

The Granite Review.

Nascitur exiguus, vires acquirit eundo.

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THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

In reviewing the football records of the past season, Grantites have every reason for self-congratulation. When we reflect that after the season of 1881-2 ten members of the House Eleven left, that until the end of the next season we had not even a third eleven cap up the House, and that it was not until the middle of this term that Grantites had the gratification of once more numbering a "pink" among its ranks, we cannot but feel pride and satisfaction at the vast improvement in the results of the past, and in our prospects for the future. The results of the trial matches last term were, indeed, decidedly unsatisfactory, as we were beaten by Under Elections (3-1), and by Rigauds (5-1); but this term, under our new captain, to whom all thanks and praise are due, fortune smiled upon us, and we effaced all memory of our past disgrace by defeating Under Elections (5-2), and, after two splendid games with Rigauds, only lost the shield by one goal to nil. These were truly grand results; but Grantites must not be content to rest upon their laurels; they must look back upon the time when, with six members of the School Eleven up their House, this would have been but a sorry display for Grants; and they must ever keep this fact before their minds—that if Rigauds win the shield next year it will remain up their House, and our chance of obtaining it will be irrevocably gone. These thoughts should spur on every patriotic member of the House to put forth his utmost energies in every line; up School, that the members of the House be no more thinned by superannuation, and up fields, that the House Eleven be no longer enfeebled from lack of wiring up.

X.

The Editor takes this opportunity of thanking his many supporters at a most critical time. Our first number was generally pronounced a success, and we can only hope that this will equally meet

with everybody's approval. We wish to give notice to our readers that stories, serial or otherwise, will not, as a rule, be inserted; short anecdotes will be accepted, but must not exceed 200 words.

It has lately been proposed to institute "Pinks," or something equivalent thereto, for "Gym." Surely this would be an excellent idea, as it would make "Gym" much more interesting, and give fellows some object in view.

Cries seem to have lately risen as to why Westminster does not begin "Water" sooner: all other schools and clubs, it is said, commenced long ago; why is Westminster so behindhand?

NOTES.

On Monday, 7th April, our House Master went down to Reigate to attend the funeral of the late V. E. R. Yglesias, and to read the Burial Service.

It is reported that there are to be Junior Racquet Ties, which for some years have not taken place.

T. B. B. and Q. S. S. Annual Football Match was played on Wednesday, 25th March, and resulted in a victory for T. B. B. by 5-3. Pigott and Gibson distinguished themselves by shooting 3 of the 5 goals; Salwey played well as full-back; unfortunately, Moon was unable to play.

Pryce and Salwey have received their "Pink and Whites"; Barwell and Armitage, "Third Elevens." Grants now have one "Pink," four "Pink and Whites," and three "Third Elevens."

R. L. Kaye left at Easter, and will be a loss to our House, being a double "house-colour."

It may interest our readers to know that out of 27 matches that Westminster has this year played, they have won 12, lost 10, and drawn 5. The total of goals they have scored being 52, their opponents 47.

Two new boarders have come "up Grants" since Easter—R. Mills and A. W. Kitcat.

The following have been elected into College:—

J. B. Chapman,	J. H. Clarke,
J. Cuming,	P. Williamson,
A. J. Lee,	F. W. Marshall,
A. Street,	E. L. Clapham,
C. S. W. Barwell,	H. D. Liberty,
W. S. Cox,	C. C. Sharpe,
R. E. Olivier.	

WATER.

[We have received the following article just before going to press, and venture to submit it to our readers.—Ed.]

"I fear we may safely say that at no public school where "boating" is one of the established amusements has it fallen off more than at Westminster: so much so indeed, as to threaten, on the one hand, speedy extinction, and on the other hand, but faint hope of recovery. In the good old days when Westminster used to race Eton, the School had, doubtless, some reason to be, at any rate, satisfied with the results of their exertions; but of late—surely the less said the better. It is true that the School regularly row at Henley: but then they also regularly get beaten, if not in *first*, yet in the *final* heat. I will not attempt, Mr. Editor, to name any of the various men whom Westminster has "turned out" in times of old, and who, by their rowing, have proved themselves worthy of their school and universities, for your space would not allow it; nor, indeed, need I remind your readers that *many* such men there *have been*: though, Why are we obliged to say "have been"? Why cannot we say "there are"? These questions rise at once into our minds:—Why has Water at Westminster so degenerated? Why has it undergone so terrible a

deformation? This is, indeed, a difficult problem to solve, and must be left for more knowing minds than mine. May I, nevertheless, suggest that if the practising began earlier each year (even at the immediate close of football), with *genuine hard practice*, Westminster would have no small chance of well making up for "lost time," and of proving herself worthy, in *every way*, of the lofty position which she holds among public schools. I sincerely hope, Mr. Editor, that this may catch the eye of all members of Water "up Grants," and they, and all the School, may endeavour to blot out all evil opinions which may have arisen with regard to Water at Westminster. I trust you will think fit, Mr. Editor, to insert this: though I must, at the same time, apologize for taking up so much of your valuable space.

