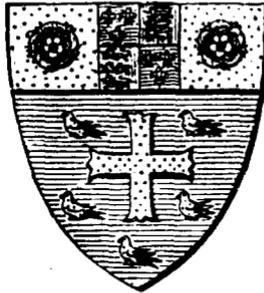


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## GENIUS LOCI.

The present term marks an epoch and, perhaps, what is destined to be one of the most important epochs in the history of Grant's. Mr. Tanner has left us after many years as House Master, and his place has been taken by Major D. P. Shaw, D.S.O. Any such change in a house so full of traditions of the past must necessarily be difficult, but the difficulties which Major Shaw would normally have encountered on taking over the House are many times increased by the fact that during his absence from Westminster on Active Service new conditions of School life have superseded the old, and he returns to find a set of boys to whom he is a complete stranger. It therefore behoves us to give him and, we would add, Mrs. Shaw every assistance that we can, and thus not only make their task lighter, but at the same time maintain that reputation for keenness of which Grant's is so justly proud.

At the present time we cannot but admit that there is a lamentable lack of cups and shields up the House. But we would assure old Grantites who might be utterly downcast by this fact that the House is just as keen as of old. The condition of a House cannot be judged entirely on its prowess in the field; surely it is rather the spirit pervading it that should form the true basis of judgment.

But now let us turn to happier topics. The School has reverted to Peace conditions; khaki has been succeeded by tails and silk hats; Commemoration was held on November 17th, and the Play is once again about to take place. Neither of the latter has been held in the time of any present Grantites, and they are surer indications of peace than the social conditions of present England would warrant! Let us hope that the present School year will mark the commencement of an era of success and prosperity both for the School and for Grant's, not only in the pursuit of scholarship and learning, but also in the playing fields and on the river.

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### THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

At the beginning of the recent railway strike volunteers were at once called for from the School to go and help run the electric plant at Lots Road Power Station. The first intimation we had that we were wanted was the arrival of an R.A.F. Colonel on Sunday evening, demanding as many volunteers as possible. The only people left in the School at that hour were some King Scholars, who at once changed into their oldest clothes, as they were told it was a very dirty job, and started straight away for Lots Road. They returned on Monday afternoon, after nearly 24 hours' work, and, as they said some more men were wanted, another lot of King's Scholars was sent off.

On Tuesday afternoon a shift composed of Grantites and Rigaudites, nearly all boarders, was formed. We were told to stand by, in case we were wanted, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Nothing happened on Tuesday. On Wednesday evening we were told we should be wanted on Thursday morning.

So on Thursday morning, dressed in our oldest and dirtiest clothes, we were shepherded by Colonel Kirby, the R.A.F. volunteer in charge of Lots Road, into a W.D. lorry, completely covered over in case the strikers should take it into their heads to throw bricks at us. When we arrived at Lots Road we were at once set to raking out and clearing away the ashes from the furnaces—an extremely hot and dirty job. The dust was so

thick that we had to wear handkerchiefs over our noses, and scarves to prevent it trickling down our necks. We continued at this useful but strenuous work the whole day. They provided us with substantial meals and there were rumours that we were going to sleep there. But they proved to be unfounded. Forty Naval stokers arrived, and so we were not wanted any more. We went home again by lorry, tired but happy, after a day full of novel experience.

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### SENIORS.

GRANT'S *v.* HOME BOARDERS.

(Draw 2—2.)

Grant's won the toss, and Home Boarders kicked off from the Pavilion end. Immediately after the start Home Boarders rushed and a shot was put in by McFarlane, but the ball was cleared by McBride. For a time the game consisted of short rushes on both sides. At length Home Boarders stormed Grant's goal, and Cazeaux put in a shot at close range which McBride was unable to save.

After the kick-off Home Boarders again got the ball and a rush resulted in a corner, but the kick fell behind. Soon after Home Boarders were awarded a free kick, but no score resulted.

Grant's now pressed hard, and Swann put in a good shot which Bruges failed to clear and Weinberger netted the ball.

After the kick-off Grant's took the ball down the field and Peacock put in a shot which was saved, and after a *mêlée* in front of goal Bruges flung the ball out to one of his own men, but Fevez managed to score with an excellent shot. Half-time arrived with no further score.

After the re-start Home Boarders rushed, but Rattenbury shot wide. Grant's then got through, but without luck, Hartley putting in a shot which Bruges did well to save.

Cazeaux then made a dangerous rush down the field but was stopped splendidly by Randolph just in front of goal.

Grant's then pressed and Swann ran through but without success.

At this point Home Boarders unfortunately scored off a centre from Rattenbury.

