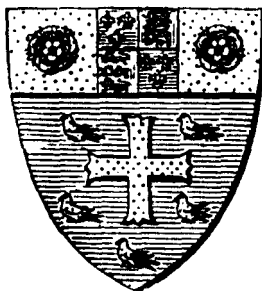


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EDITORIAL.

IT is amazing, and astoundingly helpful, to reflect upon the luxuriance of vegetation which makes Grant's such a green place for the birds in summer. The pigeons and the sparrows must indeed be grateful. Nor indeed can any human being contemplate without emotion the geraniums, Dickens' favourite flower, or the unknown herbs which may perhaps grow into beanstalks, or even the little pieces of cocoanut skin which shade the growing worms; we only wait for "Window-boxes of Westminster" to set the seal of literature on them all. Nothing is lacking, except perhaps a Monkey-puzzle tree. Yet all this display conceals a secret danger. Our environment may lull us into tropical decay. There is indeed no urgent reason to suppose that we are decadent, while our sinuous diplomacy still makes its mark at chess; but there is no doubt that Grant's was once a far fiercer place, and we must justify our gentleness. A holly hedge round yard might help us to efficiency, or station lists with tissue paper pages; but it would be better to remain gentle; and we are inevitably gentle, and a model to the boors around us. Only we should like to be successful, even if we have to pretend a savagery that is not really ours.

HOUSE CHRONICLE.

THERE left us last term W. P. Mallinson, L. J. D. Wakely, K. J. Gardiner, J. S. Paul, R. Plummer, B. W. Howe and W. E. P. Moon (Boarders); and W. E. Heard, G. E. D. Halahan, J. L. Hobman and N. Woodward (Half-Boarders). We wish them every success. In their places we welcome J. Simmons, G. C. Daisley, R. W. Edgar, T. W. Brown, R. I. Davison, J. F. Turner and P. D. Woodall (Boarders); and S. J. de L. Longsdon, P. G. H. Wright and B. E. Strong (Half-Boarders).

H. A. Burt is Head of House, with D. A. Bompas and C. E. Lonsdale (Boarders) and D. K. C. O'Malley (Half-Boarder) Monitors. Burt and Bompas are on the Monitorial Council.

S. J. Reynolds and W. H. D. Wakely have come up from Outer into Middle; E. G. E. Rayner, A. H. Roberts and B. B. Coleman from Hall into Middle and C. H. Arnold, H. J. V. Gardner, B. H. Nicholson, C. K. Radcliffe, B. H. Napier, J. W. Notcutt and J. S. Kennedy from Hall into Outer. At Half-term R. G. A. Colt-Williams came up from Hall into Outer.

In the O.T.C. Bompas and O'Malley are Under Officers, and Burt, Napier and Wakely Lance-Corporals; the first four named have all obtained their A. Certificate.

C. E. Lonsdale is Secretary of football and D. A. Bompas has also regained his Pinks.

In the preliminary round of Juniors we were defeated 2-1 by Busbies.

In the Rouse Ball Cup we were beaten by Rigaud's.

The Yard Ties were won by C. E. Lonsdale who, with Masterman and Manby, beat Napier with Lonsdale, E. and Brown in the final.

Burt won the Fives Ties with Brown as second string defeating Hunter and Edgar in the final.

The Ping Pong Ties were won by Burt, who defeated Cadbury-Brown in the final.

J. Levison won the O.W.W. Masonic Essay Prize.

D. A. Bompas is Captain of Cricket for 1929 and E. G. E. Rayner, Captain of Tennis.

D. A. Bompas and B. H. Napier boxed for the School against Aldenham.

Congratulations to D. K. C. O'Malley on his being awarded the Hinchcliffe Scholarship. He is the second Grantite to have obtained this in two successive years.

THE PLAY SUPPER.

ON Tuesday, December 18th, Hall was once more bedecked in all its splendour; festoons of every size and shape adorned the walls, balloons hung from the ceiling, and where there were no balloons were Chinese lanterns. Miss Tice had as usual risen to the occasion, and as usual had got hold of new gadgets for our entertainment. The tables were laden with things which make a noise and things which make a mess.

When full justice had been done to the excellent supper the King's health was drunk, after which those present indulged in pulling crackers, blowing whistles and hurling missiles. Some also indulged in bursting balloons. The Head of House then rose, and when the noise had subsided, thanked Mr. Willett for his kind hospitality and proposed his health.

