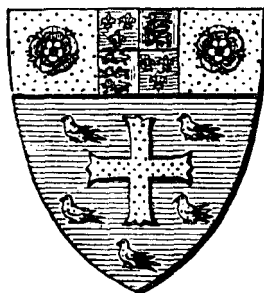


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WESTMINSTER UNDER NICOLL.

A great part of the fascination of Westminster history is perhaps to be found in the chance and often illusionary references to the School and Westminster boys scattered up and down the country, not only in published books but hidden in unpublished family papers and letters, often slight in themselves but when put together allowing us to get a glimpse of life at Westminster in bygone days. Even to those who find an unfailling interest in gathering in and collecting, these references it comes with something of a shock to find how little life at Westminster has altered, and it is this close linking of the past with the present which makes the life at Westminster of those who have gone before us so extraordinarily interesting. We Grantites should be especially able to realise this "modernness" of past history for we live in the same house and do very much the same things that generations of Russells and Somersets, Keppels and Pelhams, Glyns and Phillimores have done before us. It therefore requires less of an effort of imagination for us to carry ourselves back to the middle of the 18th century and follow the fortunes of three brothers who were at Westminster under Dr. Nicoll. Charles, Hamilton and Edmund Boyle were the three sons of John, 5th Earl of Cork and Orrery, and were born in 1728, 1729 and 1742 respectively. Their father, Lord Orrery, had been himself at

Westminster under Freind. One of his school friends, Ferribee, he made his chaplain; Freind, and Nicoll his successor as Headmaster, Fitzgerald and Wesley (the uncle of Charles and John Wesley) two of the masters, were his life-long friends. In 1734 he writes to a friend and inquires after "the commonwealth of Westminster. . . . Is Doctor Freind in as high health as I wish him? What is become of Wesley? In what corner does that rough diamond shine? Surely his distance from London must be great if you cannot hear him laugh." For Wesley had retired a year or so before.

And so we are not surprised to hear that as soon as his eldest son, Charles, Lord Boyle, was ten years old he was, in October, 1738, "planted" as his father writes, "among the wild Shrubs of Westminster . . . a noble soil," while Tom Southerne, the veteran dramatist, was asked "to call sometimes on my poor boy in Smith Street."

To Lord Orrery it was the greatest interest and pleasure to renew his Westminster associations in his son and on Nov. 17th, 1738, he writes the following delightful letter to his Chaplain:—"Now for Dr. Nicolls, Fitzgerald, and Vinny Bourne. They are, Sir, just the same as we remember 'em twenty years ago: Time makes no impression on a true Westminster, as Nan the Pye Woman, and old Barker can testify: By the by, old Barker is succeeded by a young Barker, as old as himself, fatt, toothless and jolly; *alter et idem*: not that old Barker is not still as great a man as he was. He has only withdrawn himself from the fatigue of attending the lower school, and is become the upper Master of the Bowling Alley. Lord Boyle is plac'd in the midst of all these pieces of antiquity like a young Bacchanal amidst the Fauni and Sileni of the age. He seems to flourish so well, that when I go to Ireland, if I can bring my heart to part with my two dear boys, I will fix down Hammy in the same rich soil."

This leads us to look a little more closely at the Westminster of 1738. We do not know at what house Charles boarded. From the fact that it was in Smith Street it may have been one kept by a Mrs. Morell which, as Jeremy Bentham who boarded there a few years later remarks, "contained as many boarders as it could conveniently hold." He describes it as "a large rambling edifice" in which "there was a sort of irregular central spot, with processes, in the anatomical sense, issuing from it in various directions. Some of the rooms were occupied singly by boys belonging to the aristocratical families, who of course paid in proportion," while it was not uncommon for a boy to have two or even three rooms to himself. Mrs. Morell's became perhaps later Mrs. Burgess' and then Williamson's, whose upper windows "command the fields for miles." Of the other boarding-houses

