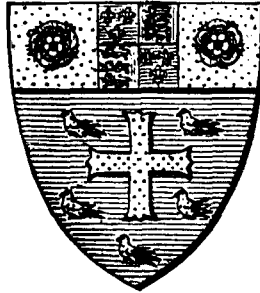


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MRS. THRESHER.

VERY many Old Grantites will hear with great regret of the death of Mrs. Thresher, which took place at Westbury, Wilts., on October 14th, at the age of 81. She belonged to a type which is now almost extinct, and for 25 years she served as Matron up Grant's with single-hearted loyalty and devotion. "Herself not least but honoured of them all." There was no one quite like her in her great days. Kindest and most motherly of old ladies, she inspired and radiated confidence. The new boy fled to her to pour out his woes, while for the rest of us no ache or pain was too small for us to go and see "Tick" about it and crave her never-failing sympathy and skill. She was, of course, firmly convinced that each new generation of boys brought new ailments with them which "they didn't ought and never used to have." It was in vain to plead that a cold or a headache was a common complaint; she upbraided us none the less for our weakness, and she did so with particular vigour if we were so thoughtless as to be out of School on the day that the washing returned from the laundry. But all the time her kind heart belied her words as she hurried to her medicine cupboard to produce her

simple and homely remedies, and she never forgot the slice of cake or lump of sugar "to take away the taste." Of course she spoilt us. She always gave us tea when by the merest chance we dropped in about her tea-time, and there was always cake and unlimited jam. She nursed us when we were sick; she sewed on our buttons (imagination fails to compute the buttons she must have added to the imperfect attire of generations of Grantites); she chased the missing sock and produced it triumphantly and indignantly from our neighbour's belongings; she brushed our clothes, our heads, and our hats, and packed our boxes.

She was, in short, our indispensable and unique "Tick." No one ever thought of going to bed without passing through her room. There we chattered and tried to wheedle lumps of sugar and otherwise gently ragged her till she rose in her wrath and delivered the terrific but innocuous threat that she would "lock us out and report us to Mr. Tanner." But in a moment the storm had passed and she called us "a lot of sillies" and drove us up to bed.

When Mr. Tanner retired and the time came for her to leave "her boys" and the house which had been her home for so many years, it broke her kindly heart, and the pathetic fear that she had not done enough for us preyed on her mind.

And now though she has "climbed the steep ascent"—for of course we all thought of her when we sang in the hymn of "the matron and the maid"—she still lives in the affectionate memory of "her boys":—

"And sure the eternal Master found
His single talent well employ'd."

L. E. T.

THE PLAY SUPPER.

TUESDAY afternoon, December 18th, was an afternoon of decoration for the Play Supper in the evening. Hall was decorated with holly and laurel, festoons and Chinese lanterns. One of these burnt its string during the Supper and fell on the table; luckily it just missed a trifle.

With Major and Mrs. Shaw and the Matron there were present four Old Grantites, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Hewins, Mr. Garrard and Mr. Bevan, and some thirty-five members of the House.

After the excellent supper had been thoroughly enjoyed

by everybody, the Head of House rose to propose the health of Major and Mrs. Shaw and to thank them for their hospitality and for the use of their piano. In replying, Major Shaw spoke about the past year, welcomed the Old Grantites, and assured them that, whatever their own views on the subject might be, the House had not really gone to rack and ruin since they had left. "How small the boys all look!" they might say to each other. But Major Shaw pointed out that in height at any rate we could compare even with their days. He then called their attention to the fact that Grant's won the cricket Shield in the summer, but hastily withdrew from poaching on the Captain's preserves. Moreover, in football we only lost to Ashburnham after a replay, in which the winning team had to work hard for its victory. The chess Cup was now up Grant's, as also the Town Boy-King Scholar, rowing Cup, and for the first time for some years we had a School monitor. In work, too, the House had improved since last Christmas. He then thanked the monitors for help they had given him during the year.

The Head of House, after a speech dealing with the House at work and play, proposed the health of the Old Grantites, for whom Mr. Tanner replied in a delightful and amusing speech, in which he displayed an Old Grantite's love for his House.

Mr. Bevan asked the House to drink the health of the House Cricket XI. Seniors, he said, was the only cricket match he ever watched. The gentle sound of the bat hitting the ball (or is it the ball hitting the bat?) sent him to sleep, but during Seniors the shouts of "Grant's" kept him awake. He was not a cricketer, but he once played for Canada in the backwoods. So wild was the game that he hid behind a tree. McBride, in replying, said that this year three cricket Shields were up Grant's. Two belonged to Grant's for ever and the third also, he hoped, would be won for good.

