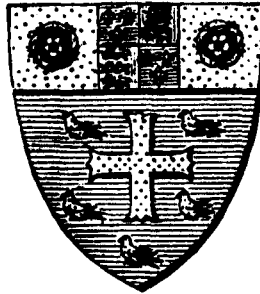


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"OUR WALL."

SOMEWHERE about the time of the battle of Crécy, when Edward III. was King of England and the energetic Nicholas Litlington was Abbot, the monks of Westminster built our wall as the boundary of their monastery. It was an imposing wall when they built it, for recent excavations have shown us that it was nearly twenty feet high. No doubt they brought the stone with which it is built over by boat from Battersea (which they spelt—Patricheseye!) and so up the little stream which used to flow along College Street. Thus they shut themselves off from the world and from the green fields which spread away at the back and of which the only trace is found in our familiar phrase "to go up Fields."

In due course the monastery was dissolved and our wall became the garden wall of a fine Tudor house which was known from its first owner as "Vaughans House." This house stood almost on the site of Grant's and of No. 3. In the time of James I. it was known as Dorchester House and in it lived an Old Westminster, Dudley Carleton, Viscount

Dorchester. He was a great man in his day, an Ambassador and a Secretary of State. He accompanied Prince Charles (afterwards Charles I.) to Spain, where the latter went to woo a Spanish princess. But Charles' methods were crude, and when he jumped over a wall and alighted at the Princess' feet in order to amuse her, all the Spanish grandees were scandalized and she was merely frightened. So it all came to nothing and Dudley Carleton returned to Westminster, where he built a great banqueting hall to his house in Little Dean's Yard and an imposing porch to his entrance Court.

In due course he was gathered to his fathers and lies in St. Paul's Chapel in the Abbey, where there is an extremely long Latin epitaph reciting his virtues and an extremely uncomfortable looking effigy of himself in his robes and coronet. We do not know who lived in his stately house during the Commonwealth, but fifty years later Dr. Friend, the Head Master, lived there and our wall became his garden wall. There, just two hundred years ago, he entertained Matthew Prior and the author of *Gulliver's Travels*, who found "the company good enough" and sat on till 1 o'clock to enjoy it.

But by this time the charm of the house was decreasing, the New Dormitory shut out the view across College Garden, the stream had become a pestiferous ditch and was filled in, and the fields gave place to College, Barton and Cowley Streets. So Dr. Friend, who strangely enough had two other houses in the precincts, turned the big house into a boarding-house and installed Mrs. Beresford as the Dame. The house was very select and contained, we are told, about forty "sons of the nobility and gentry"!

Later the house was divided and the part next to College became the lodgings of the Second Master. Thus the house remained until about 1770, when the Grant family came and the old house was pulled down and replaced by the solid and respectable houses we know to-day. Thus, too, our wall remained unchanged, until it came to bound what Lord Albemarle unkindly called "the narrow little backyard of Mother Grant's." But, at any rate, he knew all about the wall, for he and his contemporaries used to climb over it after dark and spend an evening up town. Somehow the story of these shocking expeditions leaked out and when the boys came back after the summer holidays of 1814 they found that the wall had been raised several feet with brick, and broken bottles had been placed along the top.

But now bottles and bricks have gone and our wall is once more as the monks built it and is now incorporated in a new building. Which thing, as they say, is an allegory, for it serves to remind us that at Westminster all that is best of the past is built into the present, and that it is for us to build the future so that it is worthy of the solid and imperishable foundation on which it rests.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE Sports this year were arranged to be held from April 5th to Saturday 8th, but owing to the wet weather the hurdle races had to be postponed till the following Monday. However, except for the cups for these events and the House Challenge Cup, the prizes were given on the Saturday by Mr. Knapp-Fisher.

Our first duty is to congratulate and thank the members of the team who so splendidly won the Tug for us again this year, thus keeping the Cup undisturbed on its bracket over the old mantelpiece. In the first round we beat Ashburnham; and, in the final, it was a splendid moment for every Grantite when the pistol sounded for the second time, announcing the victory of Grant's over Home-Boarders. Our team was as follows:

P. W. Forman, F. C. DeKay, J. M. Main, W. N. McBride, B. G. Groner and M. S. Murphy, being coxed by W. B. Enever.

We must also congratulate McBride on winning the Hammer and R. S. Randolph the open Hurdles, also Shepley-Smith on scoring in the 100 Yards and Quarter-Mile under 15. In the Inter-House Relay Race we came in second, being out-run by Rigaud's. We were represented by L. S. London, R. S. Randolph, R. A. Nathan and J. M. Hornsby, who ran in that order.

