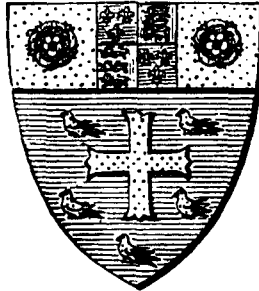


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## CHISWICKS AND HALL.

THE reconstruction of Hall and Chiswicks is not a matter which can be left unrecorded in the pages of the GRANTITE REVIEW. During the summer holidays Hall was pulled down and by a remarkably clever piece of building Chiswicks were remodelled and turned into a Dining Hall. Indeed the Old Grantite, who opens the familiar door of Outer, may well rub his eyes, for Hall appears to have moved itself bodily down yard. He sees the fireplace and the famous mantelpiece and the tables all in their usual places; it is only Chiswicks which have entirely disappeared.

Eventually we understand they will be rebuilt at the end of yard and all the name boards and other distinctive features will be re-erected. (Who can think of Vesuvius without instantly recalling that wonderful eruptive picture which used to hang in Middle?) New changing rooms, baths, etc., are also to be incorporated in the new buildings which will be erected during the course of the year.

Even the most conservative of Old Grantites can hardly deny that the new buildings will be an enormous improvement.

But few perhaps will not experience a feeling of regret for the disappearance of Hall and Chiswicks as they have been known to so many generations of Grantites. When they were built the records are silent. The legend that they were erected out of the proceeds of the sale of the House at Chiswick, to which the school migrated in times of heat and plague under Dr. Busby, does not seem capable of proof. But it is certain that Chiswicks were built originally as sick-rooms and it is for that reason, that the old name of the sick-house at Chiswick was transferred to them. It is a curious link between Grant's and the Great Plague. It was not until about eighty years ago that they were turned into studies, and that Hall ceased to be merely a Dining Hall. In Mother Grant's time the boys not only slept, but lived and worked in the Dormitories. The covered walk leading to Hall, dates from the time when Mr. Marshall was House Master (1847-1868). He succeeded the last of the Dames, and it was he who brought the boys down into Hall and Chiswicks.

No one could defend these buildings from the point of view of architecture, and it was difficult to meet the objection of anxious mothers that they were dark (but why would they always come and look at them on the darkest and wettest days?) and that changing rooms and baths were urgently required. "Baths," as a scandalised Master of Trinity once remarked, "*baths*, what do the young gentlemen want with baths? Why they are only up here for a few weeks at a time!" But still—we who have lived in Chiswicks, knew their peculiar charm and how pleasant and snug they were on a winter's night when the curtains were drawn (as far as they would cover the windows!) and a good fire was burning on the hearth. If there were deficiencies, and we, for one, gravely doubt if they existed, of what account were they compared with the sense of security and importance which we felt when once the great gulf which separates Hall and Chiswicks had been passed? Then as a Chiswickite, instead of hurrying by with averted face, we could gaze at will through the sacred windows from yard and listen unmoved (especially at nine o'clock!) to the monitor's cry of "Hall."

We would add one word more. Although the outward form of Grant's may change and the buildings may not be as Old Grantites knew them, yet the spirit and the tone which animates and has always animated Grantites remains the same. May it always be said of the House in Virgil's words: "*Semper honor, nomenque tuum, laudesque manebunt.*"

## WATER.

OUR first duty is to thank Mr. J. R. Rea, who coached the House IV. with such good results that they made a strong bid for the rudder. This year the course was about three-quarters of a mile from Putney Pier to the top of Fulham football ground. The race was rowed in very bad water with a strong wind. Home-Boarders had the Surrey station, Grant's the centre and Ashburnham the Middlesex. After some delay at the start Ashburnham, sheltered by the Middlesex wall, got well away. Grant's, however, in mid-stream rowed hard, and at the Thames Rowing Club were half a length up. Here they lost much ground through erratic steering, though they were still well a-head of Home-Boarders.

Ashburnham with the advantage of smoother water, spurted well, and won a very keenly contested race by one and a quarter lengths. Water has made much progress during the past year. Many recruits have increased our numbers, and Grant's is now represented by sixteen members, and we hope to have three of this year's crew still with us next summer.

## CRITICISMS OF THE CREW.

*Bow.* **M. S. Murphy** coxed the School IV. with skill and judgment, but showed in the House IV. that he could row hard and with good style.

