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

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## "[MPRESSIONS OF AMERICA." (Continued.)

I now travelled out West to join another "Old Elizabethan" who had gone out nine months before. The railway journey occupied three days and-a-half, travelling all day and all night, and was not a very interesting one. Hours of travelling over tracts of prairie land, with here and there a small village dotted about, and hearing the never-ceasing ding-dong of the large bell, which all the locomotives carry to warn people off the line; and added to this the close confinement of a Pullman car. All these things do not tend to make this tedious journey any the livelier. Meals are served in a dining-car attached to the train, most of the attendants, waiters, etc., being mulattoes.

After we had been on the cars just long enough to be heartily sick of them, we arrived at our destination, or rather as far as the lines were then laid down, and when we had driven some twenty odd miles along an unmade road, in a jolting waggon, we were not sorry to be received by our friends and get to sleep.

I will now attempt to give you some idea of what everyday life in Nebraska was like, as I found it. During the summer (which lasts from about the beginning of May to end of October) we would get up in the morning between four and five o'clook, and whilst one would be doing "chaws" —i.e., feeding the live-stock, horses, dogs, pigs, etc., another would be cooking the breakfast, which would consist of oatmeal porridge, fried bacon, or a thick gravy and potatoes washed down with boiled coffee. As soon as this was over those who went in for grain-farming would go out to harrow, plough, etc. (according to season), whilst stook-farmers would be taking their cattle out from the "corral" to the open prairie, and there herding them. Sometimes when one's companion would be away, one would have to combine the duties of cook, and cow-boy-no easy matter. To have to leave some savoury dish ou the stove, mount one's pony and gallop after some refractory cattle making for one's neighbour's corn, was, to say the least, rather trying, and on such occasions I am afraid the "critturs" (cattle) would be apt to come in for an extra dose of herd-whip.

But the best part of the day was after supper (six o'clock), when, the labours of the day being over, and the animals fed and watered, we would draw round the table, light our pipes, and talk of old times, and our "absent friends" in the old country.

The disadvantages of this life out in the Far West I should oall:-(1) The extreme loneliness-very often we would never see a stranger for weeks together, especially in the winter; and (2) the difficulty of procuring good food--sometimes the farmers have to exist on nothing but black coffee and dry bread, when the weather prevented anyone driving into the town for groceries; and at the best of times, the only meat procurable is pork, as the beef and mutton is very inferior, owing to the poorness of the wild prairie grass.

But after all, these are things to which one soon gets accustomed, and it is wonderful how soon one learns to sit down to a dinner of fat bacon and coffee, with perhaps a keener relish than one has ever had for a meal at a West End restaurant. And besides the numerous advantages quite atone for these few discomforts. The healthiness of the life, the exhilarating air, blowing straight across hundreds of miles of open prairie, at an altitude of two thousand feet above the level of the sea, the glorious sense of freedom, to do as one likes, and make what one likes out of the splendid-virgin soil, and the magrificent days and still more heavenly nights, when, owing to the extreme pureness of the atmosphere, the sky seems literally smothered in starsall these more than make up for the absence of a few luxuries.
Then there is the riding, the racy gallops on half-tamed ponies; hunting wolves, coytes, and even the noble buffalo, and lordly stag, although these latter are getting scarce, and are to be found in greater abundance further West; shooting prairie-fowls, snipe, etc., in great quantities; fishing, skating-such skating, very often in the winter when the river would be frozen over, there would be skating for twenty miles, from one town to another, and sleighing over the snow-covered prairie; ail these things make life in the Wild West a perfect paradise for a young man fond of out-door sports. The Americans, too, or at any rate the Western people, are hospitable in the extreme, and a young adventurer from the mother country will never find a welcome lacking him amongst the farmers of Nebraska. They are a thoroughly practical people-although by no means unsentimental, and nothing can equal their dry sense of humour, Descended from a race of men who fled from intolerance, they are utterly unprejudiced, and I do not believe any man could find a better field for his abilities or talents-if he has any-nor could he obtain a fairer appreciation of his merits than in America.

