

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

THE  
*Elizabethan.*

F A S T I.

OLD BOYS' DINNER, 3RD MAY, 1886.—On the 3rd May last, the suggested Annual Dinner of the Old Barnet-Elizabethans became *un fait accompli*, the first dinner being held at Anderton's Hotel, in Fleet Street. The gathering was a great success, about forty Old Elizabethans and their friends sitting down to a repast which proved in the highest degree satisfactory. The Dinner Committee were very fortunate in securing as chairman H. E. C. Stapylton, Esq., J.P., who was supported by the Rev. J. B. Lee, S. H. Curtis, Esq., J.P., H. Parker, Esq., J.P., E. H. Hay, Esq., and others. The Vice-chair was occupied by G. W. Acason, Esq., an Old Elizabethan, whose genial face is always looked for, and receives a hearty welcome at all the School *ré-unions*.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the Chairman, in proposing the health of “the Queen,” stated that the Barnet people had, beyond their inherent loyalty, an additional cause to honour her present Majesty, for she, in having sanctioned the restoration of the School under the present scheme, became its second founder.

A verse of the National Anthem having been sung by the entire company,

Mr. Stapylton, the Chairman, proposed a toast to “The pious memory of Queen Elizabeth, their first founder,” to

whose wisdom, and to the advice of whose counsellors, our Grammar School and many others owed their existence, and he requested that, in token of deep respect to her memory, the toast might be drunk in silence.

Mr. Columbine appropriately sang in good voice, the old school favourite, "Queen Elizabeth." One of the principal toasts of the evening, viz., that of the "Head Master," was then given by Mr. Andrew Ritchie. In support of the toast he said that on some occasion or other in the times long gone by, I think most of us here to-night have quailed under Mr. Lee's eye; in fact this must be an excuse for my now turning my back upon him, and as I do not possess the gift of oratory, like the noble Brutus, I wish this toast had been given to some one more capable of doing justice to it. At the same time, no one, I am sure, can owe more to Mr. Lee than I do, although doubtless he may be unaware of it. When we were at School—happy and scatterbrained—I do not think any of us realised the amount of influence which our respected Head Master had over us, but now that we are out in the world, face to face with the stern realities of life, we remember the words of admonition and warning which used to drop from his lips when we were following poor old Æneas and his faithful friend Achates through all their troubles and misfortunes. In fact, at all the classes I think I can safely say that Mr. Lee never let an opportunity slip of inculcating some useful truth on our minds. He taught us how we were to quit ourselves like men in the battle of life which lay before us, to hate that which was evil and base, and cling to that which was manly and upright, and above all things to abhor a lie. Gentlemen, I believe there is a great pleasure in teaching. In fact a poet has told us that—

"'Tis a *delightful* task to rear the infant mind,  
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

Mr. Lee, as we all know, has that faculty, but then I hold that it is far, far nobler to be able to impart the knowledge of how we should live in accordance with the laws of God and of the Universe, and how we should strive to make the world the better for our existence, and not vegetate in it like cabbages. Mr. Lee is as much distinguished in this respect as in the other, not as a teacher only, but as one who, we all know, practises what he preaches. In an assembly of strangers it might be necessary to dwell more fully upon what Mr. Lee is, and what his work has been, but speaking, as I do, in the presence of his scholars it is a needless task. I can only repeat that we are indeed grateful to him, and that out in the world we have not forgotten, and I trust never will forget the Head Master of Barnet Grammar School, and I ask you now to drink his health with the earnest hope that he may long, long be spared to fill this important position, and to do for the rising generation what he has done so faithfully for us who have just risen into manhood. (Loud cheers.)

A sweet little duet, called "Alla Stella Confidante" was then played on the violin and flute by Messrs. J. H. and R. H. French, accompanied by Mr. Whitmore, whose appearance at the piano re-called his annual triumphs in past years, as leader of the Choral Society at the School concerts.

