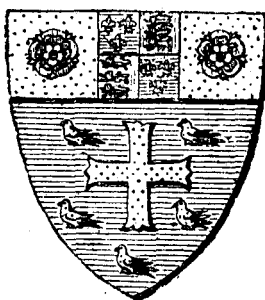


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WESTMINSTER AND THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

The connection of the School with the Houses of Parliament is a very old one. There is a Westminster tradition that it is to Queen Elizabeth herself that we owe the right of attending the debates, but the tradition rests upon but doubtful authority. But, however this may be, we do know that not long after the death of Elizabeth the Westminster boys had begun to find their way to the Houses of Parliament and the Law Courts in Westminster Hall, where, no doubt, "they contrived to squeeze in somehow—sometimes smuggled in by a nobleman, sometimes by a door keeper." Indeed, owing to the vicinity of the School to the Houses of Parliament, it was but natural that they should; and if, as has been asserted, we owe our right of entrance either to Sir Thomas Hanmer or Charles Abbot, afterwards Viscount Colchester, two old Westminsters who became "Speakers" of the House of Commons, they were probably but officially authorising what had already been recognised by custom. "Boy," said a learned lawyer to a King's scholar in the reign of Charles I., "get you gone, this is no school." "Oh, no!" was the disconcerting reply, "for if it were all you gown'd men would go up for false Latin." The "gown'd men," which is perhaps hardly surprising, did not care much for the Westminster boys having, so to say, the run of the Courts. By the middle of the eighteenth century, full use was made of the privilege, and, while at Westminster, Francis Reynolds, the dramatist, "stood close to the

veteran Earl of Chatham as he passed through the lobby," on his way to make that speech from which, overcome, he was taken home to die, and has recorded the vivid impression made on his mind by the scene. The trial of the Duchess of Kingston, in 1776, in Westminster Hall, brought the Westminster boys "in quantities from Dean's Yard, between school hours, to get a slice of the Duchess," and four years' later, when Lord George Gordon brought his rabble down to the "House," many from the School went out to "see the fun," although, as Colman remarks, they found the condition of things more serious than they expected, and he and another "Westminster" tried to help in the restoration of order by suddenly shouting "the guards, the guards!" and thereby clearing a street, although the guards themselves were elsewhere engaged.

At this time our places in the House of Commons appear to have been in the back seats of the members "under the Gallery," and on a level with the floor of the House of Commons, while in the House of Lords we "could appear at the bar." At least, these were the places when Sir John Mowbray was at Westminster in 1829, and it was from these places that Sir James Graham, afterwards Home Secretary, as a Westminster boy, listened to the great speeches of Pitt and Fox, which, as he afterwards said, first fired him with the ambition to become an orator. Sir John Mowbray, who we mentioned above, was at Westminster at the time that the Great Reform Bill was passed in 1832, and had special leave to get away to the House that night with another Westminster boy and Grantite, whose father, Sir George Clerk, was looking after them. "Our pockets were filled with food against an all-night sitting. We were first at the bar, and afterwards placed within the steps of the throne"; but so great was the crush that after a few hours they were sent home.

After the fire in 1834, which destroyed the old Houses of Parliament, the "House" sat in a temporary building, and here our places were in "the Speaker's Gallery, on the benches which rose from the floor of the House, and close to the members as they passed in." "What do you come here for, my boy—eh?" asked Disraeli of a Westminster boy. The then Chancellor of the Duchy was struggling to express himself with but poor success, and Disraeli, glancing towards him, added with a sarcastic smile, "To take a lesson in *eloquence*—eh?" It is at this time, probably, that the attendance was limited to six King's Scholars, for whom places were to be found, and as much room as was left the rest of the School might use; although it perhaps should be stated that previous to this time it appears that both King's Scholars *and* Town Boys might go indiscriminately into either "House," in fact, wherever there was room. When the new Houses of Parliament were built, the places reserved for the use of the School in

the House of Commons were in "the seats at the back of those usually occupied by the Peers when they are present"; and more recently they have been changed to the Special and Speaker's Galleries; while, in the House of Lords, the seats in the Gallery behind the Press are used by the King's Scholars.

