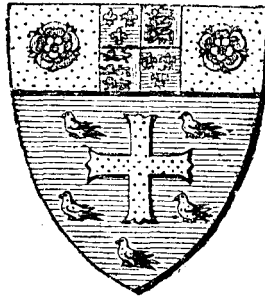


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A RETROSPECT.

The year 1906-7 was remarkable not so much for the number, but for the nature of events in which the "House" was successful, and—wasn't. O.G.'s will doubtless hold up their hands in horror when they realise that none of the four cricket and football trophies adorn the walls of Hall; but if they paid us a visit they would soon see that the empty spaces are filled by new cups, which they, perhaps, have never heard of or fought for, but which, nevertheless, *are* cups, and very handsome ones at that.

The Winter Terms augured a most dismal year. Our Juniors, after a promising start, threw away valuable points by drawing with weak opponents (chiefly owing to the apparent objection of our inside forwards to putting the ball through open goals), and had to take a back seat after a replayed final with H.B.B. Two grand matches against the same House saw our Seniors knocked out of the running in the replay, owing to a little bad luck and a great deal of bad shooting. At the Sports we quite failed to distinguish ourselves. It was about this time that a champion arose in the "House." By his untiring efforts the Drill cup was retained—won by a more comfortable margin than last year. Under his able generalship the "Tug" was again won by our team, and the disgrace of 1906 to some extent wiped out. By his talent and perseverance "Grant's" became the first possessors of the new Singing cup, and he also helped to bring the Shooting cup up the "House"—won by a single point, after a most exciting competition. If we could stop here, we might talk with some reason of a successful year. But the bitter comes after the

sweet. In football we are entitled to say that we were dogged by ill-luck; but cricket! what *can* we say for cricket? Frankly, we deserved to lose the Junior cup for indifference, and the Senior shield for missed opportunities. The details of the latter—and very painful details they are—are given elsewhere. So much for the year's history as regards the cups and shields.

There were also individual efforts that deserve to be mentioned in a retrospect such as this. After four years' absence, the pancake returned "Up Grant's" with Adrian; S. D. Graham tied for the Brinton Shooting medal; in the first round of Seniors, the "House XI." made 473—a total which, we believe, smashes all records—and in this game Hadley scored a fine century; Wylde proved a great friend to the football XI. when hard pressed, and had a large share in the glory of a very successful season. He received his well-merited "Pinks" after the Charterhouse match; Reed and Hadley got Cricket "Pinks," the former being one of the best bats of the year.

Nothing, however, during the past year has reflected so much credit on the "House" as its Cadets. They have won for it two handsome cups. They have had their full share of members in the Corps—some twenty in all. Down at camp they had more representatives than any other House; and the tent which was specially commended by the Brigadier was in the charge of our own sergeant, and consisted almost entirely of Grantites.

To sum up, the past year has been a moderate one—neither very good nor very bad. But the prospects ahead of us are good, very good. We have most of our leaders, and nearly all our rank and file, left. May our expectations be more than realised!

THE LATE MR. EDMUND CHARLES BURTON.

It was with great regret that we heard of the death of Mr. Edmund Charles Burton, which took place in August last, at his home at Daventry, Northamptonshire, after a somewhat lengthy illness.

Born in 1826, he entered the School in September 1838, and was elected to College in 1841. At that time rowing flourished at Westminster, and Mr. Burton took a leading part, becoming Q.S. Head of Water in 1844-5, and rowing for the School against Eton in 1842-3.

From Westminster he went up to the "House" in 1845, where he distinguished himself on the river, on the track, and across country. In 1846 he rowed No. 2 in the Oxford boat,

which was defeated by Cambridge, the race being noteworthy from the fact that it was the first in which "outriggers" were used; but in 1847, in the Grand Challenge at Henley, with Mr. Burton as stroke, Oxford avenged the defeat of the previous year.

Altogether, he rowed five times for Oxford, and his rowing triumphs included the University Fours (three times), the Pairs, the Sculls, the Gold Cup, at the Thames Regatta, the Grand, the Ladies', the Stewards', and the Visitors' (twice), at Henley. It is also noticeable that he was three times one of the "House" crew when they were Head of the River, and that since his time until this year the "House" have never held that position again.

The late Sir John Astley ("The Mate") described Mr. Burton as "the best all-round athlete and sportsman in England," and an incident which no doubt helped to earn him this description was the running match which took place between these two in Mr. Burton's Oxford days, in which Sir John Astley, who was then in the Guards, and was considered one of the fastest runners of his day, came off second best.

