

be the last visit of our Society to this famous School, which has contributed so much to the educational progress of England, and which, alas ! is now doomed to removal. One of the officers of the Hospital, Mr. Lempriere, welcomed the Society and pointed out the chief objects of interest. In the Counting House the old books, plate and documents were exhibited. After luncheon the party visited the Guildhall, which was originally built in 1411, and after being much injured by the great fire of 1666 was restored by Dance in 1789. Charles Welch, Esq., F.S.A., the City Librarian, kindly exhibited some of the choice books and rare MSS. in the Guildhall collection, and described the most interesting portions of the building. A visit was also paid to the Museum. The last building visited by the party was Merchant Taylors' Hall. The Merchant Taylors are one of the 12 principal City Companies, incorporated by Charter 1327. Our great townsman, Sir Thomas White, founder of St. John's College, Oxford, was formerly Master of this Company, and a benefactor of its renowned School. The Master and Wardens most courteously invited the Society to partake of afternoon tea in the Hall, and Mr. Nash, the Clerk of the Company, welcomed the members of the party and gave an interesting account of the history of the Company. The Society's excursion to London will not be the least memorable of its many visits to places of historical interest.

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The second Excursion of the Society will take place on Wednesday, July. 25th, and the destination will be Oxford. A full programme has been arranged, and we hope that the Members of the Society will spend a pleasant and profitable day in the Cathedral city of our Diocese.

EAST GARSTON.—Hurley is said in Domesday to have been held by Esgar, prior to Geoffrey de Mandeville, who held it at the time the survey itself was taken : and Hurley, too, was on this account called Esgareston. Madox prints (in 1702, *Formulare Anglicanum*, No. ccccxxv.) a Charter by which one William of London grants Tithe of Esgareston to God and to the Church and Friars of S. Mary of Hurley. In the text of the Charter itself, as transcribed by Madox, the spelling is Esgareston ; but in Madox's own note, at the foot of the Charter as printed by him, he says that on the polled deed from which he took his transcript at S. Peter's, Westminster, there is an endorsement some time later of course than the execution of the Charter itself, which however is not dated, as follows : "Carta Wellelmi de Lond de decimis de *Estgrastone*." We can thus see how easily *Esgareston* dissolves itself in lapse of yeass to *Eastgarston*. — F. T. WETHERED.