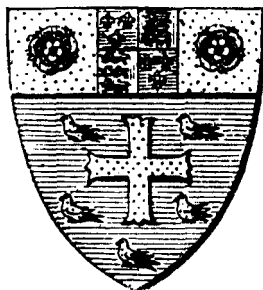


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WESTMINSTER UNDER NICOLL II.

Within a year or so after Lord Boyle had left, his brother, Hamilton Boyle, entered the School, and a year later, 1744, he was elected head—Liberty-boy—into College at the age of fourteen, where his name may be read on the golden tablets. Of his life in College we know but little: his father writes to Councillor Forrester asking him “to take notice of my Westminster scholar.” Hummy, as he is usually called in the letters, had undoubtedly the brains of the family, and in 1746, while he was a second election, we find the Rev. Mr. Birch writing to Lord Orrery that he had “last night the pleasure of seeing the part of Chaerea in the Eunuch of Terence performed by Mr. Boyle.” A few days later Lord Orrery writes to his son suggesting that he should send the great Lord Chesterfield tickets for the play, and ending, “I hope Dr. L. will be present at the Eunuchus in his embroidered . . .” But who Dr. L. was and what the mystery of his clothes was, like the seventeen anonymous letters Southey wrote on another and later occasion, must remain a mystery for the sentence breaks off in the middle.

In 1747 Hamilton Boyle became Captain of the School, and he had amongst his juniors elected that year two who were to become famous—Warren Hastings and Elijah Impey. Hence we may note that if anybody was, in Macaulay's famous phrase, to "hire Impey with a tart or a bull to act as fag," it would assuredly have been Hamilton Boyle rather than Warren Hastings! But the great event was the Play for that year, which was the "Ignoramus" with Boyle in the name-part. Mr. Herbert Bowen becomes almost incoherent in expressing "the pleasure, the joy, the extacy, nay, I know not what to call it of seeing Mr. Boyle play the part of Ignoramus to a large and polite audience . . . Had your Lordship been that night at St Peter's College, I will be bold to say that you would have thought it the happiest you had ever seen. I am persuaded the part . . . was never better, if so well, acted. . . . The universal applause of the whole audience convinces me . . . that what I say does not proceed from my partiality to my dear Captain . . . several grave divines laughed to excess." The same day Hamilton Boyle writes to his father full of delight at his success, "which has been as great as I could possibly wish . . . nothing else is talked of about town." He sends the Prologue and Epilogue, which latter, though "it is flat to read" (in which many at the present day will concur if they refer to the "Lusus") "went off as well as any epilogue I could have wished and made a great deal of noise about town." The young actor was the hero of the moment. Another letter tells how the Duke of Dorset sent for him in order to compliment him, and, "which was more to the point, to give him a present of five guineas; Lady Shaftesbury requested him to recite the Epilogue to her, Lord Chesterfield was pleased to express approbation, and at his suggestion a fourth performance was given after the holidays, when Hamilton Boyle anticipated 'a noble audience and no purse!'" Incidentally, an early reference to the "cap." After this performance the Duke of Dorset writes a polite note of congratulation "on our school-fellow" to Lord Orrery. The same year Hamilton Boyle was elected head to Christ Church.

Of Edmund, the youngest son, his mother writes in 1756 the following account to her husband concerning the end of the holidays: "I suffered him to hunt, and the last hunting morning when he returned home really delighted with his sport, told him that to Town he must goe the next morning, which I had concealed from him for fear it should trouble him, but that I was sure he would prefer being a good scholar above all things, that at Westminster there never was allowed more Hollydays at Barthemy-tick than he had had, and we must keep strictly to Westminster rules. He said he was very satisfied . . . then left me

and desired Mrs. Fox to goe into the garden and dig with him, 'for,' said he, 'I will endeavour to divert myself that I may behave like a man.' . . . Thus he behaved like a little Heroe, till the next morning, when he complained that his eyes were sore and apt to water; he whistled and sang at the same time tears stole silently down his cheeks, but Miss Barry writes me word they had a merry journey and he was extremely well last Saturday." He was only nine years old! Next term we are glad to hear he returned "perfectly contented!"

Much more might be quoted if space permitted, but we can only refer our readers to "The Orrery Papers" (edited by the Countess of Cork and Orrery), from which the above extracts are taken.

L. E. T.

SENIORS.

GRANT'S v. HOME BOARDERS.