In connection with the Grand National Hunt Steeplechase, Mr. Burton's name will always be remembered as the winner of the first two races—in 1860 on a horse called "Bridegroom," and in 1861 on a mare called "Queensferry," both the property of the late Mr. B. J. Angell (popularly known as "Cherry" Angell), while in 1865 he trained for the same owner "Alcibiade," who won the Liverpool Grand National, ridden by Captain Coventry.

Mr. Burton was well known with the Pytchley, having hunted with that pack from his earliest days, and almost to the day of his death he was a keen follower of otter hounds.

In 1906 he came down to present the prizes at the Sports, and presided the same evening at the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race Dinner.

He is succeeded by his son, Mr. E. G. Burton, who was "Up Grant's" from 1887 to 1891.

G. H. G. S.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

This Society opened with Shakespeare's *King Richard II.* It has had a very successful term, the reading being on the whole better than last year. There seemed to be more spirit put into it, especially in the case of Sheridan's Plays.

King Richard II. was started on Oct. 15th, and was continued on the 22nd but was not finished. The parts were as follows:—

Mr. Tanner	...	<i>King Richard II.</i>
C. G. Reed	...	<i>John of Gaunt, Berkley, Fitzwater, etc.</i>
L. E. Tanner	...	<i>Bolingbroke, Scroop.</i>
S. D. Graham	...	<i>Duke of York, Salisbury, Lady.</i>
W. R. Horton	...	<i>Abbot of Westminster, Lord Marshal.</i>
G. L. Eyre	...	<i>Queen, Duchess of Gloucester, etc.</i>
R. S. Storer	...	<i>Northumberland, Aumerle.</i>
J. W. Geare	...	<i>Gardener, Mowbray, Bushy, etc.</i>
F. G. Hobson	...	<i>Green, Carlisle, Captain.</i>
D. C. Vey	...	<i>Willoughby, Duchess of York, etc.</i>
R. A. Shore	...	<i>Ross, Groom, etc.</i>

At the third meeting that this Society held, on Nov. 7th, the small remaining portion of *King Richard II.* was finished. Sheridan's *Scheming Lieutenant* was also read. It was read much better than the former Play, Mr. Tanner being especially good as Lieutenant O'Connor. The parts were as follows:—

Mr. Tanner	...	...	<i>Lieutenant O'Connor.</i>
C. G. Reed	...	...	<i>Justice Credulous.</i>
L. E. Tanner	...	...	<i>Mrs. Credulous.</i>
S. D. Graham	...	...	<i>Sergeant Trounce.</i>
W. R. Horton	...	...	<i>1st Countryman, 4th Soldier.</i>
G. L. Eyre	...	...	<i>Lauretta.</i>
R. S. Storer	...	...	<i>1st Soldier, 2nd Countryman.</i>
J. W. Geare	...	...	<i>Dr. Rosy.</i>
F. G. Hobson	...	...	<i>2nd Soldier.</i>
R. A. Shore	...	...	<i>Flint.</i>
D. C. Vey	...	...	<i>3rd Soldier, Servant.</i>

The Society again met on Nov. 19th, and started Sheridan's *School for Scandal*. R. S. Storer was absent, but his place was ably filled by R. E. Tanner (O.G.). This Play was continued and finished on Nov. 26th. R. S. Storer again being absent his place was filled by C. V. Miles. Mr. Tanner was excellent as Sir Peter Teazle. We here take the opportunity of thanking Mr. Tanner for the very enjoyable evenings we have had. The parts were as follows:—

Mr. Tanner	...	...	<i>Sir Peter Teazle.</i>
C. G. Reed	...	...	<i>Joseph Surface, Sir Harry Bumper.</i>
L. E. Tanner	...	...	<i>Charles Surface, Crabtree.</i>
S. D. Graham	...	...	<i>Lady Sneerwell.</i>
W. R. Horton	...	...	<i>Snake, 2nd Gent.</i>
G. L. P. Eyre	...	...	<i>Lady Teazle.</i>
R. S. Storer	...	...	<i>Sir Benjamin Backbite, Trip.</i>
J. W. Geare	...	...	<i>Moses, Mrs. Candour.</i>
F. G. Hobson	...	...	<i>Careless, Servant.</i>
R. A. Shore	...	...	<i>Sir Oliver Surface, 1st Gent.</i>
D. C. Vey	...	...	<i>Maria, Rowley.</i>

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

Fane, hallowed both by use and centuries,
 Home of a motley throng which is the prey
 Of Death—kings, queens, and statesmen who obey
 Kings, serving them with wisdom or with lies,
 And writers who have reaped what never dies,
 Renown, and warriors who in many a fray
 From England's shore have thrust the foe away—
 Religion often looks at thee and sighs.

