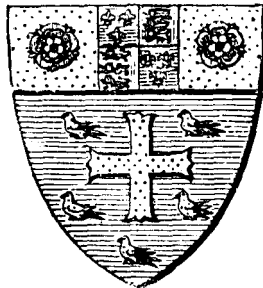


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### THE FIGHTING-GREEN.

“ Mill—mill! A mill! ”

“ At the entrance of Dean’s Yard, Westminster, a small King’s Scholar, waving his gown and yelling, collided with an old gentleman hobbling round the corner, and sat down suddenly in the gutter with a squeal, as a bagpipe collapses.”

Thus does Mr. Quilles-Couch begin the first chapter of “ Hetty Wesley,” and anyone who wishes to read an account of a Westminster mill between Randall of Hutton’s boarding-house (“ Huttons, Huttons, put up your buttons, Hutton’s are rottenly Whigs! ”), and young Wesley will find it set forth there. For a “ mill at Westminster,” as “ Q ” remarks, “ was a ceremonious business,” and governed strictly by the rules of the “ Ring.” The scene of these encounters was the “ Fighting Green ”—in other words, the Cloister Green—and under the headmastership of Dr. Carey at the beginning of the last century, not only was a “ mill ” a recognised institution, but it is said that school has been known to be adjourned for one. For Carey believed in the noble art of self-defence—he had fought himself when a boy at Westminster. Once a Junior King’s Scholar was shown up to him for idleness ; Carey noticed he had a black eye, and when the Captain of the School told him it was the result of a battle with a “ sci.” in which the Junior had been successful, he remarked : “ Well ! if he is a good fellow and a

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good fighter, we must not be too hard upon him for his Latin and Greek!"

Thus, when there was a "mill" in the Green there were but few absentees, and we have told before how on one occasion the Princess Charlotte watched one of these encounters. But little effort was made on the part of the authorities to check these battles. At a later date it was whispered that Dean Buckland kept an eye upon them from a side window of the Deanery, and once Canon Wordsworth, afterwards Bishop of Lincoln, who was not popular with Westminster boys, because of a habit he had of preaching for an hour, or sometimes an hour and a half, suddenly appeared in full canonicals in the "Green," in the midst of a "mill," and made a strong appeal to the combatants to desist on the ground of the sanctity of the place.

He was listened to respectfully, and the fight was suspended while he was present, and was at once resumed on his departure!

Occasionally, however, there was a more serious effort made to stop a "mill"; in 1842, during the installation of Dean Turton, one was in progress, and the "shouts from the 'ring' mingled with the swelling notes of the organ." At length, Owen, the High Constable of Westminster, arrived on the scene in his robes of office, followed by some constables. He was greeted with derisive shouts and the contents of various water-jugs, and eventually he and his companions were forced to retire with more speed than dignity. A somewhat similar scene occurred five years later during the consecration of four Colonial Bishops, one of whom, at least, had himself figured in the Green when he was at Westminster—this was Bishop Short, of Adelaide. An account has been preserved from the pen of one of the combatants, Walter Severn, which gives a good idea of a Westminster "mill." The cause of the fight was this: two "heavy rowing fours" had a race back to Westminster, in the course of which a foul occurred, and the oars got mixed. Annoyed at this, one of the crew leant over and seized some of the jackets out of the other boat, and threw them into the water. Severn, as the biggest fellow in the boat, was called on to avenge this, and knocked the offender over with an oar. Immediately on landing, he was formally challenged to fight by "chopping hands." The next day, "station" having been "set in the Green," a ring was formed there, kept by a Sixth Form ring-keeper, cane in hand. There was also an "umpire" and time-keeper, seconds, "chairs for the combatants, basins, hot water, sponges, towels, and raw beef for black eyes!" "My antagonist," he continues, "was bigger and stronger than I was, but I was more active and a better boxer, having practised the art with a prize-fighter, who used to give lessons to some of the older boys."