In reply Mr. Willett mentioned the King's illness, and pointed out that the great cause of his immense popularity was the fact that he carried out all his numerous duties without fuss and without noise. He, Mr. Willett, in common with most other House Masters, detested noise. He also regretted the absence of certain shields and cups which, on paper, we ought to have won, and he suggested that this was possibly due to the fact that the members of the House in general relied too much on the school colours in their midst, and perhaps did not go all out enough themselves. This could not go on much longer as the few remaining stalwarts would

be leaving at the end of the year. Here, therefore, was a great opportunity for the whole House to pull itself together.

Mr. Willett then spoke of the great debt Grant's owes to Miss Tice, and proposed the health of the monitors. Burt, in reply, enumerated the cups won by, and improvements done to, the House during the past year, and proposed the health of the Old Grantites, who were represented by Mr. Bompas, Dr. Everington, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Pain, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Cook and Mr. Mallinson. Mr. Bompas then rose, and after thanking Mr. Willett on behalf of the Old Grantites for his hospitality, spoke of the things they had had in his day which we have not now (notably the Aquarium and the Canterbury Playhouse), and also of things that we have now which they had not then. Although Mr. Willett had said in his speech what he, Mr. Bompas, had meant to say with regard to the House's attitude to sport it would not do the House any harm to hear them again.

With this the speeches ended and the concert began. The Old Grantites refused to perform, and all those Grantites who did perform sang (though it would probably be more accurate to say that no performer intentionally recited). After this we sang John Peel, Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem, and a very enjoyable evening came to a close.

H. A. B.

FOOTBALL JUNIORS.

GRANT'S v. BUSBIES.

WE started this game with rather the idea that we had a fairly easy thing, however we soon discovered our mistake, but too late. We had four Colts Caps in our side and the rest of the side should by every reckoning have proved superior to any other Juniors side in the school. At Half-time there was no score at all. We did not seem to be using our opportunities, and their forwards gave us some nasty moments. Our backs were not kicking with great certainty or accuracy, our halves were working well, but were not combining defence and attack well enough. The forwards made some good rushes down the field, but there was rather too much fancy play amongst the insides; the two wings were centring well; but we did have some chances which were thrown away. Moon at right half was playing a hard and steady game,

Lonsdale on the right wing got away once or twice but the movement failed, chiefly owing to Bonas, the Busby right back, who was playing splendidly.

At Half-time we looked as if we were in for a win, if only we could put some more dash into the game. Lonsdale was brought into centre-forward, and Walker took his place on the right wing.

This half, our forwards were playing better, and we were several times on the point of scoring. Hunter, on the left wing was playing really well, and sent in centre after centre. There were many shots put in by Munro and Lonsdale, but the Busbies goalkeeper, Meyers, played so well that we could do nothing against him. Suddenly Busbies got clean away, and owing to a bad mistake between the two backs, Tetley-Jones ran through to score (0-1). In spite of this reverse the side played hard and we were within an ace of scoring several times. The inside forwards worked hard, but were not very deft at controlling the ball. The two wings played well. However, Busbies by another rush down the field and after a hard scrimmage in front of goal scored through Tetley-Jones (0-2). Unfortunately this reverse rather upset our side, and our halves and backs became steadily weaker and weaker. In spite of this the forwards played gallantly, Hunter on the left wing being conspicuous. We put in a good many shots, and at last Munro scored (1-2). Directly afterwards Hunter almost scored with a dropping shot. But generally speaking the side as a whole was not very inspiring, and the halves were pitifully weak towards the end of the game. Busbies on the other hand fought as one man and thoroughly deserved their win on the day's play. The teams were:

Grant's—Reed; Everington, Colt-Williams; Moon, Labertouche, Brown; Lonsdale, Munro, Walker, Latey, Hunter.

Busbies—Meyers; Bonas, Bindloss; Evetts, Mackindoe, Robinson; Marshall, Duke, Tetley-Jones, Bone, Carver.

JUNIOR'S CRITICISMS.

R. G. A. Colt-Williams (Capt.) did not produce the form which we know he possesses. He has a beautiful long low kick, exactly the requirements of a back, but he misses his tackle badly and needs more care and thought in all he does.