For is there not a temple greater far
 Than thou art, Abbey; older even than thou?
 Yea, there are many such—high palaces
 Of worship, holding nought that points to war,
 (As thy dead heroes' tombs!) to which must bow
Thy beauty even, the Mountains with their peace!

W. B. NICHOLS.

11th October, 1907.

CRICKET SHIELD.—FINAL ROUND.

GRANT'S *v.* HOME BOARDERS.

The final round of the Home Matches was begun up Fields on July 19th, and proved a repetition of the same match in 1906, Grant's completely failing to reproduce the excellent form shown against Rigaud's in the first round.

Again having the luck of the toss, Grant's batted first, Rawson and Hodgson opening the venture to the bowling of Turner and A. Circuit. Mindful of the disastrous effect of slow bowling last year, Hodgson ran out at Turner, and registered 7 runs off the first three balls. Disaster, however, quickly followed, Rawson being bowled by Circuit without scoring. With the arrival of Hadley the score mounted quickly, and prospects were rosy when 50 went up in 35 minutes. Just afterwards Hodgson was well caught at point, after batting very brightly for three-quarters of an hour. Then the troubles began. C. M. Circuit had just previous to Hodgson's dismissal displaced his brother, and with such effect did he bowl that in a short time 1 for 52 had become 9 for 102, and though the last wicket made a few more runs, we were all out for 113. Hadley alone resisted the rot. He batted very patiently, and gave no chance in his 44. The performance of the later batsmen was a cruel delusion after their display in the first round. C. M. Circuit bowled exceedingly well; but Grant's had no excuse for this breakdown, which certainly lost them the match.

Of the H.B.B. innings there is not much to say. There was a little inelegant but useful smiting by A. Circuitt, but otherwise it was a case of Turner and the rest. Turner has proved a thorn in the flesh to Grantite bowlers in the past, and he certainly succeeded in keeping up his reputation. He batted very cleverly and looked safe for a century, when he pulled a ball on to his wicket at 74. The Grantite fielding was not exceptionally good, lacking a good deal in cleanness.

Going in a second time, Rawson again failed, but Reed and Hadley wiped off the arrears. Three wickets then fell at the same total. The critical situation was again saved by Hadley and Hodgson, who added 45 for the fifth wicket. Hadley was the first to go, his batting average for Seniors being 75, which to some extent consoled him for his ill-luck in appearances for the School. Hodgson's innings was the feature of the match as far as Grant's were concerned, when it is remembered that he was so seriously indisposed as to be prevented from going in till half the side were out. The other batsmen again failed, and the tail did not wag. And so H.B.B. were left with only 91 to win.

The less said about the fourth innings the better. When we realise that at one time victory was well in sight, and that the 5 wickets' defeat was due almost entirely to Turner, who early in his innings was twice missed—badly, inexcusably missed—we shall all try to obliterate that unfortunate day from our minds. Grant's has now a little score to settle with Home Boarders; but it is not worth while thinking of settling scores until we can hold catches.

GRANT'S.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
H. Rawson, b A. Circuitt	0	run out	7
G. W. Hodgson, c Feasey, b A. Circuitt	33	c Gray, b C. Circuitt	44
W. A. R. Hadley, c and b C. Circuitt	44	c Gray, b A. Circuitt	31
C. G. Reed, b C. Circuitt	5	b C. Circuitt	8
F. G. Hobson, b C. Circuitt	2	c Bonner, b C. Circuitt	0
T. Marriott, b C. Circuitt	7	c Gover, b Turner	0
S. Graham, b C. Circuitt	0	c C. Circuitt, b Turner	1
W. R. Horton, b Turner	0	c Gover, b Turner	11
R. Rawson, b C. Circuitt	5	not out	4
G. L. P. Eyre, b C. Circuitt	6	b Turner	0
C. V. Miles, not out	4	b A. Circuitt	0
Byes	7	Byes 10, l-b 1	11
Total	113	Total	117

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	R.	W.	O.	M.		R.	W.	O.	M.
Turner	44	1	12	1	Turner	40	4	13	0
A. Circuitt ...	31	2	11	2	A. Circuitt..	35	2	12	2
C. Circuitt ...	31	7	14	2	C. Circuitt..	31	3	13	6

