

PLUMS.

It is a hard task to be a humorist. We all know how Tammas Taggart felt the responsibilities of his gift, quick though he was "beyond the ordinar' in seein' the humorous side o' things." But apart from the professional humorist, there is another class who have the gift in unconscious wise and wait for the time of examination to come out in their true colours. When they tell us that "an Epistle is the wife of an Apostle," we are not surprised to learn that "a parable is a heavenly story with no earthly meaning," or that "a lie is an abomination unto the Lord but a very present help in time of trouble."

There is a spice of humour in the thought that Gibbon wrote "Holy Living and Holy Dying." A pious dissertation would have been quite in his line, and might have corrected some of his views on early Christians. This is not worse, however, than the thought that "Bunyan was a monk," or that Jeremy Taylor wrote the "Tale of a Tub," or that Milton wrote "Sartor Resartus."

The Head-Master would be surprised, and perhaps hurt, to learn that Litt.D. means "a limited Doctor," and the greater ecclesiastics would shrink from writing D.D. after their names if they realised that it meant "Dead." Perhaps it is fortunate that they did not come in for a worse definition. "The Abbey has a long knave." Perhaps it has more than one, and it is credibly reported that certain "mislaid their top-heads" in "Poet's Coroner." It is to be hoped that they found them after due inquest. Any one, who knows Roman History, knows that "S.P.Q.R." has the somewhat commercial meaning of "Small profits, quick returns." The geologist, too, realises that "volcanic rock is formed from lather." To the historian, again, the following will necessarily appeal: "The young Henry took the crown and put it on his own head. At the same time his father woke up, and said: 'The wish is farther than the thought!'"

It is a moot question whether K.C.B. does not really mean "King's Counsel Barrister," and D.G. "Doctor of Greek." D.S.O. is obviously either "District Suffering Officer" or else "Delivery Sorting Office."

That David Copperfield was a distinguished author is well known. It is not so well known that he wrote "The Legend of Montrose." What pride this knowledge would have brought to Mrs. Micawber's motherly heart: what a letter from Wilkins Micawber, Magistrate!

It must have been that "amphibilious" animal, the whale, who is depicted as "holding his face as he roared with a bright hook" (oraque coerulea tollens rorantia barba). Again, the lady must have had an astral shape who "herself settled with her ancestors on the nearest tower" (ipsa autem avis in proxima turri consedit), while somebody, possibly down below, was engaged in "smashing his own eggs" (ipse suas sectatur oves).

These are some of the "Plums that fall from the rich man's table," and in this, as in everything else, it remains true that—

"We must take the currant as it serves Or perish in the flood."

HOUSE MATCHES.

GRANT'S v. ASHBURNHAM.

This match was started up-fields on July 6th. Grant's won the toss and sent in Kirkpatrick and Argyle to face the bowling of Geddes and Saunders. The first ball of the match Kirkpatrick glided to leg for four, and in the next over Argyle put Saunders away for a like sum. Argyle, however, was not destined to stop long, for at 28 he was bowled by Saunders. Houdret, the new comer, helped Kirkpatrick to take the score to 64, before he was bowled by Geddes for 12. Reed was the next to join Kirkpatrick, and started by putting Geddes for two consecutive fours, while Kirkpatrick, with a 3 off Saunders, completed his half century. Both batsmen now hit out freely and runs came very fast. The hundred was hoisted in forty minutes and, at this point, Harris took the ball from Saunders, Coventry also relieving Geddes. Even this change had no effect. and after Reed had hit Coventry for two fives and a four, Johnson and Geddes were tried, and Reed played on off Geddes. He had made a useful 27, including 2 fives and 3 fours. The stand had put on 70 runs. Lee then helped Kirkpatrick to take the score to 206, when he was lbw. to Davidson, who had taken the ball from Harris, for 10. During this time Kirkpatrick had completed his 100. F. Worlock came but was compelled to return by Davidson. Vecqueray was dismissed by a brilliant catch at point. G. L. Worlock also did little, being caught by Houdret who was subbing for Aglionby, who had put his finger out. Thus 7 wickets were down for 229, and it was thought that we would not make 250. Liberty, the new comer, started carefully while Kirkpatrick was scoring rapidly. A 4 off Johnson completed Kirkpatrick's 150. It was not until numerous changes had been tried that Liberty was bowled by Harris for an excellent 19. The two batsmen had made the biggest stand of the innings. Kirkpatrick's score at this time was 174, and Looker came in, but he was bowled by Geddes before he had scored. Nine wickets down for 323. Newman, the last man, came in and played a very good innings, while Kirkpatrick was scoring all round the wicket, and 330 was passed, Newman scoring a nice 4 off Davidson.