“Round succeeded round for more than an hour, until we were both somewhat exhausted, when a sudden interference took place, which stopped the fight. Officials from the Abbey had several times tried to put an end to our noisy entertainment, but they had water of a very ruddy colour thrown over them, and were so roughly used that they beat a hasty retreat. As the fight drew to a close the shouts increased, and the authorities, finding the noise intolerable, got one of the masters (Weare, second master) to enter the Green and stop the fight, which, as I learnt afterwards, had lasted an hour and five minutes.” Severn left shortly afterwards, and was given a clerkship in the Privy Council Office, where the Lord President, Lord Lansdowne, and the two Senior Clerks, who were all Old Westminsters, were much interested in the fight. Thirty years later, Mr. Severn met Bishop Short out at dinner, and asked him if he remembered anything unusual about his consecration, and he at once said: “Oh, yes, there was a fight of Westminster boys, and the noise was so great that we had to complain.” The Bishop was surprised and amused to find he was talking to one of the combatants.

It was the same Bishop who remarked on another occasion: “Fighting, of course I am fond of fighting. Why, when I was a boy at Westminster [1809–16,] the boys fought one another, they fought the masters, the masters fought them, they fought outsiders—in fact, we were ready to fight everybody in those days”—and in many recollections of old Westminsters, “the Fighting-Green” is given a prominent place. Thus, we might tell how Lord March thrashed a bully twice his size for throwing his hoop over the wall of College Garden; of the encounters of Erskine; of the great Lord Anglesey, who won his first battles in the Fighting Green, and many more. One, however, deserves to be quoted, because it is less well-known.

A boy, whom Southey remembered as a “dirty, moody boy in the same remove,” could show on occasion that courage for which he was afterwards renowned in the Peninsula War and elsewhere; for when he came to Westminster, finding his elder brother was getting bullied, he fought and vanquished “thirty boys one after another,” and at the time of this feat he was but nine years old! This was Sir Robert Wilson, who afterwards became a General; his arms may be seen painted on the walls of “School.”

L. E. T.

## THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Society held no meeting until Tuesday, October 19th, when the first play to be read was Sheridan's "School for Scandal." The play was finished in two readings, and as the first to be read, was quite successful. The parts were as follows :

<i>Mr. Tanner</i> ... ..	Sir PETER TEAZLE.
<i>F. G. Hobson</i> ... ..	JOSEPH SURFACE, Sir HARRY BUMPER.
<i>A. K. Gilmour</i> ... ..	CHARLES SURFACE, CRABTREE.
<i>C. V. Miles</i> ... ..	LADY SNEERWELL.
<i>R. A. Graham</i> ... ..	SNAKE, RAWLEY, 2ND GENT.
<i>F. R. J. Tomlinson</i> ... ..	Sir BENJAMIN BACKBITE, TRIP.
<i>A. G. Pemberton</i> ... ..	LADY TEAZLE.
<i>C. L. C. Hodgson</i> ... ..	MOSES, Mrs. CANDOUR.
<i>H. F. Whitmore</i> ... ..	CARELESS, SERVANT.
<i>J. C. Hobson</i> ... ..	Sir OLIVER SURFACE, 1ST GENT.

A third meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, when Sheridan's "Scheming Lieutenant" was read. The reading was almost the best of the term. The following were the parts :—

<i>Mr. Tanner</i> ... ..	LT. O'CONNOR.
<i>F. G. Hobson</i> ... ..	JUSTICE CREDULOUS.
<i>A. K. Gilmour</i> ... ..	Mrs. CREDULOUS.
<i>C. V. Miles</i> ... ..	SERGEANT TROUNCE.
<i>R. A. Graham</i> ... ..	1ST COUNTRYMAN, 4TH SOLDIER.
<i>F. R. J. Tomlinson</i> ... ..	LAURETTA.
<i>A. G. Pemberton</i> ... ..	Dr. ROSY.
<i>C. L. C. Hodgson</i> ... ..	3RD SOLDIER, FLINT.
<i>H. F. Whitmore</i> ... ..	2ND SOLDIER, SERVANT.
<i>J. C. Hobson</i> ... ..	1ST SOLDIER, 2ND COUNTRYMAN.

The play was finished in one reading.

The Society met again on Nov. 9th and read "As You Like It." This play was finished in a second reading on Nov. 16th. The following were the parts :—

<i>Mr. Tanner</i> ... ..	ORLANDO.
<i>F. G. Hobson</i> ... ..	TOUCHSTONE, ADAM, LE BEAU.
<i>A. K. Gilmour</i> ... ..	DUKE FREDERICK, JAQUES, HYMEN.
<i>C. V. Miles</i> ... ..	DUKE SENIOR, SILVIUS, DENNIS.
<i>R. A. Graham</i> ... ..	1ST PAGE, WILLIAM, 1ST LORD.
<i>F. R. J. Tomlinson</i> ... ..	2ND PAGE, OLIVER, CORIN.
<i>A. G. Pemberton</i> ... ..	ROSALIND.
<i>C. L. C. Hodgson</i> ... ..	AUDREY, Sir OLIVER MARTERT.
<i>H. F. Whitmore</i> ... ..	AMIENS, CELIA.
<i>J. C. Hobson</i> ... ..	CHARLES, PHEBE.