Grant's then forced a corner, but an excellent kick from Fevez met with no result. Our forwards then attacked and Hartley ran through; it looked a certain point, but Bruges

saved and the ball went behind. Home Boarders attacked and Rattenbury put in a shot which McBride failed to clear properly, and Home Boarders put in several shots, which, however, McBride saved well. During the last few minutes of the game the play was all up our end, but Grant's kept their opponents away from goal admirably, and time came with the score unchanged.

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GRANT'S v. HOME BOARDERS (Replay).

(Lost 0—1.)

The replay took place on big game ground on Wednesday, November 26th.

Home Boarders won the toss and Grant's kicked off from the Hospital end. Five minutes after the start McFarlane ran through for Home Boarders and scored with a ground shot which ought to have been saved.

Grant's then made a rush and shots were put in by Peacock and Abady and a corner was forced, but the kick fell behind.

The game now became a series of short rushes by either side, all attacks proving fruitless. Weinberger got through but finished up with rather a weak shot. Home Boarders returned the attack, but McBride cleared well and, soon after, the ball went behind. Grant's forced another corner without result. Cazeaux then ran through but also finished up weakly. A mêlée in front of Home Boarders' goal ought to have resulted in a point, but the chance was missed and the ball cleared.

Grant's forced two more corners; two good kicks by Fevez, however, were not taken advantage of.

Grant's then made a great effort, Fevez and Weinberger each nearly scored and Abady put in a good shot from some distance but without result.

Here Home Boarders gave Grant's defence a lively time. Rattenbury centred and a hard shot was put in by Home Boarders at a close range, but McBride made a very good save.

Half-time arrived with the score 1—0 in Home Boarders' favour.

The second-half was a repetition of the first. Swann showed one or two good turns of speed, but nothing resulted, owing to weak shooting.

Home Boarders forced a corner and a shot from Baker was saved and the ball went behind. Weinberger put in a shot for us, but Bruges had little difficulty in clearing. Home Boarders then made a rush and Balfour put in a good shot which went

over the bar. The Home Boarders' forwards then got the ball and an anxious few minutes ensued, but, in spite of a corner, no score resulted.

Time came with a win for Home Boarders by the only goal scored.

For us, our defence was excellent, the backs both playing much better, and McBride, in goal, played very well indeed. Our forwards made several good rushes, but their shooting was very weak. Jacomb-Hood was perhaps the most conspicuous on our side, and of our opponents Balfour was the best.

The forwards were off-side much too often, but on the whole Grant's put up a splendid fight.

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Teams:—GG.: J. R. Peacock (Capt.); G. T. Swann; S. F. P. Jacomb-Hood; C. H. Weinberger; G. P. Stevens; R. L. Randolph; W. N. McBride; W. L. Hartley; H. T. Abady; J. H. M. Dullely; D. J. Fevez.

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H.BB.:—Cazeaux (Capt.); P. Mellor; Bruges; Balfour; Clare; Pennington; Blaker; McFarlane; Durwick; Lowe; Rattenbury.

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#### CRITICISMS.

**J. R. Peacock** came back to his old place as centre-half for Seniors, where he was the mainstay of the side. His duties as Captain did not seem to hinder his play, which was excellent in both matches.

**G. T. Swann** played very well at inside right. He should try to go through more by himself, but is a very useful forward.

**S. F. P. Jacomb-Hood** played extremely well at right half in both games. He tackles well, and is quite untiring in his efforts to repel the opposing side.

**C. H. Weinberger** is quite a useful forward, but needs more dash. He is a little inclined to hesitate before tackling and so loses his chance.

**G. P. Stevens** is a good back and kicks well. He should try to use his weight more.

**R. L. Randolph** played very well indeed in both games. He is a very useful half, and should do well in the future.

**W. N. McBride** played well in goal. He has a good kick, but should try to get rid of the ball quicker, when clearing.

**W. L. Hartley** played a good game as centre-forward, but must try to get through quicker and not fumble the ball. He should use his weight more.

**H. T. Abady** is quite a useful outside right. He tries hard and plays quite a good game.

**J. H. M. Dulley** is quite a good back. He kicks quite well, but should try to keep the ball lower.

**D. J. Fevez** is rather slow at outside left. He should take the ball down the wing more, and try not to centre until he is near the goal line.

### THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

At the suggestion of Major Shaw the House Literary Society was revived this term. The readings were held every Thursday evening, and the parts were taken by Major and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. L. E. Tanner, and the Chiswickite boarders. Four plays were read during the term, two of Shakespeare's and two of Sheridan's, each play taking two evenings to complete.

The Society met for the first time on the 9th of October. It had originally been intended to start with the "School for Scandal," but owing to the non-arrival of the copies of the play, Shakespeare's "Tempest" was read in its place. Considering that it was the first venture of the Society, and that previous experience was lacking, the play was very creditably read.

