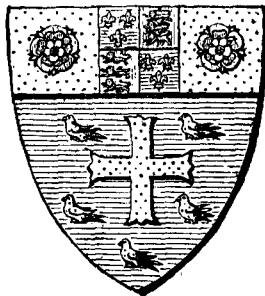


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No. 2. NICHOLAS UDALL.

THERE is very great uncertainty as to many of the dates connected with the life of Udall; and some writers of articles and other notices connected with Westminster School appear to insinuate that he lived many more years 'neath the Abbey's shade than in reality was the case. In all probability the dates given in this short sketch of his appointment and departure from Westminster, are the correct ones. In 1506 Nicholas Udall was born, in Hampshire, where he resided for the first fourteen years of his life. He was not educated at Westminster and in June, 1520, was admitted, as scholar of Corpus Christi College, to the University of Oxford, where four years later, at the age of 18, he took his B.A. degree, being elected Probationer fellow of his college in the September of the same year. Passing over the next ten years of his life, we find mention made of him as being appointed headmaster of Eton in 1534; and it was in this year also that he took his M.A. degree. He remained at Eton until 1543 and some amusing and interesting accounts are given of his headmastership. The salary of the Master of Eton was then £10 a year, exclusive of a few small fees for his "livery" and for "obits"\*

\* "Obits" (*i.e.* attending masses for the dead.)

and for providing ink and candles for the boys—not an over large allowance for so important a post, even considering money to have been more valuable in those days. In March, 1543, occurred the robbery of silver images and other plate by two Eton scholars, connived at by Udall's servant, Gregory, and the outcome of this affair was Udall's departure from Eton. While there he had written Latin and English plays to be acted by the scholars "in the long nights of winter," and Hardwood in his "Alumni Etonenses" says that he was the first to establish the Eton Theatre. It is hardly to be supposed that he was a popular headmaster; his personal character, by no means an exemplary one, was scarcely suited to watch over a large school of boys; and his fondness for the rod and his apparent unfairness in the use of it, combine to condemn him as a headmaster. As an illustration will serve the following lines, written by one of his pupils;

From Powle's I went, to Aeton sent,  
To learne straight wayes, the Latin phraise,  
Where fiftie three stripes given to mee,  
    At once I had;  
For faut but small, or none at all  
It came to passe, thus beat I was,  
See, Udall, see the mercy of thee  
    To me poore lad.

He appears to have entertained hopes of returning to Eton, for in an extant letter of his written in 1543 (?) he speaks of his "restitution to the roume of Scholemaister in Eton." He never returned there however and in 1544 resigned also the Vicarship of Braintree, to which he had been appointed in '37. He was subsequently appointed Rector of Calbourne, being also Prebend of Windsor; and it was probably in the year 1555 that he was appointed Headmaster of Westminster School. Here he continued until November in the following year, when Queen Mary re-established the Monastery at Westminster; and in December he died and was buried in St. Margaret's, two days before Christmas. In conclusion briefly may be considered his additions to the world of literature. In '33 he is said to have written, in conjunction with John Leland, lines in Latin and English, which were "spoken at the time of the marriage of Anne and Henry VIII. and at her coronation and pageants." In 1542 he

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published a translation of the 3rd and 4th Books of Erasmus' Apophthegms and at the same time he and the Princess Mary, afterwards Queen, with others, were engaged in translating into English 'Paraphrase of the New Testament' by the same author. His preface to St. Luke is dated at London, September 30th, 1545; and in his preface to St. John he gives an account of the learning attained to by women of the time in terms which would gladden the hearts of what may be termed the Sister-Universities of Girton and Lady Margaret Hall. He published in '52 a translation of Gemini's Anatomy and in the next year wrote the now earliest extant English Comedy, 'Ralph Roister Doister.' Of this interesting work much might be written, but a short notice must here suffice. The only copy of any original edition is now at Eton College and its date is probably 1566, all earlier editions having been lost. This copy was discovered in 1818, in which year it was reprinted, but only 30 copies were struck off. The Play itself is interesting as dealing with the life in London in Udall's time and the Author in the Prologue avows Plautus and Terence to have been his models. It is interesting to note that, despite the fact of his being a Protestant, he was always high in favour with Queen Mary, who speaks of him as "Our well-beloved Nicholas Udall." As in the case of Shakespeare, there seems to have been great uncertainty as to the right spelling of his name, for in the Records of Eton it occurs variously as Wodall, Woodall, Udall, and Udal; elsewhere as Uvdale and Udallus.