These, in short, are a few notes on the long connection of the School with the Houses of Parliament. One of the greatest of our School privileges, it cannot be denied that the subsequent career of many, like Sir James Graham, have been influenced by it, and perhaps a few further details may not be uninteresting. Eight Old Westminsters have been Prime Ministers—Charles Montague (Earl of Halifax), John Carteret (Earl Granville), Henry Pelham, his brother the Duke of Newcastle, the Duke of Devonshire, the Marquis of Rockingham, the third Duke of Portland, and Lord John Russell (Earl Russell); while if Pulteney had succeeded in forming a Ministry, and Lord Mansfield and, later, Lord Lansdowne had accepted the offer to do so, they would have added two more names to the list. Eton claims sixteen Prime Ministers to the present day, counting Rockingham, who was both at Westminster and Eton; and Winchester but one. Of Old Westminster Members of Parliament there is no end. It is worth noting, however, that in the Ministry of 1847 the Prime Minister (Lord John Russell), the President of the Council (Marquis of Lansdowne), the President of the India Board (Lord Broughton), the Master General of the Ordnance (the Marquis of Anglesey), the Attorney and Solicitor Generals (Sir John Jervis and Sir David Dundas) were all Old Westminsters; while of the Fathers of the House of Commons since 1837, six out of ten were Old Westminsters—George Byng, 1832-46; Charles Watkin Williams Wynn, 1846-50; Sir Charles Meyrick Burrell, 1850-62; Henry Cecil Lowther, 1862-7; George Cecil Weld Forester, 1873-74; and Sir John Mowbray, 1898-99.

Westminster can lay claim to five Lord Chancellors—Finch, (Earl of Nottingham), the great Jeffreys, Cowper (doubtful), Macclesfield, and Robert Henley (Earl of Northington); and at one time the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice, and the Master of the Rolls were all Old Westminsters. These are but a few names. If we turn to Grant's we find that since 1800 among those who have boarded in the house are Lord John Russell and twenty-five Members of Parliament, including Lord Charles James Fox Russell, Serjeant-at-Arms (1848-75), Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, Sir John Jervis, Sir Matthew White Ridley, Sir Penrose Fitzgerald, who lately sat for Cambridge, and Colonel Sir Howard Vincent, the present member for Sheffield.

L. E. T.

THE BLIND BOY'S SONG.

They tell me the sun is fair,
 And that in the evening air
 She embroiders a scarf with purple and crimson and gold. Woe's me!
 Blessèd are they
 Who day by day
 Can enjoy in their eyes and hearts the pageant I cannot see!

I have felt her glorious heat
 When pacing the summer street,
 And have burned with passion beneath her fiery love;
 But, alas,
 The long hours pass,
 And I see not her glistening hair tho' my glance is fixed above!

Shall I see her when Death
 Has robbed me of breath?
 How I long for a sight of her ruby-crowned diamond breast
 And crimson lips
 As she dips,
 Thro' a sky of tangled yellow and brown and vermilion, to rest.

WALLACE B. NICHOLS.

THE PLAY SUPPER.

On Monday, December 16th, the Play Supper was held "up Grant's," after the Play. Mr. Tanner provided a supper as excellent as ever, if not more so, of which everybody readily partook. When all had satisfied themselves of the good things, C. G. Reed rose and briefly proposed Mr. Tanner's health, which everybody drank most heartily. Mr. Tanner then rose in reply, and in a short but excellent speech told of what quality the House had produced and was producing. He went on to propose the Monitors' health, assuring the visitors that this year there is both quantity and quality. C. G. Reed responded, and after expressing thanks for the hearty way in which the toast was drunk, he told them of the doings of the House, its reverses and successes, during the past year. He then proposed the health of the Old Grantites, to which G. H. Guillum-Scott made a very amusing and interesting reply.

After this followed a large selection of songs, among the best being H. S. Ladell's "Camelius Hump"; J. E. Y. Radcliffe's "Carrion Crow" and "Choir Boy"; A. C. Boults' "Philosophy." F. G. Worlock was again very amusing. He recited Buzfuz's speech in the trial scene in Pickwick, and sang "A Music-hall Song." R. H. Williams sang a very original song, entitled "Diabolo." There were also two quartets, and although many more songs were forthcoming, time compelled a most enjoyable

evening to be brought to an end with "Auld Lang Syne," and "God save the King." There was a large number of Old Grantites present, including W. T. S. Sonnenschein, D. H. Whitmore, R. W. Reed, G. M. S. Oldham, R. E. Tanner, G. M. Castle-Smith, A. F. Noble and others.

The following may be of some interest to our readers. It is an old song written for and sung at the Play Supper of 1885. Both the words and music are by Old Grantites—the words by C. G. (?) and C. N. Clarke—the music by the late Rev. C. Erskine.

A GRANTITE SONG.

The prowess of our noble house,
 This is my muse's theme ;
 Ambition's darts shall fire your hearts,
 And emulation's dream.
 But ere the deeds of might I tell,
 Of which we justly boast,
 I ask you all, both great and small,
 To join this noble toast.

