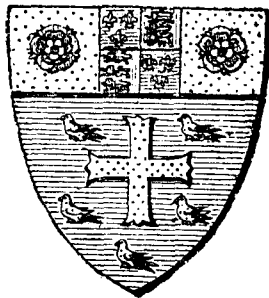


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GRANT'S. I.

Comparatively little is known of the earlier history of "Grant's." Even the actual date of the building of the House has yet to be discovered. Internal evidence and certain structural peculiarities, however, point to the House having been built somewhere between 1720 and 1740, nor is there the slightest doubt that No. 3, Little Dean's Yard, and the old Rigaud's were built at the same time. There was an older house before this date on the site of "Grant's" which is marked on a map of the time of William and Mary. This earlier house occupied the space now occupied by both the present No. 3 and "Grant's." It was apparently built as a Prebendal house, and subsequently occupied by Dr. Robert Friend, who entertained there Swift, Atterbury, and Prior. Later again it was in the occupation of Mrs. Alice Beresford as a boarding-house, and Edward Harley, Earl of Oxford, was amongst her boarders. Another of her boarders was the celebrated John, Lord Hervey, the "Lord Fanny" of the Epistles and Satires of Pope. He and his three brothers were all at Westminster, and from the Book of Expenses of their father, Lord Bristol, we learn that he paid Mrs. Beresford £35 each quarter for boarding his four sons and their servant. At this time, we may add, it was nothing uncommon for boys to bring their manservant with them to Westminster.

At the time of the Sacheverell riots in 1709, the mob for some unexplained reason attacked Mrs. Beresford's house and broke

the windows. In the evidence at the time of the dispute about the building of the New Dormitory (1720) we again hear of the House, for one reason given against the building of the proposed New Dormitory was that it would seriously incommode "two large and airy boarding-houses which receive about 80 sons of the nobility and gentry." In 1731, at the time of the fire in Ashburnham House, when the famous Cottonian Library was stored there, some of the books were carried across and temporarily lodged in "the large boarding-house opposite." This may or may not refer to the present House; anyhow Mrs. Beresford had gone by this time, and Mr. Sargeaunt is strongly inclined to identify "Grant's" with a house which was known as "Ludford's." The great importance of this identification lies in the fact that if we are to identify the later "Grant's" with the earlier "Ludford's," we may claim the name of William Cowper among the illustrious *alumni* of the House. But however this may be, we do know that in 1745 the School Registers begin to note the name of the boarding-house to which those admitted were sent, and "Grant's" is directly mentioned among them. The first "Mother Grant," whose family were to possess and live in the house for a hundred years, was probably the Mrs. Mary Grant who was buried in the N. Cloister in 1782, at the age of 82, and who was the wife of "John Grant of London." Who the Grants were or where they came from we know no more than this, except that such small memoranda as we possess show them to have been well connected. Among those admitted "Up-Grant's" in those early times was a future Archbishop of Dublin (Charles Agar, Earl of Normanton), the first of a long Granite family; also Mrs. Grant's son, Richard, admitted at the early age of six years, and who, as the Rev. Richard Grant was House-Master for many years. In 1752 the name of the boarding-house ceases to be given in the School Entrance Books, and the subsequent history of the House for the rest of the century is of the most shadowy kind. There exists a letter addressed to the Rev. G. Andrewes, one of the Ushers and afterwards Dean of Canterbury, at "Mrs. Grant's, Little Dean's Yard," in 1775, which seems to suggest that he was Usher of the House. One—and only one—other reference has at present been discovered, and that is in a letter of Savage French, who was admitted to the School in 1788, to his son, when the latter was a new boy "Up-Grant's," in 1822. "If," he says, "the room which you are in is on the first floor, and the first on the right hand looking on the gable end of the Hall, it is the same in which I slept formerly . . . and you need not look for a better."

