
"Reading maketh a full man; Conference a ready man; and Writing an exact man."--BACON.

THE
E l i z a b e t h a n .

F A S T I.

SPEECH DAY, JULY 31, 1886.—Our Speech Day proceedings were of more than ordinary interest this year owing to the important announcement which the Vice-Chairman of the Governors was enabled to make on the subject of the recent Enquiry Commission. As is no doubt known to most of our readers, attempts have been persistently made, by various means, for more than seven years, to introduce changes into the management of the School, which would have the inevitable effect, indirectly, if not directly, of lowering the standard of education prescribed by the scheme, and which has been provided in the School since its first start under the new scheme in 1875. These attempts culminated at the beginning of this year in bringing down a Commission of Enquiry from the Charity Commissioners to hear what grounds could be alleged for upsetting the present state of things. The Commission sat for three days, but no such grounds were shown; on the contrary, the evidence was all the other way, and tended to show that the School satisfied the requirements of the neighbourhood. It remained therefore for the Commissioners to declare their decision, which was done in the terms quoted by Mr. Cass, whose speech we give in full. Of the satisfaction felt at this decision by everybody connected with the School—for

the assailants were mostly outsiders whose own utterances showed that they knew little or nothing of the working of the School—we may give the following remarks of the *Barnet Press* as an indication:—"We congratulate the Barnet Grammar School upon the result of the inquiry recently held by the Charity Commissioners. From the first we deprecated the action of those who sought to interfere with the institution on grounds which had no real foundation, and which utterly failed of proof. The school has suffered more from the harassing and continued interference of those who appear to desire change for the sake of change, than from all the shortcomings (alleged and otherwise) of the scheme in conformity with which it is conducted. In the letter read at the prize distribution on Saturday, there is sufficient to re-assure the friends of the institution, that after an exhaustive inquiry the Commissioners are satisfied with the present arrangement of the School, and the manner in which it is conducted. As the Commissioner put it at the close of the inquiry, the petitioners have utterly failed to make out their case, and we hope their better judgment will now suggest the propriety of non-interference for the future, except on grounds of undoubted necessity, or for reasons which are beyond dispute."

We now proceed to give some details of the day's doings, which began as usual at four o'clock, the Hall being crowded from end to end.

The Head Master, in opening the proceedings, said the day for their annual gathering had again come round, and it gave him great pleasure to see so large an assemblage of friends of the School as that before him. The part he played in these gatherings was apt to be rather a dry one, being merely that of presenting statistics, which, although possessing interest for some of them, were not a little trying to others. In the first place he was happy to be able to

report that the School had maintained its numbers, notwithstanding some harassing circumstances under which they had had to work. He took that as a very happy omen, an indication that if they were only allowed a few years to work in peace, their school would greatly increase in numbers. That good time was, he trusted, now near at hand. Not only had they maintained their position in numbers, but had maintained it also in efficiency, an indication of which would be seen from the examiners' reports, the details of which he then gave and which will be gathered from the appended prize list. In addition to the regular school Prizes he said he wished to mention that a handsome prize presented by Mr. Stock, of the London and County Bank—a bat for good work in the cricket field—had been won by Tilden. It only remained for him to express his great gratitude to the masters and boys who had contributed to bring about such satisfactory results, and to express his great satisfaction with the general tone and spirit shown in the School during the past year. There had been very little to trouble him so far as their internal conduct was concerned, but there were one or two points in which he would like to see improvement; he would like to see the boys display the same character, the same spirit, out of school, as they did in. They were very united in school, and he wished to see that unity and interest in their work extended to the playground and the cricket field; he would like to see more *esprit de corps* in this direction. He was aware that they had to contend with great difficulties, which did not arise where boys lived together in a large boarding school or even in the same town; here many boys lived at a distance, and the moment school was over they ran off to catch their trains rather than remain for cricket and other out-door work. Parents were sometimes to blame for this, and he could not impress upon them too strongly the desirability of teaching the boys to take an interest in their school and all connected with it; for if boys

were encouraged to think much of their school in the playground it was almost certain to re-act by improving their school work. Vigorous, manly games were also a great safeguard against moral evil of all sorts. In conclusion he wished them all a very pleasant holiday, and hoped the lads would come back to school with plenty of health and spirits, and that they would have a prosperous year of work and play.