FIRST INNINGS.		H.BB.	SECOND INNINGS.	
F. G. Turner, b Hadley	74	not out	50	
C. M. Circuitt, c H. Rawson, b Reed	10	b R. Rawson	16	
H. G. Hill, b Hadley	5	b Reed	7	
D. L. Summerhays, b Hadley	0	run out	0	
A. J. Circuitt, c Reed, b R. Rawson	29	b Reed	2	
G. G. Feasey, run out	3	b Hadley	9	
E. S. Hertz, c Hobson, b Hadley	0	absent		
E. H. Gray, b Reed	0	not out	4	
C. C. Gover, not out	10			
A. J. Daniels, b Reed	2			
C. B. Bonner, c Reed, b Hadley ...	0			
Byes 5, 1-b 2	7	Byes	5	
Total.....	140	Total.....	93	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	R.	W.	O.	M.		R.	W.	O.	M.
Hadley	64	5	22	6	Hadley	45	1	12	5
Reed	50	3	21	5	Reed.....	32	2	13	4
R. Rawson... 19	1	3	0		R. Rawson..	11	1	4	0

DAVID LONGLANDS.

In the latter part of the 18th Century there was living at Blackheath a certain Capt. Thomas Longlands. A keen sportsman, he was one of the original members of the Blackheath Golf Club, and speedily became, by common consent, the foremost player of his time. He was elected "Field-Marshal" of the Club in the early part of the 19th Century, and some silver tankards which he gave are still preserved there. Even his bets have been preserved in the Club Betting-book, and show that he was willing to bet "1 dozen of claret" with anyone on anything: e.g., that "the French Fleet were in full sail up the Channel," or that "he would do the long hole in under ten," which he actually did, a "stiff wind blowing at the time," a great feat in those days.

To this famous golfer in 1786 was born a son, David, who in due course proceeded to Westminster School. He was not the eldest of the family, an elder brother, Henry Longlands, had been elected sixth into College in 1796, at the age of fifteen, but had left without taking his election, or rather without being "sped away," as the older Westminster phrase puts it, to either of the Universities. We do not know the year that David Longlands was admitted to the School, neither do we know at which of the houses he boarded. There was no lack of choice, Glover's, afterwards Packharness's, on the Terrace, Gearey's and Mother Clapham's, afterwards Mrs. du Brieux, on the west side of Dean's Yard, Smedley's, in the Sanctuary, Mother Best's, many years later

Rigaud's, and Grant's were all flourishing boarding-houses at the time, and to one of these young Longlands must have gone. But however this may be, we do know that in 1800 he "stood out" for the Challenge, and was elected second into College. There no doubt he fulfilled the character which the celebrated Cyril Jackson (himself an O.W. and Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 1783-1809), writing to a Westminster boy a year or so later, assigned to the Junior in College, and was "somewhat miserable, tolerably dirty, very obedient, trying always to laugh rather than cry, decently mischievous, despising cakes and oranges, and aware that money is of value to a K.S. only as it allows him to buy good cold meat when he is hungry." How Longlands spent his days we can only guess, he would undoubtedly go "ditch-leaping" on St. David's day over Battersea Fields, and possibly he acquired his prowess in skating on Mother Hubbard's pond, in front of the house with the "Seven Chimneys," in the Tothill Fields. Perhaps he was allowed the use of one of the ancient fowling-pieces, known as "Scratcher" and "Tear-back," and went in pursuit of the traditional snipe amid the marshes of what is now Belgravia. In School he perhaps followed the fashionable, if perilous, amusement of shooting paper spills into the full-bottomed wig of Dr. Vincent (Head-Master, 1788-1802), "where they remained wobbling about" to the intense delight of the rest of the School, and though, perhaps, he lacked the initiative of his brother who left his name for future ages carved on the "rod-table" in the big schoolroom, yet doubtless, if occasion served, he took his place in the "fighting green." Perhaps he rowed, but more likely he played cricket, like his brother, who had not been undistinguished as a batsman, and had been one of the Westminster eleven which vanquished Eton in 1796 by 66 runs, he himself contributing three towards the total in the 1st innings, and though in the 2nd innings he was not so successful, it is but fair to add that he went in last, and in neither case was he out!

David Longlands must have had some acting ability, for while only a second election he took the part of Dorio in the "Phormio" (1801), and in the next year Davus in the "Andria," finally as a Senior the part of Gnatho in the "Eunuchus" (1803), and in both the latter years he took the leading part in the Epilogues. In 1804 he was elected third to Christ Church, Oxford, and there his skill on the ice gained him the reputation of being one of the finest skaters ever seen at the University, and even Byron was numbered among his admirers.

