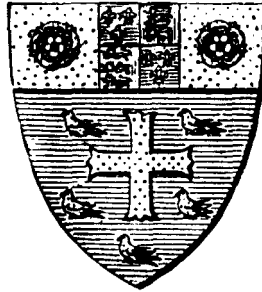


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## EDITORIAL.

IT would ease the Editor's mind greatly were he able to study closely the psychology of the Old Grantite. Is he a remorseless machine eating up every item of statistical news, wishing to know the exact score of every game played by a side representing the House? Or is he a soul aflame for the bizarre and ghastly whose hero is the insatiable Edgar Wallace? An insight into these matters would show whether the GRANTITE REVIEW should continue as the staid news-sheet it has always been hitherto or blossom forth as a magazine of fiction. The medium of insight, however, must of necessity take the form of correspondence, but it is to be hoped that a gleam of revelation will not for that reason be denied.

The GRANTITE REVIEW has fallen far behind its contemporaries in the matter of enterprise; its merits are its stolidity and the fact that it appears regularly once a term and not merely when a burst of energy overtakes the editor. It has not included advertisements in its columns to defray the cost of production, nor has it allowed the breath of scandal to defile its pages. Surely it would be a pity to smirch its escutcheon for the sake of a few who clamour for the sensational.

The aim of the GRANTITE REVIEW must be then to

make the truth interesting. It is a familiar though not very apt saying that truth is often stranger than fiction. It shall be the editorial purpose therefore to make this adage appear in its true light as the speech of a wise man and not of a feather-brained jester.

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### HOUSE NOTES.

We greatly regret to have to record that Mr. Willett was, some four weeks before the end of term, taken seriously ill and will be absent for some months. At the time of writing we are glad to be able to announce that he is well on the way to recovery.

We welcome Mr. Simpson who has very kindly taken charge of the House in his absence.

There left us last term: H. A. Burt, D. K. C. O'Malley, D. A. Bompas, C. E. Lonsdale, S. Levison, E. G. E. Rayner, S. J. R. Reynolds, C. K. Radcliffe, J. S. Kennedy, B. H. Napier and J. Simmons (to College).

In their places we welcome: M. V. Argyle, E. A. Bompas, A. E. R. Hadden, D. F. Hubback, A. G. T. James, R. M. Mills, W. N. C. Cleveland-Stevens, H. B. Ball, M. U. Beasley, U. K. Bury, E. V. Notcutt.

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W. H. D. Wakely is Head of House and a School Monitor and H. J. V. Gardner and W. S. D. Munro are Monitors.

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J. M. Ockleshaw, J. Notcutt, J. S. Brown came from Outer to Middle, C. H. Hunter, J. G. H. Jamieson came from Hall into Middle, E. H. G. Lonsdale, S. R. Reynolds, N. C. Masterman, P. C. F. Lawton, R. Clark, M. Reed and T. C. Wootton came from Hall to Outer.

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W. H. D. Wakely, E. H. G. Lonsdale and P. N. Labertouche have been awarded their football Pinks and M. Reed his Thirds.

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H. J. V. Gardner was awarded his Water House Colours.

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Grant's this year won the Football League Cup.

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We were defeated in the first round of Juniors by Home Boarders 3-1, after drawing 0-0 and 2-2. I. K. Munro, T. C. Wootton, J. B. Latey and P. D. Woodall were awarded Junior House Cups.

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We were defeated in the first round of the Junior Fives by Home Boarders. Our pair were I. K. Munro and R. W. Edgar.

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### O.T.C.

THE Drill Competition was held on December 4th instead of next term. Grant's squad turned out well before this time and looked to be full of promise but unfortunately a plague of mumps swept the school and although Grant's at first looked immune, it succumbed at last with terrible violence with the result that only seven of the original squad paraded on the actual day; two of the squad had, in fact, only paraded once before the competition. Nevertheless Grant's was third which was, on the whole, very creditable considering the difficulties which arose; the bogey of being bottom seems definitely to have been set since Grant's has now for three years avoided occupying that unenviable position.

W. H. D. W.

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### FOOTBALL JUNIOR-JUNIORS.

IN these Grant's were only defeated after a very prolonged struggle with Home Boarders. The games were played on the American system with the result that Grant's, Home Boarders and Busby's tied for first place. It was decided that these three should play each other again, therefore. Before this Grant's had beaten Ashburnham 13-0, Rigaud's 6-0, Home Boarders 5-3, but had lost to Busby's 4-6. Busby's however, had beaten Home Boarders.

In the replays Grant's succeeded in beating Busby's 2-0, but were then beaten by Home Boarders, who went on to beat Busby's and win the Cup.