## FASTI.

## "OLD ELIZABETHANS" ANNUAL DINNER."

The Fourth Old Elizabethans' Dinner took place at Wood's Hotel, Furnival's Inn, on Friday, May 3rd (New Foundation Day). There was a goodly and representative gathering of governors, masters and old boys, including the Headmâster, the Rev. J. B. Lee; Mr. Kingsford, Herr Zweiniger, the Rev. F. C. Cass and Mr. Milne. The Chairman of the Governors (Mr. Stapylton) had expressed his intention of being present, but at the last moment was prevented. The chair was taken by Mr. F. E. Baines, C.B., whose name is well-known at Barnet, and in connexion with the General Post Office, and who, together with Mr. Acason (who filled the vice-chair), is an old Barnet boy of quite a pre-historic date, belonging as they both do to the Old Foundation. Mr. Baines made a most able and genial chairman, and, in a happy and telling speech, expressed the deep interest he felt in the school, and his pleasure in presiding for the first time at an annual dinner, which recalled to him his old school (including the whippingpost) and Barnet, the place of his birth. It was felt by all present that this mingling of the members of the old and new regime was a most happy incident, and it is hoped that many of Mr. Baines' and Mr. Acason's contemporaries will follow their example in supporting this dinner. The healths of the Queen and her illustrious prototype, Queen Elizabeth (of happy memory), were heartily responded to, and werefollowed by "The Headmaster," ably proposed by Mr. S. Joyce, and received with immense enthusiasm, which found vent in the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow." Then came "The Governors," proposed by Mr. F. C. Warren, and responded to by the Rev. F. C. Cass. Mr. Warren, who had apparently in his mind "the house on the hill," uttered the propheoy that at no distant date the dinner
would be opened to the "Old Girls" as well as the "Old Boys." "The School" and "The Visitors" (the first projosed by Mr. Dale and the latter by Mr. S. Huggins), met with a most cordial reception. Mr. Kingsford responded for the School, and Mr. Rapson, who caused much amusement by depicting the wreckage of mind to which he had been subjected by the duty laid upon him, replied for the visitors. The toast list concluded with the health of the chairman, proposed by Mr. Acason from the vice-chair, which toast was received with a storm of applause. The speeches were pleasantly interspersed with songs and recitations by the following Old Boys and Visitors:-Messrs. J. H. French, H. E. Weatherley, E. Dale, E. J. Rapson, Weston, E. Taylor and F. C. Warren. Other songs and recitations followed till "Auld Lang Syne," sung in the traditional manner, concluded a most enjoyable and successful evening.

Photographic Society. - The first meeting of the practical class was held in the chemistry room on Monday, May 27th. After the reading of the minutes of the previous metting, Mr. Medland was called on to give his lecture on "Lantern-slide making." The process used was the Collodio-Bromide, and in the hands of Mr. Medland proved to be a very excellent one. After a very full and able explanation of the appliances required for making the emulsion, an adjournment was made to a temporary dark room, where members saw plates coated, exposed and developed, the results being always good, often excellent. At the close of the demonstration a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, who in thanking the members said that as the Society had offered prizes for the best six lantern-slides he hoped his remarks would assist them in their work. A dark-room is now being fitted up at the school, a part of the drying-room being partitioned off for the purpose. The Committee have decided that ladies
are eligible as members of the Society. The following excursions have been arranged for the Saturdays of June and July.

June 15. School Field, 3.15.
" 22. St. Albans.
, 29. Home Meeting.
July 6. Hatfield
13. Beech Hill or Wrotham Park.
„ 20. Coal Green, near Hertford.
The Committee offer prizes for the best six photographs taken on excursions.