Kirkpatrick, who was now 196, cut Geddes for 4, thus completing his 200 runs; 1 run later, Newman was caught off Davidson, Kirkpatrick carrying out his bat for a magnificent effort of 201. He only gave two chances, one when he was 20, to Davidson, and the other at 186, at the wicket. By this he beat the former record for the House made by Bompas in '99, namely, 112. And the total of 364 also appears to be a record for the House, the former record being 338, also made in '99.

Ashburnham sent in Coventry and Harris to face Houdret and Worlock and, before a run had been scored, the latter was bowled by Worlock. Johnson and Coventry then played out time, though Liberty missed the easiest of catches.

The match was continued on Friday. The not outs, Coventry and Johnson, facing Houdret and Kirkpatrick. At 32 Houdret caught Johnson off Kirkpatrick for a useful 17, and after this there was an utter collapse, Houdret and Kirkpatrick carrying all before them. Coventry being the only batsman to offer any resistance. He was last out for a plucky 23. He was batting nearly an hour and a half. Houdret took four wickets for 18 runs and Kirkpatrick five for 37.

On following on Ashburnham made a slightly better show, and Coventry and Johnson raised the score to 44 for the first wicket, when Coventry was bowled by Reed, who had taken the ball from

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Houdret, for a well-played 23. Geddes looked like making runs. Kirkpatrick relieved Worlock and his first ball was disastrous to Geddes, and in his next over Johnson was lbw., and Harris and Aglionby cleaned bowled. At the other end Houdret got to work and quickly disposed of the side, the only batsmen to do anything were Davidson and Saunders, though they were both beaten several times, the innings closed for 127, leaving Grant's victors by an innings and 170 runs. Houdret took four wickets for 33, Kirkpatrick four for 35, and Reed two for 22.

The Grantite fielding was shocking; no fewer than six catches were dropped, and the ground fielding was wretched. Liberty and Worlock (Junr.) were by far and away the worst offenders.

GRANT'S.

FIRST INNINGS.

L. G. Kirkpatrick, not out2	201
H. V. Argyle, b Saunders	6
M. C. Houdret, b Geddes	
R. W. Reed, b Geddes	27
A. G. Lee, Ibw. b Davidson	19
F. G. Worlock, b Davidson	ó
C. A. C. Vecqueray, c Oglivie, b Davidson	3
G. L. Worlock, c sub., b Wylde	6
J. J. Liberty, b Harris	18
L. D. Looker, b Geddes	0
K. E. Newman, c sub., b Davidson	9
Extras	63

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

		m. r.		о.			
R. W. Geddes	23	I I04	3 S. F. Johnson	8	0	54	0
H. F. Saunders	9	0 43	I B. C. Davidson	6	I	36	4
W. B. Harris	7	I 30	I H. Wylde	2	I	-8	i
A. B. Coventry	2	0 21	0 G. R. Oxley	2	о	15	ο

ASHBURNHAM.

FIRST INNINGS.

SECOND INNINGS.