Thrice three cheers for Grant's, whose heart
 For glory ever pants,
 One and all shout, great and small,
 Shout three times three for Grant's

On yonder walls to every eye
 Appears a trophy bright,
 The football shield, gained on the field
 By many a hard fought fight.
 But list to me for still remains
 One battle more to fight,
 So I will tell how we may quell
 Our foemen by our might.

Thrice three cheers, &c.

Let love for Grant's fill every heart,
 Before all other love ;
 Be it our aim to raise her name
 All other names above ;
 In union close bind heart to heart,
 Let all confide in all.
 To none we'll yield ! for aye the shield
 Shall stay within Grant's hall.

Thrice three cheers, &c.

Think of our heroes' gallant deeds,
 And treasure each one's name ;
 To equal Squire let each aspire,
 Remember Healey's fame ;
 As Grantites all throughout the world
 Are zealous for the right,
 So let us be. Then join with me
 And shout this toast to-night.

Thrice three cheers, &c.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

This Society held its first meeting of the term on Tuesday, Jan. 28th, when Goldsmith's *Good-Natured Man* was started. The play was finished on Feb. 4th, when R. E. Tanner (O.G.) took the part of Miss Richland. The parts were as follows :—

Mr. Tanner ...	...	...	<i>Croaker.</i>
C. G. Reed ...	...	...	<i>Honeywood</i>
L. E. Tanner ...	...	...	<i>Lofty and Bailiff.</i>
S. D. Graham ...	...	...	<i>Sir W. Honeywood.</i>
W. R. Horton ...	...	...	<i>Miss Richland, Butler.</i>
G. L. Eyre ...	...	...	<i>Olivia.</i>
R. S. Storer ...	...	...	<i>Leontine.</i>
J. W. Geare ...	...	...	<i>Mrs. Croaker.</i>
F. G. Hobson ...	...	...	<i>Jarvis, Postboy.</i>
D. L. Vey ...	...	...	<i>Garnet, Landlady, Servant.</i>

The next play to be read was Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*, which was started on July 18th and finished on the 25th. The parts were as follows :—

Mr. Tanner ...	...	...	<i>Shylock, Launcelot Gobbo.</i>
C. G. Reed ...	...	...	<i>Bassanio, Tubal, etc.</i>
L. E. Tanner ...	...	...	<i>Antonio, Old Gobbo.</i>
S. D. Graham ...	...	...	<i>Jessica, Arragon.</i>
W. R. Horton ...	...	...	<i>Leonardo, Servant.</i>
G. L. Eyre ...	...	...	<i>Nerissa, Salarino.</i>
R. S. Storer ...	...	...	<i>Solanio, Morocco, Stephano, etc.</i>
J. W. Geare ...	...	...	<i>Portia.</i>
F. G. Hobson ...	...	...	<i>Lorenzo, Duke.</i>
D. L. Vey ...	...	...	<i>Gratiano, Balthazar.</i>

The Society was unable to meet again till March 31st, when Sheridan's *Critic* was read. This meeting ended the session. We here take the opportunity of thanking Mr. Tanner for the most enjoyable evenings that we have had. The session was very successful in every respect. There was more feeling put into the reading than usual. The parts were as follows :—

Mr. Tanner ...	...	...	<i>Puff.</i>
C. G. Reed ...	...	...	<i>Sneer, Knight.</i>
L. E. Tanner ...	...	...	<i>Dangle, Hopkiss, etc.</i>
S. D. Graham ...	...	...	<i>Sir C. Halton, Sin, Thames.</i>
W. R. Horton ...	...	...	<i>Beefeater, Master of Horse, etc.</i>
G. L. Eyre ...	...	...	<i>Tilburina, Under Prompter, etc.</i>
R. S. Storer ...	...	...	<i>Leicester, Constable.</i>
J. W. Geare ...	...	...	<i>Sir W. Raleigh, Justice.</i>
F. G. Hobson ...	...	...	<i>Governor, Justice's Lady.</i>
D. C. Vey ...	...	...	<i>Don Friolo Whiskerandos, etc.</i>

HOUSE MATCHES (1ST ROUND).