When, however, we come to the 19th Century, we find that much more has been preserved. In 1803, Lord John Russell was admitted a boarder "Up-Grant's," where he remained about

a year and kept a diary of his experiences. Incidentally, he tells us that the Rev. Thomas Watson-Ward, who had married Miss Grant in 1798, was Usher of the House, and he speaks of having been fag to his brother, Lord Tavistock, afterwards 7th Duke of Bedford. He complains of the excessive fagging, and one instance which he gives may be quoted: "Being in the Under School," he says, "I at once became a fag, and as such was directed by some of the boys of Grant's boarding-house to desire the glazier to mend a window which was broken. Two days afterwards, as the glazier had not appeared, the same boys asked me whether I had given him the order. When I said 'Yes,' they rejoined, 'Did you swear at him?' I said 'No.' 'Then go and swear at him.'" As Lord John remarks, telling the story some sixty years later, "For a little boy this was not a very good lesson."

Bishop Short, of Adelaide, who was here a few years later, also speaks of the excessive fagging, and once remarked that in his whole Colonial life he never suffered such miseries as he endured in "the lower fag-room" [Hall] of "Grant's"!

Another Grantite, Lord Albermarle, who was admitted in 1808 and boarded at "Mother Grant's," as had done generations of Keppels before him, has left us a more detailed account of his fagging experiences, which may be quoted at length: "I rose," he writes, "as the day broke, hurried on my clothes, brushed those of my master, cleaned several pairs of his shoes, went to the pump in Great Dean's Yard for hard water for his teeth and to the cistern at Mother Grant's for soft water for his hands and face, passed the rest of the time till eight in my own hasty ablutions, or in conning over my morning school lesson. Eight to nine—In school. Nine to ten—Out for my breakfast, or rather for my master's breakfast. I had to bring up his tea things, to make his toast, &c. ; my own meal was a very hasty affair. Ten to twelve—In school. Twelve to one—In the Usher's correcting room preparing for afternoon lessons. One to two—Dinner in the Hall, a sort of roll-call, absence a punishable offence, the food execrable. Two to five—Evening school. Five to six—Buying bread, butter, milk and eggs for the great man's tea and preparing that meal. Six to the following morning—Locked up at 'Mother Grant's' till bed-time; fagging of a miscellaneous character." Such was fagging "Up-Grant's" a hundred years ago—a "hard life," as Lord John Russell called it, but it was splendid training; a fact which was proved in the Peninsula War, causing the Duke of Wellington to exclaim that "whenever he gave an order to an Old Westminster he was sure of its being well carried out."

L. E. TANNER,

(To be continued.)

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Society began the term by reading *The Midsummer Night's Dream*. The play was finished in two readings, on October 13th and October 20th. The following were the parts :—

Mr. Tanner	...	...	<i>Oberon, Starveling.</i>
L. E. Tanner	...	...	<i>Bottom, Egeus, 1st Fairy.</i>
F. G. Hobson	...	...	<i>Demetrius, Quince, Moth.</i>
C. V. Miles	...	...	<i>Lysander, Pease-Blossom.</i>
R. A. Graham	...	...	<i>Snug, Philostrate, 3rd Fairy.</i>
F. R. J. Tomlinson	...	...	<i>Theseus, Cobweb.</i>
A. T. Sturgess	...	...	<i>Titania, Helena.</i>
E. Colquhoun	...	...	<i>Puck, Hermia.</i>
A. K. Gilmour	...	...	<i>Snout, Mustard-Seed, 4th Fairy.</i>
A. G. Pemberton...	...	...	<i>Flute, Hippolyta, 2nd Fairy.</i>

At the third meeting of the Society, Sheridan's *The Rivals* was read. The play was begun on Nov. 3rd, but owing to "Commemoration" and other reasons was not finished until a meeting on Nov. 24th. The reading showed a marked improvement, and the play caused much amusement. The following were the parts :—

Mr. Tanner	...	...	<i>Sir Anthony Absolute.</i>
L. E. Tanner	...	...	<i>Captain Absolute.</i>
F. G. Hobson	...	...	<i>Bob Acres.</i>
C. V. Miles	...	...	<i>Sir Lucius O'Trigger.</i>
R. A. Graham	...	...	<i>Fag.</i>
F. R. Tomlinson	...	...	<i>Julia, Thomas.</i>
A. T. Sturgess	...	...	<i>Lydia Languish.</i>
E. Colquhoun	...	...	<i>David, Lucy.</i>
A. K. Gilmour	...	...	<i>Mrs. Malaprop.</i>
A. G. Pemberton...	...	...	<i>Faulkland, Servant, Maid.</i>

