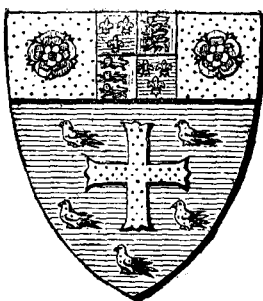


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ARCHIDIDASCALI WESTMONASTERIENSES.

NO. I. ALEXANDER NOWELL.

ALEXANDER Nowell, Westminster's second Headmaster, succeeded John Adams in 1543, and continued to exercise his sway over the school until 1553. Of John Adams nothing is known for certain, and therefore, rather than compile his life from a mass of conjectures, it is better to veil his career in darkness, which, brilliant though it may have been, can hardly be expected to eclipse that of his immediate successor. Nowell was born in 1507 (some say in 1508) at Read Hall, in Lancashire, and there he appears to have resided during his early life. His two brothers, Laurence and Robert, each attained to certain distinction, the former becoming Dean of Lichfield, the latter, Attorney of the Court of Wards. Alexander himself was educated at Middleton, and at the early age of 13 became a member of Brasenose College, Oxford, where he remained for 13 years. In 1536 he took his B.A. degree, and four years later his M.A., when he also became a fellow of his college. In 1543 he became Head-master of Westminster, and did much to improve the scholarship of the school. His thorough mastery of Latin Prose is well shown by his "Catechismus." He it was who introduced the reading of Terence at Westminster, a custom which was further rendered obligatory in after years by Queen Elizabeth in the words of her statute—"quo juvenitus . . . quum actioni tum

*pronunciacioni decenti melius se assuescat,"* when she enforced the Performance of a Play every Christmas by a penalty on those who should cause its neglect. Towards the end of 1551, probably in November, he was made Prebendary of Westminster. Nowell's known attachment to the Reformation brought him into trouble shortly after the Accession of Queen Mary. He was returned to Parliament in October of 1553 for the borough of Loo, (otherwise called S. Looe), in Cornwall. But the influence of the Earl of Devon, to whom he probably owed his election, did not however prevent a committee of the House of Commons from declaring him to be ineligible to take his seat because of his "*being a Prebendary of Westminster, and therefore having a voice in the Convocation.*" This ejection was merely owing to his religious views and was in every way unjustifiable. In 1554 he was deprived of his stall at Westminster and fled to Germany to escape the anger of Bonner who was enraged at his Protestant teaching. After his return to England his stall at Westminster was restored him in 1560, and in the same year he became Rector of Saltwood, Kent. Here he remained only 2 years and in 1562 accepted the living of Much Hadham, Herts, where he remained until 1589. His other ecclesiastical preferences were many, but the precise dates seem a little uncertain. Roughly it may be said that he was nominated to a Stall at Canterbury in 1561 and in the same year became Dean of St. Paul's, which appointment he probably held until his death. In 1594 he became Canon of Windsor and in the following year was created Doctor of Divinity by his University. In this year he was in October elected Master of Brasenose College but resigned his appointment in the following December. The part Nowell took in the religious world at this important epoch in the Church's history was no mean one. When convocation met in 1562 to discuss the question and rites and ceremonies as appointed by Edward the Sixth's Service-book, it was Nowell who proposed considerable relaxation of the rubric to suit all members of the Church. To Nowell and others were assigned in 1559 the visitation of the dioceses of Lincoln, Peterborough, Oxford and Lichfield.\* He was prolo-

\* Strype. Ann. i. i. 247.

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cutor of the Convocation that revised the "Articles of Religion" and took a most active part in the proceedings of their assembly. The work by which he is most distinguished is his Catechism, known as "The Catechism" and "Catechismus Puciorum." To discuss this work would be out of the province of the writer of this short sketch. It may perhaps be sufficient to state that two editions or impressions of it were printed in 1750: and reprints appeared in 1771, 1774 and 1776. The most recent edition was published at the University Press, Cambridge, in 1853, edited by G. E. Corrie, D.D. The Catechism is in four parts—1st. Of Law and Obedience. 2nd. Of the Gospel and Faith. 3rd. Of Prayer and Thanksgiving. 4th. Of Sacrament. It was translated into English from the Latin of the Second Edition by Thomas Norton in 1570. On the 13th of February, 1602, Nowell died, after a certainly remarkable career. Among his acts of public beneficence may be recorded the founding of a Free Grammar School at Middleton and 13 Scholarships at his old college, at Oxford. Portraits of this distinguished divine hang in the Hall and Library of B.N.C. where they may now be seen. Of other interesting particulars connected with Nowell a full account is given in his Life written in the early part of this century by the Rev. Ralph Churton.

COLLORIEL.