2. **B. G. Groner** rowed hard, relies too much on his arms, will be useful when he gets his drive straight from the stretcher with both legs.

3. **F. C. De Kay** very strong and heavy, is learning to apply his weight to best advantage.

*Stroke.* **J. A. Brownell** a very neat hard working oar. Bow in the School 2nd IV., he stroked the House IV. with great pluck and judgment.

*Cox.* **G. H. Rowntree** had a very difficult task. Sometimes it is better to go right out of the selected stations to get shelter from the wind, but in any case the course must be straight. Quite a good waterman and with more experience will be very useful next summer.

## HOUSE NOTES.

AT the end of last term there left us the following: J. R. Peacock, W. B. Frampton, J. W. Burford, G. T. Swann, A. J. Gielgud, E. Carr, C. F. Mounsey and J. A. Brownell.

The following new boys came this term: R. W. Davies, R. B. Orange, J. R. D. S. Trelawny, T. G. Hardy, A. M. Shepley-Smith, C. L. Macpherson, F. M. Oppenheimer, M. G. Stratford, P. J. Calvert and R. E. Calvert.

W. L. Hartley is Head of House this term and B. G. Groner, F. N. Hornsby and D. E. Lashmore monitors, while I. M. Main, R. S. Randolph and M. S. Murphy have come from Outer to Middle, and A. Adler and R. W. Hartley from Hall to Outer.

Congratulations are due to R. S. Randolph on becoming House Commander, and to F. N. Hornsby, B. G. Groner, F. C. DeKay and E. T. Holmes on being made Lance-Corporals. We must also congratulate R. W. Hartley on his Football Pink-and-Whites and B. G. Groner and F. C. DeKay on their rowing House colours.

Grant's is fast becoming a very efficient house at water where we have a most enthusiastic leader in M. S. Murphy. Without wishing water to interfere in any way with our football and cricket, we think it is a very good thing for the House to be well represented in all departments of the School Sports.

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SENIORS.

*Played on Wednesday, November 30th.*

*v. ASHBURNHAM. Lost 5-2.*

ALTHOUGH beaten by a better side, Grant's were certainly not, on the run of the play, five-two worse than their opponents, and might, had it not been for two pieces of bad luck, which happened early in the game, have made a very tight match of it. The first of these misfortunes, was a corner by AHH.

which passed right along the goal line and which the defenders left far behind, but the ball swerved in round the post and a goal resulted. The second calamity was even worse, Pickering the A.H.H. outside left, centring when, as everyone agrees, the ball was well over the goal kick line. In this way Ashburnham got their second goal. In spite of these reverses Grant's rallied and following pressure on the Ashburnham goal Hornsby, J., scored with a good shot. After this A.H.H. had nearly all the game until half-time, the Grantite halves being especially weak, and despite fine work by McBride and Llewellyn, Rowland added a third goal for Ashburnham just before the interval. For the first quarter of an hour after half-time, A.H.H. continued to press and Rowland scored again with a fast high drive. Soon after this a great change came over the game and the Grantite right wing, well fed by Hartley, kept up a constant pressure on the Ashburnham goal, and eventually a pretty bit of passing between Murphy, Hornsby, J. and Horne ended in the last named scoring the best goal of the match.

Grant's continued to press, and a beautiful piece of short passing between Hartley and Hornsby, J., resulted in the latter hitting the upright with a good shot. Right up till the end Grant's had all the best of the game but could do everything but score and close on time Rowland received a fine through pass from Kiely and scored Ashburnham's fifth goal. For Ashburnham Kiely played magnificently, while for Grant's McBride, Hartley, L., and Hornsby, J., all played a fine uphill game.

#### CRITICISMS.

**W. L. Hartley** has played regularly for the 1st XI. at right back, but in Seniors, for want of anybody else, went back to his old position at centre half, and although his wind is really not good enough to fill this position, he fed his forwards well and was untiring in his efforts to encourage the side.

**R. S. Randolph** has played regularly for the 1st XI. at left half. A fine tackler, with a good turn of speed, he has saved many a dangerous situation, but lacks control of the ball, and has very little idea of feeding his forwards.

