

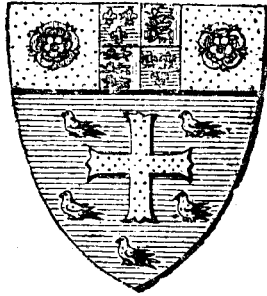
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### EDITORIAL.

In taking up the Editorial pen we are faced at the outset with what at first seems an almost insuperable difficulty, the hardness of finding a suitable subject to write on. However, let our text be for the nonce: "Keeness." Keeness in Games; Keeness in Work; Keeness in the House; Keeness in the School. It has never been necessary to reproach Grant's with want of Keeness. Throughout the school, even among members of rival houses, Grant's has an absolutely unparalleled reputation. Such a reputation—an absolutely priceless possession—does not entitle the possessor to rest upon his laurels; the reputation has to be lived up to, and the greater the reputation the more difficult is it to maintain. The more one has done, the more one is expected to do. It is easier to lose a reputation than to win it: easier to win it than keep it. So much for the abstract. Let us now turn to the concrete. If Grant's is to maintain the reputation it has won, there must be a more regular attendance "up fields" on Saturdays. More interest must be displayed in the doings of the School, in Play, as well as in Work. No house which has not sufficient interest to watch the School Matches will ever produce good players. Good play can only be developed by Keeness, and interest in the School Matches is the outward and visible manifestation of the same virtue. If, then, Grant's, a house consisting of about fifty members, cannot send up a contingent of more than fourteen to watch a Saturday Match, it will lose its reputation as a

sporting house—for people are apt to look at the outward appearances, and their respect for a house which acts in such a way cannot be very great. The moral of this is, that Grant's must not grow slack. It has had great successes in the past, and has by them won a great reputation, which it will need all its energies to keep up in a manner worthy of the high ideals and glorious tradition which have been handed down to us by our predecessors, and which in duty to them we are bound to the best of our ability to keep up.

### THE PAST YEAR.

The past year has been one of fair success, though we have not won everything. In football our Juniors were very successful, and won all their matches, though their play was often very variable. They were at their best against College, the holders of the Cup, whom they beat 3—1. The Junior Cup was thus won for the second time since its presentation. In Seniors we were not so successful, being beaten by Ashburnham in the first round, 3—2. Harris and Johnson were chiefly responsible for our defeat, the former scoring all three goals.

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

PINK AND WHITES.	3RD XI.'s.	HOUSE COLOURS.
K. E. Newman.	H. D. Adrian.	*F. G. Worlock.
*R. W. Reed.	*O. Lewis.	
	*R. W. Willcocks.	
	* Have left.	

In the Sports we lost the Cup again to College, but only by 8 points, scored in the last two or three events. Our main support was F. G. Worlock, whose performance was simply marvellous. He won the Hammer, Cricket Ball, Half-mile with Hurdles, and the Quarter; was second in the High Jump, and third in the Mile.

We won the Cricket Shield rather more easily than we had expected. The totals in the match *v.* Rigaud's were:—

Grant's 1st innings, 129; 2nd innings, 118	}	Grant's won by 117 runs.
Rigaud's 1st innings, 88; 2nd innings, 42		

Our second innings began with a collapse, but K. E. Newman, going in 6th wicket down, saved the situation by a masterly 43, being ably assisted by L. D. Looker, 22 not out. F. G. Worlock took 10 wickets, R. W. Reed 7, and W. A. R. Hadley 2.

In the final round, *v.* Ashburnham, the game was not so exciting:—

Grant's 1st innings, 160	}	Grant's won by an innings and 34 runs.
Ashburnham's 1st innings, 27; 2nd innings, 99		

F. G. Worlock took 5 wickets for 4 runs.

The Cricket Colours at the end of the year were as follows :—

PINKS.	PINK AND WHITES.	3RD XI.'S.
*F. G. Worlock.	W. A. R. Hadley.	G. Worlock.
*R. W. Reed.		K. E. Newman.
*A. G. Lee.		L. D. Looker.
		G. W. Hodgson.
		C. G. Reed.

\* Have left.