This match was played Up Fields on Thursday the 7th and Monday the 11th of July. As practically all last years' team were available we had an exceptionally strong side, and the result was not long in doubt. H.B.B. won the toss and elected to bat. In two hours they were all out for 132, Mellor, Young and Robinson alone shewing any ability to deal with the bowling. Grant's opened their innings with H. F. and W. T. Rawson. The former was run out after scoring 12 runs, and his brother followed an over later. Some bright batting by Marriott, R. Rawson and Hobson made matters better, and on Smith coming in, runs began to come quickly.

Smith made some big hits on the leg side, and was dismissed on Thursday for a creditable 63, thus finishing the Grantite innings for 199. This left H.B.B. 62 to make to avoid an innings defeat. However, the Grantite bowling was so effective that our opponents were dismissed for 32 after an exceptionally weak display of batting. The Grantite bowling analyses were excellent.

SCORES.

GRANT'S.

H. F. Rawson, run out	..	..	..	..	..	12
W. T. Rawson, c. Robinson, b. A. Feasey	..	..	..	..	..	12
T. F. Marriott, c. Robinson, b. Mellor	..	..	..	..	..	21
R. R. Rawson, b. G. Feasey	..	..	..	..	..	37
A. K. Gilmour, b. Robinson	..	..	..	..	..	6
F. G. Hobson, c. Hanson, b. Lang	..	..	..	..	..	28
B. Smith, c. Gray, b. Robinson	..	..	..	..	..	63
R. F. Potter, b. Gray	..	..	..	..	..	0
G. L. Brown, b. Robinson	..	..	..	..	..	10
H. F. Whitmore, b. Robinson	..	..	..	..	..	0
C. V. Miles, not out	..	..	..	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	..	..	..	11
						199

BOWLING ANALYSIS—H.B.B.

Robinson took 4 wickets for 28.

H.B.B.

E. H. Gray, c. R. Rawson, b. H. Rawson	21	b. Gilmour	..	..	5
Lang, b. H. Rawson	..	..	..	1	absent
A. R. Mellor, b. Gilmour	..	..	..	22	c. and b. R. Rawson
G. G. Feasey, b. R. Rawson	..	..	..	0	b. R. Rawson
Robinson, c. and b. Hobson	..	..	..	20	not out
W. E. Young, b. H. Rawson	..	..	..	34	b. R. Rawson
E. Lawrence, b. Miles	..	..	..	0	b. H. Rawson
Forbes, b. H. Rawson	..	..	..	21	c. Marriott, b. R. Rawson
A. C. Feasey, st. Marriott, b. R. Rawson	0	b. Miles	..	..	1
Codd, b. H. Rawson	..	..	..	2	absent
Hanson, not out	..	..	..	3	b. Miles
Extras	..	..	..	8	
				132	32

BOWLING ANALYSIS—GRANT'S.

H. Rawson took 5 wickets for 32.

R. Rawson 4 for 28.

SENIORS.—FINAL ROUND.

GRANT'S v. RIGAUD'S.

There was every prospect of an even match when Grant's took the field against Rigaud's on Wednesday, July 13th, to contest the final round of Seniors. The wicket was hard and true and a long day's fielding seemed inevitable for Grant's. Goodall and Harvey opened the Rigaudite innings to the bowling of R. Rawson and H. Rawson. The latter's bowling apparently

presented little difficulty, but his brother was continually beating the batsmen, and at length bowled Harvey when the score stood at 12 for 1. On Clarke coming in Gilmour was entrusted with the attack instead of H. Rawson, who thenceforth kept wicket. Clarke gave little trouble, being well caught by Potter off R. Rawson almost immediately. Some overs later Goodall was caught by Gilmour off the same bowler. He was missed several times during his innings, and never seemed really at home with the bowling. No further real resistance was given by Rigaud's, and Hobson, who was put on instead of Gilmour, dismissed the last four batsmen in very quick time. The Rigaudite total, 143, was not a good one considering the excellence of the wicket, and we had little difficulty in surpassing it. H. Rawson, who opened the Grantite innings, batted in superb style, and was undefeated at the close of play with a magnificent 84 to his credit. On Thursday, Rawson and Gilmour continued the Grantite innings. From the first Rawson failed to score with his old freedom, and most of the scoring was done by Gilmour, who made some excellent drives. Rawson was eventually dismissed by Clarke, who was bowling better than on the previous day, for a grand innings of 104. This is the second successive century he has scored against Rigaud's, and he is heartily to be congratulated. After some quick hitting by Hobson and Smith, and an unexpected display by Miles, Grant's finished their innings with a total of 271, leaving Rigaud's 129 runs to save an innings defeat. In the last five minutes left to play, Goodall was badly missed by Brown off Hobson.

SCORES.

RIGAUD'S.

