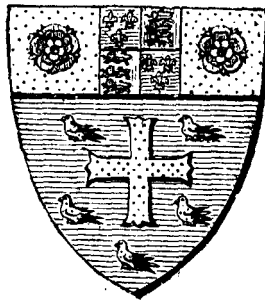


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THE HOUSE SUPPER.

As usual the House Supper was on the second night of the Play. There was a good gathering of Old Westminster, among whom were H. W. Smyth, A. H. Woodbridge, W. F. Fox, L. J. Moon, H. C. Smith, W. J. Heard, and W. C. Stevens.

After full justice had been done to the repast, Bompas rose, and, after the customary remarks, drew the attention of Old Westminster to the presence of the cricket shield up Grant's again. He then proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Tanner, which was heartily responded to. Mr. Tanner then rose, and, after he had spoken at some length, proposed the health of the monitors, which toast was drunk with the usual honours. Bompas again rose, and, after a few remarks about the House and Old Westminster, proposed the health of the latter, which was received with enthusiasm.

H. W. Smyth then rose, and after returning thanks, finished up an excellent speech by calling upon D. H. Whitmore for a song.

Others followed, perhaps the most successful of which were songs by H. W. Smyth, W. C. Stevens, H. C. Smith, A. H. and L. A. Woodbridge, A. Venables, H. S. Severn, and A. Noble.

SENIORS.

First Round.

GRANT'S *v.* HOME BOARDERS.

This match was played up fields, on the 2nd game ground, on March 20th, and resulted in a win for Grant's by 7—0.

Grant's played their full team, but from Home Boarders, Lühn

was out of school and Foster was unwell. Home Boarders won the toss, and Grant's kicked off playing towards the big game ground. Grant's went straight away from the kick off, and Bompas getting the ball, owing to a mistake by Foster, shot, Knight saving at the expense of a corner, nothing resulted however. Grant's continued to press and Bompas scored in the corner (1—0). After several corners had been forced, Whitmore got the ball, and Knight running out to save, lost the ball, Bompas putting it through (2—0). Home Boarders then had slightly more of the game, but Battle taking the ball down the wing, scored with a beautiful shot (3—0). No more goals were scored before half-time, although several easy chances presented themselves to the insides. On resuming, Grant's went away with a rush, and after some combination by the left wing, Whitmore got the ball and put it through (4—0). The pressure was kept up, and Woodbridge, who had been playing very well, scored (5—0). Home Boarders right wing then put in some good work, but were always pulled up by Stevens and Ashley. Our forwards, however, soon returned to the attack, and thanks to some wild kicking by Foster, were several times dangerous, Bompas at length adding another point (6—0). Sheppard and Battle then put in some useful work, and Battle from a good pass by Sheppard, got away and scored the seventh goal (7—0). Time was soon called after this, the teams leaving the field with the score as above.

For Grant's people, as a whole, played well, Ashley and Woodbridge being exceedingly promising. Battle signalled his entry to Grant's by playing a very sound and useful game. The shooting, however, was poor, especially in the first half, and by rights the score should have been considerably increased.

For Home Boarders, Foster, Perry, and Powell did a lot of work, but the wind seemed to spoil their kicking altogether.

GRANT'S. *Goal*—S. A. Dickson. *Backs*—E. C. Stevens, R. P. Rawlings. *Half Backs*—F. N. Ashley, S. Oldham, M. Castle-Smith. *Forwards*—P. M. Battle, C. Sheppard, H. S. Bompas, D. Whitmore, L. Woodbridge.

HOME BOARDERS. *Goal*—C. Knight. *Backs*—A. L. Foster, J. Powell. *Half Backs*—H. Macdonald, C. G. Wilkins, R. Oppenheimer. *Forwards*—W. Perry, P. Napier, R. B. Scott, F. Vernon, V. Knight.

HOUSE MATCHES (*Final*).

GRANT'S v. ASHBURNHAM.

Great interest centered in this match owing to the two teams being very evenly matched. The game was played on Saturday,

March 24th. Grant's won the toss, and Lewis kicked off for Ashburnham at about 2.30.