In the Cadet Corps the House has been very prominent. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, as Colour-Sergeant, showed great administrative ability, though he would have been very much better had his voice been stronger. The post of Colour-Sergeant seems to be hereditary in Grant's, having been held successively by H. C. G. Pedler, G. R. Y. Radcliffe, and H. C. F. Metcalfe. The other Grantite N.C.O.'s were Sergeant Metcalfe, Corporal Worlock, Corporal Ratcliffe-Cousins, and Corporal Newman.

We did not succeed in winning the Inter-House Drill Competition, as Home-Boarders managed to beat us by 4 points.

This, then, is the sum of our doings in the past year. May we outdo them in the present !

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### VALE !

The rose is gone, and its petals red  
 Have dropped to the ground :  
 The trees are bare to the wind, and the swallows are fled ;  
 And the leaves as they eddy round  
 In the clutch of the wind are brown and dead ;  
 And they sigh as they think of the year that is gone,  
 A dreary sound :  
 And the sough of the wind  
 As it sweeps through the wood when the day is done  
 Makes mournful music alone :  
 And the clouds are black, and the sky behind  
 Is dark and grey ;  
 And the rain beats down at the close of day ;  
 The fields are bleak and the forests lone  
 For the summer is gone.

E. R. C.

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### THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Literary Society has had a very fairly successful term. The Plays on the whole have been well read, but would be much

better if more care was given to getting up the parts beforehand, or at least reading them through. We have had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Tanner in the two rôles which perhaps suit him best, "Shylock" and "Sir Peter Teazle." We take the opportunity of thanking him for his kind hospitality to the Society during the term.

The Society opened the term with *King Henry V.* which was begun on Tuesday, October 10th, and finished, after three sittings, on October 31st. The cast was as follows:—

Mr. Tanner	... ..	<i>King Henry V., Rambures, French Soldier.</i>
G. G. Rae Fraser	..	<i>French King, Jamy, Bedford, Warwick.</i>
E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins		<i>Pistol, Alice, Scroop, Gloucester, Orleans.</i>
K. E. Newman	... ..	<i>Fluellen, Canterbury, Constable, Salisbury.</i>
G. M. Nott-Bower	... ..	<i>Katharine, Hostess, Boy, Bourbon, Erpingham.</i>
H. V. Hughes	... ..	{ <i>Nym, Ely, Ambassador, Messenger, Governor,</i> <i>York.</i>
S. D. Graham	... ..	<i>Bardolph, Westmoreland, Grey, Williams.</i>
C. G. Reed	... ..	{ <i>Dauhin, Macmorris, Cambridge, Montjoy,</i> <i>Bates.</i>
L. E. Tanner	... ..	<i>Exeter, Gower, Isabel, Court, Grandpré.</i>

On October 31st, after the completion of *King Henry V.*, the Society read the last two acts of Sheridan's *The Critic*. The characters were as follows:—

Mr. Tanner	... ..	<i>Puff.</i>
G. G. Rae Fraser	... ..	<i>Sneer.</i>
E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins		<i>Dangle.</i>
K. E. Newman	... ..	<i>Constable, Don Whiskerandos, Tilburina.</i>
G. M. Nott-Bower	... ..	<i>Stage Directions—Leicester, Hopkins.</i>
H. V. Hughes	... ..	<i>1st Niece, Constable's Son, Sir Walter Raleigh.</i>
S. D. Graham	... ..	<i>Justice's Lady, Sir Christopher Hatton.</i>
C. G. Reed	... ..	{ <i>Justice, Sceneman, Bee-feater, Knight, Thames,</i> <i>Under Prompter.</i>
L. E. Tanner	... ..	<i>2nd Niece, Confidant, Governor.</i>

At the last meeting of the Society, November 7th, Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* was begun, and finished on the following Tuesday, November 14th. The reading was very much better, and more "go" was put into the parts, which were distributed as follows:—

Mr. Tanner	... ..	<i>Shylock, Launcelot Gobbo.</i>
G. G. Rae Fraser	... ..	<i>Antonio, Old Gobbo, Servant.</i>
E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins		<i>Bassanio, Tubal, Messenger.</i>
K. E. Newman	... ..	<i>Nerissa, Salarino.</i>
G. M. Nott-Bower	... ..	<i>Portia, Leonardo.</i>
H. V. Hughes	... ..	<i>Jessica, Arragon.</i>
S. D. Graham	..	<i>Gratiano, Balthazar.</i>
C. G. Reed	... ..	<i>Lorenzo, Duke of Venice.</i>
L. E. Tanner	... ..	<i>Salanio, Morocco, Stephano, Salario.</i>

The Society closed their session with Sheridan's *The School for Scandal* which was begun on Tuesday, November 28th, and finished on December 5th. This play was probably the best of those read this term, and caused endless amusement.

## DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

Mr. Tanner	... ..	<i>Sir Peter Teazle, 1st Gentleman.</i>
G. G. Rae Fraser	... ..	<i>Joseph Surface, Sir Harry Bumper.</i>
E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins	...	<i>Sir Oliver Surface, Lady Sneerwell.</i>
K. E. Newman	... ..	<i>Lady Teazle, Snake, 2nd Gentleman.</i>
G. M. Nott-Bower	... ..	<i>Mrs. Candour, Moses.</i>
H. V. Hughes	... ..	<i>Crabtree, Charles Surface.</i>
S. D. Graham	... ..	<i>Careless and Servant.</i>
C. G. Reed	... ..	<i>Sir Benjamin Backbite, Trip.</i>
L. E. Tanner	... ..	<i>Maria, Rowley.</i>

Mr. Tanner was very effective as "Sir Peter Teazle," while Nott-Bower's "Moses" was almost pathetic.

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

This society has had a very successful session this term, and, although only one motion was discussed, the debate was very keenly maintained.

The first meeting was held on October 24th, when the motion under discussion was: "That this House disapproves of Cromwell's policy."

The proposer, **Mr. E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins**, in his opening speech stated that he was quite willing to admit that Charles I. had on several occasions acted very unconstitutionally, but insisted that Cromwell had on the whole acted far more unconstitutionally than the monarch he supplanted. He then proceeded to cite various examples to this effect, such as the clearance of Parliament known as Pride's Purge; the proposer also drew attention to Cromwell's intolerance of all people who held religious views that were not in accordance with his own, and mentioned that in levying taxes he placed the most weighty portion on his royalist opponents. He pointed out that the trial of Charles by the Parliament was in itself illegal, and was most unfairly conducted, and stated that the bulk of the people were strongly against the execution of their king.

The opposer, **Mr. G. M. Nott-Bower** said, in reply, that although Cromwell's policy may not have been entirely correct, yet he acted as he thought best for the country. He raised the

prestige of England in all foreign countries and increased the fighting capacities of England to a very large extent.

Mr. D. Philby, in seconding, said that after the exhaustive speech of Mr. E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins there remained very little to be said, but he thought that one point had been missed, namely, the sacrilegious way in which Cromwell, a so-called Christian, polluted churches by using them as stables for his horses and taverns for his men. He also strongly disapproved of Cromwell's short-sighted and cruel policy in Ireland.

Mr. G. R. Fraser maintained that, although there was much to be said for both sides, yet, in his opinion, at least most of the arguments that had been put forward that evening in the House seemed rather to favour Cromwell than to tell against him. Under his generous and energetic patronage the foundation stones of our American colonies were firmly laid. It was his policy which pointed out to Englishmen the road to political freedom, and which eventually culminated in the invitation of William of Orange to the throne of England. Furthermore, had the policy which he instituted in Ireland been continued down to the present time, there would be no distress such as there is now in Ireland, and the burning question of Home Rule would never have been raised.

The discussion then became general, and after a warm debate the House divided, with the result that the motion was carried by acclamation.

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## GRANTITE TYPES.

### THE HUNTSMAN.

This variety is extremely interesting; he is always in a state of violent agitation, and woe be to the unwary Grantite who obstructs his path. He utters strange sounds, and has been seen, so it is whispered, to walk in his sleep. He is no great scholar, but he has been known to acquit himself honourably in the football field. He wears a gloomy countenance, but a light sometimes o'erspreads it when he eventually grasps the meaning of some joke cracked by one of his boon companions. He is a general butt, against which the *smart* members of the house exercise their so-called wit. His racy conversation meanders through the intricacies of the chase, the racecourse, and the coppice. He is preposterously credulous, and, sad to relate! is often imposed upon by his subtler confrères. He uses "Koko" in vast quantities, but has not much to show for his infatuation for it. He has, however, many sterling qualities; though, as yet, he has not "set the Thames on fire."



### JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

Grant's has won the Junior Football Cup for the second time in succession. The team contains some very promising players, notably Shearman, Reed, Wylde, and Rawson, and although there has been some want of "keenness" on the part of several members, yet the result has been as satisfactory as could be wished for. Although the forwards were rather small, they played very well together, their passing being extremely good; as for the defence they all fed the forwards well, and their kicking was excellent.

The first match against Ashburnham was the poorest display given by Grant's; possibly because they had not had time to find their form. The result was a draw, neither side scoring any goals. The second match was against College, and Grant's played better all round; Wylde was able to help us in this match, having come "Up Grant's" as a boarder from Ashburnham, since the match with that House. For Grant's, Geare was perhaps the best; he made several good rushes, and his shooting, for a Junior, was good.

Rigaud's were our next opponents, and in spite of the smallness of their numbers this term they put a very good team into the field. Grant's only just managed to beat them after a good game by one goal to love. Shearman and Wylde proved themselves to be a very good pair of backs; they combined very well together.

The fourth and last match was against H.B.B., whom we beat somewhat easily, by five goals to three; the backs were not quite so good as in former matches, but the forwards, especially Geare, proved themselves capable of getting goals. Reed, also, played a good sound game at centre-half, and gave his forwards many good openings.

### CRITICISMS ON THE TEAM.

**Hadley** played in a very consistent manner all through, and on many occasions rescued his side from an awkward position; he should make a very good goalkeeper for Grant's.

**Shearman** has at last made some improvement, and if he keeps on playing steadily he ought to develop into a really good back; he kicks cleanly and feeds his forwards well.

**Wylde** came to us with a good reputation for football, and, so far, has upheld it; he tackles very well indeed, but he is rather too fond of handling.



**Horton** has been a disappointment; last year he showed promise, but he has not improved very considerably; however, when he gains in strength he should make a sound half.

**Reed** made a good captain; he tackles and passes well at times, and in the future should be indispensable to Grant's.

**Pemberton** was another good half; he uses his weight to advantage, and kicks well. It is a pity that he is leaving us this term, as he would have been useful next.

**Graham** is rather too small, but he was found to be very useful on the wing; he often makes good openings for passes, and combines well with his inside partner.

**Geare** was a great acquisition to the team; he has got a very good idea of making direct for goal; so, as he shot very well and was the only forward in the team with weight, he proved a very useful man.

**Rawson** also was a great help to Grant's; he shoots well and passes accurately. He is rather too small as yet to do much in any other than junior football, but we hope he has a great football career in front of him.

**Eyre**, perhaps, did not always come up to expectations in juniors, but he usually plays a very good game; he, however, often combined well with his outside man, and he evidently understands the game well.

**Philby** was very good at pushing his way up the touch line, and at times surprised us by scoring goals. He centres well also, so should do well in the future.

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## THE ANCHORITE.

Attached to most of the larger Monasteries, and to many parish churches, was an Anchorite or an Ancess. It was an old monastic saying that "an Abbey without an Ancret was like a ship without a rudder," and even as the monks prayed for the world so did the Anchorite pray for the monks. The Anchorite (the word literally means one who has retired from the world) was very similar to a Hermit. In some few places they were immured, as perhaps at Westminster, but in most places were not actually walled up in their cell, though the limits of their enclosure were necessarily narrow. The Anchor-hold, as their cell was called, was built of stone or wood, and stood either in

or near the church, "anchored under the church as an anchor under a ship, to hold the ship so that neither waves nor storms may overwhelm it." The furniture was of the simplest: a stone bench for bed; a crucifix, a table; and the walls were sometimes covered with paintings. There were usually two windows, one towards the church, so that the Anchorite could see the Elevation of the Host; the other, opposite to the former, an unglazed window, with either a shutter covered by a black curtain or a grille, by which he could receive his food and converse with the outer world. "Love your windows as little as possible; and see that they be small . . . a peering anchoress who is always thrusting her head outward, is like an untamed bird in a cage." These directions are taken from "The Ancren Riwe," supposed to have been written by Richard Poore, Bishop of Salisbury (1217-1229) for the use of the nuns of Tarrent in Dorsetshire. This gives much curious information on the life of Ancesses. From it we learn they were not to possess any animal, "except only a cat. If however, anyone must needs have a cow, let her take care that she neither annoy nor harm anyone, and that her own thoughts be not fixed thereon."

