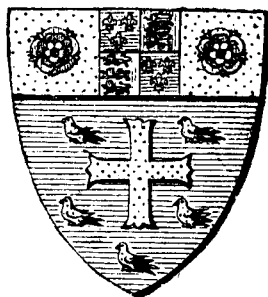


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CORRIGENDA.

The title belongs rather to the end of the number, and is perhaps hardly applicable to some of the remarkable versions of well-known facts which from time to time occur. It would be difficult for the pencil of the corrector to really improve upon them. All those which follow are at least specimens of genuine home-grown wit, and are replete with that knowledge which is the characteristic of Westminster, and of course of Grant's. It would be "more than ordinary vice" (plus vice simplici) to suppress them. It is interesting at this season to remember that "the parochial lamb" used to be sacrificed; and when the thoughts turn to holidays, it adds a distinction to the "Engedine" to know that David went there when he was not hiding "in the caves of Durham." It is doubtful whether "Mount Arrowroot" is known to the map, and it is startling to find that Sparta is "in Spain," or "in the middle of Italy," whereas Khartoum is "in Canada," and the Hebrus "is a whirlwind in the straits between Italy and Sicily."

It must have been a comfort for St. Paul to be able to say "Old Luke is with me." On the other hand Elijah's journey is made the more remarkable when it is stated that "he was taken up to heaven in a red-hot burning chariot." The welkin, which by the bye is "a kind of fish," must have rung.

In Eastern houses "all the wealthy men used to sit on their house tops in the evening." They must have been shocked when "Herod married Mary Anne"; and possibly given vent to a great big D (maximum damnus est).

The "classical soldier" (*classica miles*) "having polished the awful crest of his best helmet" (*v. Iliad vi.*) "advanced at a canter." A more pathetic picture is that of "the shorn lambs struggling on the smooth marble" (*in lento luctantur marmore tonsae*). It is to be hoped that they did not meet Caliban "who was a monster, half fish, half man. In fact, he was the devil." They must have needed much gravity, "which is the power of keeping things and people in their right places." They might even have found comfort in Myron's chief work, which was "the figure of a cow bleating."

There is some confusion of ideas in the statement that plutocracy means "philosophy derived from Pluto the philosopher," and the view that "Paul Jones wrote Tom Fielding." These seem to make plain the definition of *litotes*. This means "when you say the opposite to what you mean to show clearly what you do mean."

"Those living in the country" (*οἱ χωρίζοντες*) will learn with surprise that "a cohort consisted of ten legends," and that "Paradise Lost" was written by Burns." It is possible that they will "smile right grimly like this" (*σαρδάνιον μάλα τοῖον*. "*τοῖον*" shows how it was done. The other word comes from *σαρδέω*—grin and then sneer.") Fresh light is thrown on the story of the *Aeneid* by the naive assertion that "Sychaeus comes in when Dido was leaving for Troy." But these instances might be multiplied indefinitely. In the papers of an examination things are not always what they seem, and the side lights and freshness of views at least add a touch of unconscious humour to lighten the toils of an examiner. They are the "prime joints" (*κρέ ὑπέρτερα*) of his labours.

HOUSE NOTES.

First and foremost we have to congratulate W. F. Fox on winning the Vinerian Scholarship; for which the School is to have a half next term.

Grants have won the Football Shield, after twelve years, beating Ashburnham and Rigauds; accounts of which matches will be found below.

We have to congratulate H. S. Bompas on his Pembroke Colours, and we wish him all luck for next term.

Stevens has been unable to play all the term from twisting his knee while playing for O.W.W. during the holidays. We have to congratulate him on passing "Smalls."

The following are the colours up Grant's :—

PINKS.	PINK & WHITES.	3RD XI'S	HOUSE-COLOURS.
*E. C. Stevens	*M. Castle-Smith	M. S. Oldham	J. Logan
(capt.)	L. A. Woodbridge	*J. P. Blane	L. G. Kirkpatrick
F. N. Ashley	*D. H. Whitmore	S. A. Dickson	C. W. Lonsdale
	*P. M. Battle		

* Will have left before next season.

