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vires acquirit eundo.

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THE SCHOOL ROOM.

IT is a fact much to be regretted by all who are in anyway interested in the School, that a great portion of its present members know very little about the aged buildings, in which they pass the opening of their lives. It may then be worth our time and trouble to publish an account of the School Buildings, for which we are in some part indebted to an old number of the *Elizabethan*, and also to information of certain Old Westminster. The Schoolroom was originally the Dormitory of the Benedictine monks to whom the Abbey belonged. Some thirty years after the abolition of the monastery and the foundation of the school, the Dean and Chapter passed a resolution that the room should be devoted to the use of the school. Thus did the Great Dorter become a School-room. In length it was the same size as it is now, but a few years later three 'trusses' of the roof were burnt down and the shell was put up, to avoid the expense of restoring the room to its original dimensions. This happened between 1591 and 1600. It was not until 1734 that the black iron doors were erected; they were put up by subscription. The next we hear of the room is that in 1814 the old stone walls were restored with brickwork. Hot-water pipes were not introduced until twenty-four years after this, and before that time the cold must have been terrible. The "horse-shoes" which have lately been removed are not really old; they were erected, we are told, in the year 1852. Before that time it seems that the forms ran down the room parallel to the walls. In the same year the door of the rod-room, which lay behind the shell, was blocked up, and it remained unused for several years. This door was situated in the middle of the semi-circular shell, and it led into a room in which, so

tradition says, the Juniors used to make the rods. Nine years after this date the gymnasium was built, and a form-room over it, which was used by the fifth-form till lately. During the next two years windows were inserted in the western wall of the rod-room, and a room built over the dark cloister, on the site of the gallery of the Monastic Refectory; it is used by the shell. The door of this room is said to be the door of the celebrated Star Chamber. Five years after this, in 1868, the old Shell was pulled down, and the room restored to its original size, the rod-room being done away with. The expense of these alterations was borne by the late Dean Stanley. In the following year the south end of School was restored. Since that date the building has been left untouched until last holidays. In 1881 Ashburnham House, and two years later Turle's House were acquired by the School, and converted into form-rooms,—so that the schoolroom is used by no form for the purpose of study. The recent alterations have been lately discussed elsewhere, and so we do not intend to deal with this subject, and here conclude our remarks on the past history of one of the most interesting of all Westminster Buildings.

NOTES.

We beg to congratulate W. N. Winckworth on getting his Pinks, which he obtained before the match against Ashburnham Rovers.

E. G. Moon and J. G. Veitch, who left last term, have distinguished themselves for O. W. W. in the recent Cup Ties.

J. G. Veitch played for Cambridge against

Old Westminster and succeeded in scoring once.

We have received a letter, which is inserted in the Correspondence, proposing that the length and breadth of our Paper should be decreased and the thickness increased. We wish to know what the opinion of Old Grantites is with regard to this subject.

We are informed by an Old Grantite that the walls of Hall were covered by three large maps, which were inserted in the wall on wooden frames. One occupied the whole of the wall on which the Football Shield now hangs, and the remaining two were at right angles to it.

Up to the present date the school has won 2 matches, drawn 1 and lost 3.

In the Freshmen's match at Oxford, Westminster was represented by L. James, P. C. Probyn and J. H. Armitstead.

W. R. Moon and J. G. Veitch (O.G.G.) played for London in the match against Sussex. The former played in goal and the latter centre forward, shooting 3 goals.

OBITUARY.

It is our painful duty to announce the death of Mrs. HEARD, which occurred, after a short illness, on Monday, October 31st. Mrs. HEARD always took a kindly interest in the welfare of our House and School, though her delicate health prevented her from being often seen among us. We wish to express here the heart-felt sympathy which we all feel for Mr. Heard in his bereavement.

JUNIOR GRANTS v. JUNIOR HOME-BOARDERS.

This house match was played on Thursday, October 6th, and after a very evenly contested match resulted in a win for Grants by 1-0. Grants won the toss, and Mills decided on

playing from the Hospital end. Play began punctually at two o'clock, and Grants immediately began to press their opponents, Lambert and Wright being especially conspicuous. No score however, was registered till from a pass by Winckworth, Lambert, by a good shot, succeeded in gaining our first and only point just before half-time. After changing ends a good deal of give-and take play ensued, until about a quarter of an hour before time, when the H.B.B. put Hoskins forward and Woodhouse half-back; this change seemed to have a good effect, for the H.B.B. immediately began to get the upper hand, but owing to the good play of Mills, and Knox in goals, together with some rushes by our forwards, they were prevented from scoring, although a very good shot by Woodhouse nearly took effect. For us Knox and Mills played well behind, and Lambert, Wright and Winckworth were best forward.

For H.B.B. Witherby was by far the best of the back division, and of the forwards Gregory was the only one who played up to proper form.

