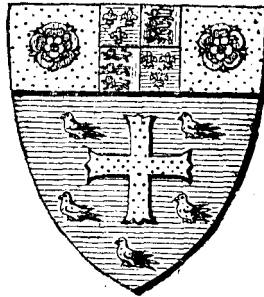


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#### AN APOLOGY FOR THE "GRANTITE."

Undoubtedly most Grantites would think that an apology for this long-established house paper is not needed. However, we regret to say that lately there has not been all that spirit of patriotism in the house which we should like to see concerning the Magazine of Westminster's most historical house.

The chief objection which can be brought forward against the Paper is the scarcity of information. Have any of our readers ever seriously thought how difficult it must be for the Editor to get together his news? In the first place he can only publish news which directly concerns Grant's or Old Grantites; if any other school news is published the Editor is accused of trespassing on the Elizabethan's property; if, however, the unfortunate Editor seeks to fill his columns with topics external to the school and the house, he is charged with presumption and adjured to stick to his last.

The real explanation is that the Editor of the "Grantite" may say, in the words of the needy knifegrinder, "Story, God bless you, I have none to tell, sir."

Grant's is now so prosperous and triumphant, so proud of itself, and, above all, so blessed in the possession of the one house magazine, which by its presence vindicates the survival of the fittest, that it is happily without the great incentives to eloquence, grievance, and discontent. Much might be said about the virtues of Grantites, but in one respect they are most unobliging. We refer to the fact that, try as he may, the Editor can never get them to swell the pages of the "Grantite" by writing letters to it.

The house possesses such talent and such wit that, surely, it would not be a very great effort on the part of some of these fellows to write a short letter now and then. Such letters could not fail to be both instructive and amusing, while at the same time they would greatly help the Editor to produce even more satisfactory numbers.

In conclusion, we should like to remind our readers that the "Grantite" has now flourished for sixteen years, and has been always welcomed by past generations of famous Grantites. Surely it would be unbecoming in present Grantites to carp at the Paper which has such traditions, and which up to now has been so well supported.

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## THE JUNIORS.

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

This match was played on the second game ground, on Tuesday, October the 24th. Grant's kicked off from the pavilion end and at once began to press, but the shooting was very poor. However, D. Whitmore soon made a good cross shot which Low failed to get to (1—0). The right wing was better than the left, Woodbridge making some good centres. Sheppard missed an opportunity, but soon put the ball through (2—0). The left wing began to improve, but it was left to Whitmore to get the next goal, that player robbing Low, who had it in his hands. Play now ruled more even, and no further goal was scored until half-time was taken with the score 3—0. Battle was now noticeable for several good runs, but Ashley stopped him and the ball getting in the centre, Sheppard made a good run, from which, however, he failed to score. Whitmore soon scored our fourth goal with a good shot. Low was keeping goal very well and made several very good saves. Scott then got the ball and made a very good shot which Dickson was not tall enough to reach. Grant's, however, ran down and scored through D. Whitmore (5—1). Sheppard scored again two minutes before time (6—1). Grant's ran down straight from the kick-off, and Venables put the ball through the undefended goal—a good shot (7—1). Grant's were still pressing when the whistle blew, and were left the victors (7—1).

For Grant's Oldham and Whitmore were good; Severn was the weak spot in our forward line.

For Home Boarders Perry, Battle, and Low were good.

The Teams were :—GRANT'S.—S. A. Dickson (goal), R. P. Rawlings and F. N. Ashley (backs), M. C. Smith, T. S. Oldham, and J. A. H. Britton (half-backs), A. Venables, H. S. Severn, C. W. Sheppard, D. H. Whitmore, and L. Woodbridge (forwards).

HOME BOARDERS.—K. Low (goal), M. Powell and J. B. Whitmore (backs), O. Ormiston, L. Wilkins, and P. Wilkinson (half-backs), J. Connor, S. Scott, G. Perry, D. Vernon, and W. Battle (forwards).

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#### GRANT'S *v.* RIGAUD'S (JUNIORS).

Grant's kicked off and started well together, the combination being very good. The play, however, was fairly even. Venables took the ball down the left wing, and centred, and Britton put in a good shot from a scrum in front of goal (1—0). Rigaud's then got together and forced two corners, which were fruitless, however. Grant's then pressed Rigaud's heavily, and Sheppard, who had been playing well, nearly scored. Half-time was called with the score, 1—0, in Grant's favour.