Steeplicchase, April 13tif.-The steeplechase over the same line of country as last year was run off on a bleak gusty morning in April. A very poor field turned out; perhaps this was in consequence of the unpromising weather, but more probably on account of that rapidly increasing pot-hunting spirit, which now debars all but likely winners from engaging in manly contests; be the cause what it may, only six awaited the starter's signal at Gannic Corner. These, however, showed excellent form, keeping well together, and maintaining a very fair pace throughout. Martin went off with the lead, heading fast for the spinney, the rest of the pack keeping close. On entering the ploughed fields Ballance passed Martin and kept the lead for some distance; the pack were now mounting an awkward hill. For some seconds they were lost to sight, but on again appearing Ballance, Stevens, and Martiu were seen to be leading down the cinder-path in the order named, Ballance being about ten yards ahead. On passing the houses, however, Martin went away, coming fast down the 120 and winning by two yards, Ballance leing second, and Stevens, who for so small a fellow ran most pluckily, third, five yards separating him from Lallance. Though these three led throughout, the event was excellently contested by the others, who ran strongly. Martin's time was 10 minutes 58 seconds.

## THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Sports were held in the School Field, on Saturday, April 6th. We are requested by the Games' Committee to express its sincere thanks to all friends of the school, who so liberally supported the Athletics by sending prizes or donations. During the afternoon a pleasing selection of music was performed by the band of the $S$. Division Metropolitan Police. The following officials were responsible for the excellent way in which the programme was carried out:-President, Rev. J. B. Lee; Treasurer, F. Allcroft, Esq., Starter, G. W. N. Harrison, Esq., ; Judges, O. G. Kiddell, Esq.; H. E. Kingsford, Esq.; A. E. Scrivener, Esq.; Timekeeper, F. Alloroft, Esq.; Committee, Berwiok, Brittain, Britten, Jarrett, Meacher, Saunders, and Toone.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (open).-1st, H. Meacher ; 2nd, E. H. Martin. Distance 68yds.

Hurdle Race (open).-1st Heat: Britten quickly took the lead and won by two and a half-yards; time 22 secs. 2nid Heat: This was a good race; both were equal in coming over the last hurdle, but Nutt being quicker in the run in got first place by one yard; $241-5$ th secs. 3rd Heat: Meacher soon showed up in the front, and won easily in $24 \frac{1}{2}$ secs. Final Heat: 1st, H. Meacher; 2nd, Britten; 21 1-5th secs. This was a good race. Nutt got a bad start, and at once fell behind. Meacher began to lead at the eighth hurdle and being faster in the run in, won by about three yards.

Wide Jump, 2nd dicision.-1st, W. Stevens, 13ft. $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. ; 2nd, Kemp, 12ft. 1lin. The winner jumped very prettily and won easily.

Wide Jump (open).-1st, Britten, $15 \mathrm{ft} .10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in} . ; 2 \mathrm{nd}$, Hart, 13 ft . 3 in . This was regarded as a certainty for Britten, and so it proved; he won easily. His other jumps were 14 ft . $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. and 14 ft .9 in .

Quarter Mile, 2nd Division.-1st, W. S. Stevens; 2nd, A. S. Walker ; 72 1-5th secs. At the word " Go" Robbins went off with the lead, but at the end of $t h_{i} e$ hundred was passed by Stevens, and just before reaching the pavilion by Walker. Stevens, however, went to the front, and won by ten yards.

Quarter Mile (open).—1st, Britten ; 2nd, Martin ; 72 1-5th secs. Martin went off with the lead; soon, however, Engleheart passed him, only to be re-passed by Martin, who further on still increased his lead; down the straight, however, Britten came on and won by six yards. The time might have been faster had the winner known when to spurt.