In 1808 he took his B.A. degree, and the same year was offered and accepted an Ushership at Westminster by Dr. Carey, who had succeeded Vincent as Head-Master in 1803. As such he appears in the doggerel verse on the Masters which was current at the time:—

“Carey, vetus Smedley, Jemmy Dodd simul et Johnny Campbell,
Knox, Ellis, Longlands, Pageque furore gravis.”

As an Usher, too, he would probably be attached to a boarding-house, so as to keep order there, &c., though he would not necessarily reside there, and by a process of elimination it appears to be not unlikely that he was attached to “Grant’s” in that capacity. Unfortunately, only a few slight references to this period of his life have come down to us. Thus we know that when he first came he was the Usher of the “Under-Petty,” and from the amusing little verse on the Masters in 1819, we learn that “Mr. Longlands is a Dandy,” and Lord W. Pitt Lennox remarks that it was Longlands who saved him from sitting, all unknowingly, in his new clothes “in a puddle of the best Japanned ink” on his first day at Westminster.

In 1819 Page, who had succeeded Carey, resigned the Head-Mastership, and Goodenough, who had been Captain of the School when Longlands was a junior in College, was appointed in his place, and at the beginning of the same year we find Longlands at a large dinner-party at Hartham Park, near Bath. This was the great opportunity of his life, and he rose to the occasion, for amongst the guests was the poet Moore, next to whom he apparently sat. In his Journal Moore gives the following account: “Mr. Longlands told me that the late Dr. Vincent had introduced a wrong mood into an epitaph he wrote for himself—*In moribus, &c., &c., ‘qualis fuit lapis sepulchralis taceat.’* Nares (O.W.) suggested the alteration of ‘fuit’ into ‘fuerit,’ which was, of course, adopted. I mentioned that I believed Vincent was the name of the Head-Master of Westminster, and that it was said of him, ‘he had been killed by false Latin.’ ‘I am drinking Bath waters for it now,’ said Mr. Longlands.”

Two years later (1821) Longlands resigned his Ushership, probably owing to the death of his father in 1820. On “Friday, October 26th, 1821, the Rev. H. Hodgson filled up the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Rev. David Longlands, Usher of the Fifth Form.” According to the Editors of the Register, he held no preferment, except his studentship, but a Manuscript Copy of the “Alumni” states he was Vicar of Portsea. From this date we hear no more of him until his death in October, 1849, at Charlton, Kent, where he had long resided and where he lies buried.

L. E. T. 

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

Once again Juniors have been played off; and once again our hopes and expectations have not been realised. Such good form

was shown by our Juniors against College, whom we beat 4—1, and even better against Rigaud's, who were routed by nine goals to love, that we had every right to think we had an excellent chance of winning the cup. The performance against Ashburnham was therefore most disappointing, all the more so as they did not appear to be doing their best. This accounts for Ashburnham's easy victory of four goals to love.

Against College, though a goal to the bad after the first few minutes, they played up hard, and though the attack was handicapped by the absence of Miles, they never looked like losing. In the second half, especially, Grant's did the greater part of the attack; the fact that the Collegite forwards only looked dangerous once or twice proved the efficiency of our half-back line, which was also the chief factor in our run-away victory against Rigaud's, who were no match for us, and the score does not exaggerate our advantage. The forwards, strengthened by the inclusion of Miles and J. Hobson, instead of Whitmore and Brown, had matters much their own way, while the defence was seldom called upon. The main feature of this match was our forwards' excellent shooting, an art which they had apparently lost by the time we played Ashburnham. There was no sting in our attack, and our defence was never reliable. Perhaps it was the goal-keeper, who made several fatal mistakes early in the game, that demoralised the whole team; certain it is that our Juniors must learn to play a losing as well as a winning game.

CRITICISMS ON THE JUNIOR TEAM.

Graham has not improved much this year; he should learn to make more headway, and not keep the ball so much to himself; he is a fairly safe shot, but seems to have lost his pace.

H. Rawson has improved since last year and shoots very moderately, but must learn to keep the ball under more control.

Miles has not come up to expectation this year; he took things much too easy in Juniors, but centres well and can make good use of his weight. He will have to buck up a good deal before Seniors.

Marriott is a very fair half, marks his man well and passes neatly to his forwards; he also tackles with determination, and should develop into a good half.

F. G. Hobson is a good kick, but has no idea of passing to his forwards; he is an uncertain tackler, but is perhaps rather handicapped by his slow pace.

Yolland would not be a bad back if it was not for his funking; he is fairly fast and passes moderately to his forwards.