R. A. Graham was away for the last reading, and the part of *Fag* was taken by A. G. Pemberton.

The last meeting for the term was on Tuesday, December 1st, when Sheridan's *Critic* was read. This, as ever, proved an amusing reading, but members are at present too afraid of "letting themselves go." They should try and put a little more life into their parts. The following were the parts :—

Mr. Tanner	...	<i>Puff.</i>
L. E. Tanner	...	<i>Sneer, Sceneman, Knight.</i>
F. G. Hobson	...	<i>Dangle, 1st Sentry.</i>
C. V. Miles	...	<i>Sir C. Hatton, Son, Thames.</i>
R. A. Graham	...	<i>Sir W. Raleigh.</i>
F. R. Tomlinson	...	<i>Leicester, Constable, 2nd Sentry.</i>
A. T. Sturgess	...	<i>1st Niece, Governor, Justice's Lady.</i>
E. Colquhoun	...	<i>Tilburina, 2nd Niece, Under Prompter.</i>
A. Gilmour	...	<i>Whiskerandos, Justice.</i>
A. G. Pemberton	...	<i>Confidant, Beefeater, Master of Horse.</i>

This was the last meeting of the term, and we take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Tanner for the pleasant evenings that we have had.

A. G. Pemberton

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

Our Juniors have had a successful term and won both their matches, defeating Rigaud's by 2—1 and Ashburnham by 3—2.

Against Rigaud's the team, as a whole, combined well, the halves backing up their forwards and marking down their men. The defence was good, and was successful in preventing Cooke, perhaps the most dangerous of our opponents, from getting away with the ball. Indeed, the only time that he did get away, Rigaud's scored their goal. In the first half Grant's had it pretty much their own way and scored the first of their goals, but in the second half the game was more even, and though we scored another goal, the ball was, at any rate towards the end, more frequently at our end of the ground than our opponents'. Grant's eventually won by 2 goals to 1; both our goals were shot by Gilmour.

In the match against Ashburnham the team played better and with much more dash than in the former match. The team was unchanged with the exception of A. C. Miles, who played in place of Whitmore, who was out of School. The forwards proved a strong combination and played vigorously and well, with the result that at half-time the score was two love in our favour. Soon after half-time we scored another goal, but Ashburnham followed this with two goals in quick succession. Following up their success Ashburnham played a vigorous game for the rest of the time, and several ugly rushes were only with difficulty averted. Ashburnham continued to press until the end of the game, but the score remained unaltered, and Grant's proved victorious by 3 goals to 2. W. Rawson shot two of our goals, while the other one was shot by G. L. Brown.

A. G. Pemberton

CRITICISMS ON THE JUNIOR TEAM.

R. R. Rawson made a good captain. He marks his man well, but should be more accurate in his passing.

A. K. Gilmour, although only discovered as a forward at the last moment, played a very dashing game, but should learn to keep the ball more at his feet.

G. L. Brown, although rather slow and lacking in dash, combines well with his centre.

C. L. C. Hodgson was rather disappointing on the whole. He does not combine enough with his inside man, and he should centre more rather than try to shoot goals himself.

H. F. Whitmore played well on the whole, although rather slow. He should keep more on "the wing."

J. C. Hobson tackles well and marks his man, but is rather slow and should get rid of the ball sooner.

W. T. R. Rawson passes well and makes good openings, but is rather light and slow at present. His shooting is somewhat feeble.

E. R. Yolland made a good goalkeeper, although rather clumsy and nervous at times. He saved some hard shots.

J. H. Mason was indeed a pleasant surprise, playing well throughout, but he should get rid of the ball sooner. He should be useful to Grant's in the future.

B. Smith, although rather small and slow, tackles well and passes accurately to his forwards.

R. F. Potter made a good back, but should use his weight more. He is rather erratic in his kicking.

R. A. Graham

THE FOREST.

They stand like a legion of ghosts
 On the bank of the Stygian stream,
 Awaiting the ravenous hosts
 That clamour for rest and a dream.
 Unhaunted by hunger and cold,
 With nor hatred nor strife to distress them :
 So they stand, and have stood from of old,
 And their leaves are akindle with gold,
 Where the sun can caress them.

Their trunks have grown hoary with years,
Their branches are drooping, their barks
Are soiled with the centuries' tears,
And checkered with lights and with darks ;
Their roots are like billows at sea,
Curled, ridgy and wondrously crested ;
And mosses and grasses lie free
At the foot of each memoried tree—
Where a faun may have rested !