Grant's starting pressing at once, and forced the ball down close to Ashburnham's goal. Bompas tried a long shot from which Parker conceded a corner. Nothing came of it, and Ashburnham tested Grant's defence, which proved equal to the occasion. Grant's was soon attacking again, and several corners were conceded, Smith placing them excellently, and from one of which a goal very nearly resulted. The game, however, proved a very fast one, and in repelling a determined rush by the Ashburnham right wing Stevens very unfortunately put his knee out, and had to be taken off the field. It was impossible for him to play again, and his absence made just the difference in the game, for, whereas, before we were the attacking team we were now heavily pressed. Harris very courteously allowed us a sub for Stevens, and Lonsdale turned up at half-time. Meanwhile Smith went back, Oldham left half, and Bompas centre-half. Grant's played up for all they were worth, and, although one man short, had a fair share of the game, Whitmore, from a pass by Battle, putting the ball through, but was ruled off side. Soon after this Ashburnham attacked strongly, and Lewis, from a pass by Harris, put the ball through, Dickson having run out to save (0-1). Even play followed, and half-time arrived with Grant's pressing and the score as above.

Lonsdale now turned up, and Oldham went centre half, and Ashley, who was playing very well, right half. Ashburnham started pressing, and Dickson saved well several times. Ashley and Smith, however, almost invariably pulled Harris up, and the defence of both backs throughout the game was very sound, Smith settling down at back at once, and Rawlings playing as he has rarely done before, his kicking being beautifully clean. From an attack by Ashburnham Harris shot, Dickson saved, but the ball was not got away, and Harris shot again and scored with a good shot that Dickson might have saved (0-2). Grant's tried all they knew to score, and several times nearly got through, but Day and Parker were very safe. At last Bompas passed right forward, and Woodbridge, who had been playing well, rushed up, and the goal keeper, having left his goal and fumbling the ball, passed back to Whitmore who put the ball through the undefended goal. Barnby, however, thought the ball had gone behind and had blown his whistle, and the point, therefore, could not be allowed. This was a sample of the bad luck that seemed to dog us throughout the game. Grant's continued to press, and were several times near scoring. Time was called with no further addition to the score, Ashburnham leaving the field winners by 2-0.

Without wishing in any way to detract from Ashburnham's admirable performance, we must say that but for Stevens' unfortunate accident the score would have been very different, his absence changing us from, if anything, rather the stronger team to slightly the weaker one. We offer him our sincere condolences on his accident.

Everybody in the team did their best, the two backs were, as has been said, excellent. Dickson played well in goal. Ashley played a splendid game at half and received his house colours. Oldham worked hard, but, unfortunately, his knee gave out. The outsides were again good, Woodbridge receiving his colours; Sheppard did a tremendous amount of useful work, Whitmore, however, took rather too much care of himself, but was good at times. Bompas did a great deal towards keeping the score down when we played ten men, and played hard throughout.

Although the team was beaten it was not a disgraceful defeat, and we may congratulate ourselves on playing a good up hill game.

We must again thank Ashburnham for allowing us a sub, and congratulate them on getting the shield up their house for the first time.

GRANT's: *Goal*—S. A. Dickson; *Backs*—R. P. Rawlings, E. C. Stevens; *Half Backs*—C. Smith, S. Oldham, F. Ashley; *Forwards*—L. Woodbridge, D. Whitmore, H. S. Bompas, C. Sheppard, P. Battle.

ASHBURNHAM: *Goal*—G. Wallis; *Backs*—G. Parker, S. Day; *Half Backs*—K. Schwan, P. Wynter, P. Mears; *Forwards*—G. Murray, S. S. Harris, H. Lewis, E. C. Walker, H. G. Foster.

THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

On the whole the past season may be considered to be satisfactory. Now the colours have been given, we have three pinks, one second eleven, and five third eleven colours up the house. This shows that the long tail that we have had to deplore in the house teams for several years has disappeared. It was generally supposed, and I think rightly, that we should get the footer shield up Grant's, that is to say if we had ordinary luck. We actually did get our full team into the field for the first time for some years, but fortune then failed us, and Stevens was hurt. We had, therefore, to be content with being runners up.