Grants: E. F. Knox, (goals); R. O. Mills, F. G. Oliver, (backs); W. T. Barwell, P. Armitage and H. C. Barnes, (half-backs); E. W. Woodbridge, C. T. G. Powell, (left wing); A. G. Lambert, (centre); N. P. Wright, D. P. Winckworth, (right wing); (forwards.)

H.B.B.: E. V. B. Rutherford, (goals); W. V. Doherty, (capt.); H. Witherby, (backs); C. Macnab, A. Hoskins and V. Pendred, (half-backs); G. L. Edwards, S. H. Gregory, (left wing); A. G. Clark, (centre); S. J. Gifford, W. M. Woodhouse, (right wing); (forwards.)

JUNIOR GRANTS v. JUNIOR RIGAUDS.

Played on Thursday, October 13th. This match had to be played on the second game ground which effectually prevented all brilliant individual play. Grants began well by pressing their opponents, but after about quarter of an hour's play, Armitage, who was playing remarkably well, got hurt, and had to retire into goal, while Knox took his place at half. Soon after this, Grants scored their first goal off a well-placed corner by Mills, the ball going through off one of our opponents. This was soon followed by another which Woodbridge shot, the ball hitting Powell before passing the

posts. Almost immediately after the change of ends Wright also hurt himself, and had to leave the field, thus reducing Grants to virtually nine men. Under these circumstances Rigauds managed to hold their own much better, the play in the second half being almost all in the middle of the ground. Just before time a very fine shot of Willet's hit the tape but went over. Thus Grants won by 2—0. We must say we were hardly satisfied with the result, though the smallness of the ground and our two men getting hurt, must have made a great difference in the game. For us Mills was almost the only one who played well, the forwards certainly not being so good as against Junior Homeboarders. Gardiner, Petrocochino, C. E. Balfour and also Weichand, by his vigorous play, tried hard to win the match for Rigauds.

Grants: E. F. Knox, (goal); R. O. Mills, (capt.) and F. G. Oliver (backs); P. Armitage, H. C. Barnes, and G. E. S. Campbell, (half-backs); E. W. Woodbridge and C. T. G. Powell, (left wing); A. G. Lambert, (centre); N. P. Wright and D. P. Winckworth, (right wing); (forwards.)

Rigauds: E. G. Barclay (goal); P. Weichand and C. W. C. Ash, (backs); A. E. Balfour, L. Petrocochino, and C. E. Balfour, half-backs); M. Druitt, (capt.), and C. H. I. Gardiner (right wing); C. J. B. Hurst, (centre); G. S. Ritchie and J. A. Willett, (left wing); (forwards.)

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Grantite Literary Society met for the first time this term on Friday, October 21st. The play selected for the occasion was Henry IV. (Part i.). Mr. Heard undertook the part of Henry IV. who had not much to do except in the 1st Act. A. R. Woodbridge made an excellent Falstaff, pouring forth the frequent volleys of abuse most fluently; E. A. Everington also read his part well. We spent a very entertaining evening in reading the first two Acts of the play.

The cast was as follows:—

MR. HEARD	-	-	{ King Henry. Gadshill.
C. POWELL	-	-	{ Henry, Prince of Wales. Earl of Northumberland.
A. G. LAMBERT	-	-	{ Hotspur. Francis.

H. C. BARNES	-	-	{ Earl Westmoreland. Earl Mortimer. Bardolph.
F. P. FARRAR	-	-	{ Sir Walter Blunt. Sir Richard Vernon. Owen Glendower.
E. F. KNOX	-	-	{ Prince John. Lady Mortimer. Scroop.
A. R. WOODBRIDGE	-	-	{ Sir John Falstaff. Lady Percy.
R. O. MILLS	-	-	{ Earl Worcester. Peto.
E. A. EVERINGTON	-	-	{ Sir Michael. Earl Douglas. Mrs. Quickly. Poins.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Mr. Editor,—There is but little Westminster News to send you. The following is a list of O.W.W. who have just come into residence: G. O. Roos, Balliol; B. M. Goldie, L. James, D. Lewis, C. G. Moor, E. P. Sandwith, Ch. Ch; R. G. Thornton, Keble; P. C. Probyn, Magdalen; J. Lee, Non. Coll; C. Erskine, Oriell; F. G. Millar, T. W. O. Wheeler, Univ.

L. James, P. C. Probyn and J. H. Armitstead played in the Freshers match. O.W.W. play the University on the 19th November.

Yours etc.,
ARISTOKRATIKOS.

OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—The most important event which has taken place in connection with O.W.W. up here is the meeting which was held in Mr. Boyd-Carpenter's rooms on Wednesday, October 19th. The President made a short speech in which he said he was very glad to see so many O. W. W. present, and then proceeded to business. Mr. H. W. Smyth and Mr. R. Armitage were elected as Committee to superintend the arrangements for the Westminster scratch fours, which come off this term. It was also decided that there should be a settled annual subscription instead of the arrangement which was in force last year, viz., that members should pay a small sum at each meeting. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the President.

