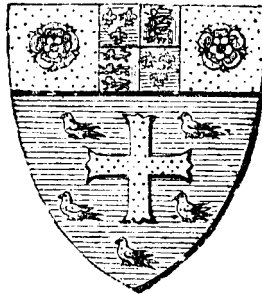


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GRANT'S FIFTY YEARS AGO.

We must apologise for choosing as the subject for our leader a book which has already been reviewed by the "Elizabethan." Our excuse is the fact that Captain Markham's "Recollections of a Town Boy at Westminster," is very largely devoted to Grant's, and that it is the first book about Westminster which has yet appeared, of which this can be said. Captain Markham entered Grant's on October 10th, 1849, thirty-five years before the founding of the "GRANTITE REVIEW," which is now almost the only house record we possess. The house-master at that time was the Rev. James Marshall, whose portrait still hangs above the mantelpiece in Inner.

The first thing which strikes the present Grantite who reads Captain Markham's book, is how wonderfully little Grant's has changed in the last fifty years. Some of our neighbours can scarcely say as much. The outward appearance of Grant's seems only to have undergone one important change since 1849. We expect it will be news to most present Grantites to learn that the steps before Grant's were at one time a double flight like those in front of Mr. Raynor's house to-day, and that Grantites entered the house

through the hall. A statement in one of the old numbers of the "GRANTITE REVIEW" shows that the change was made in 1885. The internal alterations seem to be very few. Chiswick and Hall have remained unchanged, but what is now the matron's room was then another study, while the matron, Mrs. Crowther, occupied one of the rooms on the other side of the hall. The only alteration that can be seen to have taken place in Chiswick is the loss of a high fender, like that now in Hall, which used to exist in Inner. In Hall even the arrangement of the tables seems to be exactly the same to-day as it was then.

The duties of fagging were not much more severe than they are now, except for the daily fight with the cook which fags were compelled to wage in the search for shaving water for their elders and betters. Two or three games peculiar to Grant's, which are now extinct, are mentioned. The most interesting of these is thus described:—"One peculiar game we played in this yard was called 'five and a header'; it was played against a wall with a fives ball. A line was drawn 8 or 10 feet from the wall, which you toed; you then threw the ball so as to strike first the ground, then the wall, and bound back to you. You had to catch it five times, and meet it with your head on the sixth bound—"five and a header.' If you did this all right you then toed another line further back, and did the same again. The penalty for failure was the fun of the game: the culprit stood round the corner at the far end of the hall facing the wall, and showed his hand out beyond the corner, when each of the other players in turn had a shot at it from a prescribed distance. The penalized one could not see the thrower, so it was no use trying to dodge, and you never knew when the ball was coming."

Among many other amusing anecdotes we may mention a practical joke which was played on the house-master on one occasion. His attention was purposely attracted by a noise in yard and as soon as he looked out of his study window an elaborately clothed bolster was dropped just by his head. He rushed down into the area thinking a boy had fallen, but by the time he got there, the bolster, which had been securely attached by a rope, had been pulled up again, and everyone was in bed. For the many other interesting anecdotes recorded we must refer our readers to the book itself.

One custom, which all Grantites regard with peculiar veneration, is nowhere mentioned by Captain Markham—"Walking the mantelpiece." Moreover, in a very interesting letter to a present Chiswickite, Captain Markham states that he has no recollection of such a custom existing in his time. The earliest reference to it which we have been able to discover is in the "GRANTITE REVIEW" for July 1890, where an old Grantite asks if this custom still exists: his letter shows that it existed at least as

early as 1884. We should be very glad if any old Grantites who read this, and remember the custom earlier than the date last given, would write to the "GRANTITE REVIEW" about it. At all events we must regretfully conclude that this time-honoured custom is less than fifty years old.

A WESTMINSTER ALPHABET.