C. H. Hunter. The best of the forwards. When he grows he will make a really fine left wing. He wants more determination, and an ability to tackle, and should not rely on cunning and skill altogether.

E. H. G. Lonsdale. Lacks inches. A very determined player, who can play either centre-forward or right wing. He does not shoot very accurately. However, he should develop into a really fine forward.

P. N. Labertouche. Played a disappointing game in Juniors. He really is a wing-half, which is probably part of the reason. He can play well, but should take more care about his positioning and where his passes go.

E. H. Everington. Has a strong kick, but has not enough idea of positioning for a back. Has rather a poor tackle, but will very possibly improve considerably.

J. R. Moon. A very hard-working half, he lacks speed and is very clumsy at present. He should improve with patience and hard work. He is very good at sticking to his man.

J. S. Brown is at present rather too small for a good half. But he is very nippy, and knows how to play football. He should do very well if he concentrates on the necessary requirements of a half-back.

I. K. Munro. A very good little inside forward, he knows what to do and how to do it, but generally speaking spoils things by not being determined enough.

M. Reed. A new find, is a real goal keeper, but is not as good at saving as he is at punting.

I. P. G. Walker. Another good little forward who can play on the right wing or inside. Has skill, combined with a fair amount of knowledge. He is, however, too small.

J. B. Latey. A skilful inside forward, who, however, tries to be a little too tricky, and does not use enough skill. He does not shoot with very great force, nor does he shoot often enough.

C. E. L.

THE WATER.

THE ROUSE BALL CUP.

THE races for the Rouse Ball Cup were rowed between the mile post and the stone during the week before the exeat. Grant's drew a bye and rowed Rigaud's in the second round on October 25th. The Rigaud's crew made a very good start and got a lead of two lengths straight away. They were eventually beaten by Home Boarders in the final.

Our defeat was by no means disappointing, since the Rigaud's crew was an experienced one, containing two Pinks, whereas, owing to the departure of Halahan, Salvi, Fouracre and Woodward, three new men had to be rowed for Grant's who had never been before in the House IV. Coaches on the bank were not allowed, so the crew was coached by O'Malley from the stroke thwart. A certain smoothness and steadiness was obtained, but the drive from the stretcher was not decisive enough, and the finish too awkward for any pace to be got on to the boat. Nevertheless, taking the crew as a whole, the form shown was fairly encouraging and there is no doubt that next term will show a distinct improvement.

D. K. C. O'M.

CRITICISMS OF THE CREW.

W. S. D. Munro (*Bow*). Will be quite a promising oar when he has put on more weight, and learnt to drive the shoulder over at the beginning of the stroke.

H. J. V. Gardner (2). Rather slow and stiff at present, but uses his weight well.

C. K. Radcliffe (3). His finish is clumsy, but he gets a good beginning, and backed up stroke well.

D. K. C. O'Malley (*Stroke*). Worked extremely hard in getting the very inexperienced crew together, and deserves great credit for the good show that Grant's put up against Rigaud's.

J. S. Kennedy (*Cox*). Coxed well in the race.

YARD TIES.

Burt, H. A.	Bompas, D. A.	Lonsdale, C. E.
Cadbury-Brown	Munro, I.	Masterman
Talfourd-Jones	Simmons	Manby
Reynolds, S. J. R.	Roberts, A. H.	Coleman, B. B.
Frampton	Jamieson	Labertouche
Edgar	Whitton	Sutton
Arnold, C. H.	Munro, W. S. D.	Napier, B. H.
Edey	Moon	Lonsdale, E.
Woodall	James	Brown
Colt-Williams, R. G. A.	Everington, E. H.	Gardner, H. J. V.
Hunter	Pain	Tanner
Davison	Daisley	Harrop
	Reynolds, S. R.	
	Gedye	
	Turner	

Reynolds, S. J.	Lonsdale	} Lonsdale w.o.	} Lonsdale 17-12	} Lonsdale 17-10
Lonsdale, C. E.	12-5			
a bye	Everington			
Roberts	C.-Williams	} C.-Williams 15-5		
C.-Williams	10-4			
a bye	Munro, W.			
Reynolds, S. R.	Reynolds	} Burt 19-6		
Gardner	12-6			
a bye	Burt			
Arnold	Napier	} Napier* 10-5	} Napier 15-10	
Napier	24-1			
Coleman	Bompas			
Bompas	11-10			

After extra time.