The sixth and last meeting of the Society was held on Nov. 30th, when Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" was

read. The second reading to finish the play was on Dec. 14th. The following were the parts:—

<i>Mr. Tanner</i> ... ..	Mr. HARDCASTLE.
<i>F. G. Hobson</i> ... ..	HASTINGS, 1ST FELLOW.
<i>A. K. Gilmour</i> ... ..	Mrs. HARDCASTLE, JEREMY.
<i>C. V. Miles</i> ... ..	Miss NEVILLE, Sir CHR. MARLOW.
<i>R. A. Graham</i> ... ..	LANDLORD, MAID, 1ST SERVANT.
<i>F. R. J. Tomlinson</i> ... ..	DIGGORY, 4TH FELLOW.
<i>A. G. Pemberton</i> ... ..	Miss HARDCASTLE, 3RD FELLOW.
<i>C. L. C. Hodgson</i> .. ..	TONY LUMPKIN, SERVANT.
<i>H. F. Whitmore</i> ... ..	MARLOW, 2ND SERVANT.
<i>J. C. Hobson</i> ... ..	ROGER, 2ND FELLOW, 3RD SERVANT.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Tanner for the many enjoyable evenings that we have spent.

## JUNIORS.

We regret to say that our Juniors have been unsuccessful this term, and that the House loses the Cup. The match which decided our fate was an extremely even one, and it would have been very difficult to say which was really the better team.

Our first match with Home Boarders resulted in a brilliant victory of 4—0. The game opened very evenly, and then our forwards began to combine together; the first goal was shot by Vanneck from a scrimmage. Our attack was developed strongly, Hume playing a very prominent part, and towards half-time Miles scored our second goal. Our halves and backs had very little to do, but Potter showed that he was a safe kick and knew how to use his weight. Immediately after the restart Hobson, who till then had done very little, got right away and scored our third goal. The H.B.B. forwards, headed by Feasey, now made some dangerous rushes, but the efforts were frustrated by J. John, who, as a goalkeeper, came out as a very pleasant surprise. Grants soon scored their fourth goal, and then settled down to withstanding the attack. Home Boarders were, however, seriously handicapped by the loss of their captain, who had been hurt earlier in the game.

In our second match we were defeated by Ashburnham, the winners, by 1—0. The match throughout was a very even one. The one goal scored by our opponents early in the game was very lucky, J. John misjudging a rather difficult bouncing shot. Neither side seemed to get settled in the first half, and our forward line, with the exception of Hume, was extraordinarily bad. In the second half our team became a little more settled, the backs taking more trouble in feeding the forwards and not kicking so wildly. W. Rawson played a very good game at half,

but it came too late, and many quite good shots were saved by Carlless, who played very well in goal for our opponents. Our team should take much more care in their passing, and endeavour to settle down to their game quicker. Their total lack of combination during the first ten minutes of both games was very noticeable.

**J. C. Hobson** played a good game throughout, although he did not keep his forwards sufficiently together. He should be useful to the House in future, but must learn to use his weight.

**W. T. R. Rawson**, though considerably handicapped by lack of pace, worked hard. He played better at half than at forward.

**A. C. V. Miles** did not make a good start, but showed better form in the second match.

**M. F. Shore** came well up to expectations. His kicking is good, but his tackling is rather weak.

**H. N. Hume** played a very dashing game, but should learn to keep the ball more under control.

**R. Potter** tackled well and used his weight to good effect, but in kicking should learn to keep the ball lower. He should be useful to the house next term.

**R. G. Vanneck** played a steady game, but should learn to centre sooner.

**H. Radford** is very slow and clumsy, and has no idea of using his weight.

**J. H. John** was indeed a lucky find. He cleared well, and his saving was beyond all expectations.

**H. B. Thacker**, though very small and lacking in pace, has a very good idea of the game, and should be very useful when he grows bigger.