GRANT'S *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

This match was played on the 2nd XI. ground on March 11th. Ashburnham were most unfortunate in having both the Captain and Vice-Captain, as well as two other members of the original team, on the sick list. The re-organised XI., however, played a splendid defensive game, and achieved their object in making a replay necessary. Losing the toss, Grant's kicked off up the slope. The game immediately resolved itself into a duel between the defence of either side, the Grantite halves and backs continually putting the ball at their forwards' feet, only to see them robbed of it immediately. During the whole of the first half our goal was never in real danger, while Aglionby, in the Ashburnham goal, only had to save four or five times. Still, had the Grantite forwards tried go-ahead methods instead of dallying with the ball till a back came up and took it away, they must have given us the lead. The game was too much on one side of the field, Miles, on the left wing, being starved nearly all the time. The second half was a repetition of the first, except that our forwards were even more at sea than before, and that Ashburnham were once or twice really dangerous. One or two easy chances were missed, but our forwards on the whole avoided the common fault of bad shooting by never getting the ball long enough or near enough to shoot. From a good corner by Graham, Yolland should have easily scored, but he missed his opportunity, and the ball was cleared. Some time later Geare got right through and missed an almost certain goal by shooting a fraction of a second too late; the ball touched Aglionby and ran six inches the wrong side of the post. Our goal was only in real danger twice, a splendid long shot by Goodale going just over the bar; on the other occasion Denza managed to get through from the half-way line, and made straight for goal. Five yards away he was literally "brought to earth" by the two backs, who also fell on top of him; Rawson picked up the ball and cleared.

The result—a goalless draw—gives an excellent idea of the game. The defence of both teams was infinitely superior to the attack, the Ashburnhamites seldom getting the ball, the Grantites getting it often but promptly losing it. It was a good game, quite unattended by rough play and bad feeling, and the refereeing of Mr. C. C. Gover (O.W.) gave general satisfaction.

For Ashburnham the backs were very sound, and Oxley was excellent at centre half; Denza and Hadden were conspicuous for their go-ahead methods.

For Grant's, H. Rawson made an excellent first appearance in goal. Though little troubled, he did what he could do safely

and well, and played with confidence seldom seen in the "nervy" position of goal in Seniors. On the right wing R. Graham at back and R. Rawson at half played very well, the latter especially tackling and kicking soundly. Horton at left back was splendid, and did a great amount of work. Had the forwards been anything like as good we must have won by a comfortable margin; but Marriott alone was seen to advantage, Miles was disappointing, and Geare, though working hard, muddled the inside forwards and made no headway. The right wing, who got most of the passes, were very ineffectual. The teams were:—

Grant's.—H. Rawson; †Horton, †R. Graham; †Williams, †Reed, R. Rawson; †Miles, Marriott, *Geare, *S. D. Graham, Yolland.

Ashburnham.—Aglionby; Goodale, Formilli; Pinker, Rice-Oxley, Johnson, Hadden; Johnston-Watson, Denza, White, Chapman.

† Played in 1905; * Played in 1906; ‡ Played in 1907.

THE REPLAY.

The replay was fixed for Monday, March 23rd, when Ashburnham won by 3 goals to 1. The result was not altogether unexpected, even by the most optimistic, as Ashburnham was greatly strengthened by the return of Harris. The Grantite forward line was re-arranged, Yolland standing down in favour of Marriott on the right wing, and the gap at inside left being filled by Eyre.

Winning the toss, Grant's started strongly, and did most of the attacking for a quarter of an hour. Geare very nearly scored once after rushing the backs, but the ball went just outside the post. Then Harris and Denza suddenly got away, and outpacing the backs went right through, the former scoring easily (0-1). This sudden success brought a transformation over the game, and Ashburnham attacked steadily for the rest of the first half. The Grantite forwards were very ragged during this half-hour, but the defence played well, and Rawson was good in goal, saving well on two occasions, especially from "scrums" in the goal-mouth. On one such occasion, however, he failed to get to the ball and Harris put it into the net (0-2). Half-time came with nothing further scored. On resuming, Ashburnham immediately attacked. Rawson got the ball but fisted out rather weakly, and Denza took full advantage of a good opportunity with an excellent shot (0-3). From this point Grant's, though virtually beaten, played a great game. The attack improved, but the inside forwards made a fatal mistake in starving their outsides. Once, however, Miles

got right away and centred beautifully right across the goal-mouth. Marriott ran up and banged the ball into the net, giving Aglionby no chance (1-3). Grant's pressed hard to the end and should certainly have scored again, Graham on one occasion missing badly at close quarters. The Ashburnham backs, Goodale and Formilli, were very sound and had a large share in the victory of their House. Oxley was good, and Harris was the life and soul of the forwards.

