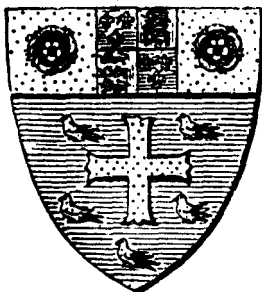


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DISQUIETING FIGURES.

'RIVALRY is good for mortals,' wrote Hesiod, and rivalry is our daily food at School. There are House matches and races and competitions; and we may rejoice in a certain measure of athletic prosperity, and in excellent prospects for the future. That we can do this is a splendid thing and a great good for the House in every way.

Let us pause (which is the polite translation of 'oportet') for a moment to consider another kind of competition—School work. We are told that we ought to work because that is why our parents send us to School. It is, of course, perfectly true, but it is rather like telling a fellow that the reason he is sent on drill is that he may have an opportunity to meditate the error of his ways. As a matter of fact he will probably be weighing the prospects of the next House match or some such matter irrelevant to the cause of his perambulation. It is rather difficult to remember that one is sent on drill for repentant meditation and to School that one may learn things.

Nevertheless, just as a happy home is essential to the success and happiness of a business man, so a certain reasonable standard of work is essential to the well-being,

usefulness and reputation of a House. It cannot be happy, or efficient when its leaders are under the shadow of superannuation and the body of the House can see no reason to do better than their betters. We have but to turn back a few pages of our history and the truth of this is evident.

It has been felt and our critics have said that all is not well with work up Grant's, that we have but few brains and don't use what we have. Wishing, if possible, to disprove this and if not, to draw our readers' attention to a serious malady which must be cured, we have done a few simple sums. Here is the result. Column I. gives the number and percentage of people in the VIIths and VIths. Column II. gives the number and percentage of the REMAINDER in the Classical Shells and in Modern Shell I. Column III. gives the number and percentage of the REMAINDER AGAIN in the Removes and IVths.

	I.		II.		III.	
College	29	72.5	10	90.9	0	00.0
H.BB.	24	26.7	8	12.1	18	31.0
GG.	12	17.9	6	10.9	13	26.5
A.HH.	15	16.3	15	19.5	16	25.8
RR.	8	12.1	10	17.2	10	20.8

In the first column, although very easily beaten by College and Home Boarders, we do not come out too badly; but narrow is the way and inevitable the examination that leads to the VIths and VIIths. The second column is rather more than disturbing.

Last term only six Grantites, of whom three at least will have left by next Play term, were in School Certificate forms. We ought to be able to keep up a steady supply of a dozen fellows in the Shells, quite half of whom should be young enough to stop on a year or more after passing the Exam.

We fear that we shall be accused of being dull and of preaching, but we are anxious that Grant's should not neglect its own welfare, and we feel that we have been dull in a good cause—a "cause to be fought not pleaded." It is not impossible to work hard from selfish motives—it is easier than doing so because "that is why one's parents send one to school."

HOUSE NOTES.

THERE left us last term: J. A. Cook (Peterhouse, Cambridge); C. S. Makower (Trinity, Cambridge); J. P. Winckworth, R. M. M. Mere (Christ Church, Oxford); A. G. de Montmorency (Peterhouse, Cambridge); and G. H. Radermacher (boarders); and F. M. Oppenheimer (Christ Church, Oxford); and J. P. Low (half-boarders). We wish them all success in the future.

We welcome the following new boys: P. R. Pain, J. G. Frampton, I. K. Munro and P. Tanner (boarders), and J. E. Manby, R. G. Sutton, G. P. Maguire, E. F. P. Bennett and I. P. Walker (half-boarders).

W. P. Mallinson is Head of House this term and 3rd School Monitor. L. J. D. Wakely and K. J. Gardiner (Captain of Football) are boarder Monitors and Members of the Monitorial Council. R. W. D. Carr is a half-boarder Monitor.

We congratulate K. J. Gardiner on becoming a Monitor at Exeat.

