

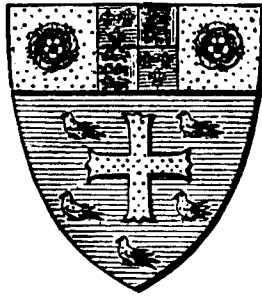
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## BUSBY.

The resignation of the present Head Master makes it perhaps not inappropriate to give a short sketch of the greatest of his predecessors, Dr. Busby, "who educated more youths that were afterwards eminent in church and state than any master of his time," before whose monument not merely visitors to the Abbey used "to look as pale as his marble," but even Sir Roger de Coverley exclaimed: "Dr. Busby, a great man! he whipp'd my grandfather; a very great man! I should have gone to him myself, if I had not been a Blockhead; a very great man!"

Richard Busby was born at Luton, in Lincolnshire, on September 22nd, 1606, was at the School under Wilson, and was elected to a studentship at Christ Church in 1624. At Oxford he earned such applause as Cratander in Cartwright's Royal Slave, that he almost decided to go on the stage, but was diverted from the purpose by the opportunity of succeeding the unpro-

nounceable Osbaldeston as Master of his old School. This position he held from 1638 to his death in 1695, "through the Civil War, the Commonwealth, the Restoration, and the Revolution, thus serving three dynasties, and witnessing three changes of worship." It is perhaps the most striking proof of his greatness, for he was not the man to be swayed by the fortunes of the day, and the loyalty of the school to the King was unquestioned. Prayers were read for Charles I. on the day of his execution, and at Cromwell's funeral, with Busby in official attendance, Robert Uvedale, a senior in College, sprang through the legs of the guard, snatched off the little satin banner, known as the Majesty Scutcheon, and, before anyone could recover from the surprise, was lost in the crowd of his schoolfellows.

In 1656 Edward Bagshawe came as Under Master, and there ensued the famous quarrel between him and Busby. The details, however, are for the most part complicated and uninteresting, though occasionally not without humour, as when Busby had the staircase removed that led from Bagshawe's room in the "tower" to the school dormitory. Suffice it to say that it ended in 1658 with the complete defeat of Bagshawe and his retirement from the school.

During the plague Busby removed his scholars to the College House at Chiswick. This had been secured for the school by Dean Goodman as a sanatorium, and it was also used to give the King's Scholars a change of air in the summer, in the days when there were no holidays: it was sold in 1760, and the name survives in the "Chiswicks" up Grant's, which were probably also originally used as sick rooms.

Though Busby no doubt used his rod with severity, his cruelty in this direction has been greatly exaggerated, and the affection and respect which his pupils had for him has been abundantly proved: at any rate he punished with absolute impartiality; for on one occasion, when his monitors brought up a lean Frenchman, as having caused a disturbance in Little Dean's Yard, "Horse him!" he said, and the Frenchman was well whipt, and then hustled out. Boiling with rage he sent Busby a challenge by a street porter, with the sole result that the unfortunate messenger received a similar chastisement.

His tongue, too, was as cutting as his rod, as may be proved by the two following stories:—

"Will you permit me, giant, to pass my seat?" said an Irish baronet to Busby one day in a coffee house. "Certainly, pigmy," said the Doctor. "Sir," foamed the Irishman, "I was referring to the vastness of your intellect." "And I, sir," quietly replied Busby, "to the size of your own."

“The famous Father Petre, who had been educated under Busby at Westminster, met him one day in St. James’s Park. Petre accosted his old master, but Busby declared that he could not recognise him in that dress, and Petre had to introduce himself. “But, sir,” said Busby, “you were of another faith when you were under me; how dared you change it?” “The Lord had need of me,” replied the priest. “The Lord had need of you, sir!” retorted Busby. “Why, I have read the Scriptures as much as any man, and I never heard that the Lord had need of anything but once, and then it was an ass.”

Of sport there was very little in the school in this period. There was, of course, the greeze, and St. Peter’s day was celebrated by a bonfire. Otherwise the main games seem to have been the hoop, the top, and the marble. There was, of course, boxing and wrestling, and a rude form of football was probably not unknown. “Any number could take part in it, the cry of ‘time’ was never heard,” and “it was an unorganised game,” Mr. Sargeant naïvely remarks, “such as within living memory obtained in ‘Green.’”