Rigaud's started well in the second half, but the backs played well and stopped all their rushes. Grant's insides then took the ball down, and Sheppard scored with a good shot (2—0). Rigaud's took the ball down, and Ashley conceded a corner, which, however, was kicked away.

Grant's ran up and got a free kick, but nothing came of it, and time was called with the score 2—0.

The team played well together, the passing of the forwards being good, and the backs kicking well.

GRANT'S.—S. A. Dickson, B. P. Rawlings, F. N. Ashley, G. Britton, S. Oldham, M. Castle-Smith, L. A. Woodbridge, D. H. Whitmore, C. Sheppard, H. Logan, A. Venables.

RIGAUD'S.—H. Bennett, W. Kemp, G. Powers, R. Kitson, G. Beney, H. Couchman, W. S. Lonsdale, K. Myers, M. Page, S. Frazer, H. Flueret.

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

This match was played up-fields on Wednesday, November 29th. Grant's were without Smith, Oldham, and Woodbridge, and Home Boarders were without Powell.

Grant's lost the toss, and started by defending the pavilion goal. At first Home Boarders had the best of the game, being the first to score through R. Scott (0—1). Shortly afterwards Bompas equalised (1—1).

No further goal was scored before half-time.

After a little fast play Bompas put Grant's ahead by a good shot (2—1).

Connor made a good run down and had hard luck in not scoring, Perry putting the ball through as it came off the cross-bar (2—2).

Shortly afterwards Whitmore ended a good run by a nice shot (3—2); Connor, however, soon equalised.

Foster (back), coming rather forward, put Home Boarders ahead by a good shot (3—4).

There was now only a quarter of an hour left, and things looked bad for Grant's; but Bompas, who was working very hard, scored for the third time (4—4).

Just before the whistle blew, Sheppard placed Grant's once more ahead (5—4).

Bompas and Stevens were best for Grant's, and Foster and Perry for Home Boarders.

The Teams were :—GRANT'S.—S. A. Dickson (goal), E. C. Stevens and R. Rawlings (backs), C. Lonsdale, J. Britton, and H. Kirkpatrick (half-backs), A. Venables, C. W. Sheppard, H. S. Bompas, D. Whitmore, and H. Logan (forwards).

HOME BOARDERS.—C. B. Knight (goal), A. L. Foster, J. B. Whitmore (backs), Scott, Wilkins, MacDonnell (halves), Connor, R. Scott, Vernon, Battle, and Perry (forwards).

#### GRANT'S DEBATING SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the above Society was held on October 3rd, when the following officers were elected :—

H. S. Bompas (*President*).

W. S. Osborn (*Vice-President*).

D. H. Whitmore (*Secretary*).

The motion before the House was :—“That in the opinion of this House some alteration should be made in the rules of cricket to ensure more final results in matches.”

The proposer (H. S. Bompas) in an able speech referred to the number of undecided matches of last season, especially the Test matches. He proposed that some alteration shall be made as to the rule of L.B.W., or that the stumps should be heightened. Opposer (D. Whitmore) said that there had been a great number of draws; but that the season had been especially dry, and that in former years the number of draws had been more satisfactory.

Seconder (R. Tanner) said that matches should begin earlier and go on till dark.

After speeches by Rawlings and Sheppard, the House divided with the following result :—Ayes, 6 ; Noes, 5. The motion was therefore carried.

The House met again on October 17th, to discuss the following motion :—“That vivisection should be illegal.”

Proposer (S. Dickson) described vivisection, and said that he thought it cruel that unskilled persons should be allowed to cut animals about.

Opposer (W. S. Osborn) said that unskilled persons were not allowed to dissect live animals, and it was for the good of animals as well as men. He mentioned also that the operation called neurotomy was discovered owing to vivisection. He also said the laws with regard to vivisection were most stringent.

H. Severn said he thought people ought to be certificated, and that doctors did not find out things for themselves, but for other people.

Bompas said that vivisection was justified by the Bible. He also mentioned instances of knowledge gained for the good of human beings owing to operations on live animals.

After speeches by Sheppard, Tanner, and Blane, the House divided, with the following result :—Ayes, 2 ; Noes, 9. The motion was therefore lost.

The House met again on October 31st, when the following motion was discussed :—“That the Boers are perfectly justified in their claims.”

