) : J. M. Archibald, G. H. J. Fursdon, W. P. Budgett, J. C. S. Doll.

J.B.B.

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### DEUTSCH.

- Herr Doktor : Ach! Are you out or are you in?  
 Ja! Nein! Ganz richtig! Gut!  
 Then will you to translate begin?  
 Ja! Nein! Ganz richtig! Gut!
- Studenten : Oh! Some are in and some are out  
 And some have other texts no doubt  
 Aber heute wollen wir weiter lesen.
- Herr Doktor : Ach! Have you all this book with you?  
 Ja! Nein! Ganz richtig! Gut!  
 And have you got your postcards too?  
 Ja! Nein! Ganz richtig! Gut!
- Studenten : Four boys with one book, one with four  
 And half the course outside the door  
 Aber heute wollen wir weiter lesen!
- Herr Doktor : Next time you must on paper write!  
 Ja! Nein! Ganz richtig! Gut!  
 Or would some poetry be right?  
 Ja! Nein! Ganz richtig! Gut!
- Studenten : Next time we shall do something new  
 (*Next* time, and not this time, mind you!)  
 Aber heute wollen wir weiter lesen!
- Herr Doktor : Soon must I back to Deutschland go!  
 Nein! Nein! Gar nichts ist gut!  
 Next term shall I remain here though!  
 Ja! Ja! Das ist sehr gut!
- Studenten : Next time, next term, next year, maybe  
 We shall have some variety?  
 Aber heute wollen wir weiter lesen!

P. M. B. S.

## O. T. C.

## DRILL SQUAD COMPETITION.

During recent years the commanders of Grants' house squads have, on the whole, adopted the policy of having as few parades as possible before the competition, and of trusting to the squad to give a good account of itself on the day. This policy has such eminent supporters as Lonsdale, who was an Under-Officer, and Munro. And it may be argued and has been argued that their policy was successful on the ground that the squad always did give a good account of itself, and that we always succeeded in coming in second or third, except, I think, when we came in last under Munro. On the other hand, there are few people who think that if the squads in former years had gone into more serious training, they might well have won the cup; and I am one of these people. Therefore, though we had in the ranks this year three corporals of proved ability, and two competent lance corporals, and had therefore as much right to rely upon the innate ability and military sense of the squad as our predecessors had, it was nevertheless decided to have what would have seemed to the same predecessors an enormous number of parades, in an attempt to produce some semblance of efficiency by the time of the competition. Though this course involved boring some people to such an extent that they felt constrained to walk off parade without being dismissed, I think that it has been justified by the result; since we defeated Rigaud's the holders of the cup, by a margin which was not very wide, but which was nevertheless quite sufficient for our purpose, a margin of one point. Grant's scored a total of 72 points, Rigaud's 71 points, and Homeboarders 66 points. Over Ashburnham's total I shall draw a veil, partly because I have forgotten what it was, and partly out of respect for that house.

To deal with the competition more particularly, we excelled in no department, and we owe our victory to a moderate performance in each. Our turn-out was considered neither good nor bad, but our arms drill was quite passable, partly owing to some hasty practice in the cloisters while waiting to march on. Our marks in squad drill were low. This was because, when the squad was required to form squad on the right, certain members were actuated by an irresistible desire to form squad on the left, which tended to produce a certain amount of chaos for a short time. Our performance in weapon training was considered reasonably good. So thus did Grant's win the O. T. C. cup by an all-round performance, which, though not brilliant, was perfectly satisfactory.

Mr. Willett has expressed his particular joy at our success, both to me and to the House generally, and I am sure that all the members of the O. T. C. up the House are very glad to have been able to give him this pleasure in his last Term.

I append a list of the squad which won the cup, at the same time thanking those who worked so hard during the practice parades but who did not parade in the competition:—

Front Rank (right to left): Cpl. Sutton. L/c. Heard. Cdt. Reed.  
Cdt. Wilkinson. Cdt. Cardew. ~~Cdt. Kavanagh.~~

Rear Rank (right to left): Cpl. James. Cdt. Radcliffe. Cdt.  
Woodbridge. Cdt. Fevez. Cdt. Baird-Smith. L/c. Watson.  
A. S. H. K.

## SCOUTS.

Of the thirty members of the Westminster School Troop, eleven, including two patrol leaders, are up Grants. I am very pleased that this is so, and I am glad to see that there are numerous Grantite applicants for joining the troop next term or the term after. Since there have been no field days for the O.T.C. this term, our activities have been somewhat restricted: nevertheless, we have managed to spend three afternoons in Richmond Park, Wimbledon Common and at Box Hill, all of which have been most successful, especially as we have been favoured with fair weather on all three occasions. Two new occupations have been begun this term, geology and metal work, the latter under the keen management of H. A. Budgett. We have also started to redecorate our Scout Basement, and have already painted and distempered one room and the passage. This has proved a very interesting, and with the exception of a few minor accidents, a successful occupation. The Troop has gained many carpentry and ambulance badges this term, and a large number are attempting the first class badge at the end of the term.