The rest of the evening was spent in singing and recitation. B. E. G. Davies was much appreciated and R. L. Giles scored a great success in singing Gilbert and Sullivan. Mr. Hewins sang Willie's song from "Iolanthe" and Mr. Bevan an Irish folk-song. It was not a very long folk-song, being only one line. It is impossible here to print the words, for Mr. Bevan afterwards owned that he did not know them himself. With Mr. Garrard he also sang an Old Grantite folk-song, entitled "Minchin' you're pinchin'," and reduced everyone to laughter. The Matron very kindly accompanied Davies, and R. A. Frost was at the piano for the rest of the time.

HOUSE NOTES.

WE were very sorry to lose C. E. M. Brackenbury at the end of last term. We wish him all success in the future.

We must thank W. H. Ballantyne, R. A. Frost and T. G. Hardy for winning the Chess Cup last term. It is the first time it has been up Grant's.

We must congratulate M. S. Murphy on regaining his Pinks after the Old Malvernian match, W. N. McBride on winning his well-deserved Pinks after the Lancing match, and A. M. Shepley-Smith on getting his Pink and Whites. We must also congratulate J. A. Cook, R. E. Bromet and R. L. Giles on playing for the School XI., and R. L. Giles, C. P. Allen and G. E. Johnstone on their well-deserved House Colours after Seniors.

The Captain of College is *ex-officio* Editor of the *Elizabethan*, but at the beginning of last term it was decided that there should be a Literary Editor as well, and R. A. Frost was appointed to the position.

It is interesting to note that Grant's have accomplished an unique feat in having three cricket Shields up the House. The last two are ours for good and we are the holders of the present one.

We must congratulate J. W. Jacomb-Hood on being Captain of Racquets. This is the first time for some years that a Grantite has held this position.

R. A. Frost's composition in the Phillimore Translation Prize received special mention.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE Society met regularly on Thursdays throughout the term, only missing two readings—one due to the shortage of books and the other on account of the “Field Day” at Aldershot.

The Society started off by reading Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night,” which went very well considering that it was the first meeting. Later in the term the Society read “The Taming of the Shrew,” but this turned out to be the poorest reading of the term. There were too many long speeches, which were badly read by poor readers, who did not attempt to put any life into their parts.

The following were the parts of “Twelfth Night”:

Mrs. SHAW	...	...	Olivia
Miss SHAW	...	...	Viola
Major SHAW	...	...	Malvolio
L. E. TANNER, Esq.	...	...	Sir Toby Belch
M. S. MURPHY	...	...	Antonio
B. E. G. DAVIES	...	...	Sir Andrew Aguecheek
J. W. JACOMB-HOOD	...	...	Fabian, Priest
G. E. JOHNSTONE	...	...	Clown, Captain
A. W. LEISHMAN	...	...	Maria
G. H. ROUNTREE	...	...	Valentine
D. R. MILLS	...	...	Sebastian
T. G. HARDY	...	...	Curio
R. L. GILES	...	...	Duke of Illyria

Next the Society tried its hand at Sheridan’s “School for Scandal” and “The Scheming Lieutenant.” These went very well as everyone entered into the reading of them in the right spirit and because they were so well-known. In the “School for Scandal,” Major Shaw as “Snake” and Davies and Murphy as the Brothers Surface were very amusing, while in “The Scheming Lieutenant” Mr. Tanner was excellent as Lieutenant O’Connor.

The following were the parts of the “Scheming Lieutenant”:

Mrs. SHAW	...	...	Mrs. Bridget Credulous
Major SHAW	...	...	Justice Credulous
L. E. TANNER, Esq.	...	...	Lt. O’Connor
M. S. MURPHY	...	...	Sergeant Trounce
B. E. G. DAVIES...	...	...	Dr. Rosy
J. W. JACOMB-HOOD	...	...	1st Countryman, 4th Soldier
G. E. JOHNSTONE	...	...	Corporal Flint
A. W. LEISHMAN	...	...	Lauretta
G. H. ROUNTREE	...	...	2nd Countryman, 3rd Soldier
D. R. MILLS	...	...	Servant
T. G. HARDY	...	...	1st Soldier
R. L. GILES	...	...	2nd Soldier

As usual Gilbert's plays, which the Society next read, proved the most popular and went with the best swing. The Society read "The Mikado," "The Yeoman of the Guard," and lastly "The Gondoliers," which was far and away the best reading of the term. In "The Mikado," Mrs. Shaw and Johnstone, as Katisha and the Mikado, read their parts extremely well.

