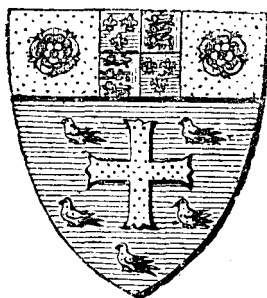


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ROYAL VISITS.

Westminster can boast of many royal visits, from the time when the good Queen Editha, wife of Edward the Confessor, used to question Ingulph, afterwards Abbot of Croyland, on his way home from the little school attached to the Monastery, which was the parent of our own school down to the present day; while the fact that some of these visits are preserved almost by chance in biographies, &c., would suggest that the long list might be still further augmented but that the records of them have not survived.

That Queen Elizabeth should take a personal interest in the School she had re-founded was, perhaps, only natural. There is a tradition that not long after she had re-constituted her Father's School, and when Richard Camden was Head-Master, as one day she was passing through the Cloisters she met a small Westminster boy crying bitterly. She asked him in Latin what was the matter, and the precocious child, smarting under his master's blows, unexpectedly answered in the words of Æneas:—

“Infandum Regina jubes renovare dolorem.”

In 1564, the “*Heautontimoroumenos*” of Terence was “*plaied* by the children of the Grammer Schoole in the Colledge of Westminster, and before the Quenes majestie,” and the bill of expenses incurred, both of this play and also the “*Miles Gloriosus*” of Plautus, at which the Queen was also present in 1606, was recently found by Dr. Scott in the Muniment Room

of the Abbey, and published in the *Elizabethan* a few years back. At this last performance a "Plautus" was presented to the Queen, and "foure other unto the nobilitie," while xiid. was expended on "butterd beere for y^e children being horse," besides "suger candee" and a "box of comfets" also for the actors. One is struck by the enormous number of pins used. They were ordered in "halfe a thousand" at a time, and considering the amount, the sum of iiiid. or about half-a-crown in current coin, which was "bestowed upon three gentlewomen that did attyre the childrene," does not seem excessive.

It was not until the Restoration that another royal visit is recorded. Charles I. had other things to think of. He was too nervous in the disturbed state of the country to even allow Old Westminsters to hold their annual dinner at Oxford on the ground that any meeting together of men was to be avoided, however innocent they might be of treasonable purposes, while the School which prayed for Charles I. on the day of his execution could hardly expect a visit from Cromwell. Charles II. naturally looked with favour on Westminster, and gave the present Head-Master's Chair in the big School-room. It was when he came down to Westminster and was shown the School that the famous incident occurred, when Busby kept his hat on in the royal presence on the ground that he could not allow his boys to think there was any greater than himself.

In 1727, the young Prince William, third son of George II., afterwards Duke of Cumberland, and of Culloden fame, came to the Play. He was only six at the time, and the younger King's Scholars acted an English play called "Scapin" as an afterpiece to the "Phormio." In 1730, he again came and saw the "Ignoramus." As the great Whig School, George III. did not care very much for Westminster. It is worth noting, however, that he appointed a former Head-Master, Dr. Markham, to be tutor to the young Prince of Wales and his brother Frederick, Duke of York. Another brother, the Duke of Gloucester, came to the Play in 1790, but the Duke of York, who is now chiefly remembered by his statue and column in Waterloo Place, was a genuine friend to Westminster, where he urged all his military friends to send their sons, and it is but justice to his memory to quote the following appreciation by an Old Westminister: "Those only who remember the rude and unattractive appearance of the College Theatre, with its hard benches covered with coarse baize, lighted . . . with flaring tallow candles, and the passage from the house of the Head-Master through Little Dean's Yard, often in those days of severe winters through a foot's depth of snow, to hear a Latin play, interesting only to the higher class of scholars, performed by inexperienced boys;—they who remember these things can best appreciate the kindly nature of the Prince

who never allowed any obstacle but the most urgent business to stand in the way of his annual visit to the Westminster Play."

