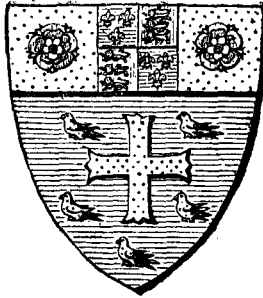


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No. 5. LAMBERT OSBOLSTON.

OF the immediate successors of Camden in the headmastership of Westminster School very little is known. Richard Ireland succeeded him in 1599 and held the post until 1610. He had been educated at the School and in 1587 was elected third to Christ Church. Archbishop Laud, in the account of his own trial, accuses him of trying to advance popery and superstition in the realm; from which fact it may be inferred that he was not a most ardent supporter of the reformed Church. Ireland was succeeded by John Wilson who remained as headmaster for 12 years. He had been elected to Oxford from the School in 1602, and eventually took the degree of D.D. in 1619. His ecclesiastical appointments were numerous. He became a prebendary of Westminster in 1623, of Ripon and Lincoln in 1629; he afterwards was made Dean of Ripon, and he was Master of the Savoy. He was appointed Rector of Bedale, Yorkshire, in 1621, and Vicar of Bumeston in the same county in 1622, in which year he resigned his post as headmaster. He died on the 19th of February, 1634. Some verses written on King James' visit to Christ Church in 1605 seem to be the only one example extant of his literary powers.

Lambert Osbolston, or Osbaldeston, was born in the parish of S. Olave's, Southwark, of which his father was rector, and was educated at Westminster School. In

1612 he was elected to Oxford, where five years later* he took his M.A., in which degree he was incorporated at Cambridge in 1628. Ten years after he had left Westminster he returned as headmaster, and continued to hold that post until 1649. He was one of the most distinguished English scholars of his time, though no writings of his have come down to us.

It should be noted that he had been made Prebendary of the tenth stall at Westminster in 1629, and in the same year Dr. Williams, the then bishop of Lincoln, made him Prebendary of his Cathedral: he was also Prebendary of Wells. In 1641 the Long Parliament restored to him all his benefices and he was for a long time "allowed to keep his prebend (presumably at Westminster) when all the rest of the prebendaries were turned out." Later on however, his own disapproval of the actions of the Parliament caused him to embrace warmly the cause of the king, and in consequence his preferments were again sequestered. During the Commonwealth he lived quietly at Wheathampstead, Herts, as Rector of that place, and died in the beginning of October, 1659. He was buried on the 7th of that month in the South Aisle of Westminster Abbey, but no monument records the last sleeping place of this most energetic scholar. Accounts seem to differ as to whether he died in possession of his preferments. Willis says he did as far "as the times would allow." The "Tragical History of Piramus and Thisbe" one of Cowley's "Poetical Blossoms," is dedicated "To the Right Worshipful, my very loving Master, Mr. Lambert Osbolston."

Fuller writes that he was "very fortunate in breeding up many wits, and that he had at one time (1638) about fourscore doctors in the two Universities and these learned faculties all gratefully acknowledging their education under him." "But so it was that he, having been much patronised by Dr. Williams, did always stick close by him in the controversies between him and Dr. Laud; for which he suffered in some measure, especially after he had been found guilty of certain libellous passages in a letter written by him to the said Williams, wherein he styles the said Laud, 'the little vermin,' 'the urchin,'

* Some authorities say in 1619.

and 'hocus pocus.'” For such unparliamentary language he was called to account by the Star Chamber, and that much esteemed body thought fit to deprive him of his spiritualities, and to fine him £5,000 and to sentence him to be nailed by the ears to the pillory in the presence of his scholars and finally to order his imprisonment during His Majesty's pleasure. Osbolston, who was of opinion that discretion was the better part of valour, took to flight, and thus escaped the inflictions of these irksome penalties; whence arose the jest that he had “gone beyond Canterbury.”

THE PAST YEAR.

It is with unusual pleasure that we take up the pen to review the year which with us ends at Election.

The past year has, as far as Grants is concerned, been one of almost unvaried success.

On the foot-ball field our team has more than held its own, and by defeating its opponents has kept the shield within our walls.

At the sports our successes, though not large, were certainly very creditable, as we had more than one good athlete 'out of school' owing to illness. Also on the cricket field, our Eleven again came out victorious, though without too great a margin, and we take this opportunity to express the wish that our junior members will wire up hard to keep the trophy which Old Grantites have striven so energetically to gain. It must too, be remembered by all, that unless we win all the remaining matches, which are to be played, the shield will be lost for ever to our house.