W. H. D. W.

## FOOTBALL JUNIORS.

IN the first round of Juniors Grant's were drawn against Home Boarders. The game was played at Morden. The ground was almost under water and the standard of play was in the circumstances extremely high, though both sides found the ball too heavy to manœuvre into the net. Grant's had the better of the game at the start but Home Boarders fought back and but for the very sound play of our backs might easily have scored. Just before half-time Turner got the ball into the net but was ruled off-side. The second half was, like the first, a desperate struggle but neither side was able to score and the final whistle blew with the score 0-0, a very fair reflection of the run of the play.

The teams were—

*GG.*—P. G. Wright; P. D. Woodall, T. C. Wootton; R. W. Edgar, D. O. Nares, E. F. Bennett; A. R. Edey, I. K. Munro, P. G. Walker, J. B. Latey, J. F. Turner.

*H.BB.*—C. M. Abrahams; D. Maugakis, G. N. Godber; M. Huggins, C. F. Byers, J. G. Shaw-Scott; A. C. Rough, A. Milne, F. E. Studt, R. Snelling, R. P. Hare.

The replay was also played at Morden and this time the ground was in good condition. Grant's started with a rush and led at half-time by 2-0 and looked to be well on the way to victory. After half-time, however, H.BB. equalised and brought the score to 2-2 where it remained in spite of extra time being played.

The second replay was played Up Fields and Grant's finally succumbed 1-3. The team had very bad luck and it seemed on several occasions during the first two matches that they might have scored the goal which would have made all the difference.

W. H. D. W.

## JUNIOR AND JUNIOR-JUNIORS' CRITICISMS.

**I. K. Munro** (*Inside-right*). A greatly improved player. He has entirely conquered his habit of dribbling backwards when he gets the ball. He was rather overwhelmed by the enormous amount of work put on him in Juniors and he was not very well backed up by the other forwards.

**T. C. Wootton** (*Right-back*). A very good back especially as up till this season he had only played in goal. He kicks well and tackles with great determination, though he rather lacks speed. He was the mainstay of the defence in Juniors.

**J. B. Latey** (*Inside-left*). Did not shine as a forward, being obviously out of place. He is a good half, however, and tackles well.

**P. D. Woodall** (*Left-back*). Has come on very much this season. He has a good idea of position and is not a bad dribbler; he should, however, practice his kicking especially with his left foot.

**J. F. Turner** (*Outside-left*). Very good with his feet and should be good when he is not handicapped by lack of size.

**I. P. G. Walker** (*Centre-forward*). Needs to put a lot more "go" into his play which is at present rather ineffective. Quite a good dribbler.

**D. O. Nares** (*Centre-half*). Improved very much as a half. A good tackler and does a lot of work. Rather clumsy.

**A. R. Edey** (*Outside-right*). Fast and centres a light ball well. He must learn to control the ball and not just kick ahead and run.

**E. F. Bennett** (*Right-half*). Not a bad tackler but does not look where he is putting the ball when he gets it.

**R. W. Edgar** (*Left-half*). Did not play very well in Juniors though he can play a very good game. He uses his head very well.

**P. G. Wright** (*Goal-keeper*). Is badly affected by nerves. However, he played quite coolly in Juniors.

**O. M. Wilkinson** (*Inside-left*). A bustling forward who makes good use of his weight and would be very good if he could inculcate a little more skill into his play.

**R. J. Davison** (*Right-back*). Plays a good game because he is generally in the right place. A very safe player.

**E. A. Bompas** (*Centre-forward*). A promising player. Passes well but at present lacks the strength to kick really hard enough for a centre-forward.

**M. V. Argyle** (*Outside-right*). Very small but does not seem unduly troubled by this. Quite tricky.

W. H. D. W.

## THE WATER.

IT was decided that this term the Rouse Ball Cup and the Town Boys' Rudder should be rowed one after another, thus eliminating the extra period of time taken for training during the Lent Term and enabling the trial eights to be started earlier. We had hoped to have been coached by C. E. Wool-Lewis but unfortunately this fell through and we spent the first few weeks of training coachless. Eventually, however, Mr. A. C. McDonnell kindly consented to coach us and we settled down to some hard training; in fact one member of the crew went so far as to abscond with his sister's skipping rope, but this effort appeared to exhaust his energy as he failed to make use of his capture. However, we took some time to settle down and in a few weeks more under Mr. McDonnell's able tuition we might have made quite a respectable four, but the race came just as we were beginning to get together and we were badly beaten in both races.

## ROUSE BALL CUP.

*Rowed on October 22nd in rough water.*

Owing to Busby's rudder ropes getting tangled we had a false start and wasted quite a lot of energy on nothing but after turning and rowing back we were restarted and got away well, holding the other crews for about 100yds. However, we were soon left behind and at Beverley A.H.H. were comfortably ahead while Busby's were leading by about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths. Just after Beverley 3 jumped his slide and was unable to get back, finishing the race on what was for all practical purposes a fixed seat.