100 Yards, 2nd Division.-1st Heat: 1st, Kemp; 2nd, G. H. Pearson; 142 -5th secs. Won by two yards, same distance between second and third. 2nd Heat: 1st, W. Stevens; 2nd, A.S. Walker; 13 4-5th secs. Won by three yards, one foot between second and third. Final Heat: 1st, W. Stevens; 2nd, Kemp; 13 4-5th secs. Stevens got off to a good start and won by three yards; good race for second place between Kemp and Walker, which was obtained by Kemp by one foot.

100 Yards (open).-1st, Morehen ; 2nd, J. H. Meacher; 13 1-5th secs. Morehen soon showed the way and won by three yards.

100 Yards, 3rd Dirision.-1st Heat: 1st, Gardner; 2nd, Fry; 14 secs. Gardner at once took the lead, and won with the greatest ease by nine yards; after a good race, for second place, Fry beat Blelloch by six inches. 2nd Heat: 1st, Hunter ; 2nd, C. Stevens, 15 2-5th secs. This was one of the best races of the day, and was won by about six inches, the rest close up. Final Heat: 1st, Gardner; 2nd, E. J. Fry ; 142-5th secs. Won by four yards, one yard between second and third.

High Jump (open).-1st Britten, 4ft. lin.

High Jump, 2nd Division.-1st, A. S. Walker, 3ft. 8in. For this, as in the open event, there were only two competitors.

120 Fards (under 10).-1st, F. Sneath; 2nd, H. C. Pearson; 174 -5th secs. This was a good race between Sneath and Pearson, Sneath winning by two feet; the rest were a long way behind.

150 Yards Handicap (under 15).-1st Heat: 1st, H. (). Pearson; 2nd, B. S. Blelloch; 3rd, H. S. Kemp. This was a good race; Pearson managed to hold his own and won by two feet; three yards between second and third. 2nd Heat: 1st, Clayton (23) ; 2nd, F. R. Robbibs (11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ); 3rd, E. V. Hunter ( $17 \frac{1}{4}$ ) ; 20 secs. This was a good race; Clayton took the lead 100 yards from home, and won by three yards; one foot between second and third. 3rd Heat: 1st, E. J. Fry (171 $)$; 2nd, V. A. Plowman (23) ; 3rd, W. Taylor (scratch) ; 20 1-5th secs. Won by two yards; scratch man ran well, but just failed to obtain second place. 1th Heat: 1st, H. H. Taylor (23yds.) ; 2nd, C. B. Stevens (171 $\frac{1}{4}$ ) ; 3rd, G. E. Havinden ( $11 \frac{1}{2}$ ) ; 20 sees. Five yards between first and second, two yards between second and third. Final Heat: 1st, Pearson (28年) ; 2nd, Clayton (23); 19 2-5th secs. 'This was a good race, won by two yards; Robbins tried hard for second place, but was beaten on the post.

Sack Race.-1st, T. W. Stevens; 2nd, A. O. Brumell. Won by eight yards.

Half-mile Handicap (open).—1st, Clayton (122yds.) ; 2nd, B. S. Blelloch (1125ds.) ; 3rd, S. Simons (110yds.) ; 2 min. 35 secs. This was a good race ; Clayton took the lead just before entering the straight, and won by five yards; six yards between second and third. Scratch (J. Jarrett) ran through his men in fine form, and only just failed to secure a place.

220 Yards (3rd Division).-1st, Garduer; 2nd, E. J. Fry ; 33 3-5th secs. Gardner jumped off with the lead, and won by three yards; four yards between second and third.

Quarter-mile (Old Boys).-1st, G. Nixon; 2nd, H. K. Nield; 63 1-5th secs. For this there were five entries; J. E. Nield jumped off with the lead, but was passed at the pond by Nixon, who came rapidly away, and won easily by fifteen yards. The rest kept close together.

One Mile (Open).—1st, Jarrett; 2nd, Martin; 5 min. 53 secs. Jarrett went off with the lead, followed closely by Martin, with Nield lying last; at the end of the first round Britten passed Ballance, while Martin closed up on Jarrett; at half-way the order was Jarrett, Martin, Britten, Ballance and Nield. On entering the last round Martin passed Jarrett, but at the pavilion Jarrett re-passed him and won by twenty-five yards, the others having retired.