They are weird and titanic, their shades
Are peopled with thoughts of the dead—
Of heroes and lovers and maids
Who have lived for a while and are fled
To the poppy-strewn twilight of fate.
Perchance in this wood in past ages,
With her masculine spirit elate,
Elizabeth hunted in state
With her nobles and pages.

Perchance Robin Hood was enthroned
In this forest, and captured the deer,
And heard the rich vespers intoned
By Tuck, and perchance it was here
He robbed a fat sheriff of gold,
Or a maiden of two or three kisses.
They are vanished—the good days of old ;
They are gone, and their fires are as cold
As their glories and blisses.

Elizabeth, Robin, and all
Of their times are but shadowy now ;
The horns of the foresters call
No more, and the leaves on the bough
Are not the same leaves that beheld
Those laughing, historical faces.
Now the forest is solemn with eld,
And some of its trees have been felled
With their memories and graces.

Aye, the forest is solemn and still,
The desolate glades are now mute,
And the leaves feel no longer a thrill
As of old, for they hear not the lute
Of the cavalier wooer, nor yet
The voice of the Puritan maiden.
Alas ! can the forest forget
The lovers who in it have met,
And with what it is laden ?

It surely remembers—it must
 Remember ! 'Tis not as is man
 An ephemeral creature of dust,
 For its life is a wonderful span
 Of ages, its heart is unstilled,
 Its pulses have beaten for ever.
 Its odours and hues are unkilld
 By Time, and its echoes are filled
 With renown, and die never !

W. B. NICHOLS.

HEADS OF THE HOUSE.

The following list of former Heads of the House may not prove uninteresting to our readers. The list has been compiled with some difficulty from the Town Boy Ledger and other sources. It is to be regretted that the list extends no further back than 1817; but it is to be doubted whether these early Heads of the House had any special duties attaching to their position. They were probably little more than Head in name. Lord J. Russell when he was "Up-Grant's" in 1803-04 speaks of being a fag to his elder brother, Lord Tavistock (afterwards 7th Duke of Bedford), which may or may not mean that the latter was Head of the House. It is hoped that the complete list will shortly be painted up in black letters on oak boards at the upper end of Hall. The actual list begins in 1817, and has been carefully verified as far as is now possible.

1817-18 (Sir) John Jervis. ¹	1831 A. Borradaile. ⁷
1819-20-21 J. Jekyll.	1832 T. F. Stooks.
1821-22-23 W. T. Wyld.	1832-33 W. G. Brett. ⁵
1824 Sir M. White-Ridley (Bart.). ²	1834 (Sir) J. B. Maule. ⁹
1824-25 W. R. Fremantle. ³	1834 R. H. Hurst. ¹⁰
1825 W. O. S. Trelawny.	1835 C. D. Osborn.
1826 J. Mitchell.	1836 (Sir) C. J. Wingfield. ¹¹
1827 Sir G. Chetwynd (Bart.).	1837 The Earl of Normanton. ¹²
1827 W. P. Lamb.	1837-38 H. Maule.
1828 G. B. Maule.	1838-40 H. M. Curteis.
1828-29 (Sir) E. H. Greathed. ⁴	1840-41 M. F. F. Osborn.
1829 Sir J. Preston (Bart.). ⁵	1842-44 G. Gillett.
1829-31 Hon. W. N. Ridley- Colborne. ⁶	1844-45 J. Preston.

¹ Sir John Jervis, afterwards M.P. for Chester, 1832-50. Attorney-General. Chief Justice of Common Pleas and Privy Councillor.

² Sir M. White-Ridley, afterwards M.P. for North Northumberland, 1859-68, and at one time a candidate for the Speakership. Home Secretary.