The following were the parts of "The Gondoliers":

Mrs. SHAW	...	...	Casilda, Vittoria
Major SHAW	...	...	The Duke of Plaza-Toro, Giorgio
L. E. TANNER, Esq.	...	...	Don Alhambra del Bolero, Giulia
M. S. MURPHY	...	...	Marco Palmieri
B. E. G. DAVIES	...	...	Giuseppe Palmieri
J. W. JACOMB-HOOD	...	...	The Duchess of Plaza-Toro, Ottavio
G. E. JOHNSTONE	...	...	Tessa
A. W. LEISHMAN	...	...	Gianetta
G. H. ROUNTREE	...	...	Inez, Fiametta
D. R. MILLS	...	...	Antonio
T. G. HARDY	...	...	Francesco
R. L. GILES	...	...	Luiz, Annibale.

Owing to pressure of space it is impossible to print the casts of all the Plays read during the term, and so only those of the most successful readings have been printed.

We take this opportunity of thanking Major and Mrs. Shaw for the many pleasant evenings we have spent and also for so kindly giving us coffee and cakes each night before we started our reading.

THE SPORTS.

FOR some reason or other of all the athletic events of the School year the Sports seem to be the most unpopular. The number of Grantites who take any interest in them is very small, while of these only a few actually take part. It must not be forgotten that, besides the Cup for the Relay Race, there is also an Inter-House Cup for the greatest number of points gained in the Sports. This Cup has not been won by Grant's since 1918. Last year, in spite of the small number of competing Grantites, we managed to take third place. If we are to win the Cup this year, it means that everybody in the House must do his best in all the events for which he is eligible. To put down one's name is not enough: it is necessary also to run when the time comes.

Last year lack of interest and effort was especially noticeable in the Junior events. For instance, the final of the under 15 hurdle-race consisted of four Rigaudites.

It is absurd to pretend that there are no Grantites who can run. There is plenty of ability in the House. All that is needed is keenness in entering for the races and in training for them.

O.T.C.

THE numbers in the Corps are very satisfactory, no less than 50 out of 61 being members; of these M. S. Murphy is a Sergeant, J. W. Jacomb-Hood a Corporal, and B. E. G. Davies, G. E. Johnstone and A. W. Leishman Lance-Corporals.

Our final position in the House Competition was far from good. It is traditional that the first House on parade is last in the competition, and unfortunately we could not prove the exception. A great many marks were lost through slack turn out, belts especially being slovenly cleaned. We were represented by the following: Corporal Jacomb-Hood, Lance-Corporals Johnstone and Leishman, Cadets Stavridi, Whitley, Rountree, Hardy, Giles, Allen, Shepley-Smith, Macquisten, Brackenbury, Macpherson, Cook, Stratford, Lousada, Sanguinetti, Calvert. P. and Winchworth.

I will end by wishing Certificate 'A' candidates the best of luck and would like to give them one word of advice. When told to give an order to the company being drilled, remember it does not matter how long you take to think it out. It is better to think it out correctly than to give a wrong order promptly.

M. S. M.

HATS.

DARWIN has written on the Origin of Species, Carlyle on the Philosophy of Clothes; but has anyone yet made a critical study of the Origin and Evolution of Hats? It is an interesting study, but one fraught with many difficulties. Perhaps it may be owing to its magnitude that it has been thus neglected. It is now full time that it were given the attention which it deserves; for, Mr. Editor, have you or any of your readers

ever considered the subtle and complicated history, the many and varied influences, which have combined to decide the shape and substance of the hat which the regulations of the School force upon your heads? I know, Mr. Editor, that your space is limited, as also perhaps is the interest of your readers concerning such subjects as this; yet, in spite of these grave considerations, I would ask you to bear with me for a while, for I cannot help feeling that in this ancient seat of learning there is a need for the introduction of the science.

In the beginning there were no hats. Later, just as man evolved from the ape, so hats grew from a covering of grass or leaves. Before this they had no existence. The early man had no hat. Among our most precious possessions we have to-day the story of the first hat, handed down the ages from father to son and, no doubt, embroidered with the imagination of later generations. Moreover we have two different stories woven together, which on some points contradict each other and often repeat the same details. From evidence obtained from these contradictions and repetitions and from variation of language and style of expression it is easy to disentangle these two narratives, the Sartorial and the Capillistic. The story, as we have it, narrates the origin of hats in the following manner.