Mr. Lee, in replying to the toast, said he hardly knew whether to address them as young old friends or old young friends. He could assure them, however, that he used no figure of speech when he said how deeply grateful he was for the exceedingly kind manner in which they drank the toast of his health. It was a source of the highest encouragement to him, and especially so among circumstances which some people considered very discouraging. For his own part he considered these manifestations of good feeling not as in contrast to what had gone before, but rather as putting

a crown on much that had cheered him in his work in Barnet during the last eleven years. He then stated why he had chosen our School as the sphere of his labours, and expressed his faith in the educational arrangements at Barnet School, notwithstanding the questions raised against them. When he looked around the room that night and saw the faces of his many old friends, his faith became stronger still, and he felt sure if they would only in their special circles shew that they had themselves the same faith, and let people know they valued the education received, they would before long be able to add to the hope expressed in "Floreat Schola Barnetiensis" the words "Floruit et semper florebit." In conclusion he thanked them once more for the hearty manner in which they had drunk his health. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Lee, after a pause, said it devolved upon him to propose the health of a body of gentlemen on whom the prosperity of the School depended in the highest degree — he referred to the Governors. (Cheers.) He was glad to see such a respectable sprinkling of Governors there that evening, as it only added another to their long list of kindly efforts for anything that was for the benefit of the School. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Lee said it was his privilege to couple with the toast the name of a gentleman who could never be mentioned in regard to Barnet Grammar School without arousing the liveliest feelings of gratitude. No better representative of the governing body could be put forward, because he was the representative of the Governors by their own act and deed, as he had been elected chairman every year since the scheme was first started. He need hardly tell them that that gentleman was that night adding another to his many kindly actions towards the School by coming to preside over the old boys' festivities. (Cheers.) That gentleman had helped to carry out the educational scheme

in spite of all obstacles, and the present success was due in great measure to his watchful care and self-denying efforts, at the cost of both time and money. It was with the greatest pleasure, therefore, that he asked them to drink to the Governors, coupled with the name of Mr. Stapylton. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. E. R. Hodson, M.A., enlivened the interval by singing the fine bass song, "The King and the Beggar Maid."

Mr. Stapylton, in replying, said he felt unusual difficulty. The *Barnet Press* had told them the Governors were a divided body, and if that were so, it was impossible to answer for both the head and the tail at once. For the majority of the Governors he could confidently answer that they thanked all present most heartily for the kind reception the toast had met with. It was a plucky thing to initiate a public school dinner, and very thoughtful of them to invite the governors. A school dinner, or indeed anything which brings old schoolfellows together, tends to create a good *esprit de corps*, which cannot fail to be a great advantage to all. It was very pleasant to make new acquaintances in the uttermost parts of the earth on the common ground of having been at the same school. School friendships were among the best and most lasting, and should be carefully maintained. But boys cannot be too careful in choosing good friends at first. A few good, steady, hardworking friends may do immense service for many years—one or two bad ones may ruin the whole career. In conclusion, he stated that he wished them from the bottom of his heart—"Go on and prosper." (Cheers.)

Mr. T. Grammer next proposed "The Assistant Masters," coupled with the name of the Rev. H. W. P. Stevens, M.A.

Messrs. R. T. Cull, J. H. French, A. G. Josling, and F. C. Warren were now warmly applauded for the manner in which they rendered a quartette, "A Franklyn's Dogge."

Mr. Stevens, responding for the "Assistant Masters," said Mr. Ritchie had stated—

"'Tis a *delightful* task to rear the infant mind."

Perhaps this was a matter of opinion, but it could be said that if all lads bubbled over with good temper, like Ritchie when he was a boy, the task of teaching would be a pleasant one indeed. It had struck him, when looking round, what a pity it was that all the names of the old boys present were not down as subscribers to the School Magazine, and also that more of them did not send articles to the School Magazine. (Hear, hear.) Articles came from boys on the other side of the world, and he thought it would be of advantage if some of those in England wrote giving accounts of their daily avocations. Articles of this nature would be read by parents with much eagerness, and might help them to decide what to do with boys who were shortly leaving school.

