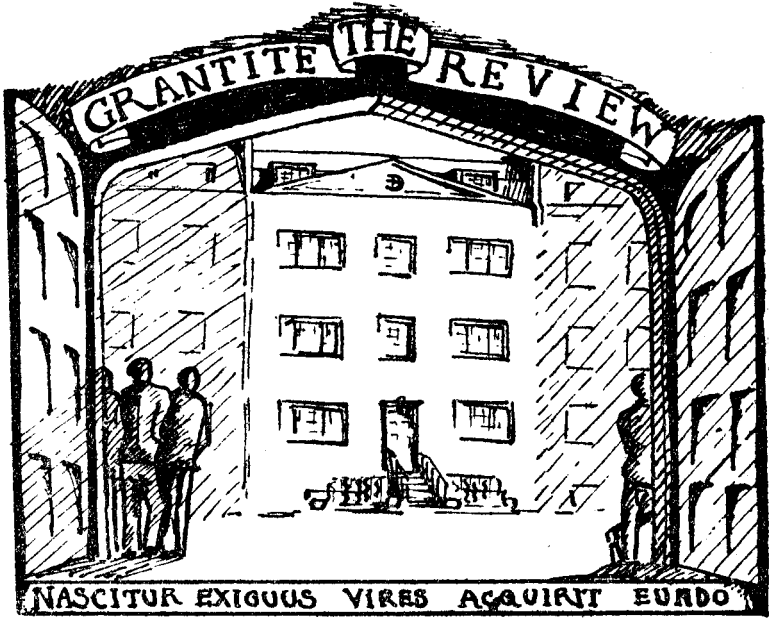


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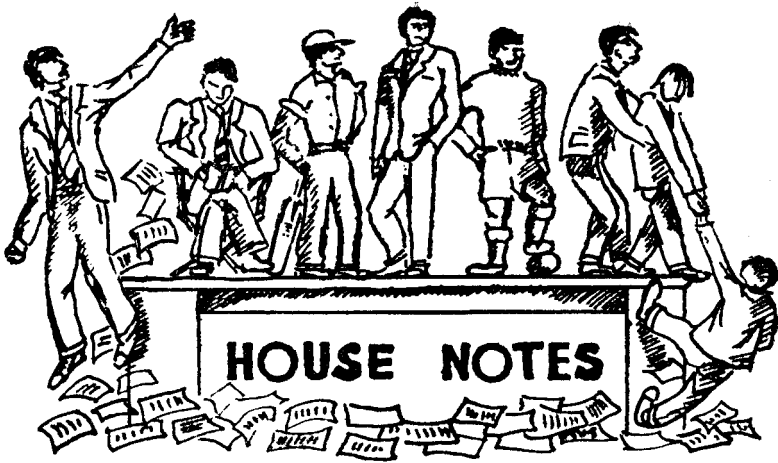
The Editors find it small consolation that London has been subjected to serious fogs since the 17th Century. To have a new word, particularly ugly, coined for the occasion, and then be told that the whole business is hundreds of years old, is annoying. It is not for these columns to offer any suggestion to combat weather conditions ; in spite of the fact that we were the people who suggested big vacuum cleaners on every street corner sucking in the filthy air and rushing it out clean the other side, in spite of this we say nothing.

Will anything be done, we wonder ? Is it possible to do anything at all when there is so much industry in and around the town. Perhaps the time has come to cease complaining and accept fog and the other word without complaining. Where would Dickens be without it, where Sherlock Holmes ? And in the last event we can console ourselves with the thought that if it was good enough for our ancestors it ought to be good enough for us.

HOUSE DIARY

The centre of Grants not only geographically but conversationally and socially is certainly the Blanco Room. It has, admittedly, only a short season consisting at the most of two days a week, but during those days it would be impossible to ignore its existence. Drawn inside by the conversation, not as much brilliant as indignant as a rule, the first impression is not of blanco but of boots. Boots everywhere, in different stages of shine, being polished by varied highly individual and secret methods that all seem to yield a similar result. The gloomy light is an advantage ; any equipment is guaranteed to look worse than it really is there, and the blanco with which the room has-been generously decorated.

