

THE BANBURY VOLUNTEERS AT AYNHOE GROUNDS.

—On the invitation of Captain Austin, the members of the Banbury and Deddington companies of Volunteers visited Aynhoe Grounds on Tuesday. The Banbury men, to the number of 75, with the band, left by the 2.48 train for Aynhoe, where they were joined by the Deddington company and Major Holmes A'Court, the adjutant. They then marched to Aynhoe Grounds, where they had drill. After which the men were entertained at dinner by Captain and Mrs. Austin. They were most hospitably treated, and after dinner, Lieutenant Lovell (who commanded the Deddington company) rose and said it was not the fashion for military men to make long speeches, but there was one toast which he was sure they would accept with acclamation, and that was the health of his excellent friend, Captain Austin. He was sure they would also be pleased to couple with it the name of Mrs. Austin, who no doubt had been very busy in making preparations for their reception. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. Captain Austin, in reply, said that it gave him much pleasure to see the companies there. It had been long his wish to see the Banbury and the Deddington companies there, in order that they might have a little enjoyment as well a good drill. The men then dispersed over the grounds, while the band played very capital music for some time. The Banbury company marched back, and arrived there shortly before ten.