We have now been successful for five successive shield matches, three at cricket and two at foot-ball, and although the last two cricket matches have been very close, in fact too close, we must remember that until three years ago, when our cricket team beat Rigauds by an innings and Home-boarders by about three hundred runs, we had never had a look in, being always beaten by Rigauds easily, even if we did not fall before Home-boarders.

And so it is with great pleasure that this change for

the better has been noticed and, while congratulating ourselves on our almost unrivalled success, we most sincerely hope that every one will wire up and do his best to keep up our run of success and to retain possession of the shields, both of which have become dear to us. We regret the loss of A. R. Woodbridge, A. G. Lambert, C. T. G. Powell and F. G. Oliver; they will all, especially the two former, be greatly missed.

NOTES.

The following new fellows have come up Grants this term:—E. T. Woodbridge, in the Upper-Remove; A. Severn, A. R. Severn, in the Fourth; S. W. Key, M. Leake, G. W. Scarfe, in the Modern Remove, boarders; W. H. Campbell, half-boarder.

Grants has as yet been ^{***}represented in the School team by E. A. Everington, R. O. Mills, E. W. Woodbridge and G. Campbell.

The following were the ^{***}School Colours up the house last term:—F. G. Oliver, P. Armitage, pinks; R. O. Mills, A. G. Lambert, E. W. Woodbridge, B. I. Southey, pink-and-whites; T. J. Powell, G. Campbell, third elevens.

The above, with E. A. ^{***}Everington, F. J. Maclean and W. T. Barwell, composed the Grantite eleven.

Grants lost the following at the end of last term:—C. Powell, A. G. Lambert, F. G. Oliver.

We must congratulate the ^{***}staff of the *Elizabethan* on the popularity of their new scheme, which is shown by the way in which the School received it. It was proposed by Old Westminsters, if report is true.

Fives seems to have gone out of fashion up Grants owing to the stronger and more worthy attractions of football; nevertheless it should be remembered that Grants plays H.B.B. at the end of this term, and it is desirable to make at least a respectable show against them.

Is it not time that Homeboarders and Ashburnham House should become distinct houses in the competition for the Football and Cricket shields? Homeboarders have over eighty fellows and Ashburnham nearly forty, while the boarding houses have about the same number of fellows. Besides with No. 14, Barton Street, Ashburnham House might get together a very fair XI. if they liked. This is a matter which should be settled by the school colours before the season advances further.

THE FIELD.

JUNIOR H.B.B. *v.* JUNIOR RIGAUDS.

This match was played 'Up Fields' on Tuesday, October 9th, on the Big Game Ground, and resulted in a win for H.B.B. Gregory won the toss and Gardiner kicked off from the Guards Hospital end.

H.B.B. at once began to press but failed to score, owing to the good defence of Jonas, Blaker, and Shattock. The Rigaudite forwards however soon got together and good runs were made by Gardiner and Challis but Davies averted the danger. After a good run by Hoskins, Winslow scored from a scrimmage in front of goal, fifteen minutes after the start (1-0.) On the ball being re-started, Gardiner and Challis tried hard to equalize but failed to pass the Homeboarder backs. A good run by R. Balfour also failed, owing to the superior weight of Hollacombe; and Hoskins, obtaining the ball, made a good centre, and Pendred rushed the ball through (2-0), just before half-time.

After the interval, the Rigaudite forwards rushed the ball down and Gardiner made a plucky attempt to score, but Dewdney saved. The ball was then brought down to the Rigaudite goal and Pendred scored, one of the backs and the goal-keeper having missed their kicks (3-0.)

The Rigaudite forwards tried hard to score but found the opposing backs too heavy for them and no further score resulted before time was called. For the winners, Gregory, Hoskins, Pendred, Paul and the backs were best.

For Rigauds, Gardiner and Challis of the forwards were very good and all the backs played up pluckily.

Teams :—

H.B.B. Dewdney (goal), Davies and Hollacombe (backs), Paul, Guy and P. Edwards (half backs) Gregory S. and Lart (right wing) Pendred (centre), Hoskins and Winslow (left wing) (forwards.)

Rigands. Langton (goal), Jonas and Blaker (backs), Balfour C., Shattock, and Allan H. (half backs), Booker and Challis (right wing), Gardiner (centre), R. Balfour and Gates (left wing) (forwards.)

JUNIOR GRANTS *v.* JUNIOR HOMEBOARDERS.