They were to have neither "ring, nor brooch, nor ornamented girdle, nor gloves." They were not to write or receive letters without leave. They were to "shape, and sew and mend church vestments, and poor peoples clothes." At Westminster, in later days, there appear to have been two Ancesses whose duty it was to wash the sacred vestments. They were to have their hair cut four times a year. They were to be always silent at meals. "Every Friday of the year keep silence, unless it be a double feast, and then keep it on some other day in the week. In Advent and in Ember days, Wednesdays and Fridays; in Lent three days and all the holy week until noon in Easter eve. To your maid, however, you may say, in a few words, what you please, and if any good man is come from a distance, listen to his speech, and answer, in a few words, what he asks." Again, "an anchoress must not become a schoolmistress, nor turn her anchoress-house into a school for children. Her maiden may, however, teach any little girl concerning whom it might be doubtful whether she should learn among boys." Many Anchor-holds remain, and perhaps some of the rooms so often found over the porch of a church may have been used by an Anchorite. Amongst other churches, where the Anchor-hold remains, may be mentioned, Rettendon, Essex, Clifton Campville, Staffordshire, and Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

Of our Westminster Anchorites very little is known. The Anchor-hold was situated (between the Abbey and St. Margaret's) in St. Margaret's churchyard, and even in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries there was a house there, known as the

“Anchorites’ House.” The last mention of this house is in the Chapter Book, June 3rd, 1778. That this was the position of the Anchor-hold—and not, as is often believed, in the Infirmary Cloisters, which stood on the site of the present Little Cloisters—is proved conclusively by recent discoveries in the Muniment Room. It was built of stone and had a tiled roof. Henry III., Richard II., and Henry V., are known to have consulted the Anchorite. Richard II., “after the followers of Wat Tyler had plundered the Abbey and even put to death one of the king’s servants who clung to the Shrine of the Confessor, went to the Abbey in person to ascertain the damage, after which he spoke with the Anchorite, to whom he confessed himself.” Henry V., on the death of his father, “at night secretly went to a holy hermit in the Precincts, and from him, after a full confession, received absolution.” The following account is taken from Stanley’s “Memorials.” “One of the Anchorites, at the close of the fourteenth century, was buried in a leaden coffin in a small adjacent chapel. A certain William Ushborne, keeper of the adjacent Palace, suborned a plumber of the convent to dig up the sacred bones, which he tossed into the well in the centre of the cloister-cemetery, and had the leaden coffin conveyed by its iron clasps to his office. The sacrilege was first visited on the poor plumber, who was seized with a sudden faintness, and died in Ushborne’s house. This, however, was but the beginning of Ushborne’s crimes. He afterwards contrived to appropriate the waste marsh (this was between the Jewel House and what is now Great College Street) which he turned into a garden, with a pond to preserve his own fresh fish. On a certain fast day, the Vigil of St. Peter ad Vincula . . . . he invited his Westminster neighbours to a supper. Out of the pond he had fished a large pike. He himself began upon it, and after two or three mouthfuls he screamed out: ‘Look—look—here is come a fellow who is going to choke me’; and thus caught ‘without the viaticum’, by the very fish which had been the cause of the sacrilege he died on the spot, and was buried in the choir of St. Margaret’s.”