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### NOTES.

We have to congratulate two Grantites, A. R. Woodbridge and E. A. Everington on getting their Pinks. The former has played steadily and well deserved his Pinks, while Everington, in goal, although not so steady a player, has shown on many occasions most brilliant pieces of play.

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We are very glad to learn that Veitch has got his Blues. He has played for Cambridge throughout the season, and from what we have heard, well deserves his place.

It was most surprising to see that no Grantite figured in the Vincent Prize Declamations, which were held Up School a short time ago. Now that Recitations are to take place at intervals in the year, it is to be hoped that we shall not be behind other houses. The first day fixed for these Recitations is Tuesday, March 27th, and the piece to be recited is taken from the 39th chapter of the book of Job "Hast thou given the horse strength."

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Colloriel has kindly offered to write a series of articles under the title of *Archididascali Westmonasteriensis*, and we take the opportunity of thanking him for the time and trouble he has taken in searching out the minutest particulars relative to the subject.

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A. M. T. Jackson who left in the summer of 1884, after being Head Townboy, has gained the Boden Sanscrit Scholarship at Oxford, and so merits our hearty congratulations.

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Mr. Ranalow remarked the other day that the new floor Up School deadens the sound of the piano and said that a small platform about a foot or two high would remedy this evil. Would it not be possible to take a dais out of the adjacent form-rooms and stand the piano on that? The only objection is that it would be a shade ludicrous to see a small soloist performing whose figure reached only half way up the piano.

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## THE PAST MONTH.

Although the past month has not been uneventful by any means to the School, nevertheless the absence of House Matches, Yard Ties and Fives Ties leaves us little news to chronicle, being as we are exclusively a House paper. This must be our excuse to our readers for a somewhat dull number. There was something said about a match being got up against a team of O.G.G.; but as nothing came of it we are inclined to

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think that we dreamt it—a morning dream of course. A. R. Woodbridge and E. A. Everington have got their Pinks, but as we have enlarged on this elsewhere and do not wish to encourage self-conceit, we will content ourselves with only mentioning the event. Veitch, who left last election, has obtained his Blues and is the only representative of the School in the Cambridge team. Besides this nothing else has happened in the “footer” line to interest Grants particularly. The Pancake Greese came off on Shrove Tuesday, and a member of the House, *viz.*, P. Armitage, was successful in being the first to reach the Pancake but was too generous to keep the whole of it himself, and divided his prize with a Homeboarder. We should recommend in future that as the old custom has degenerated into a race, people over six ft. high should have their elbows tied to their sides or be otherwise prevented from using their length of reach.

The Yard Ties have not been started yet and will not, we should think, be started until after the House-matches, unless the postponement of the Charterhouse match delays latter too. However, the captain of “footer” knows more about that than ourselves.

Another thing comes to our hearing. It has been suggested that in consequence of the great nuisance occasioned by Hallites leaving their books about, a fine should be imposed on such books, and the money devoted to purchasing and framing all the photos of House Elevens which have won either shield. What a splendid chance for Hallites to distinguish themselves by emptying their lockers upon the floor before leaving on Saturday and thus supplying the photos and frames at one go. This is however but a proposition.

The Literary Society is in a very prosperous condition, and the reading steadily improves as the term goes on; notwithstanding the alarming, and at the same time amusing, mistakes which are sometimes made. At our last meeting two members usurped one another's parts in a most happy manner, and clung to them nobly, till one of them ended by taking both. When we sat down we did not intend to write such a long article: but it is extraordinary how often even a newspaper paragraph may be an illustration of the inverted aphorism—*multum ex parvo*.

## THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The two first meetings of the Society this term were devoted to the 2nd part of Shakespeare's King Henry IV. Some of the scenes fell very flat owing to the length and dryness of some of the speeches. The dulness was partially relieved however, by the absurd nature of the slips which were far more frequent than usual. One member reading the word "parcel-gilt" as "parcel-jilt" seemed to cause much merriment. The parts were taken as follows:—

Mr. Heard,	King Henry IV. Chief Justice	F. P. Farrar,	Lord Bardolph.
C. Powell,	Prince of Wales. Archbishop Scroop.	A. R. Woodbridge,	Bardolph. Earl of Westmoreland.
A. G. Lambert,	Falstaff. Duke of Clarence.	R. O. Mills,	Doll Tear-Sheet. Harcourt.
H. C. Barnes,	Earl of Northumberland Earl of Surrey.	E. A. Everington,	Lady Percy. Prince John of Lancaster.
F. Y. Eccles,	Prince Humphrey of Gloster. Sir J. Colville.	Lord Mowbray. E. F. Knox,	Lady Northumber- Morton. [land