R. Rawson proved a very useful man in Juniors; he tackles and feeds his forwards well, but is rather handicapped by his size; ought to do very well in the future.

Hodgson proved quite useful in Juniors; he must remember to centre sooner instead of trying to shoot.

Gilmour must remember to stick to his man; he is rather erratic in his passing, but makes good use of his pace; he ought to come on next year.

Tomlinson has not yet had enough experience to do himself justice—should learn to use his hands more.

J. Hobson has not yet got much idea of combining with his forwards, but has plenty of go in him, and in time ought to prove useful to the House.

HOUSE NOTES.

We deeply regret the loss of G. W. H. Hodgson, W. A. R. Hadley, A. G. Sayer, H. G. Dillon, F. H. Vey, and H. V. Lely, all of whom left at the end of last term. We wish them every success in their future careers.

C. G. Reed is Head of the House for the ensuing year, with E. D. Adrian, R. H. Williams, L. E. Tanner, A. C. Boulton, and S. D. Graham as fellow monitors.

There are six new boys this term: Hobson J., and Shore M., have come as boarders; Rawson W., Fisher, Smith, and Crowe as half-boarders.

R. T. Squire (O.G.) has been elected President of the Amalgamated Old Westminster Football and Cricket Clubs.

We notice that the Rev. F. Willett (O.G.) has published a book entitled "Osney Foss," in which mention is made of Grant's.

W. B. Nichols (O.G.) has published a second series of his book of poems "Firelight Fancies."

H. Watt (O.G.) has written a book of poems, entitled "Myths about Monarchs."

The following were the Cricket Colours at the end of last term :—

PINKS.	PINK AND WHITES.	3RD XI. AND HOUSE COLOURS.
C. G. Reed	H. F. Rawson	W. R. Horton
*W. A. R. Hadley	*G. W. Hodgson	R. R. Rawson
	F. G. Hobson	
	* Have left.	

The "Play Supper" will be held this year, as usual, on the second night of the Play.

A very successful fire practice was held in the early part of the term.

The following have played for the School this term :—W. R. Horton, J. W. Geare, C. G. Reed, S. D. Graham.

In the Cadet Corps, Corp. Hobson has been raised to the rank of Lance-Sergeant; Lance-Corporal Graham and Pte. Adrian to the rank of Corporal; Ptes. Williams, Geare, and Tunnicliffe to the rank of Lance-Corporal.

A system of electric lighting has been put up throughout the House during the summer holidays. In every respect it is a great improvement on the gas, in convenience and in superiority of light especially.

YARD TIES.

Eyre v. Adrian	}	Adrian (9-6)	}	Adrian (11-10)	}	Reed (13-6)	}	Reed (12-7)
S. Graham v. Rawson	}	Rawson (14-10)		Reed (19-6)				
Reed v. Storer	}	B Y E S	Marriott (16-4)					
Shore v. Marriott	}	R. Graham (21-5)	R. Graham (13-6)					
R. Graham v. Boult	}	Williams (14-3)	Graham (9-6)					
Tunncliffe v. Williams	}							

YARD BALL FUND.

The following are the Accounts for the Play Term :—

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
47 Sixpences (collected at the beginning of the Term)	1 3 6	Sept. 28th, 9 balls	0 5 3
200 balls skied (at 4d. each)	3 8 8	Oct. 1st, 1 doz. balls	0 7 0
Total	4 12 2	Oct. 9th, 3 balls	0 1 9
Expenditure	3 1 6	Oct. 10th, 1 doz. balls	0 7 0
Balance (carried over to the fund next Term)	£1 10 8	Oct. 22nd, 1 doz. balls	0 7 0
		Oct. 30th, 1 doz. balls	0 7 0
		Nov. 5th, 1 doz. balls	0 7 0
		Nov. 13th, 9 balls	0 5 3
		Nov. 22nd, 6 balls	0 3 6
		Nov. 30th, 1 doz. balls	0 5 0
		Engraving "Grant's" on the Shooting and Singing Cups	0 5 9
		Total	£3 1 6

S. D. GRAHAM,
Hon. Treasurer.

BIRTHS.

On October 19th, the wife of Austin H. Woodbridge, of a daughter.

On October 25th, the wife of Atherton Berens, of a daughter.

On August 4th, the wife of the Rev. E. G. Phillimore, of a daughter.

On August 14th, the wife of the Rev. W. Kitchin, of a son.

On Nov. 15th, the wife of the Rev. Philip Armitage, of a son.