Grant's was to be built while the brothers were at the School. Ludford's which perhaps stood on the site was to shelter, three years after Lord Boyle came to Westminster, William Cowper for the happiest years of his otherwise unhappy life. Mrs. Watts' in Dean's Yard, to which, at the close of the holidays, just at this time the Bagot boys, before the invention of stage-coaches, "used to ride post, from Staffordshire, preceded by a servant with a horn." Vinny Bourne's, Hutton's and Fitzgerald's, where Lord Chesterfield's letters were first opened by their original recipient, seem all to have been full. In the Headmaster, Dr. Nicoll, Busby's chair as Mr. Sergeaunt says "never had a nobler occupant." He ruled his school, not with severity, but with those greater qualities of gentleness and courtesy which not only made him beloved of his boys, but enable us at the present day to feel something of the charm of his personality. Johnson, who became a bishop, was Under-Master, Vinny Bourne, the poet, so utterly indifferent to externals that Cowper saw one of the boys set fire to his greasy locks and box his ears to put it out again, was Usher of the Fifth Form. Nan the Pye-woman was quite a local celebrity, perhaps the earliest forerunner of "Suts," and a contemporary epigram tells us that though "tempora nos mutant, Anna sed Anna manet." Barker was presumably a College John.

In the midst, then, of these "pieces of antiquity" Charles was placed; but he soon seems to have settled down, for a fortnight later we hear that "Lord Boyle and Nat Barry go on bravely at Westminster"; and when he returned to Westminster after the Christmas holidays his proud father writes "That boy will make a figure or I am blindly partial." But he hadn't been back many weeks before he developed measles, and though we hear in a letter from his father to Wesley urging the latter to return to Westminster because "he would revive under the shadow of the Abbey," that the attack was slight, he was taken down to Marston when he recovered "by way of airing him." By May he had quite recovered and now "Lord Boyle is improving at Westminster School, under the instructions of Dr. Nichol. The soil there is still excellent, and the ground not the least worn out." But in spite of this his school career would seem to have been somewhat disjointed, his health was bad and the letters abound with such remarks as "the poor dear boy is not well," "Lord Boyle is better but not yet returned to School," "He goes to School Tuesday," &c. After one of these indispositions his anxious father writes that though he was better he is "immensely thinn, little appetite. My heart aches most exceedingly about him; he is not yet gone to school." Besides this, Lord Orrery could not bear to be parted for long from his son. On July 16th, 1740 he writes in some distress to Wesley, "I find it absolutely impossible

to resist paternal love. I must snatch Lord Boyle from Westminster. The thoughts of parting from him for three or four years are not to be endured. . . . What then is to be done? I will boldly follow the dictates of my heart and borrow him from Fitzgerald and Dr. Nichols, to return him with interest, and to restore him again to that temple of learning, Westminster School, with an encrease of Virtue, Knowledge and Politeness," and so not without doubts that "my friends will think I act wrong in snatching away a very hopeful child from an English to Irish education," Charles was removed and though he came back it was not long before he permanently left, before his brothers followed him to Westminster.

L. E. T.

(TO BE CONTINUED).

THE PLAY SUPPER.

The Play Supper was held last term, as usual, on the second night of the Play. When justice had been done to the ample and excellent supper provided by Mr. Tanner, F. G. Hobson rose, and in a short speech proposed Mr. Tanner's health. The toast was, as always, responded to with great warmth. Mr. Tanner replied in a neat and appropriate speech. He drew the attention of all the Old Grantites present to the new board erected in Hall bearing the names of the successive heads of the House for the past hundred years. He also said that he had been very interested to hear from Old Grantites from different parts of the world regretting their inability to attend, but showing that they still took great interest in the doings of the House. He concluded by proposing the health of the monitors. F. G. Hobson rose again to reply, and gave the guests a brief account of the successes of the House during the past year, and its prospects for the coming year. He then proposed the health of the Old Grantites. Mr. H. D. Everington replied for the Old Grantites in an interesting and amusing speech. The songs were then called for, and a large number sung by members of the House and Old Grantites. A very successful evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

SENIORS.

GRANT'S *v.* RIGAUD'S.