The beams present an uncertain joy to its inhabitants. Anyone not versed in this height is almost certain to hit one or other of them. Yes, we have plenty to amuse us in the Blanco Room ; yet it is sadly noticeable how empty it is excepting these two days a week, totally forgotten by the greater part of the house until it is remembered hurriedly with hard words somewhere about nine o'clock on a Thursday evening.



There left us last term : R. P. G. Richards, D. D. Cammell, C. M. Wolchover, P. M. Godfrey. We welcome this term : E. R. Espenhahn, N. Halstead, as boarders, and E. G. Jones as a day-boy.

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Appointed to be monitors this term : J. A. K. Garrett, C. L. Fisher.

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We offer our congratulations to R. P. G. Richards on his State Scholarship and D. D. Cammell on his Open Exhibition in History at Trinity College, Cambridge.

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Congratulations to : M. C. M. Frances, G. S. Clarke on their Pinks for Football.

and to : C. W. Redgrave on his Pinks and Pink and Whites for Fencing.

and to : F. R. Lucas on his Pink and Whites for Football.

and to : F. A. Warholm on his Thirds for Shooting.

and to : J. A. G. Harrop, R. G. M. Spry, R. Munro-Faure on their Colts for Football.

and to : J. Noakes, F. B. Lowe, R. N. Chinn, J. K. Ledlie on their Junior Colts for Football.

and to : G. B. Patterson on his Seniors for Fencing.

and to : J. D. Noakes, R. J. Abbott, J. K. Ledlie on their Juniors for Football.

and to : R. J. Abbott, F. M. F. Cox, N. R. P. Heaton, C. P. Wakely on their Juniors for Fives.

FOOTBALL SENIORS

The first round of the Seniors Competition against Rigaud's was played on Thursday, February 2nd. It was played in gym-shoes in suicidal conditions on a frozen pitch. The fact that no one from either side sustained any serious injury says a lot for the players' appreciation of the conditions. Mr. Cunningham's difficult job as referee was made easier by the total absence of very heavy or dirty tackling which quite often occurs in House matches.

In spite of these disadvantages the match turned out to be a very exciting one, which we eventually won 3—2. It was very close throughout and the result was in doubt right up to the final whistle.

In the first half we played with the wind but against the sun. Our defence's policy of first time clearances broke up every attack Rigaud's had to offer and they never looked like scoring. At the other end our finishing was very weak and Clarke's absence was felt. Most of our attacks came from the left with Frances keeping the forward line well supplied with passes and often moving up himself. His efforts did not get the support they deserved, though Grose on the left wing did very well in spite of having Poole up against him. At centre-forward Benson, suffering under the effects of a knock on the head, was slow to take the chances offered. Lucas did a lot of work but was very closely marked throughout the game.

As the first half neared the end Lucas going through was tripped and a penalty resulted and Wilkins scored from the spot. At half-time most people agreed that we deserved our one-goal lead.

In the second half Rigaud's attacked strongly and it was against the run of the play when Benson scored our second goal owing to a mistake by the goalkeeper.

This goal seemed to spur us on more and the play was very even, with the ball moving from end to end. Our right wing was more prominent this half with Chinn getting several good passes into the middle. Then Rigaud's made the score 2—1 and the Grant's goal came under some heavy pressure. The experience of Wilkins and Frances kept the defence together and the Rigaud's forwards were kept out. Munro-Faure covered well and Garrett at left-back tackled strongly. Spry played a very sound game throughout and his handling of the light ball was excellent.

We then increased our lead with a fine goal from Lucas who scored with a 30-yard shot. Rigaud's replied immediately and scored their second goal from a corner.

However the score remained 3—2 until the final whistle, and we now go on to the semi-final where we meet College.

The team :—Spry ; Munro-Faure, Garrett ; Harrop, Wilkins, Frances ; Chinn, Lucas, Benson, Lowe, Grose.

FOOTBALL JUNIORS

This year the Juniors Competition was extremely open with Rigaud's, Busby's, Wren's, and Grant's all having teams of equal strength. However, the results were disappointing as far as Grant's was concerned. We won 2, lost 2, and drew 1.

