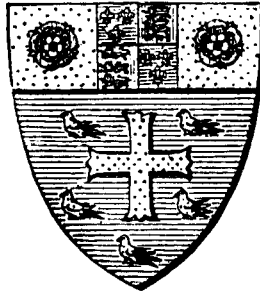


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MAUNDY.

AMONG the links which bind us to our re-foundress, Queen Elizabeth, not the least interesting is the annual grant of £2 of Maundy Money which she gave to the School. At the present day, as we know, the silver pennies, twopennies, threepennies and fourpennies are given as form prizes, and as a reward for epigrams, etc. If the epigram is a specially well-turned one, the proud author may receive a complete set for his effort. But originally, perhaps, Elizabeth meant it to be a real and practical mark of her interest in the School. It may well be that, mindful of the poverty of her scholars, she intended it to be a help to those elected to Oxford and Cambridge so that they might be able to have at their

“ Beddes head
Twenty bokes clad in blak or reed
Of Aristotle and his philosophye,”

as Chaucer puts it.

Mr. Sargeant says that “ in the seventeenth century the coins seem to have fallen to the composers of extemporary verses in Latin and Greek.”

In the Scott Library can be seen the sixpence which Dr. Knipe, the Head Master, gave to Edward Harley, as he informs us, in 1707 when he was at Westminster School. But perhaps this was not strictly Maundy Money, but, like the new Penny which Mrs. Gow gave to every boy in the School on Edward VII.'s accession.

Cowper refers to the custom as it existed in his time, in the well-known lines:

“ At Westminster where little poets strive
To set a distich upon six and five,
Where discipline helps opening buds of sense
And makes his pupils proud with silver pence,
I was a poet too.”

He adds in a note that he once got a silver groat for an exercise.

Some years later Frederic Reynolds gained a silver twopence for an epigram, and records that “according to custom, old Jones [not, we may remark, yclept ‘Soapy’], the master of the Boarding House, presented me with four shillings” for it. Reynolds, who was at Westminster when the King’s Scholars wore knee-breeches and buckles on their shoes, also records another pleasant epigram which gained a penny on the thesis: “*Te ducit species*,”

“ Perhaps by you my buckles are as silver rated,
Te ducit species—they are only plated.”

“Old Jones” may have made a good bargain, for Maundy Money is of value to collectors, but there is a shocking story of a Westminster boy who discovered a shop where Maundy pennies could be purchased cheap. This bright lad, who had hitherto sat in woeful ignorance at the bottom of his Form, purchased one of these and showed it as a prize to his father. The astonished and delighted parent fell into the trap and rashly followed the example of Mr. Jones. A month passed, and behold another penny made its appearance and was greeted in the same gratifying manner. The youth now found that he had stumbled on a gold-mine, and he who had been the dunce of the family attained a remarkable family reputation for learning and industry. So the months went on and still that shameless youth sat in guilty affluence at the bottom of his Form. And then a terrible thing happened, the fond and foolish parent, unable to contain his pleasure, wrote a letter full of compliments on the astonishing progress of his son to

the Head Master. Enquiries were made—but the rest of the story is too painful to be recorded!

Besides the annual grant there have been other links between the School and the Royal Almonry. Five of the Lord High Almoners besides Dean Bill have been Westminsters, including one eighteenth century Archbishop who shall be nameless, but of whom it was commonly reported that in early life he was for some time a buccaneer. Two at least of the Head Masters, Drs. Carey and Page, have been Sub-Almoners. It is pleasing to note that the connection remains for the present Lord High Almoner, the Dean of Wells, was formerly Dean of Westminster, and the Secretary of His Majesty's Royal Almonry is an Old Grantite and former Head of the House.

MRS. THRESHER'S FUND.

WE have received the following letter from Mr. G. H. Guillum Scott who has kindly been acting as Treasurer of the above Fund:

41, LEXHAM GARDENS, W. 8.

24th June, 1921.

The EDITOR,
THE GRANTITE REVIEW,
6, Dean's Yard, S.W. 1.

DEAR SIR,

As the fund which was raised in 1919 for Mrs. Thresher is now exhausted it seems right that, as Treasurer, I should give to the subscribers some account of my stewardship.