The Head Master then presented the prizes as follow:—

The "BISHOP BROUGHTON" Prize for Divinity		..	SMYTH MA.
HEAD MASTER'S Divinity Prize for Boys under 13		..	TOWNSHEND.
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNORS' Prizes for English History.			
	1.	.. .. .	COCK.
	2.	.. .. .	TOWNSHEND.
English Language and Literature.			
	1.	.. .. .	SMYTH MA.
	2.	.. .. .	.. PECK.
LATIN	1.	.. .. .	FOSSETT.
	2.	.. .. .	MEREDITH.
FRENCH	1.	.. .. .	FOSSETT.
	2.	.. .. .	PEARSON.
GEOGRAPHY	1.	.. .. .	.. COCK.
	2.	.. .. .	TAYLOR.
GERMAN	1.	.. .. .	FOSSETT.
	2.	.. .. .	MOIR.
GREEK .. .. .		.. .. .	SMYTH MA.
RECITATIONS	English	.. .. .	WIDDICOMBE.
	French	.. .. .	GOODING.
	German	.. .. .	.. LEECH.
	French and German	.. .. .	PRICE MAX.
FORM PRIZES	VI.	.. .. .	SMYTH MA.
	V...	.. .. .	COCK.
	IV.	.. .. .	ENGLEHEART MA.
	III.	.. .. .	.. HILL.
	II.	.. .. .	SAMUELS MI.
MATHEMATICS	Set 1.	.. .. .	FOSSETT.
	Set 2.	.. .. .	NIXON.
	Set 3.	.. .. .	NIELD MIN.
	Set 4.	.. .. .	.. PANK
LOWER SCHOOL	I. ..	.. .. .	HART MI.
"	II.	.. .. .	GOODSHIP.
	ARITHMETIC 1.	.. .. .	.. RAE.
	2.	.. .. .	MOORE.

DRAWING ..	{ Queen's Prizes at South Kensington Examinations ..	{ Perspective { FOSSETT J. H. GOODING H. J. Geometry—SMYTH E. J. Freehand—FOSSETT J. H.
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„ Certificates—LEECH S. G., POUND W.

CHEMISTRY ..	{ Certificates. Advanced Stage. }	FOSSETT, J. H., SMYTH, E. J.
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Elementary Stage.—COCK, G. H., LEECH, S. G., PRICE, F. G.,
SIMONS, A. J.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS.—*Form V.*—Storey ma., for Latin and for German; Nield, Max., for Latin; Price max., for French recitations. *Form IV.*—Watson, for geography; Crane ma., for Euclid. *Form III.*—Parker, for general excellence. *Lower School I.*—Searle for Geography; Rae, for book-keeping; Pitson, mi., for arithmetic; Ottaway, for mensuration; Bonner, for arithmetic. *Lower School II.*—Price min., for French and Latin Cassy, for map drawing and writing; Swann, for writing.

The Rev. F. C. Cass said: It devolves upon me this afternoon, as vice-chairman of the governing body, to say a few words in Mr. Stapylton's absence; but I have no intention of inflicting a long speech upon you, nor indeed have the power of doing so, if I would. I may claim, however, to take a deep interest in the welfare of this school. My late father and myself have been uninterruptedly upon its governing body for more than half a century, and I am proud of this long connection. The little I now have to say will be, I hope, no less in accord with your feelings than with my own. It cannot, I am sure, be otherwise than a satisfaction to us to have listened to such a statement as the Head Master has been able to make in relation to the condition of the school generally and to the progress and conduct of his scholars. For the parents of the boys it ought to be particularly gratifying. You all of you feel convinced, I trust, that in everything that depends upon Mr. Lee, you have committed them to the guidance of a man eminently qualified to bring out of them whatever talents they may possess, and to put them in the way of turning those talents to account afterwards. Mr. Lee, I have every reason to think, has your confidence, and I know that he has the love and esteem of his boys. The school ought to meet with no