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- ³ W. R. Fremantle, afterwards Dean of Ripon. Steered the Oxford Eight in the first University Boat Race in 1829.
- ⁴ Sir Edward Harris Greathed. Played in Westminster Cricket XI. 1828. K.C.B. and D.C.L. General. Served in the Indian Mutiny.
- ⁵ Sir J. Preston. Rowed (No. 6) in the first Eton and Westminster Boat Race on July 27th, 1829, which Eton won.
- ⁶ Hon. W. N. Ridley-Colborne, only son of 1st Lord Colborne and a cousin of Sir M. W. Ridley (see above). M.P. for Richmond 1841-46. Died in 1846.
- ⁷ A. Borradaile. Westminster Cricket XI. in 1829-30-31.
- ⁸ W. G. Brett, brother of Lord Esher (O.W.). Secretary to the Historical Manuscripts Commission.
- ⁹ Sir J. B. Maule, Q.C. Treasurer of Inner Temple. Brother of G. B. Maule, Head of House in 1828.
- ¹⁰ R. H. Hurst. 1st T.B. Head of Water, 1834. Rowed Bow in the Eight of 1833-34; No. 7 in T.B. Eight; and would have rowed No. 2 against Eton in 1834, but the race was abandoned. Westminster Cricket XI. 1834. Afterwards he was Recorder of Hastings and Rye, and M.P. for Horsham 1865-74 and 1875-76. Author.
- ¹¹ Sir C. J. Wingfield, K.C.S.I., C.B. Chief Commissioner of Oudh. M.P. for Gravesend, 1868-74.
- ¹² Earl of Normanton, who as Lord Somerton coxed the Westminster Eight in the '37 race against Eton, at which the King (William IV.) was present and which Westminster won by between three and four lengths, "largely owing to the presence of mind of Lord Somerton, who leant over and prevented the Westminster boat shipping water" (see Water Ledger). Captain (?) of Cricket 1836. Afterwards M.P. for Wilton 1841-52. Succeeded his father as 3rd Earl in 1868. Died Dec. 19th, 1897.
- H. Maule. Coxed the Westminster Eight in 1838 and would have coxed them against Eton, but the race was put a stop to at the last moment by the Head-Master's orders, although Eton were actually in their boat at Westminster Bridge.
- H. M. Curteis. Town Boy Head of Water 1840. Rowed No. 4 in the Westminster Eight in 1839 and also in 1840. Westminster Cricket XI. 1837-40. Oxford Univ. Cricket XI. 1841-42. Played Cricket for Sussex. For 14 years Master of the East Sussex Foxhounds. M.P. for Rye 1844-52.
- G. Gillett. Rowed No. 4 in Westminster Eight of 1844.
- J. Preston. Rowed bow in the race against Eton in 1845, when Westminster won by one minute and five seconds. The Westminster Rudder and an oil painting of the race are now in the Scott Library.

L. E. Tennant

(To be continued.)

HOUSE NOTES.

We have to chronicle with very sincere regret the departure of C. G. Reed, E. D. Adrian, R. H. Williams, A. C. Boulton, S. D. Graham, W. R. Horton, J. Geare, R. S. Storer, G. L. P. Eyre, D. C. Vey and S. H. Hurst.

E. D. Adrian was elected Head to Trinity College, Cambridge with a Samwaies Exhibition, and R. H. Williams was elected to a Christ Church Exhibition; C. G. Reed has gone to Brasenose College, Oxford, A. C. Boulton to Christ Church, Oxford, W. R. Horton to Trinity Hall, Cambridge; J. Geare to Pembroke College, Cambridge, R. S. Storer and D. C. Vey to Clare College, Cambridge. S. D. Graham has recently been up for his Army Examination for Woolwich, G. L. P. Eyre has gone into his Father's Office in the City, and S. H. Hurst has gone on to the London Stock Exchange.

L. E. Tanner is Head of the House for the ensuing year with F. G. Hobson, H. F. Rawson, and G. E. Tunnicliffe as fellow-monitors.

There are twelve new boys this term: R. E. D. Cargill, R. R. Sedgwick, A. C. Miles, G. V. M. Frampton, K. W. Sorley, and D. Smurthwaite have come as boarders; Ashmead-Bartlett, S. M. Fisher, R. F. Potter, B. G. Startin and O. A. Tunnicliffe as half-boarders.

L. E. Tanner is President of the School Shakespeare Society and Secretary of the School Debating Society.

In the Cadet Corps F. G. Hobson has been made a Full Sergeant, G. E. Tunnicliffe a Lance-Sergeant, and F. R. J. Tomlinson a Lance-Corporal.

The Competition for the Singing Cup was decided on the last day of last term between Grant's and Homeboarders. Under the able management of A. C. Boulton, Grant's gained a well-deserved victory, and the Cup therefore remains for another year "Up-Grant's."

