

THE PLAY SUPPER.

`HE Play Supper last term took place, as usual, on the second Play night, and was prolonged far into the ghostly hours by a joyous company, who did not fail to do full justice to the various good things which Mr. Heard's munificence had provided. The latter is but a secondary duty, however, on these occasions, and before long the speeches began. The first health, that of Mr. Heard, was proposed by Powell. Beginning with an expression of sorrow that Mr. Heard was not present in person, he rapidly reviewed the progress of the term, and pointed out that, if not altogether successful, Grants had at least been able to hold her own on the football field. Returning to the real subject of his speech, he expressed his opinion that the members of the House, were, and should be, very grateful for Mr. Heard's kindness on that and every occasion; a sentiment to which all present responded by enthusiastically drinking the proposed toast, and with which, looking back on that joyous evening after the holidays, our readers will be very unlikely to disagree. When silence was restored, Erskine rose to propose the health of the head of the House. After convincing his hearers of the importance of that position with regard to the welfare of the House, he bestowed a few well-merited eulogies on the present incumbent of that honour. The toast was most cordially drunk, and Powell briefly responded. The health of the Old Westminsters was proposed by Barnes, who enlarged on the special advantages of Westminster School, in having such a patriotic and distinguished body of old alumni. The health met with the reception which the popularity of Old Westminsters entitled one to expect, and elicited a speech from Yglesias. Eccles followed him, and proposed the health of the Captain of the House Football XI., W. N. Winckworth. The sorrow of the House at his expected departure was great, and we are glad to be able to say now that it was uncalled for; Winckworth responded to the toast, which was drunk most heartily, in a long speech, in which he reviewed the progress of the House in every branch of sport, athletics, cricket and football; we are sorry to find it impossible to reproduce his words. The last toast of the evening, the FLOREAT, was now proposed by H. W. Smyth, who followed it up by singing a new and very good song of which Yglesias is the composer.

The rest of the evening was taken up with songs of which there was a long and varied list. We will content ourselves with mentioning those of F. M. Yglesias ("Off by the morning train,") C. Erskine, and W. T. Barwell ("Mr. John Blunt") as most worthy of comment. Erskine sang us one of his own composition, the words by A. Hodge, O.G. Both music and words were unusually brilliant and taking.

As all good things have an end, so did the supper on this occasion; and at an hour long past midnight, one of the jolliest and most convivial of merry-makings broke up.

After the practical cessation of football at the end of last term, it was determined, thanks chiefly to the energy of the present Captain of Grants Football and other members of the House XI., to start Fives Ties up Grants, both to encourage the game and in prospect of a challenge from one of the other Houses. The attempt was a decided success, although some of the ties in the first round were rather tedious, owing to the (not unnatural) ignorance of the game displayed by many of the players. For next year, however, this has been remedied, we hope, by the popularity which the game has attained in the last few months. In our match against Homeboarders we were beaten, as the results below will shew, and, although we would not rob the conquerors of any of the honours accruing to victory, yet we feel bound to say that those elected to play for Homeboarders probably owed it to a much more intimate acquaintance with the court itself.

NOTES.

W. R. Moon, Captain of Grants Football in the latter half of the season 1883-4 and in 1884-5, has got his Internationals, which he well deserves, and we congratulate him.

Of the four O.WW. who played for the South v. the the North, W. R. Moon, J. G. Veitch, R. A. Ingram and R. T. Squire, the three former are old Grantites.

We beg to congratulate E. W. Woodbridge on getting his House-colours at the end of last term.

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The only addition to the numbers of the House is a half-boarder, Stanhope-Jones.

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The play selected for the next meeting of the Literary Society is the 2nd part of Shakespeare's Henry IV.

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In the final round of last term's yard ties, which was played after the issue of the December number, D. P. Winckworth, E. G. Burton and D. Fitzmaurice scratched to W. N. Winckworth, F. G. Oliver and H. M. Davson. We insert this merely for future reference.

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Since A. H. Harrison (Rigauds) left at the end of last term, and Barwell, being unable to play football, has resigned the captaincy, W. N. Winckworth, Captain of Grants, the only remaining pink, has become Captain of Football.

