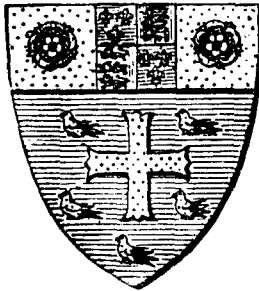


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A PLEA FOR "MUZZ" AND "SMUG."

I AM told that the words "muzz" and "smug" are no longer in current use at Westminster. I am very sorry. They were admirable and expressive words and were used by our Fathers and "in the old time before them." For all I know they may have dated back to the time of our Lady Foundress and it is sad to think that they are no longer heard.

Both words have attained the dignity of the great Oxford Dictionary. There you will find the following: "Muzz (mʌz) [that of course shows you in a nice simple way how to pronounce it] sb. [I don't know what that means]—slang—one who muzzes over books." This useful and illuminating entry is followed by a quotation from our own "Trifler" of 1788. "My diligence brought upon me the almost indelible stigma of a muz." In other words a "muzz" was a studious boy and unlike "smug," and in spite of the Trifler I do not think that the word necessarily involved any "indelible stigma." It is perhaps a better word than the Eton "sap," although that is admirable in its brevity and expressiveness. It is certainly better than the Winchester "mug" which introduces a new shade of meaning and destroys the slightly "fuddled" element in the Westminster word. Now I am

told the Westminster "swots up his work." That is a horrible vulgar word hailing, I think, from Harrow and used by every tuppenny ha'penny grammar and choir boy. No, "swot" has nothing whatever to recommend it—S.M.G., "Swot must go" and our own "muzz" must be revived. Fly that swot.

Then, again, "smug" is a good word. A smug might be defined as a boy who has not got the Westminster orientation of life—a useless person. The real smug does nothing for his House or for the School and *he doesn't want to do anything*. That is the point. He is selfish and complacent and rouses our worst feelings. He has been lightly defined as "a boy who is not distinguished in person, in games or in social qualities—a boy of untidy, dirty or ill-mannered habits." In fact, less politely, he just "smugs" or is "a dirty little smug." What more need or indeed can be said? It takes a lot of living down. It is "an indelible stigma." The Poet Cowper, as an old Westminster, knew quite well what he meant and so do we when he called someone "Sir Smug." But his Editors have found it a sad puzzle and extremely note provoking.

Well, there it is, and again I can only say that I am very sorry if these useful and expressive words have really died out. They filled a want and perhaps even yet it is not too late to save them and to prevent them from joining those other good old Westminster words like "brozier," "chuck," "tolly" and "dip" which have the sad little note "ob" against them in the Public Schools Word Book.

L. E. T.

HOUSE NOTES.

THE following were School Colours up the House :

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pink and Whites.</i>	<i>Thirds.</i>
J. A. Cook	A. M. Shepley-Smith	C. E. Lonsdale
T. G. Hardy	D. R. P. Mills	R. W. Carr
M. G. Stratford		
R. G. A. Mordaunt		
K. J. Gardiner		

We heartily congratulate D. R. P. Mills and C. E. Lonsdale on their pink and whites and thirds respectively.

Congratulations to our tug team on beating Rigaud's and Ashburnham to win the cup.

Hardy, May and Salvi proved too good for Mills, Wykeham-Martin and Munroe in the final of the Yard Ties after a replay. Gardiner and Everington won the Table Tennis Ties.

We regret to say we were beaten in Juniors by K.S.S. 1-2. This defeat is more regrettable as the cup had been "up Grant's" for two consecutive years.

Our Juniors, however, put up a very plucky performance to get into the final and were only beaten by the heavier team.

Mr. R. W. Hartley was Captain of Cambridge and won both his matches, singles and doubles. We heartily congratulate him.

Mr. W. N. McBride toured with the A.F.A. in Germany and proved himself very successful.

The Chess Cup still remains "up Grant's" !!

The Literary Society flourished last term and we had some very good readings of John Galsworthy's *The Skin Game*, and *Old English*. The plays read very well and were much enjoyed. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Willett very much indeed for having us.

We were very sorry to have to say good-bye to Mr. M. H. Ellis, who left at the end of the term to take up farming in Canada. He will be a great loss to the House and to the School. As House Tutor his keenness on Grant's and all connected with it had made him thoroughly popular and he will be much missed.

THE OLD GRANTITE CLUB.