hindrance in the way of its prosperity under him. During the eleven years that he has been at the head of it, he has shown a zeal, an ability, and, I may add, a courage under trying and difficult circumstances, which have a right to success, and cannot fail to meet with it. Let me remind you that, with every succeeding year, this school is acquiring a history of its own, derived not merely from an ancient lineage, dating from the reign of Elizabeth, but from what I may call a new patent of nobility, dating from 1873. It is a great thing to establish *esprit de corps* in a school; to make boys take a pride in their surroundings, and in their own connection with them. The first step in this direction was the dinner of Old Barnet Elizabethans, at Anderton's Hotel, in the month of May. I was delighted to hear of it, and only wished that I could have been present; but I was ill, and at a distance. I hope those who arrange for the entertainment will give me an opportunity of being there on the next occasion. I must detain you a moment longer from the recitations and dramatic performance, to which you are looking forward, as I have an announcement to make, perhaps not less important. There is no necessity that I should go back to the circumstances of a late inquiry, undertaken by the Charity Commissioners, into the constitution and working of the school. We have now for a considerable time been awaiting their report. Public bodies, however, do not always move with the same rapidity as private impatience. A new scheme is promised, but has not yet been settled in all its details. In reply, notwithstanding, to representations shewing the disadvantages under which the School must necessarily labour, owing to the existing uncertainty, the Commissioners have sent us what I may term an interim delineation of their intentions. There is no need that I should mention the whole of it, but there is one portion, with regard to which they speak in very decided terms, and which constitutes the main point of interest and

anxiety to parents. At this time, when the boys are separating for their holidays, it seems desirable that you should be made acquainted with it. The document comes authenticated by the signature of Mr. D. R. Fearon, the new secretary to the Commissioners, and may therefore be accepted as coming with authority. I will read the clause in question as it removes all doubt upon the subject, and you may dismiss any apprehension that the present system of tuition will be altered or, shall I say, tampered with. It has worked well in the past, and we may have every confidence that it will continue to work well in the future. "I am directed by the Charity Commissioners," writes Mr. Fearon, "to inform you that they have now considered the Report of their Assistant Commissioner on the results of the Public Inquiry recently held by him at Chipping Barnet. The evidence adduced at that Inquiry may be grouped under three main heads, relating to, 1st, the condition and organization of the present Boys' School. With regard to the first of these subjects the Commissioners had been led by the evidence produced on former occasions to doubt the expediency of maintaining the dual* character of the School, for which it appeared that the buildings are not specially adapted, and the view to which the Commissioners inclined was indicated in my letter of 15th May, 1885, in which it was intimated that they were prepared to provide by an amending scheme that the School should be in one Department with an uniform range of fees. But although there is much to be said in favour of the simpler organization suggested in that letter, the more recent experience of the present system, and the more complete knowledge which has now been gained of the necessities of the population concerned, have convinced the Commissioners that, in spite of *a priori* objections, the scheme is in this respect working to practical advantage. Nor are the Commissioners satisfied either that the two

* The division, that is, into an upper and lower school.

divisions of the School could be united at present without a loss of revenue in respect of fees, or that a reduction of fees could be effected without detriment to the efficiency of the School. On the whole then, on a review of the evidence before them, the Commissioners are of opinion that no sufficient case has been made out in favour of organic change in the constitution of the present Boys' School."

The Rev. Professor Church, rising from his seat in the body of the hall, said: This may be very irregular, but the occasion is an exceptional one. I desire to express the profound satisfaction which I feel, and I am sure all the parents of boys in the school feel, with the decision of the Commissioners. (Applause.)

Then came the "Speeches" proper, interspersed with singing under the able conductorship of Mr. Columbine, as set out in the following programme:—

PART SONG	..	"Winchester Domum"	..	<i>Reading</i> 1690
SPEECH	..	"Ich werde den Major einladen"	..	<i>Von Mohr</i>
		<i>Carbonel</i>	.. .. .	PRICE
		<i>Elise</i> (his wife)	.. .. .	LEECH
		<i>Julius</i> (his friend)	.. .. .	WIDDICOMBE
PART SONG	..	"Huntsmen's Chorus"	.. .. .	<i>Weber</i>
SPEECH	..	"She stoops to conquer"	.. .. .	<i>Goldsmith</i>
		<i>Tony Lumpkin</i>..	.. .. .	MOIR
		<i>Stingo</i>	.. .. .	LEECH
		<i>Marlow</i>	.. .. .	WIDDICOMBE
		<i>Hastings</i>	.. .. .	COWING
		<i>Hardcastle</i>	.. .. .	GOODING
		<i>Diggory</i>	.. .. .	PITSON MA.
		<i>Roger</i>	.. .. .	COCK
		<i>Servants</i>	.. .. .	FOSSETT, PRICE, MATTHEWS
ROUNDS	..	"A southerly wind" "The merry Bells"		
SPEECH	..	"L'Avocat Patelin"	..	<i>Brueys</i>
		<i>M. Bartholin</i>	.. .. .	GOODING
		<i>M. Guillaume</i>	.. .. .	COWING
		<i>M. Patelin</i>	.. .. .	PRICE
		<i>Agnelet</i>	.. .. .	STOREY MA.
VOCAL WALTZ	..	"Swinging"	.. .. .	<i>Silva</i>
		National Anthem.		

