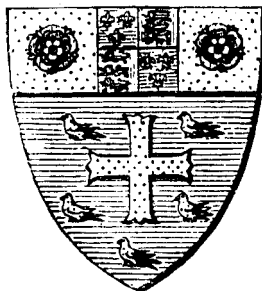


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OLD GRANTITE DINNER.

A very successful Old Grantite Dinner was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on March 20th. This is the first occasion upon which such a Dinner has been held, and considering the difficulty of starting a new enterprise and the fact that Lent precluded many persons from attending, the Committee are to be congratulated on getting together some forty Old Grantites, though a few more would not have been amiss. It is hoped, however, that the Dinner may be held in future every other year. Sir Walter Phillimore presided, and after the Royal Toasts had been drunk, he proposed "Grant's" coupled with the name of Mr. Tanner, the guest of the evening, and the Oldest Grantite present, the Rev. H. D. Nicholson. Mr. Tanner responded, and sketched the history of the House from the time when it was built and the successive "Mother Grants" until he became Housemaster in 1890, and drew attention to the fact that the House numbered among her distinguished sons a Prime Minister, John Russell, and two Archbishops, Charles Longley and a former Archbishop of Dublin.

The Rev. H. D. Nicholson then gave some amusing reminiscences of "Grant's" in 1842-45, when it was still a Dames House with a non-resident Usher. He told us how, under the superintendence of "Mother Jones," the small boys on Friday nights were stood in a tub of hot water and well scrubbed before the Saturday outing, and ended by some recollections of his fellow-Grantites, among whom, and in the annals of the House, the name of Commodore Goodenough must always have an honoured place.

The Rev. Canon Madan proposed "Floreat," and after saying that as a Madan he, as a matter of course, came to the school of his ancestors, he remarked that all his best friends through life had been Westminster and Grantites, and he had owed much to having been up Grant's in the 'fifties under the Rev. James Marshall, who, though bedridden and over ninety years of age, sent a message of good wishes to the Dinner by the hand of Mr. Victor Williamson.

Mr. R. Armitage, M.P., seconded, and described his experiences as a Grantite under the Rev. C. A. Jones in the late 'seventies.

Finally Mr. Victor Williamson, C.M.G., proposed the health of the Chairman, as a member of an old Westminster and Grantite family and one of the most distinguished of those who ornament the Bench, where five of his brother Judges are Old Westminsters. Sir Walter Phillimore responded. Mr. F. B. Ranalow (O.W.) and Mr. Sterndale Bennett interspersed songs among the speeches; the evening closed with "Auld Lang Syne."

Letters of regret were received from the Marquess of Ailesbury, Lord Stalbridge, Sir A. Fludyer, Bart., Sir Francis Maclean, Mr. Justice Lush, Archdeacon Kitchen, Canon Eden, Col. Vyvyan and many others.

The following were present:—

Sir Walter Phillimore, Mr. Tanner, the Rev. H. D. Nicholson, Canon Madan, Mr. R. Armitage, M.P., Mr. Victor Williamson, the Rev. A. F. Pope, Messrs. F. L. Rawson, G. H. Viner, G. G. Phillimore, M. Martin-Leake, K. H. Kellie, H. S. Ladell, H. V. Anthony, E. A. Everington, Capt. Martin-Leake, J. Radcliffe, D. Whitmore, O. Lewis, E. D. Adrian, G. F. Pitt-Lewis, A. C. Boulton, T. S. Sonnenschein, R. H. Yolland, W. B. Ruegg, L. E. Tanner, A. K. Gilmour, G. N. Frampton, J. Heard, E. L. Hawke, G. E. Tunnicliffe, H. S. Billing, C. H. Viney, H. Whitmore, C. V. Miles, R. Rawson, A. F. Noble, H. C. Pedler.

AN UNAPPRECIATED PIPER.

There was a boy. Ye knew him well, I fear,
 Inhabitants of "Grant's." For, many a time
 At evening after prep., when cats began
 To move along the edges of the walls
 Secretly prowling, would he stand alone
 (All others flying) by the tree in yard,
 And there, with fingers swiftly working, both hands
 Clutching a curious instrument, his mouth
 Twisted, and bulging with discordant air,
 Blew serenades and love-songs to those cats
 That they might answer him, and they would yell
 Across the echoing roof, and yell again
 Responsive to his tunes; with quivering peals
 And long halloos, and screams, and echoes loud
 Redoubled, and redoubled. Jocund din!
 And when there came a pause disturbed alone
 By groanings of the dying and the dead,
 Then sometimes in that silence, as he hung,
 Listening for steps, a shock of mild surprise
 Has carried far into his heart the voice
 Of protestation, and a visible man
 Would enter unawares upon the scene.
 And then—why ask? since few remain to tell
 Of those sad pauses, but gave up the ghost
 Long ere the *music*, or the cats themselves.
 This boy was taken from us, and we hope
 That pipe was taken from him. Now, at eve,
 The breeze, grown bold again, sweeps softly through
 The just green trees, and members of both tribes
 Human and feline, with recovered calm
 Walk dauntless through the groves of Academe.