**R. W. Hartley** has played regularly for the 1st XI. in goal, and has brought off many fine saves. Quick and neat

in all he does and always keeps a cool head, but should learn to throw himself more readily.

**J. M. Hornsby** is a most promising young footballer with a sound knowledge of the game and a fine turn of speed. He generally plays outside right but in Seniors went inside and played really well the whole game.

**W. N. McBride** played left back and was a real tower of strength, tackling and kicking with fine judgment.

**D. W. Llewellyn** uses his weight very well and shows improvement from last year, but is still inclined to miskick now and then.

**F. N. Hornsby** at right half, is fast and a hard worker but should learn to make the most of his weight.

**M. S. Murphy** is on the water and therefore has not had enough football to cultivate his natural aptitude as an outside right.

**E. W. Horne** filled the difficult position of centre forward quite well and should develop into a good forward. In Seniors was handicapped by having no support from his left wing. He is a good "first time" shot.

**D. E. Lashmore** is small and somewhat ineffective at outside left, where he was well marked by the lanky Munt.

**A. M. Shepley-Smith** for a new boy shows great promise but should endeavour to play his own game and not be overcome by the excitement of the occasion.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

*To the Editor of THE GRANTITE REVIEW.*

DEAR SIR,

I am going to begin this letter in perhaps rather an unorthodox manner by asking you the question "What is the use of the usual Cambridge letter?" It is true that it gives Grantites a list (should they want it) of old Grantites at Cambridge; but apart from this it is surely useless. It tells people little or nothing. Imagine the feelings, or rather the thoughts, of the average hallite when he is told that "so and so" is to be seen rowing with odd socks on, or that "such and such"

appeared in Petty Cury without a hat, or even, as is usually the case, that the author has spent many sleepless nights writing or thinking how to write, a Grantite letter; no doubt he is enlightened, he may have become a wiser man, indeed he may even have learnt when to wear odd socks.

At the moment, however, I feel like seeing if it is possible to write a letter which says something more or less definite about each person. Whether I shall succeed or fail must wait till the end of the letter.

In a recent Cambridge letter, I believe the writer let out the fact that in future there would be someone to write a letter for the Grantite who would know something about Dr. Adrian. I must impress upon you that this is not so or at least that I am not the guilty person. Dr. Adrian is a director of studies and, in case any small hallite should be passing through Cambridge, supplies a very excellent lunch!

Mr. D. S. Robertson is another person of whom I am ashamed to say I know little or nothing. The "fresher" at any rate, with the exception of those learned men who read classics, does not have the pleasure of his society.

The Hon. S. A. S. Montagu is sometimes seen at lectures but otherwise is somewhat obscure.

Mr. A. Le B. G. Morris is, I think in fact I am quite certain, still up at Cambridge, and from the point of view of this letter (I need not add that from this point of view alone) I wish he were not, as I know even less about him than I do of Dr. Adrian. However, he is here.

Mr. F. E. Ruegg has passed an exam.

Mr. P. E. H. Samuel lives at the end of a long dark passage and is seldom seen.

Mr. P. J. S. Bevan is working this term and finds no time for rowing; in consequence he has taken to wearing his socks in pairs. He also possesses a very ancient motor bicycle which goes far better than any other on record. While talking of motor bicycles I might say that Mr. J. R. Rea was somewhat intimidated at the beginning of the term by a threatened "straff" of all bicycles not possessing silencers of standard pattern, and bought a "silencer." It makes more noise than it did before, but the police do not object since it is the right shape! He also rows and therefore wears his—enough!

Mr. Robey left Grant's some considerable time ago and has at last found his way to Cambridge.

Mr. J. R. Peacock is still cutting up frogs and the like.

He thinks he is going to be a surgeon but I believe he has an option on a butcher's shop with a view to possible bad times ahead.

Mr. G. T. Swann has rooms a very long way from anywhere and plays Rugger with considerable success.

Mr. A. E. Carr spends his time parading the town on his motor bicycle and playing hockey in (if I may say so) extremely brief shorts.

Now, Sir, have I succeeded or failed? I am afraid there is no doubt that I have failed—hopelessly!

Also, Sir, this letter has occupied very many pages and I am relying on it shrinking considerably in the press, otherwise I fear paper money would have to be increased in order to include it in the GRANTITE.

Wishing Grant's every possible success in every way.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

E. CANTAB.

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