Let us hope that for many years the Tug Cup will remain up Grant's, and let us also, not only hope, but intend next year to score more points in the other events. Confidence is one of the main roads to success, hopelessness a sure path to failure. No matter whether it be in sport or work, now or in the future we must never embark on any enterprise with a sinking heart; but, of course, if failure comes—"We are

all failures, at least the best of us," said Sir James Barrie in his great Rectorial Address to the University of St. Andrews.

Moreover we should all set before us an ideal, to which we should ever be striving, never being content with a task ill-done, never considering anything too small to matter, until (if you will excuse a quotation from Browning)—

"Until my heart and soul applaud perfection, nothing less."

HOUSE NOTES.

THERE left us at the end of last term: A. N. Chart, D. W. Llewellyn, S. R. Finn, G. Woods and F. N. Hornsby. The last named has been up the House for six years, and he will be greatly missed by all.

The following new boys have come this term: R. L. Giles, A. G. Hildesley, R. W. Watson, J. A. Cook and G. Ross. W. N. McBride and I. M. Main have been made monitors, W. B. Enever and M. S. Murphy have come from Outer to Middle, and W. Dobrée, E. T. Holmes and F. C. DeKay from Hall to Outer.

Congratulations are due to W. L. and R. W. Hartley on their football Pinks, and also to F. N. Hornsby, E. W. Horne and M. S. Murphy on their football House colours. Congratulations are also due to R. S. Randolph on both his football Pinks and being made a corporal in the O.T.C.

W. L. Hartley was one of the three people who took the school present to Princess Mary; he was the only one to boast "spats." Hartley also attended the wedding, arrayed in court dress.

Congratulations are due to the House Tug Team and their cox, also to McBride, Randolph and Shepley-Smith on their effort for Grant's in the School Sports. We have now won the "Tug" and the "Hammer" for two years running.

The following School colours were up for football last term :

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pink-and-Whites.</i>	<i>Thirds.</i>
W. L. Hartley	W. N. McBride	J. M. Hornsby
R. W. Hartley		
R. S. Randolph		

Further congratulations are due to Main and Murphy on being made monitors, and, as we go to print, to W. L. Hartley on regaining his cricket Pinks after the Eton Ramblers match.

Although a School match, the Eton Ramblers match is worthy of mention in the GRANTITE; for, of the School total of 201 the four Grantite members of the team made 141: W. L. Hartley making 56, McBride 43, J. W. J.-Hood 28 not out, and R. W. Hartley 14. The match was eventually won by the School by one run!

Owing to an injury received while playing in the Christ Church match, the Editor was "out of School" for the latter half of the Lent term. The Lent and Election numbers of the GRANTITE are therefore appearing in one issue.

Hearty congratulations are due to W. L. and R. W. Hartley, W. N. McBride and J. W. J.-Hood on their well-earned cricket Pinks; also to M. S. Murphy and F. C. DeKay on their rowing Pinks and to E. T. Holmes on his shooting; and lastly to Shepley-Smith on his cricket House colours.

D. E. Lashmore will be Head of House next term, when it is hoped to move into the new buildings.

As we go to press we must congratulate Lashmore on his cricket "thirds," and W. L. and R. W. Hartley on creating what is believed to be a school record: namely, two brothers "double Pinks" in the same year.

SENIORS.

GRANT'S v. HOME-BOARDERS. *Lost by 4 wickets.*

THIS match, owing to Elson's slackness, was played on a wicket which, though absolutely sodden and quite harmless, closely resembled a ploughed field, and which was so near the other senior pitch, that the Grantite long-leg was somewhat hindered by the proximity of the Asbburnham slips!

Grant's, who won the toss, batted first, and were soon in difficulties, Hartley, W. L., and McBride, who had opened the innings together, both being out for two runs, clean bowled by Lowe and Salvi respectively, by balls which came in from the off.

These disasters brought Jacomb-Hood and Hartley, R. W., together and they added twenty for the third wicket, before J.-Hood was caught and bowled by Lowe for an attractively played twelve. Hartley then adopted long handle methods and straight drove Lowe three times, in one over, to the Pavilion; scoring twenty out of the twenty-eight put on by the fourth wicket, Hornsby being bowled by Lowe. Shepley-Smith joined Hartley and batted confidently from the start, playing Lowe especially well, but when this pair had added fifteen, Hartley hit his wicket in playing back to Clare. His innings were absolutely invaluable, the way he walked down the pitch to meet and drive Lowe being good to see, and we tremble to think what the Grantite total would have been without his plucky effort. Shepley-Smith was out soon after for an equally meritorious twenty, and the last five batsmen making but eight between them, of which Main made seven! the innings closed for seventy-nine. On Home-Boarders going in to bat, Grant's received early encouragement, the brothers Hartley disposing of Lowe for a "duck" in the first over; and Witherby soon followed him.