In the first match against Rigaud's we were unlucky in having to play on the Under 14 pitch which was of more advantage to our opponents than to us. However, we had most of the play and played better football but could not score the goals and eventually lost 2—3.

Our next match was against Busby's and again we played on the U.14 pitch. This time it was a close game, but Busby's played with more spirit and won 3—1.

In our next two matches against Ashburnham and Queen Scholars we played much better and deservedly won both matches 10—1 and 6—1 respectively. These substantial wins gave the team some confidence.

The last match against Wren's was a very close affair and both teams played well. It ended in a draw 1—1.

The competition was eventually won by Wren's after a play-off with Busby's.

Harrop captained the side very efficiently throughout and was well supported. Prominent among the other members of the team were Spry, Munro-Faure, and Chinn. After the matches Juniors were awarded to Noakes, Abbott and Ledlie.

FENCING

Last term the inter-house School Sabre competition was held. C. W. Regdrave was the champion, M. Makower came third and G. B. Patterson came fourth. As a result of this the points for each house are as follows :—

Queen's Scholars ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Grant's ...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Rigaud's ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Busby's ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Ashburnham ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wren's ...	...	...	...	...	...	7

[The foil and épée events are to be fought this term.]

This is a really fine result and there is no reason to suppose that we will not put up an equally good show in the other events. However, looking to the future, the prospect is not so bright. After next school year has ended all the senior fencers will have left and as yet there are only two junior fencers in the house.

If our now traditional high standard of success is to be maintained more enthusiasm among the juniors must be seen. More recruits must come forward for training in this noble sport which teaches you grace and speed of movement and quickness of thought.

THE PLAY SUPPER

The feature of this, the first play supper to take place within the New Grant's, was the presence of the Head Master, who regaled us with a most humorous speech on the subject of schoolmasters' bluff. Mr. French manfully responded with the opportunities of revenge on his seniors that a play supper affords a master: and lest we should choke over our excellent turkey, Mr. Kealey sobered us with a text, and various conclusions thereon.

Thus, in a jocose frame of mind, the Grant's Corps of entertainers attempted the great mystery. For to provide raiment fit for a king is no harder task than to provide entertainment fit for a headmaster. It must be piquant, without being risqué; what the butler saw must not savour *too* much of the Folies Bergères.

Setting itself these confines the Entertainment, organised by Dewar, was the funniest for some time. Based on the reminiscences of Mr. Carleton, it showed developments in the after lives of various 1955 Grantites, glorious or infamous as the case might be.

There was some spirited and accomplished strumming on the ukelele by Benson; an insight into Redgrave's demise at Wigan, and funniest of all, the careers of the intrepid Messrs. Dewar and Cammell. These, with many other acts, equally enjoyable, provided an evening that unlike Joe Cargery's small beer, was stimulating.

THE NEW BILLIARDS TABLE

No little disturbance was caused by the arrival up Grant's of a new Billiards table, a very generous gift from Mr. Charles Hobson. The difficulty of its arriving in pieces was overcome by the Housemaster and a number of very willing helpers who managed to assemble the table in an extremely short time. It is now in constant use and we can only hope that the excellent condition it is in at the moment will be maintained for some time to come.

OLD GRANTITE CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Grantite Club was held in Hall on Thursday, December 8th, 1955, at 6 p.m. Mr. W. Cleveland-Stevens, C.M.G., Q.C., was in the chair.

The following elections took place :—

As President : Mr. W. Cleveland-Stevens, C.M.G., Q.C.

As Vice-Presidents : The Lord Adrian, O.M., F.R.S.

Mr. P. J. S. Bevan.

Sir Adrian Boulton, D.Mus., LL.D.

Mr. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens, M.A., D.Sc.

Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, D.C.L., F.S.A.

The Lord Rea, O.B.E.

Mr. L. E. Tanner, C.V.O., V-P.S.A.

As Hon. Treasurer : Mr. R. Plummer, F.C.A.

As Hon. Secretary : Mr. W. R. van Straubenzee, M.B.E.