In the School Fives Ties H. F. Rawson and R. R. Rawson, after beating E. C. K. Clarke and E. S. Wood, were beaten by A. L. Purves (sub.) and C. B. Bonner.

R. A. Graham, T. F. C. Marriott, and C. V. Miles have played for the School this term. R. A. Graham had the misfortune to injure his knee soon after half-term, which prevented him from playing again until almost the end of the term.

Since last term Hall and Chiswicks have been re-coloured above the panelling in green, and the Entrance-hall and Staircase have also been re-papered.

The Play Supper will be held this year, as usual, on the second night of the Play, Monday, December 14th.

D. S. Tanner

OLD GRANTITES.

Mr. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens has been awarded a Shaw Research Scholarship for two years.

Mr. C. E. G. Shearman has passed into Woolwich and Mr. D. Philby has passed his Army Preliminary Examination.

Mr. R. E. Tanner is sailing with his regiment for India on December 16th; Mr. F. N. Ashley is going shortly to Northern Nigeria, and Mr. R. W. Reed has gone to Germany for a year.

Mr. H. S. Ladell has published a novel entitled "Mrs. Penrose's Philosopher," and has also brought out a children's book.

Mr. C. G. Reed played in the Freshmen's Match at Oxford.

Mr. Oswald Lewis has been elected a Marylebone Borough Councillor.

Mr. K. E. Newman has passed his Law Preliminary Examination.

D. S. Tanner

YARD TIES.

Tomlinson v. Rawson, R.	} Rawson, R. 15-4	} Marriott 13-4	} Marriott w.o.	
Marriott v. Hawke				} Marriott 39-4
Yolland v. Colquhoun	} Yolland w.o.	} Graham 15-5		
Graham v. Pemberton				} Graham w.o.
Tanner v. Miles, C.	} Miles, C. 17-5	} Rawson, H. 13-5			} Rawson 22-3
Hobson, F. v. Rawson, H.				} Rawson, H. 18-4
Sturgess v. Brown	} Brown 11-5	} Gilmour w.o.		
Tunncliffe v. Gilmour				} Gilmour 11-9

F. G. Hobson

FIVES TIES.

Marriott v. Tunncliffe	} Marriott (2-0) [15-5, 15-3]	} Gilmour (2-1) [15-11, 10-15, 15-11]
Hobson v. Gilmour			} Gilmour (2-1) [15-9, 12-15, 17-15]
Colquhoun a bye	} Gilmour (2-0) [15-13, 15-3]	} Rawson, H.
Rawson, H. v. Hodgson			} Rawson, H. (2-0) [15-3, 15-2]
Miles, C. v. Graham	} Scratched	

F. G. Hobson

YARD BALL FUND.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s.	d.			
50 Sixpences (collected at beginning of the Term)	1	5	0	Sept. 25th, 6 balls...	0	4	0
150 balls skied (at 4d. each)	2	10	0	Oct. 1st, 6 balls...	0	4	0
				„ 12th, 12 balls...	0	8	0
				„ 21st, 12 balls...	0	8	0
Total	£3	15	0	„ 26th, 6 balls...	0	4	0
Expenditure	2	8	0	Nov. 3rd, 6 balls...	0	4	0
				„ 12th, 6 balls...	0	4	0
Balance (carried over to next Term)	£1	7	0	„ 18th, 6 balls...	0	4	0
				„ 23rd, 6 balls...	0	4	0
				„ 29th, 6 balls...	0	4	0
				Total	£2	8	0

F. G. HOBSON,
Hon. Treasurer.

A PLEA.

Missed is the joke, the swift retort,
The angry exclamation,
The telling gestures all cut short—
The muttered execration.
We cannot check those heartless rods
That stir the meek, obedient "Gods."
Whilst Simo mute with lifted hands
Endures the painful pause,
And Davus interrupted stands
And bears the cold applause,
We call down curses seven times seven,
And wait and wish the "Gods"—in heaven.

BIRTH.