On the 24th the Society embarked upon the "School for Scandal." Sheridan's style lent itself more to the reading powers of the Society, and the play was a marked success. On the second evening Mr. Tanner was unable to attend, so the parts were re-arranged, Mrs. Shaw making her debut as Lady Sneerwell.

The Society next met on November the 6th to read Sheridan's "The Rivals." This was undoubtedly the most successful reading of the term, everybody fully enjoying the humour of the play. Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Tanner excelled themselves as Mrs. Malaprop and Sir Anthony Absolute respectively.

At the last two meetings the Society read Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Though the reading was not, perhaps, up to the standard set during the plays of Sheridan, yet nevertheless it terminated satisfactorily the term's readings.

We take this opportunity to thank Major and Mrs. Shaw for the many delightful evenings that they have given us.

## O.T.C.

Camp was held this term at Mytchett Farm, Aldershot, lasting from Tuesday, July 29th, until Friday, August 8th. Colonel Darell, C.M.G., D.S.O., was in command of the Brigade, and Captain Stuart Menzies of No. 3 Battalion, to which we were attached. The first few days were devoted to company and battalion drill, after which we proceeded to more strenuous field work. Night operations were successfully carried out on Monday night. In spite of rumours that the camp would be indefinitely prolonged owing to the Railway Strike, the contingent returned to town on Friday afternoon.

The Inter-House Drill Competition was held on Friday, December 5th, being judged by Captain Stuart Menzies, our battalion commander at Camp. On the day of the competition it was raining hard, so the inspection of the squads and the arm-drill took place up School, only a few minutes being devoted to marching in Yard. We were unfortunate enough to come in only third, being beaten by K.S.S. and H.B.B. The Squad displayed great keenness and, considering the weather conditions, put up a very creditable performance.

The following N.C.O.'s are now up Grant's:—Cpls. P. J. S. Bevan and J. R. Rea; Lee-Cpls. S. F. P. Jacomb-Hood and J. R. Peacock; and Band Sgt. W. J. Amherst.

P. J. S. B.

## HOUSE NOTES.

At the end of last term there left us C. M. Cahn, E. G. Buckley, A. P. Main, F. J. A. Thorold, Z. D. Berry, the Hon. I. G. S. Montagu and J. R. Howe. Twelve new boys have come this term—A. L. Adler, W. D. B. Dobrée, C. F. E. Mounsey, M. G. Murphy, C. R. B. Smith and J. S. Somers-Cocks (boarders); and J. A. Brownell, R. A. Frost, R. W. Hartley, J. M. Hornsby, L. S. London and V. J. G. Stavridi (half-boarders).

P. J. S. Bevan is Head of House this term; he is assisted by W. J. Amherst and S. F. P. Jacomb-Hood (boarders) and J. R. Peacock (half-boarder). G. T. Swann and G. P. Stevens have come up from Outer to Middle; H. T. Abady and W. B.

Frampton from Hall to Middle; and D. S. F. Vernon, A. J. Gielgud, F. N. Hornsby, D. Samuel and G. Samuel from Hall to Outer.

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In the O.T.C. P. J. S. Bevan and J. R. Rea have been promoted to corporal, S. F. P. Jacomb-Hood and J. R. Peacock to lance-corporal; and W. J. Amherst to band-sergeant.

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P. J. S. Bevan is to be congratulated on his rowing Pinks, and G. P. Stevens, R. S. Randolph, W. N. McBride and W. L. Hartley on their football House Colours.

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Congratulations are due to C. H. Weinberger on winning the Public School Tennis Championship last August.

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Our heartiest congratulations are due to C. M. Cahn on being elected head to Christ Church.

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We must congratulate also W. J. Amherst on passing the London Matriculation, and J. R. Peacock on passing the Little Go.

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Yard Ties were again successfully concluded last term, being won by Thorold, Frampton and Holmes. The Smythe Wooden Racquet Cup was won by C. H. Weinberger.

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J. R. Peacock has played regularly for the first XI. this term, and G. T. Swann and S. F. P. Jacomb-Hood for the second XI.

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Commemoration was held in Abbey on November 17th after an interval of some years. The Head Master afterwards received guests up School.

## OLD GRANTITES.

Lieut.-Col. Sir Theodore Morison, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., C.B.E. (1878-82) has been appointed Principal of Armstrong College, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. F. H. Coller, C.B. (1876-Q.S. 81) has been appointed Secretary of the Ministry of Food.

Mr. A. C. Boulton (1901-08) has been conducting the Russian Ballet during the present season.

Dr. E. D. Adrian (1903-08) has been appointed Junior Demonstrator in Physiology at Cambridge. He has also been awarded the Raymond Horton-Smith Prize.