For Grant's, Rawson was again good, and could hardly be blamed for any of the goals scored against him. The backs reproduced their fine form in the first game, though Graham was perhaps a trifle less steady. At half, R. Rawson more than justified his house-colours, and showed up well against Harris. Reed was at the top of his game and acquired the happy knack of being everywhere the ball was. Williams was also very good, working hard all the time. The forwards were better than before, but did not shine conspicuously; but they all worked hard, and Miles and Marriott on the wings did what they had to do well.

It is a melancholy coincidence that Grant's nowadays seems quite incapable of taking opportunities when Fortune puts them in their track. Had the team played with the same keenness and energy in the first match as the second, they must have won comfortably. It is some consolation, however, to know that though fairly and squarely beaten, Grant's played a really sporting game. Though playing a losing (and, near the end, lost) game, they stuck to their guns till the end in a way worthy of the highest traditions of the House. Better luck to it next year!

CRITICISMS ON THE TEAM.

C. G. Reed made a very good captain, thoroughly deserving his place in the School XI. His tackling and kicking are good while his pace wants improvement. He did good work in the House matches.

S. D. Graham had very hard luck in not getting into the School XI. He is a hard-working forward, and at times shoots well. He, however, makes a better half than he does forward, where we advise him to play no more.

W. R. Horton has had very bad luck with his toe and back this season. A very good kick, and were his tackling of the same standard he would be an excellent back. He proved of great use in House matches, throughout which he was at his best.

J. W. Geare. Had he played more often and not so slackly he would have found a place in the School XI. as centre forward.

He is given to muddling the insides and has not yet acquired the art of shooting.

R. A. Graham was indeed a pleasant surprise to us in Seniors. It is a great pity he did not play throughout the season as he did then. He ought to be certain of a place in the School XI. next year. We wish him every success as captain of the House XI.

C. V. Miles did not fulfil what was expected from his last year's play, although in the second match against Ashburnham he was showing better form, centring very well at times. He must learn to combine with the other forwards. If he bucks up he ought to find a place in the School XI.

H. F. Rawson was discovered as a goal-keeper just in the nick of time. In Seniors he more than filled our expectations, at times saving some very hard shots. He must learn to run out at once, to punt further, and to get rid of the ball quicker. We strongly advise him to stick to goal-keeping.

R. R. Rawson has come on a great deal since last year. His tackling is his strong point. He uses his head well and clings to the opposing forward like a leech. He must increase his pace, and then would be a good half and of great use to the House.

R. H. Williams makes a better half than he does forward. He works hard, tackles fairly well, uses his head and weight well, and has a good idea of combining with his forwards.

T. H. Marriott is quite good at times, and with some more practice should be a useful forward to the House and School. He played a much better game at outside right than he did at inside left, having much more dash and using his weight to better effect.

R. H. Yolland as an outside forward has not enough pace and cannot centre. But it is not his place. He ought to make a useful back in future.

G. L. Eyre has not quite enough go in him for a forward, though at times he makes good openings and passes well.

HOUSE NOTES.

E. D. Adrian was elected to a Major Scholarship in Natural Science at Trinity, Cambridge, at the end of last term.

D. S. Robertson (O.G.) has been awarded the Chancellor's Medal, at Cambridge.

D. C. Hamilton-Johnston (O.G.) has passed into Sandhurst.

The Rev. E. G. Phillimore (O.G.) has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Wield, Hampshire.

Mr. C. B. H. Knight (O.G.) has been ordained a Deacon by the Bishop of London.

R. A. Shore, W. Faire, and O. R. Borradaile left last term to the regret of all. We wish them every success in the future.

We have two new boys this term—Mason and Clarke, both half boarders. Gilmour has become a boarder, while Hawke a half boarder.

H. S. Ladell (O.G.) has published a book entitled "Lotos."

C. G. Reed received his "pinks" on Feb. 21st, before the Charterhouse Match. S. D. Graham has played for the School regularly throughout the season, and Horton, Geare, R. A. Graham and Miles for the 2nd XI.

The following are the colours at the end of the term:—

PINK.	PINK AND WHITE.	3RD XI.'s.	HOUSE COLOURS.
C. G. Reed.	S. D. Graham.	R. A. Graham.	H. F. Rawson.
	W. R. Horton.	T. H. Marriott.	R. R. Rawson.
	J. W. Geare.	C. V. Miles.	R. H. Williams.

In the School Gymnastic Competition, J. C. Hobson was first in the Juniors.

This year the "Pancake Grease" was again won by Grant's, the winner being F. R. J. Tomlinson.

Fives ties have been started this term.

S. D. Graham and F. G. Hobson represented the House in the gymnastic competition, but their efforts were in vain.

Grant's again won the Inter-House Drilling Competition. This is the third year in succession.

YARD BALL FUND.