On Nov. 2nd, the wife of Lewis Herbert Winckworth, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

TAYLOR-TASWELL—SIMKINS.—On Oct. 20th, at St. Paul's Church, Rondebosch, Cape Town, by the Rev. Oswald Hogarth, of Salt River, Stephen Langmead Taylor-Taswell, of the Surveyor-General's Office, son of the Rev. Stephen Taswell Taylor-Taswell,

Rector of Witherley, Leicestershire, to Helen, elder daughter of W. Simkins, Esq., of Woodville, Rondebosch. Mr. C. Gordon Bird (O.G.), of the Attorney-General's Office, acted as best man.—*Cape Times*, Oct. 22, 1908.

L. E. Tarrant

OBITUARY.

It is with much regret we have to record the death of an Old Grantite, Philip Southby, which took place recently. He was the second son of Richard Worledge Southby, of Bampton, Oxfordshire, and was born on Jan. 3rd, 1843. He was admitted as a boarder "Up-Grant's" on Jan. 24th, 1856, and became Head of the House from Aug. 1860 to Whitsuntide 1861. Leaving Westminster with a Dean Thomas Exhibition he went to Christ Church, Oxford, and became a B.A. in 1865 and M.A. in 1868. In 1866 he was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, and practised for many years on the Oxford Circuit. His name is on one of the panels in "Inner Chiswick."

We also regret to notice the death of another Old Grantite, James Francis Katherinus Hewitt. He was the second son of the Hon. and Rev. John Pratt Hewitt, of Moneymore, co. Derry, by his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. F. Gervais. Born on June 21st, 1835, he was admitted as a boarder "Up-Grant's" on Sept. 22nd, 1848, remaining in the House until 1850, when he was elected second into College, and elected to Christ College, Oxford, in 1854, becoming a B.A. in 1858. He then entered the Bengal Civil Service, and became a Commissioner in the Chota Nagpore Division, and eventually retired in 1885. Mr. Hewitt married on March 10th, 1870, Constance, youngest daughter of Edward Stanley, Esq., of Ponsonby Hall, Cumberland.

It is also with regret we notice the death recently at 4, West Eaton Place, S.W., of Lady Greathed. Lady Greathed was the eldest daughter of the late Sir George Osborn, Bart., a member of a distinguished Old Westminster and Grantite family, who was a boarder "Up-Grant's" from 1824 to 1831. Lady Greathed married on August 4th, 1869, another distinguished Old Grantite, the late Gen. Sir Edward Harris Greathed, K.C.B., D.C.L., who boarded in the House from 1825 to 1829, and was Head of the House for his last year. His name may be seen carved over the door of "Outer Chiswick."

L. E. Tarrant

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."

DEAR SIR,

The new academic year once more is sad for the loss of those who have gone down, while it welcomes most heartily the newcomers. The loss of Mr. R. W. Reed and Mr. G. M. S. Oldham, two of the worthiest sons of "Grant's," is one of the greatest. Oxford had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Reed at the beginning of the term before he went to Germany. He was then working for his exams. and taking the utmost care of the Beagles at Garsington.

Of "Old Grantites" up at present, Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe, who has just taken his M.A., is still coaching the idle. He has turned teetotal, but it has not affected his coaching profession in the least. His abode is still at Garsington, where he is distinguishing himself as an enthusiastic Conservative. He was lately to be seen and heard in the J.C.R., hawking tickets for a Conservative dinner, price 2s. each, wine included. His brother, Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, except for days of exercise with the Beagles, of which he is still a keen supporter, has entirely given himself up to books and hard work; in consequence, he has been laid up in bed for some time, but we are glad to say he is fast recovering. The innumerable rewards he has had to pay people for returning his strayed dog has made him a strict economist.

Mr. G. Beech leads the fashionable set in Merton with great success. He has now lost his appendix, and to make up for it he wears a heavy moustache.

Mr. H. D. Adrian, who rows as keenly as ever, but without much success, is hardly ever to be seen. He is lost in books and "Meadows."

The "Old Library Trio," Mr. Fraser, Mr. Radcliffe-Cousins, and Mr. Pitt-Lewis, sunk in the depths of spiritualism, are still as noisy as ever. They have created a society for themselves and seldom give those "without the pale" the pleasure of their company. Mr. Fraser, who takes no exercise except with Indian club or at billiards, keeps "Meadows" and Old Library awake till the small hours of the morning by gruesome sounds from a grand piano. For fashions and quantity of hair he is unparalleled—in him it is very becoming and lends tone to his musical airs. Mr. Radcliffe-Cousins in accompaniment to Mr. Fraser, fills the place with the sweet strains of his banjo and still sweeter voice.