**J. Waddington**, though rather slow, tackled well. His kicking and passing are as yet very weak.

### THE GRANTITE CAT.

Mysterious creature, thou, whose secret life  
 Has ever in my thoughts made question rife,  
 Whether I rise at morn to go to Hall,  
 Or fare Up-fields to chase the fleeting ball;  
 Whether at ten o'clock I go up "Lib.,"  
 With leisured step to join the history tube;  
 Whether return at night from Evening Station  
 Back to the greater woes of Preparation—  
 Still thou art there to greet me, sleek and fat,  
 Thou harmless, most unnecessary cat.  
 O shame, poor cat, that life already hard—  
 (For who can find much sustenance in Yard?)—  
 Should harder be, what with the pranks of boys,  
 Idle, replete with wickedness and noise:

Such wanton mirth thy suffering soul eschews,  
 And vents its plaintive grief in tearful mews;  
 Or as a racquet-ball renews its fears,  
 Bewails its woes with Niobeian tears.  
 What fortitude, what resignation rare,  
 To suffer much, and, suffering, still sit there!  
 Here we, so oft to proper feeling blind,  
 May take a lesson from the catty kind!  
 Herein we see, O glory of thy race,  
 How much affection binds thee to the place;  
 An answer, here, to those who cats decry!  
 Here an example of true loyalty!

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#### HOUSE NOTES.

It is with very sincere regret that we have to chronicle the departure of L. E. Tanner, W. A. Sargeaunt, R. H. Yolland, A. T. Sturgess, J. H. Mason, and E. R. Yolland, all of whom left last term. R. Cargill and R. Sedgwick also left us for college.

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L. E. Tanner has gone to Pembroke College, Cambridge; W. A. Sargeaunt is reading for the Law; R. H. Yolland has gone to Caius College, Cambridge, to study for medicine; A. T. Sturgess is passing examinations preliminary to becoming a Civil Engineer; J. H. Mason likewise is studying at an Engineering College in Gloucestershire. E. Yolland is continuing his education in drier climes.

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F. G. Hobson is Head of the House for this year, with H. F. Rawson, T. F. C. Marriott, and A. K. Gilmour as fellow monitors.

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There are eight new boys: V. F. Ealand, D. O. Reeson, H. B. Thacker, J. Waddington, Vaughan, E. L. Knowles, and G. C. Johnson. H. N. Hume has come up the House from Home-Boarders. E. E. Colquhoun has become a half-boarder.

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We must congratulate R. A. Graham on regaining his Pinks after the match with R.M.A., Woolwich.

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T. F. Marriott and H. Rawson have been playing regularly for the XI., and R. Rawson occasionally.

In the Officers Training Corps, C. Hodgson, A. K. Gilmour, J. Hobson, and A. Pemberton have all been promoted to the rank of lance-corporal.

We hope shortly to be able to congratulate H. F. Rawson and T. F. C. Marriott on their respective Scholarship examinations also F. R. J. Tomlinson and G. L. Brown on passing "Little-go."

The Play Supper will be held this year on Monday, Dec. 20th. The play this year is being held half an hour later than in previous year.

#### OLD GRANTITES.

Mr. Justice Phillimore (Grants 1857-59) is Mayor of Kensington for this year.

Mr. Frederick Low, K.C., Recorder of Ipswich (Grants 1870-71) was made a Knight on the occasion of the King's birthday. He is to stand for Ipswich at the General Election.

Mr. J. Hansard Watt (Grants 1890-93) has edited an anthology from the Letters and Poems of Cowper entitled "Through the Loopholes of Retreat."

Mr. D. S. Robertson (Grants 1898-1904) has been elected Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Mr. E. D. Adrian (Grants 1903-08) won the Novices Foils at Cambridge.

Mr. R. Hodder-Williams (Grants 1902-08) won the Duke Prize for French at Christ Church.

Mr. C. G. Shearman (Grants 1903-06); Mr. E. G. Wheeler (Grants 1904-06); and Mr. D. D. Philby (Grants 1904-6) are 2nd Lieutenants in the Bedfordshire; Hampshire Regiments and Dublin Fusiliers respectively.

#### HOUSE TIES.

Considerable difficulty has been met with this term in finding time to play off both Yard and Fives Ties. Wednesday afternoon before Station being now impossible, no leave is obtainable off the O.T.C. parades.