We finished about eight lengths behind A.H.H. and 3 behind B.B.

The crews were:

*GG.*—W. S. D. Munro, *bow*; B. E. Strong, 2; N. C. Masterman, 3; H. J. V. Gardner, *stroke*; *cox*: S. J. Longsdon

*A.H.H.*—E. L. Dams, *bow*; J. O. V. Edwards, 2; R.W. Smith, 3; G. B. Aris, *stroke*; *cox*: P. Russell.

## TOWN BOYS' RUDDER.

We were drawn against RR. The race was rowed in rough water on October 25th. We made rather a bad start and RR. a particularly good one, giving them a lead of over a length. Then we held them for some time but our staying powers were insufficient and they began to draw away again at the boathouse. We spurted hard at Beverley but failed to make much impression on RR. who continued to draw away to win comfortably by six or seven lengths.

The crews were :

GG.—W. S. D. Munro, *bow*; B. E. Strong, 2; N. C. Masterman, 3; H. J. V. Gardner, *stroke*; *cox*: S. J. Longsdon.

RR.—E. N. Osborne, *bow*; G. A. Lewis, 2; S. W. Eaton, 3; T. A. Murray, *stroke*; *cox*: A. A. Titcomb.

Finally we would like to thank Mr. McDonnell very heartily for consenting to coach us. The results were not very encouraging, but they would certainly have been far worse but for his valuable assistance.

W. S. D. M.

## CRITICISMS.

**W. S. D. Munro** (*bow*). At present rather an awkward and uncomfortable looking oar. He lies too far back at the finish with the result that he lacks control and easiness in his swing forward. Can be depended on for keeping up a hard stroke and is a good racer. C. H. F.

**B. E. Strong.** A very keen young oarsman who does a great deal of work, which he kept up well during the race. He should do well in the future when he has had more experience and has learnt to control his slide a bit more.

**N. C. Masterman.** His style is rather erratic and he is too excitable in a race to make a first class oarsman, but he tried very hard and rowed a very gallant race.

**H. J. Y. Gardner.** A very steady oar who helped us along a lot in the race. He kept up a constant rate of striking and did much to prevent the rest from rushing forward by his steadiness out.

W. S. D. M.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.*

DEAR SIR,

I really cannot approve of the way in which the GRANTITE REVIEW is so rapidly becoming what is called, I believe, a fiction magazine. It is true that the *Evening Standard* has followed its example and that you, Sir, doubtless feel in this imitation a sincere form of flattery, but I should dislike intensely to see on the first page of my next GRANTITE the "Wandering Jew" this number: first number "Back to Methuselah." True, the GRANTITE REVIEW confines itself at present to original contributions, but if this policy is pursued and you continue to feel worried about the interest shown in the paper this can only lead to the insertion of a fly-leaf saying "Best Short Stories, Best Articles and Long New Serial commencing next week."

Perhaps, Sir, you will start "A Woman's Page" or a "comic strip."

It is this break with tradition that you refer to, more than the literary articles themselves (which should see the light of day in a literary contemporary which you should start), that I resent. There has, of course, always been verse of the right sort in the paper and in a rational amount, but not this "Trifler" stuff.

Yours faithfully,  
MILES HOWARD PRANCE.

P.S.—You asked for correspondence and now you've got some, anyway.

*To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.*

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Now what of the GRANTITE REVIEW

If "ifs" editorial be true?

He'll spoil his digestion

By auto-suggestion

Unless given something that's new.

Yours sincerely,  
SYMPATHISER.



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**BIRTHS.**

**KONSTAM.**—On November 3rd, the wife of Geoffrey L. S. Konstam, of a son.

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**OLD GRANTITES.**

Mr. W. C. Cleveland-Stevens, Barrister-at-law, has taken Silk. He has also been elected to fill a vacancy upon the Bar Council.

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**OBITUARY.**

WE regret to have to record the death of Lt.-Col. Henry Gildart Worsley at the age of 81. He was admitted up Grant's in 1859 and was the son of the Rev. Canon P. W. Worsley (O.W). He was formerly in the K.O.S.B. and retired in 1886 with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

We also note with regret the deaths of the following Old Grantites which have taken place during the past year:

Ronald Claude Bennett, admitted 1910.

Herbert Parry Malpas Jackson, admitted 1882.

Col. Harry William Jameson, admitted 1865. Formerly in the R. Irish Rifles.

Alfred Soames, admitted 1872.

Harry Ernest Warner, admitted 1881.

James Watt, M.V.O., admitted 1880. Formerly Second Master R.N. College, Dartmouth.

## NOTICES.

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**Floreat.**