Notile, the hero of the story, was lying one day under a palm tree or mango. (There are many views of this. The original can be written in English letters either *yathan* or *yothon*. Both sides bring forward strong evidence, but those who support the palm theory seem the stronger. See especially the commentary on this word in 1700 pages by Professor Fossildüffen, who holds that it was a date palm.) "How sweet," said he, "is the shade of this tree: verily it is most pleasant." Presently, the story goes on to say, he rose up and left the shade and went out into the sun. Here the narratives conflict. C. says that he saw his wife approaching and went out to meet her; S. that he felt hungry and went for his dinner. Anyhow, whatever the motive, he felt the heat of the sun and said, "Right grievous is this heat after the cool beneath the tree." It is here that the great discovery is made; this is one of the supreme moments in history. The idea occurred to him that it was the leaves of the tree which made the shade. Then said he, "I will pluck me a leaf to hold above my head." So he plucked it and went forth into the open. Then was his name changed from Notile to Hatwara.

After this great discovery the hat gradually became

fashioned in such a manner as to stay on the head without the assistance of the hands. There is an interesting point which is often forgotten—even by the lawyers—that to these early days we must attribute the origin of Patent Law; for we have an inscription which says: "I, Hatwara, made this hat. Let no one do likewise."

I feel sure, Mr. Editor, that you will have neither space nor temper to print any more. But I would ask you to allow me in your next number to speak about the Evolution of Hats. I hope, however, that this brief sketch of their Origin will be enough to interest your readers in this important but neglected science.

R. A. F.

SENIORS.

FIRST ROUND—GRANT'S v. HOME BOARDERS.

THIS game was played on second game ground on November 27th on a cold day and the ground was very hard and fast. Home Boarders won the toss and elected to play from the pavilion end with a slight wind behind them. Grant's attacked from the start but Bromet shot over the bar from a good position. Murphy then ran through and forced a corner which was fruitless.

Home Boarders then began to have more of the game and Whitlamsmith was constantly prominent for them in their attacks. On one occasion he tested McBride with a good shot and on another McBride brought off a fine save when he got clear of the defence.

Murphy sent a fine through pass to Shepley-Smith, who forced his way through the defence and from close range put in a shot which James ought to have saved quite easily but he let it slip through his hands and Grant's became one up. After a short period of attacking by both sides the half-time whistle sounded with Grant's leading by 1-0.

In the second half Grant's monopolised the play, and our forwards played really good football. Right away from the kick-off Shepley-Smith ran through and put Grant's further ahead (2-0). Stratford added a third about five minutes later from a fine pass from Shepley-Smith (3-0). Meanwhile Allen on the left wing was playing a great game

and repeatedly centred well, but the forwards would not head the ball.

From a throw-in on the half way line Murphy had a fine first time shot which went just by the upright. Bull then forced a corner for Home Boarders which McBride cleared. After this play was even for a while. Murphy then sent the ball out to Leishman, who shot a fine goal with a first-time shot (4-0). During the long periods for which Grant's attacked, Witherby was playing a great game for Home Boarders and his fine example and play kept his side from getting disheartened. Allen got away on the left wing from a pass from Murphy, and sent in a fine centre from which Stratford scored another goal for Grant's (5-0). Bromet, who had been working hard throughout, received a pass from Shepley-Smith and put Grant's further ahead (6-0). After this further reverse Home Boarders began to press and Clare was left with an open goal ten yards out but McBride brought off a particularly fine save. Time came soon after with Home Boarders pressing.

It was a very fine performance for Grant's to defeat such a strong side as Home Boarders had by six clear goals, but well as the team played together they have to thank James in the Home Boarders' goal for giving a very weak display. For us Murphy and Shepley-Smith played very well as did Cook and Giles at back, but we could not have done without McBride, who played a very sound game in goal and whose punts, which frequently went over the heads of the opposing backs, were always a source of danger.

Giles received his well-deserved House colours after the match. Teams: GG. W. N. McBride; J. A. Cook, R. L. Giles; G. E. Johnstone, M. S. Murphy, T. G. Hardy; A. W. Leishman, M. G. Stratford, A. M. Shepley-Smith, R. E. Bromet, C. P. Allen.

HBB. W. R. James; D. C. Whimster, J. C. A. Johnson; D. G. Evans, J. H. Witherby, J. W. Baldon; M. H. Gibbs-Smith, C. A. Harvey, L. Clare, L. H. Whitlamsmith, C. F. Bull.