At our next meeting, Friday, Feb. 17th, the last act of Henry IV. was read, and we began Sheridan's School for Scandal. This play naturally brought down the house, so to speak, and proved a welcome change from the tediousness of Henry IV. No one read his part very brilliantly, and this is probably to be attributed to the fact that no one gives sufficient time to reading and studying up his part before. This is a great pity as the point in a passage is frequently lost. The cast was as follows:—

C. Powell,	Charles Surface. Moses.	F. P. Farrar,	Lady Teazle. Trip.
A. G. Lambert,	Joseph Surface. Rowley.	A. R. Woodbridge,	Sir H. Bumper. Careless.
		R. O. Mills,	Lady Sneerwell. Sir B. Backbite.
H. C. Barnes,	Sir Oliver Surface.	E. F. Knox,	Maria. Auntie.
F. Y. Eccles,	Sir Peter Teazle.	E. A. Everington,	Mrs. Candour. Careless.

The unfortunate absence of R. O. Mills, who had a severe headache, caused some slight confusion, as in several instances parts taken by various persons clashed with one another.

We met again on the next Friday and spent a very pleasant meeting in finishing the School for Scandal. The parts were slightly altered.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—Snow and the feeling of approaching schools have kept the 'Varsity, in part, very dull indeed, and gives me really no news to tell. A. M. T. Jackson's success in getting the Boden Sanscrit Scholarship you have already heard about. None the less is it my duty to chronicle the fact herein. The end of the Torpids left B.N.C. head of the river despite all efforts of the House to displace them. Term has ended some little time since and we go down more or less about the 12th.

Yours truly,  
ARISTOKRATIKOS.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

SIR,—Why should we not have a Secretary for the Literary Society? It would be a most useful thing, as a Ledger could then be kept, and we should know what plays had been read, and in the case of reading one again, we should be able to allot the parts as nearly as possible as in the first reading. Of course every one will say "tu quoque" off the School Literary Society, but I beg to remark, and my language is plain, that "Imitation is the sincerest flattery."

Yours etc.,  
TRUTHFUL JAMES.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR SIR,—It is with great regret that I have noticed a slackness at foot ball Up Grants, in defence of which the excuse of "stress of work" or "that the members of the Grantite XI have no need of improvement" cannot be put forward.

I fear that several fellows have plenty of room for improvement, which can always to a certain degree be acquired by wiring up, not by making the football field a place for paying off old scores and spites generally combined with a certain amount of finking.

A few years ago Grantites, both great and small, had an equal patriotism and wired up on every opportunity, not as now, staying down fields on every opportunity (as some fellows, House Colours too, do), and trying to induce others to do likewise, thinking, I suppose, that their slackness will on that account be less noticeable. It shows no true Grantite spirit, but an unpatriotic and despicable feeling; and if not got rid of, Grants will no longer be her former self. Every one ought now to be doing his best to be in good form for the house-matches, if we are to, as I hope we shall, keep the Football Shield to adorn the walls of Grants' Hall for another year.

I remain, yours &c.,  
A. B.

SIR,—I wish to make a suggestion which might, in my humble opinion increase the popularity of the *Grantite Review*. Could not some news of other houses be inserted, not necessarily enough to take up much valuable space, but still enough to be of interest to fellows other than Grantites. The

news would probably be chiefly Rigaudite, as any interesting Home Boarder news is not unlikely to be taken notice of by the *Westminster Review*, and College would probably rather not be interfered with.

The Rigaudite Racket Ties have commenced, and news of these would be acceptable even to Grantites. A correspondent would willingly furnish details of these together with their handicapping.

This would make the *Grantite Review* of much greater value for reference in future years. Grants have always been more joined to Rigauds than to any other house, and therefore their news would be most interesting to an Old Grantite. Hoping this will met with approval,

I remain, yours &c.,

JUNIUS.

To the Editor of the *Grantite Review*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—In editing a series of short sketches of lives of Westminster Head-masters I should like to point out the ground on which I do so. I do not pretend that they shall be exhaustive, I do not pretend that dates and such like will never be erroneous. No ordinary authorities are to be trusted when enquiring about individual matters of centuries back; and the length of the articles, which, with your permission, I hope to present to your readers, will not permit me to discuss fully authorities or sources of information. None the less it is important that all Westminsters should know something of the history of those connected with the school, and though many of your readers may have ready access to the authorities I shall chiefly consult, many of them doubtless will not be so fortunate. In conclusion, let me ask any of your readers who may discover mistakes as to facts, and errors as to chronology in my biographies, to point out the same at once that "errata" may be at once rectified.

I am yours very truly,

COLLORIEL.

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