

Notes and Comments

As the Principal mentioned in his address on Prize Day, the first forward step to be taken in the process of enlarging the College will be the construction of the new building for a Preparatory School. The land for this purpose will probably be purchased just outside the College gates. The preparation of plans and the necessary steps for building will be pushed forward as soon as the new Board has got fairly to work, and it is hoped that the building will be ready for occupation by the beginning of the Autumn Term next year. No pains will be spared to make it as perfect in all its arrangements as possible.

A great addition to the resources of the College for recreation purposes has recently been made by securing a lease of the large field covering about 30 acres, which extends from the north-west angle of the College grounds to the Common beyond. The golf links which have been in use for the last two years on the Common will now be enlarged by the addition of several holes on this piece of lease-hold property. The greens have already been laid down, and next season it will be possible to begin playing immediately after leaving the College grounds, instead of having to walk more than half a mile for the start. In addition to the recreation aspect of this new acquisition, it is understood that the Principal has considerable agricultural designs. About five or six acres of the newly-acquired lease-hold will be used for gardening purposes; the present vegetable garden in the vicinity of the College will be mostly done away with, and the ground will be planted with orchard trees and shrubbery to the great improvement of the College surroundings. It is expected that the College will now be able to raise on its own ground all the vegetables consumed throughout the year by the two hundred people in residence.

All visitors to the College have noticed the great improvement which has been made to the grounds during the past two years by the planting of trees and shrubbery. The elms along the main avenue have made great progress during the past season. Nearly \$100 worth of shrubbery and hedging has again been planted this autumn, and will doubtless result in a great improvement in the appearance of the grounds. Rhodes, that most faithful of gardeners, has planted fully 2,000 tulips and other bulbs around the grounds this autumn, so that the spring term is pretty sure to find our surroundings particularly bright and gay.