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KENILWORTH CASTLE.

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FOREWORD.

ONCE more we extend a hearty welcome to the newcomers. Saffron Walden scholars now number about one hundred and seventy, and amongst these several nationalities are represented.

We must say goodbye to Mrs. Ransome and at the same time greet Miss Irvine, who has come to us as Mistress of the Family. We hope life at Walden will be as pleasant for her as it is for us. We also welcome Mr. Johnstone, our only student master this year; and wish that the best of luck may attend Mr. Moore and Mr. Worthen, who are now at Oxford and Manchester Universities respectively.

Last year, in the Summer holidays, twenty-one boys from Peel Institute camped on our Field. This year four Walden girls had a very enjoyable time while helping in the organisation and life of the Peel Guides Camp near Sevenoaks. We hope that such and future personal interests will supplement the connection already formed between Walden and the Peel Institute.

Three days before the end of last term the examination results came out. The nine who entered for the London University's General School Examination all obtained Certificates, seven reaching Matriculation standard, two with honours certificates. Stage 7 is nearly twice as large as last year, which is exceptional, and we hope that they will do even better than their predecessors.

André Mazower
(Stage 7).

SOCIETY REPORTS.

The Literary Society.

INTEREST in our meetings has been well maintained throughout the year, and though there are no outstanding individual performances to record, the general level of all items has been satisfactory. The judges found the awarding of the essay prizes a rather difficult task. Finally, first prizes were awarded to Constance Newbery, David Edmundson and Percy A. Crow, while no fewer than ten other members were commended. A feature of the awards this year was the "stars" given for "good and audible reading of essays." Musical items were given frequently, the most notable performers being Constance Newbery, David Edmundson and Frances Waters.

A number of special meetings have been held during the year. At the first meeting of the year Mr. Philip D. Priestman gave us a talk on "Dredging and Excavation," illustrated by a working model of a "grab" and by some lantern slides. Later in the same term we held our Annual Social Evening which was, as usual, voted a great success. In March, one meeting was devoted to debates. The motion "That a habitual attendance at the Cinema is pernicious" was carried by 24 to 18. The second motion "That Sport is degenerating through Professionalism was carried by 22 to 21. During the Summer Term one meeting was devoted to "Paris," and in this meeting

nine members of the Society who had visited Paris gave their impressions in short papers. Later in the term "Followers," a "Cranford" Sketch by Harold Brighouse was read by Members of the Society.

M. G. YAPP.

THE READING CLUB.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Rowntree we have again (to quote the words of a former biographer of the Society) "combined bodily sustenance with intellectual enjoyment under their hospitable roof."

This year the books have been read by more members than during the last few years, but Members should note that more is required to make the society a success than a mere perusal of the volumes selected.

During the Autumn Session the books studied were Richard Whiteing's "No. 5 John Street" a novel dealing with the slum problem, "The Ultimate Belief" by Clutton Brock, "The Poetry of Architecture" by Frank Rutter, and Galsworthy's little known play, "The Forest."

"Q" 's novel "The Ship of Stars"; "The Immortal Hour" by the Gaelic poet Fiona McLeod; Claudius Clear's "Letters on Life"; and G. K. Chesterton's "Victorian Age in Literature," a brief outline of literary thought in the Victorian era, were discussed by the March meeting which was the most successful meeting of the year.

At the last meeting of the year we had under our consideration Conrad's "Lord Jim," "Icarus," Bertrand Russell's answer to Haldane's "Daedalus" (of which latter book we were given a short outline by Mr. Brereton), Sheridan's "Critic," and "The Open Air," by Richard Jefferies.

Some very heated discussions took place, notably, those on "The Immortal Hour," "No. 5 John Street," and "Letters on Life." The book most appraised and most generally appreciated in the society was "The Poetry of Architecture."

Mr. Brereton has again provided us with much food for thought through the books he has selected, namely "The Ultimate Belief" and "Icarus," and the best thanks of the Society are due to him and to André Mazower for the able manner in which they introduced these books, and to Miss Bird for her introduction to the "Immortal Hour" and her descriptions of the music.