There were in all eighty subscribers—seven of whom contributed twice. A list of their names only has been sent to Mrs. Thresher, and a copy to Mr. Lawrence Tanner.

After deducting the administrative expenses, there remained a sum of £83 5s. which has been paid to Mrs. Thresher at the rate of £1 a week, with the exception of one payment of £5, which was made at the beginning on December 31st, 1919, and one of £1 5s. on June 25th.

A Statement of receipts and expenditure is enclosed and I shall, of course, be glad to show any subscriber the vouchers sent week by week by Miss Thresher on behalf of her Aunt, the correspondence and the account.

Yours faithfully,

GUY H. GUILLUM SCOTT,
Hon. Treasurer.

MRS. THRESHER'S FUND, 1919-1921.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
80 Subscriptions ...	88	0 6	Payments made to Mrs. Thresher ...	83	5 0
			Printing, Typewriting, Postages, etc. ...	4	15 6
	<u>£88</u>	<u>0 6</u>		<u>£88</u>	<u>0 6</u>

June, 1921.

GUY H. GUILLUM SCOTT,
Hon. Treasurer.

THE SPORTS.

THIS year Grant's was third in the Sports' Cup, owing chiefly to the gallant efforts of G. P. Stevens, who won for us fifteen of our twenty points. He is to be heartily congratulated on winning the High Jump open, the Long Jump open, and throwing the hammer, in which he created a record with a magnificent throw of 100ft. 10½in., the old record being 93ft. 5in.

Contrary to all expectation, the Tug team won the Tug Cup, pulling over Rigaud's with ease in the first round and also defeating Ashburnham in the final. The whole team pulled together splendidly and excelled themselves far and away above their practise form, thus, with the help of W. B. Frampton's excellent coaching, bringing the Cup up Grant's for the first time.

R. S. Randolph is to be congratulated on his hurdling, coming in a very good second in the Hurdle Race; also D. Llewellyn on being second in the consolation race!

SENIORS.

GRANT'S v. HOUSE-BOARDERS.

THIS match was started on July 14th and finished on July 18th and ended in a disastrous collapse on the part of Grant's.

Grant's won the toss and went in first on an excellent wicket. The innings was opened by Peacock and McBride who took the score to 29 before McBride was bowled by

a good ball from Lowe. Shortly after this Peacock was run out and the first five wickets fell for 44. Swann, however, made an excellent stand and with Hornsby, J., who also batted well, carried the score past the 100. The rest of the team did not offer much resistance and we were all out for 116.

House-boarders opened their innings with Mellor and Clare, the former being caught in the slips by Swann for 4. The rest of the side came in and went out and with the exception of Witherby, who made 17, put up a very poor show. Swann and Frampton both bowled well and our opponents were out for 66.

In the second innings Grant's did badly from the beginning, the first three wickets falling for 20. With the exception of Swann nobody reached double figures and we were out for the disgraceful total of 44.

House-boarders went in with 95 to win and in the end declared at 99 for five. Clare played an excellent innings making 45; Witherby made 20 and Lowe 24 not out. Hornsby, J., and Lashmore were given their House colours.

FULL SCORES AND ANALYSIS.

GRANT'S.

<i>1st Innings</i>		<i>2nd Innings</i>	
Peacock run out	9	b. Lowe	2
McBride b. Lowe	15	b. Lowe	2
Hartley, R. W. b. Lowe	1	b. Lowe	2
Frampton c. Salvi b. Lowe	7	b. Lowe	4
Swann b. Mellor	33	b. Mellor	11
Hornsby, F. run out	0	c. and b. Lowe	2
Hornsby, J. lbw. Lowe	15	b. Lowe	0
Horne not out	0	b. Mellor	1
J.-Hood st. Simpson b. Mellor	4	Not out	0
Carr b. Lowe	4	c. and b. Lowe	1
Lashmore st. Simpson b. Mellor	3	b. Mellor	0
Extras. Byes 23, leg byes 2=25		Byes 19, leg byes 2=21	
	116		46

BOWLING ANALYSIS (*both Innings*).