S. F. Johnson, c Houdret, b Kirkpatrick I H. F. Saunders, b Kirkpatrick R. W. Geddes, b Houdret B. C. Davidson b Houdret H. Wylde, b Houdret G. R. Oxley, b Houdret T. Oglivie, b Kirkpatrick F. Aglionby, b Kirkpatrick	0 17 1 3 5 0 8 1 4	b Reed
		Extras
 Total	57	Total,

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Inning	s.				Second I	nning	s.		
	о.	m.	r.	w.		0.	m.	r.	w.
M. C. Houdret	16	5	18	4	•••••••	11.4	3	33	4
F. G. Worlock	4	0	7	I		6	о	29	0
L. G. Kirkpatrick									
R. W. Reed			-		••• ••••	9	3	22	2

GRANT'S v. RIGAUD'S.

Rigaud's won the toss and sent in Walker and Craig to face the bowling of Houdret and Kirkpatrick. The start was disastrous, as with only 2 on the board Kirkpatrick clean bowled Walker, and the next ball saw Coleby caught at short leg, and at 11 Hepburn was bowled by the same bowler. Craig and Fleuret then carried the score to 59, when Craig was out for a plucky 30. The rest of the side completely failed, and were all out for 78, Fleuret making 29. Worlock took 5 wickets for 20 runs, Kirkpatrick took 3 for 36, and Reed 2 for 2. Grant's fared even worse, and were all disposed of for 54, which must not be put down to the quality of the bowling, but to funk Lee was the only one to reach double figures, a most disappointing display.

In the second innings Rigaud's were quite unable to play Kirkpatrick and Worlock, who were bowling quite in their best form, and were all disposed of for 76. Coleby played well for 30, while Fleuret did well by making 21.

This left Grant's with only 101 to make, a task which we ought to have accomplished without the loss of a wicket, but with only 8 on the board Lee had a very bad shot, and was bowled by Fleuret. Newman then helped Kirkpatrick a bit, but he also got himself out. Kirkpatrick seemed well set and appeared to care little for the bowling, and it looked as if he were in for another large score, when he was given out for obstruction. Argyle, after pulling Fleuret for 5, and scoring a couple of singles, got out to one of the rottenest strokes possible. Our hopes were fading until Worlock was joined by his brother. The elder one hit two 4's and soon retired, and then the younger Worlock and Vecqueray made a fairly useful stand, and we only needed a dozen runs to win, when Vecqueray ran himself out in the most absurd fashion, and a ball or two later Worlock was easily caught by Craig, and Grant's were beaten by 11 runs. A more disappointing show could not be imagined, most of the team absolutely lacking the ability to make runs. This will be seen better when people realise that in House matches Kirkpatrick has scored more off his own bat than all the rest of the team put together,

RIGAUD'S.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
H. Walker, b Kirkpatrick	0	lbw, b Kirkpatrick	4
J. McA. Craig, b F. Worlock	30	c Houdret, b Kirkpatrick	Ó
E. Coleby, c Liberty, b Kirkpatrick	ō	b Kirkpatrick	30
J. K. Hepburn, b Kirkpatrick	3	b F. Worlock	7
F. S. Fleuret, b F. Worlock	29	c Houdret, b Kirkpatrick	21
G. Hepburn, c Kirkpatrick, b F. Worlock	4	b F. Worlock	2
B. J. Failes, b Reed	3	c Argyle, b Kirkpatrick	0
G. W. Baker, c and b F. Worlock	ō	b F. Worlock	3
C. Alport, b Reed	0	run out	I
F. C. Failes, b F. Worlock	I	c Vecqueray, b Worlock	4
H. McManus, not out	1	not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	4
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Total..... 78

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

FIRST INNINGS.

0,	m.	r.	w.	0.	m.	r.	w.
M. C. Houdret 8	о	13	0				
L. G. Kirkpatrick11	0	36	3	16	4	40	5
F. G. Worlock 7	I	20	5	15.1	5	32	4
R. W. Reed 3.3	I	2	2			-	

GRANT'S.