The consecration of an Anchorite was as follows:—“He was to be advised by the Bishop or some other priest to examine his conscience whether he acted from piety, sincere or feigned, and if the answer was favourable the Priest was by order of the Bishop to shut him up.” Provision was first to be made for his confession, and that on the day preceding the ceremony, he received the refecton of bread and water. On the night following he passed devout vigils in the Church. On the morrow, after an exhortation to the people and the Anchorite, the Priest began a responsory, upon the conclusion of it prostrated himself with his ministers before the steps of the altar, and said certain Psalms. After these, the mass was celebrated in the church and

a special prayer said for the Anchorite. After the Gospel he offered a taper which was to burn on the altar at the mass. The Anchorite then read the schedule of his profession (which consisted only of the vows of Obedience, Chastity, and Steadfastness) at the step of the altar, and, if he was a layman, the Priest read it for him : he then made a sign of his intention and offered it upon the altar, kneeling. The Priest consecrated his habit and sprinkled that and the Anchorite with holy water. Then followed mass and the Litany, after which they went in procession to the Anchor-hold. The Priest took him by the right hand and led him to the house, which was then blessed and shut from without. The Priest with his assistants retired, leaving the Anchorite within, and advised the standers-by to pray for him.

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### HOUSE NOTES.

Reed, Radcliffe, Worlock, F., Lewis, Lee, Liberty, Willcocks, and Morgan left last term. In their stead we have 10 new fellows: Hobson, Viney, Tomlinson, Miles, and Wylde from Ashburnham, are boarders; Marriott, a King's Scholar, Lely, Faire, W., Faire, E., and Ruegg, half-boarders.

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At Election, R. W. Reed was awarded a Triplett Exhibition and G. R. Y. Radcliffe elected to a Christ Church Exhibition. May they have every success in the future!

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F. G. Worlock has joined Benson's Shakespearean Company, where he has won a great reputation as a fencer and painter. He took the part of the Duke of Gloucester in *King Henry V.*

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Our Juniors have won the Junior Football Cup again. The results were as follows:—

Grant's v. Ashburnham	...	...	...	Drawn (0—0).
Grant's v. College	...	...	...	Won (4—0).
Grant's v. Rigaud's	...	...	...	Won (1—0).
Grant's v. H.BB.	...	...	...	Won (5—3).

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Mr. L. J. Moon (O.G.) has gone out to S. Africa with the M.C.C. Team.



Since writing the above I have come across  
the following entries in the Churchwardens  
Accounts of St Margarets: -

- I <sup>1484</sup> Item at the burying of my Lady Annesse  
for the bell vjd
- 1460 Item rec<sup>d</sup> die sepultur' de la Annesse pro  
iiiij taps' vij<sup>d</sup>
- 1466 Item rec<sup>d</sup> die sepult' D<sup>n</sup>e Johan Bermyn Anchorit'  
Westm
- 1476 Among Brethren & sisters in arrears "my Lady Annesse"
- 1510 Atte burying of Robert the Hermyt iv -  
Item lörches iv<sup>d</sup>
- 1509 at the burying of my Lady Anne Annesse for  
her knell, repeated 9 weeks after 6<sup>d</sup>
- 1538 Item paid to my Lady Annesse for washing  
of all the corporas clothes 8<sup>d</sup>

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The Cricket Shield has come up the house for good.

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K. E. Newman, H. D. Adrian, and E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins have played for the first XI. ; L. D. Looker and C. G. Shearman for the second.

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G. G. Rae Fraser succeeds R. W. Reed as head of the house, with E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins and K. E. Newman as boarder, H. D. Adrian and C. F. Metcalfe as half-boarder, monitors.

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In the Cadet Corps C. F. Metcalfe is colour-sergeant, E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins, sergeant, and K. E. Newman, corporal.

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The Play Supper this year is on Monday, 18th December.

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We had five representatives in the "Colts" team, viz.: W. A. R. Hadley, C. G. Reed, H. F. Rawson, C. G. Shearman, and E. Wyld.

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We take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude for the many letters of congratulation and good wishes that the "GRANTITE" has received. These are specially encouraging, as it must be borne in mind that the success of this "Review" depends, in a great measure, on the support of Old Grantites. In the House it is always sure of support; and, therefore, it depends almost entirely on the amount of outside help received whether the "GRANTITE" is merely to exist or to become a flourishing institution.

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## LIMERICKS.

### INNER.

There once was a fellow in Inner  
Who couldn't be made any thinner;  
If you want to find out  
Why he should be so stout  
Just watch him rush in to his dinner.

## MIDDLE.

There now is a fellow in Middle,  
 Who's worried to death by this riddle :—  
     Why the things which he hits,  
     Should tumble to bits ;  
 For that's what they're doing in Middle.