But there was another royal visitor who is especially interesting to us. In 1808 George Thomas Keppel, afterwards sixth Earl of Albermarle, was admitted a boarder "Up Grant's." His grandmother, Lady de Clifford, was governess to the young Princess Charlotte, the daughter and heir-apparent of George IV. The Princess and young Keppel were great friends, and one day, he tells us in his "Life," Lady de Clifford and the Princess drove down to Westminster to take him back for the week-end. He was not to be found at Mother Grant's for there was a "mill" in Cloisters, and from Grant's they proceeded to the scene of the conflict in the Fighting-Green, and "while my good grandmother was reading quaint monumental inscriptions, her royal charge was grasping the rails of the Cloister and eagerly straining her eyes to watch the motions of the combatants!"

The "First Gentleman of Europe," as Prince Regent, also visited the school, and his fastidious mind was horrified at the Spartan-like simplicity of the arrangements. "You don't mean to tell me Henry Paget ever slept on a bed like *that*?" was his remark as he passed through the Dormitory—Henry Paget was the famous Marquis of Anglesey who, as Lord Uxbridge, commanded the cavalry at Waterloo. Another visitor, who however came down incognito, at about this time was the Emperor of Russia.

In 1834, on the third night of the "Eunuchus," King William IV. and Prince George of Cambridge attended. A covered way was erected from the Head-Master's house, and down this, preceded by King Scholars bearing torches, the Royal party proceeded and were received with "immense cheering." The King expressed himself as much pleased with the performance, and having contributed £100 to the "Cap," asked for an extra week's holiday. Three years later the King honoured the Eton and Westminster boat-race with his presence at Datchet. The previous day he had sent an invitation to the Westminster crew through Mr. Shiffner, an Old Westminster, to go over the Castle. On the morning of the race his Majesty had said to Lord Howe, "What carriage shall I have to-day?" The answer was, "Your Majesty ought not to go out; you are too unwell." But he meant, he said, to see the match. The race was a memorable one. Eton had won the three previous races, but this year Westminster kept the lead all the way and won by six or eight lengths. Incidentally, in this race Westminster first adopted the colour pink. The Rev. W. Rogers, from whose reminiscences we have been quoting, says: The King "declared Eton lost because Dr. Hawtrey was looking on." He goes on to say that he remembered well seeing the King "seated in a closed carriage wrapped in a white great-coat, about a hundred and fifty yards from the bridge. As soon as he saw

that the Westminsters were ahead, he pulled down the blinds and drove back to the Castle, which I do not think he afterwards left." The King died almost within a month of the race, and his death, according to Eton, was accelerated by their defeat. The Prince Consort came three times to the Play in 1847, 1851, and again in 1858; on this last occasion he was accompanied by our present King, then Prince of Wales. On these occasions the same procedure was observed as for the visit of William IV., as indeed again on December 12th, 1903, when H.R.H. Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) attended a special performance of the "Trinummus" which will be remembered by many.

L. E. Tennant.

AN ELFIN VOYAGE.

In a gossamer boat
 Through the dew I float
 When the morning leaps to the sky,
 Then I land on a rose
 That timidly glows
 In a haunted garden lone as a sigh,
 Where long and beautiful shadows lie
 In scented languors day by day
 And dream their souls away.

W. B. Nichols

LAST TERM'S SPORTS.

This year's sports were not a great success for Grant's. Though some individuals did well, the House as a whole failed to realise our hopes which were quite bright, for up the House there were challenge cup-holders, those who were placed last year and favourites for this year; but they failed when the day came, and the cup stayed up another House.

In the senior events C. G. Reed won the half-mile with hurdles, and was second in the mile. At the trials on the Wednesday he made the longest throw with the cricket ball, but on Saturday failed to get a place. W. R. Horton, owing to a strained back, was unable to retain the first place in the open high-jump. After jumping 5 ft. 5 ins. he lost to a jump of 5 ft. 5½ ins., although in practice he had cleared that height with ease. J. W. Geare was second in the "Hammer," after some even throwing with the winner. R. A. Graham made the second best long-jump of over 18 ft.: this gives great promise of a good jump next year. G. L. Brown came in a very good second in the quarter-mile, under 16, being beaten by only two feet after an excellent sprint down the straight. Our juniors were a great

disappointment. We had expected to gain several points by them, but it was soon to be seen that they were not going to distinguish themselves. In the end, in fact, only one got a place at all, J. C. Hobson, who was second in throwing the cricket ball.