T. F. Goodall, c. Gilmour, b. R. Rawson	36
D. A. Harvey, c. Marriott, b. R. Rawson	3
E. C. K. Clarke, c. Potter, b. R. Rawson	8
J. M. de Slubicki, b. Hobson	24
R. C. Cobbold, b. Gilmour	15
C. Hurst-Brown, c. Marriott, b. Gilmour	2
O. Derry, run out	7
F. W. Pink, b. Hobson	18
K. H. Hill, b. Hobson	0
R. C. Cooke, b. Hobson	11
E. Parker, not out	0
Extras	22

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BOWLING ANALYSIS—GRANT'S.

Hobson 4 for 12 runs, R. Rawson 3 for 54, and Gilmour 2 for 28.

GRANT'S.

H. F. Rawson, b. Clarke	..	..	..	..	104
W. T. Rawson, c. Hurst-Brown, b. Cobbold	..	..	..	..	11
T. F. Marriott, b. Goodall	..	..	..	..	13
R. R. Rawson, c. Goodall, b. Slubicki	..	..	..	..	8
A. K. Gilmour, c. Hurst-Brown, b. Cobbold	..	..	..	..	34
F. G. Hobson, c. Pink, b. Cobbold	..	..	..	..	16
B. Smith, b. Goodall	..	..	..	..	14
R. F. Potter, b. Goodall	..	..	..	..	6
G. L. Brown, b. Goodall	11
H. F. Whitmore, l.b.w. b. Goodall	0
C. V. Miles, not out	8
Extras	46

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BOWLING ANALYSIS—RIGAUD'S.

Goodall took 5 for 75 runs.

CRITICISMS OF THE TEAM.

H. F. R. Rawson is unquestionably the best bat in the School XI., and in our match against Rigaud's played up to his highest form. He has made a good captain both for the School and House XI.'s.

R. R. Rawson has not bowled as well this season as the last, though towards the end he has been in much better form. Has batted well, though handicapped by a bad back.

F. G. Hobson has disappointed us in batting this year, for he has scored very few runs. His fielding is safe, and in Seniors he bowled well.

T. F. C. Marriott has not come on as expected; his defence is good, but the scores very slowly. A good reserve wicket-keeper.

A. K. Gilmour has done very well this year in bowling, though he has not made many runs.

B. Smith batted very well against H.B.B., and is a safe field. He ought to do very well next year.

W. T. R. Rawson has not come up to expectations; can play balls on the wicket but none off.

C. V. Miles bowled quite well against the H.B.B., and fields moderately.

H. F. Whitmore has given us no opportunity of judging his batting; his fielding is quite good.

G. L. Brown is not a bad bat, but is a very unsafe catch and field.

R. F. Potter has not made many runs, but his fielding is good.

JUNIORS.

Our Juniors have again been unsuccessful. In both matches our team was badly defeated by teams which on paper would not have been considered superior. Our fielding throughout was absolutely bad, and innumerable catches were dropped in every portion of the field. The bowling, which could on occasion be dangerous, was as a rule careless and loose, and the changes made by W. Rawson were frequently ill-advised. With regard to the batting, we expected great things from W. Rawson and Potter, but were sadly disappointed; Kellie and A. Miles, however, batted well. There are several members of the team who should do well next year if some endeavour is made to improve their fielding.

THE INTER-HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION.

This competition was held at Staines on Wednesday, May 25th. The weather conditions were good and the wind steady. No excuse can possibly be made for our shooting, although our four had not had very much practice. J. C. Hobson and G. L. Brown had both shot for the School, but F. G. Hobson and F. R. Tomlinson had shot only twice before competition. We were unfortunately beaten at both ranges by Home Boarders, who scored a total of 228 points, Grant's being second with 208.

YARD TIES.

In the final round, F. G. Hobson met A. K. Gilmour. The tie resulted in a win for the former by 14 runs to 8 runs.

HOUSE NOTES.

R. A. Graham, A. G. Pemberton, and K. Sorley left us last term. We wish them every success in the future.

There were three new boys this Term, all Half-Boarders—
A. L. W. Stevens, R. Fraser, and W. J. Nowell.

C. V. Miles was made a Monitor at the beginning of the Term.

In the Officers' Training Corps, H. N. Hume has been made a Lance-Corporal. F. G. Hobson has passed A. certificate. At Bisley this year F. G. and J. C. Hobson both shot for the School.

After a very hard tug-of-war, we were again defeated by H.B.B.

We must congratulate A. K. Gilmour and J. C. Hobson on passing Resposions, and F. G. Hobson on winning the O.W.W. Masonic Lodge Prize for the Research on "The change in volume produced by dissolving solid in water."

In the sports last Term Grant's came out third, as happened last year; Graham scored nearly all Grant's points, winning three of the open events.