This match was played Up Fields in the pouring rain, on March 9th, and resulted in a win for Grant's by 3—0. Marriott kicked off from the Pavilion end, and a spell of even play ensued, everyone finding great difficulty in getting a foothold. Before long Marriott missed a chance from a mis-kick by the Rigaudite goalkeeper, and C. Miles followed suit a moment later by failing to score after he had got right away and had an easy goal before him. Play was very difficult owing to the slippery state of the ground, and the ball came off at a great pace. After a futile run by Cook for Rigaud's, Marriott captured the ball, and dribbling cleverly through the opposing forwards, scored a good goal (1—0). More even play followed until Hume shot what looked extremely like a goal, but Mr. Day decided that the ball had not crossed the line. Half time was then called, and on resuming it was seen that Rigaud's was a beaten side. Their forwards failed to combine, and their backs offered small resistance. However, as it was almost impossible to get any real command over the slippery ball, Grant's failed to make full use of their advantage, and the kicking of their backs, especially Hobson, was far from steady. Hume eventually broke through the Rigaudite defence and scored a good goal (2—0). Graham alone appeared to be at home on the slippery ground, and the third goal was the result of a very clever run by him which he terminated by a magnificent shot almost from the right corner into the Rigaudite goal (3—0).

H.B.B. *v.* GRANT'S.

Played on Tuesday, 22nd March, on the Big Game Ground, this match resulted in a draw. The weather was fine and the ground dry, and a fast game was the result. It was a match of lost opportunities, for despite the excellence of both defences, the forwards frequently got well within shooting distance, but always failed to score. Hodgson made several fine runs down the right wing, but often did not get in a good centre. The game was very even from start to finish. The Grantite half-back line was especially strong, Graham and R. Rawson putting in a lot of work. H. Rawson is a very safe, reliable goalkeeper.

THE REPLAY.

Played on Wednesday, 23rd March. From the evenness of the sides in the first match it was feared that another draw might result; and although the game was prolonged for a short time, our fears were fully realised.

The first half was the most eventful. Monier Williams got right away and put in a beautiful shot quite out of H. Rawson's reach (0—1). After some more even play, Hume equalised by scoring from a sharp tussle in front of goal (1—1). The second half was almost a repetition of the first, except that no goals were scored. Hume always looked capable of scoring, but invariably shot wide. For H.B.B. E. H. Gray played extremely well. Time and again he stopped our most promising rushes. At the end of an hour's play time was called, but it was decided to play for another half hour. This was, however, without result, and the match ended in the seemingly inevitable draw (1—1).

CRITICISMS OF THE HOUSE TEAM.

R. A. Graham has made a good captain, and led the side well throughout. His kicking was good, but his passing rather erratic. He did by far the most work on the side.

T. C. F. Marriott worked hard, but was handicapped by lack of combination with his inside forwards. His shooting was uncertain.

H. F. R. Rawson has been invaluable throughout the season to the school and to the House. He is the best goalkeeper the School has had for some years.

R. R. Rawson played well in seniors. He tackles and marks his man well, but is rather slow for a wing half.

C. V. Miles dribbles well, but should learn to centre sooner. He is very one-footed at present.

C. L. C. Hodgson played well against H.B.B. He dribbles well, but his centreing is very erratic.

F. G. Hobson makes good use of his weight. His kicking and tackling, however, are very uncertain.

H. N. Hume tries hard, but is very wild in front of goal. He must learn to pass through to his outside man.

R. F. Potter was very disappointing this term. His play lacked all the dash he showed last term. He must get rid of the ball much sooner than he does.

J. C. Hobson marks his man and tackles well, but does not pass soon enough to his forwards.

A. C. V. Miles is fast, but has not got much control of the ball. He is very inclined to lose his head when in front of goal.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Society met five times this term, and three plays were read. The plays chosen were from different authors—from Shakespeare, Sheridan, and Goldsmith respectively.

The first meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, January 25th, when Goldsmith's "Good-natured Man" was read. The parts were as follows:—

THE GOOD-NATURED MAN.

<i>Mr. Tanner</i>	CROAKER.
<i>F. G. Hobson</i>	HONEYWOOD, GARNET.
<i>A. K. Gilmour</i>	LOFTY, BAILIFF, LANDLADY.
<i>C. V. Miles</i>	SIR WILLIAM HONEYWOOD, SERVANT.
<i>F. R. J. Tomlinson</i>	MISS RICHLAND.
<i>A. G. Pemberton</i>	OLIVIA, MISS R.'s BUTLER.
<i>C. L. C. Hodgson</i>	LEONTINE, FOLLOWER.
<i>H. F. Whitmore</i>	Mrs. CROAKER,
<i>J. C. Hobson</i>	JARVIS, POSTBOY.