As for next year, some of the veterans of the House are leaving, but there are staying on some who show promise, some who were placed this year, and some who were either too old for junior or too young for senior events : they all ought to get places next year. We hope that there will be some more juniors forthcoming, and that all will help in making the House give a better display than it has done this year.

AN OUTSIDER'S POINT OF VIEW.

The Grantite tenor breaks the air
 His tender passion to impart ;
 And whispers to his list'ning fair
 The music of his raptur'd heart.

The long-drawn hunting-call proclaims
 The wily fox is run to ground ;
 And cries of " Hall " and shouted names
 Disturb the very walls around.

Each morning tremors seize our bones,
 As, when the hour the action suits,
 In Ingoldsby's bold Baron's tones
 A voice loud thunders " Joe, my boots ! "

As Grant's pursues the flying ball,
 When summer nights are cool and dry,
 It oft o'erleaps the middle wall,
 And " Thank you, Ri-gaud's " is the cry.

We fain would work ; we close our ear ;
 On thee we fashion dreadful crimes.
 Thy music, Grant's, we joy to hear,
 But O ! we pray for peace—sometimes !

THE INTER-HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION.

This competition was held at Runemede on July 9th, in a strong wind and bad light. Grant's had a very good team, all four members of which are in the School eight, and the fifth man, who has also shot for the School, would have been welcomed

in the team of any other house. Grant's had to shoot first at 500 yds.: at that distance and at 200 they showed very good form, bringing us out first by a margin of 39.

Scores:—

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Agg.
S. D. Graham	5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5 = 34	4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 3 = 31	65
A. C. Boulton...	4, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4 = 30	5, 3, 2, 4, 5, 5, 5 = 29	59
J. H. Mason...	4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 3 = 28	4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4 = 30	58
F. G. Hobson	4, 5, 4, 4, 3, 4, 4 = 28	4, 2, 5, 5, 4, 5, 3 = 28	56
	<u>120</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>238</u>

By his very good score of 65 S. D. Graham won the Brinton Medal.

The other three were placed 3rd, 4th, and equal 5th.

HOUSE MATCHES.

GRANT'S v. HOME BOARDERS.

For the third year in succession Grant's have fallen before H.B.B. For the third time we started off with high hopes and reasonable expectations; and for the third time we were beaten. In 1906, and again in 1907, we extended our opponents to the utmost, and might has reversed the result with plenty to spare had dropped catches been held. This year it was a disaster in the shape of a hollow beating by an innings and 154 runs.

Once more Home Boarders were practically a two-man team: had we been able to get either Turner or Circuitt out in the first ten minutes the rest would have been simple. This we were unable to do.

Winning the toss on July 1st, on a perfect day and equally perfect wicket, Turner went to the wickets first with Circuitt, Reed and R. Rawson bowling. Off the first ball he received Circuitt popped one up just wide of point's hands. It was a lucky escape, and as it turned out meant the difference of 179 runs. For having got the length of the Grantite bowling, which at the best of times is not very difficult and was made much easier by the plumb wicket, the two batsmen gave what to the unbiassed spectator what must have been a most exhilarating display: the first hour produced 110 runs and frequent bowling changes made no difference to the rate of scoring. Circuitt, who had been playing a far more dashing innings than his Captain, soon reached his century, and was immediately afterwards dismissed by a good running catch in the deep field. Circuitt made some lucky strokes, but some of his off driving was very fine, and his hitting

upset the other side more than the strictly correct strokes of his partner. Circuitt hit three 5's and fifteen 4's, and Turner, who was out third after a stylish innings, made 112, which included a 6, a 5, and ten 4's. With the exception of Hill, who played beautiful cricket, the rest of the side did comparatively little, and the innings closed shortly before 6 o'clock for 299. The Grantite fielding was somewhat uneven. The majority of the side stood their "gruelling" very well, but Miles and Eyre both gave away unnecessary runs. Of the bowlers Marriott and Hobson seemed to give most trouble.