COLLORIEL.

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### THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

Another football season has passed and it is with feelings of pleasure and pride that we review our past achievements in this the greatest of all Westminster games. We must begin by congratulating the House eleven on having secured the possession of the shield for another year, and thus giving Grants a good start in the competition for the ultimate possession of it. We began

well, exceedingly well, by defeating the hitherto invincible team of Junior Homeboarders, though with a narrow margin. The Junior team, though labouring under several disadvantages, followed up this victory by defeating Junior Rigauds (2-0). Then Grants made draws with Upper Elections and Homeboarders, the latter of which was very creditable as we were decidedly not playing our full strength, Powell, Oliver and Armitage being absentees. Then came a disgraceful check to our career, viz. a defeat from Rigauds, when after having had all the best of the game, the score at the finish was 2-1 in favour of Rigauds, chiefly owing to Booker's fine display of goalkeeping. This term, owing to the postponement of the Charterhouse and the House matches, we have only played our game against Homeboarders for the shield, and though I should like to go into details, I must refrain, since a far more competent writer fully describes the match on another page, and will content myself with saying that we secured a much easier victory than anyone thought we should.

It is usual, as a matter of form, in these reviews to point out that "there is great promise in the rising talent of the junior members of the house which bids well for future years" etc., but this year by results I think we are justified in hoping to do quite as well next year as we have this, and we shall continue to do well so long as the spirit which induces fellows to train and wire-up for the house-matches prevails amongst us. We believe that in the natural course of events seven of this year's team will be available next year and since it includes all the back division except our Captain, the scoring against us ought certainly to be low.

The Record of the past season reads:—Matches played 6, won 3, lost 1, drawn 2, goals for nine, against 4.

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#### NOTES.

Eight of the Grantite XI. represented T.BB. in the match *v.* Q.SS.; of the back division Campbell was the only one not playing and of the forwards Powell and Wright.

In the sports Grants did not take so prominent a part as last year, several fellows being out of school. A. R. Woodbridge won the Hurdles and Half mile with Hurdles and was second in the Long Jump and the 300 yards. Campbell was second in throwing the Cricket Ball (under 15.)

W. N. Winckworth got <sup>\*\*</sup> the third place in the mile and his brother was second in the half mile. The Old Westminsters who succeeded in gaining the prizes for their race, viz:—Veitch, Yglesias and Armitage are all Old Grantites.

### H.BB. v. RIGAUDS.

This match was played "Up Fields" on Wednesday, March 21st, and resulted in the defeat of Rigauds by 4-0. Prothero having won the toss chose the Hospital goal, and Gardiner started the ball at 3.15. After the first 10 minutes H.BB. scored from the foot of Woodhouse, from this point the match was fairly equal until half time, each side making good runs, Gardiner being conspicuous for Rigauds, while Edwards and Gregory were several times near scoring for H.BB. On change of ends, although Woodhouse kicked three more goals for his side, the game was not so uneven as would appear from the score, since it was only Prothero's good play and the weight of the H.BB. backs that prevented Rigauds scoring.

For H.BB. Woodhouse and Edwards were best of the forwards and all played well; Prothero was best of the half backs and Gifford was good, Witherby was best of the backs. For Rigauds, who were severely handicapped by the absence of their Captain H. B. Willett, Gardiner was far the best of the forwards, Waterfield also played well, Ash and Petrocochino were good at half back, Daniel did his best to avert defeat, and Weichand rendered valuable service, Booker was good in goals.

H.BB.—Dewdney (goal); H. C. Witherby and W. V. Doherty (backs); A. G. Prothero (capt.); J. Gifford and F. Gilbert (half backs); G. L. Edwards and S. H. Gregory (left wing); W. M. Woodhouse (centre); A. G. Clark and A. Hoskins (right wing) (forwards.)

RIGAUDS.—A. J. N. Booker (goal); E. C. Daniel (capt.) and P. Weichand (backs), A. E. Balfour, L. Petrocochino, W. C. C. Ash (half backs); A. Willett and P. G. Waterfield (left wing); C. Gardiner (centre); M. Druitt and G. Allen (right wing) (forwards.)