Tug of War.-In this event six teams of seven each competed, C team being left winners.

Consolation Race.-Limited to boys who had competed in at least two recognised events, runs or jumps, and been unsuccessful. Prize-Winners-Taylor and Hunter.

The events having been disposed of, the prizes were gracefully distributed by Mrs. Allcroft, each prize-winner being heartily cheered by his fellows. Nixon, as winner of the Old Boys' Quarter, was treated to quite an ovation.

## CRICKET FIXTURES, 1889.



First Eleven' $v$. Barnet Police.
SCHOOL.
1st Innings. 2nd Innings.


FASTII.
POLICE.
Shears, c Britten, b Harrison .. 0
Harding, b Teather .. .. 0
Tyce, c Harrison, b Teather .. 4
Cook, c Kingsford, b Teather .. 1
Turner, bTeather .. .. 3
Harrington, b Harrison .. 10
Timbrill, run out .. .. 1
Bradbrook, c Hollis, b Harrison 1
Willison, c Hollis, b Harrison .. 13
Neame, c Kingsford, b Harrison 0
Ewens, not out .. .. .. 0
Extras .. .. .. 5-38
BOWLING ANALYSIS.

|  |  |  | Rnns. | Wickets. | Overs. | Maidens. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Harrison .. |  | .. | 13 | 5 | $9 \cdot 3$ | 1 |
| Teather .. | .. |  | 21 | 4 | 10 | 1 |



ST. JOHN'S WOOD.
Spencer, b Harrison .. .. 9
Dawson, c and b Harrison .. 6
Mr. Hardy, b Harrison .. .. 0
Campbell, b Harrison .. 3
Holland, o Nutt, b Harrison .. 0
Pringle, b Hart .. .. 1
Stuttfield i., run out .. .. 0
Stuttfield ii., c Owen, b Hart .. 2
Garstin, not out .. .. .. 8
Denniston, c Meacher, b Hart .. 0
Bowley, c Harrison, b Hart .. 0
Extras .. .. .. 2-3L
BOWLING ANALYSIS.
$\begin{array}{cccccc}\mathrm{Mr} \text { Harrison } & & & \text { Runs. } & \text { Wickets. } & \text { Overs. }\end{array}$ Maiden
F. E. Hart $\quad . \quad 10 \quad 4 \quad 10 \quad 1$

## First Eleeven $c$. Islington $\mathrm{H}_{\text {Igh }}$ School.

RARNET.
1st Innings.
W. H. Hollis, c and b Barnard 0 b Barnard .. .. .. 10
A. S. Walker, b Bosely . .. 0 c Bosely, b Cunningham .. 5
F. E. Hart, b Bosely .. 2 b Buckell .. .. .. 1

Mr. Kingsford, c Cunningham,
b Bosely .. .. 3 c Bosely b Cunningham .. 0
J. Britten, c and b Barnard 4 c Wodham, $b$ Cunningham .. 1
A. Saunders, b Bosely .. 4 b Cunningham .. .. 10
J. H. Meacher, b Barnard.. 1 b Barnard .. .. .. 26
C. Owen, c Cunningham, b Barnard .. .. 0 run out.. .. .. 3
H. S. Kemp, c Cunningham,
b Barnard .. .. 1 not out .. .. .. 1
J. E. Nield, b Barnard .. 0 b Buckell .. .. 9
E. J. Ilott, not out .. .. 0 run out .. .. .. 0

Extras .. .. 0 Extras .. .. 4
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ISLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.