## OUTER.

In Outer, there once was a fellow,  
 Whose face was inclined to be yellow ;  
     His hair (though not red)  
     Stood bolt up on his head,  
 Like the strings of a violoncello.

## HALL.

There once was a fellow in Hall,  
 Whose moustache was the bugbear of all.  
     He gravely explained,  
     When the Hallites complained,  
 That he didn't use "Tatcho" at all.

## THE OXFORD "OLD GRANTITE" DINNER.

Owing to the number of Old Grantites up at Oxford this year, it was decided to have an Old Grantite Dinner, and Mr. Tanner kindly consented to come down for the occasion. The dinner took place on November 25th, at 89, St. Aldate's, famous for the cuisine and cellar, which even satisfy the tastes of that famous epicure, Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe. Mr. W. T. Sonnenschein was in the chair, with Mr. Tanner, as the guest of the evening, on his right. Others present were Messrs. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens, F. Y. Radcliffe, G. M. S. Oldham, R. W. Reed, G. R. Y. Radcliffe, G. Beech, and another guest, Mr. A. L. Stephen.

After dinner, the Chairman proposed the health of our guest with his usual polished periods. If we have any fault to find with his speech, it was that he seemed to assume that the generality of Old Grantites gave as much trouble to their House-Master as perhaps he did himself! No doubt it was a proper humility which dictated the use of the first person plural in his speech!

After the usual melodious strains had died away, Mr. Tanner rose to reply, and even the "hardy perennials" of the Play Supper declared that he surpassed himself. He made amusing references to the good old tricks to which Grantite House-Masters have long become inured. But he soon turned the

laugh against his audience by delicately reminding them that, though the House-Master has but one return to make, it has this advantage at least, that those who experience it are not inured so easily!

Mr. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens then proposed the toast of "The Old House," which he very rightly treated in a rather more serious fashion. In the course of a really excellent speech, he professed himself at a loss to define exactly that peculiar spirit which makes Grant's what it is. He said that the main credit of this must rest with our House-Master, who allowed those under his charge such judicious liberty and who always treated them as being the gentlemen which, he thought he could fairly claim, all Grantites were.

Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe, the senior Old Grantite up, apparently did read the first hundred lines, at least, of his Juvenal for Mods.; anyway his motto seems to be "Semper ego auditor tantum, nunquamne reponam?" He managed to squeeze in two speeches in proposing the toasts of "Trinity College, Cambridge, coupled with the name of Mr. A. L. Stephen," and "To our next merry meeting." He also treated us to several of his classical quotations, which local feeling now demands in all his speeches.

A really most enjoyable evening was concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the party adjourned to rooms in College, where many amusing reminiscences of past days were brought up.

It is to be hoped that the success of the first venture will lead to this Dinner becoming a regular institution, and also that succeeding years will see many Old Grantites present besides those who are still up at Oxford. O.G.

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## OUR CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR SIR,

The ranks of Oxford Old Grantites have received a great accession this term, as we have to welcome no less than four who are new to the wayward ways of Oxford life. But it would not be good for them to mention them first, so I will begin by recounting what I know of the older and more respected members of the community.

First comes the ever-green Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe, who has now abandoned the vagaries of undergraduate life for the steady pursuits of an Oxford Coach. Many are the wily ruses by which



he extracts work from his unwilling pupils; and all who are employed in the art of teaching are beginning to realise that they will have to revise their methods in the light of Mr. Radcliffe's experience. The stimulating effect of a tankard of beer held before the nose of the undergraduate "ass," the mnemonic advantages of the expletive or the innuendo, have alike been first appreciated at their full worth by Mr. Radcliffe. But as he is probably advertising in some other page of your respected journal, I need say no more about our oldest inhabitant.

Next in age comes Mr. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens, courtliest of the courtly, nay, princeliest of the princely. He spends his life in the fairyland of the kings and queens of ancient time, absorbs their spirit, and upholds their fair reputation, and thus goes the sure path to a first in History. But (Heaven forbid that this should go further!) he has been often seen in a flannel collar.