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Lowe	24	10	37	12	3'08
Mellor	21	6	48	6	8
Massingham	6	0	20	0	—
Salvi	3	0	14	0	—

HOUSE-BOARDERS.

<i>1st Innings</i>		<i>2nd Innings</i>	
Clare c. McBride b. Swann	10	b. Frampton	20
Mellor c. Swann b. Frampton	4	c. J.-Hood b. Frampton	45
Massingham b. Swann	5	b. Frampton	1
Lowe c. Horne b. Lashmore	5	Not out	24
McFarlane b. Frampton	8	b. McBride	1
Salvi b. Swann	0	b. McBride	0
Witherby b. Swann	17	Not out	5
Harvey c. McBride b. Frampton	1	} Did not bat	
Allen lbw. Frampton	3		
Lawson not out	2		
Simpson b. Swann	6		
Extras. Eyes 4	4	Byes 2, leg byes 1	3
	—		—
	65		99
	—		—

BOWLING ANALYSIS (*both Innings*).

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Frampton	29	8	67	7	9'5
Swann	18	6	54	5	10'8
Lashmore	5	2	8	1	8
Carr	1	0	11	0	—
McBride	6	1	14	2	7

CRITICISMS.

J. R. Peacock, in the absence of W. L. Hartley, filled the position of captain with great credit. He was extremely unfortunate in his first innings and is easily the best bat on the side. He is also an excellent field and has played regularly for the 1st XI.

G. T. Swann played two very useful innings in Seniors, especially in the second innings. He also bowled well and is an excellent field.

W. B. Frampton bowled consistently throughout Seniors and kept an excellent length. His bowling was quite invaluable to the side.

R. W. Hartley luckily returned from having chicken-pox just in time for Seniors. Considering he had not played for three weeks he kept wicket very well.

W. M. McBride is a very useful bat and keeps his end up well. He is also a good field though perhaps a little slow.

J. M. Hornsby is a very useful bat and in the future should develop into a good bat for the School. He is also an excellent field.

D. E. Lashmore batted well in Seniors and deserved better luck than he had. He too should prove useful in the future.

F. N. Hornsby is a batsman with good style. He is perhaps a trifle slow but thoroughly justified his place in the team.

A. E. Carr was rather disappointing. He is a weak bat and rather a poor field; his bowling did not come up to expectation.

E. T. W. Horne is a good field and a fairly safe bat who should improve by next year.

J. J.-Hood has plenty of good strokes but did not show his true form in Seniors. He is apt to be rather wild in batting, but fields well.

JUNIORS.

GRANT'S v. HOUSE-BOARDERS.

HOUSE-BOARDERS won the toss and elected to bat first. Our bowlers, with the exception of Lashmore, did not seem to trouble our opponents, who batted fairly consistently throughout and were eventually dismissed for 189, Lashmore taking eight wickets for 44. Grant's unfortunately failed hopelessly, Mounsey (10) alone reaching double figures, our total score being 28. Thus compelled to follow on, we did slightly better, Hornsby (28) and Lashmore (14) made a useful stand for the fourth wicket, but were unsupported by the rest of the side, and we were eventually beaten by an innings and 93 runs.

HOUSE NOTES.

AT the end of last term there left us J. F. P. Jacomb-Hood, H. T. Abady, G. P. Stevens and D. J. Osborne, and in their stead we have the following new boys: C. E. M. Brackenbury, R. W. Davies (boarders), W. B. L. Keed, A. B. Lousada and J. O. Sanquinetti (half-boarders).

J. R. Peacock is Head of House this term; J. W. Burford and A. J. Gielgud were made monitors at the beginning of the term. Also R. A. Nathan, W. L. Hartley and W. M. McBride came from Outer to Middle, and A. N. Chart, D. E. Lashmore, R. S. Murphy, R. S. Randolph, W. B. Enever and S. R. Finn from Hall to Outer.

Hearty congratulations are due to R. A. Frost on winning the Pianoforte Solo in the Inter-House music competition and to C. P. Allen on winning the solo for unbroken voices.