FOLLOWING upon the leading article in the last number of the GRANTITE, definite steps were taken to form a Club for the benefit of Old Grantites. These plans soon materialised and the first dinner of the Club took place at the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, on March 24th, at 8.15 p.m. The following Old Grantites were present: Mr. G. E. Mills, O.B.E. (Chairman), Mr. J. B. Hodge, Gen. Sir W. B. Leishman, Lt.-Col. G. H. Lambert, Mr. J. Heard, Mr. M. C. R. Grahame, Mr. H. S. Bompas, Mr. W. P. Daniel, Mr. M. G. Baillie, Mr. W. Cleveland-Stevens, Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe, Mr. O. Lewis, Mr. R. H. Yolland, Mr. F. R. Oliver, Mr. G. B. Gardiner, Mr. J. R. Brandon-Thomas, Mr. N. P. Andrews, Mr. G. L. S. Kohnstamm, Mr. C. J. Pinder, Mr. R. T. Sharpe, Mr. C. M. Cahn, Mr. E. W. St. G. Spencer, Mr. P. J. S. Bevan, Mr. H. R. Cardale, Mr. W. B. Frampton, Mr. M. H. Prance, Mr. T. D. Berry, Mr. J. H. Dullely, Mr. F. N. Hornsby, Mr. J. R. Peacock, Mr. J. R. Rea, Mr. A. P. Drury, Mr. S. R. Finn, Mr. E. T. Holmes, Mr. I. M. Main, Mr. R. A. Nathan, Mr. D. J. Osborne, Mr. W. B. Enever, Mr. R. A. Frost, Mr. L. S. London, Mr. V. J. Stavridi, Mr. G. R. Woods, Mr. R. E. Bromet, Mr. J. W. Jacomb-Hood, Mr. A. W. D. Leishman, Mr. A. A. Negus, Mr. D. I. Peacock, Mr. G. H. Rountree and Mr. W. N. McBride.

After the dinner the Chairman gave the toast of the King, and afterwards made a short speech outlining the objects of the Club. He said that the Club was being incepted at a most opportune time, the House was in a state of great prosperity, and held the following Cups and Shields: Junior Cricket, Tennis, Chess, Physical Training, Singing, Junior Fours, Rouse Ball Cup for fixed seat rowing, Racquets, Football and Tug-of-War. Again the Grantite had now 126 (now 137—Editor) subscribers, which meant that many Old Grantites were taking an interest and were in touch with their old House. He said how pleased he was to see so many Old Grantites gathered together, and congratulated those responsible for the arrangements. The Club was but now beginning, and he hoped that many branches would be started—perhaps a cricket tour or a golf meeting.

He then commented on the curious fact that all the House monitors of 1898-9 were present at the dinner. They

were: J. Heard (Head of House), W. Cleveland-Stevens, H. S. Bompas, M. G. Baillie and W. P. Daniel. The Chairman closed his speech by wishing the Club all prosperity, and by proposing the health of "Grant's," which was enthusiastically drunk. Mr. W. Cleveland-Stevens then rose and moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman in a short but amusing speech.

Following upon a short debate, the following were elected to stand as Committee of the Club for the year, proposed by N. P. Andrews and seconded by C. M. Cahn:

Gen. Sir W. B. Leishman, Mr. G. E. Mills, Mr. J. Heard, Mr. H. S. Bompas, Mr. L. E. Tanner, Mr. F. R. Oliver, Mr. J. R. Brandon-Thomas, Mr. P. J. S. Bevan and Mr. W. N. McBride (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

The evening, which closed with a few songs by Andrews and Negus and some life-like imitations of "Westminster celebrities" by Brandon-Thomas, was generally voted a great success and a happy auspice for the Club's success.

O. T. C.

WE congratulate Makower, de Montmorency, Orange, Hildesley and Hunter, who have all passed the Certificate 'A' examination successfully.

I hope that as many Grantites will go to camp as possible as it is an experience which it is a great pity to miss.

We have the following N.C.Os. in the House:

Sergeants: Lousada, Stratford and Hardy. Corporals: Rea, Shepley-Smith, Hildesley and Orange. Lance-Corporals: Mills, Makower, de Montmorency and Hunter.

A. B. L.

JUNIORS.

GG. v. K.SS.

GRANT'S met King Scholars on Big Game Grounds and were defeated by 2 goals to 1. Grant's started well and took up the attack but the forwards ruined all chances of scoring by weak shooting. College rapidly improved and soon the play was in the Grant's half. College were now playing as a side but sterling work by the Grant's defence saved any

score. Just before the interval Evetts scored with a fine shot which gave Ward, who had made some good saves, no chance. After half time the game became very even but Grant's could not draw level and a quarter of an hour from time Sturdy scored a second for College with a dropping shot from the right wing. After this Grant's pulled themselves together and bombarded the College goal and it was only weak shooting that prevented scoring. Finally just before time May scored for Grant's. There was no further score and so College won 2-1. For Grant's Lonsdale at centre-half and Synge and Louard at back were very good. Ward made some good saves and Radermacher, who had to mark Sturdy, fulfilled his task creditably.

JUNIOR-JUNIORS AND JUNIOR'S CRITICISMS.

Ward. A reliable goal keeper, knows the right time to run out and tackle an opposing forward. But he is very inclined to fumble the ball instead of catching it cleanly.

Synge. A sound full back, with a particularly hard tackle. But he must improve his left foot kicking and try to recover himself quicker when he is beaten.

Luard is not quite as steady as his partner. At present he is rather inclined to balloon the ball. But he should make a good player.

Reynolds. A great trier, but is greatly handicapped by size and weight.

Radermacher. A very good player, who if only he could add a few inches to his height would go a long way.