J. P. Blane and P. M. Battle represented Grant's in the inter-house Fives ; they were beaten by Ashburnham by 15-9, 15-7, but the score does not represent the game, which was keenly contested.

W. T. Sonnenschien is the chief editor of the *Mirror*, which has been produced with marked success during the term. The object of the *Mirror* is to help pay off the debt incurred by the Elizabethan, and we wish him all success.

We only succeeded in getting second place in Juniors, though we were the only house to beat the winners, College.

D. H. Whitmore, P. M. Battle, and Dugdale are leaving us this term.

GRANTITE LITERARY SOCIETY.

This Society has resumed its readings after an interval of a whole year. We have read "As You Like It," "The Rivals," and "She Stoops to Conquer." Sonnenschein read with great spirit, and J. H. D. Dickson showed great promise, though he was only with us for two meetings, but we still need some one to take the part of leading lady.

GRANTITE TYPES.—No. 4.

THE GREAT UNKNOWN.

This variety affords us much interest because of the vast field which it throws open for investigation. At first blush he is usually taken for a sulky and surly creature ; and gives the impression of one who in power would re-enact in his sphere "the sullen tyranny of Charles and Laud." But this is far from being the case ; that

which to the casual is sourness, to the man of penetrating intelligence is an innate modesty, a deep-seated consciousness of its own weakness. Underlying that rough and scowling exterior there lies the timidity, the feeling of inferiority inherent in every really modest being. Like a violet is it hidden; like a violet is its fragrance. But this unknown, this x y z, is not all virtue; he is the incarnation of moodishness, the very type of inconsistency. There is reason for his modesty; the timidity which makes him modest, makes him a flatterer, makes him a toady; it makes him an easy prey to vices, especially if they are the wolves in sheep's clothing, especially if they have the additional enticement of pleasure. In fine, this strange and misjudged species is a source of more interest than affection; he is more an object of mistrust than of admiration.

THE CRY OF THE "GRANTITE."

Who's guilty of that heinous crime
Of never being up to time,
And rarely introducing rhyme?
The Editor.

Who slanders me behind my back
Who *will* remind me I am slack,
With irresistible attack?
The Chiswickite.

Who never can be satisfied
—When every fault is magnified
And every virtue is decried—?
The Hallite.

Who never, never, has been seen
Nor will be till the moon is green
Or Father Thames is once more clean?
The Interested Reader.

Who wakes the house up with his lash?
Who rigidly rejects all trash—
Published regardless of the cash—?
Myself.

GRANTS *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

Played on the Big Game Ground, March 13th. Grants pressed at once, and Dickson shot, but Wells saved. Battle then made a good run, but nothing resulted from his centre. Then Woodbridge and Battle both missed chances of scoring. In this way, and with a good deal of give and take play, half-time arrived. After half-time Grants had no better luck in their shooting, and they were not given so many openings as in the first half, owing to Parker and Capon's sturdy defence and some plucky rushes by Edmunds. Logan was twice tested by difficult shots from Parker and Schwann, but he managed to clear them safely. Sonnenschein, who was hurt, went out to the wing, Dickson taking his place in the centre. The game became rather slack towards the end, owing to the efforts which had been made on both sides. When time was called, with no score, it was decided to continue the game on the Friday following, when a quarter of an hour was played each way. Whitmore and Woodbridge should have both scored soon after the kick-off; the latter failed unaccountably. After half-time Ashburnham made a good rush, but Logan cleared well. After some more desultory play time was called and the game was again continued, this time for ten minutes more each way. Grants pressed during the first half of this game, but it was not till after half-time that Woodbridge scored a goal. Kirkpatrick added a second point just before time.

TEAMS.

GRANTS.

J. Logan (goal); J. P. Blane and M. Castle-Smith; L. G. Kirkpatrick, F. N. Ashley, and M. S. Oldham (C. Lonsdale, sub.), L. A. Woodbridge, S. A. Dickson, W. T. Sonnenschein, D. H. Whitmore, and P. M. Battle.