C. E. L.

FIVES TIES.

Burt, H. A.	Bompas, D. A.	Lonsdale, C. E.
Brown	Davison	Munro, I.
Reynolds, S. J. R.	Roberts, A. H.	Coleman, B. B.
Sutton	Talfourd-Jones	Turner
Gardner, H. J. V.	Napier, B. H.	Colt-Williams, R. G. A.
Cadbury-Brown	Pain	James
Everington, E. H.	Munro, W. S. D.	Hunter, C. H.
Simmons	Frampton	Edgar
Jamieson, J. G. H.	Lonsdale, E. H. G.	Labertouche, P. N.
Edey	Harrop	Daisley
	Moon, J. R.	
	Woodall	

Bompas	} Bompas	} Lonsdale	}	}	}
Roberts	} 15-0, 15-0				
Jamieson	} Lonsdale	15-4			
Lonsdale, C.	} 15-2, 15-8				Burt
Everington	} Burt				15-12, 15-7
Burt	} 15-5, 15-4				
Coleman	} Colt-Williams	} 15-12, 15-12			
Colt-Williams	} w.o.				
Reynolds	} Munro				Burt
Munro, W.	} 8-15, 15-7,	} Lonsdale	}	}	15-10
	15-12				15-10, 15-11
Lonsdale, E.	} Lonsdale				
Labertouche	} 15-4, 15-5				Hunter
Moon	} Hunter				w-o.
Hunter	} 15-4, 15-5				
Napier	} Napier	} 15-2, 15-9			
Gardner	} 15-10, 15-11				

D. A. B.

THE OLD GRANTITE CLUB.

AN informal supper was held up Grants on December 19th after the third play. Despite the fact that tickets were necessary for the play on account of the proposed visit of the Duke and Duchess of York, between forty and fifty Old Grantites were present. The thanks of the club are due to Mr. Willett for his hospitality, and to Miss Tice for her most admirable arrangements.

The circulation of the GRANTITE REVIEW exclusive of the present members of the House is nearly 240. It may interest readers to know that the paper is sent to the following colonies and foreign countries;—Australia, South Africa, Newfoundland, British Columbia, Trinidad, India, Straits Settlements, Channel Islands, Greece, France, Germany, Ceylon and many others.

W. P. M.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

What nice fellows all these Grantite undergraduates are, advancing with a fixed purpose and good manners towards the fulfilment of their glorious manhood, countering with unswerving loyalty to their selves the insidious temptations to fanaticism, political, alcoholic, philosophical and feminine, which abound in a university struggling for its very existence beside the octopodic expansion of a motor car factory.

Would I might continue to generalise in this exhilarating fashion, but custom demands a descent into the mire of the particular that it may wallow in the scandal of personalities. One can, of course, scarcely conceive a break with custom despite her decadence. So down we go:

Mr. Stallybrass swept upon the controversy about the cricket captaincy like the angel of the Lord and not a murmur of dissent has since been heard.

It is a tradition in the Oxford letters for the GRANTITE

to talk of **Mr. Radcliffe's** connexion with the grape and its juice. It will soon be the Old Grantite Club's birthday!

Mr. Orange has two of Mr. Sheridan's initials, he misses the other two, but still hopes to find Elizabeth on a tennis court.

Mr. Lousada is getting a big boy now, but it will be some time before he is really ready for the battle of life; still I believe he dances divinely.

With a hop, skip and a jump **Mr. Rea** has bought a car,
With a hop, skip and a jump he runs the opera.

Mr. Johnstone, already an artful bachelor, is still trying to legalise his position.

Mr. Leishman, the scientist, has auburn hair and lovely, wistful eyes—the rest will come.

Mr. Pearson journeyed to South Africa to investigate for himself if they were joking when they told him that a Kangaroo carries its young in a pouch; we have him safely back, a sadder and a wiser man.

Mr. Oppenheimer golfs and grins, on the links his style is said to resemble that of Duncan—Isidora, not George.

Mr. Mere has an atmosphere all his own, which he maintains with Beethoven, anecdotes and beer.

Mr. Plummer is as good as gold, if not excited he should live another few years.

Mr. Ellis is, I believe, still so engrossed in the idiosyncrasies of the lacterilia that he seldom appears on the surface of the earth.