Percy A. Crow.

GIRLS' READING CLUB.

This year as usual the meetings have been most successful, and keen interest has been shown in the discussions.

We are glad to welcome Miss Irvine as a member.

There has been a fairly wide range in the type of book discussed, although the tendency has again been to have more modern ones.

At the first meeting we discussed "The Journal of George Fox," George Eliot's "Felix Holt," Shaw's play of "St. Joan," and "Garibaldi and the making of Italy" by George M. Trevelyan.

In our second the following were discussed: "The Bacchae," by Euripides, "My Friend's Book," Anatole France, George Macdonald's "Sir Gibbie" and "Story and Rhyme"—a selection from Walter de la Mare.

At the third meeting held on March 25th, we discussed "Selected Poems" (1914 edition) from Rupert Brooke, Zangwill's "Grandchildren of the Ghetto," "The Rover" by Conrad, and Lockhart's "Life of Napoleon Buonaparte."

Amongst those books which aroused most discussion were "Story and Rhyme," "The Life of Napoleon," "Selected Poems," and "Sir Gibbie."

Successful auctions of the books were held at the close of each meeting.

Joyce Maybery.

Natural History Notes.

Considerable enthusiasm has been shown in the Society this year at meetings and excursions, both being well attended. During the year the Society has subdivided into sections or Committees, each of which specialises in a certain branch of Natural History or Archæology in which its members are specially interested. The members of each committee combine in order to give meetings on the subjects in which they specialise. Curators, appointed by each committee, are responsible to the Society Secretary to produce papers from their section at the meeting allotted to that Section.

A further proposition concerning new members was passed—that new members shall be elected as probationers for one term during which they shall read a paper before the Society. At the beginning of the next term, and on again applying, they shall be admitted, by a vote of the Society, to full membership.

In future, members of the Archæological section are exempt from taking part in keeping the Nature Diary, as they say they know no Botany.

The essays have been varied and interesting and, on the whole, well illustrated.

Miss Priestman gave us an interesting talk on some sea creatures she had seen during a holiday and we enjoyed a lantern lecture by Mr. Morris on " The Vegetation of the Tatra."

Excursions have been made to Fleam Dyke, to Sawbridgeworth and the canal between it and Bishop's Stortford, and to Elmdon and Clavering, amongst other places.

A Meteorological record, a Nature Diary, and Current Events and Excursions Reports have been kept throughout the year.

Joyce Maybery.

The Middle Literary Society.

The year has been very successful, and considerable interest has been shown by the members in the activities of the Society. The Secretaries have carried out their duties with diligence and success.

There have been far fewer essays of the " blood and thunder " type and quite a number have reached a really high standard. Among these must be included those of Marjorie Dell, E. Farrell, Bessie McGowan and Kathleen Priestman.

Several essays gave rise to good discussions in which the Junior members particularly took a very active part. E. Dunstan always had something good to say.

The reading and the handwriting of the essays have been much better this year. A number of musical items were given but there were very few recitations.

The Summer Social was again a success.

The first meeting of the school year was successfully conducted by the retiring members and the visitors apparently enjoyed it.

D.P.
M.G.Y.

Junior Literary Society.

The last year has been quite a successful one for the Junior Literary Society, the number of members having been large and the enthusiasm sustained.

On the whole the standard of essay writing has not reached the level of that of the previous year ; we have had less imaginative work and more descriptions of visits to various parts of the world. Quite good work has been done by Alec Gibb, Ruth Edmundson and Jack Cuthbertson.

We have also had some delightful musical items ; from Vera Smith and Jack Cuthbertson at the piano, and 'cello solos from Ruth Sandwith and Betty Hawkesley.

We rather lacked recitations again this year, but there was a considerable improvement compared with the efforts of last year.

The Annual Meeting was carried out successfully, assisted very much by fine weather.

E. M. Rose.

Junior Natural History Society.