Clare, who played a good if somewhat lucky innings of forty, Macfarlane and Salvi all made runs and seventy went up for three wickets. Hartley, W. L., then bowled very well and dismissed Clare, Salvi, Harvey and Lea in his next four overs for only six runs. Clare, A., and James however played him with confidence, so he took himself off and put

on J.-Hood, who took the last three wickets in four balls for no runs!—the innings closing for a hundred and three.

Grant's went in again twenty-four behind and gave an even feebler display of batting than before. McBride made some good shots and the Hartleys both hit fiercely, but the remainder did nothing. It is a fact that the last six batsmen compiled twenty-four altogether in their two innings! When Home-Boarders went in a second time they only required forty-eight to win, but Hartley changed his bowling in an almost inspired manner, and Lashmore and McBride both bowled so well that Home-Boarders lost six wickets before they obtained the required runs, and only won by four wickets amidst great excitement. For Grant's Hartley bowled his best and backed by good fielding might have pulled the game round, but the Grantite fielding, excepting that of the Pinks, was very bad. Lashmore also bowled well, while J.-Hood and McBride each had one brilliant over: the batting of Shepley-Smith and Hartley, R. W., in the first innings has already been referred to. For Home-Boarders Lowe bowled splendidly, while Clare, L., was the mainstay of the batting.

Scores :

GRANT'S.

Jacomb-Hood b. Lowe	9	c. and b. Lowe	12
Hartley, R. W., c. Clare b. Lowe	11	Hit wkt. b. Clare	25
McBride c. Clare, A., b. Clare	17	b. Salvi	2
Shepley-Smith b. Lowe	1	b. Lowe	20
Hartley, W. L., b. Lowe	18	b. Lowe	1
Hornsby b. Lowe	0	b. Lowe	4
Lashmore l.b.w. b. Clare	5	c. Ensor b. Clare	1
Bromet c. James b. Lowe	0	b. Lowe	0
Main c. and b. Clare	6	Run out	7
Leishman not out	0	Not out	0
Cook run out	1	b. Lowe	0
Extras	3	Extras	7
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<i>Total</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>79</i>
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HOME-BOARDERS.

Lowe c. Hartley, R.,				
	b. Hartley, L.	0	b. Lashmore	5
Witherby b. McBride		8	c. Main b. Lashmore	13
Macfarlane c. J.-Hood				
	b. Lashmore	13	Run out	6
Clare, L., b. Hartley, L.		40	Not out	23
Salvi b. Hartley, L.		15	b. Hartley, L.	0
Harvey b. Hartley, L.		0	b. McBride	0
James not out		8	b. McBride	0
Lea b. Hartley, L.		0	Not out	1
Clare, A., c. and b. J.-Hood		8		
Allen c. Hornsby b. J.-Hood		0		
Enson b. J.-Hood		0		
	Extras	11		
	<i>Total</i>	103	<i>Total</i>	48 for 6 wickets

BOWLING.

Grant's Innings.

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Lowe	23	66	6	12	5'5
Salvi	11	36	1	1	36
Clare	11	35	1	5	7

Home-Boarders' Innings.

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Hartley, L.	27	42	9	6	7
McBride	9	35	0	3	11'6
Lashmore	11	38	1	3	12'6
J.-Hood	2	5	1	3	1'6
Shepley-Smith	4	10	1	0	—
Bromet	1	5	0	0	—

BIRTHS.

VEY.—On 2nd April, the wife of Surgeon-Lieutenant F. Hamilton Vey, R.N., of a daughter.

LOGAN.—On 14th April, the wife of J. M. Logan, of a daughter.

HOPWOOD.—On 3rd May, the wife of the Hon. Frank Hopwood, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HODGSON—SENHOUSE.—On 23rd February, Eldred Lowther Hodgson, M.C., to Rosalind Kathleen Grace, younger daughter of the late H. P. Senhouse, of The Fitz, Cockermouth.

REA—SMITH.—On 7th April, Philip Russell Rea to Lorno Mitchell, youngest daughter of Lewis O. Smith, of Glasgow.

DEATH.

WE greatly regret to have to record the death of Sir Arthur John Fludyer, Bart., which occurred on January 27th. He came of a very loyal Westminster family and was himself the last of a long line of Westminsters. He came up Grant's in 1857. In a day when "handings" were almost the only punishment he used to recall that he was the first boy "handed" by Dr. Scott. He was very well known in Rutland where he owned much property and was a Squire of the best old-fashioned type.

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