YARD TIES.

H. Rawson v. Marriatt.	} Marriatt, w.o.	} Marriatt, 16-4.	} Graham, 11-9.
F. Hobson v. J. Hobson.			
Tomlinson v. W. Rawson	} Tomlinson, 16-4.	} Tomlinson, w.o.	
C. Miles, a bye.			
Hodgson v. Whitmore.	} R. Rawson, w.o.		
R. Rawson v. Pemberton.		} Graham, 18-6.	
Graham v. Brown.	} Hawke, a bye.		

FIVES TIES.

F. Hobson v. R. Rawson.	} Graham, (15-4, 15-10).	} Graham, (15-18, 15-12, 8-15).
H. Rawson v. W. Rawson.		
Graham v. Marriatt.		
Gilmour, a bye.		

YARD BALL FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
50 Sixpences (collected at beginning of term)	1 5 0	Sept. 25th, 12 balls ...	0 6 0
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		,, 13th, 6 ,, ...	0 3 0
		,, 21st, 12 ,, ...	0 6 0
		Nov. 5th, 6 ,, ...	0 3 0
		,, 19th, 12 ,, ...	0 6 0
		Dec. 1st, 6 ,, ...	0 3 0
		Dec. 9th, 12 ,, ...	0 6 0
Tota ... ..	£3 5 0		
Expenditure ... ..	2 2 0		
Balance (carried over to next term) ... ..	£1 2 0	Total ... ..	£2 2 0

A. K. GILMOUR, Hon. Treasurer

## IN BISHAM WOOD.

Without this cool and shady haunt of peace  
 The high sun is oppressive ; but within  
 The birds are singing merrily at ease,  
 Untroubled by the warmth and by the din  
 That echoes from the dusty country road,  
 Where motors rush, and children laugh and shout,  
 And plodding horses drag the heavy load.  
 'Tis heaven within, but liker hell without !  
 In the great poets there is many a spot  
 Of happy gloom where peace and wisdom dwell,  
 And where the clamour of the world is not ;  
 Where man may struggle with himself and quell  
 His passions, and where all is calm and good—  
 As in this old and subtly fragrant wood !

WALLACE BERTRAM NICHOLS.

## BIRTHS.

Willett.—On October 3rd, the wife of Captain F. W. B. Willett (Royal Sussex Regiment) of a daughter.

Phillimore.—On October 3rd the wife of the Rev. E. G. Phillimore of a daughter.

Phillimore.—On December 10th the wife of Charles A. Phillimore of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

Battersby-Saunders.—Recently at the Parish Church, Weybridge, Henry F. Prevost Battersby, son of Maj. Gen. J. P. Battersby of Lyncroft, Weybridge, to Frances Muriel, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saunders of Hurst Lodge, Weybridge.

Fox-Scott.—On August 4th, William Francis Fox to Rhoda Guillum, daughter of the late Sir A. Guillum Scott.

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Osborne-Wadman.—On October 28th William Stanley Osborne to Winifred, daughter of Albert Wadman of Firle, Sussex.

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### OBITUARY.

All Old Grantites will hear with great regret of the death of the Rev. C. A. Jones, who was House-master of Grants from 1868–1885. He was 15th wrangler in 1857 and became Chaplain of his old College, St John's College, Cambridge, in 1861. In 1863 he became Mathematical Master at Westminster. In 1868 he became House-Master of Grants, a position he held till he was appointed Vicar of Dedham, Essex, in 1885. He held this living till he retired in 1906 owing to ill-health. In 1890 he was made a Rural-Dean. He spent the last years of his life at Dedham, where he died on July 30th.

We also have to chronicle with great regret the death at the age of 86 of the oldest Grantite, the Rev. T. J. Prout, which took place on October 23rd. He was a son of Dr. W. Prout of Edinburgh, and was born in 1823. He was admitted as a boarder Up-Grants on October 5th, 1836, and became a Queen's Scholar in 1838. He was in the Westminster Eight in 1839–40–41. He would have rowed in the Eton Race of 1838, but the Race was forbidden by the headmaster, though Eton were in their boat at Westminster Bridge. In 1842 Mr. Prout was elected head to Christ Church, and became a B.A. in 1846. He was ordained in 1849, became Tutor and Censor of Christ Church in 1857, and Rector of Binsey from 1857–91, when he returned to Christ Church where he resided till he died. With his death Oxford loses one of her best known figures, and one of the few remaining men who belonged to the generation of Newman, Keble, and the other Tractarians. To him also Christ Church owes the restoration of Tom Tower. Almost up to the day of his death Mr. Prout retained his vigour, he was a good shot and fisherman, and up to a year or so ago he used to hunt regularly, for there was nothing he liked better than a hard run across country. To the end of his life he took a keen interest in Westminster and Grants, and he will be greatly missed by the many to whom by the charm of his personality he had endeared himself.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.*