SENIORS.

FINAL ROUND—GRANT'S v, ASHBURNHAM.

THE final was played on Thursday, December 13th on big game ground and resulted after an extremely fine game in a draw of one goal each. Mr. Knight very kindly refereed the match.

Grant's won the toss and defended the Church end. Ashburnham were dangerous from the kick off and Pickering on the left was robbed in the nick of time by Johnstone when well placed. Mention must be made here of the way Johnstone marked Pickering, he kept him pretty quiet for most of the game and not only so but he managed to give his forwards some very good passes as well. Grant's, through Shepley-Smith, carried the play into the Ashburnham half; Leishman when well-placed for a centre hung on just a little too long and was robbed by Lund. Ashburnham pressed again following Lund's clearance but Murphy cleverly stopped a dangerous movement and passed to Stratford with a long kick but he was given off-side when well-placed. Johnstone cleared another Ashburnham attack and passed out to Leishman who put in a fine centre from which Bromet missed an easy chance. Pickering got going on Ashburnham's left and tested McBride with a high oblique shot which only his height enabled him to save. McBride played a wonderful game in goal; but for him there would have been several goals against us before half-time. Time and again he saved and turned defence into attack by long-range punts which went well into Ashburnham's half.

Play was very even for a long while, but Bromet very nearly scored for Grant's following a good corner by Leishman. Bird was very prominent for Ashburnham and managed to hold the Grantite right-winger fairly well. Murphy passed out to Leishman, who centred and Shepley-Smith put in a good long-range shot which was easily cleared by Maturin.

Hancock then broke clean away but McBride rushed out and effected a miraculous save when a goal seemed certain, and he accomplished a similar feat soon after from a similar position. Cook played a fine game for Grant's at right back relieving pressure with long low passes to his wing man. Allen got clear away on the left wing, from a pass by Murphy, and had an ineffective shot at goal. Soon after from a centre

by Allen, Shepley-Smith put in a hard ground shot which Maturin, in gathering, let fall through his hands; to many it looked as though the ball went over the line but Maturin somehow managed to retrieve it and clear.

Allen was always prominent on the left wing and played quite as good a game as Pickering, who has played for the XI. for two years. Some of Allen's best centres went begging, however, as the Grant's forwards were very apt to lay behind. Grant's made several determined efforts, especially through Leishman and Murphy but were unable to score. Murphy playing at centre half—a strange position for him—now began to feed his forwards very well, and with Giles and Cook playing a stalwart game at back Grant's had most of the game. However, half-time arrived with no score and Grant's who had had a greater part of the game were a trifle unlucky not to lead by a goal.

In the second half Grant's started off with a rush and Bromet forced a corner off Radermacher, which, however, was fruitless. Allen then got away on the left wing and Maturin was forced to run out and clear. A free-kick was given against Murphy for handling, but this came to nothing as Walmsley was given off-side when well placed. Leishman was also penalised for hands and the kick brought play round the Grant's goal. Pickering ran in and gave Oliver-Watts a nice pass and he easily scored from close in, leaving McBride no chance.

Grant's in no way lost spirits. Murphy went centre forward and Bromet took the centre-half berth. Murphy nearly got through at once but play soon came round the Grant's goal but Pickering was given off-side when he seemed certain to score. Cook, although just at this period rather shaky, soon recovered splendidly and began to play a great game. From one of his kicks Leishman received and ran down the wing and put in a fine centre from which Stratford should have scored but he missed badly from an easy position. Grant's kept up a sustained pressure and Shepley-Smith had very hard luck with a fast drive which just went by the upright. Allen had fallen away slightly and was not getting in such good centres, while Gates and Lund at back for Ashburnham played so well together that Grant's could make little headway against them.

The light was rapidly beginning to fail and there was now only about another twelve minutes to go and Grant's were still a goal down. The play was of a ding-dong nature,

and both Bell and Pickering put in nice runs. Then Grant's, mainly through Shepley-Smith and Murphy, got going and from a through pass by the former Murphy scored an equalising goal with a hard low drive, which came obliquely across the goal mouth. It was a very fine goal scored from a very difficult position with the left foot.

Grant's now played up well and Shepley-Smith was rather luckily stopped by Lund, who throughout played a great game for Ashburnham. Shepley-Smith again got through but failed from an easy position. More was seen of Bromet now, who worked very hard and gave his forwards some nice passes. He showed to much better advantage when playing at centre half for in that position he seemed half as fast again as he was as a forward. Radermacher, at centre half for Ashburnham, also played a stout game and constantly broke up our attacks.