The forwards at times combined well both in the Home Boarder and Ashburnham matches. Battle was very useful as outside left, and Woodbridge centred well. Sheppard, of course, has come on wonderfully this year, and it is not often that house colours and pinks are got in the same term. Whitmore was dis-

appointing in the house matches, but showed considerable promise during the term.

Oldham was rather handicapped by his knee at half. Castle Smith and Ashley were both very good. Rawling played a magnificent game against Ashburnham, showing what he could do if he wants to ; it is a pity he does not always want.

Dickson did well in goal, but will do better when he grows. Stevens was a tower of strength to the house, and we must wish him a speedy recovery and every success in his captaincy of school football next year.

HOUSE NOTES.

There are five new fellows this term. P. M. Battle has come up from Home Boarders, and is in the Matriculation Form. G. Dickson in the Upper Fifth ; O. Davies and M. Houdret in the Under Fifth ; and M. Neville in the Remove.

H. Severn left last term. J. Britton has left us at short notice to enter the army.

The following are the colours up Grant's :—

Pinks : H. S. Bompas, E. C. Stevens, C. Sheppard.

Pink and Whites : M. Castle Smith.

Third Elevens : R. Rawlings, P. Battle, M. Oldham, F. Ashley, L. Woodbridge.

House Colours : D. H. Whitmore.

We congratulate Oldham on being captain of the winning league.

There are several Old Grantites out at the front, amongst them are :—C. S. W. Barwell, Canadians ; Lieut. H. J. Kirkpatrick, Royal West Surrey Regiment ; C. G. Bird, H. Castle Smith, M. Grahame, Imperial Yeomanry.

Hearty congratulations to Robertson on winning the Junior Gym Competition.

Yard ties have had to be abandoned owing to many accidents to the Captains.

Our numbers are forty-one this term, a larger house than we have been for several years.

We have not had "Lid Soc" this term owing to Mrs. Tanner's unfortunate illness. We take this opportunity to express the sincere sympathy of the house with Mr. Tanner, and trust that Mrs. Tanner may soon recover her health.

GRANTITE TYPES.

THE "SMUG."

It is rare "up Grant's," but it exists. It may be found anywhere except up fields or in green. If it is in yard it is usually behind the door. Its favourite haunt is half-boarder's landing, where it spends its times in fine harangues against the monitors. It invariably has a good voice and diligently attends singing practice on Fridays. On Saturdays it unfortunately has a music lesson at Beckenham, at 3.30. On Mondays and Thursdays it has private tuition. It has Tuesdays and Wednesdays free, but is unfortunately always making a mistake about "up school," and goes up only to find its name not down. Then, too, it usually catches a bad cold when waiting about before going up school on Tuesdays, so that play on Wednesday is quite impracticable. It is a poor, unfriended thing, and usually collects in gangs of itself, despised and hated by everyone.

W.T.S.S.

GRANT'S DEBATING SOCIETY.

The House met on Jan. 23rd, when the following motion was discussed:—"That it is to be regretted that the Government, foreseeing the troubles in the Transvaal, did not take steps to cope with them."

R. Tanner (proposer) said that since the Jameson raid the Boers had been arming themselves, and so we ought to have been prepared for it. He said also that there were many signs of weakness with respect to the artillery.

L. Johnston (opposer) said that we were prepared for war, and that we had only suffered one serious reverse before Buller was at the seat of war. He then sat down after making a very poor speech.

C. Sheppard (seconder) said that our losses were mainly due to not having enough men at the front, and he considered that the English artillery was very defective, and that the Boer guns were more modern and of longer range than our own. He thought the War Office had made a great mistake in not accepting the services of the Colonial troops before, as they must know much more about that sort of country than our men.

W. Osborn said that he thought the great fault of the army lay in not being able to mobilise the whole army quickly, as the Continental armies are. He also said that the army ought to have waited at the base until everything was ready, and then to have remained in one army instead of being divided into four divisions, each of which was numerically too weak to assume the

offensive with any chance of success. Also that the Medical Corps was in a disgraceful state, there not being enough men.

H. S. Bompas said that the one good point of the war was the mobilisation, and that it had been carried out without a hitch.

The house then divided with the following result :—Ayes, 13 ; Noes, 1.