Here may be quoted a practical joke recorded of life at the school. “At Westminster Schoole, the Monitor used to call the schollars by 6 of the clock in the Morninge all winter long, and as soon as ever they heard his “*surgite*” they would skippe out of their bedds and away to prayers. Three or 4 raskells (for there lay many Boyes in one chamber), observing two that were Beddfellowes to be very nimble and hasty upon the Call; and their Bedd being placed under a great Beame; they contrived it so, as in the night in a dead sleepe, to fasten cords to the Bedd, and drew it up a great height; in the darke morning (hearing the summons of the monitor) out springs one on one side (according to their usuall manner), and the other on the other side of the Bedd, and Bounc’t against the floore; with a crackt crowne, soare bones, and much hazard of their Neckes.”

If we take the success of his pupils as a headmaster’s testimonial, Busby stands unrivalled; the number of Westminster bishops was so great, that Thomas Sprat used to thank God that though no Westminster he was a bishop. Dryden and Matthew Prior were his scholars, as were Robert South and Philip Henry, and John Locke; while men of different talent were Sir Christopher Wren and Judge Jeffreys, who, despite all his cruelty, we should not forget was Lord Chancellor at 37. Different again was Robert Hooke, one of the earliest Fellows of the Royal Society, who divined even before Newton the theory of universal gravitation, and while still at school mastered six books of Euclid in a week, “did of his own accord learn

to play twenty lessons" on the organ, and invented no less than "thirty severall wayes of flying."

The great man died in 1695; he had been Head Master for fifty-seven years, and "the unrivalled length and the unsurpassed success" of his mastership prove him perhaps the greatest man of his profession.

That this account is sketchy and incomplete we know, but we hope that it will lead Grantites to further inquiries into the history of their school. To those who wish to do so, we recommend Mr. Sargeant's "Annals of Westminster School," which every Westminster should read, and Mr. Russell Barker's "Memoir of Richard Busby," from which two books this narrative has been drawn.

### PRO PATRIA.

To our Grantite Roll of Honour we deeply regret to have to add the names of Capt. Hugh Logan, Leicestershire Yeomanry, Capt. Austin Hale Woodbridge, M.C., The Middlesex Regiment, Lieut. James Hamilton Spence, R.G.A., R.A.F., and 2nd Lieut. Ralph Louis Francis Forster, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Capt. Logan was the younger son of Mr. John W. Logan, M.P., and was up Grant's from 1897 to 1903. In his last year he was Captain of Cricket. He served throughout the War with the Leicestershire Yeomanry, but died recently from pneumonia.

Capt. Woodbridge was one of five Grantite brothers, the sons of Mr. T. H. R. Woodbridge, of Uxbridge, and was admitted up Grant's in 1891. He served with the 8th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, and was mentioned in Despatches and awarded the Military Cross. He died from pneumonia in March. He was a Past Master of the Old Westminsters Lodge.

Lieut. Spence was the only son of Mr. H. R. Spence, of Black Notley, Braintree, and was up Grant's from 1911 to 1915. He joined the R.G.A. and saw much service. He was then attached to the R.A.F. He has been missing for many months, and we fear that we cannot do otherwise than mourn the loss of a singularly attractive personality.

2nd Lieut. Ralph Forster was the only son of Mr. R. G. E. Forster (an Old Grantite) of the Consular Service. He was up Grant's from 1912 to 1915. He then went to Sandhurst, and from thence into the Buffs. He, too, has been missing for over a year.

## JUNIORS.

Last term the one sphere in which our prospects looked really bright was Juniors ; we reckoned, however, without the malignity of fate, and we have dolefully to record another failure of our junior team. Four of our best players, including the captain, were unable to play in any of the matches, and we took third place with three points, equal with Rigaud's, to Ashburnham and King's Scholars, who obtained six points each, when the former won a second match against King's Scholars by 2—0. All the teams were very even ; in none of our matches was there a difference of more than one goal, and Home Boarders who had been defeated every time, beat the hitherto unbeaten King's Scholars by 4—0.

Our chief strength lay in our defence, which was especially reliable under continual pressure, but none of the forwards, except Swann, ever looked liked scoring a goal, and it was to their weakness, particularly in front of goal, that we owed our lack of success. All, however, played with great energy, and, without wishing to make unwarrantable excuses, it may fairly be said that we were unfortunate throughout.

GRANT'S *v.* RIGAUD'S.

(Drawn 1—1.)

