

Excursion.

IN pursuance of one of the objects of the society, that of visiting the most interesting spots throughout the county, a numerous party made an excursion in the month of June to Hamdon Hill, whose geological structure and ancient quarries were as attractive to the naturalist, as were its Roman remains to the archæologist. They afterwards partook of the hospitality of W. Phelps, Esq. at Montacute House, well known as one of the best remaining specimens of Elizabethan domestic architecture. In the absence of Mr. Phelps, on the continent, the honours of the house were worthily done by his relative, Mr. Helyar, of Poundisford Lodge.

The motto over the gate-way, so characteristic of the “good old English gentleman,” was not dishonoured on this occasion.

“Through this wide opening gate,
None come too early, none return too late.”