The J.N.H.S. has not only increased in numbers, but the e has also been much more enterprise and enthusiasm shown this last year. In the meetings reports have been read of articles in the Children's Newspaper dealing with Natural History subjects. Philip Clarke recorded several very good diaries for the society. Also Joan Bull and Tom Francis ought to be commended for getting up a competition. We had two competitions during the year; in these we had to answer questions and name certain objects. We valued G. Tawell's essays, which were always interesting, and are sorry to lose him as a member.

Last term we went for several excursions and one was to Debden Park Lake. Everyone was always very energetic and showed no lack of interest. In the Spring holidays several people kept nature diaries and gained prizes.

So I think the J.N.H.S. has made good progress during the year.

Wireless Society.

During the year 1924-25 steady work in the preparation of talks and the construction of receiving "sets" has been carried on. In addition several improvements have been made in the society.

In consequence of the fact that several girls had developed a keen interest in Radio and wished to obtain membership, a special meeting of the society was held with the result that the rules of the society were amended in order that both girls and boys might be admitted.

It was felt that the society should provide specially for those members who did not find the theory of wireless telegraphy

and telephony interesting. The society was therefore divided into two sections; the members of one of which attend for "listening-in" only and of the other for theoretical meetings in addition. The resulting diminution in the number of full members has been compensated by the added enthusiasm of the remaining members.

The society has been able to reduce slightly its financial debt, and by the kindness of several well-wishers has formed a nucleus of what it is hoped will be an efficient Radio Library. By means of these books it is expected that new members will be enabled to obtain a deeper knowledge of the fundamentals of the subject and thus still more members will be prepared to join in the discussion of problems as they arise in the theoretical talks.

André Mazower.

OLD SCHOLARS' WEEK-END.

OCTOBER 10TH-12TH.

OCTOBER 10th! What magic in that date! For those Old Scholars who were fortunate enough to be playing in the Football and Hockey Teams once again went down to Walden. The 10th seemed such a long time in coming, and I felt that something surely would happen to prevent my going!

When I say that we have spent a week-end at Walden, that says everything! Anybody who has been to the School knows what a very kindly welcome we all received—everybody is warm hospitality itself. The whole week-end was just a delightfully happy one, and the weather was perfect.

On arriving at the School, we found that we were to sleep in the San., which announcement was greeted with delight. We descended upon the said San. at once, and were warmly greeted by Nurse, who took us under her wing, and made us thoroughly comfortable. She looked after us so well all the

time, and I'm sure she thought we were "patients." Her room at the end of the passage was always open to us, and we just dropped in for a chat at any time.

The Football and Hockey Matches were played during the afternoon, resulting in a draw for the former, and a win for the School by seven goals to nil, in the latter. The School Teams gave us very good games, and I, personally, was very much surprised to find that I was not stiff afterwards, as I had anticipated being, for the home team can run and made us sprint about a good deal.

After tea, we enjoyed a Concert in the Lecture Hall, given by Members of the Staff, and Past and Present Scholars. There were some delightful items, including pianoforte solo, recitations, songs, etc. In addition, speeches were made by Mr. Rowntree, and the Captains of the Hockey and Football Teams.

Sunday was a very full day! Visits to various Studies began almost immediately after breakfast, and we had time for some friendly chats before going down to Meeting. The Meeting House was full, and as we sat there and listened to Mr. Robson, I almost felt as though I were once more at School. In addition to this interesting address, Mr. Beer gave an exceedingly helpful one. Shortly before the Meeting, someone asked me "just what constituted a Friend," and it seemed as though his simple definition of one were a direct answer.

During the afternoon, we had pressing engagements to keep, and paid a round of social calls, drifting from one room or house to another! Immediately after dinner, quite a large crowd collected for Coffee (and talk) in Miss Irvine's room. I would like to say here that, although many of us had not met Miss Irvine before the week-end, she gave us all such a very warm welcome and made us feel so very much at home, that we all felt as though she were a very old friend.