After having a few minutes batting without disaster on Wednesday, the brothers Rawson had to wait till the following Monday before they could continue their innings. The interval had a most unfortunate effect. The dismissal of the youngest Rawson was not a great surprise. Reed followed, and we hoped for some good cricket with the partnership of our two pinks, both of whom had come off against Charterhouse a week before. But it was not to be. Reed almost immediately put a ball up into the air, which undoubtedly ought to have gone over the pavilion, and Turner brought off a really fine "caught and bowled." It was unfortunate, but the best of batsmen fail sometimes. The rest of the side got it into their heads that Turner and Circuitt were bowling wonderfully, that the wicket was playing tricks, and that Grant's was lost. It affected them in various ways. Some played Turner with the greatest care, with the result that by the time the ball reached them they were in such a state of nerves that they missed it altogether; others again with a vague idea of "knocking him off his length" swiped blindly at everything, and were caught if they hit the ball, and bowled or stumped if they didn't; with the result that all were out for 48, and Turner had a bowling average of 4.4. H. Rawson batted soundly and his brother made a few hits. Exclusive of the Rawsons and extras the side scored 4 runs. Following on hopelessly in arrears, the two Rawsons were quickly got rid of and with the eldest a very valuable run-getter. But the match was not to end without Grant's being shown how such bowling should be played. For three-quarters of an hour Reed batted in a most delightful manner. He punished the bowlers unmercifully and not once was the ball off the carpet. The fact that he only hit three singles is suggestive. After his dismissal Marriott showed that he could make runs, but nobody stayed with him, and Hill, who had displaced Turner, quickly finished off the match, leaving his side victorious. Grant's can claim no excuse for this disaster. The performance of July 6th was absolutely inexcusable. It is only to be hoped that the next account of "Cricket Seniors" in the GRANTITE REVIEW will state that Grant's has won a brilliant victory and that the shield has come up the House.

*R. H. Williams but practically
re-written by C. G. Reed & L. S. Turner*

Score:—

H.BB.

F. G. Turner, lbw b R. Rawson.....	112
C. M. Circuitt, c Reed, b R. Rawson	101
G. G. Feasey, b Hobson.....	2
H. G. Hill, not out.....	50
E. H. Gray, b R. Rawson	0
M. Thoresby-Jones, b Reed	6
C. B. Bonner, b Reed.....	0
W. D. Geare, b Marriott.....	18
A. R. Mellor, b Marriott.....	0
A. J. Daniells, run out	5
D. L. Purves, b Hobson.....	0
Extras.....	5

Total..... 299

BOWLING ANALYSIS—H.BB.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. G. Reed.....	23	1	98	2
R. R. Rawson ...	17	1	81	3
F. G. Hobson ...	17	2	77	2
C. V. Miles	1	0	7	0
T. F. Marriott ...	8	1	31	2

GRANT'S.

FIRST INNINGS.

SECOND INNINGS.

H. F. Rawson, c Hill, b Circuitt...	24	c Feasey, b Circuitt	6
W. T. Rawson, b Turner	6	b Turner	1
C. G. Reed, c and b Turner.....	0	st Feasey, b Turner	40
W. R. Horton, c Circuitt, b Turner	0	b Turner	0
F. G. Hobson, b Turner.....	1	b Turner	8
R. R. Rawson, b Circuitt	9	b Circuitt.....	12
T. F. Marriott, c Gray, b Circuitt..	1	hit wicket, b Hill.....	18
G. L. Eyre, c Daniells, b Circuitt...	0	c Geare, b Hill ..	2
R. A. Graham, not out	2	not out	4
A. K. Gilmour, st Feasey, b Turner	0	c Turner, b Hill	0
C. V. Miles, absent.....	0	absent	0
Extras	5	Extras	6
Total.....	48	Total.....	97

BOWLING ANALYSIS—GRANT'S.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
F. G. Turner	12	1	22	5	F. G. Turner	12	2	47	4
C. M. Circuitt	12	4	21	4	C. M. Circuitt	13	3	39	2
					H. G. Hill...	2	1	5	3

CRITICISMS ON THE TEAM.

C. G. Reed made a keen captain. His batting is good, though he is too fond of gliding balls off the middle stump. His bowling—he bowled very little this year—is not greatly improved.

H. F. Rawson has shown, by his batting for the School throughout the season, that he is a very good bat. His wicket-keeping is not on a par with his batting, though at times he is quite good there. We feel sure he will make a very good captain next year, as which we wish him the best of luck.

F. G. Hobson is a very powerful bat, but must learn not to hit wildly at slow bowling. He disappointed us in not getting a place in the School XI. However, we hope he will next year; to do so he must smarten up his fielding. He ought to make a good fast bowler.