The play was finished in two sittings, and produced some excellent reading.

The Society met again on Tuesday, February 15th, when Shakespeare's "Macbeth" was commenced.

MACBETH.

<i>Mr. Tanner</i>	MACBETH.
<i>F. G. Hobson</i>	LADY MACBETH, ROSS.
<i>A. K. Gilmour</i>	MACDUFF, SERVANT, HECATE.
<i>C. V. Miles</i>	DUNCAN, OLD MAN.
<i>F. R. J. Tomlinson</i>	LENNOX, 2nd WITCH.
<i>A. G. Pemberton</i>	MALCOLM, PORTER, 2nd MURDERER.
<i>C. L. C. Hodgson</i>	DONALBAIN, 1st WITCH, 1st MURDERER
<i>H. F. Whitmore</i>	ANGUS, 3rd WITCH, 3rd MURDERER.
<i>J. C. Hobson</i>	LADY MACDUFF, SERGEANT, MESSENGER

On the occasion of the first reading A. K. Gilmour and H. F. Whitmore were absent, and on the second reading J. Hobson. Their places were taken by A. Miles and M. F. Shore.

The Society met again on Tuesday, March 8th, when Sheridan's "Critic" was read; the parts were as follows:—

THE CRITIC.

<i>Mr. Tanner</i>	PUFF.
<i>F. G. Hobson</i>	SNEER, SCENEMAN, KNIGHT.
<i>A. K. Gilmour</i>	WHISKERANDOS, JUSTICE.
<i>C. V. Miles</i>	SIR CHR. HATTON, SON, THAMES.
<i>F. R. J. Tomlinson</i>	LEICESTER, CONSTABLE, 2nd SERVANT.
<i>A. G. Pemberton</i>	DANGLE, 1st SENTRY.
<i>C. L. C. Hodgson</i>	JUSTICE'S LADY, GOVERNOR, 1st NIECE.
<i>H. F. Whitmore</i>	TILBURINA, 2nd NIECE, PROMPTER.
<i>J. C. Hobson</i>	CONFIDANT, BEEFEATER, MASTER OF HORSE.

This play was the last read this term and was finished in one reading. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Tanner for the many enjoyable evenings we have spent.

HOUSE NOTES.

We must congratulate C. Miles and W. Ruegg on passing the first part of "Little-go," taking second and third classes respectively.

The Inter-House Drilling Competition was held in "Green" on March 23rd, when the Grantite Section won the Cup by a clear 25 points from College, the holders. The section is to be congratulated on the good work they did and on their success in a year when the general standard was undoubtedly much higher than it has ever been before.

The Fencing Competition took place on Thursday, March 31st, when F. G. Hobson was again successful, defeating his brother, J. C. Hobson, in the final round 5-4.

The Inter-House and Senior Gymnastic Competition also took place on Thursday evening, March 31st, when the Grantite pair, F. G. Hobson and R. A. Graham, again obtained the highest aggregate of marks; the cup therefore remains up the House. F. G. Hobson also won the senior cup.

The colours at the end of the season are :—

PINKS.	PINK & WHITES.	3RD XI.	HOUSE COLOURS.
R. Graham.	R. R. Rawson.	C. L. C. Hodgson.	F. Hobson.
T. Marriott.	C. V. Miles.		H. V. Hume.
H. F. Rawson.			R. Potter.

H. F. R. Rawson received his Pinks on Saturday, January 29th, after the Beckenham match. R. A. Graham, T. F. C. Marriott, and H. F. R. Rawson have played regularly for the School throughout the season. R. R. Rawson and C. V. Miles have also played on several occasions. H. V. Hume has played for the 2nd XI. throughout this term, and R. Potter occasionally.

In Seniors we beat Rigaud's in the first round (3-0). In the final with Home Boarders both games resulted in draws (0-0) and (1-1). Another game is to be played on Monday, April 4th.

E. L. Hawke has been elected a Fellow of the Meteorological Society.

The Play Supper was held, as usual, last term on the second night of the Play.

The pancake "grease" was won this year by G. L. Brown. This is the fourth year running that Grant's has secured the pancake.

Our prospects for the Sports are fairly bright, but we badly need some talent from the Junior portion of the House.