The following is a Statement of Accounts :—

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
47 Sixpences (collected at beginning of Term) ...	1	3 6	Jan. 18th, 1 doz. balls ...	0	8 0
173 balls skied (at 4d. each)	2	17 8	Jan. 24th, ½ doz. balls ...	0	4 0
			Feb. 3rd, ½ doz. balls ...	0	4 0
Total ...	4	1 2	Feb. 10th, 1 doz. balls ...	0	5 0
Expenditure ...	2	4 9	Feb. 15th, 1 doz. balls ...	0	5 0
			Feb. 24th, 1 doz. balls ...	0	4 0
Balance ...	£1	16 5	Feb. 29th, 1 doz. balls ...	0	6 0
			March 10th, 1 doz. balls..	0	6 0
			March 24th, 3 balls ...	0	2 9
			Total ...	£2	4 9

S. D. GRAHAM,
Hon. Treasurer.

YARD TIES.

Tunncliffe } v. Marriott }	Marriott (13-7) }	Reed (14-10) }	S. Graham (14-6) }
Volland } v. Reed }	Reed (19-9) }	(a Bye) }	
S. Graham } v. Eyre }	S. Graham (16-13) }	(a Bye) }	S. Graham (15-7) }
Williams } v. Boult }	Williams (12-5) }	(a Bye) }	
Adrian } v. R. Graham }	R. Graham (11-3) }	H. Rawson (12-6) }	H. Rawson (11-10) }
H. Rawson	(a Bye)		

OUR GRANTITE MUSICIANS.

No doubt there are some Old Grantites, who, on reading this title, will ask the question : " Are there any Grantite musicians ? " To these the present Grantite would answer : " Go into Hall, and

there adorning the famous mantelpiece, you will find a cup—no ordinary cup, of the every-day Westminster type, but a copper cup, surmounted by a singing bird. Granted that it possesses a throat which authorities would pronounce incapable of sound-production; granted that, when it made its first appearance it stood on only one leg, and that that one seemed sadly out of joint; it is none the less a most superior singing bird. “But,” our Old Grantite will ask, “what is this wonderful cup?” Why, with such a marvellous example of voice production on its lid, what should it be but a singing cup, of which Grant’s are the first holders? It was won by the energy and perseverance of seven Grantites, some of whom, alas, are now gone to display their talents elsewhere, but some are still with us, and there are others ready to take the place of those who have left.

In Hall, musicians are modest. There can be no doubt that they exist, but somehow it requires the atmosphere of Chiswick’s to bring forth their powers to their full strength and beauty, and even then, this Chiswickite atmosphere seems to require time to take full effect, for Outer can boast only one musician. This is a bass. He might be called a thorough-bass, since he is often heard singing “seconds” to the more exalted strains of his brethren in Middle. Of these there are several. One may hear a note which reminds one of the hunting-field; there is a voice which, at five minutes past nine every morning, passionately calls for certain articles of clothing, and last but by no means least, there is *the* voice; the voice of the house, alternately described as tenor and light baritone, the voice which brings tears to the eyes and a lump to the throat. Some have dared say that this voice has no soul in its tones, but who, after hearing one note, could have the boldness to express any doubt as to its perfection of quality, range, and flexibility, of expression, power and volume?

If Outer possesses a thorough-bass, Inner can go one better with what can only be described as a double-bass. Those whose lot it is to sit in the neighbourhood of the memorial council in evening prayers have heard it at its best. At house matches, too, it shows to great advantage. Its compass might be somewhere about two octaves lower than that of the *maestro* of Middle, but in volume and power it comes a very close second. Another voice in Inner exists but is never heard. There are rumours that, when it does emerge from its bashful quiescence, it is by no means unpleasant, but it has successfully dodged that usually unfailling test, the Play Supper, so it cannot be described or criticised. And now comes the musical jack-of-all-trades of Grant’s. By turns pianist, vocalist, accompanist, composer, conductor, critic, like most people who say they do a great many things, he has only demonstrated his powers in half these *rôles*, and has not created an overwhelming impression in what he has

done. He always seems to be having a very good time, or is never so happy as when he is organising something of somebody else's.

But enough has been said to show the wealth of musical talent to be found this year "up Grant's." May she always uphold the splendid traditions of 1907-8!

OBITUARY.

THE REV. C. A. STEVENS.

