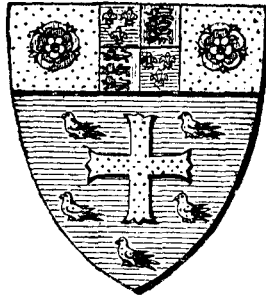


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THE PLAY SUPPER.

THE play supper was held this year as usual on the second night of the play. Many distinguished O.W.'s were present, amongst whom was H. W. Smyth, whose brother has just obtained the V.C.

Through an unfortunate and most untimely illness J. Heard was prevented from being present. W. Stevens, however, filled his place admirably. We are extremely sorry that Mrs. Tanner was not well enough to come down.

W. Stevens, speaking for Heard, thanked Mr. Tanner for his kindness in providing such an opportunity for Grantites past and present to come together and discuss the progress of the House; he then expressed the regret of the House at Mrs. Tanner's inability to be present, and alluded to the magnificent doings of old Grantites in the recent Soudan campaign, and to the magnificent gift of a Racquets cup for the House, made by the Brothers Smyth. After a few remarks about the doings of Grant's in the past year, concluded by proposing the health of Mr. Tanner.

Mr. Tanner, in replying, reviewed the doings of the past year, made reference to the historical antiquity of Grant's, and the state of the Grantite games, concluded by proposing the health of the monitors.

H. W. Smyth then replied for the Old Grantites.

The musical part of the evening then commenced by Stevens rendering a couple of songs in excellent style.

Smyth followed with a Grantite song, which proved an interesting revival.

Several other O.W.'s then obliged with various songs, together with members of the House. Amongst the former were:— E. A. Everington, H. S. Ladell, and W. Zerffi, and the latter, S. D. A. Jolly, M. G. Baillie, J. Radcliffe, S. A. Dickson, J. P. Blane, S. Dugdale, and A. Noble.

Jolly sang "Sailing" very well, and earned a well-deserved encore; M. G. Baillie sang the missionary's song from *The Belle of New York*; Dickson and Blane contributed appropriate comic songs; Dugdale's song had a good chorus which caught on with the lower part of the House.

M. G. Baillie and S. D. A. Jolly acted as accompanists.

HOUSE NOTES.

We congratulate N. M. Smyth on receiving the Victoria Cross.

We congratulate Bompas on playing for the school regularly, also E. C. Stevens for his appearances for the 2nd XI.

M. G. Baillie has been made a monitor.

G. H. King, S. D. Jolly, and G. Newton left last term; two new boys, M. Garrett (boarder mod. rem.) and M. Pemberton (half-boarder IV.) have come up this term.

The following are the footer colours up Grant's:—

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pink & Whites.</i>	<i>3rd Elevens.</i>	<i>House Colours.</i>
W. Stevens.	E. C. Stevens.	J. Heard.	R. P. Rawlings.
H. Bompas.			C. Smith.
			M. Baillie.

A Grantite Debating Society has been formed this term; the first meetings went off successfully, and we wish it all success and prosperity.

"The Annals of Westminster School," by J. Sargeant, contain some interesting facts about the history of Grant's, especially about the derivation of "Chiswick."

H. Bompas, S. Severn, and N. Ashley won the yard ties, being too strong for their opponents on all points.

We regret that the house team has been deprived of the services of its Captain, W. Stevens.

We congratulate N. Ashley on obtaining the pancake, this being the second year in succession that Grant's has obtained it.

GRANTITE DEBATING SOCIETY.

FIRST MEETING.

J. Heard, elected President ; H. S. Bompas, elected Vice-President ; M. J. Baillie, elected Secretary ; W. S. Osborn, elected Under-Secretary. Rules drawn up and arranged.

SECOND MEETING.

Motion before the House was :—" That, in the opinion of this House, duelling is harmful to the State." *Proposer*—J. Blane ; *Seconder*—J. Heard ; *Opposer*—H. S. Bompas. Also spoke—M. G. Baillie, H. S. Severn, and R. Rawlings.

J. Blane made a short speech, saying that duelling caused great misery to the relatives and friends, if the duel was fatal, and that it led to bullying.

H. S. Bompas—That duelling enabled persons to be punished who could not be got at by the law—duelling of great service in affairs of honour. He did not consider German duelling duelling at all.

