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PLAY SUPPER.

After a lapse of three years a play supper took place "Up Grant's" on the second night of the play, and was a great success. The following Old Westminsters were present:—H. T. Clarke, C. Erskine, E. A. and H. D. Everington, H. S. Ladell, H. V. Antony, and several who have left more recently. justice had been done to the supper, kindly provided by Mr. Tanner, L. A. Woodbridge rose and in a short speech proposed the health of Mr. Tanner. Mr. Tanner replied, and, after alluding to the successes of the House during the past year, proposed the health of the monitors. L. A. Woodbridge again rose, and in reply informed the company of the doings of Grant's on the playing fields and elsewhere during the last three years. He finished by proposing the health of the Old Westminsters. Clarke replied for the Old Westminsters in an excellent speech. Songs were then called for, and H. S. Ladell started by singing "Maud." This was followed by many other excellent songs, the best being R. E. Tanner's "Peace," J. L. Johnston's "Father O'Flynn," G. Castle-Smith's "Penny Whistle," and H. V. Argyle's "When father laid the carpet on the stairs." A very enjoyable evening then ended with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the King."

HOUSE MATCHES.

GRANT'S v. HOME BOARDERS.

This match was played up fields on Wednesday, March 4th. Grant's won the toss, and decided to defend the Hospital end. Davies kicked off for Home Boarders. Grant's pressed almost immediately and shot behind. Shortly after Grant's pressed again, and Kirkpatrick scored (1-o), and two more goals were scored in quick succession by Kirkpatrick. Grant's continued to press, and after some very wild shooting Woodbridge scored a fourth goal (4-o). After this the game became a little more even, the H.BB. forwards pressing. However, Grant's scored twice more before half-time, by Woodbridge and Kirkpatrick (6-o). On resuming play, H.BB. forwards pressed, Davey doing some useful work as outside left. But the play was still very uneven, the ball being mostly in the H.BB. half, and Woodbridge soon scored (7-0). Newman quickly added another goal with a good shot (8—o). And after being stopped several times by Vernon, who was playing an excellent game at back, Woodbridge scored the last point of the game, leaving Grant's the easy victors by (9-0). For Grant's, Kirkpatrick and Houdret were the best. For H.BB., Vernon played a splendid game at back, but he had no one to back him up, owing to Corfield's unfortunate absence.

The teams were—
Grant's: H. C. Pedler (goal); H. Logan, M. Pemberton (backs); M. C. Houdret, J. S. Lewis, G. Castle-Smith (halves); J. L. Johnson, L. A. Woodbridge, L. G. Kirkpatrick, K. E. New-

man, R. W. Reed (forwards).

Home-Boarder's: O. Oppenheimer (goal); J. C. Vernon and Holland (backs); Sankey, Murray, Thoresby-Jones (halves); Davey, Castle, Davies, Philipson, Vincent (forwards).

HOUSE MATCHES (FINAL).

GRANT'S v. RIGAUD'S.

This match, played upon March 12th, resulted in a win for Grant's (2—0), after an evenly contested game. Grant's were unfortunately without Kirkpatrick. Grant's won the toss, and elected to defend the Hospital end. Failes kicked off for Rigaud's, but Grant's obtained the ball and Capon soon had to clear. Rigaud's then made two runs down, but Pedler cleared easily each time. Some even play then ensued, Grant's having slightly the best of it. Kirkpatrick was greatly missed in front of goal, and, despite the efforts of the Grantite forwards, no goal was scored. Rigaud's soon forced a corner off Logan, who again put the ball behind, but finally cleared well. After several spasmodic rushes,

Grant's broke away, but failed to score. Soon after, Rigaud's looked dangerous, but Failes missed an easy shoot. The Grantite forwards were then frequently in front of goal, but the shooting was very erratic, Woodbridge and Johnston both missing easy chances. Soon afterwards half-time was called, the score still

being (o-o).

On resuming play Grant's ran down, but Newman shot over and shortly afterwards Capon managed to save a good shot by Reed. Then Rigaud's ran down and looked like scoring, but Pemberton cleared well. Soon after the game was stopped, owing to Rodocanachi being hurt. On beginning again, Grant's made a good run down and Johnston managed to shoot a goal with a lucky shot, which Capon should have saved (1—0). On the ball being kicked off again, Grant's immediately ran down and Woodbridge added another goal (2—0). This proved to be the last point in the match, and after about twenty minutes even play time was called, leaving Grant's the victors of a good game by (2—0).

For Grant's, everybody was good, the best being H. Logan,

M. Pemberton, J. S. Lewis, and K. E. Newman.

For Rigaud's, Powers, Fleuret, and Craig were the best.

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Grant's: H. C. Pedler (goal); H. Logan and M. Pemberton (backs); H. V. Argyle, J. S. Lewis, and G. Castle-Smith (halves); R. W. Reed, L. A. Woodbridge, J. L. Johnston, K. E. Newman, and M. C. Houdret (forwards).