Mr. S. Huggins then proposed "The School," which he said he regarded as one of the chief, if not *the* chief, toast of the evening. He stated that the School was middle-class, and that the middle classes were the backbone of the country, and on them depended the country's prosperity and industry. All Barnetonians remembered the recent inquiry into the working of the present educational scheme at Barnet School. Some thought it would do harm, but he himself considered from the very first, that where there was no wrong there could be no harm in publicity. What was the result? Why, the Head Master and the old Governors came off with flying colours, and the Commissioner stated that the minority had failed to state a case. The speaker coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Curtis.

Mr. Josling next sang in first-rate style the well-known song of "The Arethusa," and was loudly encored.

Mr. Curtis replied to the toast, and said that during his four years of office he had seen enough to know how

admirably the school was conducted; and it would be a great pity if the present scheme were at all interfered with. (Cheers.) He proceeded to speak of the value of middle-class schools, and said he only hoped that the agitation which had been going on would cease, because if it did not, he felt sure they would see no more portraits of gentlemen holding high office hung up in the school as specimens of their old boys.

The toast of the visitors, joined with the name of Mr. J. Ewing Ritchie, was then proposed by Mr. W. Herring.

Mr. W. J. Milne then received an unanimous *encore* for his finished rendering of the "Bended Bow."

Mr. Ritchie replied to the toast in a witty and humorous speech, and said, in the course of his remarks, that it was many years since he came to know anything about the Barnet Grammar School. He remembered perfectly well Mr. Willis, the friend of Charles Dickens, and the sub-editor of his periodical, wrote the *Daily News* to send a representative to Barnet on the occasion of the opening of the Grammar School. It fell to his (Mr. Ritchie's) lot to be that representative, and after what he saw and heard, he came to the conclusion that he would send his son there, and he did so. He felt glad now to know that the School had exceeded his most sanguine expectation. He trusted that there was a long career for Mr. Lee and for the school, and that it might long continue to flourish and raise up such a fine looking set of young fellows as he had the pleasure of addressing that evening. (Laughter and cheers.)

Mr. G. W. Acaison next briefly proposed "The Chairman," whom we had to thank for the great change which had come to pass in the standing of the School, because it was at his suggestion that the new scheme was introduced, and he had maintained an unwearied interest in the School ever since.

In reply, Mr. Stapylton pleaded guilty to being the inventor of the dual arrangement of the Upper and Lower

School, but stated that it was entirely owing to the clever management of Mr. Lee that it had proved such a great success, and he hoped the dual arrangement would never be altered, as it so exactly suited the wants of the district. In conclusion he very heartily congratulated the Old Boys on the complete success of their first School dinner, and he hoped it would not be the last.

Some songs were then sung by Mr. H. E. Weatherley (encored) and others. Mr. W. Lewis recited in a splendid manner "A Frenchman's experience of an English Stage Coach," and the proceedings terminated shortly before midnight with "*Dulce Domum.*"

The following "Old Boys" were present at the First Annual Dinner, held May 3rd, 1886:—R. Thos. Cull, F. French, A. Ritchie, S. Huggins, A. G. Josling, T. Samuels, F. C. Warren (*Committee*); G. Acason, W. F. G. Brumell, A. McC. Cross, H. E. Church, R. French, A. F. Hart, W. Herring, H. G. Pritchard, L. U. Walker, A. G. Britten, G. Currie, M. Church, E. Dale, T. E. Grammer, M. J. Harland, W. J. Milne, M. Simons, H. W. Whiskin. Mr. T. Whitmore, (*Old Master*); Rev. J. B. Lee, Rev. H. W. P. Stevens, Mr. E. R. Hodson, Mr. B. F. Columbine, (*Present Masters*); H. E. C. Stapylton, Esq., J.P., S. H. Curtis, Esq., J.P., H. Parker, Esq., J.P., Mr. E. H. Hay, Mr. W. Lewis, Mr. J. E. Ritchie (Geoffrey Crayon), Mr. G. T. Huggins, Mr. F. C. Collingwood, Mr. Weatherley, (*Governors and Visitors*).