As members of the Executive Committee, retiring by rotation :

The Hon. Andrew Davidson

Mr. F. D. Hornsby

As Hon. Auditors : Mr. F. T. Hunter, F.C.A.

Mr. Geoffrey P. Stevens, F.C.A., M.P.

For the benefit of those Members who were not able to be present we give below the President's report to the Meeting.

“ The principal event of the last year, which was also my first year as your President, was the dinner which took place in this hall on April 25th, and which was held to celebrate the rebuilding of the greater part of the House. I am glad to say that 77 members of the Club attended this dinner, which was substantially greater than in previous years. What was also rather remarkable, which will appear more fully when the Honorary Treasurer gives his report, was that the total cost of the dinner to the Club was only £9. I think it will be generally agreed that the dinner was an outstanding success, and there are three people whom I should particularly thank. The first is Mr. Noel Hornsby, who was Chairman of the Dinner Sub-Committee. When I tell you that almost everything necessary for the dinner, including all the drinks and much of the cutlery, etc., had to be brought here specially, you will appreciate the amount of work and organisation involved. Mr. Hornsby most kindly allowed the Club to make use of his own business organisation which not only resulted in the dinner being run most excellently, but undoubtedly saved us a great deal of expense. Secondly I should thank Mrs. Burd, who is in charge of catering at College Hall, and who undertook the catering for the dinner. I think all those present agreed that it was quite excellent. Thirdly I know we are all very appreciative of the kindness of the Housemaster and Mrs. Wilson who allowed us to assemble in their private rooms and who went out of their way to make everything as easy as possible from our point of view.

“ Your committee have given careful consideration to approaching the Housemaster again for permission to hold the dinner in this hall in 1956, but they feel that such dinners should be reserved for very special occasions only, and they have therefore arranged that the 1956 Annual Dinner shall take place in the King Charles Suite at Whitehall Court. The date selected is Monday, April 16th, which has been particularly chosen to suit the convenience of the Universities. You may like to make a note of the date.

“ When I took over the presidency I inherited three main tasks. The first was the appeal to Old Grantites who were not members of the Club, the second was the issue of a new list of members, and the third was the issue of a history of the House and of the Club. I am able to report some progress in all three.

“ In September of this year I personally signed a letter to 180 Old Grantites who were not members of the Club and up to the present time we have been glad to welcome 21 new members. As this is the first Annual General Meeting since that letter went out, I am glad to welcome the following new members :—

Mr. J. M. Winckworth	Mr. A. J. Sheldon
Dr. A. W. D. Leisman	Dr. H. A. Burt
Mr. Ian K. Munro	Mr. M. Reed
Mr. P. M. B. Savage	Mr. J. L. Sheriff
Mr. J. Hobman	Mr. C. H. M. Gould
Lord Swaythling	Mr. J. S. Rivaz
Mr. B. E. G. Davies	Mr. P. C. F. Lawton
Mr. T. W. Brown	Mr. R. Mytton Mills
Sir John Gielgud	Mr. P. R. Pain
Mr. H. J. V. Gardner	and Mr. J. R. Moon
Mr. T. W. Dutton	

“ I hope it may be that a few more applications for membership will now come in, but at least most of the Old Grantites who are not members of this Club are now aware of its existence.

“ As regards the list of members the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Housemaster have now had a long session checking the existing list of members, and a new one, based on the membership as at the 1st January, 1956, will be issued with the notices for the Annual Dinner. There are still five members of the Club for whom we have no address. They are :—Mr. G. N. P. Lee, The Rev. R. C. Llewellyn, Mr. M. W. Parkington, Mr. M. T. Pitts, Mr. R. O. Wrigley.

“ If any of you can assist the Honorary Secretary by giving him a possible address for any of these members it would be a very great help. Similarly if any of you have changed your addresses recently and not let him know, perhaps you will do so after this meeting.