Brown. Another small player, who is very keen and is exceptionally good with his head, but as in the case with all the halves they are not quick enough in joining in an attack after they have been defending and *vice versa*.

Roberts. Not a great player. His centring is good, but he must try and keep the ball under control when dribbling.

Wakely. Perhaps the best of the inside forwards. But he must move faster when he is dribbling and put more power behind his shooting.

Nicholson is exactly the same type of player as Wakely but at present he has no idea of driving the ball hard into the back of the net.

Munro. A very plucky little player, who has plenty of dash, but he again does not make much impression on a large back.

Moon. Played quite well at outside left in both Juniors and Junior-Juniors considering that he is really a goal keeper, in which position he is very good indeed.

May is rather an awkward player but he tries hard.

Lonsdale. An exceedingly good player, who held his side well together.

Rayner is fairly fast and dribbles well but he must centre to his own forwards and not to the opposing backs.

Paul. A moderate player who must learn to come back and help his wing half.

Bompas is really a back but owing to the lack of weight in the forwards he was moved up to the front line, where he proved himself to be the best of the five.

J. A. C.

THE SPORTS.

THERE were no great athletes up Grant's this term, but one and all worked hard and did the best they could. The zeal with which dormitories used to turn out and train before breakfast was most praiseworthy. The Sports Cup went to College who were easily first and the remaining Houses were about equal.

Moon ran well to get second in the Junior mile and Orange got a place in the open half. Shepley-Smith was beaten by a foot in the open quarter. We got several places in the Junior events which speaks well for the future.

In the relay we had the bad luck to draw the outside station but managed to get second. Carr handed over third to Lousada who lost a lot from being on the outside of the bend and he handed over just last to Shepley-Smith. Shepley-Smith, however, managed to get up to second before giving to Cook who had no chance of breaking down the long lead possessed by Murison of College. On the whole it was quite a creditable performance.

Quite the most satisfactory thing in the Sports as far as we were concerned was the regaining of the Tug Cup. We pulled over Rigaud's in the first round as was generally expected.

The team was well together and well coached. It was not expected, however, that we should pull over the *far* heavier Ashburnham crew but when the time came our training was superior and we were better together. All pulled with rhythm and determination and we won a splendid victory by 2 pulls to 0.

The team was: C. E. Lonsdale (anchor), 9st. 10lbs.; A. B. Lousada, 11st. 4lbs.; D. R. P. Mills, 9st. 13lbs.; T. G. Hardy, 10st. 9lbs.; D. A. Bompas, 12st.; J. A. Cook (stroke, Capt.), 12st.; Cox, F. R. Rea.

OLD GRANTITES.

THE Rev. E. G. Phillimore (1890-93) has resigned the living of West Fordington with St. Mary's, Dorchester.

The Rev. G. M. S. Oldham (1898-1902), Vicar of St. James's, Clapton, has been appointed Vicar of Ramsey, Huntingdon.

BIRTH.

REED.—On January 22nd, the wife of the Rev. Roland W. Reed, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

REA—BEVAN.—On April 13th, James Russell Rea, son of W. Russell Rea of 12, Smith Square, Westminster, to Sylvia, daughter of Dr. Arthur Bevan (O.W.), of 103, Gloucester Place, W. 1.

OBITUARY.

WE regret to record the death of Samuel Charles Evans Williams, who was admitted up Grant's in 1855. He was a son of the Rev. John Williams (O.W.) and came of an

ancient Welsh family. He was High Sheriff of Radnorshire in 1880 and sat as a Liberal M.P. for the Radnor Boroughs from 1880 to 1884. He died on March 2nd, aged 83.

A Grantite of a few years later has also passed away in Canon Bertram Darley. He was the third son of the late Henry B. Darley of Aldby Park, York and was up Grant's from 1861 until he was elected into College in 1865. He was Rector of Harthill, Yorks, from 1891 to 1923 and Chaplain to the Duke of Leeds from 1896 to 1923. His name is on one of the panels in Chiswick's. He died on April 28th, aged 75.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

I demand my money back! Or is there just a chance that you may favour us with a REVIEW before the term is out? Here am I, a good, honest and of course, hard-working Grantite; I pay an exorbitant fee called paper money and as far as I can see I get no Paper. Well, sir, this sort of thing cannot go on, and I do not stand alone in my protest. I am supported by many other good, honest, and of course hard-working Grantites and we demand satisfaction. Therefore, we give you ten days in which to produce a REVIEW *or* to refund us our money, and if in that time you have not complied with one of these alternatives the Hallite Union will call out the fags. Then you'll be done.

Ponder this well. It is no vain boast, no idle threat but an action we shall feel it our duty to take. Give us a Review or else clean your shoes yourself.

I remain, Sir, yours truly,

I. N. DIGNANT.

(The Editor entirely sympathises with Mr. Dignant and humbly apologises to all subscribers. He pleads as excuses exams., strikes (tho' not of fags), cricket, slackness of contributors and incompetence. Perhaps the last is the most convincing.)

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