The Editor regrets that the last number of the GRANTITE REVIEW was not sent out till the beginning of the Election Term. So many inter-house competitions and matches had been left to the very last in Lent Term that it was thought advisable to wait in order to include results, but such a course made it impossible to obtain copies in time to send out.

The increased cost of printing the GRANTITE has made it necessary that a reduction in size should be made and the termly subscription raised to 1s.

OLD GRANTITES.

In the King's Household Col. H. Fludyer, C.V.O. (Grant's 1860—64), has been re-appointed a Gentleman Usher, and the Rev. F. P. Farrar (Grant's 1885—89) a Chaplain-in-Ordinary to H.M. the King.

In the Army, W. S. W. Browne (Grant's 1891—92) the King's (Liverpool) Regiment, to be Captain.

Mr. J. D. H. Dickson (Grant's 1900—04) was the only candidate who passed at a recent examination at Edinburgh for a Writership to the Signet.

BIRTHS.

On April 11th, the wife of John Veitch, of a daughter.

DEATH.

We regret to announce the death, on April 10th, of Charles John Roland Bedford, late of the 92nd (Gordon) Highlanders, aged 81. Mr. Bedford was admitted up Grant's in 1842, and was elected into College the same year, subsequently serving in the Ciimea. He was the second son of the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, who held the family living of Sutton Cold Field, Warwickshire, by Grace, daughter of Charles Kirkpatrick Sharpe, well known in literary circles in the early 19th century.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

It is really remarkable at what short intervals your letters seem to come asking me to write and tell you the doings of Old Grantites at Oxford. I cannot refrain from pointing out what a small number of Old Grantites there are up at Oxford at the present time. This ought not to be: they are always wanted, for only the best of men come from Grant's. But of those who are now up, Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe gives a fine example of doing duty to the GRANTITE REVIEW. His name appears in almost numberless "Oxford Letters," and he has afforded a wealth of material for the wit and sarcasm of many authors. It is to be hoped the rumour that he is leaving us for the Bar is not true: Oxford will never be the same without Jack's raucous voice and shambling gait. Besides, think of the loss to the ignorant and idle; they will have to resign themselves to their fate in schools if they cannot get his assistance. But he finds time for recreation—at cricket! Indeed, he is getting quite famous, for within a day all Oxford knew of the only boundary he has ever hit. He is a great source of harmless merriment to the Ch. Ch. Warrigals.

What have Mr. Greene and Mr. Sayer been doing all this summer term? Nobody has seen them. They are suspected of spending their time on the river with the fair sex. Mr. Sayer, of course, would be in his element; but Mr. Greene—I wonder?

Mr. C. G. Reed has devoted his time mostly to work, but a considerable portion to play. Cricket has been his chief amusement. He has not made any vast scores, but not been "not out" many times. It looks very much as if he always plays for his average. Tennis, too, has occupied him considerably. He played into the semi-final of the Brasenose tournament, and says he would have won it had he not damaged himself whilst trying to do acrobatic balances; he seems to have taken good care to noise the fact abroad. He even played for the College at the game, so it is not to be wondered that they did not win a match all through the season. He was seen coaching the Brasenose Henley four, but he was unrecognisable in boating trousers and coat. No doubt the boat benefited by it, and by being run into the bank—so it was well to be disguised!

There can be no doubt that Mr. A. C. Boulton is really a great oarsman. He was discarded by the Christ Church Boat Club—they went down three places in eights—and has been taken up by the O.W.B.C. It will receive new life and prosper in an

unprecedented way owing to his inspiring and fiery presence. His Herculean strength and figure alone must encourage all others. Besides rowing, he has many other idiosyncrasies, amongst them music. We never could understand why he does not let his hair grow long, for of course it would fill his audiences with awe and wonder, and it might cover that patch at the back of his head which is now bigger than a 5s.-piece. Late in the term dulcet strains of a thundering bass were to be heard at the performance of Phidelo, announcing Mr. Boulton's arrival upon the stage. There were full houses, we believe.

His Liberalism is still very virulent, but we suspect him of being in his heart the strongest of Tories, but of course he won't own it.

He has sacrificed his History School and the expected First to music, and has taken up groups in which he is meeting with great success. We believe the real reason is not "music" but "the ladies." The time he gives to them is awful. There is no concert of any kind to do with ladies at which he is not a prominent figure, generally in duets—how well he must play on those occasions! He is also always entertaining them on the river—perhaps he could enlighten us on the mystery of Mr. Sayer and Mr. Greene.

Of Mr. Hughes and Keble nobody knows anything. But we feel sure they are progressing well, and that Mr. Hughes lends additional charm and beauty to the place.