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## ATHLETIC SPORTS BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.				
	L.	S.	D.		L.	S.	D.
School Subscriptions ..	11	14	6	May 6th, Benefink (for Prizes) ..	4	7	0
Donations from Friends	22	11	0	Baldock (Printing) ..	2	5	6
Fees for Entrees ..	3	4	4	Huxtable (Prizes) ..	14	4	0
Sale of Programmes ..	2	16	9	Dyer (Labour) ..	6	4	6
				Baughen (Materials and Labour) ..	0	14	7
				Militia Band ..	5	0	0
				Police ..	0	10	0
				Millinery (Rosettes, &c.)	0	3	2
				Stationery ..	0	6	5
				Sundries ..	0	6	5
				By Balance ..	6	5	0
	£40	6	7		£40	6	7

H. W. P. STEVENS, *Treasurer*.  
 Audited and found correct,  
 B. F. COLUMBINE, } *Auditors*.  
 H. E. KINGSFORD, }

MAY 28th, 1886.

## PAVILION FUND.

RECEIPT.			EXPENDITURE.				
	L.	S.	D.		L.	S.	D.
Balance from Athletics Fund ..	6	5	0	Balance due to Treasurer as per last No. ..	5	19	9
Balance due to Treasurer	3	2	9	Painting and Repairing Pavilion ..	3	8	0
	£9	7	9		£9	7	9

Our hope that the debt due on the Pavilion would have been wiped out by the gain on the Athletics has been frustrated by the necessity which arose for fresh painting and repairing the structure. Unless some special effort is made we fear that this debt must now stand over to another year.

## FIRST ELEVEN v. MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SECOND ELEVEN.

## BARNET.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Nield ii, b Day .. ..	0		
Brittain, b Day .. ..	0		
Gooding, c Wilson, b Day .. ..	0	b Day .. ..	0
Pitson, b Swatman .. ..	0	b Sturges .. ..	21
Williams, c Mitcherson, b Day .. ..	3	not out .. ..	14
Price ma, c and b Day .. ..	0		
Leech, st Wilson, b Day .. ..	6		
Gardner, c and b Day .. ..	3		
Fossett, c and b Swatman .. ..	2		
Tilden, not out .. ..	4	b Day .. ..	0
Miller, b Swatman .. ..	0	b Swatman .. ..	0
Extras .. ..	3	Extras .. ..	2
	21		37

## MERCHANT TAYLOR'S.

Day, b Pitson .. ..	8
Philps, run out .. ..	2
Swatman, b Tilden .. ..	0
Sturges, b Pitson .. ..	7
Richards, b Tilden .. ..	2
Sparks, b Tilden .. ..	4
Collet, hit wicket, b Tilden .. ..	0
Mitcherson, b Tilden .. ..	3
Waterson, not out .. ..	0
Robins, run out .. ..	1
Wilson, c Williams, b Tilden .. ..	0
Extras .. ..	2
	—29

## FIRST ELEVEN v. BARNET COWLEY.

## BARNET.

Walford, b Paton .. ..	0
Nixon, b Day .. ..	2
Gooding, b Day .. ..	1
Pitson, run out .. ..	5
Williams, b Hill .. ..	9
Gardner, b Day .. ..	2
Brittain, b Day .. ..	4
Tilden, b Day .. ..	5
Moir, b Paton .. ..	6
Price, b Hill .. ..	0
Nield, not out .. ..	1
Extras .. ..	4
	—39

BARNET COWLEY.

Engleheart, c Williams, b Gardner	7
Day, run out	0
Hill, b Tilden .. ..	0
Paton, b Tilden .. ..	0
Mosley, b Pitson .. ..	0
Huntly, run out	4
Sweeting, run out .. ..	3
Jessop, not out	10
H. Jessop, b Gardner .. ..	0
Heath, c Gooding, b Gardner .. ..	5
Knight, not out .. ..	0
Extras .. ..	5
	—36

DRAW.

FIRST ELEVEN v. HERTFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

BARNET.