In the Football line O.W.W. are coming a little more to the front. We have two members playing regularly in the Trinity first team, viz.: C. A. Sherring and J. G. Veitch, and five in the 2nd team, viz., J. E. Phillimore, G. P. Stevens, J. Watt, C. H. Bompas and H. B. Street.

In the Freshmen's match we had four representatives, of whom three were Old Grantites; also J. G. Veitch was playing for the 'Varsity on Saturday against O.W.W.

And last but not least Cambridge O.W.W. played Old

Salopians on the Piece on Friday, October 14th, and were defeated by 5 goals to love. It is only fair to state that there were only four Old Salopians playing, while our team consisted entirely of O.W.W.

I remain, dear Sir,
Yours truly,
CANTAB.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—In your last reprint I see you assert that the *Westminster Review* "accuses the Editors of the *Grantite Review* of writing correspondence to one another;" this statement is certainly not correct, as the *Westminster Review* mentions no names; why ever then should you Editors apply it to our House Magazine, when it might equally well have referred to the *Elizabethan*. You might at least have rested content with contradicting it as far as you were concerned; but to first accuse yourselves and deny the charge seems, in my humble opinion, to be a piece of absurd stupidity. I sincerely hope that you will not bring any more just ridicule on the *Grantite Review* (not to mention yourselves) and, for the matter of that, on our House generally, by such silly blunders, for since you deny the fact, I presume it was only a blunder, though an exceedingly obvious one.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours etc.,
"CRITIC."

P.S. I suppose you will find this very gentle rebuke too prejudicial to your characters as Editors for insertion in your paper, therefore I shall not apologise for "trespassing on your valuable space" as other correspondents usually do.

[We think that "Critic" must have glanced very superficially over the columns of the paper he names; the words are "the Editors of a certain periodical." Now we beg to state that the *Grantite* is the only school paper which possesses more than one Editor, and, if we had not denied the charge, perhaps even you would have written to tell us that, by overlooking such an accusation we had admitted it. The Editors of the *Grantite* hope that they will be the last persons to bring any just ridicule upon Grants. ED.]

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—Why is it that we have no House-crests at Westminster? Here up at the 'Varsity one goes into other men's rooms and sees photos of their old schools with the school crests painted on the frames, and on the frames of the house photos they have another crest, viz., that of their house, the effect of which is very fine. These House crests generally consist of different parts of the School crest and are placed on the shields with proper colours. Thus if our crests could be formed by breaking up the school shield, College might have the Martlets; Grants, the Rose; Rigauds, the Lions; and Home boarders the fleur-de-lis. Hoping that this may prove of some use in getting crests.

I remain, yours etc.,
TIGER COUCHANT.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I have heard some talk about decreasing the size of the *Grantite Review*. Now I think this would be a very admirable step on the part of the present Editors, who are very much awake, despite

insinuations to the contrary. For several reasons it would in a small form be much more convenient; first, for taking up-school in portfolios and reading, as at present it is almost as hard to conceal as the *Elizabethan*; secondly, because it would appear more, if not so really; thirdly, it would in binding make a much neater volume, as it would look much thicker and more substantial.

Yours truly,
SUB-LIBRARIAN.

[For our own part, we think the measure proposed most advisable, but from very different reasons. ED.]

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Are the Editors of the *Grantite Review* so sure of the success and popularity of their paper that they can afford to disappoint fellows by such a dull number as their last was? It had just previously been attacked by the *Westminster Review*, and although pretending to despise it, instead of treating it with silent contempt, it descended to make "Tu quoques." Even allowing that the *Grantite* made one or two good hits at the so-called "scurrilous leaflet;" what was the good of them?

An extra good number would have been more to the point, as most people who read (or began to read) your last number, were sadly disappointed.

If two editors are not sufficient, why not try half-a-dozen, the labour then would not be so burdensome. A dry, uninteresting number, totally devoid of school news was, I suppose, the best thing to bring out, when another paper had just been started, at least it was best for the other paper (but we must not abuse your generosity.)

Let us glance at the interesting material of which the last *Grantite* was composed. The leader did not seem to have much point to anyone not connected with the press.

Then follows a review of a shilling book entitled "Westminster Past and Present," occupying a page and a half of valuable space (?) It was quite devoid of interest to the majority of the subscribers, although perhaps very clever.

A Grantite Debating Society is an impossibility, I suppose.

Could not some old customs or anecdotes be looked up out of some of the old school papers? With a little energy the *Grantite* could be made much more interesting.

Hoping there is no offence in this,

I remain, yours etc.,
X. Y. Z.

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