ASHBURNHAM.

T. Wells (goal); L. Capon and T. Schwann; R. P. Mears, W. Parker and J. Conolly (and sub.); T. Kirkland, T. Hughes, G. H. Edmunds, J. Geddes, and P. M. Bendall.

FINAL HOUSE MATCH.

GRANTS v. RIGAUDS.

Played "Up Fields" on Saturday, March 16th. This match resulted in a well deserved victory for Grants. Willett won the toss, and played from the Guards' Hospital end. From the kick-off Grants went away well together, and from a good centre by Kirkpatrick, Whitmore scored our first goal (1—0). Then Rigauds worked down the field and forced a corner, but Fraser kicked it behind, and 5 minutes later Dickson completely beat Langton with a good shot, which hit the cross-bar (2—0). This seemed to be the turning point of the game, as the Rigaudites could not last, and the Grantite training proved superior. Shots from Whitmore and Powers in turn went behind: then shortly before half-time a long shot from Willett just went over the bar.

After half-time Grants forced a corner, but Lonsdale kicked it behind. Then Rigauds pressed for a little while, but their forward-line could not combine at all, and their individual efforts were promptly suppressed by Ashley, Castle-Smith, and Blane. Battle then distinguished himself by a clever run, which he ended with a well-placed centre; this was kicked behind by Woodbridge. Then after some pretty combination between Whitmore and Woodbridge, the latter ran through Page and Willett, and with a splendid low shot scored our third and last goal (3—0). Dickson tried a difficult shot, which just missed the goal. Then the whistle blew, leaving Grants victorious by three goals to none. For Rigauds no one seemed to be in good condition or form except Craig; Kitson worked hard but passed badly. Fraser was vigorous but less scientific than usual. For Grants everyone was in good form; most of the team in better form than on any occasion this season. Perhaps, if there was any choice, Ashley, Castle-Smith, Battle, Whitmore, and Woodbridge were most conspicuous.

The teams were as follows:—

GRANTS.

J. Logan (goal); J. P. Blane, M. Castle-Smith (backs); C. W. Lonsdale, F. N. Ashley, M. S. Oldham (half-backs); L. G. Kirkpatrick, S. A. Dickson, L. A. Woodbridge, D. H. Whitmore, P. M. Battle (forwards).

RIGAUD'S.

H. Langton (goal); A. T. Willett, C. M. Page (backs); R. L. Fraser, J. M. Craig, H. Fleuret (half-backs); E. Atherley-Jones, A. Bency R. D. Kitson, C. Powers, W. S. Lonsdale (forwards).

Referee—H. A. Roberts, K.S.

“MUDDLING THROUGH.”

Grants is England in miniature: it is as it were the model from which the great ship it built. Under a supreme monarch, the house-master, whose power is limited by the law of nations, the head-master, and partly delegated to his parliament, the monitors, whose premier is the head of the “house,” freedom is the pride of every subject. Such is the constitution of Grants; such the constitution of England, a constitution generally acknowledged to be the golden mean between an absolute monarchy and a democracy. But the point of resemblance upon which we especially wish to lay stress is the habit of “muddling through”—a habit common to this little house at Westminster, and that great England of which it is so small a part. Both set to work in their wars with a confidence which is supposed to be an augury for success, but which really spells disaster. With an overwhelming advantage in prestige, they go to the theatre of the war or the football field with elation and with boasting, but before long their pride has such a fall and their feelings undergo such a change that they are unduly depressed. Then after an obstinate and pertinacious fight against fortune they cover themselves with glory. This has never been more ruthlessly forced upon us than during the last cricket and football seasons.

To the Editor of the “GRANTITE.”

DEAR SIR,

Of late a praiseworthy innovation has been made in allowing boarders in outer to do their work in evening prep. Might not this liberal attitude of the powers that be be extended a little further, and boarders in big dormitory, even though in hall, be allowed to stay up till 9.30, as they cannot possibly get any more sleep by going up the half-hour earlier.

I am, Sir, &c.,

CHISWICK.

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