1st Innings.			2nd Innings.		
Tilden, b Knight	.. ..	3	b Knight	.. ..	4
Nield, b Knight .. ..	0	b Watson .. ..	0		
Gooding, b Cooper .. ..	2	b Knight .. ..	3		
Pitson, b Cooper .. ..	7	c and b Watson .. ..	2		
Williams, b Watson .. ..	7	c and b Watson .. ..	2		
Leech, b Knight .. ..	2	b Watson .. ..	0		
Gardner, not out .. ..	3	b Watson .. ..	0		
Nixon, b Watson .. ..	0	b Watson .. ..	1		
Fossett, c and b Watson	.. ..	2	b Lambert .. ..	4	
Brittain, b Watson .. ..	0	b Watson .. ..	2		
Hart, b Watson .. ..	9	not out .. ..	6		
Extras .. ..	4				
	39		24		

HERTFORD.

1st Innings.			2nd Innings.		
Fisher, b Tilden	.. ..	0	c Nield, b Gooding	.. ..	8
Lambert, b Pitson .. ..	3	b Gooding .. ..	0		
Knight, b Tilden .. ..	2	not out .. ..	5		
Puttuck, c Tilden, b Gooding	17				
Watson, b Pitson .. ..	2	not out .. ..	0		
Cooper, c Brittain, b Pitson .. ..	0				
Welch, b Tilden .. ..	0				
Nicholls, c Williams, b Tilden	14	c Pitson, b Gooding	5		
Brickwell, c Pitson, b Gooding	.. ..	2			
Wilde, not out .. ..	3				
Extras .. ..	3				
	46		18		

**SCHOOL SPORTS.**—The annual athletic sports of the School were held in the school cricket ground on Saturday, May, 15. A very cold wind blew all the afternoon, but notwithstanding this drawback there was a good attendance of visitors, the majority of whom enjoyed the proceedings sufficiently to remain to the end. The officials of the sports were as follows:—President, Rev. J. B. Lee; treasurer, Rev. H. W. P. Stevens; judges, B. F. Columbine, Esq., H. E. Kingsford, Esq.; starter, E. R. Hodson, Esq.; committee, P. M. Brittain, J. H. Fossett, H. J. Gooding, R. C. Pitson, E. J. Smyth, S. H. Widdicombe.

Appended are the results of the different competitions:—

*Throwing the Cricket Ball.*—1st, A. Gardner, cricket bat; 2nd, J. H. Fossett, brass gong. Distance, 61½ yards.

*Wide Jump* (under 14).—1st, G. M. Searle, silver chain; 2nd, W. G. Pound, letter balance, 13ft. 7in. A close contest in which the winner just managed to follow up his last year's success. Distance, 13ft. 9in.; 2nd, 13ft. 7in.

*Wide Jump* (Open).—1st, P. M. Brittain, cricket bat; 2nd, H. J. Gooding, tankard. Distance, 16ft. 6in.

*Quarter Mile* (Open).—1st, R. C. Pitson, cream and sugar stand; 2nd, G. G. Nixon, loving cup. The lot got away very evenly and kept well together for some distance, but on nearing the Pavilion Pitson drew out, and running strongly won by about 6 yards. Nield, 3rd, close up. Time, 66½ secs.

*100 Yards* (under 14).—1st, G. M. Searle, breakfast cruet; 2nd, W. G. Pound, pocket knife. Very good race all the way. Won by a yard. Time, 13½ secs.

*100 Yards* (Open).—1st, R. C. Pitson, clock and pair of vases; 2nd, E. J. Smyth, tankard. Six others ran. After going about 70 yards, Pitson took a slight lead, and maintaining it to the end won by 1½ yards. Time, 12½ secs.

*150 Yards Handicap.*—1st, T. W. Stevens (23 yards), album; 2nd, V. Simons (17½ yards), flower stand; 3rd, E. W. Bounds (17¼ yards), ink stand. This was a hollow win, as Stevens came away at the start, and never being approached won by 6 yards. Time, 17¾ secs.

*High Jump* (Open).—1st, P. M. Brittain, cricket bat. Brittain jumped in much better style than last year and easily took the prize. Height, 4ft. 10in.