(*Extract from Wordsworth.*)

A. C. V. M.

THE PLAY SUPPER.

The annual House Supper was held this year on Monday, December 19th, after the second performance of "Phormio." Many Old Grantites were present and the evening proved a very delightful one. After the supper, the Head of the House, J. C. Hobson, rose, and in a short speech proposed the health of Mr. Tanner. After this had been drunk to amid scenes of enthusiasm, Mr. Tanner replied his thanks, expressed his pleasure at the

spectacle of so many Old Grantites, and ended by asking the company to drink the health of the Head of the House, and the House Monitors. J. C. Hobson answered, and then in a few words gave an account of the successes and failures of the House in the past year, and prognosticated the course of events in the year that was to come, proposing, finally, the health of the Old Grantites. Mr. G. Scott replied for the Old Grantites, and briefly wished the present generation all success and prosperity in physical and intellectual undertakings. Songs by present and past members of the House then took the place of speeches, and the evening closed with a time-honoured cantation of "Auld Lang Syne."

LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Society has met regularly on Tuesday evenings during this term, and has read through three plays, "Hamlet," "The Critic," and "The Good-Natured Man." The reading, though at no time superlative, improved steadily, but the lack of fire, and the presence of self-consciousness, detracted heavily from the merits of the performers' voices, and left it much to be desired that they would let themselves "go," and enter into the spirit of the parts they were reading. Mr. Tanner, of course, was excellent, and a model to all novices, and we thank him very much for the many pleasant evenings which he has given us. The castes are given in the House Ledger, and will therefore be omitted here.

SENIORS.

GRANT'S *v.* RIGAUD'S.

1st Match.

On the first of three occasions on which we played Rigaud's for the Shield, a dull but even game took place. The sides were very fairly matched, and we, though suffering from the absence of our captain, R. F. Potter, who had water on the knee, could not complain as bitterly as we could have wished, because Rigaud's, too, was lacking of Hurst-Brown. Our defence, therefore, almost an impromptu as regards the backs, was weak, and our forward line was not strong.

Rigaud's scored a goal towards half-time, Grant's a goal towards full-time, and a colourless game had produced a result that did not signify; a re-play was necessitated. Kellie was good at half, Smith excellent, Miles and Gardiner good at forward.

2nd Match.

Resulted in another draw. The account just given will do admirably for this game too, except one might add, that a spice of excitement was introduced by the fact that Rigaud's, while obtaining their goal early in the game, refused to let Grant's equalise until five minutes before the end. Our forwards were still unsatisfactory, but Eyre and Langton had improved a little.

3rd Match.

All the remarks common to the two previous accounts apply to this one also, save that Grant's in the last minute of the game, realising the awful prospect of another re-play, summoned up courage, combined splendidly and shot a goal, so ending a memorable match. They were assisted to victory by the lameness of the opposing captain, F. W. Pink, who had sprained his ankle early in the game, and was useless in consequence. The whole team showed a distinct improvement on their first appearance, and the apparent futility of three successive matches, had in fact done good by allowing our team to find their weaknesses and discover their feet.

THE FINAL.

GRANT'S *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

This match was played on Thursday, March 24th, and resulted in a win for Ashburnham by three goals to nothing. The ground was in the same state as the weather—absolutely disgusting, and the play on both sides was correspondingly bad. However, the score is fairly representative of the relative merits of the teams. Ashburnham had a very excellent side for a House, headed by four Pinks, who all did justice to their rank. The Grant's team was much lighter, and contained several diminutive players, who were heavily handicapped by the heavy ground. In particular the forwards were bad, and although the two outside wings made gallant attempts to push on to enemy's goal, their efforts were frustrated by the forwards in the centre, who invariably worked on retrograde or circular lines.

All the halves were good, Smith particularly so. Hewins was good at back, while John, at goal, would have dimmed the sun, if it had been shining. Cardew scored the first goal for our opponents just before half-time—a very excellent though distant shot, and quite unstoppable; while Pick in the middle of the second half got through twice in five minutes, bringing the score up to a figure at which it remained.

The fault of our team was that it had no attack, and therefore the defence, by no means first class, was constantly at work to keep the tide out. In losing the match we also lose the Shield, which we have had for two years. We must hope to see it return to Grant's soon.

CRITICISMS OF THE HOUSE TEAM.

R. F. Potter played very well for the Eleven throughout the season, is a thoroughly reliable and good back, and by his lately developed infirmity, deprived the House of a good captain, and first-class aid.