Later on, most of us again met at Mr. and Mrs. Rowntree's, where they kindly entertained us to tea, over which we looked at the snaps which were taken during the last

holiday Tramp. Most of these snaps were exceedingly good, and the party must have had an awfully jolly and interesting time.

Very shortly after this, we attended Hymn Singing at the School, where we joined in singing hymns, accompanied by the School Orchestra, and we again listened to two or three songs and pianoforte soli.

After tea, we paid more social calls, before going in to Meeting in the Lecture Hall. When I was at Walden we all went down to the Meeting in the Town on Sunday evening, and I think that it is much nicer to hold the Meeting at the School. After an opening prayer by Mr. Rowntree, and one or two hymns, Miss Priestman spoke to us very helpfully on really playing the game of life as well as we could, and talked to us about China.

Before Supper some of us spent a very happy (may I say almost hilarious ? !) time in Mr. Whitlow's Study, recalling incidents of school life, Mr. Whitlow being chief orator, ably assisted by a fairly recently-left Old Boy ! We also listened to some exceedingly good gramophone music, and only wished that the time were longer, so that we might linger, like Oliver Twist, for " more."

Monday morning came far too soon, and it was with many regrets that we said " good-bye." We comforted ourselves with the thought that it was to be only " au revoir," for March is coming, and we are looking forward to revisiting Walden then. We have memories, which are very happy ones, and as we left the School, we seemed to take some of its " atmosphere " with us, and felt refreshed and strengthened by our visit.

Most of us had to catch the 8 o'clock train back to London ; *all* those who intended doing so, however, were not successful ! As the train was leaving, two or three Old Boys arrived outside the Station, and their look of bewilderment was quite amusing !

LILIAN E. SLADER (1904-07).

SOMETHING ABOUT GERMAN SCHOOL-LIFE AND EDUCATION.

This essay was read to the Literary Society on her last day at the School, by the daughter of a German Friend, whose arrival at Saffron Walden we noted in *The Avenue* a year ago.—EDS.



WANT to tell you a bit about German school life and education which is quite different from English. I myself have been so lucky to go to the three chief types of German day schools. We have mostly day schools in Germany; I have never heard about boarding schools like the English ones.

First of all I went to a small private school in East Prussia. Of course, we were only girls there, because we don't know mixed classes at all in Germany.

This private school was a very poor one, but it was the only Protestant school in the town. I did not feel a bit its poorness, and those six years which I spent there were a glorious time for me. The school building was a big, red house, looking like German soldiers' barracks. It had a small garden in the front, and a large playground in the back. We all liked this playground very much; it had at one side a narrow stream. This latter was our greatest pleasure not only in Winter when we slid on the very fine ice, but also in Summer when we took off shoes and stockings and waded into the water and had great fun. But all these occupations were only possible during recess when no mistress was looking!

Our gym. lessons we also had on this play-ground in lack of a proper gym. It was pretty cold in Winter time, and our red noses did speak their own language; but still we liked it.

There were only mistresses who had not a university education, in this school, and in their kind of teaching they were all a bit behind the time. We usually had five or six lessons in the morning, none in the afternoon. Each lesson was

forty-five minutes, and after each lesson we had ten minutes recess. There were girls in the school from six till sixteen years old. I always was the youngest in my class, because I started school when I was five.

In opposition to English stages or forms, our lowest form is called " Class 10," it moves up till " Class 1 " which is the girls' matric. form.

As I said above we had no lessons in the afternoon, and not much prep., at least not for me. I always had finished in half an hour, and so had a very good time. In spite of this I looked forward to all holidays.

Holidays in German schools are quite different from those in English ones. Our school-year goes from one Easter to the other. Easter holidays last a fortnight, Summer holidays are for five weeks in some parts of Germany and for four weeks in others. During the weeks from the end of the Summer holidays till October, when we have a fortnight holiday, everybody tries to work hard, to get a good Autumn report. Girls' schools have only two reports during the year, one in the Autumn, and the other one at Easter, at the end of the school year to move up to a higher stage. The boys' schools give four reports, in Autumn and Easter as well as at the beginning of the Summer and Christmas holidays.