The exigencies of space preclude our giving anything like a detailed criticism of the various performances, but we may say that the singing was throughout remarkably good, and reflected great credit on the teacher; and that the prize winners for the "Recitations" well deserved their reward for distinction in their several parts. A highly successful and enjoyable entertainment was brought to a close with rounds of cheers for the Masters, Visitors, and above all for the holidays.

FOOTBALL.—At a meeting held early in the term in Mr. Hodson's room, H. J. Gooding was elected Captain for the football season, and Brittain ma. Vice-Captain.

1st XI. *v.* New Barnet F. C. This, our first match, was played on the New Barnet ground, on Saturday, October 30th. The school team played a good losing game, but in an unlucky ten minutes, soon after half-time was called, four goals were secured against them. Later in the afternoon one more goal was scored for the New Barnet team. The school lost by five goals to nil. Brittain, Smyth, and Nixon played well for the school. The following constituted the first XI. :—Gooding (Captain), Brittain, Smyth, Cowing, Nixon, Church, Cooke, Walker, Nield 11., Moir and Nield 1.

The following other matches have been arranged :—

November 10th, 1st XI. *v.* St. Albans Grammar School,
at Barnet.

November 20th, 1st XI. *v.* New Barnet F. C. at High
Barnet.

December 11th, 1st XI. *v.* St. Albans Grammar School,
at St. Albans.

FIVES.—Some ties were arranged by the Games' Committee early in the term, and have been played off. There were two divisions (1), open to the school; (2) for boys under 14. The games were singles. The results were as follow:—

1st Division.—1ST ROUND.

GARDNER beat WIDDICOMBE, 15-3; 15-1.
 NIELD II. „ MOIR, 15-5; 15-7.
 GOODING „ COWING (given).
 HART I. „ PRICE I., 15-14; 15-12.
 SIMONS I. „ WATSON, 15-4; 15-6.
 NASH I. „ CRANE I., 15-1; 15-4.

2ND ROUND.

GARDNER beat GOODING, 15-4; 15-2
 NIELD II. „ HART I., 15-4; 15-11.
 SIMONDS I. „ NASH I., 15-3; 15-8.

3RD ROUND.

GARDNER beat Nield II., 15-8; 15-0.
 SIMONS, a bye.

4TH ROUND.

GARDNER beat SIMONS, 15-0; 15-4.

Gardner won every game easily, no one being a match for him in any game.

2nd Division.—1ST ROUND.

CRANE II. beat SAMUELS II., 15-1; 15-11.
 MILLER „ NASH II., 15-8; 15-7.
 BRITTEN „ JARRETT I., 15-5; 15-14.
 JARRETT II. „ HILL (given).
 MEACHER „ PHILLIPS, 15-1; 15-6.
 BLELLOCH I. „ MOREHEN, 15-9; 8-15; 15-10.

2ND ROUND.

CRANE I. beat MILLER, 15-5; 15-4.
 MEACHER „ BLELLOCH, 15-0; 15-0.
 BRITTEN v. JARRETT II. (not yet played).

3RD ROUND.

CRANE II beat MEACHER, 15-1; 15-0.

It will be seen that this is not yet finished, owing chiefly to bad weather, but Crane has evidently the best chance of winning.

CRICKET.

FIRST ELEVEN v. RAVENSCROFT.

RAVENSCROFT.

