

## THE OBELISKS AT RAYNERS.

To complete the local history of the places visited by the Society on August 3rd, 1882, the Editor has added a description of the obelisks mentioned in the Society's Proceedings, page 284.

On the terrace at Rayners, 550 feet above the sea level, from which an extensive view is obtained over the neighbouring counties, a row of seven trees is rapidly growing up. Their history is recorded on the four sides of a pedestal of Portland stone, surmounted by a sundial, as follows :—

*East Side of Pedestal.*

The seven trees of this row were brought over as seedlings just sprouting into life, in a handful of earth hastily gathered from the upheaved side of a hole made by the bursting of a German shell in the Park of St. Cloud, on the 17th April, 1871, by PHILIP ROSE, when on a visit with his Sons, HARCOURT and GEORGE, to the suburbs of Paris during the Commune. Nursed up at Rayners, and planted here by the persons, and at the dates mentioned on the other sides.

*Inscription—South Side.*

Planted  
October 13th, 1875.

1. LIME,  
by  
LUCY ROSE, for her brother HARCOURT,  
in India.
2. HORSE CHESTNUT,  
by  
G. M. W. SANDFORD, Esq., M.P.
3. LIME,  
by  
MARGARETTA LADY ROSE.

*Inscription—West Side.*

Centre—HORSE CHESTNUT,  
planted  
4th April, 1877,  
by

The Right Honourable The  
EARL OF BEACONSFIELD,  
Prime Minister of England,  
accompanied by  
MONTAGU CORRY, Esq.,  
his Private Secretary.

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*Inscription—North Side.*

Planted  
October 13th, 1875.

1. LIME,  
by  
GEORGE A. STE. CROIX ROSE.

2. HORSE CHESTNUT,  
by  
MAJOR A. WAKE, R.A.

3. HORNBEAM,  
by  
Sir PHILIP ROSE, Bart.

Closely adjoining one of the carriage roads in the grounds of Rayners, and under an archway formed of closely cut yews, which look as if they had been planted for the purpose, an obelisk of Portland stone and polished Peterhead granite has been erected by Sir Philip Rose, and bears the following inscriptions.

On the apex, cut in the granite:—

The Rt. Hon.  
BENJAMIN DISRAELI,  
EARL OF BEACONSFIELD,  
K.G.,

ever to be remembered  
as Author, Orator,  
Statesman, Patriot,  
and Friend.

Born Dec. 21, 1804.  
Died April 19, 1881.

On the pedestal, also cut in the granite :—

On April 30, 1881,

H.M. QUEEN VICTORIA

passed this spot on her way from Windsor to Hughenden Church Yard, to visit the last resting place of her faithful friend and former Minister, whose loss the Nation mourns.

By express desire, Her Majesty followed the route taken by Lord Beaconsfield, on returning from his last visit to Windsor Castle, Dec. 8—10, 1880, when he entered by the lower lodge at Loudwater, remained to lunch at Rayners, and went home by Criers Hill, A Groom of Sir Philip Rose's having been commanded to meet the Royal cortege at Taplow to show the way.