It is with great regret we notice the death on Saturday, January 11th, 1908, of the Rev. C. A. Stevens within a few weeks of completing his 91st year. Mr. Stevens, at the time of his death, was one of the oldest of Old Westminsters, having been admitted to the School in 1830. Himself the son of an Old Westminster, he was admitted on September 27th, 1830, as a boarder at "Grant's," as his father and his elder brother had been before him. His father, Robert Stevens, had been elected fourth into College in 1793, and was celebrated at Westminster for his acting of *Euclio* in the *Aulularia* of Plautus in 1796, besides contributing 33 to the winning Westminster score in the match against Eton in 1796. He was elected Head to Trinity College Cambridge, in 1797, subsequently becoming Chaplain to the House of Commons and Dean of Rochester, and lived until 1870, having, like his son, exceeded his "fourscore and ten years."

Rev. C. A. Stevens was born on February 3rd, 1817, and was, as we have said, admitted to the School in 1830. At that time Mrs.—or rather "Mother Grant"—and her son were still living in "Grant's," while Rev. W. C. Totton, an O.W.—"grim old Totton," as Mr. Stevens calls him—was Usher of the House, and lived in a house which stood on the site of the present Bursary. Even before the time that Mr. Stevens was at Westminster, the unfortunate decline in the fortunes of the School had begun. In 1825 there were 256 boys in the School, in 1832 there were but 118. This rapid decrease must be accounted for by the roughness of the life at Westminster, the excessive and overgrown system of fagging (Mr. Tollemache, who was at the School at this time, writes, "the boys were simply servants to their masters out of school hours"), by the weakness of Dr. Goodenough and Dr. Williamson, the Headmasters from 1819 to 1846, and to the general feeling which was growing up that boys should no longer be "huddled together like pigs in a sty," a feeling which found expression in the reforms of Dr. Arnold at Rugby.

From Westminster Mr. Stevens proceeded to Trinity College, Cambridge, as his father had done before him, taking his B.A. degree in 1839 and his M.A. in 1842. He had previously (1840),

been ordained, and was from 1840-44 his father's curate at West Farleigh, Kent, to which living his father had retired from the Deanery of Rochester. From West Farleigh he went to Kensington (1844-48) and from Kensington to Oakham, Rutland (1851-53), and after a brief sojourn as Minister of St. Mark's, Westminster (1853-7) he returned to Oakham from 1857-60. He was then appointed Vicar of Gondhurst, Kent (1860-4), and then of All Saints', Blackheath (1864-80). Finally he was presented to the living of Portslade, in Sussex, which living he held until he retired a few years ago to Seaford, where he was living at the time of his death in his 92nd year, thus adding another name to the remarkable records of Old Westminster longevity. Mr. Stevens was the author of several pamphlets and treatises on educational and ecclesiastical subjects. To the end of his days Mr. Stevens took a keen interest in everything concerning Westminster, and although he found it difficult to reconcile himself to the perhaps inevitable changes between the Westminster of his day and the Westminster of our own, nevertheless his interest never diminished, and within little more than a year of his death he wrote down some reminiscences of "Grant's" and Westminster as they were in 1830 for the writer of this short tribute to his memory.

L. E. T.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."

DEAR SIR,

Once again the painful duty is mine of sifting my brain for news for the composing of a Cambridge letter.

Prominent among old Grantites stands Mr. D. S. Robertson, of Trinity. As was said in the last letter he has been sojourning among the Achæans. After many doubtless hair-breadth escapes from Raisulis, it is again with joy we chronicle that he has this term added yet another to his long list of victories in the Classical World. We believe he still continues his equestrian pursuits with rather more vigour, perhaps, than success. *O tempora ! O mores !*

Next comes Mr. R. W. Willcocks, of Caius ; ere now methinks his fame and fortune will have reached the ears of my readers by the medium of the War Office. He it was who, alone of men, in the late military exploits of the Bug-shooters, hurled himself into the gap, and with the strength of his arm of arms held the enemy at bay for the space of an hour, when he was informed by the umpire that he and his company had long been out of action for breach of orders.

We suppose he will shortly be a leading member of the Medical Profession, judging indeed from the giant strides he has been making in the long lost and much abused art of vivisection.

Then we come to Mr. C. H. Metcalfe, of Pembroke, he of the racing motor car; "alas, the car that was and is no more!" for one sign of it now alone remains, "a bruised arm within a silken sling." We hope it was not due to him that his boat was run down and overturned and its crew well-nigh drowned in the Lent races.