A is the Abbey, the pride of our scene,
 B is the Ball we hack at in Green,
 C is the Cap they pass at the Play,
 D is Detention that keeps us midday,
 E is Eliza, that sixpenny mag,
 F is the small boy—we call him a Fag,
 G is dear Grant's, the home of our youth,
 H is the Hall where we work in good sooth,
 I is the Ink we spill on the floor,
 J is the Jam we take from our store,
 K is the K.S. whose home is in College,
 L is our Locker, the home of all knowledge,
 M stands for Mantelpiece, Monitor, Mystery,
 N for Nat. Soc. and also Nat. History,
 O stands for Outer, gainsay it who may,
 P stands for Penal Drill, also for Play,
 Q is the Quiet that reigned long ago,
 R stands for Rigaud's, part friend and part foe,
 S are the Sweets of Miss Sutcliff the fair,
 T are the Two's that we make to the square,
 U stands for Up, Up-School and Up-Fields,
 V's Vincent Square, where we win all our shields,
 W is Westminster, the school we adore,
 X is our Exit—we stay here no more,
 Y is the Yard and also Yard Game,
 Z is the Zest we show in the same.

STATION ON "HALVES" IN ELECTION TERM.

There can be nothing nicer to pass the time on a Wednesday afternoon, or any other half-holiday in Election Term, than a fairly equal Form match, respectable weather, and an abundant supply of cash, wherewith to purchase cooling refreshments of various kinds from time to time ; but if, on the other hand, you are playing a Form, much stronger than your own, are fielding the whole time balls, which keep you running in all directions, and have no chance either of getting an innings or of being able to purchase anything to soothe the cravings of your inner man, this, in my opinion, is the very opposite to nice. Or if, again, you are lucky enough to get an innings, and you have to go in and stand up to some demon bowler, who for five balls out of the

six, if you survive the first ball, manages to hit every part of your body possible, and the sixth ball knocks your middle stump flying, and then you go out sarcastically cheered by your opponents, and generally sworn at by your own side; this, too, hardly seems to be very enjoyable.

At five o'clock, since a great many of a smugish turn of mind leave then, the games are generally spoilt; and everyone either tears off to Elson's, if he has the means, or, if not, suddenly appears very eager to help make up the analysis, but whenever any "Pink" or other authority thinks fit to stroll round Up-Fields, everyone rushes out to the pitch and tries to look as though he had been playing hard since half-past two. At about five minutes to six everyone seems to get tired of either playing tip and run, or of making up the analysis, and runs off to the "Huts," where they patiently await for the clock to strike six, and when the wished-for hour does strike they tear off to their different destinations with opinions greatly differing as to how they enjoyed the game.

THE SHIELD SUPPER.

A very successful Shield Supper was held on the last Tuesday of Lent Term in celebration of our again winning the House Football Shield. The newly-won Sports Cup also adorned the table, and served as a loving cup at the end of the evening. The supper was held in Middle. The house team and the two upper Chiswicks were present, and Mr. Tanner came down in the course of the evening. In many ways it was a farewell supper to L. A. Woodbridge, whose health was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and who was cheered again and again. Indeed the only shadow on the merriment was the consciousness of his approaching loss. Speeches were made by L. A. Woodbridge and H. Logan. The evening closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the King."

TO YARD.

Sing, O Muse of Olympus, a noble theme I propound thee,
 Sing of the Grantite yard, sing with melodious throat—
 Yard of the winter and yard of the summer and lovely in either,
 Lovely in football time, lovely when cricket is played.
 Erst thou wast rough and stony, a place abounding in hollows,
 Like to a desolate beach washed by the measureless sea:
 Now thou art smooth and comely, resembling the meadows of Argos,
 Smoother indeed thou art—dearer thou never canst be,

Long may thy asphalt resound with the boots of the Martin-shod
 Granites,
 Long may thy ancient walls ring with the cries of the game—
 “Thank you ball, Rigaud’s!” and “Thank you ball in the area!”
 Long may Chiswick and Hall strive for the bays of the fight.
 Long may the Yard-Ties creeping recall the Hare and the Tortoise,
 Long may the cheers of Grant’s greet the victorious team—
 Long as Grant’s shall survive, till the old world dies in the darkness,
 Changeless throughout all time thou shalt for ever remain!

HOUSE MATCHES (1ST ROUND).

GRANT’S *v.* RIGAUD’S.

