

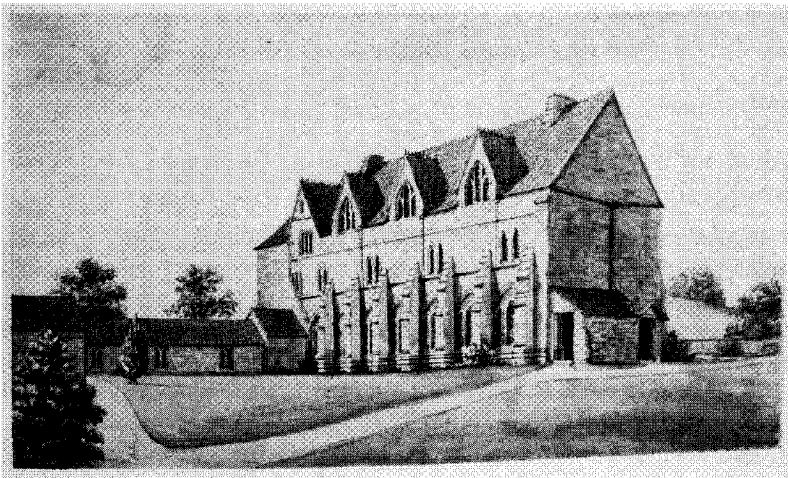
D Gerhold's *Carriers & Coachmasters: Trade and Travel before the Turnpikes* (Phillimore, 2005), which vastly illuminates road travel before 1750 and includes important material on Banbury, might also have been included. [This omission is a result of the book's long gestation in production. *Ed.*] One error requires correction. On p 134 it is suggested that the railway north of Banbury opened in 1850 and ran to Rugby. It was opened in 1852, and went not to Rugby, as was intended, but to Birmingham.

This is an attractive volume which will appeal to everyone interested in the history of Banburyshire. It will be a quarry of valuable information for many future local and family historians and its publication is to be warmly welcomed.

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*A Shining Light: 150 years of Bloxham School*, by Simon Batten. Hardback and jacket. 8¾" x 11", 152pp., lavishly illustrated in colour. James & James (Publishers) Ltd., 2-5 Benjamin Street, London EC1M 5QL (ISBN 978 1 903942 97 0), 2010. £35.00.

The title of the book is derived from the inscription carved into the memorial archway to the school, "Justorum Semita Lux Spendens" being the school motto – The Path of the Just is a Shining Light. The school motto was devised by the Reverend John William Hewett who opened All Saints' Grammar School at Bloxham in the vicarage in 1853.<sup>9</sup> Hewett's school opened on the present site in June 1855 and eventually went into bankruptcy in 1857. It was this derelict school that Philip Reginald Egerton saw in 1859 and was able to purchase at auction on 15 September 1859.



<sup>9</sup> See an article by J.S.W. Gibson in *C&CH*.2.6 (November 1963); a two-part abridged version appeared in *The Bloxhamist* for Nov. 1963 and March 1964; see online.