BOWLING ANALYSIS.
1st Innings.

|  |  | Runs. | Wickets. | Overs. | Maidens. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F. E. Hart | $\ldots$ | 23 | 4 | 12 | 1 |
| E. J. Ilott | . |  | 10 | 1 | 5 |
| A. S. Walker |  | . | 6 | 4 | 6 |

2nd Innings.

|  |  | Runs. | Wickets. | Overs. | Maidens. |
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| F. E. Hart | • | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| A. S. Walker |  | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 |

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ALEXANDRA PARK COLLEGE.

First Eleven v. St. John's House, Finchley. SCHOOL.
W. H. Hollis, b Tringham ..... 1
A. Saunders, b Blake ..... 1
Teather, c Blake, b Tringham ..... 7
F. E. Hart, b Blake ..... 11
Mr. Harrison, b Forrestsr ..... 33
Mr. Kingsford, c Forrester, b Chate ..... 9
A. S. Walker, c Blake, b Forrester ..... 2
J. Britten, b Forrester ..... 2
J. H. Meacher, st Bows, b Forrester ..... 9
C. Owen, c and b Forrester .....  0
J. E. Nield, not out ..... 7
Extras ..... 6

St. JOHN'S HOUSE.
Blake, b Walker .. .. 4
Mayall, b Harrison .. .. 11
Tringlamm, b Harrison .. .. 2
B. Forrester, b Walker .. 1

Chate, c and b Walker .. .. 1
Douglas, not out ... .. 9
A. Forrester, b Harrison .. .. 16

Bows, b Harrison .. .. 0
Thompson, st Britten, b Harrison .. 1
Harper, b Harrison .. .. 1
Pitson, b Nield .. .. .. 0
Extras .. .. .. 11
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## OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

We tender our best thanks to the Rev. G. Srott, for his present of the following books:-
De Barante's "Etudes Historiques et Litteraires;" 2 vols. "La Sainte Bible.".

And to D. Blelloch, Esq., for
"Pool's Annotations on the Holy Bible, 3 vols.
"Knight's Pictorial Shakspeare," 8 vols.

The following have been purchased:-
Church's "Making a Start in Canada," (written by two Old Elizabethans.)
Mill and Wilson's "History of British India;" 9 vols.
Chauncey's "Hertfordshire;" 2 vols.
Maxwell's "Life of Wellington;" 3 vols.
Craik's "English of Shakspeare"; 1 vol.

## NOTES OF NEWS.

"Quicquid agunt pueri nostri est farrago libelli."
Buys who Lefr Last Term.- Berwick, D. C., Jarrett, J. P., Heriot,' A. D., Sparks, IT. A., Ottaway, W. H., Morehen, E. H, Newbery, W., Bonner, W. H., Andrews', C., Mantle, W. J., Tarrant, H. B.

New Boys, Upper School.-Remove: Owen, C. E.. Form Vi. : Lovegrove, C. E. G. Form IV.: Salmon, A. J. Form III.: East, F. A. H., Owen, J. H., Lovegrove, L. H., Tannahill, C. D., Gceher, J. Form II.: Smart, A. E. L. Louer School, 1A : Bassett, H. G., Light, A. E. 1B: Owen, O. R. M., Cooper, W. M., Mummery, S. H. A. 2: Gardner, F., Simner, G. L., Martin, F. J., Halsey, H. (Foundation Scholar.)

Donations.-We desire to acknowledge with many thanks a donation of 10 s . from an anonymous friend, and a leaving donation of $£ 1$ ls. from J. P. Jarrett, both to be devoted to the Field Fund.

Speech Day.-This will most probably take place as usual on the last Saturday of July, viz., July 27.

The Holidays will begin on July 27th, and extend to September 16.

Our Contemporaries.-We beg leave with many thanks to acknowledge the receipt of the following School Magazines :-Felstedian, Thistie, L'Union, Berkhampstedian, Tonbridgian, Sutton Valence, Our Magazine, Magdalen College School, Elizabethan (Westminster), St. Andrew's Collrge, The Blue, Ley's Fortnightly, Aldenhamian, The Alexandrian, The Pelican.