"PHENIX."

YARD TIES.

FIRST ROUND.

W. Moon	} beat	Smyth, N.
Erskine		Moon, E.
Pryce		Kaye

After a very even game, Kaye having the best of the game at first, in which Pryce wired up, and just won 9—8.

Bompas	} beat	Jackson, H. P.
W. Armitage		Lawson
Maclean		Pendred

by 13—5.

M. T. Pigott	} beat	Barwell
James		Gordon
Lambton		Wimbush

by 14—11, after a good game, in which Barwell's side played up very well.

G. E. Jackson	} beat	Fulcher
Leake		Wright
Powell		Cuming

by 11—5.

Salwey	} beat	Gibson
Hanner		Clarke
Young		Stevens

by 11—9, in consequence, chiefly, of Salwey's good play.

H. Smyth	} a bye
F. Fulcher	
Ellershaw	

and

Ravenscroft	} a bye
Veitch	
Winkworth	

SECOND ROUND.

Bompas	} beat	Ravenscroft
Veitch		Maclean
Winkworth		Armitage, W.

easily, by 16—2.

Pigott } beat { Salvey
 Young } { James
 Jackson } { Hanmer
 who, however, wired up pluckily, by 12—2.

Ellershaw } beat { Smyth, H. W.
 Leake } { Fulcher, F.
 Lambton } { Erskine
 after a remarkably well contested game, by 8—7.

Moon, W. R. } a bye
 Pryce }
 Powell }

THIRD ROUND.

Pigott } beat { Bompas
 Pryce } { Ellershaw
 Powell } { Veitch
 by 10—9; the losers played up very well, as the result shows.

Leake } scratched to { Moon, W. R.
 Winckworth } { Jackson, G. E.
 Lambton } { Young.

FINAL.

Pigott } beat { Moon, W. R.
 Pryce } { Jackson, G. E.
 Powell } { Young
 by 10—4, after a splendid game, in which Pigott's side, all showed their best form, while Moon and Jackson seemed hardly to come up to their usual mark, notwithstanding some brilliant play.

ON THE PANCAKE GREEZE.

The Pancake Greeze! what faded visions rise
 Of former Pancake Greezes passed away,
 Unlike the mock performance of to-day
 That all must view with half-contemptuous eyes.
 Perhaps 'tis better tho', perhaps 'tis wise,
 That ancient usages should all give way
 And yield beneath a newer—younger sway,
 Which in its turn must yield. Perhaps 'tis wise.
 But if old customs are not to remain,
 Remove them shortly; let it not be said
 That somewhat of their folly we retain,
 Because there are no new to take their stead,
 Nor mutilate them lest you *really* make
 That foolish which was changed for wisdom's sake.

ANON.

PRIZE COMPETITION.

A Prize is offered for the best essay on either of the following subjects:—

1. The present Egyptian question.
2. Fighting Green.
3. The most striking event in one's life.

The following rules should be carefully attended to:—

1. The real name of the competitor must be sent with the essay.

N.B.—If the person wishes to assume a "nom de plume," he should inform the Editor.

2. No essay to exceed three hundred and fifty words,
3. Every composition to be written in ink, and on one side of the paper only.

4. Subscribers or regular purchasers of the paper *only* may enter for this competition
5. All essays to be sent in before the 31st of May.
6. No one to write more than *one essay*.

ANSWERS TO LAST NUMBER'S ENIGMAS.

ACROSTIC No. 1.

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CLASSICAL NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

Ans. Nascitur exiguus vires acquirit eundo.

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| 1. Tacitus | 4. Daunus |
| 2. Cicero | 5. Xeno |
| 3. Quirinus | 6. Ino |

CROSS WORD ENIGMA.

Ans.—Dryden.

Correct answers to all have been received from Abracat Racquet-Court Ghost, S. G. Buttar; M. A. Green, and J. W. succeeded in solving all correctly except one "light" in the Acrostic. Newlands guessed the first enigma nearly rightly, and the third; Buchanan also answered the third correctly.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 2.

1. 'Tis less than most, and yet 'tis more.
2. A murdered man is he, I'm sure.
3. This truly is a timid deer.
4. He never knows his task, that's clear.
5. And this my last you soon will see,
 'Tis situated in Turkey.