D. A. Bompas came into Middle from Outer at Exeat, and at the beginning of term, G. E. D. Halahan, J. S. Paul, H. A. Burt and D. K. C. O'Malley went up from Outer to Middle, and J. Levison, C. E. Lonsdale, R. Plummer, J. L. Hobman and W. J. M. Synge to Outer from Hall.

We are much more than pleased, in fact, and in spite of the purists, we are frightfully braced to be able to offer our heartiest congratulations to W. N. McBride (Head of House 1923-4) on his hard earned soccer Blue. We believe him to be the first Old Westminster to gain a Double Blue at Oxford.

And now, "What though success will not attend on all?" we feel inclined to emulate the small boy who procured an ostrich egg, wrote on it the words: "watch this and do your best!" and laid it carefully in the midst of his bantams. Let us hasten to assure J. A. Cook (Head of House 1926-7)

that we do not really think that he resembles a bantam. We merely wish to offer him also our congratulations and to infer that we shall be prepared at any time to do so again.

In Election Term, 1927, Marshall Memorial Prizes were won by C. S. Makower and L. J. D. Wakely and the Goodenough Medal by W. P. Mallinson.

L. J. D. Wakely has been awarded the Hinchcliffe Scholarship for History and has also regained his Football Pinks. "So double was his paines so double be his praise."

K. J. Gardiner is an Under Officer in the O.T.C. and W. E. Heard is a Sergeant. "*Ah, quel plaisir d'être soldat !*"

We congratulate C. E. Lonsdale and D. A. Bompas most warmly on their Football Pinks.

We were beaten by Rigauds in the Preliminary Round of Juniors. Football Junior House Caps were awarded to W. H. Wakely, R. G. A. Colt-Williams, P. N. Labertouche, E. H. Everington, T. I. Tetley-Jones (Busby's).

In the Town Boys' Rudder, Homeboarders defeated us in the first round by two feet. "The virtue lies In the struggle, not the prize." (See page 6).

The Yard Ties this term were won by D. A. Bompas, with Hunter and Colt-Williams as 2nd and 3rd strings.

The Ping Pong Ties were won by E. H. G. Lonsdale. Proverb: "The little cannot become great unless he devour many."

A determined effort is being made to revive the name "Mercury" for the lag of Hall. It is thought, however, that "Hermes" would have been a better choice, at least it is easier to shout.

The Football League Cup we have again won. This time we keep it for a year, "alone, alone, all, all alone."

We congratulate J. L. Fouracre (Busby's) on his rowing

House Colours, for the "law of keeping out strangers is a law of pusillanimity and fear."

W. E. Heard is Hon. Secretary to the Westminster Branch of the League of Nations Union. In recognition of his great services, which include the delivery of lectures, he is said to have been knighted by a correspondent in Czecho-Slovakia. If this is so we should like to be the first to congratulate him.

E. G. E. Rayner is Captain of Tennis.

THE PLAY SUPPER.

ON Tuesday, December 20th, Hall renewed its annual splendour for the Play Supper, and multitudinous balloons showed that Miss Tice had once more risen to the occasion.

Besides Mr. Willett and members of the House there were present Miss Tice and four Old Grantites, Dr. H. D. Everington, Mr. J. Heard, Mr. Pain and Lt.-Col. Willett.

When full justice had been done to the excellent supper, and the toast of the King had been drunk, L. J. D. Wakely rose to thank Mr. Willett for his hospitality and to propose his health. Mr. Willett in his reply, after saying how nervous he was, which surprised everyone, spoke of the great debt which the House owed to Miss Tice. He then proposed the health of the Monitors, referring especially to the bad luck of the Head of the House, who was prevented from being present at the Supper, and of R. W. D. Carr, whose last term had been spoilt by illness. L. J. D. Wakely, who replied in the absence of W. P. Mallinson, spoke of the House in its human, bestial and inanimate aspects, and remarked that two past members of the House had gained Blues this year. On proposing the health of the Old Grantites, he was met by a hint from Mr. Willett that the reputations of those present would not bear investigation. This left a difficult task for Lt.-Col. Willett, who did not, however, shirk it, and developed this and other sinister ideas in a very amusing speech.