The House met again on Jan. 30th, when the following motion was discussed :—“A Volunteer Corps should be formed at Westminster.”

H. Bompas (proposer) made a very excellent speech. He said that in case of invasion whilst another war was in progress we should have to fall back solely on our volunteers. He said that the public schools would be very useful in such an emergency. All other public schools had corps, and that we could easily give up Monday or Tuesday for drill, and that, probably, permission could be obtained for us to drill in Wellington barracks. There would be plenty of time in the summer. He said the chief difficulty would be the shooting practice.

W. Osborn (opposer) said that fellows would not be able to go to the ranges until they had been in the corps a year. He thought a rifle club would be much more useful, and questioned whether the masters would be keen on the corps, and without this the corps would be unlikely to succeed.

R. Rawlings (seconder) said he thought that the masters would be keen and would do what they could for it. He said he thought that small detachments could drill in green and Little Dean's Yard.

Johnston also spoke.

The House then divided, with the result that the motion was carried with acclamation.

The House met again on February 6th, when the following motion was discussed :—“In the opinion of this House, some sort of compulsory military training should be introduced.”

H. S. Bompas (proposer) said as our colonies went so very far in land that a great army was absolutely necessary to keep them in hand, and to defend them from our enemies. He said that we must have a big army, because if we had to send a moderate army to more than one colony, there would be hardly enough soldiers left to defend our island. He said in case of a European war, we should have to send most of our men to the colonies and be left practically without defence, and so our army must be increased somehow. Volunteering was not very successful, and the methods employed in Germany and France would not do for England, as

every Englishman consider himself a free man. He said that if once England fell, then all her colonies would fall too. He suggested that every man should be compelled to pass a test in rifle-shooting and a little drill.

C. W. Sheppard (opposer) said that any such test would be difficult to arrange for the poor and working-classes and would probably interfere with their work. He said he did not think a large army was necessary so long as England was master of the sea. He thought that compulsory service would probably develop into the same form as the conscription on the continent, which would be very distasteful to Englishmen.

A. L. Woodbridge (seconder) said that if drill were held on half holidays it would not interfere with their work. He suggested that men should have to join a Rifle Corps, and he thought that thus men would be induced to enter the army in greater numbers.

Rawlings, Osborn, and Venables also spoke.

The house then divided with the following result :—Ayes, 11 ; Noes, 4.

The motion was therefore carried.

The house met again on February 13th, when the following motion was discussed, "In the opinion of this house the removal of Westminster into the country is undesirable."

D. H. Whitmore (proposer) said that Westminster was too closely connected with the Abbey to be removed into the country. Westminster has been in its present position from time immemorial, and Westminster would not be the same without it. He said there was great need for a good school in London, to which boys could go as half-boarders. If Westminster was removed into the country, then the cricket grounds would have to be levelled, which would mean great expense. He said there would be great difficulty in disposing of the school buildings, which would be absolutely useless to live in. He said that a Coronation would not be a Coronation without Westminster fellows to shout "God Save the King."

M. Garrett (opposer) said that if Westminster were removed into the country, there would be a great change of air for the better and the bounds would be much larger, which he thought would be a great advantage. He said that we should be able to have a rifle corps and other things to do instead of station, such as botany and natural history, and that we should be able to go for cycle runs. He thought that the Abbey was quite unnecessary, and that Coronations were not of very frequent occurrence. He also said that we should probably have boating and swimming, which he thought would be very delightful.

L. Johnston (seconder) though he was seconding the motion, began by trying to pick the Proposer's speech to pieces. He said that the bathing at the Westminster Baths was quite good enough, and that he had no need for a river to bathe in. One great disadvantage would be that we should not be able to go home so seldom or enjoy ourselves on Saturday evenings.

H. S. Bompas said that success would not necessarily follow. He said O.W.W. were known for their longevity, and speaking of the School's traditions, mentioned such men as Dryden and Raglan. Without a close association with the Abbey our traditions would become rather shadowy. He said that people sent their sons to schools which were noted either for their associations or for their improvements, and that Westminster would become half and half. He considered that there was no great inconvenience suffered from the overcrowding, and that the keenness for new sports would soon wear off.