1st Innings.			2nd Innings.		
E. C. Gooding, b Tilden	..	3	b Tilden	..	2
W. Bishop, c Hart, b Tilden ..	..	2	c Gardner, b Tilden ..	..	0
Mansbridge, b Pitson ..	..	9	c Cooke, b Gooding ..	..	0
E. Gooding, c Cooke, b Tilden	..	0	b Gooding ..	..	1
Knight, c Brittain, b Tilden ..	..	3	run out ..	..	6
G. Gooding, b Gooding ..	..	5	b Gooding ..	..	2
Sweeting, not out ..	..	0	b Gooding ..	..	4
Drayton, b Gooding ..	..	0	b Gooding ..	..	1
F. Bishop, b Tilden ..	..	1	c Pitson, b Tilden..	..	14
A. Moir, c Gooding, b Tilden..	..	2	b Tilden	1
H. K. Nield, b Tilden	0	not out	3
Extras	10	Extra	1
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BARNET.

Nixon, c and b E. C. Gooding	..	1
Tilden, c F. Bishop, b W. Bishop	..	13
Gooding, c F. Bishop, b Mansbridge	..	5
Pitson, l b w, b W. Bishop	..	3
Hart, c G. Gooding, b Knight	..	3
Gardner, c Moir, b W. Bishop	..	1
Leech, b F. Bishop	..	6
Nield ii, b Knight	..	3
Brittain, st E. Gooding, b F. Bishop	..	3
Cooke, b W. Bishop	..	0
Watson, not out	2
Extras	9
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FIRST ELEVEN v. ST. ALBANS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

ST. ALBANS.

1st Innings.			2nd Innings.		
L. B. Myers, run out ..	..	0	b Pitson	..	15
Philbuck, c Nixon, b Gooding	..	0	b Pitson ..	..	2
Pearce, c and b Tilden..	..	4	c Nield, b Pitson ..	..	8
Cubitt, b Gooding ..	..	9	not out ..	..	10
Dickson, c Gardner, b Gooding	..	6	not out ..	..	18
Nichols, b Gooding ..	..	0			
Baldrey mi, b Pitson ..	..	21			
Newell, b Gooding	0			
Gibson, b Gooding	9			
Mardall mi, not out	4			
Kidman, b Pitson	0			
Extras	3	Extras	7
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BARNET.

Nixon, b Myers	0
Tilden, b Myers	18
Gooding, c Kidman, b Phillbuck	4
Pitson, b Myers	4
Hart, b Myers	..	..	4
Gardner, run out	..	..	0
Leech, c Cubitt, b Dickson	..	..	3
Nield ii, b Dickson	1
Brittain, not out	11
Fossett, c Kidman, b Pearce	1
Price, run out	0
Extras	10
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CHORAL SOCIETY'S ACCOUNT.

Balance Sheet, July 1885, July 1886.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	L.	S.	D.		L.	S.	D.
Balance from last year	4	5	3½	Music	1	11	9½
Subscriptions—Michael-				Hire of Piano for Concert			
mas Term, 1885	3	15	0	and Speech Day ..	1	19	0
Ditto, Spring Term, 1886	3	17	0	Pianist, ditto ditto	2	2	0
Ditto, Summer Term, 1886	4	4	0	Hire of Seats for Concert	0	11	6
Sale of Book of Words of				Printing, &c. ..	2	7	0
Concert	2	2	6	Honorarium to Mr.			
				Columbine ..	3	3	0
				Balance in hand ..	6	9	6
	£18	3	9½		£18	3	9½

NEW PAVILION FUND.

Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	L.	S.	D.		L.	S.	D.
Donation (leaving) from				Balance due to Treasurer			
Townshend ..	1	1	0	as per last No. ..	3	2	9
Balance due to Treasurer	2	4	9	Insurance	0	3	0
	£3	5	9		£3	5	9

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

We desire to offer our best thanks for the following donations of books:—

B. C. Townshend—"Pennell's Fishing"; 2 vols.

W. P. Pound—Marryatt's "Jacob Faithful."

Miss Acason—"Chambers' Journal," 1883-84.

The following books have been purchased:—

"Napier's Peninsular War"; 6 vols.

"Goldsmith's Works"; 4 vols.

"Life of Frank Buckland"; 1 vol.

ATTENDANCE AT FOOTBALL PRACTICES.

To the Editor of the Elizabethan.

SIR,—I take this opportunity of writing to you concerning the attendance at the football practices. The practice evenings are Tuesday and Friday for half-an-hour each evening, when the average attendance is a dozen boys, of whom seven or eight are 1st XI. This being the case, what will next season's eleven be? Most of the fellows seem to think that because they are not in the 1st XI. it is no use coming up to practice at all. At the same time, it is a bad thing for the 1st XI., because they have to split up and some play on one side, and some on the other, whereas an eleven ought to practice together as an eleven.