R. R. Rawson is a very useful bowler, especially on a wet wicket, and ought to take many wickets for the School next season. As a bat he has shown everybody he can hit, and now must develop his strokes, of which he has plenty.

W. R. Horton disappointed us this year—from want of practice it appears, for he has lost many of his good strokes that he had last year. He must learn not to hit too soon. His fielding is still rather clumsy.

T. F. Marriott has a good idea of batting, and has improved considerably. He must remember to get across to drive and not to cut too late. His bowling should be of great use to the House. His fielding is safe.

G. L. P. Eyre has improved this season. His forward strokes are good, but his back play is not so sound; he would improve both if he got rid of his flourish before each stroke. There is plenty of room for improvement in his fielding.

C. V. Miles has disappointed us in bowling this year. He does not seem to have been able to find his length at all. As a bat he is far too stiff. His fielding needs very great improvement.

R. A. Graham again disappointed us in not recovering his form of two years ago. He still plays in a lazy style, and hits everything up into the air. He must learn that to play back with a straight bat is very necessary. He can field very well when he likes.

W. T. Rawson is a very promising bat, as his average in Juniors shows. His defence is his strong point, but his cutting is very little inferior. As a wicket-keeper he is not so good, but with more practice he ought to improve. He will be of great use to the House.

A. K. Gilmour must improve his back play or he will never get the chance of bringing his good off-shots into use. He ought to make a good bat next year. His bowling and fielding are still very erratic.

JUNIORS.

Although beaten in Juniors it is impossible to say that we did not make a very sporting attempt at winning the Cup. The exciting moments in the match *v.* Rigaud's and the more exciting in the match *v.* Ashburnham show that our Juniors can give a very good account of themselves when the time calls.

The first match, *v.* Home Boarders, we won easily by an innings; the second, *v.* Rigaud's, was a much harder fight, which we would have lost, but two good innings by W. Rawson and a timely stand by Smith enabled us to win by four wickets; the third, *v.* Ashburnham was the most exciting, for although W. Rawson made 50, we only managed to get 81 in our 1st innings. Left with 156 to get to win, we started our second innings in very promising form, the first wicket falling for 51. Four fell for 100. But after that runs did not come so well, and when a very interesting innings closed we wanted only seven runs to win.

These games proved that some of our Juniors have a good idea of cricket. W. Rawson batted very well throughout, and ended with an average of 33·8; Gilmour played one useful innings of 60, *v.* H.B.B.; several others made 20's. Of these Brown ought to make a useful bat with more practice; Whitmore showed us he knows how to hit, but he must be more careful in choosing the right ball; Smith is quite a good bat, and keeps his eye well on the ball. Our bowling was also fairly good. Hobson and R. Rawson were the best, with averages of six and eight runs a wicket. The bowling was not encouraged by the rest of the team, for they lacked the very important essential of good fielding: many runs were given away by bad fielding and no backing up.

A LAMENT.

Crushed by the hard, imperious hand of time
 Our House's former glories seem to fade;
 And all that now remains is but a shade
 Of what was once so mighty and sublime.

Time was when we could rouse from out the tap,
 Which scalds our fingers with its boiling flood,
 Vast booming noises, such as chill the blood
 Or violent thumpings heralding mishap.

And those who much preferred the quiet life
 Would leave their fastnesses and come with speed
 To stop the sound, and this would surely lead
 To mutual coolness or harsh, wordy strife.

But now the tap is mended and no more
 May we appreciate its dread delight ;
 Some dull mechanic hand has set it right,
 And life has lost the spice it had of yore.

Time was when, if the rain was pouring hard,
 A pool collected, cold and wet and wide,
 Before the door through which we pass inside
 Or leave our sheltering walls to cross the yard.

Here (inadvertently) we sat us down
 And cursed the fate that made us, unawares,
 In slippery boots and haste descend the stairs,
 And cursed the friends who mocked to see us drown.

But the prosaic plumber rudely sent
 His hirelings here to fix a sordid drain
 Beneath the pool ; and now we seek in vain
 So great a cause of harmless merriment.

No more the homely gas's ruddy flare
 Illuminates our studies through the night ;
 Cold, scientific, harsh electric light
 Has thrust it forth to find a home elsewhere.