Then comes Mr. W. T. S. Sonnenschein, who lives a life of retired ease, and only forsakes his books that he may interview his tutors. A slave to duty, however, he has nobly consented to run for Oxford against Cambridge at cross-country, thus sacrificing for a few hours the acquisition of knowledge in which he is absorbed to the good of his University.

Unfortunately, we are now come to the freshmen who, however, do their best to forget that futile and invidious distinction. First, we deal with Mr. R. W. Reed, who is looking very healthy, and has achieved much distinction upon the beagling field. Expect to see him clad in white breeches and a peaked cap next time he visits you! He still clings to the "whip." I can say no more about him, as everything else I know on this subject is unfit for publication.

Next comes yet another Radcliffe (Mr. G. R. Y. of that distinguished and primeval name), no less voluble, no less electric, no less brilliant than his brother. The debating societies ring with his metallic voice, and the quiet haunts of far Canterbury pipe with the shrill whistle of the jovial wanderer as he returns at the midnight hour. *Hæc olim* (as he himself has been heard to quote) *meminisse juvabit*.

Our next friend is Mr. G. M. S. Oldham, venerable with the grey hairs of antiquity, who yet in his old age loses nothing of the vigour of his expansive smile and his elastic youth. On the river and on the football field alike he is dangerous to his friends, and, with Christian-like altruism, doeth good unto his enemies. But for his apotheosis see the *Sportsman* of October 18th.

Last, but not least, comes Mr. G. Beech, of Merton, who also has taken to the watery ways of Isis with varying success. But he is well and happy.

The great influx to our numbers enabled us to hold a small informal dinner, to which Mr. Tanner very kindly consented

to come. We may say that really the most prominent Oxford Grantite this term has been Mr. Tanner, who implicitly, if not explicitly, apologised for being a "Tab." Oxonians are delighted. But there is, I believe, an account of this elsewhere.

Yours truly and apologetically,  
EX AEDE CHRISTI.

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FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR SIR,

Once again you have called upon us to reveal the inadequacy of our epistolary gift: once again we unwillingly take up our pen to depict the doings of Cambridge O.G.G. Somehow we don't seem to have been doing very much. *ἐκ Διὸς ἀρχώμεσθα*. A huge gap has been knocked in our ranks by the departure of A. L. Stephen. We wonder how soon he will be entertained at the Mansion House. The town authorities here breathe free at last. Dropping from the ranks of Royalty, we light upon L. G. Kirkpatrick, who, we rejoice to say, has returned to the bosom of his Alma Mater, with a sound knee and a cheerful aspect. We hear that he is doing great things for "Rest I," and that his display for the O.W.W. against Old Salopians was magnificent. Also he was absent from the O.W.W. "Smoker"—an inconsiderate "Prog." having chanced to put his head into the "Blue Pig." He has deserted the narrow way of the "Law Tripod" for the primrose path which leads to the "General" bonfire, but we trust that he will rise like a phoenix, refreshed with wine, to blossom into the conqueror of a "Law Special," which rumour names as his "ratio ulterior!" He is *nearly* as early a riser as he used to be in his Westminster days: indeed, he is said to have been seen as early as mid-day; and we can vouch for his appearance the other day at 1.15 p.m.

The only other Trinity O.G. is D. S. Robertson. He has deserted the "Scythians" for his old love, "bicycle-rides," and must know the beautiful local scenery quite well by this time. He has, "horrendum dictu!" appeared as a pillar of Heterodoxy, by undertaking the Secretaryship of the "Trinity Sunday Essay Society." We even hear that he has shown symptoms of "Mysticism," but we hope that this is a libel.

G. Ness, of Clare's, looks as dashing as ever, but we understand that his pianola no longer enlivens Trumpington Street. We are glad to welcome R. W. Willcocks at Caius; we hear that he is a follower of Æsculapius. We had almost forgotten (shameful oversight!) the one water-lily we can boast on the Cam, G. J. E. Neville, the great cox of Jesus. He looks much the same as ever, except for a "je-ne-sais-quoi" of dignified maturity, which makes him even more imposing than before.

Lastly, we boast a B.A. in the person of K. M. Macmorran, who adorns the stately precincts of King's, and rarely descends from his Olympian retreat.

With all good wishes to Grant's,  
Believe me, Sir,  
Yours sincerely,  
CANTABRIGIENSIS.

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