After this the entertainments proper began. The large number of items, amassed by forcing previous fugitives to appear in their old age, did not include any performances by Old Grantites, but the House Orchestra, or something that

resembled it, gave its usual funny display, and one artist, as at pantomimes, managed to get the audience to drown, or nearly drown, his own voice. After all was over, a very enjoyable evening ended with "Auld Lang Syne."

L. J. D. W.

BOXING.

It is expected that the contests for the Boxing Cup will take place this term and we believe that Inter-School matches are to be arranged.

It is important that the Boxing Cup should remain unmoved throughout the year; the reason for this would appear obvious and little more need be said. We have several very promising young boxers, but the heavier weights are somewhat more difficult to discern. Of those who fought in the finals and semi-finals last year the following will be available for this year's competition: D. A. Bompas, J. K. Luard; K. J. Gardiner, J. S. Paul; B. H. Napier, P. H. Gaye; C. H. Hunter and W. S. Munro.

There is no reason why several of them should not, given regular training and practice, obtain places in the School team.

W. P. M.

THE WATER.

OWING to a busy Election Term on the river the Town-Boys' Rudder was postponed until the Play Term. Each of the Houses had some first- and second-eight men to help make up a good four, and some good racing was expected.

Our four got together quite early, and, after a few changes in the stern of the boat, we began to show quite promising form. We were very fortunate to have Mr. A. H. Franklin to coach us, and it was mainly due to his efforts that we were able to shake down so soon. As a four we were not brilliant in style, but to make up for that we had weight and smoothness.

The balance was not good when we paddled, but when the stroke was raised the boat seemed more inclined to stay on an even keel. There was some very bad weather and strong wind during the training, which helped us to realise the need for balance in the event of a storm on the day of the race.

We drew Home Boarders, the holders and the favourites, who had, on paper at least, a very strong crew. As usual the course was a mile long, starting from the Varsity stone and ending at the mile-post.

After much delay and running hither and thither on the part of starters, timekeepers, etc., we finally "took the water," and, incidentally, the Middlesex station.

There was a great deal of shrill squeaking on the bank, which nobody could understand, and then we started. Home Boarders led slightly, and we thought that we had seen the last of them, but then we drew level and raced together as far as Beverly, where we led slightly. Cox then gave us a ten, and it really was a ten, for we went up three-quarters of a length! We stayed in that position till the end of the Fence, when the H.B.B. cox gave a ten and caught up a bit. Both crews began to spurt. Salvi put up the stroke in fine style, but Weigall, stroking our opponents, made an extraordinarily fine effort, and, well backed up by his crew, he drew up on us slowly. It was in the last two or three strokes that the other crew caught up and won by just two feet.

Of course we were sorry that we had not won, but, on the other hand we were glad to have shown those, who so kindly came down to Putney to see us, a good race. Fouracre must be congratulated on his House colours, which he received after the race.

G. E. D. H.

CRITICISMS.

D. K. C. O'Malley (*Bow*). He is becoming much steadier on his stretcher, as he is beginning to swing more freely from the hips—his smoothness at bow largely contributed to the easy running of the boat. The drive with the legs is not powerful enough, but is improving.

N. Fouracre (2). Although he had the least experience of any in the crew, he raced well, and, when he gets hold of his beginning with a square blade, he sends down a good puddle. Constant practice in smooth swinging, and in timing his spring will remove his awkwardness.

G. E. D. Halahan (3). By the excellent time he kept with stroke he did much to improve the speed of his crew. He must improve his timing at the beginning still more, as his blade sometimes misses its grip; he must make his finish more powerful by sitting up and swinging round the outside shoulder, and combining this with the final thrust of the legs.

A. E. K. Salvi (*Stroke*). His swing has greatly improved so that his length is getting good; and having got rid of much of the awkwardness of his finish, he has improved both his appearance and his effectiveness. His chief fault is a tendency to hurry forward. In a close race, well backed up by his crew, he stroked with good judgment.

G. F. Watson (*Cox*). A very encouraging cox, who, although still a bit heavy with his hands, shouted and steered well in the race.

A. H. F.

JUNIORS.