R. A. Graham became a half-boarder last term. Two new boys came this term, C. Langton and R. C. Bennett, the former as a boarder and the latter as a half-boarder.

FIVES TIES.

Owing to examinations and unforeseen contingencies the Fives Ties have been postponed till next term. Results up to date :—

R. Rawson & Hodgson	}	H. Rawson,	}	}
F. Hobson & Potter.				
H. Rawson & W. Rawson	}	(14-17, 15-9,	}	}
J. Hobson & Hume.				
Graham & Tomlinson	}	Graham,	(15-12, 9-15,	}
Marriott & A. Miles.				
Gilmour & Whitmore, a bye.	}	(15-5, 15-10).	}	}

YARD TIES.

Owing to the replaying of Seniors and because Easter fell so awkwardly the Yard Ties this term have had to be abandoned.

YARD-BALL FUND.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from Play Term	1	2	0	Jan. 29th, 6 balls ...	0	3	0
143 Falls skied (at 4d. each)	1	5	8	Feb. 6th, 6 ,, ...	0	3	0
				,, 28th, 6 ,, ...	0	3	0
Total ...	£2	7	8	Mar. 1st, 6 ,, ...	0	3	0
				,, 8th, 6 ,, ...	0	3	0
Balls purchased...	1	4	8	,, 10th, 6 ,, ...	0	3	0
				,, 14th, 6 ,, ...	0	3	0
Balance	£1	5	0	,, 16th, 3 ,, ...	0	1	6
				,, 21st, 2 ,, ...	0	1	1
				,, 23rd, 2 ,, ...	0	1	1
				Total ...	£2	2	0

A. K. GILMOUR, Hon. Treasurer.

OLD GRANTITES.

The Hon. Theodore Morison (Grant's 1878-82), Member of the Legislative Council of India, has been created a Knight Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire.

Sir William B. Leishman (Grant's 1878-80) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Mr. F. V. Forster (Grant's 1864-66) is Master of the South Staffordshire Foxhounds.

At the General Election, Sir Frederick Low (Grant's 1870-71), was elected one of the Members for Ipswich, Mr. R. Armitage (Grant's 1880-83), kept his seat at Leeds which he has held for some years, but Mr. A. W. Williams-Wynn (Grant's 1868-70), was unsuccessful in Montgomeryshire.

In the Army, Major N. M. Smythe, V.C. (Grant's 1882-85) Queen's Bays, has become a Lt.-Colonel, Capt. A. Ellershaw, R.A. (Grant's 1880-85) and Capt. A. de W. Kitcat, R.M. (Grant's 1889) have become Majors.

Mr. S. A. Dickson (Grant's 1897-1902) has been appointed a District Commissioner in Nigeria.

Mr. G. M. S. Oldham (Grant's 1898-1902) has been ordained a Deacon.

Mr. A. C. Boulton (Grant's 1901-08) was in charge of the music at the recent production of "The Tempest" by the O.U.D.S. at Oxford.

BIRTHS.

On January 14th, the wife of Charles T. Agar, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

Robertson-Jones.—In December, at the British Consulate at Rome, Donald S. Robertson to Miss Petica Jones.

Newton-Shubrick.—On November 24th, at Trichinopoly, George H. Newton to Winifred Frances, second daughter of R. L. Shubrick, of Trichinopoly.

Scott-Fitzjohn.—On January 8th, Guy H. Guillum Scott to Anne Dorothea, elder daughter of the Rev. T. L. Tudor Fitzjohn, rector of Oddington, and sister of Captain Tudor Fitzjohn (O.G.).

Davson-St. Clair.—On January 19th, Harry M. Davson, Major, R.F.A., to the Hon. Violet St. Clair, youngest daughter of Lord Sinclair.

Pember-Kingsmill.—Recently, George Herbert Pember to Constance Mary, widow of W. H. Kingsmill, of Sydmonton Court, and daughter of the late Sir Wyndham Portal, Bart.

DEATHS.

We have with great regret to announce the death by assassination at Nasik, India, of Arthur Mason Tippet Jackson, who was Head of Grant's 1883-84. On leaving he went to Brasenose College,

Oxon., where he became a scholar. Entering the Indian Civil Service he became Collector and Magistrate at Nasik, where he was brutally assassinated at the Theatre on December 21st. It would seem that he was marked for a distinguished career in India, and his early death at the age of forty-three caused general horror and regret although, as the "Morning Post" remarked, "he gave his life not less truly for his country than those who are slain on the field of battle."