The President reviewed both sides of the question, and said that if duelling were allowed a certain class of people, who were good fencers, would be able to insult nearly anybody they pleased.

H. Severn said that he considered affairs of honour were better settled by a good horsewhipping, or by the fists.

M. G. Baillie said that duelling made men hardy, and more polite and careful ; but he agreed with J. Blane in that it caused bullying.

A. Venables said that there were very few matters which could not be settled in a court of law.

The motion was carried by 8 to 3.

THIRD MEETING.

Motion before the House was :—"That in the opinion of this House conscription would be harmful to the State." *Proposer*—R. P. Rawlings; *Opposer*—D. Whitmore; *Secunder*—C. Sheppard.

Mr. Rawlings, in his able speech, laid great stress on the fact that England was a free country, and that it was against the principles of Englishmen. He mentioned also scamps and socialists that would be collected, the danger of armed men, and that a navy was more wanted than an army.

Mr. Whitmore, in his speech, mentioned the impossibility of sending volunteers abroad, and the nearness of France and Russia.

Mr. Sheppard mentioned the magnificence of the army spirit, the interruption of trade, and suggested a certain amount of training for a year.

Mr. Heard, Mr. Bompas, and Mr. Baillie also spoke on this motion.

The motion was carried—Ayes 5, Noes 3.

Motion :—"That every day station is desirable."

Mr. Johnstone (*proposer*) mentioned health and training; keeps fellows out of Detention; exercise necessary for health.

C. Sheppard (*opposer*): Station causes fellows to come up fields who are no earthly use, don't attempt to improve, and so spoil the games of others. The games should be better arranged.

J. Blane (*secunder*) disagreed with Mr. Sheppard about the spoiling of games. Station affords amusement.

Bompas: Exercise necessary in London, keeps fellows from loafing and getting into mischief.

Osborn: Masters should take more interest in the games, especially of Football. The grounds should be kept better, and even the IVth Game and Green should have a good ball.

Ayes 10, Noes 1.

"That the past year has been entirely satisfactory."

H. Bompas (*proposer*); J. Heard (*opposer*); M. Baillie (*secunder*).

Carried—Ayes 10, Noes 1.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

GRANT'S *v.* RIGAUD'S.

Grant's drew a bye in the first round and met Rigaud's in the final. Grant's kicked off from the Hospital end, and Rigaud's immediately pressed. A few minutes after, however, Logan scored for Grant's. The Rigaudite goal was vigorously bombarded after this, and one or two corners were given, which, however, were not utilised. The ball was then transferred to the Grantite goal, and our defence was sorely tried, three corners being forced in the same number of minutes. Power at length scored for Rigaud's [1—1] and got two or three more corners, but nothing came of them. After half-time Rigaud's again assumed the offensive, and Coleby put the ball through, but was given offside. This gave some relief, and Baillie ran down and sent in a grand shot which just missed. After this Rigaud's conceded a corner, but failed to make any use of it. The Grantite goal was then attacked, but E. C. Stevens passed to Baillie, who raced down, but a good centre was made no use of by the forwards in the middle. Grant's seemed to be scoring, when Logan sprained his ankle and had to be carried off the field. The ball was again carried to the Grantite end, and from a *mêlée* in front of the goal the ball was put through [2—1]. The whistle blew shortly afterwards, and Rigaud's thus won by two goals to one.

Stevens, Baillie, and Rawlings were good for Grant's, but no one else showed much form.

Teams:—

Grant's—Castle Smith, E. C. Stevens, R. P. Rawlings, D. King, E. R. Britton, G. Dickson, J. Logan, D. Whitmore, H. Jolly, F. Shepherd, M. G. Baillie.

Rigaud's—Lonsdale, McKenna, Page, Whittow, Willet, Thomson, Coleby, Goodhart, Bennet, Tackon, Powers.

GRANT'S *v.* ASHBURNHAM (SENIORS).

Grant's won the toss, and Ashburnham kicked off up the hill. Ashburnham pressed immediately, Smith being noticeable for Grant's in stopping some of their rushes. W. Stevens dealt successfully with several shots. Play then became fairly even till Bompas took the ball down and passed to Severn, who scored easily. Shortly before half-time Bompas scored with a cross shot. Half-time came with Grant's leading by two goals to none.