A Rebel Chief who eares for nought,
 A Battle at which his followers fought.

SHAKESPEAREAN QUOTATION.

FOR	THINGS	SOUREST	THEIR
SWEETEST	DEEDS	THAT	SMELL
TURN	LILIES	FAR	THAN
BY	FESTER	WORSE	WEEDS

CROSS WORD ENIGMA.

My first is in red, but not in blue,
 My second in false, but not in true,
 My third is in vow, but not in oath,
 My fourth is in either, but not in both,
 My fifth is in death, but not in sting,
 My whole is a famous and notable King.

Answers to these Enigmas to be sent in before May the 31st.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Sir.—I am by nature vain and fond of being looked at as much as possible; why then should I be removed from Hall directly Abbey begins, so that half the boys "up Grants" do not see me? Hoping my desires may be accomplished.

I remain, &c., MORNING STANDARD.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Sir,—One of your correspondents wishes us to suggest a remedy for the unpatriotic conduct of the half a dozen fellows or so who seem to take a pleasure in lounging round Hall fire during station, under the plea that they are suffering from a cold or some such *dangerous* malady. We think that there would be a decided improvement if our house master would leave it a little more in the hands of the head of the house to give "leaves off." Monitors' station should be monitors' station, as masters' is masters'. Hoping that our house master may take a hint from this letter,

We remain yours faithfully, NEEDLES.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Sir,—Why has the old custom of shouting the hour for going into school up the boarding houses ceased? It still exists in college, and why not among the T.B.B. It was a very useful institution, and one that should not be allowed to die out. We should, I am sure, be glad to hear the old cry once more, if only on account of its being an old custom, and quite unique to the school. I remain, &c., CONSERVATIVE.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Sir,—Can you, or any of your readers, oblige me by explaining the derivation of the word "quartern" (*i.e.* a piece of paper containing 25 ruled lines on each side)?

I remain, &c., INQUISITIVE.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Mr. Editor,—My very blood boils, when I think of a letter that appeared in your last, signed by one who actually calls himself "Patriot." Patriot indeed! To think that Grants should ever show themselves unpatriotic! Let me point out to your contributor how wrongly he has judged our house. If "a Patriot" will consider that all extra classes take place after dinner, also that they don't commence until 2.15, he will probably understand that boys going to them can have nothing to do after dinner, until that time. This explanation will, I hope suffice to convince your high and mighty correspondent that he has for once made a great mistake.

Your obedient servant, DRIOTOS.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Sir,—In the "yard ties" of this term several goals have been given by our worthy captain which *never* were goals *afortime*. Every one knows it is counted a goal against the side who should happen to sky a ball; but when the ball goes down the area, it is certainly hard lines to count it such;

it is not considered a goal when the ball hits the wall at the lower end of the yard six or eight feet above the ground; at which height it would at the upper end, be skied into the area and count a goal. Surely sir, this is an absurd mistake which I trust may be rectified.

I remain, &c., A GRANTITE.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

O.G.—It is to come out eight times a year. The annual subscription is half-a-crown. We really do not see our way clear to illustrating it. The expense would be too great. We cannot insert your acrostic.

J. PENN.—We are much obliged for your stories, but cannot insert them for want of space. We also think that tales are not very fitting for a house paper, and intend as much as possible to dispense with them.

OBITUARY.

When this paper was started, we little expected to have to perform such a sad duty as is now our lot. One of our companions, V. E. R. YGLESIAS, after a long illness, has left this "vale of tears" for a better world. For some time past he has been absent from school; and his increasing illness warned us that we should never see him amongst us here again. He died very peacefully on April 2nd at East Grinstead, and in almost his last moments his thoughts were with his schoolfellows.

"As (choicest of rich Nature's many gifts)
 Wild roses bloom—but fade within an hour—
 So art thou snatched away in flower of youth,
 And by the same immortal Heavenly power."

ERRATA.

Page	1,	line	13,	for	"loose"	read	"lose."
"	1,	"	15,	"	"having"	"	"we have."
"	1,	"	28,	"	"has"	"	"have."
"	1,	"	32,	"	"gaols"	"	"goals."
"	1,	"	3,	"	"Brazen Nose"	"	"Brasnose."
"	1,	"	6,	"	"by"	"	"on."
"	1,	"	12,	insert	"been."		
"	2,	"	15,	for	"Bultar"	"	"Buttar,"
"	4,	"	12,	insert	"intended."		
"	4,	"	51,	for	"Treasurer"	"	"Treasurer."

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