

gate of Woolwich Cemetery, near the entrance to Wickham Lane, a little mound, having much the appearance of a disturbed Anglo-Saxon tumulus, is still visible: this, however, was the old practice-butt of the Royal Artillery, when the battery was placed on the west side of the ravine which runs between the old windmill and the Slade School, about half a mile distant.

The houses at the head of one of the valleys of

pleasanter-sounding title could not save the property from being seized upon by the greedy builders, and in the end the mansion became converted into a vicarage for a new church, and the park laid out in streets and terraces. A row of houses, bearing the name of "Vicarage Park," occupies part of the site of the above estate. The old windmill mentioned above, which stood to the west of Bramble Briers, was standing far into the



the Common are named "The Slade," a term which is interpreted by Mr. Halliwell, in his "Dictionary of Archaic Words," as a valley or ravine: he quotes the ballad of "Robin Hood"—

"It had bene better of William a Trent  
To have bene abed with sorrowe,  
Than to be that day in the greenwood slade,  
To meet with Little John's arrow."

On the west side of the Common, in the map of this locality published in 1778, appears the name of "Bramble Briers," a park-surrounded mansion, which was existing not many years ago on the bank overlooking the Thames and the opposite county of Essex. The name was long since changed to "Bramblebury House;" but even this change to a

present century; its site was on the east side of the road still called Mill Lane, a little above the garrison church.

Near the Common there are still several brick-fields, tile-kilns, and sand and chalk pits; and market gardening is carried on to a large extent, particularly in the valley on the southern side of the parish, through which passes the road to East Wickham and Welling.

The cemetery for Woolwich and Plumstead lies in a pretty valley—almost a ravine—behind Plumstead Common, on the road to East Wickham. It occupies about 200 acres, and is well and tastefully planted with flowers, shrubs, and evergreens. High up on the slope of the hill are five or six rows