Ashburnham played up very hard the second half, W. Stevens making several very good saves in goal.

E. C. Stevens cleared well several times, and Grant's right wing put in some good work, but the shooting was very weak. Time was finally called with the score unchanged, leaving Grant's winners by 2—0. For Grant's E. C. Stevens played extremely well, doing most of the back work. Smith was promising at half. The forwards combined well at time, but were very weak in front of goal.

Bompas was by far the best of the forwards, working very hard, and playing a very good game throughout.

W. Stevens was extremely useful in goal: some of his saves were excellent. The game was practically won by the Brothers Stevens and Bompas.

Team:—

W. C. Stevens (goal), E. C. Stevens, R. P. Rawlins (backs), C. Smith, W. Baillie, J. Blane (half-backs), A. Dugdale, H. Severn, H. Bompas, H. Logan, D. Whitmore (forwards).

GRANT'S v. RIGAUD'S (SENIORS' FINAL).

This match resulted in the defeat of Grant's by 10—0.

Rigaud's started pressing at once, and soon scored. Grant's then tried hard, and nearly scored through Bompas. Rigaud's scored three more times before half-time, thus starting with a lead of 4—0 on the second half.

Grant's then seemed to go to pieces, the backs seeming quite unable to stop the rushes, and their passing not being accurate. The Grantite forwards made several rushes, but were almost invariably pulled up by Barnby. Rigaud's scored six times in the second half, being left winners by 10—0.

Grant's on the whole were disappointing, the backs not playing with half the dash they did against Ashburnham, and the forwards being slow in getting away.

The teams were:—

(Goal) W. Stevens, (backs) E. C. Stevens, R. P. Rawlings, (halves) J. Blane, W. G. Baillie, C. Smith, (forwards) D. Whitmore, C. Sheppard, H. S. Bompas, H. S. Severn, H. Logan.

AN EXODUS.

Few, if any, of the readers of "The Grantite" have had the opportunity of being present at the scene I was privileged to witness last night, where was once the running ground at Lillie Bridge, now a goods-yard of the London and North-Western Railway.

Fortunately for the work in question it was a fine clear night, and fairly dry under foot, for the wind that had been blowing all day had dried up the showers almost as soon as they fell.

After some little trouble I found my way to this goods-yard, and saw there lines of trucks and cars waiting to receive "the Greatest Show on Earth."

With the exception of a few ponies nothing arrived until 9.45 p.m., when the first cage made its appearance, quickly followed by several others, each drawn by a team of American draught-horses.

As they arrived these horses were taken out, and two others, at the end of a long rope, drew the car or cage, as the case might be, up "the runners" on to the trucks, where they were instantly secured by patent blocks.

While all this was going on, the elephants, about 15 in number, made their appearance, and perhaps the most interesting part of the whole proceeding was the manner in which these animals drilled.

They entered the yard in double file, each carrying a water-proof rug round its neck, and when they came to the cars specially constructed for their reception, at the words "line up" they halted and formed up facing the cars.

These cars are about 60 or 70 feet in length, and, in the centre, are let down so as to take the largest beasts.

Next came the "ring horses," these are carried in cars very similar to those of the elephants.

The more valuable horses are separated from each other by stalls, but the majority are simply fastened across the cars, as close to each other as possible.

The horses stand on the slant in this country, across the cars, for the width of the bridges will not allow of the cars being made wide enough to take them straight across.

As many as 22 horses can be stood in one car.

All this went on almost in silence and without any confusion or bustle, so perfect is the organisation and discipline, and by midnight there only remained a few draught-horses to be entrained.

"The Freaks"—I beg their pardons—"the Prodigies" were to travel next morning, with the staff, in saloons specially constructed for the purpose of touring—Mr. Bailey's containing his sitting-room, bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, and office.

Such is a sketch of the way "The Greatest Show on Earth" will travel the country from April till November.

April 8th, 1899.

OBITUARY.

The death of Lawrence, the School Carpenter, removes a very familiar figure from our midst. He was the last of an old generation, and had been associated with the School for more than 50 years. To older Grantites he was known by the name of "Old Cheap"; but he had outlived the title as well as the top hat which at one time he used invariably to wear. He was an excellent workman. Whatever he undertook was well done. *Requiescat.*

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