Rigaud's: H. V. Capon (goal); C. Powers and J. Hepburn (backs); F. S. Fleuret, J. S. Craig, and A. W. Matcham (halves); C. G. Seddon, E. Coleby, F. Failes, Rodocanachi, F. H. Walker (forwards).

Now, once more in Grant's that beautiful trophy appeareth,
After a hard fought fight, quite unexpected by all;
For in the midst of our work, the terrible message was brought us
That we were forced to play, whether we liked it or not.
Grant's, with accustomed luck, was without her dashing Kirkpatrick,
So we were all downcast, cursing our terrible luck;
But with elasticity our captain rose to the occasion,
(Though he, too, was crocked), playing a wonderful game.
Most prominent were those who, trying to gain their adornment,
Played most wonderfully well, gaining the coveted prize.
Now, if I were a bard, I could tell how Lewis and Newman,
Houdret, and Castle-Smith honoured our dear old House,
And I would add to these the outside right and the right half;
. They had a good share in making the victory ours.

HOW I LEARNT TO "GRIN AND BEAR." By AN OLD GRANTITE.

In my time (45 years ago!) the Sixth, Shell, Upper Fifth, had a Chiswick apiece to themselves. The Under Fifth sat in the Library. The Upper and Under Fourth, and the Under School were all together in the Hall. As a result (in my time we were 16 in number) there were frequent rows. The "Head of Grant's," who was responsible for the good order of the entire house, was of course in the Sixth Chiswick. With much dignity, he never troubled to come down to the Hall and find out who was making the row; he merely sent a lordly message: "The Hall will draw lots for—(the number was according to the magnitude of the row) to be tanned." On a certain occasion, when there had been a great row, the message came, "The Hall will draw lots for four to be tanned." I drew one of the fatal lots. Now, I had *not* been in the row, but had been "muzzing" diligently (I own for a wonder); so, full of righteous indignation, I went into the Sixth Chiswick with my fellow victims, and when my turn came I refused "to hold out." The Head of Grant's (he is dead, R.I.P.) that term was by nature small; I, for my age, a big fellow. In a "mill in green" I quite think I could have got the best of it. I can see to this day his quiet self-possession as he said, "All-right, you'll have to; when you will take your tanning, come here." For two days I nursed my wrath, and then a senior who I knew at home told me not to be a fool, and I went with much meekness and took my tanning. I have always looked back with admiration on the simple, yet dignified, discipline which, by the casting of lots, threw responsibility for good order on the entire community in Hall, and I also date much serviceable ability in after life to "grin and bear" from my own experience of it.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The play selected for the first two meetings of the Society was Sheridan's Good-Natured Man. The choice proved in every way most happy, as the play was sufficiently interesting and amusing to ensure a good rendering. Mr. Tanner's Croaker was altogether delightful; none of the wit or humour escaped him, and there was not a dull moment from his entry to his exit. Woodbridge too, made a very pleasing Honeywood; a Honeywood which thoroughly deserved the title of the "Good-Natured Man." As Kirkpatrick was out of School, Dickson was obliged to take the part of Sir William Honeywood, and this necessitated a slight alteration in the parts. R. Tanner proved an excellent Bailiff and his Lofty was all that could be desired. Of the others, perhaps, Reed was best, although everyone seemed to enter into the spirit of their parts with more enthusiasm than usual.

The next play to be read was Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. Here Mr. Tanner was at his best in the part of Malvolio, and, although Woodbridge was unfortunately out of School, a very good rendering was secured. In consequence of Woodbridge's absence, Dickson was again obliged to take a different part to that assigned to him, and read the part of the Clown. R. Tanner made a very excellent Sir Toby, and he was thoroughly versed in all the ins and outs of that somewhat eccentric gentleman's character; as his comrade and fellow-conspirator, Sir Andrew Ague-cheek, Kite was very good; while Johnston and Reed both read well; Johnston in particular was much better than usual.

Shakespeare's Tragedy of King Richard III. was the next play chosen, but was not quite so successful as its two predecessors, owing, perhaps, to the entire absence of comedy in it. Mr. Tanner took the title-role. Woodbridge's Bolingbroke was good, although, perhaps, a little lacking in force, and Dickson's John of Gaunt, too, was also somewhat lacking in dramatic force, especially in his dying speech. As the Duke of York, R. Tanner was excellent, and Reed made a very creditable Northumberland; of the rest Kite, Noble, and Houdret were perhaps best. The play, as a whole, was not so well read as usual.

For the last meeting of the Society, Sheridan's *Critic* was chosen, and here Mr. Tanner really surpassed himself; never has Mr. Puff appeared to greater advantage or caused such amusement among his audience; and, as if to preserve the same excellent standard throughout, Woodbridge and Robertson read their parts with equal vivacity; Dickson and R. Tanner made an excellent pair of ill-fated lovers, in the parts of Tilburina and Don Ferolo Whiskerandos; in fact, every one read better than at any previous meeting of the Society; great amusement was caused by Noble being told off to read the stage directions. This closed the meetings of the Society for the year.