And other cruel changes must we view—
 The holes that graced the oilcloth on our floor
 Have vanished from our sight, and, what is more,
 The holes that graced our floors have vanished too!

More could we tell had we but space and time,
 And other cause for grief we might have shown—
 But let us cease (for if the truth be known
 This metre's so confounded hard to rhyme).

E. D. Adrian

HOUSE NOTES.

A. G. Godfray left us at the end of last term. We wish him every success in future.

There are two new boys this term ; H. Eyre, a boarder, and A. Yolland, a half-boarder.

E. D. Adrian was second in the Public School Fencing Competition at Aldershot.

He has also been awarded the prize for the Phillimore Essay on Francis Bacon.

R. W. Willcox (O.G.) was placed in the 2nd Class of the Natural Science Tripos at Cambridge.

H. G. Dillon (O.G.) has been elected to a Scholarship in Modern Languages at Christ's College, Cambridge.

D. S. Robertson (O.G.) has been placed in the 1st Division of the 1st Class of the (2nd part) Classical Tripos at Cambridge.

He has also been awarded the Oldham Scholarship for Classics.

The following are the cricket colours up to the end of the term :—

PINKS.	PINK AND WHITES.	3RD XI.	HOUSE COLOURS.
C. G. Reed.	F. G. Hobson.	W. R. Horton.	T. F. Marriott.
H. F. Rawson.	R. R. Rawson.		

F. G. Hobson and R. R. Rawson have played several times for the School.

In the Inter-house Fives Ties R. H. Williams and H. F. Rawson represented Grant's, but were beaten by College, who were very strong (15—3) (15—5). Rawson played very well, especially in the second game.

In the Cadet Corps, Corpl. S. D. Graham has been promoted to the rank of Lance-Sergeant ; Lance-Corpl. Geare to the rank of Corpl. ; and Privates Eyre, Hurst, and Miles to the rank of Lance-Corpl.

C. G. Reed has been elected to an Exhibition at Brasenose, Oxford.

YARD TIES.

D. Graham	}	D. Graham	}	} Reed.
<i>v.</i>				
G. Eyre	}			
Miles	}	Miles	}	
<i>v.</i>				
F. Hobson	}			
Reed	}	Reed	}	
<i>v.</i>				
Horton	}			
Geare (a bye)	}	Geare	}	

FIVES TIES.

ROUND I.

R. R. Rawson and Tomlinson beat Marriott and Miles (15-3) (15-3).
 H. Rawson and Geare beat Boulton and Hodgson (15-4) (15-1).
 Adrian and Yolland beat F. Hobson and Gilmour (15-11) (15-9).
 Williams and W. Rawson w.o., S. Graham and Hurst scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. Rawson and Geare beat R. Rawson and Tomlinson (15-9) (15-5).
 Williams and W. Rawson beat Adrian and Yolland (15-7) (15-11).

FINAL.

H. Rawson and Geare beat Williams and W. Rawson (15-12) (15-8).

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Tanner for the interest he showed in the revival of the ties by providing a prize.

YARD BALL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
<i>£</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>	<i>£</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>
48 Sixpences 1 4 0	April 30th, 2 doz. balls ... 0 8 6
668 balls skied (at 2 <i>d.</i> each) 5 11 4	May 1st, 5 doz. balls ... 0 18 9
Total <u>£6 15 4</u>	May 15th, 6 doz. balls ... 0 16 6
Balance in hand... .. £0 16 1	June 1st, 5 doz. balls ... 1 2 6
	June 5th, 1 doz. balls ... 0 4 6
	June 18th, 6 doz. balls ... 1 7 6
	July 8th, 3 doz. balls ... 0 15 0
	4 broomsticks ... 0 1 0
	80 Yard Ties... .. <u>0 5 6</u>
	Total <u>£5 19 3</u>

S. D. GRAHAM,
Hon. Treasurer.

CRYPTOGRAMS.

I'm an adept in cryptograms :
 Here are a few entirely mine,
 Begot with sighs and sundry damns
 And many a glass of wine.

By counting h's page by page—
 No headache ever made me pause, sir!—
 I've proved *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*
 Was writ by Geoffrey Chaucer.

And by the number of the a's
 And f's in each 'tis very plain,
 That Johnny Keats wrote *Adonais*,
 And Reggie Heber *Cain*.