At the start this was a very even game ; Burford put in several bad shots for Rigaud's, and Brown and Denison caused us some trouble, but towards half-time we began to wear down our opponents, and only the weakness of our forwards prevented us from scoring. Swann made a few good efforts, and Jacomb-Hood fed his forwards well, but there was no score at half-time. From the restart Rigaud's rushed, but Grant's soon gained the upper hand, and kept the ball in their opponents' half nearly all the time for the rest of the game. After about a quarter of an hour the ball was well taken down the right wing, and Swann put in an effective shot from the resulting mêlée in front of goal. Soon after Brown made a good effort for Rigaud's, but was foiled by our backs, and we continued to press, till Rigaud's scored just on time with a sudden rush that seemed to take our defence by surprise.

The team on the whole did not play badly for the first time, but, as usual, displayed weakness in front of goal. Of the

forwards Swann and Main were the best, while both the backs and Jacomb-Hood did very good work in the defence.

Teams :—GG. : McBride ; Dulley, Symington ; Mounsey, C., Jacomb-Hood, Fevez ; Main, A., Swann, Berry, Carlisle, Amherst.

RR. : Philcox ; Etherton, Dewsbury ; Troutbeck, Denison, Thomas ; Burford, Duttson, Brown, Blaker, Ham.

#### GRANT'S *v.* KING'S SCHOLARS.

(Lost 0—1.)

This game was played on third game ground, which owing to its smallness is always difficult, and the rain of the previous days made good football almost impossible. Both sides, however, played with energy, and it proved an interesting game, the result being uncertain throughout. In the first half, K.SS., with the wind behind them, had slightly the better of the game, but our defence was good, and after both sides had undergone some anxious moments, half-time came without any score on either side. Immediately after the resumption, Grant's pressed for some time, but were unable to put in any good shots, and after a quarter of an hour K.SS. got away, and Murphy put in a shot that gave no chance, after some muddling on our left wing. Shortly after, Swann nearly scored after a good run, but play remained even till time, and the score unchanged. Our defence was very steady under pressure, Symington using his weight well, and Jacomb-Hood playing with his usual untiring energy. Of the forwards Swann was perhaps the best, but kept too far back in his anxiety for the defence, and so lost what might have proved opportunities to run right through.

Teams :—GG. : McBride ; Dulley, J., Symington ; Stevens, Jacomb-Hood, Fevez ; Main, A., Swann, Berry, Carlisle, Amherst.

K.SS. : Lloyd ; Last, Dulley, H. ; Moonan, R., Taylor, Moonan, D. ; Eyton-Jones, Blair, George, Murphy, Cocks, A.

#### GRANT'S *v.* HOME BOARDERS.

(Won 1—0.)

If we were unfortunate in our scores in our two previous matches, this time it was H.BB. who suffered ; after a game in which the ball was probably more often in our half, they were defeated by one goal. It is nearly always the case with Juniors, that they are weak in front of goal, and this game was no exception. Our forwards time after time failed through sheer inability to shoot, but Lowe was the only H.B. forward who seemed to make any progress at all. Their chief strength lay in their

halves, two of whom have played for the school, while their backs were sound.

Up till half-time there was no score, both sides making frequent rushes, but failing before the steady defence. In the second half H.B.B. had perhaps slightly the better of the game, but their forwards were weak, and Jacomb-Hood, Symington, and Dulley all played well for us. About eight minutes after the resumption Swann scored a good goal by outpacing the defence, and the score remained unchanged till time.

Teams :—GG. : McBride ; Dulley, Symington ; Stevens, Jacomb-Hood, Fevez ; Main, A., Swann, Berry, Carlisle, Amherst.

H.B.B. : Evans, C. ; Clare, H., Pennington ; Mellor, P., Balfour, Shaw, J. ; Grant, Morris, McFarlane, Lowe, Lawson.

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GRANT'S *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

(Lost 0—1.)

In this, our last match, Weinberger played for the first time, but owing to influenza, from which he had just recovered, was not up to his usual form, and he and Swann failed to combine ; the absence of Main on the right wing was also felt. Chiefly owing to our defence not being quite up to its usual standard, we were defeated after rather a poor game by 1—0. From the start A.H.H. pressed, but after about ten minutes play became very even ; and several fruitless corners were forced on both sides. Shortly, however, before half-time, Newall, who was playing a very good game for Ashburnham at centre-forward, scored from a mêlée in front of goal. The second half was uneventful, play being very even, but rather slow, and after many attacks on both sides had been successfully repulsed, time came with no change in the score. Of our backs perhaps Dulley was the best, while Jacomb-Hood played with his usual energy ; none of the forwards were up to their best standard, and the team on the whole played worse than usual.

Teams :—GG. : McBride ; Dulley, Symington ; Stevens, Jacomb-Hood, Fevez ; Berry, Swann, Weinberger, Carlisle, Amherst.