Our forwards did not play anything like as well as they did against Home Boarders, they were slow and very disjointed. Stratford as inside forward was very slow in getting on to the ball and when he did get it he seemed to have no idea what to do with it. During the second half Grant's had the greater part of the play and would certainly have won if it had not been for Lund's play at back. Thus full time arrived with the score 1-1 and Grant's live to fight another day.

THE Re-PLAY.

This match took place on Monday, December 17th. Ashburnham won the toss and elected to defend the Hospital end; and Grant's kicked off facing a slight wind. Both teams were unchanged from the previous game and Mr. D. J. Knight once again kindly refereed.

Grant's immediately took play to around Ashburnham's goal, where both Shepley-Smith and Stratford missed chances, the latter especially missing an easy shot. Lund then cleared with a long kick from which Walmsley received and quickly passed to Hancock who to all the players and spectators appeared to be well offside but he was allowed to run on and he quite easily scored (0-1). There is no doubt that this unlucky happening had a great effect on Grant's play, but except for one or two dangerous moments we had the balance of play for the rest of the first half. Grant's returned to the attack, but Shepley-Smith sent the ball behind when well

placed. Pickering was then prominent on Ashburnham's left but Johnstone saved the situation. Johnstone once again played a very sound game and marked Pickering well, and not only so but he gave his forwards some very well judged passes and showed a better knowledge of the game than the other halves. Bromet in the centre was inclined to roam from his place and to give Hancock too much rope; and Hardy would pass to his wing-man with the wrong foot, thus putting all his passes into touch.

All the Grantite attacks developed on the left-wing where Allen was once more playing a great game. He gave Murphy a nice pass, and the latter should have scored but he hesitated just long enough to allow Maturin to smother the ball at his feet. Hancock then broke clean through the Grant's defence twice in quick succession. But on each occasion McBride rushed out and bundled Hancock over and cleared the ball, when a goal looked certain. Grant's were constantly being awarded corner kicks, but every single one was put behind. There is no doubt that Grant's would have scored at least once in the first half if the corner kicks had been taken effectively. Murphy then broke clean through the Ashburnham defence but was tripped up by Lund who then handled the ball to save himself. For some reason both these offences were passed over by the referee, who if he had seen them could have had no option but to award a penalty kick as they took place in the penalty area. Murphy missed a chance just before half-time. The shooting of our forwards was very weak, especially in the case of Stratford. Thus half-time arrived with Grant's one goal down.

In the second half Grant's dominated the play, but could not take advantage of any chances that came along. Ashburnham however looked dangerous whenever they attacked. After about ten minutes Ashburnham scored again; Hancock sent across a pass to Pickering who was standing in an offside position, unfortunately for Grant's the ball just touched Cook and this put Pickering onside and he scored easily with a particularly fine drive (0-2).

Immediately from the kick-off Murphy sent out to Allen who put in a thrilling run and centre from which Murphy scored easily. The best goal and bit of combination of the match! (1-2). Grant's continued to press hard and Allen tested Maturin. Shepley-Smith then had hard luck with a fast shot which hit a defender when it seemed certain to enter the net. Ashburnham then attacked and Hancock from

a pass by Pickering went straight for goal, but Hardy successfully stopped him and McBride put Grant's on the attack again with a long punt. Shepley-Smith hit the crossbar with a hard drive which rebounded against Lund, who only just stopped it from going into the net.

Hancock again broke through the defence and scored a third goal for Ashburnham (1-3). For the remainder of the game Grant's pressed hard but failed to find the net: thus full time arrived with Ashburnham winners by 3 goals to 1.

On the run of play Grant's should have won comfortably but we were unfortunate. Murphy was very carefully watched but he had no support from his insides. Allen played a great game and was quite as good as Pickering, being quite invaluable. Giles and Cook were very sound at back, but Cook must remember to play up to his other back. Mention must be made here of the shouting, which throughout was wonderful. Considering the number of those shouting for Grant's the noise they made was extraordinary.

Teams: GG. W. N. McBride; J. A. Cook, R. L. Giles; G. E. Johnstone, R. E. Bromet, T. G. Hardy; A. W. Leishman, M. G. Stratford, M. S. Murphy, A. M. Shepley-Smith, C. P. Allen.

AHH. C. P. Maturin; R. C. Gates, T. G. Lund; J. R. Christolm, F. M. Radermacher, J. H. Bird; J. Bell, F. R. Hancock, G. Walmsley, G. L. Oliver-Watts, J. B. Pickering.