He was a candidate for Mercury on the 5th of November, but unfortunately was not to be found. Mr. Pitt-Lewis, horrified by the evil noises of the other two, is seen but not heard. He has been seen on the upper river, but otherwise does nothing.

Mr. C. G. Reed played football so keenly that he was chucked out of his College XI., but he says he was crocked early in the season. We hear that now his brother has gone down he feels the responsibility of preserving the Grantite "parting." He is a past-master at card playing, but is too wily to lose money by it.

Mr. R. Hodder-Williams is hidden in the garrets of Peck, where he holds coffee meetings every night. His attempts at playing hockey and then football were by no means marked with success, and so he has taken up tennis. Nobody has seen him play, though he says he is quite a good player.

Mr. A. C. Boulton, tall only in proportion to his beauty, has graced the upper river with his presence both in and out of a boat, greatly to the detriment of his clothes. Among other things he does beside music, he has joined the cavalry. His jumping lessons are taken in private, for he is wont to land heavily into gorse bushes, especially when bareback jumping.

Mr. H. V. Hughes has reappeared, but is lost in the sublime recesses of Keble. He plays lacrosse !!

Mr. Sayer and Mr. Greene, of Magdalen, like the babes in the wood, are never separated by any chance, except on one occasion when Mr. Greene was celebrating the Magdalen bump supper. Mr. Sayer is buried in his theological studies, while Mr. Greene has taken up his abode far from the madding crowd at the top of the Tower.

And so wishing you, Sir, and all Grantites a very pleasant Christmas and a happy New Year, I will bring this letter to a close.

Yours, &c.,

E. COLL. AEN. NAS.

OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE."

DEAR SIR,

This term we are glad to welcome quite a number of Grantites, whom we may take this opportunity of congratulating collectively and individually upon the prospective brilliance of their Cambridge careers. E. D. Adrian, of Trinity, was all but engulfed by the importunities of "Third," but escaped by the skin of his teeth,

to distinguish himself in the knightly sport of fencing. Our best congratulations on his second in the Freshman's Foils, which was within an ace of being a first. Of the remaining freshmen, Clare has claimed two, of whom R. S. Storer sang at the O.W. "Smoker," and D. C. L. Vey did not. Of the latter's less negative achievements we have not found time to inform ourselves, an omission which we acknowledge with much regret.

W. R. Horton keeps up the best hunting traditions of the Hall, and we hear that there is no danger of his defection to their gallant suffragist-socialist minority.

J. W. Geare, of Pembroke, is also by way of being a rider. The only other Grantite we remember to have noticed engaged in the manage of the Great Horse is D. S. Robertson, of Trinity, who has left the M.I., but still takes an occasional afternoon's hacking. He professes to be hard at work on some abstruse classical theme, but spends most of his time at Newnham, where he coaches and lectures to 12 young women upon the less questionable of Martial's excellences. Fives, toy-billiards, and interminable conversations with gypsies, are stated to be his chief relaxations.

C. H. F. Metcalfe, of Pembroke, may often be seen, or guessed, whizzing down K.P. on a motor, whose exact species we have never found time to notice.

G. W. H. Hodgson, of Trinity, and H. G. Dillon, of Christ's, are both now in their second year.

The former has not altogether forsaken the gentle art of coxing, but his rapidly-increasing girth and weight must soon compel him so to do. He devotes the most part of his time to Beagling, and has already acquired a large stock of trophies gained in the chase, as well as a very complete vocabulary of sporting terms and expletives. We believe that politics form his latest hobby, and he is a conspicuous and no doubt valued member of the "New Carlton Club."

The latter we believe has added to the distinctions which he has gained on and in the "Crystal Cam," an achievement different but not less glorious in the intellectual world by gaining a Christ's Scholarship in Modern Languages.

We must not close without a word of regret for the absence of R. W. Willcocks, of Caius, whose medical duties have recalled him to the banks of the Thames.

For any omissions, Mr. Editor, we humbly apologise; pleading in extenuation short notice, lack of time, and constitutional laziness. With very best wishes to Grant's.

Yours,

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(J. S. Robertson)

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