B. Smith has improved extraordinarily this term, and as a substitute for Potter in the place of captain proved admirable, dominating the field with sound advice and brilliant play.

J. John has become a wonderful goalkeeper, and hiding his light throughout the term, has revealed it at the end with increased lustre. He gave away no goals and saved many, and gained as a reward for his good play well-deserved "Pink-and-Whites."

A. C. V. Miles is a good outside-right. But at present, relying too much on his far-famed speed and physical force, does more dashing into, than circumventing, and so too often loses the ball.

J. C. Hobson played back for the House instead of, as usually, half-back. Though reasonable, he was not an adequate substitute for Potter, and deserted, too often, the precincts of his own goal for those of his opponents.

R. S. Kellie does not put sufficient force into his work and is a bit cumberous, but was very useful and deserved the House Colours thoroughly.

D. G. Veitch, though light, and small, did some very good work. His fault is at present an inability to direct the course of the ball accurately, but with time he should become a good footballer.

H. Eyre is not a clever, in the sense of nimble and tricking, footballer, but he uses his strength to some purpose. He should always keep the opponent's goal in view and aim his progress in that direction more than any other.

C. Langton should remember the last criticism also, and also try to pass to his wings more frequently. He improved considerably during Seniors.

E. Gardiner was very good in the first match but lost colour later on. The ground on several occasions proved a severe handicap to him. But he should improve rapidly with the years.

H. B. Thacker has gone off this season. He should remember that lack of practice handicaps all, but most of all, the small. However, he still retains much of his skill, and should be good next year.

D. Hewins made a very creditable first appearance in Seniors. Quite steady, and calm, he should soon be a useful back. He must grow, and cultivate a powerful kick.

OLD GRANTITES.

E. D. Adrian, Esq., represented Cambridge at foils in the Inter-Varsity contest.

BIRTHS.

February 24th.—The wife of Maj. H. M. Dowson, R.H.A.,
a son.

Recently, wife of W. F. Fox, a son.

DEATHS.

A. Southey, Esq., nephew of Robert Southey.

Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, on January 29th, in California.

HOUSE NOTES.

We must congratulate Smith on gaining his "Pinks," after the Eton match, Miles on playing for the Eleven and gaining 3rds, J. John on Pink-and-Whites, and Smith, Miles and Hobson on playing for T.B.B.

Our pair for gymnastics, A. C. V. Miles and J. C. Hobson, proved unsuccessful in the competition for the Cup, only taking 3rd place.

The House section was also unsuccessful in an attempt to win the Drill Cup.

Kellie and Veitch have been given their House Colours, the former after the match with Rigaud's, Veitch after the final. Congratulations to both.

Eyre has passed Certificate "A."

Ealand has been up for and has passed "Little-go."

FOOTBALL COLOURS.

Pinks.	Pink and Whites.	Third Eleven.	House Colours.
R. F. Potter	J. John	J. Hobson	C. Kellie
B. Smith		A. C. V. Miles	D. G. Veitch
			H. Eyre
			C. Langton

YARD BALL ACCOUNT.

The balance from last term was 16s. 11d. During the term 5 dozen balls were bought at a cost of £1 10s., 8½ dozen balls were either skied or broken, yielding in forfeit money £1 14s. The balance therefore for next term is £1 0s. 11d.

Hon. Sec., A. C. V. MILES.

FIVES TIES.

It was suggested that Yard Ties should be superseded by Fives Ties this term. It was so agreed. They were begun. Potter, the superintendent, was out of school. Automatically the ties stopped. Conscientiously the sixpences have been returned. No one is annoyed. Sixpence at the end of a term is a sum not lightly to be despised.

Hon. Sec., R. F. POTTER.

THE SPORTS.

This year, although we had the athletic talent much more widely distributed in the House and not confined to one colossus, and although we were actually leading in points for the House Cup at the end of the first day, yet failed to keep up our standard on the second day and so lost the Cup.

Smith won the Long Jump with 17 feet 5 inches, in spite of the fact that his ankle was twisted at the time. Hobson got a second in the Half-Mile with Hurdles, and in the Quarter-Mile. Spence won the Junior High Jump and Long Jump, and gained a second in the 120 Yards under 14. He shows good promise as an athlete, and did especially well in the Long Jump. John, J., had ill-luck in being tripped up in his really strong race, the Quarter Mile.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

Your request for a letter is always one which I gladly fulfil, but none the less when it comes to the point I find it difficult to put pen to paper.

It is not entirely my fault. Cambridge seems far from one's thoughts when one is endeavouring to catch trout by the side of a Devonshire stream, and one feels—or should feel—kindly

disposed to all—even the fisherman who is found fishing one's favourite pool. But theory seldom corresponds with facts, and it is human, if it is immoral, to feel mild pleasure at finding the said fisherman with his cast fixed up in the bushes opposite—but, “this (as one used to hear in the Under Shell) is a digression”!