A word must now be said of Mr. G. W. H. Hodgson, of Trinity, "that doggy cox and Blue that is to be" (my own, my own, all my own!!!). He it was who led his boat four times to defeat—a defeat which was indeed inevitable, for what could be expected of a boat with seven oars. Let us not pass him over too lightly, for we hear that the work he accomplishes for the Law Tripos is without measure (one hour divided into seven parts, each part extending over one day—just work it out, it's worth it). Mr. G. H. Dillon, of Christ's, is making slow but steady progress in the Slavonic tongue. (We hear on good authority that this tongue is no relation of the tongue he consumed at luncheon on March 12th last, which we believe and hope was Paysandu.)

Of Mr. F. H. Vey, of Clare, there is little to place among the Archives of Grant's, save the fact that he has of late been smitten of a fell disease—Mumps.

Lest you should complain of me—as Cicero did once of Catiline—that I am destroying your patience, let me simply wish you one and the best of wishes, GOOD LUCK.

Yours very truly,
Trin. Coll. Cant.

OUR OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."

DEAR SIR,

Once more the time comes round, all too soon, alas, when you want to hear of the doings of old Grantites at Oxford. Grant's, you will be glad to know, is going very strong at present, and, though the result of this term's schools is not yet known, we hope that some of the names will come out high. The honoured posts of President of the Twenty Club, Secretary of the Chatham Club, Secretary of the Football Club, and Captain and Treasurer of the Warrigals Cricket Club are all filled by old Grantites, so you will see that the House is doing its duty up here.

To go on to individuals, of course, Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe must come first. He is now in his seventh or eighth year of residence,

and seems likely to remain while new generations of Grantites come and go. Though still coaching the idle, he has quite given up his abode in Oxford, and is turning his great genius to some account at Garsington. He is converting it in the Conservative interest to such effect that the chief fear now is that at the coming election the Conservative candidate will get turned out on account of the bribery and corruption practised on his behalf. With Jack to keep the "beer" going, and with "Geoff." to keep the words flowing, what village meeting could fail to be a success? They never get heckled, for between the two no one else can get a word in edgeways. It's the old case of *Arcades ambo*, and it's pretty hard work to get round them, too. Mr. Radcliffe, the misogynist, applies very hard words to the Suffragettes. Mr. Geoffrey R. Y. Radcliffe deserves a word all to himself as well as Jack. He is Secretary of the Chatham Club, and finds great difficulty in getting any one to join; but the beer at his political meetings may have some effect. As an authority on hare hunting he is unrivalled, and is an exceedingly able exponent on what might have been. He is still the *beau ideal* of the ladies, and, incidentally, of himself.

Mr. R. W. Reed has been acting Master of the Beagles for the last fortnight, and his charm of manner and singular delicacy of expression have rendered him more or less frightening to everyone except his pachydermatous friend, Mr. Geoffrey Radcliffe, who, most untruthfully, says he is quite used to it. He thinks it will be all up with the Christ Church Beagles after he has gone down; but in all probability they will continue to exist, and, perhaps, even show some good sport. However, he finished up well by winning the Beagle Grind. Next term he is Captain of the Warrigals, so Westminster will have to buck up if they want to beat them! Among other accomplishments he plays a very sharp game at bridge.

Historian, Corporal, Treasurer, Footballer, Beagler, and Male Nurse—what more can we say of Mr. G. M. S. Oldham, whose lively presence still cheers this solemn seat of learning? What unbounded energy the little fellow has to be sure; it makes one quite tired to think of it. He does so much that one can't say exactly what he does; but he gave us the pleasure of seeing another O.G. this term—Mr. R. E. Tanner—and also of partaking of an excellent breakfast. We feel quite sure Mr. Tanner has mistaken his vocation, he takes to Oxford ways so naturally. Mr. Oldham is also going down next term, and the House will lose one of its brightest, if not most valuable, ornaments. Good luck to him in the Schools.

Mr. G. Rae Fraser creeps about with mysterious mien, carrying his crystal in one hand and his scroll of Fugues in the other, and between the two he keeps somewhat out of sight. He is said

to be a leading light of the Sophists and conjures spirits *ad lib.*, but we can get no more definite information.

Mr. E. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins helps Mr. Fraser and has also been distinguishing himself on the track, running some very good races in the House Sports. He has been indirectly of great service to the College, for seeing him wearing a green Tyrolese hat has kept more people from buying one than any other reason whatever.

Mr. G. Pitt-Lewis, *abdomine tardus*, goes silently on his peaceful way and looks very happy even under stress of work; while Mr. H. D. Adrian the *ci-devant* furious footballer, now rows! *In coelum jussuris ibit!*

Well, sir, I think that completes the list of the O.G.'s. here, who all wish you the best of luck in the House Matches and the Sports; so I will now bring this long letter to a close.

Yours, &c.,
EX AEDE CHRISTI.

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