A.H.H. : Munt ; Dolton, McDougall ; Brodie, Keily, Beattie ; Scott, Chisholm, A., Newall, Gilbert, Muspratt.

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CRITICISMS.

**G. T. Swann** should in time make quite a good forward ; he is possessed of speed, and at times runs right through. In Juniors he was seldom up to form, his duties as captain appearing to weigh rather heavily on him.

**S. F. Jacomb-Hood**, at centre-half, always works with tremendous energy, and he found plenty to do in Juniors. He imbued the whole side with spirit, and was invaluable both in offence and defence.

**C. H. Weinberger** was unfortunately only able to play in one match, and then was not at his best. At times, however, he plays extremely well, and when he has grown should be a very useful forward.

**A. McL. Symington** played left back, and was a great asset to the side; he made good use of his weight, and has a powerful kick.

**J. H. Dulley** played a very good game at right back; he kicks and occasionally tackles well, but is rather slow, and easily pushed off the ball.

**A. P. Main**, though inclined to lose his place, played a useful game on the right wing, and put across some good centres. He works hard, but is rather slow and light, and his kicking lacks power.

**W. N. McBride** was thoroughly reliable in goal: he understands the game, kicks well, and is not easily flurried. In time he should prove very useful.

**D. H. Carlisle**, at inside left, played hard, but evidently suffered from lack of experience. He must try and get started quicker, and generally gain more control over the ball.

**W. J. Amherst** did some quite good work at outside left, but is handicapped by bad sight and lack of speed.

**D. J. Fevez** worked hard at left half, and marked his man fairly well. He must learn to kick with his right foot.

**Z. D. Berry** was a disappointing forward. Though he played with energy, he appeared too clumsy to accomplish much, and never looked like scoring a goal.

**G. P. Stevens** would be quite good if he would try and learn the game. He is, however, never in his right place, and seems equally determined, when he has got the ball, to dribble with it instead of kicking.

The following Colours are now up Grant's:—

*Pink and White.*

C. M. Cahn.\*

*Thirds.*

J. R. Peacock.

F. J. Thorold.\*

*House Colours.*

E. G. Buckley.\*

G. T. Swann.

S. F. Jacomb-Hood.

C. H. Weinberger.

A. McL. Symington.\*

\* Will have left by next season.



## HOUSE NOTES.

N. A. Mackintosh and C. P. Buttar left us at the end of last term; the former did much for Grant's at football and athletics ever since he came in 1915. We wish them every success in the future. We have one new boy, R. S. Randolph, a half-boarder.

Congratulations are due to C. M. Cahn on being made a school monitor at the beginning of the term, and on being presented to their Majesties in that capacity on Shrove Tuesday.

M. H. Prance was made a house monitor at the beginning of the term in place of N. A. Mackintosh. A. McL. Symington and J. H. Dulley have come up from Outer into Middle, and G. T. Swann, G. P. Stevens and A. E. Carr from Hall into Outer.

Yard and Fives ties afforded some very interesting games last term. The former were eventually won by Cahn, Carr, and Ballantyne, the latter by Main and Loder.

We congratulate P. J. Bevan on passing Little Go, and F. J. Thorold on passing Responsions.

Two Grantites were elected new members of the Debating Society this term—A. P. Main and P. J. Bevan; C. M. Cahn was elected a member of the committee.

C. M. Cahn played for the 1st XI. all through the Lent Term, and J. R. Peacock whenever he was in school; the former obtained "thirds" after the match *v.* Christ Church, and Pink and Whites at the end of the term; the latter only received "thirds."

F. J. Thorold is to be congratulated on "thirds," but G. T. Swann, though one of the best forwards in the 2nd XI., failed to obtain recognition. S. F. Jacomb-Hood and A. McL. Symington also played for the 2nd XI.; the latter is to be congratulated on house colours.

## INTER-HOUSE FIVES COMPETITION.

GRANT'S *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

(Lost 0—3.)

Having drawn a bye in the first round, we met Ashburnham in the Semi-Final, and were beaten after a good fight by 3 games to 0. We were represented by A. P. Main and W. J. Amherst; Ashburnham by H. Chisholm and W. M. Atwood.

In the first game our opponents were rather too good for us. Our pair did not play up to their usual standard, and Ashburnham immediately started to score. We could not master the hard smiting of Chisholm, and did not score until Ashburnham obtained eight points. We then scored several points, but Chisholm and Atwood maintained their lead, and the game ended with the score 15—5 in our opponents' favour.