SENIOR CRITICISMS.

M. S. Murphy (capt. centre-forward) has played regularly for the School in this position and has been the outstanding player of the attack. He has a fine knowledge of the game and is an excellent shot, never failing to snap up any chance that happens to come his way.

W. N. McBride (goal) has kept goal brilliantly for the School throughout the term, giving his finest display against Malvern. He has an extraordinarily long punt, frequently kicking more than 15 yards past half-way. He has a very safe pair of hands and a long reach, but when throwing himself is inclined to misjudge the pace of the ball.

A. M. Shepley-Smith (inside-left) is a very uncertain player. On some occasions he plays extremely well, as against Aldenham, but on others he plays as though he had never seen a football before and can do nothing right. He would do well to pay more attention to his shooting.

J. A. Cook (right back) is undoubtedly a better back than a forward. He knows the art of kicking better than any other back in the School and is also a very fine tackler, but he is at present rather inclined to disregard his other back and therefore does not combine well with him.

R. E. Bromet (centre-half) showed up much better as a centre-half rather than a forward. He is an extremely good defending player and breaks up attacks well, but he is rather weak in attack. He is inclined to dribble too much, stray from his position and fail to feed his forwards with passes along the ground.

R. L. Giles (left-back) was awarded his House Colours after the first round and has since played for the first XI. once or twice. He is a deadly tackler, but is rather prone to remain too near his own goal when his side is on the attack. He might with advantage cultivate his left-foot kicking, considering that he plays left-back. He should also learn to steady the ball and not take "fly" kicks.

C. P. Allen (outside-left) received his well-deserved House Colours after the final. He was the find of the term and showed extraordinarily fine form in all three matches, and was the prime factor in all our movements. He is a worthy rival to Pickering at outside left, but he should take a lesson from the latter in the art of corner-kicking.

G. E. Johnstone (right-half) also received his House Colours after the final match. He had the difficult task in the Match v. Ashburnham of marking Pickering, which he came through successfully. He has a good knowledge of the game and showed fine judgment in giving his forwards some well-judged ground passes, but at present he is rather on the slow side.

A. W. Leishman (outside-right)—was very disappointing considering that he played last year. He should practise kicking the ball down the wing and centring it first time. He is not fast but he does not even make proper use of the pace he has got, and he should have a few more tricks up his sleeve.

T. G. Hardy (left-half)—played back for the Colts XI. and was awarded his Colts Cap after the match against Lancing Colts. He is very slow and does not use his weight enough. He must remember that when he is playing on the left that to be able to kick with left foot is an absolute necessity.

M. G. Stratford (inside-right)—was very disappointing. He is very slow in getting on to the ball, and does not know what to do with it when he has got it. He never realises soon enough when there is an opening and thus holds up the attack. He is a very weak shot.

OLD GRANTITES.

Mr. R. G. E. Forster, Consul-General at Kobe, has been awarded a C.M.G. for his services in connection with the relief of victims of the recent Japanese earthquake.

Mr. F. E. Ruegg and Mr. R. R. Sedgwick have been called to the Bar at the Middle Temple.

Mr. W. L. Hartley and Mr. R. W. Hartley won the London Amateur Foursomes Golf Championship.

MARRIAGES.

WALEY—DICKSON.—On Nov. 7th, Guy Felix Waley to Anne Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Dr. H. N. Dickson, C.B.E.

EYRE—CLARK.—On Dec. 14th, Humphrey Walter Eyre to Gladys, daughter of Mrs. Podmore Clark of Holbein House, Sloane Square.

DEATH.

WE regret to announce the death of Frederick Lawrence Rawson, one of several brothers who were at the School in the seventies. He was a son of the late Sir Rawson W. Rawson, K.C.M.G., C.B., sometime Governor of Barbadoes by Sophia, daughter of the Hon. and Rev. Henry Ward. He was by profession an engineer but became well known in other ways. Three of his sons were Grantites. He died on November 10th.