On Nov. 24th, the wife of Lewis Herbert Winkworth, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BOMPAS—LUPTON.—On August 13th, Hugh Steele, youngest son of His Honor Judge Bompas, K.C., to Violet Dorothy, eldest daughter of Henry Lupton, of Lyndhurst, Headingley, Leeds.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."

DEAR SIR,

Once again has a new Academic year come round, and no more, to our sorrow, have we the pleasure of being cut in the street by Mr. W. T. S. Sonnenschein, and no more is our sense of the fitness of things delighted by the exquisite outlines of Mr. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens's form. He has, however, paid us one flying visit; while Mr. Sonnenschein is reading for the Bar, and says he finds the work there much harder than at Oxford. Perhaps this has been the experience of others before.

Of those still in residence, Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe is yet to the fore. He has for the greater part of this term been considerably run down—the result of exposure in shooting over his well-stocked preserves. He sleeps, as a health cure, at a village a few miles from Oxford, except when he has to attend his frequent

Masonic Dinners. He says it is only because he would get back so late, and the road is bad, but some unkind friends of his rather doubt this. He still drives his unique knowledge into the heads of the idle, and as an authority on Divinity is unrivalled.

Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe has blossomed out into a magnificent runner, though he still holds his own opinions on athletics in general and football in particular. To see him negotiating a sticky plough is superb, especially if one be well out of earshot. He is deep in the Ethics of Aristotle and other atrocities, and his arguments increase as his Greats work progresses. He has been unusually quiet of late, however.

Mr. R. W. Reed still keeps to the Grantite parting, which in spite of his early hours of work is as beautiful as before. What time he does not spend in hare hunting is devoted to hunting about in the inside of beetles and in telling their gruesome details afterwards. He managed to pass an Exam. in Botany last term, which gives some colour to the statement in the *Times* articles on Oxford last summer, that the standard of some of the University groups is remarkably low. His latest feat out of the working line consisted of swimming the Thames in a run with the beagles: this was an immense surprise to his Westminster contemporaries, who had no idea he was so partial to a cold bath before!

Mr. G. M. S. Oldham is as much our dear little Miles as ever. He is Secretary to the Football Club, and the number of untruths he has told in that capacity is really remarkable for a future divine. His enthusiasm for sport is only equalled by his enthusiasm for History, in which he hopes to confound the Examiners next summer. His day consists of about nine hours' work and nine hours' sport or games, while the remaining six are spent in either playing bridge or keeping other people out of bed.

Mr. G. Rae Fraser and Mr. E. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins live in a different, and presumably the nether, world. Dreadful and mysterious doings are perpetrated in Old Library, where ghosts are made to walk up the dim stairs, and where they hold converse with Pluto through the medium, it is stated, of Mr. G. Pitt-Lewis. He, luckily, does not seem to be wasting away under the ordeal. Mr. Fraser was unhappily mistaken for a townee on the 5th November and suffered from a wounded scalp at the hands of an indiscriminating Bobby. Mr. Ratcliffe-Cousins runs for the Hare and Hounds Club, though to hear him express his various views on Free Trade and such like things, no one would dream he was so short in the wind as some of the running reports made him out.

Mr. G. Beech, of Merton, has not been seen this term: we hope the "Myrmidons" have not proved too much for him. The same must be said of Mr. Green and Mr. Sayer, of Magdalen:

it may perhaps be inferred they are favourably progressing with their studies.

Well, Sir, I think this is all the news from Oxford, and all Old Grantites up here send their best wishes for a Happy Christmas to the one and only House at Westminster.

Yours, &c.,

EX. AEDE CHRISTI.

OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

You "Literary men" can butter the bitter pill right well. A long letter, Mr. Editor; a nice letter, Mr. Editor, full of pleasant things and sweet to the taste, but at the end—ah!—the inevitable pill—"A Cambridge letter, *please*." Such a pathetic *please*: correspondents are but human, and we yielded. Press day was then six weeks ahead, now it is not six days. Well, duty must be done to Mr. Editor. Behold, a "Cambridge Letter"!

Let us give precedence to whom precedence is due, and to grey hairs a place before the light gaieties of youth.

Mr. D. S. Robertson, of Trinity (*n*th year), though now roaming through the "Pleasant Vales of Greece" accoutred with a "Liddell and Scott," and a sandwich case and a green Tyrolese hat—to the last item, Mr. Editor, I will not take oath—has yet left traces of his recent presence among us. From his window still flaps, drying in the wind—for it was really a big ditch—a pair of delicately tinted breeches, the very ones in which he was lately to be seen restraining with one hand the fire of his Arab charger, and with the other wielding a flashing blade and controlling with the music of his voice the commendable but misdirected zeal of a large squad of raw recruits.