DEAR SIR,

The beginning of each academic year is always sad when one thinks of the old friends who have gone down. Messrs. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, G. G. Fraser, E. C. Ratcliffe-Cousins, and G. F. Pitt-Lewis left this place of learning at the end of last term after distinguishing themselves in the final honour schools. Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe gave us a very pleasant surprise by gaining a most meritorious first in Greats—the best in the year we heard. Mr. Fraser and Mr. Pitt-Lewis obtained seconds in Law, and Mr. Cousins a second in History.

We have seen Mr. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens and Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe up here this term, but unfortunately it was not for long, while Mr. R. W. Reed was up at the beginning of the term, when he was in his element—beagling—and was taking a diploma in Forestry, which he has now given up. He was also up at the end of the term defeating the examiners in AI. We wish him luck.

Of those still up Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe must be leading an extremely busy life. In addition to his coaching trade, at which he has met with remarkable success, in driving facts into the stupid, he has been dabbling in politics. He has done a great deal of work for Lord Hugh Cecil's secretary, and is a leading light on the Anti-Budget League. At last he and his brother have found scope for their oratorical powers. Garsington is still his abode, and is still being converted by him to the Unionist cause. Besides all these worthy accomplishments he has double work to do in keeping the gas going since the much lamented loss of his brother to Oxford.

Mr. Sayer, no doubt, prefers the seclusion of the High to the noise of Magdalen—perhaps both are pleased. Cowley is still one of his favourite haunts, and beyond the fact that he is a regular attender of university sermons and has joined the Bach Choir, nothing is known of him.

Mr. Greene, we believe, digs with Mr. Sayer, and keeps a dog. It causes him considerable inconvenience, for it is always getting lost, and he has to pay many mulcts and other amercements to retrieve it from the police station. He is another of our Grantite musicians, and has joined the Musical Club.

Mr. A. C. Boulton, of Christ Church, is a great man for clubs. The Union, Oriana, Martians, O.U.D.S., Musical Club, Bach Choir, the Aero, and the Oxford Dramatic Society are only a few of them! Lack of space and time prevents us from giving the others. With all these one can well imagine that his time is taken up. He is managing the musical part of "The Tempest," which the O.U.D.S. are going to perform next term: the rest of his time is divided more or less equally among the others. His palatial rooms in Tom contain two pianos; one, which is something like a tin kettle in tone, is for his friends to play on; the other, a wondrous thing with an electric inside, for himself. He has given up the Cavalry and joined the Infantry—we always thought he was afraid of a horse. His other form of exercise is rowing; he stroked his tigger four—it lost—"cela va sans dire."

On this staircase, besides Mr. Boulton and two other O.W.W., is to be found Mr. R. Hodder Williams, who has been christened "Hoggie" by a very forward and rude college servant. He has been doing what he can at hockey and football—we think the former would suit him best. We offer him our heartiest congratulations on winning the Duke prize for French. Though it is perhaps unkind to brag, we heard he was the only one in for it.

Mr. C. G. Reed, of Brasenose, has been leading a very peaceful and quiet life. He has been a regular soccer player, and has also turned out at rugger and hockey, though he says he will never play hockey again. It is a poorish game. Owing to bad luck he failed to distinguish himself at the Brasenose sports—they were postponed indefinitely.

Of Mr. H. V. Hughes, of Keble, little is known, though he is occasionally seen going about in full uniform on a bicycle. He made a great effort to obtain the Keble Organ Scholarship, but failed. We believe he was one of those who had a share in the demolition of Keble wall late one night. A single strand of barbed wire now exists to keep them in after 12.