The death at Plymouth on December 24th of Hugh David Sandeman removes one of the oldest of Old Grantites. He was born in 1825, and was "up-Grant's" from 1839-40, when he went to Haileybury, subsequently entering the Indian Civil Service. He had lived for many years in retirement at Plymouth, though he kept up an interest in Westminster and Grant's.

We have also with great regret to chronicle the death of H. D. Adrian, one who will be remembered by many present Grantites. He was a half-boarder from 1901 to 1905, when he was elected to Christ Church, Oxford, where he died very suddenly as the result of an accident on January 29th.

Within the past year two other Grantites have passed away: Julio Cowley Tyler Smith (1863-6) and James Sterling Dyce (1868-70).

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E .

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

Another column in your paper will have reminded your readers that this term has brought a great shock to all old Westminster, and old Grantites in particular, up here. In the late Mr. H. D. Adrian we have lost one whose genial manner and keen sportsmanlike instincts endeared him to a large circle of friends.

Passing through the House the other day we were privileged to hear in the distance the liquid tones of Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe, declaiming in the J. C. R. against the malpractices of the present Government. We are told, however, that his conversation,

which is of a voluminous nature, embraces also topics of a lighter and daintier kind. It is fortunate that poker-players do not demand a strict silence; at whist he has to restrain himself a little.

His brother (Mr. J. R. Y. Radcliffe) we see but rarely. The loss is ours. But the story of his latest run with the House Beagles is still "on the lips of the people." The patience of a circle of listeners on the way home (eight miles in a brake!) was in the highest degree commendable.

At Magdalen Mr. G. G. Greene is developing into a professional dog fancier. We hope the rumour is untrue that credits him with sharing "digs" (of an ordinary size) with seven humans and eighteen dogs exclusive of puppies. We are grieved to hear that this new hobby has ended a long understanding between himself and Mr. Sayer. The latter knows too much of a "dog's life"—he is reading theology. His exercise is a daily walk to Cowley and back.

And now for Mr. A. C. Boulton. The theme is a large one, for who shall state boldly that he knows the full extent of that estimable gentleman's Protean versatility? As the whole universe knows, he conducted the music at the O.U.D.S. performance of the "Tempest": but never so successfully as one night when he had the assistance of two amateurs (late of Westminster) from the front row of the stalls. For the rest, it has all been Musical Clubs and Societies, War Clubs (our hero is a great Clubman), Field Days, and of course, the River. He stroked the House "Third Toggler" with a combination of vigour and science seldom rivalled in these waters—with such skill, in fact, that his rowing talents are no longer required to help the House keep Head of the River.

Mr. C. G. Reed is enclosed in mystery and the four walls of B.N.C. But he issues occasionally to pay his friends a visit, bringing with him that refreshing breeze of frank and genial cynicism that has ever associated itself with his character. We understand that he is occasionally seen on Sunday mornings breakfasting at the O.U.D.S. with Mr. Boulton at his own invitation and the latter's expense.

We hear little of Mr. H. V. Hughes. He, too, is another who conceals his light in a far-off College, the hiding place in this case being Keble, whence he emerges at times to play lacrosse in the Parks near at hand. We don't know if he has played for the Varsity yet.

Mr. R. H. Williams is yet another of these mysterious people. But dark are the tales of the work he is doing—twenty-six hours a day, we believe—with a view to the first in History that is coming his way. He manages, however, to find intervals for hockey and billiards.

Last, and certainly not least, comes Mr. Oswald Lewis, a Nestor among his contemporaries. He finds recreation from his labours at the Union, where recently he just managed to get elected as a member of the Library Committee, and in the hunting field. He even rode in the House Grand, but met with no success. His literary efforts have been appearing in public, for he wrote to the "Varsity" wondering why that paper should have any views on politics and why it published articles on Unionism. He intends to be in the public eye!

Well, Sir, wishing you the best luck in Seniors and in the Sports,

We remain,

Yours, &c.,

OXONIENSIS.

OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

Another term has passed, and again comes your demand for a letter, but indeed, there is but little to chronicle. We at Cambridge pursue the even "tenour of our way," and the weeks slip past without any very stirring events. It is true we have had minor excitements, for several evenings we cricked our necks with gazing at the comet, for a few days we skated, and for many weeks we paddled about in seas of mud. This term there have also been the "Lent's" and "Clinker Fours," on which occasions we all got very wet and shouted ourselves hoarse on the tow-path. The Army, too, ever ready to prove the impossibility of an invasion taking us by surprise, have started forth on pouring wet evenings for night operations. Last term they proved their value by setting fire to two farmhouses and a haystack, but this term they do not seem to have been so aggressive. For the less warlike of us there has been an uneasy feeling in the air especially towards the end of term, what Mr. R. C. Lehmann calls "a brooding blackness," because "for *some* the Tripods waits in May."

These, Sir, are the main events of the term, but since we have come down we have talked more of the sports than of the boat race. Turning to the doings of Old Grantites, it is our pleasing duty again to congratulate Mr. D. S. Robertson, this time on the auspicious occasion of his marriage, which took place during the vacation. Mr. Robertson leads a busy life, but even for him, we are informed, the term for once proved too long, and his rooms seemed lonely. Poor Fellow!

Mr. G. Hodgson, also of Trinity, continues to live his aristocratic life. He is always well dressed, and was seen energetically running with Third Trinity in the Lents.

Mr. E. D. Adrian has been working industriously, attending lectures and mixing chemicals at all hours of the day. For him "the Tripos waits in May."

Mr. F. Vey and Mr. D. Vey, both of Clare, are both, we believe, progressing through "hosts of smashed legs and excised upper jawbones" towards becoming what Mrs. Raddles described as "cutters and carvers of live people's bodies." They, with other medical students, and also, we were rather surprised to see, Mr. Tanner of Pembroke, attended a meeting on Vivisection, under the Presidency of Lord Cromer.

Mr. H. Dillon, of Christ's, decrees the subjects in which he is to be examined, and the Vice-Chancellor and Senate meekly appoint a special examiner in Russian to set the papers under Mr. Dillon's direction.

Mr. Kuhlmann, of the same College, in the intervals of his academic career, retires to lead the simple life at the Garden City of Letchworth. He has a soothing influence on Christ's.

Mr. R. S. Storer, always "so dashing," is making quite a little splash at Clare. He is always dressed in the extreme of fashion, everything—clothes, tie, shirts and socks—are absolutely correct. Cambridge is ransacked to produce the exact shades of colour. But, Mr. Storer, "Where *did* you get that hat?" There is, we believe, but one other like it in England, and that belongs to Mr. Winston Churchill. We cannot describe it—it is one of the family of Tyrolese, only much more so! He, it appears, is too great a man now to come to Cambridge O.W. dinners.

Mr. Horton, of Trinity Hall, hunts most days of the week, and discusses the incidents thereof the rest of the week. We are greatly impressed when he rides past in the glory of his green coat, though we are sorry to hear there is still difficulty over the hunting episode of last term.

Mr. J. W. Geare, of Pembroke, and another boldly entered for a Riding and Shooting Competition of the C.U.O.T.C. The couple above them lost fifty-three points owing to difficulty with their horses. Mr. Geare and his partner, experiencing greater difficulty, retired from the "unequal struggle" with dignity.

Mr. L. E. Tanner, of the same college, has become a Mermaid—we beg his pardon, a Merman—and with seven others discourses on the beauties of Shakespeare on Sunday evenings. His Clubs, the Library, and occasional golf seems to fill his time. He was one of a large audience which unmercifully "ragged" a melodrama which ventured to come to Cambridge a day too soon,

before many people had gone down. It was a splendid melodrama with a murder in nearly every act, and a really fine villain, who was greeted with shouts of "aha!" whenever he appeared.

Of Mr. Yolland, of Caius, we regret that we have seen but little. The loss is ours. He, too, studies for medicine, and seems to lead a placid and contented life. This, Sir, exhausts the list of Grantites at Cambridge, and we will close with the usual wishes for the prosperity of the House and the hope that in the prolonged struggle for the Shield, Grant's may be the victor, and have both shields to grace her walls.

I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

CANTABRAGIENSIS.

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