This match was played at Vincent Square on the afternoons of Thursday and Friday, July 9th and 10th, and resulted in a victory for Rigaud’s by ten wickets. Grant’s won the toss and went in first, Logan and Tanner facing the bowling of Powers and Hepburn. The first over was a maiden, and only 10 runs had been scored when Tanner played on off Hepburn in his second over. Two more wickets quickly followed; Kirkpatrick’s, who played on off Hepburn with the score at 15, and Pemberton, who played on off Powers with the score at 18. Pemberton was succeeded by Johnston, and it seemed at first as if the batsmen were going to make a stand, but after Johnston had hit Hepburn to leg for 4 he was bowled by Powers, with the score at 35. The next two wickets were even more featureless, Houdret being bowled by Powers for 1, after a few runs had been made by Logan, and Reed being bowled in the same over without scoring. So far the team had failed lamentably to support the efforts of their captain, who was settling down for a long innings, but could get no one to stay with him. Indeed it looked as if Grant’s would hardly do much more than reach the half century, as they had lost half the wickets for 45. But the disgrace of an innings defeat was fortunately averted by Argyle, who succeeded Houdret. He batted steadily and well, and, when he is able to hit harder, should be a very good cricketer. He made a very creditable 23, and was only bowled by Powers when the score stood at 90, exactly double of what it was when he went in. Argyle was succeeded by Lee, but before the latter scored Logan was bowled by Fleuret, after having had a narrow escape a few balls before. He made a really fine 50, indeed we have never seen him in grander form than this last week. Of the two last wickets Lee made 3 and Worlock 4, both being bowled by Powers, while Newman made a grateful 10 not out. The total score was 113, only 6 of this being byes, as against 25 in Rigaud’s innings, although Powers was by far the fastest of the bowlers.

In spite of this poor display it looked at first as if Rigaud's were going to make a poorer. Logan took two wickets with consecutive balls in his first over, those of Rivers and Craig; he was, however, prevented from doing the hat trick by Walker, who succeeded Craig. After a few more overs from Logan and Houdret, of which four were maidens, Hepburn, who had gone in first with Rivers, was caught at mid-on by Tanner off Logan, having only scored 5, the total score being 13. Hepburn was quickly followed by Fleuret who was given out leg before to Logan, having made 6. But Walker was now joined by Powers, and between them they made a magnificent stand bringing up the score from 25 to 109. After Houdret had bowled 11 overs without success he gave place to Johnston, who had 26 scored off him in four overs. Reed was then tried instead of Logan, and after two overs in which he had 3 made off him, took Powers' wicket with a good ball, after he had made 52. The wickets now came faster, though Walker still defied the bowling. Matcham was bowled by Reed for 0 in his next over, and Seddon was caught by Newman at mid-off, from a ball of Pemberton's. Failes was soon afterwards bowled by Reed for 4, and stumps were drawn with the score at 123 for eight wickets. On Friday the last night's not outs, Walker and Capon, resumed batting against Logan and Houdret with some success, 30 runs being put on before Walker was bowled by Houdret, after having made a very good 42. Capon was joined by Coleby. The last two wickets were allowed to put on 38 runs before Capon was caught at the wicket by Kirkpatrick off Houdret's bowling. The total Kigaudite score was 161, or 48 more than Grant's.

Grant's suffered from the absence of Johnston and Tanner, who were in for examinations, but we had hoped that the game might have been prolonged till about 5.30, when they would have been able to have come up-fields. But the second innings was even more disastrous than the first. Kirkpatrick, who opened with Logan, was bowled by Powers when the score stood at 15. Pemberton, who succeeded him, then made a short stand, but was bowled by Fleuret when he had made 17, and the board registered 64. Houdret's and Reed's wickets soon followed, both falling before Powers. Logan, who had scored 48, was then joined by Argyle, but there was, unfortunately, no repetition of their former stand, for Logan was almost immediately caught in the long field by Powers, off a ball of Fleuret's. Argyle was bowled by Powers for 0, after having run Lee out, and Worlock spooned one of Fleuret's balls into the hands of Seddon at mid-on. Newman made 1, making a total for the eight wickets of 82 runs, leaving Rigaud's 35 to make to win. This they did without the loss of a single wicket, Powers making 21 of the required amount, and Walker 13.

