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ハーンの伝記　ダラムのアショー・カレッジ

1862年の万博の翌年、1863年5月長州ファイブは英国へ派遣され、9月23日ロンドンに到着。ロンドン大学で学び、ロンドン見物をした。一方、北方に行くと、ラフカディオ・ハーン13歳は同じ年9月英国ダラム市郊外のカトリック系の学校アショー・カレッジに入学していた。そのダラムは北イングランドにあり現在ダラム大聖堂とダラム城は世界遺産です。ハリーポッターでも知られているようで、インターネットでその場所を尋ねることができる。

エリザベス・ビスランドの伝記ではこの頃について次のような引用がある。

...discussing our favorite authors, which in Lafcadio's case were chiefly poets, though he also took considerable interest in books of travel and adventure. ... It is interesting in connection with this to recall his subsequent adoption of Buddhism. ... Longfellow was one of his favorite poets, ...

("The Life and Letters of Lafcadio Hearn, Volume1" by Elizabeth Bisland)

After 1862 International Exhibition, Chosyu five were sent to Britain and arrived there on September 23 in 1863. They studied in London University and did sightseeing around. Way down north, on the other hand, in the same year Lafcadio Hearn aged 13 was enrolled in the Roman Catholic Ushaw College, Durham. Duhram is located in the North of England and now Durham Cathedral is designated as a World Heritage Site with Durham Castle. The Cathedral is also well known for the "Harry Potter" films and we can visit the places on the Net any time.