GRANTS v. RIGAUDS.

Played on Wednesday, November 30th, and resulted in a win for the latter by 2-1. The weather was fine and the ground in capital condition. Rigauds having won the toss, Lambert kicked off at 2.25 p.m. from the Guard's Hospital end. Grants soon began to press their opponents and after about ten minutes play A. R. Woodbridge with a good shot, scored for Grants, but very soon after the commencement of the game, Oliver missed his kick, and Harrison getting clear, gained a point for Rigauds, thus equalising the score. After this although Grants had by far the best of the game, no further score was added before half-time, the shooting of our forwards being very erratic. After change of ends we continued to keep the ball in our opponents' ground, but we failed to get a lead, chiefly owing to the good defence of Booker (in goal), who played consistently well throughout the match. Rigauds got away about 20 minutes after half-time and kept the ball some time in front of our goals, and although one shot was well saved by Everington, yet we never thoroughly cleared our lines until Druitt had put the ball through from a scrimmage in front of our posts, the ball hitting at least two people before going through. This reverse regoaded (?) us on to fresh exertions, but still we failed to equalize the score; thus Rigauds, as mentioned above, won the match in which they certainly did not have the best of the game, although they made much better use of their opportunities.

For Rigauds, besides Booker, Daniel at back, and the two Willetts and Gardiner forward, were good. For us, Winckworth and Mills distinguished themselves behind; all the forwards played well (excepting in front of goal), the two Woodbridges being the pick.

TEAMS.

Grants. E. A. Everington (goal); R. O. Mills and F. G. Oliver (backs); W. N. Winckworth, N. D. Wright and G. E. S. Campbell (half-backs); A. R. Woodbridge and F. P. Farrar (right wing); A. G. Lambert (centre); C. T. G. Powell and E. W. Woodbridge (left wing) (forwards).

Rigauds. A. J. Booker (goal); E. L. Daniel and P. Weichand (backs); A. E. Balfour, Petrocochino and C. E. Balfour (half-backs); M. Druitt and H. Gardiner (right wing); A. H. Harrison (centre); H. P. Willett and L. Willett (left wing).

THE FIVES TIES.

IST ROUND.

D. Winckworth R. A. Yeld beat {

C. B. Bruce E. F. Knox by 15-0, after a match which was not very exciting to the spectators.

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beat { H. C. Barnes P. Henderson F. G. Oliver D. Fitzmaurice This was a close game almost to the finish, when Oliver's side won easily by 15-9. C. Powell beatE. A. Everington F. P. Farrar P. Armitage by 15-1. This tie proved not so even as had been expected. Powell and Farrar both played well. E. W. Woodbridge E. G. Burton beat R. S. Boulter L. B. Chamberlain The score was 15-11 points and this was the most equally contested tie in the round. Neither side knew much of the game. B. I. Southey J. O. Powell A. R. Woodbridge } beat { H. J. Colville There was no doubt which was the winning side from the start. Score 15-5. F. Y. Eccles C. N. Lambton N. P. Wright υ G. Scott After having played for half-an-hour and the score standing at 9-0, Eccles' side thought best to scratch. H. D. Everington F. Maclean beat I. Corbett G. E. Mills by 15-7. This was an interesting game, neither side being the favourite at the beginning.

E. A. Everington G. E. Campbell } beat { H. M. Davson W. T. Barwell by 15-1. Everington took the place of Lambert who was out of school.

Cory Clift } scratched to { W. N. Winckworth R. O. Mills

2ND ROUND.

W. N. Winckworth G. E. Mills by 15-0. Winckworth had the game in his own hands from the first, and his opponents were unable to score a single point.

D. Winckworth H. D. Everington beat { R. O. Mills D. Fitzmaurice by 15-11, Such a result was most unexpected and the winners are to be complimented on the energetic way in which they wired up and won the game.

E. A. Everington C. Powell beat { E. A. Evering N. P. Wright

F. G. Oliver

This tie was not so exciting as it was expected to be, the score being 15-7.

> F. P. Farrar H. J. Colville } beat { G. Scott R. Boulter F. P. Farrar

by 15-1, after a protracted game, in which Colville's play provoked great mirth on the part of the spectators.