RIGAUD'S.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
J. Hepburn, c Tanner, b Logan	5		
G. C. Rivers, b Logan	0		
J. M. Craig, b Logan	0		
H. Walker, b Houdret	42	not out	13
F. J. Fleuret, lbw Logan	6		
C. Powers, b Reed	52	not out	21
A. W. Matcham, b Reed	0		
C. J. Seddon, c Newman, b Pemberton	2		
F. C. Failes, b Reed	4		
H. V. Capon, c Kirkpatrick, b Houdret	12		
E. Coleby, not out	4		
Byes, 25, leg-byes 4, wides 1, no balls 3	33	Bye 1	1
Total	161	Total for 0 wkts.	35

GRANT'S.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
H. Logan, b Fleuret	50	c Powers, b Fleuret	48
R. E. Tanner, b Hepburn	2	absent	0
L. G. Kirkpatrick, b Hepburn	1	b Powers	2
M. Pemberton, b Powers	1	b Fleuret	17
L. J. Johnston, b Powers	7	absent	0
M. C. Houdret, b Powers	1	b Powers	3
R. W. Reed, b Powers	0	b Powers	4
H. V. Argyle, b Powers	23	b Powers	0
A. G. Lee, b Powers	3	run out	2
K. Newman, not out	10	not out	1
F. Worlock, b Powers	4	c Seddon, b Fleuret	0
Byes 6, leg-byes 4, wides 1	10	Byes 5	5
Total	113	Total for 8 wkts.	82

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

GRANT'S FIRST INNINGS.

	w.	n. b.	r.	w.	o.	m.	b.
C. Powers	—	—	51	7	18·3	3	110
J. Hepburn	—	—	32	2	10	1	60
F. J. Fleuret	1	—	19	1	8	3	48

RIGAUD'S FIRST INNINGS.

	w.	n. b.	r.	w.	o.	m.	b.
H. Logan	—	1	55	4	2	7	120
M. C. Houdret	1	—	34	2	17	9	114
L. J. Johnston	—	—	26	—	4	—	24
R. W. Reed	—	2	12	3	8	1	48
M. Pemberton	—	1	4	1	3	1	18

GRANT'S SECOND INNINGS.

	w.	n. b.	r.	w.	o.	m.	b.
C. Powers	—	—	41	4	11	3	66
J. Hepburn	—	—	14	—	5	—	30
F. J. Fleuret	—	—	22	3	5·3	—	32

HOUSE NOTES.

Last term the House suffered an irreparable loss in L. A. Woodbridge, who left, to everyone's regret, before the end of his year. He had been head of the House for two terms. He has the best wishes of the whole House for his future success.

D. S. Robertson has succeeded him as head of the House.

We have two new boys this term, W. R. Horton and J. I. Liberty, who have both come as Boarders. Wodehouse has left, so that our numbers are exactly the same as before.

Our Juniors were beaten by Rigaud's by an innings and 129 runs.

After holding the Cricket Shield for four years, Grant's was this year beaten by Rigaud's by ten wickets. The Finals had not been played at the time of going to press. If Rigaud's wins every time for the next three years she will finally keep the Shield. Otherwise it will remain Up-Grant's.

J. D. H. Dickson was out of school for a month at the beginning of term, but we are glad to say he is now back.

At the Concert, Grant's was even better represented than usual. J. D. H. Dickson's violin playing was, of course, the feature of the evening. Besides him H. C. Pedler sang "In Cellar Cool," with great success. Johnston took the part of the Pirate King in the "Pirates of Penzance" with great spirit. H. V. Argyle also sang.

We had a Fire-escape practice Up-Grant's early in the term. The apparatus has been thoroughly overhauled and the descent was successfully accomplished. In case of fire the whole dormitory could now be got out in a few minutes.

"Pan," a new eight-week's paper, which has had a great success at Oxford, was to a great extent the work of old Grantites. W. T. S. Sonnenschein was one of the editors and H. S. Ladell and other old Grantites were among the contributors.

The alterations in Great College Street go on apace. The House has become stoically resigned to the noise of hammers and picks, and, in spite of the universal regret at the loss of "Suts" and Martin's, everyone is glad to see the piecemeal destruction of the hideous red building which has now for many years looked down on yard. But, as in the case of the Royal Aquarium, joy at the loss of the present building is still tempered by dread of what may be to come.

The following were the Colours at the beginning of the term:—

PINKS.	PINK & WHITES.	3RD XI.'S.	HOUSE COLOURS.
H. Logan.	L. G. Kirkpatrick. J. L. Johnston.	M. Pemberton.	R. W. Reed.