Mr. R. R. Sedgwick (1908-K.S. 1909) has been elected a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

## BIRTHS.

Recently the wife of the late Captain Austin Hale Woodbridge, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

On September 6th, Major Donald Patrick Shaw, D.S.O., Master of Grant's, to Maud Vivian, only daughter of T. A. Stephens, H.M.I., 25, Corn Market, Oxford.

## DEATHS.

We regret to have to record the death of a member of an old Grantite family, Herbert Curteis, whose father, grandfather and great grandfather were Westminsters before him, who was up Grant's 1863-71. He was a well-known cricketer in his day, playing for his native county, Sussex. He married a daughter of Sir Anchtel Ashburnham, Bart.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

Christ Church, Oxford.

SIR,

During the course of the term I said not infrequently to my friends: "I wonder who will write the Oxford letter for THE GRANTITE this term. I hope he will not say anything very nasty about me." My conscience may have said: "You know, vain child, the more he mentions you the more you will be pleased, be it nice or nasty, so long only as he mentions you." Anyhow, I thought that he ought to be looking around and garnering information so as to be able to produce something really clever. And then the bombshell came. The pink crest on the envelope warned me it was something dangerous. One never hears from Grant's unless something is wanted, and I had paid my sub. So I set my teeth, tore open the envelope, and lo! I was asked for a GRANTITE letter. And I had not looked around. Now, without further apology for the paucity of our news, let us plunge *in medias res!*

Outside the House there are but two old Grantites: Mr. W. T. Stallybrass, as you are no doubt tired of hearing, is Vice-Principal of Brasenose: that, and that at the O.W. dinner he abused all Houses except Grant's, is all we know of him. The other is Mr. E. H. Samuel, who looks satanical at Balliol; we have seen him, and, indeed, did exchange a word with him, but our awe of the master minds of his college frightened us out of learning his inmost thoughts.

Within the select portals of the House our oldest representative is Mr. C. H. Langton; the war has left its mark upon him, for he is blind, but he bears his loss with remarkable cheerfulness, and is, we believe, studying law.

Next in order comes Mr. M. G. Hewins, who stands a reproof to all men of immoderate tendencies; we even doubt if Armistice night aroused him. He studies history, but is seen to best advantage on the football field, where he performs for the House with judicious skill and calmness; his speeches, too, at debates, are models of reasoned argument.

Messrs. P. R. Rea, P. C. Usher, and F. J. Warburg may generally be found in company along with other O.W.W. of a kindred spirit: their chief conversation, we have heard, is discussion as to which of them shall provide the others with breakfast the next morning. We fancy, too, that Mr. Rea is a sound sleeper; at any rate he appears quite free from the

nightmare of "schools," and still finds time to take an active interest in the Oxford Liberal Club, which is in a very flourishing condition, and whose hot Sunday breakfasts have attracted many members. Mr. Usher used to be a sound Tory; whether he has been corrupted by Whig association we do not know, but we do know that Mr. Warburg's mind has been so far unhinged by political inanity as to induce him to take up science, because he knew nothing whatever about it.

We have failed in our endeavours to find out Mr. A. C. Morgan's main occupation, unless it be ping pong; besides this he occasionally studies golf, law, and the drama, while his coiffure remains one of the shining lights of the House.

Mr. Robert Holmes is deep in English literature, and discourses with great learning thereon: he rows, is a member of numerous societies, eating and otherwise, and is, we have been told, to appear at a performance next term by the O.U.D.S., "blood-stained, muddy and breathless."

Mr. H. J. Salwey is like a breath of the old days: to see him and Mr. Morgan in loving embrace reminds us of many a happy time up Grant's. Mr. Salwey, too, has many classical friends, for he is working for Pass Moderations, and tutors are sometimes a nuisance. He plays football, has run with success for the House, and was not to be found in his rooms on Guy Fawkes or Armistice nights. Finally, we must mention that he finds a great attraction in necks, both for Mr. Morgan's own and for that of his Benedictine bottle.

Mr. C. H. Cahn is happily ensconced in Old Library I., and, from rumour's tongue we idly hear, wondering why such things as Honour Mods. were ever invented. His rooms, half way between Meadows and Peck, form a most comfortable resting-place, and visits to him are not infrequent, since he is blest--or cursed--with a much enduring nature, and an engine which, while making most admirable coffee, bubbles, fizzes, and occasionally blows He also plays football for the House 2nd XI.

In conclusion we can only say how sorry we were to hear that you, Sir, are setting the example which is being followed by many other distinguished members of Grant's of going to Cambridge. With all due respect to our sister university we must say that unique opportunities are offered here, and we hope that we shall not long lack the support that Grant's has always given us.

Wishing you every success for the coming year,

I remain, Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

EX AEDE CHRISTI.

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