W. S. Osborn said that if we moved into the country the class of fellows would deteriorate, because people who live in the country send their boys to school in town, and vice versa, so we should get a large number of cockneys. He thought that even if the school was in the country it would not be much better, as there would be bounds, and there would be no riding or shooting.

The house then divided, with the result that the motion was carried by acclamation.

The house next met on February 20th, when the following motion was discussed :—"In the opinion of this house it is undesirable that Grant's should be rebuilt."

S. A. Dickson (proposer) said that most probably if Grant's was pulled down, all the old names would be lost, which he thought would be a great pity. If Grant's was rebuilt, it would be probably rebuilt like Rigaud's, and would be more like a prison than anything else. When Grant's was pulled down, the mantelpiece would probably be lost, and the very old custom of walking the mantelpiece would die out. He thought that the only possible good we should get would be larger rooms to change in, but he did not think it would be worth while pulling it down if the only advantage we were to have would be larger changing-rooms.

R. Rawling (opposer) said that Grant's was falling to pieces, and was badly in need of repair. He thought that it would be a great improvement to have larger changing-rooms, and that electric light would be much better than the present tollies. He saw no reason why Grant's should be built like Rigaud's, which he thought looked just like a prison, and that it would be possible to put up the old panels in the Chiswicks.

W. Osborn (seconder) did not agree with the opposer that Grant's was falling to pieces. Old Rigaudites did not like coming back to New Rigauds. We should probably have one small Chiswick, and everything would be new and ugly.

H. S. Bompas said he did not think Rigaud's well built, and that Grant's would probably be the same. Grant's was not overcrowded, but up Rigaud's the dormitories were all full. He said he thought Grant's was not offensive to look at, but Rigaud's was hideous. He said the panels had not been put in up Rigaud's, and probably would not be up Grant's. That if Grant's was enlarged, then the yard would be spoilt, and Grantites would no longer be able to improve their eye at cricket.

A. J. Venables said that Grantites liked to come down and see the old house, and to call to mind the days they had passed there. He said that all Grantite relics, such as the trap in Middle, would be lost. Rigaud's had not had nearly so many new fellows since they had been rebuilt, and that probably it would be the same up Grant's, and that the present fullness of the house was due to people sending their sons here because of Grant's old associations.

The house then divided with the result that the motion was carried by acclamation.

The House met again, on Feb. 28th, when the following motion was discussed :—"In the opinion of this House railways should be under Government control."

D. H. Whitmore (proposer) said that, under the present circumstances, there was great competition between the various lines. He said that the trains on the Continent were worked by the Governments and were quite as good and as comfortable as the English railways. He said he thought that private companies only ran their lines where they were likely to pay, and that small districts were left quite unprovided for ; but if the state managed the lines then all districts would be provided for alike. He said that State management would do away with a lot of inconvenience, because they would make the trains fit in better, and goods would be sooner delivered, and a fixed rate would be paid for them all over the country.

A. J. Venables (opposer) said that trains at home were much more comfortable than foreign railways, and that Continental railways were very bad, although they were under Government control. He said that the fares on the railways at home were much cheaper than those on the Continental railways. If the railways were under Government control, then if the railway men were to strike there would be a strike all over the country instead of in one district.

Houdret (seconder) said that if the State took over the control of the railways then they would have better engines and more men would be employed.

Woodbridge said that the American railways, which were the finest in the world, were not under Government control, and no fault could be found with them.

Bompas, Tanner, and Rawlings also spoke.

The House then divided with the result that the motion was carried :—Ayes, 11 ; Noes, 6.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It was the custom in Grant's a few years back to send the illustrated papers when finished with to the Westminster Hospital. This practice seems to have died out. Could it not be revived with advantage, since these papers are only left lying about in hall, when the patients in the hospital are only too eager to see a paper of any kind, especially under the present circumstances. If this proposal be adopted, I venture to propose that measures should be taken for keeping the papers clean.

I remain,

Yours, &c.,

STAR.

[A very good suggestion.—ED.]

DEAR SIR.—Would not it be more satisfactory to have the Debating Society from a quarter past five to quarter past six, so that the Half-Boarders could be members.

I remain,

Yours, &c.,

CÆSAR.

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