A. N.W.

## MEMOIRS OF HENLEY, JULY, 1933.

A nigger is now quite an unusual sight at a fashionable place like Henley-on-Thames, and for that reason is was even more disconcerting when we suddenly found ourselves face to face with one. We had drawn our punt up into a portion of marsh usually called the river bank and were preparing to have our lunch, in fact, we were in the middle of it, when a coloured Apparition (in more senses than one) stepped out of the hedge and accosted us. He spoke to us in a husky voice and asked us if we could spare a Mouthful of food. We told him we could not spare all our dinner or any for that matter. We were mostly convinced by this time that he was a genuine nigger, but there remained one suspicious person in our party. The Nigger seemed indignant that we still mistrusted him until one of us reminded him (since he was gesticulating with his arms) that *he had forgotten to black his hands*.

"White trousers are a curse!" said a certain well-known gentleman a short time ago. I have no doubt at all that another certain well-known gentleman would describe them in the same way or in even stronger (? Lithuanian) language. The incident which I am about to describe occurred soon after we had disposed of the Nigger. Owing to our horror at being confronted by the black Abomination, we had spilled a great deal of our food round about us. Two of the five, namely myself and G. L. Y. R., volunteered to clear it up. The other three went off for a short walk. We had scarcely finished our work when I heard a shout and beheld a very pretty spectacle. But owing to the sun being strong, I was unable to see the dire misfortune of one of the participants in the picture. I saw three white figures like fairies tripping lightly through the long grass and thistles. But as they came nearer I perceived to my consternation that one of the fairies wore black gaiters. When they came right up to us I saw that R. D. H. P., who had had the most spotless pair of flannels ten minutes ago, was the blot on the landscape. I was informed that R. D. H. P., had not looked before he leapt, and in fact had not even leapt, but had been immersed up to the knees in good rich black Thames Bog Mud. As I have said before "White trousers *are a curse!*"

A punt is not an easy craft to propel, and perhaps this was the reason why myself, R. D. H. P., and A. N. W. had given it up as a bad job. The two remaining members of our party, H. M. G. B., and G. L. Y. R., said that they would try their hand at punting and paddling. They did not mention that they would also try their hand at splashing. This was about the only thing they succeeded in doing. We cast off our moorings at the north end of Temple Island and started on our way. How gallantly, I thought, our two means of propulsion must be battling against the elements! As I lay with my eyes closed I suddenly noticed that the sky had become darker. I suddenly felt a bump. I opened them (my eyes). The punt's bows were high and dry out of the water on a twisted mass of tree trunk. Our two rowers were strenuously paddling us further and further on to the land. R. D. H. P. suggested that it would be a good idea to explore the island on which we were now ignominiously perched. Myself and R. D. H. P. made our way ashore and leaving the remainder in the Boat we penetrated inland at the expense of my white flannels (my companion's were permanently ruined). We had scarcely lost sight of the boat when we heard a dog bark, and we realised that we were on private property; we raced back to the boat. In jumping on board I pushed the boat out by mistake and left R. D. H. P. to face the wrath of a *Pekingese*. However we managed to rescue R. D. H. P., and once more we started on our triumphal progress. I will not dwell on our hectic journey, but it will suffice to say that at the end of half an hour, amid demonstrations of hostility on every side, and an occasional word, we cleared the hundred yards of the Island. Our path was reminiscent of the graph  $y = \tan x$ , which goes off the paper in several places to Infinity. We were unlike this delicate curve in one way only. We did not go to Infinity, but nearly to Tophet! So great was the excitement of the achievement that H. M. G. B. nearly swooned, and in so doing dropped his paddle over the side.

P. J. S.

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#### BIRTHS.

- BOMPAS.—On December 27th, 1934, the wife of D. A. Bompas, a daughter.  
 COLQUHOUN.—On January 6th, 1934, the wife of E. E. Colquhoun, M.B.E., a daughter.  
 FRAMPTON.—On December 11th, 1934, the wife of W. B. Frampton, a daughter.

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#### MARRIAGES.

- SHORE—BRODIE.—On February 5th, Richard Arabin Shore to Sidonie Anna Franziska Brodie.

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#### OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the deaths of two Old Grantites, HUGH FREDERICK WHITMORE was the younger son of Frederick J. Whitmore (O.W.) and was up Grants' from 1906 to 1910. He served with the Manchester Regiment during the war. He saw service in Belgium, France, Egypt, Palestine and Syria, and was wounded. He became a captain in 1925. He died in Jamaica on March 2, aged 42. CYRIL JOCELYN PINDER was a son of Arthur Pinder and was up Grants' from 1913 to 1917. For

the last eleven years he had been Secretary of the Old Westminster Football Club and the Club owed much to his energy and devotion and will find it hard to replace him. He died on January 22nd, aged 32.

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#### OLD GRANTITES.

Mr. W. Cleveland-Stevens, K.C., has been elected a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

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Mr. H. F. Cachemaille-Day has been awarded the "London Architecture Medal, 1934" by the R.I.B.A., for his design for a new Church at Eltham.

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