Of his reading how can such as we presume to write? A recent issue of "*Tut Tuts*" respresented the income from Mr. D. S. R.'s Scholarships in the form of a column of sovereigns reaching to the top of the Victoria Tower.

Second on the Roll of Heroes, who but Mr. R. W. Willcocks of Caius (3rd year)? From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on most days the "Stinks Labs" claim him for their own. "On most days" I say, advisedly, for, on the occasion of the recent "Funeral" from Caus, rumour says that he rode postillion-wise on the foremost hansom-horse, clothed in a pair of *crêpe* riding-breeches and a fireman's helmet—a disguise which, it is said, became him vastly.

Third place is assigned to Mr. C. H. F. Metcalfe, of Pembroke (2nd year). This gentleman may be seen almost any day, suitably empanoplied, crouching behind the steering wheel of his new 90 h.p. "Beestly Humberg," thundering abroad on one of those

little trips to London, Newmarket, Lincoln, and other attractive spots, which may, we fear (though, of course, in themselves quite innocent little trips) interfere somewhat with another little trip not so far distant from him—we mean, Sir, “the Stinks Trip,” or in official parlance, the Natural Sciences Tripos. His achievements on—I will not say “in”—the Cam are also worthy of notice. He pulled a great oar, we are told, in the recent Pembroke Trials, and much is hoped from him in the “Lents.”

Under the heading of “Also Ran” comes a charming bevy of young-eyed “Freshers.” Of these, least but not last, is our old friend Mr. G. W. H. Hodgson, of Trinity. He has not grown, Sir (he says he has gained two inches, but he is not to be believed), and in order to do so he is at great inconvenience to himself taking the “fourteen-hours-in-bed” treatment. You will, if lucky, find him enjoying an early breakfast soon after 12 noon on almost any day. His Diabolo-maker’s bill is lengthy; his taste in waistcoats is original; his brazen lungs and powers of vigorous exhortation prove of great value to the III. Trinity Clinker Four, which he is coxing with great fervour and a success not easy to estimate. The over-land route across grassy corner he has now found impracticable, but he has been thanked by the County Council for so ably assisting their work of widening the river at that point. He *says* that the summons that he has just received to appear before the local J.P. is concerned with some trifling matter of a bicycle. But *we* know better, Sir, and intend to go and hear the case.

Mr. H. G. Dillon, of Christ’s, is also a cox destined, it would appear, to steer many “Bumps,” but he should learn that the boat in front is generally considered a better object of attack than the offending river banks. He enjoys the distinction of being the only member of the University reading for the Russian Trip. It is considered probable that he will be high on the list. The lamp-post in Trinity Street, which Mr. Dillon was seen the other night advising to go home at once “in cashe it should be shent down for being late,” seems to have escaped that fate.

Mr. F. H. Vey, of Clare, is also of nautical tastes. For many weeks he endured the drudgery of the humble “Tub.” We do not refer to any occurrences concerned with the gentleman’s toilet, nor yet to any narrow, philosophic residence such as a lover of Diogenes and Greek learning might be expected to have adopted, but to the harmless necessary rowing “tub” in which the young idea is brought up in the way it should row. He, too, is a “Stinker”—do not misunderstand me, Mr. Editor—the word means, of course, a “scientist.” If the recent disorder at the Theatre has been attributed to the high spirits of Clare Freshers, we must remember, Mr. Editor, that *all* Clare Freshers are not implicated, and take comfort.

It is done

Where are those stamps? Oh, well, you will be glad, I am sure, Mr. Editor, to pay 2*d.* for such a letter as this.

Yours truly,
TRIN. COLL. CAM.

To the Editor of "THE GRANTITE REVIEW."

DEAR SIR,

Will you allow me to make an appeal through your paper on behalf of that scorned and maltreated game of Fives? To the great discredit of Grant's, Fives has for several years been practically a synonym of "smuggling" in the "House." Such an idea is simply the outcome of ignorance. All who have played the game at all seriously (and happily the prejudice against it is being steadily overcome) will agree that for excitement and exercise it takes a lot of beating. Indeed, if our Senior team all played Fives fairly regularly next term, I venture to think that they would be far fitter than if they relied solely on their present method of training; and it is at least more agreeable than running round Green. For my part, I consider it scandalous that Grant's should persist in boycotting one of the regular School games, and make no effort to get and keep the Fives Cup. Hoping that all will support the Fives Ties, which will be arranged, if possible, next term,

I remain, Sir,
Yours truly,
R. H. WILLIAMS.

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