THE LAY OF THE OLD GRANTITE.

When on a cold and rainy Saturday Grantites en masse are swarming to the play, Up fields is every Grantites' chiefest bliss * Old Grantites merely answer this:—

"I've come to watch."

When rages in the yard the furious fight, For danger ever was yard's chief delight, This is th' old Grantite's one and sole reply, Whilst quick as wind, the ball goes flying by "I've come to play."

When just on one a Mercury appears
At Mr. Tanner's door (and great his fears),
And he in kindness and a gentle voice
Suggests a lunch (poor man, he has no choice
"I've come to lunch!

^{*} Or should be.

When Mrs. Thresher sits in solitude,
Or fags are making toast for inner's food,
And Mrs. Thresher, or the head, per force,
Say "Will you stay to tea?" He says "of course,
I've come to tea."

S.W.O.P.

HOUSE NOTES.

Our juniors played College this term; this was the last junior match to be played. We made a very creditable draw (2—2). For Grant's, N. C. Moore showed promise, and of the rest, Houdret, Argyle, and Thompson were best. However, this draw did not make any difference to the final result, and the cup was won by College.

We have five new boys this term, viz., Wodehouse, Hadley, N. C. Moore, E. Moore, and Hodgson, who is a boarder. This brings our number up to 50.

H. Logan and M. Pemberton have received their pinks, for which we offer them our heartiest congratulations. We also congratulate J. L. Johnston, M. C. Houdret, and K. E. Newman on their 3rd elevens, and G. Castle-Smith and R. W. Reed and J. S. Lewis on their House colours.

We have again won the shield, beating Home Boarders (9-0) in the first round, and Rigaud's (2-0) in the final round Thus two Grantite teams occupy the first two places on the new shield.

We congratulate G. Radcliffe on winning the Akbar Essay Prize, and wish him the same success in the Public School Competition.

D. S. Robertson has come as a Boarder, so as to be able to take up his duties as head of the house next term.

Another Grantite, F. Worlock has obtained the pancake this year. This makes it the fourth time in the last six years.

There have been two performances of the Glee Society up-School this term, in both of which Grant's was well represented. Besides J. D. H. Dickson, J. L. Johnston and Argyle performed

The following are the Football Colours at the end of this term:—

PINKS. L.A. Woodbridge. H. Logan. M. Pemberton.	, •	HOUSE COLOURS. J. S. Lewis. G. Castle-Smith. R. W. Reed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "GRANTITE."

DEAR SIR,

First we must say how extremely delighted all Oxford O.GG were at your success in the House Matches, all the more so in that it was more or less unexpected.

We have but little news to chronicle this term. We should, however, have added to the list of O.GG. at Oxford H. B. Dover, who was up Grant's a year before he deserted us in favour of H.BB. He is now at St. John's, and in his fourth year.

J. E. Y. Radcliffe has just been undergoing the ordeal of Honour Mods. with the greatest success, we hope. He is said to have chosen as his motto, the following from Virgil: "Non ullus aratro dignus honos." ("No honour for a plough.")

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C. B. H. Knight has been keeping goal for the "Capotters," a weird Exeter football club. He is also the energetic president of the Briareus club, an Exeter drinking society. He has been playing "fug" soccer, a kind of Rigaudite yard game, with great vigour and rather less success; and was the other day seen accompanying W. T. S. Sonneschein in a four to the source of the Thames. He continues to speak at the Union with great nerve; and has (he is himself our authority) "swamped" pass Mods.

W. Cleveland-Stevens, like W. T. S. Sonnenschein, is maintaining his reputation for hard work. He gave some songs in the open air with great effect on the night of the Christ Church

"bump" supper.

W. T. S. Sonnenschein has been devoting himself to the comic muse and other work. We hear, however, that he has found time for such outcasts of sport as Lacrosse and Hockey, and has been playing half-back at "soccer" with great energy. Several literary and debating clubs are favoured by his presence. We believe he has not yet recovered from the effects of a cross-country run in which he was foolish enough to indulge a week or two ago.

Finally, a question—ought heads of houses to leave until

Election Term? There is great indignation at Oxford.

Yours ever,

To the Editor of the "GRANTITE."

DEAR SIR,

May I encroach on the space of your valuable paper to draw your attention to the House Library? Fellows now hardly ever take a book out of the library, and very seldom read them if they do. This seems a great pity as there are some really good books there, which are well worth reading.

I also venture to make the suggestion that fellows leaving should present a book, thereby increasing the library and

bringing it more up to date.

I am, Yours, &c.,

Ex. Libris.

To the Editor of the "GRANTITE."

DEAR SIR,

Can you tell me if anything could be done towards practising with the fire escape. The reasons of practice must be apparent to all. At present no one, to my knowledge, knows anything about the mechanism of the escape, and if occasion should arise for its use at any time, as there might very easily be in an old house like this, it would be just as well to be efficient in using it. Could not practices take place about once a week. Hoping that steps will be taken to carrying this out,

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours, &c.,

ELBON.

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