Umpires, C. N. Page and R. G. Thornton. Reteree, E. G. Moon.

### GRANTS v. HOMEBOARDERS

Played Up Fields on Saturday, March 24th. H.BB. won the toss and Lambert started the ball for Grants from the Church end. After a few minutes' play A. R. Woodbridge got the ball and put in a shot, which Dewdney just managed to save before he was rushed by Lambert. Three corners followed, one to Grants and two to H.BB. with no result, and E. W. Woodbridge getting the ball made a good run and middled to Lambert, who

failed to score. Shortly after this a corner was well placed in front of the H.B. goal by Armitage, when Lambert, by a clever shot over his shoulder, scored the first point for Grants about 20 minutes from the start (1-0.) On recommencing, the Homeboarder forwards took the ball down the ground and obliged Everington to use his hands: our right wing, however, got away and Woodbridge muddled, but the ball was kicked behind. An appeal for "hands" gave H.B.B. a free kick and the ball was put in front of Grants' goal by Prothero; no result followed. After a few minutes' play, E. Woodbridge put in a hot shot from outside left. The ball hit the bar and bounced straight down; Lambert endeavoured to head it through but Dewdney fisted out and a shot from Winckworth went behind. From a free kick for Grants the right wing got possession of the ball and after a good run Wright put it through, Lambert having prostrated the goal keeper (2-0.) Shortly after this half-time was called. On starting again, the Homeboarder forwards began to wire up and the game was more in the middle of the ground; this, however, did not last longer than ten minutes, when the Grantites got the ball and shot twice without scoring. H.B.B. then rushed and Mills was obliged to pass back to Everington, who kicked the ball out and it was taken down to the other end. Lambert again obliged Dewdney to fist out and shortly afterwards put the ball through but an appeal for "offside" was allowed. Now for the first and only time Woodhouse got away. Winckworth, however, came to the rescue and stopped him. Edwards was tackled by Oliver after effecting a brilliant run and Lambert securing the leather, scored the third and last point for Grants with a well-placed high shot (3-0.) The ball was re-started and "hands" given in front of Grants' goal with no result. Shortly after the left wing had put in a neat run, time was called and Grants left the field victors by three goals to *nil*.

To one who was not a spectator, the score would give a poor idea of the match. During the greater part of the game the ball was in the Homeboarder territory and their forwards seemed totally unable to get together. E. W. Woodbridge was the most brilliant of our forwards and was well-backed up by Powell; the right wing showed greater combination. Lambert worked hard in the centre and played well, though his shooting was erratic at times. The half-backs all played well and kept the men off the backs. The corners also, of which there were a considerable number, were well-placed as a whole. The backs were both in their best form and it would be invidious to draw distinctions between their respective merits. Everington had next to nothing to do but seemed steady. Our opponents did not make so good a show as was expected and their forwards were decidedly below the mark. Edwards and Gregory played best; Woodhouse was effectually non-plussed by the attentions of Winckworth. Prothero did his best to save the match and worked hard throughout, his kicking was good. Gifford was steady but not so good as against Rigauds. The fault of the half-backs was that they did not keep the men off the backs and this in some measure accounts for the feeble display of Doherty and Witherby. Perhaps Dewdney deserves as much praise as anyone in the team considering the amount of work he had to do. Though not particularly brilliant, he was steady. The match was expected to be a close one and, though the contrary proved the case, great enthusiasm was manifested by the spectators on both sides and every piece of good play loudly cheered. We were glad to notice the large number of O.W.W. present and we hope that when they come next year, they will see a no less happy result for Grants; and this is the more probable because only four of our present team will leave at Election.

The contending teams were:—

*Grants*: \*E. A. Everington (goal); \*R. O. Mills and \*F. G. Oliver (backs); G. E. S. Campbell, \*W. N. Winckworth (capt.) and P. Armitage, (half backs); E. W. Woodbridge and \*C. G. T. Powell (left); \*A. G. Lambert (centre); \*N. P. Wright and \*A. R. Woodbridge (right) (forwards.)