FIRST INNINGS. SECOND INNINGS. M. C. Houdret, b J. Hepburn 4 L. G. Kirkpatrick, b F. S. Fleuret..... 9 b Fleuret 9 lbw, b Fleuret 25 A. G. Lee, ć J. Hepburn, b Fleuret..... 11 R. W. Reed, b Fleuret 6 b F. S. Fleuret i lbw, b Fleuret 2 H. V. Argyle, c and b Fleuret..... 2 b Fleuret 7 G. L. Worlock, b Fleuret..... c Craig, b Hepburn 10 4 F. G. Worlock, b J. Hepburn b Fleuret 13 3 C. Vecqueray, b J. Hepburn..... J. J. Liberty, b J. Hepburn run out - 8 τ 6 b Hepburn 2 L. D. Looker, b Fleuret not out o 4 K. E. Newman, not out..... b Fleuret 10 Т Extras..... 2 Extras..... 3 Total..... 54 Total..... 89

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

SECOND INNINGS

Total..... 76

SECOND INNINGS.

FIRST INNIN	IGS.			Second	INN	INGS.	
		r.		0,			
J. Hepburn	I	26	4	I 2. l	I	49	2
F. G. Fleuret 8.3	I	25	6	12	2	38	7

Kirkpatrick has shown himself to be an able cricketer and ideal House Captain. He is a good bat, and his 201 (not out) in Seniors, shows him to be capable of a big score. His slow bowling has been very successful, and in the field he is quite good; as an all-round man, he has no equal in the School; may he have every success at Cambridge!

Houdret, a right-hand medium-paced bowler, bowls well in House matches, but rather lacks sting in School matches. As far as his batting goes, he may make a dozen or a duck at a moment's notice. A good field. Was tried a lot for the School.

Reed, a fair bat, field, and bowler, but much more was expected from him in House matches. He might have been given further or earlier trials for the School.

F, Worlock proved to be quite a bowler when he started for the School, but seems to be losing his sting rather. His fielding is not his strong point.

Lee showed great promise when the season started, and represented the School on several occasions, but has gone off a lot. Thinks more of his bowling than other people do.

Argyle has not improved a bit since last year; not a good field.

Newman, not a pretty bat, but at times quite useful ; behind the sticks he is uncertain.

Liberty, a fairly safe bat; perhaps we had better not speak of his fielding.

G. Worlock can make runs sometimes; poor bowler and field.

Looker, one of the best people in the Junior team; good bowler and field; his batting can have a deal of improvement.

Vecqueray, a fairly good bat and field, but his sole object in life seems to be to see how many times he can nearly run himself out.

Shearman is a promising Junior, and should do well soon.

INTER-HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION.

This Competition was shot out at the Wormwood Scrubs range on Wednesday, June 29th, and resulted, as was generally expected, in an easy victory for Grant's. Each House sent a team of four, and the individual number of shots was fixed at 21, seven in each position. We cannot say that the result is promising, considering that the range was only 200 yards, and no wind allowance was needed. Out of a possible grand total of 2,100 points only 812 were registered. Some allowance, however, should be made for use of Bisley targets, which barely any of the competitors had shot at before. The Grantite's victory was largely due to the high standard they maintained in all three positions. College, for instance, were only four points behind our total lying, but were weaker kneeling, and tailed off hopelessly standing, scoring a large number of clean misses. Grant's, on the other hand, made more kneeling than lying, Willcocks made more both kneeling and standing than he did lying, and Radcliffe made the same score in all three positions. All the other Houses, too, had one or two good shots each, but two or three useless ones. Not only did Grant's score the highest aggregate, but also their individual scores were the four best. With reference to this it is rather surprising to find that we did not gain the Cup for the best shot in the corps, which went to H. L. Geare, of College. We have no desire to detract from the latter's good performance, but we think that the conditions under which he won the cup should be amended, as we consider his claim to be the best shot in the corps is by no means proven. The Cup was awarded to the maker of the highest score in the lying position, and was gained by Geare with 23 out of 35 points (5 points for each hit). These seven shots, however, cannot possibly determine the best man, and Geare was nowhere near having the highest total in all three positions. There seem to be two methods by which the Cup might be awarded :---