> A. R. Woodbridge a bye G. E. Campbell

3RD ROUND.

A. R. Woodbridge W. N. Winckworth H. Colville beat D. Winckworth by 15-13. Winckworth worked hard to win. Both the victors played well, especially Woodbridge.

F. G. Oliver G. E. Mills H. D. Everington beat G. E. Campbell by 15-10. Both the ties in this round proved well contested, and were interesting to look at. Oliver and Everington played well together and won the game.

> F. P. Farrar a bye C. Powell

> > SEMIFINAL ROUND.

A. R. Woodbridge

beat { C. Powell H. D. Everington. F. P. Farrar Woodbridge's side won by 15-12 after a close and

interesting game.

D. Winckworth } a bye

FINAL.

A. R. Woodbridge } beat { F. P. Farrar F. G. Oliver } beat { D. Winckworth by 15-2. An easy victory for Woodbridge and Oliver, both of whom shewed good play.

This brought to an end our first attempt at Fives Ties

which proved eminently successful. Next year there will not be such a number to be initiated into the game, we hope, and consequently the ties will create more excitement in the earlier rounds.

On Monday, December 19th, in answer to the expected challenge which we had received from Homeboarders, Grants put into the field (or rather the Fives' court) the following teams: C. Powell and A. R. Woodbridge; and W. N. Winckworth and E. A. Everington. It had rained early in the morning and the courts were wet. Our first team played against A. Hoskins and Agar and succeeded in defeating them by 2 games to nil. Winckworth and Everington were matched against Gregory and Labertouche, who succeeded in winning two consecutive games. On the next day, which chanced to be finer than the preceding one, Winckworth and Woodbridge were chosen from the four Grantites and played against Gregory and Labertouche; two games were played in which the Grantites were defeated, in the first by 15-9 and in the second by 15-4, thus leaving the victory in the hands of the Homeboarders, who had played well throughout, and showed their skill especially in taking balls off the pepperbox. We hear that Fives Ties will take place at the end of the present term and we hope that then we shall carry off the palm.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of the Grantite Review.

DEAR SIR,—There is but little of interest to your readers going on up here at present. The "Torpids" are fixed for the 14th February and so are now very near; and coachers and coached alke are having their wonted "merry time." In the literary way a new paper has just made its appearance, and calls itself the Undergraduate, its main object being to amuse Undergraduates and interest Dons (vide placards). It is generally understood that its Editors entertain hopes of its surviving the present term.

Yours etc.,

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[N.B. We think it right to point out to our readers, that our Oxford and Cambridge Correspondence is not exclusively O. Grantite or O.W. news; but merely consists of such intelligence, Grantite or otherwise, as may seem fitting to our correspondents.]

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OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of the Grantite Review.

DEAR SIR-I am isorry that I have not much news to communicate to you in this, as we only came up a short time ago. On Friday, January 27th, Cambridge O.WW. played Granta on Parker's Piece and a fast game resulted in a victory for Granta by I goal to love. Granta brought a very strong team, and having won the toss, played with the wind. Up to half time the game was very even and Granta only managed to score once. Soon after restarting, a terrific hailstorm came on, rendering scientific play almost impossible. No more goals were scored and the game resulted as above. O.WW.: Street, (goal); Lidderdale and Webb, (backs); Phillimore, Stevens and Sherring, (half-backs); Bompas, Watt, Harrington, Harrison and Veitch, (forwards).

 Harrison and Veitch, (forwards).
A Cambridge O.W. meeting will be held next Wednesday.
Trinity College, Cambridge, Saturday, January 29th.

To the Editor of the Grantite Review.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—May I point out through the medium of your columns a fairly justifiable answer to those who accuse your news of not being unknown to them. The duty of the *Grantite* is, in its sphere, the same as that of the *Elizabethan* in *its* sphere, namely, to chronicle events connected with the house, not only for the amusement and instruction of present Grantites and past members of the house, but also for *future reference*. Taking this fact into consideration, unpatriotic Grantites, who love slander for slander's sake, must no longer scoff because "news is stale."

Yours &c.,

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