PRELIMINARY ROUND v. RIGAUD'S.

THE only game of football to be reported in this number was rather a disappointing affair. Although we were playing our ancient rivals of the yellow and black scarves, although the score was 4-3, and although extra time was required, yet it was not a great game to watch. The form shewn by both sides was very far below what was expected. All but one of our forwards were extremely small and their efforts to break through the heavy defence of our opponents were plucky but somewhat ineffective.

C. H. Hunter played very well indeed at outside-left, but he was, as has been said, badly supported by his insides. Our defence in the main was sound, but not brilliant. J. K. Luard is still a little too venturesome. It is a very good thing for a back to keep well up in support of his halves, but unless he can get back in time to assist his partner he will weaken the defence far more than he strengthens the attack. Our goalkeeper was very unwell throughout the game and had plenty of excuse for not being up to his true form.

W. P. M.

Grant's : A. C. P. Ward, E. H. Everington, J. K. Luard, R. G. A. Colt-Williams, W. H. Wakely, P. N. Labertouche, A. H. Roberts, E. H. G. Lonsdale, T. I. Tetley-Jones, I. K. Munro, C. H. Hunter.

Rigaud's : R. F. Bushrod, C. McNeil, G. H. Freeman, S. C. Foster, T. C. M. Gibbins, H. P. Straker, R. A. S. Richmond, R. W. Parkin, P. Aitken, A. J. Page, J. Duke.

JUNIOR'S CRITICISMS.

J. K. Luard (*Left-back*), Capt. He had bad luck in straining a ligament early in the term when likely to get into the team, this makes him rather afraid to slide when tackling. A steady player, who ought to do well next season.

A. C. P. Ward (*Goal-keeper*). A good goal-keeper with a cool head. Especially good with low shots, but lacks height. Rather disappointing in Juniors.

E. H. G. Lonsdale (*Centre-forward*). A good hard-working centre-forward with a good idea of the short passing game, but does not use his wings enough. A weak shot. Very disappointing in Juniors.

C. H. Hunter (*Outside-left*). The cleverest and best forward. He played very well in Juniors and his cleverness made up for his lack of weight, which was not the case with the other forwards.

R. G. A. Colt-Williams (*Right-half*). Really a back, but he did quite well in a strange position. He should improve his tackling and learn how to find his man when passing up to his forwards.

W. H. Wakely (*Centre-half*). A very steady player and a clever dribbler, but has no idea of finding his man when feeding his forwards.

E. H. Everington (*Right-back*). A player with great promise. He has a good kick and clears quickly, but should improve his tackling.

P. N. Labertouche (*Left-half*). A very young player, with plenty of "go" in his play. He ought to keep the ball under control better, but his headwork is excellent.

T. I. Tetley-Jones (*Inside-left*). A fast and hard-going forward, with plenty of dash, but his ideas of passing are far from ideal. He ought to be very good with a little experience.

I. K. Munro (*Inside-right*). A very young player with great promise. He has a good knowledge of the game and passes well, but at present is too easily flustered in an important game like Juniors.

A. H. Roberts (*Outside-right*). A very disappointing player, who has very little control over the ball. His weight is of no advantage as he seems incapable of using it without fouling.

K. J. G.

THE OLD GRANTITE CLUB.

THE Third Dinner of the Old Grantite Club was held at the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, on Wednesday, October 5th, 1927. The following fifty-three Old Grantites were present: Mr. G. E. Mills, O.B.E. (Chairman), Sir Villiers Forster, Bart., Messrs. W. S. Rawson, J. B. Hodge, G. E. M. Eden, V. Pendred, H. D. Everington, G. H. Lambert, A. R. Pain, H. S. Bompas, E. C. Cleveland-Stevens, J. Spedan-Lewis, G. F. Pitt-Lewis, R. W. Hodder-Williams, L. E. Tanner, H. F. R. Rawson, R. H. Yolland, D. M. John, N. F. Cachemaille-Day, W. Hepburn, F. R. Oliver, J. R. Brandon-Thomas, C. B. Hollins, R. T. Sharpe, N. P. Andrews, C. J. Pinder, E. W. St. G. Spenser, G. L. S. Kohnstamm, C. M. Cahn, W. B. Ruegg, N. A. Mackintosh, P. J. S. Bevan, W. B. Frampton, L. D. Berry, H. T. Abady, B. G. Groner, S. R. Finn, D. J. Osborne, I. M. Main, V. J. G. Stavridi, E. W. T. Horne, G. R. Woods, A. W. D. Leishman, D. R. P. Mills, T. G. Hardy, F. R. Rea, J. A. Cook, R. G. A. Mordaunt, F. M. Oppenheimer, A. G. de Montmorency, J. P. Winckworth, R. M. Mere and W. N. McBride (Hon. Sec. and Treas.).