*High Jump* (under 14).—1st, W. G. Pound, butter dish, 3ft. 8in.

*100 Yards* (under 12).—1st, V. Simons, tennis racquet; 2nd, S. C. Currie, case of nutcrackers. Won by a foot after a very close race. Currie beat Hentall by 6 in for 2nd place.

*One Mile (Open).*—1st, J. E. Nield, biscuit box; 2nd, S. E. Williams, butter dish; 3rd, J. Currie. Five started for this race, but after the half distance it was simply a match between Nield and Williams. The latter

led after the first lap, Nield lying about a yard behind, and evidently making a waiting race of it. Coming past the pond for the last time Nield passed Williams, and going along in good style won very easily at the finish. Time, 5 min. 28 2-5th secs.

*Quarter Mile (under 14).*—1st, W. G. Pound, writing desk; 2nd, G. M. Searle, flask; 3rd, T. B. Britten. After going about 40 yards Searle shot to the front and made the running at a capital pace till turning into the straight, when Pound forged ahead and won comfortably by about 5 yards. Time, 1 min. 15½ secs.

*220 Yards (under 12).*—1st, E. W. Bounds, sugar basket; 2nd, V. Simons, picnic cup; 3rd, G. W. Hentall, small tankard. An exceedingly close race all the way. Bounds just got the verdict by a bare yard. Third close up. Time, 33¼ secs.

*Half-Mile Handicap (Open).*—1st, G. Morgan (175 yards), cricket bag; 2nd, G. G. Nixon (40 yards), toast rack; 3rd, G. H. Cock (40 yards), pint mug. This was quite an exciting event. The sympathies of all were evidently with the little fellow who had the limit, and, spurred on by the cheers of the spectators he never let the others catch him, winning by about 5 yards. Had Nixon spurred earlier, and with more determination, he might have won. Time, 2 min. 30 2-5th secs.

*Egg and Spoon Race (Open).*—1st, A. J. Simons, case of tea spoons and sugar tongs; 2nd, H. Hodges, case of napkin rings; 3rd, W. A. Hill, pair of tennis knife rests. Won easily.

*Sack Race (Open).*—1st, H. Cooke, salad bowl; 2nd, E. R. Watson, cruets; 3rd, G. G. Nixon. Sixteen started. A gift for Cooke, who won both his heat and the final with great ease. Time, 21 1-5th secs.

*Bumping Match (Open).*—1st, G. H. Cock, marmalade jar; 2nd, H. J. Gooding, jam and butter knife, in case. Nineteen competed.

*Consolation Race.*—1st, S. G. Leech, clock; 2nd, E. V. Payne, marmalade dish; 3rd, H. S. Church, pocket knife. Capital race, won by short yard, foot between second and third, others in a cluster.

At the conclusion of the sports, the handsome collection of prizes supplied by Mr. Huxtable, of High-street, Barnet, were distributed by Mrs. Hodson, to whom a bouquet was presented by G. Morgan, the smallest boy competing, and the winner of the half-mile handicap. The proceedings were then brought to a close with hearty cheers for Mrs. Hodson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hodson, Mr. Columbine, Mr. Kingsford, and the ladies.

During the afternoon the following programme of music was admirably performed by the band of the 7th King's

Royal Rifles, under the direction of Mr. S. Barritt, namely :--

March .....	" Argandab "	<i>Hewitt</i>
Overture .....	" Bronze horse "	<i>Auber</i>
Valse .....	" Swinging "	<i>Silva</i>
Selection .....	" Bohemian girl "	<i>Balfe</i>
Dance Romanesca .....		<i>Muscat</i>
Grand Selection .....	" Welsh airs "	<i>Hecker</i>
Lancers .....	" The Metropolitan "	<i>Dyke</i>
Selection .....	" The Mikado "	<i>Sullivan</i>
Valse .....	" Myosotis "	<i>Caroline Lowthian</i>
Song .....	" Never to know "	<i>Marzials</i>
Selection .....	" Orphee aux enfers "	<i>Offenbach</i>
Galop .....	" John Peel "	<i>Gladman</i>
	" God save the Queen."	