1. To the highest aggregate in the House Competition in all three positions.

Or if it must be shot for lying—

2. To the best out of at least 21 shots.

Below are the individual scores for Grant's and the totals of the other Houses :---

Grant's :	L.	К.	S. Total.
Private Willcocks -	18	22	2060
,, Neville	20	22	1759
" Metcalfe	20	19	1554
LceCorpl. Radcliffe	17	17	1751

Grand Total - 224 out of 420.

House Totals—Grant's.....224 Ashburnham......171 College.....159 Rigauds.....148 Home Boarders...110

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Sports' Cup has gone Up College. Grant's were second with 37 out of a possible 139 points, while College carried off 46. Ashburnham followed with 16. We had an easy victory

in the Inter-House Tug-of-War. The following events were won by Grantites :- The Open Half-Mile with Hurdles (Challenge Cup), Castle-Smith, 1; Reed, 2. High Jump, under 15, Shearman, 1; Horton, 2. Shearman won with an excellent jump of 4 ft. 91 in. Throwing the Hammer (Open), F. Worlock, Long Jump, under 15, Shearman, 2. Half-Mile Handicap, 2. Ratcliffe-Cousins (30 yds.), 3. One Hundred Yards, under 16, Lee won after a dead heat with Callos. 440 Yards Open, Worlock, F., 2. Quarter-Mile, under 16, Lee, 2. Quarter-Mile under 15 (Challenge Cup), Shearman, 1. (Time 66 secs.). Flat Race, One Mile, Open (Challenge Cup), Castle-Smith, I; Reed, (Time, 5 min. 10 secs.). One Hundred Yards under 15, 3. Shearman, I. Consolation Race, Pemberton, 2. The O.W.W. Race was won by an O.G., H. Logan.

The honours of the day, as far as Grant's is concerned, rested with Castle-Smith, and with Shearman among the Juniors.

HOUSE NOTES.

First and foremost we must express our sincere regret for an unfortunate omission in the last issue of the GRANTITE REVIEW. By an unaccountable slip we failed to record the departure of R. E. Tanner. It was certainly not from any lack of realisation of the great loss which the House suffered.

In Juniors we beat Rigaud's by 70 runs and Ashburnham by 7 wickets. We were beaten by College by 7 wickets.

We regret to record that G. Castle-Smith left last term. He is very much missed up the House.

We have one new fellow, Dillon, who comes from Home-Boarders. We regret to say that he has been absent through illness since the Exeat.

J. S. Lewis has been absent through illness, but we are glad to say that he has rejoined us for the last fortnight of term. C. G. A. Shearman has also been ill and is still out of School, but fortunately he is practically recovered.

Our hopes of regaining the Shield have been disappointed; next year will be the decisive battle with Rigaud's for its permanent possession. Another Fire-escape plactice has been held. The apparatus was perfectly ready for use. For the first time several people went down without anyone holding the end, a feat which might be necessary on occasion.

The Grantite Four have brought the Inter-House Shooting Cup up the House. They have our heartiest congratulations.

The Yard-Ties are not yet finished. The favourites are perhaps M. C. Houdret's team.

The following have played for the School this term :--M. C. Houdret, F. G. Worlock, R. W. Reed, and A. G. Lee.

The following are the cricket colours at the end of the term :-

FINKS.	FINK & WHILES.	J 3KD AL.
L. G. Kirkpatrick.	M. C. Houdret. F. G. Worlock. R. W. Reed.	A. G. Lee.

We must congratulate H. C. G. Pedler, A. F. Noble, and L. Thompson on passing the London University Matriculation.

In the first round of the House Racquet Ties, R. W. Reed beat D. S. Robertson. The final between R. W. Reed and L. G. Kirkpatrick has not yet been played.

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