*Homeboarders* : E. L. D. Dewdney (goal) ; \*H. C. Witherby and \*W. V. Doherty (backs) ; J. Gifford, \*A. G. Prothero (capt.), and F. Gilbert (half backs) ; \*G. L. Edwards and S. H. Gregory (left) ; \*W. M. Woodhouse (centre), A. G. Clark and A. R. Hoskins (right) (forwards.)

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,---Let me correct an error in my article in your last number which was either due to the carelessness of printers or my bad writing. On page 11 occurs the expression "Catechismus Puciorum." It is hardly necessary to state that this latter word should be "*Puerorum*."

Yours truly,  
"COLLORIEL."

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,---Can you tell me what is meant by the expression "Town boy Houses," also by the word "Yard" as applied to Westminster School?

Yours etc.,  
INQUISITIVE.

By 'Town boy Houses' are meant the Houses occupied by T.B.B. that is to say, Grants, Rigauds and Homeboarders. 'Yard' is an ambiguous term and may mean Big or Little Dean's Yard. It is generally applied to Little Dean's Yard.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,---Let me suggest to you to adopt a plan sometime since dropped by *The Elizabethan*, namely, that of inserting at the head of "Letters to the Editor" the subject with which they deal. The advantages offered by this are too numerous and on the surface to require pointing out.

Yours truly,  
"IN PATRIAM POPULUMQUE."

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Sir,---I am writing to express my disgust and to sympathize with your feelings, if you have read, as I have, I regret to say, a paragraph in one of the School papers, which calls itself the *Westminster Review*. I might descend to calling it "Penny Awful," or such like phrases as it uses of its betters, but, Mr. Editor, I do not. The article was written, I suppose, from want of news, or to display a "Tit Bits" kind of wit, which I am sure must be a very enviable talent. It must be a mind that soars to lofty thoughts, that can write such a sentence as "apparently a species of tinned meat." Can this be an attempt at a pun? I cannot suppose the latter, it is too horrible to think of. The "brilliant darkness" (excuse me) of converting a printer's error, as I imagine it must be, into a pun, must be a thing which is very rare. But it is some consolation to know that it rejoices the heart of the composer. May I ask if Home-boarders have not some phrases of their own? certainly not misprints, or even attempts at Latin, but the term "Up Stores," wherever that may be; which phrase I have heard that Home-boarders use. If from the first reason I have mentioned, it was that the

\* Played last year.

article was written, I should have thought it might have been better to have left it out, if the Editor could find nothing else to report on, and to have left a blank space. If from the second reason, I think the Editor might have looked nearer home to find vent for criticism on literary talent. I do not deny that the sentence is doubtful as to its meaning, but what has that got to do with the *Westminster Review*, a paper which is the last and least of the papers which has appeared in the School? I trust you will excuse me for recalling to your memory such a degraded criticism, which certainly is quite beneath your contempt, but I hope you will not blame me for remarking on it. Hoping your paper will never be disgraced by any such criticisms or so low a grade of wit.

I am, Sir, Yours truly,

NUGARUM HOSTIS.

[The gratitude which the Editors of the *Grantite Review* feel to the writer of the above letter for taking their part, does not prevent them from expressing their apprehension that the reputation of that organ will gain very little thereby in respect of English and Grammar. To preserve that reputation, apparently fast sinking, they think it necessary to add, that in this instance they have not written the above themselves, or any other part of the correspondence. ED.]

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

Dear Sir,—No "Junius" ever raised more indignation in the heart of man than the one whose letter you inserted in your last publication. I hardly know how to begin an answer to such a composition. First let me point out to your correspondent that the very existence of *The Grantite* is only justified by the fact of its being an *house paper*. If it is going to set up as an habitual chronicler of other than Grantite news, the sooner it ends its career the better. Rigaudites, I doubt not, are by no means anxious to have their "Racket Ties" *et hoc genus omne* reported in your columns, nor do your readers wish to read therein such news. Junius would make your paper a school paper: Junius is no true Westminster. There is already afloat too much ill-concealed rivalry against *The Elizabethan* to permit you to encroach in any way on the functions of that paper, and it remains for you at such a period to strengthen your position by remaining within very fixed bounds. A bas Junius.

Yours truly, GRANTITE.

#### ERRATUM.

On Page 11, line 5, for Puciorum read Puerorum.

#### NOTICES.

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