HOUSE ACCOUNTS FOR PLAY TERM, 1923.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash in hand ...	1 6 6	Sept. 25th, Yard Ball Expenses ...	1 16 0
Paper Money ...	19 10 0	Sept. 25th, Fives Tie Prizes ...	1 0 0
Fives Ties ...	1 16 0	Oct. 13th, Elizabethan Dec. 5th, Mr. Mitchell, Presentation ...	4 11 6
Mr. Mitchell, Presentation ...	6 0 0	Dec. 6th, Miss Shaw ...	6 0 0
Birthday Gift to Miss Shaw ...	1 10 0	Dec. 6th, Miss Shaw ... Wrappers for GRANTITE ...	1 10 0
		Dec. 7th, Fives Balls ...	5 0
		Dec. 12th, Printing GRANTITE ...	4 6
		Dec. 14th, Yard Tie Prizes ...	9 10 0
		Dec. 19th, Fives Tie Prizes ...	7 0
		Balance ...	1 1 6
			3 17 0
	<u>£30 2 6</u>		<u>£30 2 6</u>
Balance to next term	£ 3 17 0		

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YARD BALL FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Sixty Sixpences Collected ...	1 10 0	Sept. 24th, 6 dozen Balls at 4 ¹ / ₂ d. each ...	1 7 0
Money Collected for skied or broken Balls	4 3 4	Oct. 15th, ditto ...	1 7 0
		Nov. 7th, ditto ...	1 7 0
		Nov. 28th, ditto ...	1 7 0
		Balance ...	5 4
	<u>£5 13 4</u>		<u>£5 13 4</u>
Balance to next term	£ 5 4		

B. E. G. DAVIES.

Audited and found correct.—W. N. McB.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—The innocent-looking letter I received asking me to write this Oxford Letter completely deceived me. The envelope did proclaim in loud but cunning tones that it was stamped and addressed “up” Grant’s, as most letters from Grant’s generally do, when the services of an old Grantite are needed. The said envelope bore a South London postmark! I will leave the rest to your imagination. However my space is limited, and so I must proceed.

As someone else once wrote on this page, “Send us more Grantites, and we’ll send you more news”; such is the case to-day. A deep regret is felt that the attractions of Cambridge, great as they are, should continue to entice Grantites from her sister University, and especially from the “House,” where there is now only one Grantite.

And so if you find a scarcity of news in this letter, Sir, the remedy is in your hands.

Mr. W. T. Stallybrass, the eternal “Leader” of the list, is still living in great glory at Brasenose, where he writes notices and advice to undergraduates in a fair round hand. His chief recreation is lecturing on “Torts.” It is rumoured that he is quite masterly in this occupation.

Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe discourses on “Real Property” at New College. He, like Mr. Stallybrass, is credited with having a numerous attendance at his lectures. No doubt he has obtained this success by shadowy recollections of Inner.

Mr. C. M. Cahn, we regret to say, has left us. He has also left us vivid memories of a dog, punting parties, an exuberant disposition, Sunday morning beer and theatrical triumphs in the O.U.D.S. As a consolation he took away a degree—he is now a Bachelor of Arts.

Mr. P. Samuel is not often seen. Beyond the fact that he lives at Balliol (where none but the audacious dare trespass), little is known of him.

Mr. A. A. Negus of Exeter is most elusive. Once upon a time he was observed dashing down Cornmarket Street on a bicycle. He was not seen again, but we hope he is still on view somewhere.

Mr. H. T. Abady occupies a room in Meadows far from the surrounding influence of dons, so he is left to bang incessantly on a grand piano from any time to any other time.

When he is not passing his 'Schools,' he plays in a dance band. He is also College Secretary to the O.U.D.S.—a sinecure. He has also recently bought a super jumper which. . . . But I am getting personal; so, with a final word of reminder, may I say, in a topical way, we have no Grantites to-day?

Wishing you every success for the coming year,

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

EX AEDE CHRISTI.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

I hope that I am not a selfish man, and I also trust that I can appreciate good music, when I hear it. None the less, I feel bound to request you on behalf of that small, but select, band, the hard-working Grantites, to do something to prevent those hours set apart for preparation, being made hideous by small boys and girls singing Christmas hymns out of tune. To quote the words of a prominent gentleman in our little world: "It is bad enough to have the Madrigal and Orchestral Societies and the Band, but this additional riot, I will not stomach."

Of course everyone has their own ideas of good music; the celebrated Mr. Jorrocks once exclaimed: "Vot music of 'Andel is 'alt so pleasant to the ear, as the cry of the hounds as they stream over the grass?" While heartily agreeing with the famous M.F.H. over this myself, I quite realise that others may not; still I think hardly anyone would care to hear the words of that lovely little ballad "Yes, we have no Bananas," sung to an attempt at the tune of "Come all ye Faithful." There is, it is true, a certain novelty about it, but even that wears off after a few nights.

Trusting to you, Mr. Editor, to find some means of remedying this nuisance before next Christmas.

I am, yours hopefully,

A HINDERED WORKER.

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