Mr. O. Lewis, "the aged Fresher" as he was appropriately called, is the only freshman up from Grants. How is it, Sir, that there are not more? You must see that a good number come up next year. Mr. Lewis soon showed his natural abilities for haranguing; he now persists in making a speech at every meeting of the Union. There he is very much to the fore. As a recreation from these labours he has joined the "Terriers," which, no doubt, accounts for his walking in sections across the quad. His disgust on hearing he had been given rooms in the cellars of Canterbury cannot be imagined

and much less put down in black and white. He considered it no place for one of the Bloods, and now he enjoys a gorgeous double set in Tom. We offer our sincerest condolences to the Hampstead Council, but its loss is our gain.

Well, Sir, this is all the news there is from Oxford; so wishing you and all the house a Merry Christmas, we will close this letter.

Yours, &c.,

OXONIENSES.

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#### OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

*To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.*

DEAR SIR,

The Michaelmas term is not distinguished by interesting events, nor have we the traditional excuse that your request for a letter came to us when we were unprepared for it. However, we will do the best we can. First and foremost, we must congratulate Mr. D. S. Robertson, of Trinity, on his Fellowship, yet another to the "blushing honours" he wears so thick upon him. He may be seen with a massive book under his arm—a latter-day Bentley—hurrying across the grass of Great Court (by the exercise of their exclusive privileges may ye know the new Fellows!) on his way to shed the light of Trinity on to the less fortunate Johnians.

Mr. G. Hodgson lives a luxurious and aristocratic life in Park Parade. He occasionally goes beagling; more often has he made us leap for our lives as he flashes past in the 40 h.p. motor in which he scours the country. Mr. E. D. Adrian, also of Trinity, "keeps" in Great Court in charming rooms which formerly belonged to Macaulay, "and a sweet set they is for sich," as Mrs. Crupp would have remarked. He is one of the leading lights of Varsity fencing, and recently won the Novices Foils. He is also a prominent member of many Trinity Societies.

Mr. F. Vey, of Clare, has been worshipping at the Shrine of Science, while Mr. D. C. L. Vey, of the same college, got to Newmarket on his motor-bicycle in twenty minutes, though—we are informed, though we do not vouch for it—that, owing to the proverbial efficiency of the Cambridge police, the subsequent proceedings took longer.

Mr. H. Dillon and Mr. Richardson-Kuhlmann are the "bloods" of Christ's. Under Mr. Dillon's fostering care the budding coxes of Christ's are initiated into the mysteries of their craft. His authority on the river is unrivalled owing to his invaluable and extensive command of many languages. It surely could not have been one whom he had coached who sank an "eight" the other day? It is said that even the wisest of us may be carried away in our horror of "Popery," and it is whispered that another eminently respectable member of Christ's was instrumental (both in voice and action) in alarming the ladies of Newnham by kindling a bonfire before their College on the "Fifth." Perhaps, like Mr. Pickwick, he hid behind the door, but on this point rumour is silent.

Owing to the fact that there has been no O.W.W. "Smoker" this term, Mr. R. S. Storer, of Clare, has been unable to charm us with the velvet qualities of his unrivalled voice, so continual a source of pleasure to Grantites. He blushes unseen though not unheard amid the Courts of Clare.

"We noticed," as the Cambridge papers say almost every week, "among other prominent members of the Drag who assembled . . . Mr. Horton, of Trin. Hall." As chief whip thereof, he has latterly come in for the abuse of elderly ladies and others unlearned in the science of stag-hunting. In his spare time, he and Mr. J. W. Geare, of Pembroke, discuss together "applications to the inclined plane, lever, common balance, wheel and axle, block and tackle," and meditate on "the simpler relations between the sides and angles of a triangle." They are in for the "General," or rather "Gentlemen's Tripos (!)" together. We wish them luck.

Mr. L. E. Tanner, of Pembroke, contrives to get quiet amusement out of a multiplicity of small matters; he is, so he tells us, "immensely busy." We have seen him not infrequently, with uneasy mien and hair flying in the wind, on his way to play golf on the Gogs, towed by one on a motor bicycle. He spends much of his time at his clubs, apparently reading the same papers in different atmospheres, or armed with a lantern prowling about the inmost recesses of the University Library where, considered as harmless, he is allowed to get dirty and be happy at his leisure.

Mr. Yolland, of Caius, retains much of his youthful charm. He plays football with varying success and studies for his first M.B. Examination.

And now, with every good wish for the prosperity of the House, and also with all the wishes due to the time of year.

I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

CANTABRAGIENSIS.

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