This match, played on Monday, 15th October, ended in a victory for Junior Grants, by 1-0. Farrar kicked off shortly before two, and the first part of the match was fairly even, Junior Homeboarders having at the very first, if anything, somewhat the advantage. Hoskins broke away more than once, but each time the ball went behind. However, through the instrumentality of Farrar and Maclean, the ball was transferred to the opposite end, and Farrar put in a shot, but failed to score. Gregory now took the ball down, and Page nearly shot, but was prevented by Barwell. After a futile shot from Page, Junior Grants again got possession of the ball, and Winckworth put in a shot which was saved; but immediately after Maclean, after a brilliant run, secured the only goal of the match (1-0). Grants had several shots after this, but some very good runs by Powell had no satisfactory result.

After half-time, Homeboarders had the advantage for some time. A long scrimmage in front of our goal nearly ended in a goal for our opponents; and presently Gregory put the ball through; but off-side was given. A good run was next made by Powell, when Homeboarders retaliated, but were unable to score.

Soon after Page put the ball through our goal, but off-side was given. After this, though the match was distinguished by even play, neither side obtained a shot, and when time was called the score stood 1-0 in our favour.

For Junior Homeboarders: Hoskins and Page were

best, Davies and Gregory were very fair and Lart was fast—but ineffective.

For Grants: Powell, Winckworth, Farrar and Maclean were very good before half-time, and Barnes was far the best of the back division.

Teams:—

Junior Grants: E. F. Knox, (goals); H. C. Barnes and W. T. Barwell, (backs); J. Corbett, E. G. Burton and H. D. Everington, (half-backs); J. O. Powell, B. I. Southey, F. P. Farrar (capt.), D. Winckworth and F. J. Maclean (forwards.)

Junior Homeboarders: E. L. Dewdney, (goals); E. L. Davies and Hollacombe, (backs); H. P. Edwards, A. W. Guy and Paul, (half-backs); S. H. Gregory, C. Lart, Page, Winslow and A. R. Hoskins (Capt.), (forwards.)

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

This Society held its first meeting this year on Tuesday, October 9th, when Shakespeare's 'Much ado about nothing' was commenced. Mr. Heard's part was taken by Mr. Lennox Conyngham, to whom we extend a hearty welcome to the Society. The following new members, who had been elected on a previous occasion, then took their seats, viz., F. J. Maclean, W. T. Barwell and E. W. Woodbridge. The cast was as follows:—

Leonato	Mr. HEARD.
Don Pedro	H. C. BARNES.
Benedict	F. Y. ECCLES.
Beatrice	F. P. FARRAR.
Claudio	R. O. MILLS.
Dogberry	E. A. EVERINGTON.
Don John	E. F. KNOX.
Hero	F. J. MACLEAN.
Verges	W. T. BARWELL.
Antonio	E. W. WOODBRIDGE.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Mr. Editor,—Why have we not a photographic club at Westminster? Such an institution would in time, if not at once, be of immense value to the by no means small number of fellows at Westminster, who go in for this interesting study.

I see no reason why some small room could not be found which could very easily be converted into a dark-room. I know of the existence of a very small room in Ashburnham House, which, though of little or no use now, would be just the thing for an amateur photographer's dark-room and could be converted into one at a very small cost. I am certain, that if a club were

formed, it would soon become most flourishing. Photography, always an interesting study, is made doubly so at Westminster, which for the number and variety of its views has no rival.

If a sufficient number of fellows could be found, and I think enough could be found, and the number is certain to increase, I feel sure that the club would be a success and would soon be enrolled among the most flourishing of the Westminster institutions. I will not enter into any details here, but I hope that before long we shall be able to hold a meeting of all the photographers in the school, and then we can settle details.

I hope that this will meet the approval of all at Westminster, who, like me, take up

PHOTOGRAPHY.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Sir,—Allow me through the medium of your valuable columns to say a word or two to Junior Grantites, and in doing so I wish to congratulate them most heartily on their well-earned victory over Junior H.B.B. last Monday, 15th inst.

Considering that only about 3 or 4 of them had ever played in a Junior match before and that they had not a single House Colour amongst them, I think it a most creditable victory that they have beaten a team not only containing 3 house colours but in every respect a heavier team. But while congratulating them on this I wish to remind them that there will be several occasions on which they will be called upon to do their utmost for Grants not only as Juniors, but also, I hope, as Senior Fellows in the House, and I'm sure, if they only keep up their form of last Monday, Grants will have a very good chance of the Shield in years to come.

Therefore, let them always remember that this is not a time for "resting on their oars" but let them keep up the name and fame of a splendid house by attending station regularly and by contributing many a "Pink" to the school XI. By thus doing they will ever receive praise and congratulations from

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