After the toast of the King had been honoured, the Chairman rose. He thanked the Club for asking him to take the Chair at the Dinner for the third time. He had not much to say, but he would like to outline the activities of the Club. The membership was now 160, while the subscribers to the GRANTITE REVIEW numbered 205—a number nearly five times the record. The Club had presented, he said, to the House a series of framed photographs of Old Grant's and had already voted £50 to the House. For a Club of under two years' standing, this was a record of which to be proud. He then proposed the health of Grant's which was enthusiastically drunk.

The following officers of the Club were then unanimously elected: *President*, Sir Villiers Forster, Bart.; *Vice-Presidents*, Messrs. R. T. Squire and G. E. Mills; *Committee*, Messrs. J. Heard, H. S. Bompas, L. E. Tanner, J. R. Brandon-Thomas, F. R. Oliver and P. J. S. Bevan. Mr. W. N. McBride was also re-elected Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. A unanimous vote of thanks was then passed thanking Mr. G. E. Mills for his services as Chairman at the first three dinners of the Club.

The proposal to substitute a Supper up Grant's on the night of the third Play for the Second Annual Club Dinner was then discussed. Over this point there was some dissension. Mr. W. Hepburn expressed the feelings of a certain number when he said that it would be a pity not to have two dinners, as they were such a success; whereas people did not want to come to the Play as they had forgotten their Latin and that anyhow after the Play was too late. Mr. V. Pendred then suggested a supper before the Play. However, it was felt that the kindness of Mr. A. T. Willett could not be refused, and so to please both parties Mr. N. P. Andrews proposed that the Club should have its two dinners and the supper up Grant's after the Third Play as well. This was seconded by Sir Villiers Forster and carried with four dissensions. The question then arose as to whether £1 subscription would be enough to cover this extra cost. It was unanimously decided to make no change at present. It was decided to hold the two Annual Dinners in October and April. Mr. J. R. Brandon-Thomas, in view of this extra burden, enquired into the health of the Secretary. Mr. L. E. Tanner then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. A. T. Willett for his kind offer of December 21st; this was seconded by Mr. G. E. Mills and carried unanimously.

Mr. J. R. Brandon-Thomas then amused the gathering with some of his inimitable turns, and Mr. H. T. Abady entertained at the piano. The party broke up at 11.30 p.m., after a very successful evening.

An Old Grantite Club Supper was held up the House on Wednesday, December 21st. About fifty Old Grantites were present and it was voted by all a great success. The members of the Club and particularly those who were present would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. A. T. Willett for so kindly lending the House and for his supremely lavish catering arrangements.

W. N. McB.

YARD TIES.

Mallinson	Wakely	Gardiner
Moon, W.	Jamieson	Napier
Masterman	Lonsdale, E.	Frampton
Paul	Burt	Bompas
Coleman	Arnold	Hunter
Pain	C.-Brown	C.-Williams
Lonsdale	Plummer	Synge
Munro, W.	Roberts	Ward
Moon, J.	Edey	Tanner
Reynolds	Salvi	Howe
Watson	Labertouche	Gardner
Munro, I.	Reynolds, S. R.	Gaye
	Negus	
	Everington	
	Gedye	

Gardiner } Mallinson }	Gardiner, a bye w.o.	} Gardiner	} Bompas
Burt } Negus }	Burt		
Wakely } Reynolds }	Wakely	} Wakely	
Bompas } Paul }	Bompas		
Lonsdale } Howe }	Lonsdale	} Bompas	
Synge } Plummer }	Synge		
Salvi	a bye	} Synge	

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

"Truth," said Byron, "is always strange—stranger than fiction." I have done my best to find out the truth about the Old Grantites in Oxford: I have consulted both their friends and the voice of public opinion: and if the result appears to you to be strange, turn to Byron.