“ As regards the third project, Mr. L. E. Tanner who you will remember is one of my predecessors in this chair, has very kindly

written a short history both of the House and of the Club up to the outbreak of the last war. The Honorary Secretary is now taking on the task of bringing that history up to date, and Mr. Murray-Rust who was Housemaster throughout the war has kindly agreed to help in that task. I hope it may be possible for that history to be issued, together with the rules in printed form sometime during next year. Finally I should like to express the appreciation of the Club to the Housemaster and Mrs. Wilson for so kindly allowing us to use their private rooms when this meeting is concluded, and I am sure too that you will join with me in congratulating them on the birth of their daughter, last summer."

At this meeting the President formally presented to the Housemaster the gift from the Club of six dining chairs for use in the new Hall.

OLD GRANTITE NEWS

DR. G. R. Y. RADCLIFFE, D.C.L., F.S.A. (1899-1905), President of the Old Grantite Club 1951-1954, has been elected President of the Elizabethan Club.

R. PLUMMER, F.C.A. (1924-1928), Hon. Treasurer of the Old Grantite Club, has been elected Hon. Secretary of the Elizabethan Club.

On October 22nd, 1955, the marriage took place at Holy Trinity Church, Montevideo, of D. FOSTER CUNLIFFE (1932-1937) to Miss Aileen Rose Cobham of Avenida Joaquin Suarez 3494, Motevideo. The honeymoon was spent touring Uruguay by car; Mr. and Mrs. Cunliffe are to take up residence in Antwerp in January, 1956.

Old Grantites will recall that for several years after the Second War, Mr. Cunliffe was Hon. Secretary of the Old Grantite Club and as such was largely responsible for putting the Club on its feet after the break caused by the war. Doubtless all members will wish Mr. and Mrs. Cunliffe every happiness in the future.

G. P. STEVENS, F.C.A., M.P. (1916-1921), has given up the Chairmanship of the United and Cecil Club which he has held for four and a half years.

R. CARR (1930-1935), M.P. for Mitcham and formerly Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

On November 6th, 1955, a daughter was born to Ann, wife of M. V. ARGYLE (1929-1933).

P. N. RAY (1937–1941) has become engaged to Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. D. J. Bowen, M.B.E., and Mrs. Bowen, of Tolworth, Surrey.

L. LIPERT (1945–1948), having been at Toronto University is now married and working for Easterns Limited.

C. J. H. DAVIES (1947–1952) has been playing golf for Cambridge.

S. R. N. RODWAY (1946–1950) is at present in Canada and hopes to go to the London School of Economics on his return.

T. B. JELLET (1945–1949) called in en route from Ireland to the Continent to ski.

S. G. CROFT (1946–1951) has moved out of London and is working with the Salisbury Repertory Company.

F. D. HORNSBY (1945–1950) is qualifying as an architect and has been playing regularly for the Old Westminsters football side.

A. W. ABBOTT (1948–1953) is preparing to be a Chartered Accountant.

N. A. PHELPS-BROWN (1949–1954) is commissioned in the Hussars.

C. R. HAYES (1948–1953) is back from Switzerland and extending his hotel experience in this country.

I. R. CAMERON (1949–1954) is Secretary of the Oxford University Fencing Club.

C. J. CROFT (1949–1954) has been fencing for Oxford.

D. M. LLOYD-JONES (1948–1953) at Oxford was in the Operatic Society's production of *The Fair Maid of Perth*.

R. P. J. BALL (1949–1952) is teaching at a Prep School in Surrey.

M. S. MAKOWER (1949–1954) is with the Engineers at Chatham.

G. I. CHICK (1949–1954) writes from Eaton Hall where he was expecting to be joined by A. C. B. HUNTER (1950–1955).

J. H. M. ANDERSON (1949–1954) has been making slow recovery from an injury to his knee and is unlikely to resume National Service.

J. W. L. PARKER (1950–1953) is "diceing with death" in the Parachute Regiment.

M. G. DRAKE (1949–1953) is teaching temporarily at a Prep. School in Hampshire.

E. C. DICKINSON (1951–1955) is studying languages in Switzerland.

NEXT TERM'S *GRANTITE*

The Editor would be most grateful for any literary contributions to the Election Term's *Grantite* from its readers.

Contributions should arrive before May 7th and be sent to the following address :

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