L. G. Kirkpatrick received his Pinks after the Charterhouse Match, on which we heartily congratulate him.

M. C. Houdret and R. E. Tanner received their House Colours after the first round of the House Matches, on which we congratulate them.

Grant's has won the Sports' Cup this year for the first time.

We congratulate H. Logan on his magnificent score of 189 against Old Carthusians on July 11th, which eclipses all records.

THOUGHTS IN SICKNESS.

O ye who play so merrily
 Beneath the room where I lie sick,
 Yelling and howling cheerily
 For Rigaud's to return the "blick."
 Play on ! To hear your cheerful cries,
 As you or bowl or strike the ball,
 Is better far than watching flies
 That creep upon the whitewashed wall.
 I love the scarcely muffled curse
 When foot meets shin instead of sphere ;
 Tho' ill I feel things might be worse,
 While such amusing words I hear.
 Alas, too soon the shadows fall ;
 Your games are at an end—'tis cruel :
 Farewell ! farewell ! tis time for Hall,
 Leave me to silence—and to gruel.

K.S.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

At the Sports last term Grant's carried all before them, getting 52 points out of a total of 139, thus easily winning the House Cup. Our success was mainly due to Logan's brilliant performances. This is the first time that Grant's has had the cup, but from the way one or two of our juniors distinguished themselves it seems probable that the Cup may rest for sometime "Up-Grant's." Lee scored the first point for the House by winning the Junior Cricket Ball with a good throw of 71 yds. 1ft. Newman was a good second. Castle-Smith then won the Half Mile with Hurdles, and the next event also fell to Grant's, Newman winning the Junior High Jump. In throwing the Hammer, Grant's got the first two home, Logan being first and Kirkpatrick second. Logan next got a second in the Long Jump. In the Junior Long Jump Newman was again successful, clearing 15 feet 7 inches. It was not till the 7th event on Saturday that we were successful, Logan winning the Open Hundred. In the Junior Hurdles we again supplied the first and second, Newman winning and Ratcliffe-Cousins being second. Logan next won the Open High Jump, and was second in the Hurdles. Ratcliffe-Cousins and Lee were first and second in the Quarter Mile under fifteen. In the 100 yards under fifteen Grant's for the fifth time supplied the first two, Newman and Lee being the successful pair. Next year Castle-Smith should again get Half Mile, with Hurdles, and be placed in the Mile, Kirkpatrick should have no difficulty in getting the Hammer, and Newman, Ratcliffe-Cousins, and Lee should between them carry off most of the under sixteen events. The best of luck to them all.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "GRANTITE."

DEAR SIR,

You have asked me to write a "Cambridge Letter"; I will do my best. There are at present only five old Grantites up here, so I have not much to record. I am afraid that Grant's do not do their duty by Third Trinity; though all the other houses are represented in one of the two May boats the club cannot boast of a single Old Grantite member. At the C.O.W. dinner the O.G.'s present made up in noise what they lacked in numbers. Bompas was forbidden football by doctor's orders, but both he and Logan have sustained Grant's best traditions on the cricket field. Bompas has represented the University several times though not against Oxford, while Logan has been scoring consistently well for the Hall.

Yours, &c.,

TRIN. COLL. CAMB.

To the Editor of the "GRANTITE."

DEAR SIR,

May I make the suggestion that we should take in some paper other than the "Daily Chronicle" for the morning perusal. The "Daily Chronicle" may be a good paper for those who hold Liberal sentiments in the house, but for news and questions of the day it is utterly useless. It is also badly printed on inferior paper. There are many other much better papers which we might take in. Might I suggest the "Daily Telegraph" or the "Morning Post"?

Hoping I have not trespassed on your valuable space,

I am, yours, &c., &c.,

J. B.

To the Editor of the "GRANTITE."

DEAR SIR,

Anyone who is of a progressive frame of mind cannot find much pleasure in perusing the daily papers to which we subscribe "Up Grant's." At present they are the "Daily Graphic," the "Standard," the "Globe," and the "Daily Chronicle."

These, with the exception of the "Daily Chronicle," have all views as narrow as possible, and are not at all pleasant reading to an advanced Radical mind. Might I venture to suggest that the "Morning Leader" be substituted for the "Daily Graphic," and the "Star" for the "Globe"? The standstill Conservatives will still have the "Standard" to feast their eyes on.

Yours, &c.,

R. A. DICKLE.

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