Well, to begin with, there are Mr. STALLYBRASS of Brasenose, who expounds the law and upholds his College, and Mr. RADCLIFFE of New College, who, I am told, continues to manage the College wine supplies with marked success.

At New College are also Mr. Lousada, Mr. Orange and Mr. Rea. Of Mr. LOUSADA I was given the following sinister report—at least it sounds sinister to me. He continues, it was whispered, to get the best out of Oxford life by an ingenious form of programme. Otherwise he is blameless and, unlike so many people, is bright and intellectual at the breakfast table.

Mr. ORANGE believes that he is a budding author. He struggles bravely to look distinguished without wearing coloured shirts.

Mr. REA has joined the Opera Club. I attended a performance of "The Coronation of Poppea" and can assure you that his rendering of a Roman soldier was most melodious and ladylike.

At University are Mr. LEISHMAN and Mr. PEARSON. The former continues to dissect; but I will say no more about him for fear of vivisection. I should hate it.

With true politeness I've left the House till the end.

Mr. MCBRIDE, when not engaged in gaining Blues, can usually be found administering liquor to a group of admiring freshmen.

Mr. STAVRIDIS acts on the stage and off. He strives after the exotic (I know that, because he told me so himself) and achieves the commonplace.

Mr. FROST proudly declares that "in spite of all temptations To belong to other nations, He remains an Englishman"; but he informs me that he intends to "visit America in the fall."

Mr. JOHNSTONE is following the law in order that the law may not follow him.

Mr. MERE, with a little perseverance, will become a "hearty."

Mr. OPPENHEIMER continues to smile.

Well, Sir, that's the best I can do for you. Don't give me away, but if there are any complaints, please deal with them yourself.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

EX AEDE CHRISTI.

OLD GRANTITES.

Mr. H. Warrington Smyth, C.M.G., has retired from the post of Secretary for Mines and Industries for S. Africa.

Dr. E. D. Adrian, F.R.S., has been elected on to the Council of the Royal Society.

Mr. Arthur Lambton has a chapter on Westminster and Grant's in his recent book of reminiscences called *The Salad Bowl*.

Mr. A. W. D. Leishman has been awarded the Theodore Williams University Scholarship in Medicine at Oxford.

Mr. W. N. McBride and Mr. J. A. Cook have been awarded their "Blues" at Oxford and Cambridge respectively for Association Football.

BIRTHS.

ADRIAN.—On October 16th, the wife of Dr. E. D. Adrian, F.R.S., of twins, a boy and a girl.

MARRIAGE.

HARTLEY—STEWART.—On October 4th, Rex Hartley to Muriel, daughter of T. Cuthbert Stewart, of Skelmorlie, Ayrshire.

OBITUARY.

WE regret to have to record the deaths of two Old Grantites. John Ernest Phillimore was the eldest son of Admiral Phillimore, C.B., and was admitted up Grant's in 1882. He subsequently was elected into College and afterwards to Trinity. He had a distinguished career in the I.C.S., from which he retired a few years ago. He died on July 29th.

Montague Horatio Mostyn Turtle Pigott was a son of Robert Turtle Pigott and was admitted up Grant's in 1880. He became Head of the House in 1884 and was, we believe, the founder and first Editor of the GRANTITE REVIEW. From Grant's he went to University College, Oxford, and became the founder and first editor of the *Isis*. To have founded two magazines which have lasted over forty years is no small claim to fame but Pigott was a remarkable man who for many years held an unique position in literary and bohemian London. Thirty years ago he was one of the best known writers of light verse and many of his poems (such as "The Hundred Best Books") have found a permanent place in Anthologies. He was a man of kindly and amusing personality who will be greatly missed by a very large circle of friends.

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