The proposer (A. J. Venables) in a good speech said that the English were comparatively new comers in South Africa, and that he thought the Boers should have most power in the government. He mentioned also that in the “Convention of London, 1884,” it was agreed that the Boers should govern themselves. He said that this had been broken, and that England was threatening to take away their independence.

Opposer (L. Johnston) said the Boers were allowed to take part in the government of Cape Colony, and that they had acknowledged the Queen as their suzerain in the year 1881. He said that though they had been compelled to agree to the Convention, yet they illtreated and bullied the Uitlanders and would not let them carry arms.

Seconder (R. Rawlings) said he did not think it right that England should possess the gold which was estimated at about £100,000,000, and that the German Emperor favoured the Boers.

H. S. Bompas said that the Boers agreed to protect the English. He said the Jameson Raid was the excuse they gave for not letting the English carry arms. He said that England

was going to war because they had refused the Englishmen their rights. The House then divided, with the following result :—Noes, 6 ; Ayes, 3. The motion was therefore lost.

The House met again on Nov. 14th, to discuss the following motion :—“That a classical education is better than a modern one.” Proposer (H. S. Bompas) said that the point of education was not so much to fill the mind with knowledge, but to train the mind, as knowledge could be obtained when a fellow went to the University. He said also that a classical education was a help in other branches of learning, because it was possible to understand the meanings of words by deriving them from the Latin.

Opposer (D. Whitmore) said he thought it was better to know something of the air we live in than to know the genitive of some word in a dead language.

Seconder (R. Tanner) said there were more openings for a classical education, and that the symbols were formed from the Latin.

Severn and Rawlings also spoke.

The House then divided, with the following result :—Noes, 6 ; Ayes, 4.

The House met again on Dec. 4th, when the following motion was discussed :—“That cremation should be compulsory.”

Proposer (C. W. Sheppard) said he thought it the healthiest way of disposing of dead bodies, and there would be no crowding in the cemeteries as there is now.

Opposer (D. H. Whitmore) said that there was no impressive ceremony attached to it, and that since the earliest times burying had been the means of disposing of the dead. He said also that signs of nearly every poison were destroyed by cremation.

Seconder (H. S. Severn) said he thought it was nicer to think your friends were burnt up than to think they were gradually decaying away.

Bompas and Venables also spoke. The House then divided, with the following result :—Ayes, 8 ; Noes, 2. The motion was therefore carried.

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#### HOUSE NOTES.

The House Monitors this term are :—

H. S. Bompas.

E. C. Stevens.

W. S. Osborn.

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J. Heard and W. C. Stevens left last term.

The following were the new boys this term :—

*Half-Boarders*—J. S. Lewis, Q.S., Sh.—  
G. Pedlar, V.—  
L. Kirkpatrick, V.—  
G. Radcliffe, R.

*Boarders*—J. Harrison, R.  
H. Kite, R.

We congratulate W. C. Stevens on his election to Christ Church, Oxford.

We offer our hearty congratulations to E. C. Stevens on receiving his pinks.

We congratulate M. C. Smith, R. P. Rawlings, and S. Oldham for appearing for the Second Eleven.

We also congratulate S. Oldham on receiving his house colours.

Mr. Tanner has kindly presented the house with a photograph of the cricket XI.

Driver left last term. We wish him every happiness in his married life.

The Literary Society have read *King John* and *She Stoops to Conquer*.

We congratulate W. F. Fox for playing forward for the 'Varsity.

Unfortunately, owing to the state of the ground, the final of the Trials has had to be abandoned.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

Dear Sir,—From time to time in the "Elizabethan" letters appear deploring the bad attendance Up Fields. There is seldom, however, any complaint to make against Grantites in this direction. But I am sorry to see that lately many Grantites

have taken to skipping the Saturday matches, and some of these people hold positions in the house, in which they should do their best to set an example of keenness to the smaller fellows. I hope that this state of affairs will be speedily remedied, so that Grant's may still keep up her reputation as the keenest house in the school.

I remain,

Dear Mr. Editor,

ESPRIT DE CORPS.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

Dear Sir,—Would it not be a good plan to have lines marked in the yard at the shooting limit? All those who play in the yard must recognise what a great benefit this would be both to the players and umpires in judging the distance from the goal.

I remain,

Dear Mr. Editor,

BLICK.

[A very reasonable suggestion.—Ed.]

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