The secret story of his life,
 Is found in Milton's *L'Allegro* ;
 He ran away with Cromwell's wife,
 Who "worked him bitter woe."

And from *The Cenci* I've found out
 That Shelley laughed at Platonism,
 And loved a pipe and glass of stout,
 And taught the catechism.

Some say that Bacon wrote the plays
 Of Shakespeare—'tis a foul misnomer ;
 Ben Jonson found 'em (so he says)
 Hid in the desk of Homer.

His must have been a genius, sir!—
 To write a language ere 'twas heard.
 'Twas he who wrote—his lines aver—
 The Bible, every word.

I know a great deal more, I could
 Teach much, for everyone is wrong—
 But yet I don't see why I should,
 Besides 'twould take too long.

W. B. Nichols

BIRTHS.

In April, in Canada, the wife of R. Y. Radcliffe, of a son.
 On June 21st, the wife of H. S. Bompas, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

WINCKWORTH—HELLARD.—On April 30th, Wadham Bruce Winckworth to Dorothy Frances, eldest daughter of Edwin Hellard, of Stogumber, Somerset.

HEARD—FALCON.—On June 2nd, James Heard, son of the Rev. W. A. Heard, Head-Master of Fettes School, to Beatrice Falcon.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret we have to record the sudden death of Col. Sir Charles E. Howard Vincent, K.C.M.G., C.B., A.D.C., M.P., which took place at Mentone, on April 7th. Sir Howard Vincent was the fourth son of the late Rev. Sir Frederick Vincent, Bart., Prebendary of Chichester, by his second wife, and was born at Slinfold, in May 1849. On May 26th, 1864, he was admitted a boarder "up Grant's," as his brother had been before him. Here he remained a little over a year, and then proceeded to Sandhurst, from which place he was gazetted an Ensign of the 23rd Foot (Royal Welsh Fusiliers), on July 22nd, 1868. Having risen to the rank of Lieutenant he quitted the Regular Army, joined the Militia, and entering the Law was called to the Bar on January 26th, 1876. Two years later he was the first Director of the Criminal Investigation Department at Scotland Yard, a post he held for six years (1878-84). Sir Howard was also a member of the London County Council, and was returned as Conservative Member of Parliament for the Central Division of Sheffield in 1885, and retained his seat from that date until his death. In the House of Commons he quickly became a well-known personality, and he was instrumental in bringing forward more than one Act of Parliament. He was a founder of the United Empire Trade League, and was keenly interested in fiscal reform. As Colonel of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, he became one of the most prominent Volunteer Officers in London, and was a Volunteer A.D.C. to H.M. the King, while he spared no pains to bring his own regiment to a high state of efficiency. He married in 1882 Ethel Gwendoline, daughter of the late Mr. George Moffat, M.P., and both he and his wife were prominent members of the R.S.P.C.A. Amid his varied career—author, barrister, special correspondent, soldier, and police chief—he retained an interest in his School, and was a life member of the Elizabethan Club, while his name may be seen carved in "Middle Chiswick."

L.T.

We also regret to announce the death of Alick Geoffrey Lambert at Lydenburg, Transvaal, on May 13th, of pneumonia. He was admitted as a boarder "up Grant's" in 1882. After leaving Westminster he studied mining both at King's College and in Germany. He went to Johannesburg in 1894, and in 1900-1901 became assistant engineer to the Chartered Company

in Rhodesia. He had just been appointed manager of a mine at Lydenburg when he developed the illness which caused his death.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

CAMBRIDGE.

Unfortunately our "Cambridge Correspondent" has been unable to forward us a letter giving an account of the doings of Old Grantites at Cambridge during the past term. But we have heard of the great achievements of Mr. D. S. Robertson in the Classical world. He has been placed in the first division of the First Class in the Trip., and has carried off the Oldham Scholarship. He is still a great enthusiast on the Mounted Infantry. Mr. C. H. Metcalfe, of Pembroke, has been as conspicuous as ever on his motor car; while Mr. R. W. Willcocks has been working hard for the Natural Science 'Trip., in which he did very well, being placed in the Second Class. Mr. G. W. H. Hodgson seems to have forsaken cricket altogether for his coxing. He says he has improved a little and that the river bank has not suffered so much this term. His cricket must be a great loss to the College. Mr. H. G. Dillon, of Christ's, has been awarded a Scholarship in Modern Languages (we believe he was the only one in for it); while Mr. F. H. Vey, of Clare, has not, we are told by a near relative of his, been exerting himself this term either mentally or physically, but was successful in his "Mays."