We must congratulate W. L. Hartley, J. R. Peacock and G. T. Swann on their cricket Pinks, also J. M. Hornsby and D. E. Lashmore on their House colours.

Congratulations are due to R. A. Frost on winning Ovations last term.

We must congratulate R. S. Murphy on his rowing Pinks and J. A. Bromwell on his rowing Pink-and-Whites.

Chiswicks and Hall are being rebuilt next holidays and various other alterations are being made. It is expected that this will be finished about Christmas.

O.T.C.

THE Corps was inspected this term on July 6th by Col. J. B. Wells, C.M.G., D.S.O., an old Westminster. The Colonel seemed very pleased with the Corps, and said the drill and general turn out had proved to be far better than he had expected. He also reminded us that those who are leaving ought not to give up the idea of further Army work, unless they could possibly help it. He advised any one who

wished to continue to keep in touch with the Army to join one of the many branches of the Territorial Force.

Camp will be held this year from July 26th to August 4th, at Tidworth Pennings.

The following N.C.O.s are now up Grant's: Lce.-Cpls. J. R. Peacock, G. T. Swann, and A. J. Gielgud.

OLD GRANTITES.

MR. L. E. TANNER (Head of Grant's 1908-09) has been appointed Secretary of H.M.'s Royal Almonry.

Mr. A. C. Boulton (1901-1908) conducted the Operas produced by Mr. Rosing at the Æolian Hall.

Sir Havilland de Sausmarez did homage to the King during H.M.'s visit to the Channel Islands, for the fief of Sausmarez.

BIRTH.

ON April 7th, the wife of the Rev. G. M. S. Oldham, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

COLLIER—WILLOUGHBY WILLIAMS.—On June 11th, Lionel William Collier to Marjory Vyse, only child of Willoughby Williams, of 20, Carlisle Mansions, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea.

VEY—BAIRD.—On June 29th, David Christopher Leslie Vey, M.C., M.B., to Charlotte Mary, only daughter of the late John Baird and Mrs. Baird, of Craigie House, Crieff.

PRO PATRIA.

It is with deep regret that we must add the name of Gerard Layton Phipps Eyre to the Grantite Roll of Honour of this year. His death was due to an act of self-sacrifice in France in April, 1918, when in order the better to attend a wounded brother officer he removed his own gas mask during a gas attack. He was the eldest son of Layton Eyre and a nephew of the last Master of Grant's. He was a boarder up Grant's from 1904-08 and held a commission in the R.F.A. during the war.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

CHRIST CHURCH,
OXFORD.

SIR,

Recuperating from the equivocal sight of academic Oxford transfigured into a beehive of pavilions and jazz bands, and having myself been dragged into the equivocal enjoyments thereof, my recovery was suddenly completed by your importunate demand for an Oxford letter. Yes, this was the real world back again in truth, and so here I am sitting at my desk and biting my pen, and wondering what on earth people do do at Oxford. Frankly I don't know what I do myself. How should I know what others do? I suppose they cut lectures and drink poisonous American concoctions at Fuller's; visit the Mitre and the King's Head and go to bed in the small hours of the morning; give a breakfast party at twelve, and laze away the afternoon in a punt. But I don't know. If you asked Mr. W. S. Stallybrass of B.N.C. he would probably tell you he was the finest law tutor at Oxford, not excepting Major G. R. Y. Radcliffe, but then he might have been visiting the Mitre, or giving his annual dinner to the House tennis six, against whom he always brings a team on Whit Monday. If you asked Mr. A. E. Holmes he might tell you that he had been defending the liberties of British criticism or the right of the Bedouin Arabs to have flea-bitten donkeys before an electrified debating club; but then Mr. Holmes is an actor of no little renown.

Mr. P. R. Rea would certainly say something funny, but you should not take him seriously, even if he, like Mr. P. C. A. Usher and Mr. F. J. Warburg is a leading Liberal and a destructive debater. Mr. Usher would tell you straight that he was reading for—well whatever he *is* reading for, and that the weather was terribly oppressive. He would be a very dignified figure. Mr. Warburg might read you an essay, but if he did you should run with all speed: the essay might be very good, but I am afraid that even you, Sir, if I may make so bold, would be oppressed by the demonstration of your comparative ignorance.