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

"An old ranch-man" writes from Gloucestershire, "Thanks for the copy of the *Elizabethan*, I was much interested by the paper on Colorado, which made me sigh for the wilds again.

"You may tell your correspondent that the mystery of the cow bell sounding as it lay on the ground from no apparent cause is soon explained—it was no doubt a field mouse which rang it—they are most inquisitive little creatures, and nothing escapes their investigation."

Dear *Elizabethan*,

I was much interested in looking back on your pages (Easter, 1884) to find some notes on Abbots Langley, which I have just visited, and to learn that it was the birth-place of the only Englishman who was made a Pope.

The village has, in the present, another "*rara avis*" in the shape of a tree which weeps and roots its branches again repeatedly in the earth, covering an area of some forty feet. I could not make out certainly what sort of tree it was, for it was leafless; but it looked like a horse chestnut.

Please give us a few more "tips" for country rides, or tell us where to find 'em.—Your obedient alumuus,

KYKAOS.

Kelley's "Hertfordshire and Middlesex" (in the School Library) contains every information on the villages near us. Nicholas Brakspere (Adrian iv.) lived at Brakspere, near Harefield in the eleventh century. Pinner, Harefield and Ruislip all within a bicycle ride, form a cluster of very picturesque villages. The living of Harefield has been in the Newdegate family (with but a small interval) since the reign of Edward the III. This living is a peculiar and donative, and Charles Newdegate, Esq., is sole ordinary. There is hardly a village in Herts and Middlesex which is not well worth a visit, either on the score of some natural curiosity, or of some object of historical or antiquarian interest. Some of these objects of interest are unrecorded as the one mentioned by *Kuklos*; in the vestry of South Mym's Church, to go no further afield, is a largish cannon-ball whose history is quite forgotten; it may have been a relic of one of the three battles fought not far from here. Again, close to the Church porch is a large monument to a Mr. Ewer—there is a tradition that he is of the same family as the regicide Ewer. Totteridge, again, bristles with historical memories, yet strange to say the village has been omitted in Cussans's *History of Hertfordshire*.

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#### LIBRARY.

Our best thanks are due to the following donors of books, &c., to the Library:—

Mr. Stern—"Quarterly and Edinburgh Reviews" for first half of 1885.

H Kemble, Esq.—"Journals of the Society of Arts."

J. Broadhouse, Esq.—A copy of his "Musical Acoustics."

C. B. Beresford, Esq.—A medallion portrait in wax of Queen Elizabeth.

The following books have been added by purchase:—

"Molière's Works," 2 vols.

- “Haggard’s King Solomon’s Mines.”  
 “Parry’s Arctic Voyages,” 9 vols.  
 “Huc’s China,” 5 vols.  
 “Lady Stanhope’s Travels,” 3 vols.  
 “Mungo Park’s Travels.”  
 “Our Colonies.”

## NOTES OF NEWS.

BOYS WHO LEFT LAST TERM.—The following left the school last term:—Shenton, H. C., Reeves, E., Currie, G. E., Bradshaw, C., Sheppard, C., Wright, R., Prior, A., Wright, G. R., Gibson, E., Breeze, E. G., Jubb, W. H., Russell, J. H., Russell, C. F.

NEW BOYS.—The following boys have joined since our last term:—Form VI.—Cowing, L. J. (re-admitted). Form V.—Tilden, H., Church, H. S., Goldsworthy, W. J. Form III.—Woods, F. E., Beresford, P. Lower School I.—Hargan, H. B. Lower School II.—Webb, T. H. T., Webb, C. A., Smith, J., Fry, E. J., Harnett, W. L., Wright, J.

FIELD FUND.—We have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt from Mr. Gibson of a donation of £1 ls., on Gibson mi’s. leaving school last term. If such a laudable act of generosity were more general on the part of old boys leaving school we should not so often feel the strain of poverty and debt in the management of the field and games.

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 Carlol* *The 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*.