After Mr. D. S. Robertson the proud father of a lusty babe, comes the versatile Mr. E. D. Adrian, who has added a half-blue to his other distinctions at fencing. He was unlucky in finding in the Oxford representative an amateur champion of Egypt.

Mr. Rawson was indefatigable in collecting dinner-subscriptions, but denied us the pleasure of hearing his eloquence on the night and basely shifted his responsibilities to other shoulders. Mr. Tomlinson, also of Trinity, represents the Westminster element among Third Trinity and rowed in the Trents. His moustache has grown quite appreciably.

Mr. Tanner of Pembroke talked at the Dinner, but otherwise hides his light under a bushel, or in the dust of a large blue motor which careers along the roads round Cambridge at a disgraceful pace. He talks (or thinks he does) quite learnedly of clutches and things.

Mr. Miles of the same College, after a meteor-like appearance, has settled down into playing soccer in the comparatively dull routine of College and League matches.

Mr. Storer says he is unpopular. Our Mr. Brown of Jesus has lost a dog—“a long-tailed mongrel trailing casually behind”—it is probably a pedigree dog, but much must be sacrificed to a quotation!

Mr. Hawke sports an eyeglass and a soft shirt in the evenings, plays the piano and probably goes to the observatories on Saturday evenings to see Zerubbabel (Sir Robert Ball).

Mr. Ruegg we see little of—the loss is ours, Mr. Yolland—but, Sir, even a Cambridge Letter must give way when fish begin to rise, so with the usual good wishes for the Sports.

I am, &c.,

CANTABRIENSIS.

OUR OXFORD LETTER.

DEAR SIR,

Once again occurs the pain that is almost a pleasure of composing a letter concerning the activities or apparent activities of the old, perhaps we should say past, members of the House who are assembled in the name of education at this University. An unfortunate failing, namely, the infrequency of our interminglings, renders an accurate and monthly account of each almost impossible for any one of us. Still, Sir, we must buckle to our task.

Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe still delights Oxford with his joyous personality and bubbling spirits, particularly the latter. He continues to guide with success the footsteps of the young and shy undergraduates in the narrow and straight path of classical attainments. With his hat at a picturesque angle and his stick at another he may not infrequently be appreciated in the crumbling quadrangles of the House. May he long remain the father and chief preserver of Grantite tradition in Oxford.

Mr. W. T. S. Sonnenschein also tutors the young of classical inclinations and quietly disseminates sound and logical though conservative views on current political questions. In his more leisured moments he runs across country with considerable skill and success. We, with the fellows of B.N.C. would wish Mr. Sonnenschein many happy years of University life.

Mr. A. E. Boulton offers the usual problem. We are in doubt as to which of his many qualities or activities we could discuss with adequate expression. Nowadays praise and pleasant criticism are extended so lavishly that it must always be hard to convey any true and real impression when it is sincerely felt. However, sufficient has been said to imply that those who know Mr. Boulton feel that he has given to Oxford what every man should give, and to every Old Grantite just "up" that kindness which is so well appreciated in a first year.

Mr. O. Lewis has revived a flagging interest in the O.T.C. He was distinctly seen on one occasion at least winding up a motor car in a khaki overcoat—Mr. Lewis, not the car. His Terpsichorean displays are the delight and envy of all who are privileged to behold. On Sundays he breakfasts at the Randolph. This, Sir, is all we know; our meetings with Mr. Lewis have not been so frequent as we would like.

Mr. F. G. Hobson of the medical turn of mind persists blindly in the pursuit of joys anatomical and physiological. He is, we understand, a strong advocate of teetotalism. If a red face is

one of the few benefits to be derived from the opposite system, we can certainly recommend his method as having produced far more vivid results at a much smaller expense. He is getting stouter and heavier all round, so his friends tell him.

Mr. A. K. Gilmour has made some brilliant acquaintances. He introduced us to one a short time ago—an ark-lamp in Broad Street. He may sometimes be seen picking balls out of his hair on the Balliol tennis courts. You remember his hair, Sir! His friends are advising him with such natural advantages to take up cricket again. We must congratulate him on a successful emancipation from the pass moderation schools. It was a triumph!

Mr. Vanneck of Exeter should soon become a dramatic critic. The material to work on heaps itself before his eyes each night and every night. The tools of intellect with which he may, if he will, work on the stuff were sharpened (as who does not know?) finely in the knife-machines of Westminster and Grant's, no further comment on them is necessary.

Sir, I have done. Let the precipitation of accomplishment urge itself as the apology for insufficiency, and the expressed good wishes of your correspondent serve to condone for the absence of much that has remained unexpressed, either from ignorance, lack of time, or inappropriateness.

Yours, &c.,

OXFORDIENSIS.

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