Do you not think the fellows' patriotism could be roused and this put straight.

I am,

Yours truly,

H. J. GOODING.

NOTES OF NEWS.

BOYS WHO LEFT LAST TERM.—The following exodus, unusual even for the end of the school year, took place last term: Fossett, J. H., Cock, G. H., Storey, J. E., Pitson, R. C., Matthews, H., Miller, F., Pound, W., Townshend, B., Newbey, H., Currie, W., Currie, J., Currie, A. E., Smith, L., Smith, B., Gibson, F., Williams, S., Weatherill, R., Perigal, A. F., Bell, T. W., Bell, P. H., Walker, A., Payne, G., Payne, H. W., Friday, R. H.

NEW BOYS.—The following have been entered this term: Form V.—White, A., White, G. H. Form IV.—Miller, B. (re-admitted), Meacher, J. II. Form III.—Blelloch, R. A. Form II.—Reddall, W. H., Morehen, E. H., Ambler, S. J., Field, C. B. Lower School, i.—Chadwick, W. H., Ambler, F. B. Lower School ii.—Blelloch, J. C., Blelloch, B. S., Goldsworthy, T. L., Gray, F. C., Webb, F. R., Marriott, C. H. F., Marvin, E. G., Marvin, W. E.

LEAVING DONATIONS.—We have much pleasure in announcing that Fossett and Townshend gave a donation of £1 1s. each, on leaving, to the Library and Field Fund respectively.

OLD ELIZABETHANS.—The following were mentioned on Speech Day, by the Head Master, as having lately obtained distinctions:—

J. H. FOSSETT, Matriculated in Honours, London University.

J. SAMUELS, B.A., 2nd Class Science Tripos, Cambridge.

R. H. FRENCH, 1st Bachelor of Medicine, Durham.

H. BALDWIN, Lieutenant's Commission Royal Naval Engineers, with Admiralty Prize.

A. HART, promotion in Civil Service.

D. ADAIR has also passed his army examination and is now awaiting his commission.

"OLD BOYS" of some six or seven years' standing, who can recall a sturdy little figure who was wont to render so successfully on Speech Days sundry parts from Molière and Sheridan—especially that of *Bab Acres*—will be interested in hearing that Frank Green has for some months been playing on the stage at a London theatre ("Toole's,"), and if we may judge from the opinions of the Press, with much success: "Mr. Frank Green's acting as 'Pott's' is really artistic for he makes a character, too often exaggerated and caricatured upon the stage, equally true to nature, and amusing."—*Era*.

NEW PREFECT.—S. H. Widdicombe has this term been made Prefect.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.—Practice for this is in full swing, and the assistance of Old Boys who can attend some of the practices would be much appreciated on the eventful day, which will be somewhere about December 22nd. Application should be made to Mr. Columbine, who will give all information as to music and practices.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—Our usual four weeks' rest will we suppose count from Tuesday, December 28th, and this will bring the beginning of next term to Tuesday, January 25th, 1887.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.—We beg leave with many thanks to acknowledge the receipt of the following School Magazines :—*St. Andrew's College Magazine*, Grahamstown, South Africa; *The Berkhamstedian*, *The Tonbridgian*, *The Carlisle Aldenhamian*, *The Felstedian*, *The Norvicensian*, *The Elizabethan*, *Our Magazine*, *The Alleynian*, *The Mill Hill Magazine*, *The Beech Lawn Budget*, *Leamington Girls' High School*; *Sutton Valence School Magazine*, *Whitgift School Magazine*, *The Elstonian*, *The Stortfordian*, *Ley's Fortnightly*, *Sutton Valence School Magazine*.

OBITUARY.

D I E D

Monday, August 23rd, 1886,

*At Hatfield Heath Vicarage, Essex,***A. H. I. Meaden,**Wife of the Rev. R. A. MEADEN, formerly Mathematical
Master of Barnet Grammar School,

Aged 36.

"Old Elizabethans," especially such as were in Mr. Meaden's house, will hear with deep sorrow of the very sudden death of Mrs. Meaden, which occurred at the country vicarage where she had gone with Mr. Meaden and their family to spend the holidays. The warm sympathy of all who knew them here is felt for Mr. Meaden in his sad loss.