Apart from the distinctions gained by O.G.'s in learning and sport, we hear that their health is as good as ever, their beauty still unimpaired, and their clothes unimpeachable. We wish them all the best of times during the "long vac."

C. G. Reed.

OUR OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."

DEAR SIR,

For the last time your correspondent takes up his pen to chronicle the doings of O.G.'s at Oxford: many are going down, alas! and unless the House comes to our rescue our numbers will be few indeed.

But of last term:—

Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe, as usual, heads the list, first in years if not in discretion: indeed, he must have cost the Grantite more in printing than any other man alive. He is now becoming

famous for his reading parties in Wales, though unfortunately no one seems to have any clear recollections of what happens down there: while as a coach at Oxford he is still unrivalled for unique expression. The advantages of Freemasonry have hardly been so much heard of since he had all his clothes stolen by a "Brother's" servant.

Mr. Geoffrey R. Y. Radcliffe, with brother Jack, is responsible for the conversion of the village of Garsington, for one sees lovely blue posters of "Great Conservative Meeting at Garsington. Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe and the Chatham Club," though it is Jack, we suspect, who takes care that the spirits of the party shall never cease to flow.

We still have hope of Geoffrey, for he now admits that cricket has some pretensions to being a game worth playing, while his tennis has surprised everyone as much as did his running with the Beagles.

Greats are progressing well with him, and he is now prepared to argue anything from $\tau\acute{o} \mu\eta \delta\upsilon$ to the construction of a flea, and what's more always proves he's right.

Mr. R. W. Reed has finished his Oxford career, to the oft expressed regret of his friends, chiefly because they won't get any more brown sherry, we imagine; but in spite of this there is a sort of feeling of relief that they will no longer be exposed to his freely expressed criticisms. The Beagles, however, will suffer a great loss.

Forestry and Warrigal Cricket have occupied most of his time this term, and he has developed quite a knack of outwitting his examiners. Rumour says he has been learning German with a beautiful Fraulein—but soft—he may be there to interview us at the beginning of next term.

Mr. G. M. S. Oldham, alias "Little Miles," so called on account of his immense girth, is another bright ornament whose loss to the House will be irreparable. All success to him in History: if ever high honours were merited by hard work, he is the man who should get them. But to turn to brighter things: his cricket has been in its old true form, his beautiful "cowshots" being especially conspicuous, while as Treasurer to the Warrigals he has, as far as we can at present ascertain, not appropriated more than a moderate amount of the Club funds. We are sorry to say, however, he has developed a deplorable taste for playing "Snooker," which in a future Archbishop of Canterbury ought not to be.

Mr. G. Rae Fraser exists in the land of Mathematics, dreams, and music: to lend additional charm to this his hair is now worn à la Paderewski.

Mr. E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins dabbles in the realms of the unknown with Mr. Fraser: he has had no opportunity of

displaying his running powers this term, but next we hope to see him represent the Varsity either across country or on the track. His appearance is as exquisite as ever, and his taste in clothes is unsurpassed, while his vocal powers leave many in the happy belief that he hails from "t'other side the Herring pond."

Mr. Adrian and Mr. Pitt Lewis still remain somewhat shut up in their shells, but will soon add, no doubt, to the academic glories of Grant's. Mr. G. Beech, of Merton, is going down full of years and honours, and Mr. Green and Mr. Sayer, of Magdalen, have only been up a year and have scarcely had time to startle the Oxford world by any extraordinary feats of learning or daring.

In saying farewell, Sir, for the last time, let it be recorded with what eagerness new arrivals from Grant's are looked forward to at Oxford; in fact, it is the duty of all Grantites to come up here.

As to yourself, Sir, we had hoped to see you at the House next term, but while the gods slept B. N. C. stepped in and claimed you for its own. Well, Sir, such is fate; but our loss is their gain.

Yours, &c.,

EX AEDE CHRISTI.

R. W. Red.

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