Mr. H. J. Salwey passes examination after examination with monotonous frequency, but he would not tell you that. He would tell you that he was engaged in a heated correspondence with Olympus on the question of keeping terms, and we believe it has shown on this point what one of your lesser contemporaries might call "a typical lack of imagination." However it is our gain: Mr. Salwey will still be with us next term.

Mr. A. C. Morgan would first of all deny all that had been written about him in former Oxford letters. I do not intend to give him the chance this time: his brilliance must radiate surely as far as Grant's; and we hope he has prospered in Schools.

Mr. C. M. Cahn would probably say that he was tired of writing Oxford letters: but then he has said that he is a woman-hater, and we do not believe him, even if he has passed "Duivers."

Mr. G. R. Reitlinger is an artist, and therefore to be approached carefully: through his windows in the middle of the night is a popular method, but one which he would strongly deprecate.

For our last we have preserved our greatest: what Mr. M. G. Hewins would say we do not know. Very likely he would call you to order for asking questions at the improper time: for he is a brave man and president of innumerable clubs.

What you and your readers will say when you read this letter we shudder to think, and so hasten to subscribe ourselves with all good wishes for your increasing prosperity.

Your obedient servant,
EX AEDE CHRISTI.

THE CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

For weeks past the thought of the time when I should have to write this letter has been making sleep more and more impossible. Now that it has entirely deserted me I feel that I may as well spend the small hours by writing this rather than by counting sheep coming through a gap in

a hedge, or playing any other futile game which is popularly supposed to send one to sleep.

First among Old Grantites at Cambridge is Dr. Adrian, about whom I have been able to discover nothing. However, next term there will be one Old Grantite up who will see and hear him almost every day, to the immense relief of all those who have to write "Cambridge Old Grantite" letters!

Next comes Mr. D. S. Robertson who delights all those who spend their days among the works of all great classic authors.

Mr. S. Vatcher may often be seen walking down the middle of Trinity Street, in an attitude of deep thought, to the intense annoyance of all those who drive cars or motor-cycles.

The Hon. S. A. S. Montagu has been seen more than once this term in his own car.

Mr. A. le B. G. Morris was once seen in Petty Cury without a hat.

Mr. F. E. Ruegg, we are told, spends many valuable hours on the road between London and Cambridge with a push bicycle of diminutive size. He also leaves messages.

Mr. A. L. W. Stevens will, we fear, become a second Medusa if he continues to cultivate his "fierce" expression.

Mr. P. E. H. Samuel is, we believe, still up at Cambridge.

Mr. P. J. S. Bevan can be seen on most afternoons brightening the 3rd Trinity boat with his pink zephyr, "Thames" socks and black spectacles. He has also bought a pipe.

Mr. J. R. Rea has without exception the noisiest motor-cycle in Cambridge. He has also been known to have a difference of opinion with his oar.

Now, sir, I have but to apologize if I have been so careless as to leave out any Old Grantite now up at Cambridge, and to wish Grant's every success in this and all terms.

I remain,

Yours very faithfully,

E. CANTAB.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

May I ask you to find room for the following Historical Notes in your old-established paper?

In the GRANTITE REVIEW of November, 1892, an appeal was made by one, signing himself "SLIPPERORUM SCIOR," for an improvement in the wire-netting on Mr. Raynor's wall. This well-meaning correspondent was advised by the Editor to "learn to kick the ball with greater accuracy and wear slippers which do not come off."

Apparently unaware of his predecessor's fate, "SKIER," in Election Term, 1898, voiced the demand for new wire-netting. His letter, however, was merely left unanswered.

The progress of civilisation in the twentieth century is clearly shown by the courteous reply—"The matter is receiving our earnest consideration"—to the letter of Miles H. Prance in the GRANTITE, of Play, 1918.

But as the polite Editor of those days seems to be considering the matter at Oxford, I venture to hope that your reply, Mr. Editor, may be both polite and practical.

I am,

Yours etc.,

G. TEMPLER SWANN.

(With the rebuilding of Grant's this summer we . . .—ED.)

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