When Mr. R. Hodder Williams is seen it is generally retiring quietly but cunningly from Mr. Boulton's room on the approach of certain other Old Grantites and Old Westminsterers. Thus little is known of him. He certainly looks overworked, but the First in History, we believe, is certain, and he will be amply rewarded. He is a musician of the latent type—perhaps because Mr. Boulton's rooms are opposite.

Mr. O. Lewis is an object of great stature, admiration and wonder. Everyone can imagine what an imposing figure he cuts in a tri-colour O.W. shag, doing the heavy swell on the way to the House ground. He is quite the public cynosure. But of course the Union is the dearest thing to him in Oxford. We shudder to think how the Liberal and Labour factions of that House would get on without him.

This, sir, is all the Oxford news I can tell you, and so, wishing you and the House every success,

I remain,

Yours, &c.,

OXONIENSIS.

OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

It is one of the trials that beset the hapless writer of your Cambridge Letter that, as Mr. E. F. Benson has pointed out, "in the majority of cases, remarkable and stirring events do not befall the undergraduate," and therefore to chronicle his life is but to record (as our Cambridge poet has it) the "short and simple annals of the poor." The river, tennis, and cricket, the lesser terrors of "Mays," and the greater terrors of Triposes have filled our minds, and it was noticeable that towards the end of term "Lectures" became unpleasantly crowded again with those who had "ignored the proposition that both time and money go," ready to clutch at any straw in the hope of getting a question on it. Our May-week was, of course, curtailed and festivities confined to the races and a few private dances. We had a visit from Col. Roosevelt, who captivated us by the "straight talk" he gave us at the Union, and certain junior members of the University exercised their wit on the occasion and were very properly rewarded by the halfpenny papers describing their efforts as "student humour"!

Of Grantites, Mr. D. S. Robertson of Trinity leads what has been described as "the comparatively harmless life of a College Don," and keeps himself from the eccentricities which are popularly supposed to afflict his class by strenuous equestrian exercise and by cultivating what the great G.K.C. would call "the wild domestic virtues."

Mr. G. Hodgson of Trinity and Mr. E. D. Adrian of the same College have scorned delights and lived laborious days with a view to successfully grappling with their respective Triposes. We congratulate the latter most heartily on his First; for him the examiner spread his net in vain. Mr. Adrian, according to rumour, upset his calculations by doing better than anyone had ever done before in this Tripos.

Mr. F. Vey of Clare figured in the same Tripos, but of him and his brother Mr. D. Vey, we regret that we have seen or heard but little.

We condole with Mr. H. Dillon of Christ's on just missing a First in the Mediæval and Modern Language Tripos. What he actually got was Class II., which, being interpreted, means that Russian, German and French came "wonderful fluid" to him and that he passed with distinction.

Mr. Kuhlmann or rather Mr. Richardson-Kuhlmann, leads the life of a happy Christian, and smiles benignly when we meet him, which is less often than we could wish.

Mr. R. S. Storer of Clare leaves a subtle odour of scent behind him as he walks. He punts with elegance, and has theatrical luncheon parties. Fancy being as brave as he is and, as one has said, "Oh, fancy deliberately sitting down and taking all the stuffing out of your cap in order to be a blood!" There is a touch of greatness in it.

Mr. Horton of Trinity Hall has been giving evidence with his usual perspicacity for the defence in the recent stag-hunting incident at Cambridge, and so great was the impression produced that the Bench dismissed the case with costs against the R.S.P.C.A. He is said to have addressed the Bench as "my good sirs," but this is perhaps a libel. He spends much of his time in riding.

Mr. J. W. Geare of Pembroke administered what Mr. Micawber called a "series of facers" to his examiners on the subject of the "integral calculus" and such-like, and "native cheek where facts were weak brought him triumphant through" his "General," on which we tender congratulations.

Mr. L. E. Tanner burnt the midnight oil and took a "second" in his Mays, heading the list of Pembroke men in that exam. He has taught himself to punt much to his own satisfaction. Until recently he was to be seen wending laboriously his circular but persistent course up-stream, but we hoped in vain to see him left forlornly clinging to his pole in mid-stream. Now, according to himself, he punts with skill and discretion.

Mr. Yolland of Caius has been doing great deeds as a bowler for the Caius 2nd XI. In his Old Westminster blazer of the most vivid hues he is a picturesque and encouraging figure on the cricket field.

In conclusion, Sir, we wish you all success in Seniors, and that Grant's may enter on a prosperous new year in the possession of both shields.

I am,

Yours, &c.,

CANTABRAGIENSIS.

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