In the second game both our pair improved considerably. Ashburnham started by scoring 3 points, but Grant's immediately drew level, took the lead, and finally brought the score to game-ball—13. Ashburnham then obtained another point, and it was decided to play five more; Grant's scored four, whereupon our opponents again drew level. Three more points were then played, in which unfortunately we were defeated, the final score being 22—20 against us. This game was quite fast and very hard fought, perhaps being in our favour most of the time.

The third game also was close. Ashburnham were again the first to score, but Grant's soon passed them, in spite of a snowstorm, which made it difficult to see the ball. The score rose to 13—11 in our favour, but our opponents then obtained three more points; and after a few minutes' play, without further advance on our part, they obtained the necessary point, and thus won the game.

The pairs on the whole were well matched, and the score in games hardly shows the true state of affairs. Of our pair Main was decidedly the better, his play in the box and during the rallies being at times extremely good, while Amherst also played well, though perhaps not quite up to his best form; he must remember to keep well up near the box when he is smiting. Chisholm was the better of our opponents, his box play being good, and his smiting very hard and difficult to take; Atwood was also good, and his left-hand play caused us considerable trouble.

#### INTER-HOUSE GYM. COMPETITION.

This event took place on March 31st, and only the three boarding houses sent in representatives. W. J. Amherst and P. A. Moritz were our pair, and though they did their best the eventual order was:—

1. King's Scholars	..	..	178 marks.
2. Rigaud's	..	..	140 marks.
3. Grant's	..	..	121 marks.

Of the individual performers H. A. Clegg, K.S., with 100 marks, was easily the best at each of the exercises. Amherst and

Moritz were about equal, the former gaining 59 marks, and the latter 62.

Though we fell short of success, we urge our pair, both of whom will be here next year, not to be discouraged, for at any rate they did better than Home Boarders and Ashburnham, and we point out once more that the only way by which the house can make sure of victory in the future is for everyone to take up gym. as soon as they come here.

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#### OLD GRANTITES.

Col. Henry Fludyer, C.V.O. (1860-64) has resigned his position as Gentleman Usher to the King. He has been appointed an extra Gentleman Usher.

His Honour Judge Edward Bray (1862-Q.S. 1864) has received the honour of knighthood.

Mr. F. H. Coller (1876-Q.S. 1881) has been made a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

Rear-Admiral Sir Richard F. Phillimore, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O. (1876-77) has been appointed Admiral Commanding Aircraft and Rear-Admiral Commanding the Flying Squadron, Atlantic Fleet.

Mr. R. Armitage, M.P. (1880-83) continues to sit for Central Leeds in the new House of Commons.

#### Military Honours :—

C.B.—Brigadier-General A. Ellershaw, C.M.G., D.S.O. (1880-85).

M.C. (2nd Bar).—Captain R. R. Rawson, M.C. (1906-1911).

M.C.—Capt. A. C. H. Calvert (1911-1915).

M.B.E.—Capt. E. E. Colquhoun (1906-1910).

Capt. G. G. Rae Fraser (1902-1906).

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#### BIRTHS.

On December 15th, the wife of Capt. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, of a son.

On January 28th, the wife of the Rev. C. B. H. Knight, M.C., C.F., of a daughter.

On February 26th, the wife of Capt. C. A. C. Vecqueray, R.A.S.C., of a son.

## DEATHS.

We regret to have to record the deaths of four Old Grantites, three of whom were contemporaries up Grant's nearly seventy years ago.

The Rev. John Ayton Whitaker who was a son of the Rev. T. W. Whitaker, was admitted up Grant's in 1848 and became Head of the House in 1852. He proceeded to St. John's College, Oxford, and was Rector for many years of Breadsall, Derbyshire.

Major-General Edmund John Scovell was admitted in 1851 and left in 1855. He became an Ensign in the 96th Foot (later the Manchester Regiment) in 1856, and eventually commanded the Regiment, retiring with the rank of Major-General. He died on February 14th.

Capt. Henry Boileau Lockwood, a son of John William Lockwood, and grandson of the Rev. John Cutts Lockwood, both of whom were Westminsters, was admitted in 1853 and elected into College in 1855. He served with the Bengal Cavalry in India. He was the last Westminster representative of a family which traced its unbroken Westminster ancestry from 1674.

We also regret to record the death of Lieut.-Colonel Eugenius Alfred Roche, which took place recently. One of three Grantite brothers, he was admitted in 1867, and became an Army Surgeon, retiring with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

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