Mr. Wakely plays football about eight times a week and is writing "To Arabia Deserta on a bicycle."

Mr. Negus, you know, is a real he-man; 'tis said he apes the Pied Piper outside Lady Margaret Hall.

Mr. Mallinson is mediæval and melodramatic; he should write a thriller or become a martyr.

Mr. Halahan effects a subtle compromise by exercising his mind with an oar and his body with the arts.

There, Sir, you and I, if we are loaded with libel actions, have at least allowed custom to wallow in her curiosity.

Yours truly,

EX AEDE CHRISTI.

THE CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

SIR,

Several years have past since a Cambridge Old Grantite letter appeared in your columns. A letter is now, perhaps, appropriate since Cambridge Old Westminsters, exhausted after a dinner in 1923, are going to be revived by another in the Lent Term. At this function Grants will take a prominent place, for nearly all the success achieved recently by Old Westminsters has been due to Old Grantites. The two new Professors at Trinity are Old Grantites. The house has a Soccer Blue, and an oar who narrowly missed rowing in the Boat Race. In their own way the humbler Old Grantites are prominent. Of course it is impossible here to say in what each one is distinguished. You must be content, Sir, with a summary of their general characteristics.

D. I. Peacock is an uncertain quantity among Cambridge Old Westminsters. We are trying to be optimistic. **C. E. Wool-Lewis** is of course a different proposition. He is a definite character among students "*in statu pupilleri*" and has a fervent imitator in **R. P. Adler**, who spends his time in propelling a modern coracle and sitting at his master's feet.

T. G. Hardy finds Cambridge rather far from Newmarket. However he makes the best of it and attends lectures in his spare time.

R. W. D. Carr finds that his work continually clashes with his sporting and social engagements. The former generally has to give way.

J. A. Cook, unlike most other "Blues," refuses to advertise himself. This subtle conduct results in a larger number of admirers. The old weakness continues.

C. S. Makower spends his time giving lunches and heralding a Liberal revival. In the latter respect the fact that he coxed the Third Trinity Boat may be regarded as significant.

A. G. de Montmorency is rather an unknown quantity. As far as can be gathered he has rowed at Peterhouse, and has also been called a "die hard." He is still ambitious.

R. G. Samuel has a reputation. On most evenings he may be found in a corner of the Playhouse. However he prefers to be left undisturbed.

As this extremely rough sketch shows, Cambridge Old Grantites are in a flourishing condition. The only trouble is that there are no Grantite freshmen. Desiring to remain anonymous to avoid libel action,

I am, etc.,
CAMBRIDGE OLD GRANTITE.

DUNCROFT COTTAGE,
CAPEL, SURREY.

6.12.28.

DEAR SIR,

I am sending some more reminiscences of GRANT'S which may be considered for magazine matter. The composer, H. J. Roberts, was with A. H. Hill "up Grant's," and they were the first T.B.B. who got elected to Cambridge. It was said that Roberts got his election on account of his answer to a question in the examination on General Knowledge. It was at the time of the opening of Pompeii, and the question was: "What light has been thrown on the excavation of Pompeii?" His answer was just the sentence "The light of day."

Believe me,
Yours very truly,
FRANCIS L. DENMAN.

With the claimant we all are disgusted,
The blackguard who swears he's Sir Roger,
May all Radical nations be busted
With the son of the cobbler, G. Odger.

Let Liberals quickly resign,
And Tories in power be busy,
Let us drink in our very best wine
"Success to the reign of old Dizzy!"

In the hands of our blundering Lowe,
The revenue melts like an icicle,
Dismiss him, and on him bestow
A cheap little second-hand bicycle.

A half of our warships afloat
Are rotten, then take Mr. Goschen,
"Run him in" to a well-insured boat,
And set him adrift in the ocean.

OLD GRANTITES.

Mr. D. S. Robertson has been appointed Regius Professor of Greek at Cambridge University.

Dr. E. Adrian, F.R.S., has been appointed to a Research Professorship at Cambridge University by the Royal Society. He is the first occupant of this new chair.

Mr. J. A. Cook (Head of Grant's 1926-7) represented Cambridge at Stamford Bridge for the second time.

Mr. C. E. Wool-Lewis again rowed in the Trial Eights at Cambridge.

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