The fact that my father was driven out from East Prussia by the Poles had but one advantage for me. I left that little private school, and was sent to Berlin to a big school, belonging to the City of Berlin. It was quite different from my former school, and although everybody told me this famous school would be very good for me, I felt home-sick for my dear old school. (We Germans always are like that !) Well, I had to go to that school in Berlin, and so I tried hard to be pleased there. The school was interesting, there were not only ten stages, but twenty-six. The school was opened for beginners every Easter and Autumn, so that there were Easter and Autumn classes. As I said before, our proper German



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BOYS' GROUP C ROOM.

school year goes from one Easter to the other, and we girls, who were in the Easter classes looked a little scornfully on the girls in the Autumn classes. Besides these double classes, a training school for girls who wanted to become teachers was joined to the proper school.

This school was helped by the Government, so it could have a gym. and very fine art-rooms. There was something very nice in this school ; girls who were not keen on gym. or drawing could drop it and take up other subjects instead. I took more English and tried to work hard.

Just when I started to like the Berlin school, I had to leave. We had got at last a flat in Frankfurt, where my father's new school was, so that we could live all together again. I was sent to school in Frankfurt, and so came in connection with the third type of German schools : the public school. The school building did not look magnificent at all, it had a dirty yellow outside, broken stairs and a playground as small as the Lower Asphalte here in this school. This play-ground was supposed to be for 600 girls, and although we were not allowed to run or play about in recess, it was a fearful squash.

I had to work hard in this school, and sometimes nearly gave it up, particularly in English. We had every fortnight another teacher for this subject ! There was a training college joined to this school, and the young ladies who were ambitious to become teachers took us for English and Mathematics. They changed round every fortnight, so that we got sometimes a mistress who spoke only English, and another time one who spoke only German in class !

Thank goodness, these things were changed when the whole school was moved. We got another house, and a very beautiful one too. There were two playgrounds, two gardens and a field for a game like puddox ; but the latter we had to share with a boys' school, who played football there.

Everything was quite modern in this house, the fine class-rooms, the beautiful art-room, a big lecture-hall with a

modern organ and a grand piano, and useful laboratories. We were now 1,000 girls there, because the old public school had been joined with a smaller private school. Unlike English schools, the elected prefects were not for the whole school, but every class had their own two prefects. It was always hard work to keep the forty-five or more girls in the classroom in order. I know that from my own experience.

One very great advantage I had in the public school in Frankfurt. Once a month every High School was able to see a play in the theatre. The tickets were very cheap, and every place cost the same. It was always a great excitement for us all when we chose the tickets of which we saw only the back side on the Master's desk. I was mostly very lucky, and never got a ticket in " Olympia's Height," as we called the gallery. So it is a matter of course that I have seen very many plays by Shakespeare, Goethe, Schiller and modern writers. Well, when I came to Stage 1, I was thinking about taking girls' matric. It has not got such a high standard as the London Matriculation Examination.

The German girls' matric. seems to be quite different from an English one. We wrote our examination papers as ordinary tests, and besides we had to answer questions in the chief subjects before a small committee, mostly formed by the Staff. One day before the Easter holidays at the end of the school year, the matric. form was asked to go to the lecture hall, where the head master, staff and the rest of the school were waiting for us. The choir sang, somebody recited, and after a speech by the head master, all the matric. pupils got large white papers with the examination results on them.

These papers are important for every girl, who has taken matric. Wherever she wants to get a place, she is always asked about her matric. report.

Christel Lierau

(*To be concluded.*) (*Stage* 6).

THE SCHOOL TRAMP, 1925.

A TRAMP is not merely a method of getting from place to place; it is a good deal more, as it entails not only walking, but all that is contained in that unique "tramp spirit" which does so much to enliven that which perhaps might otherwise be uninteresting and fatiguing. Perhaps in this tramp especially, this spirit played a great part as although we visited a great many places of outstanding beauty and historical interest, some of its intermediate stages might have been somewhat uninteresting to those who were merely walking.

The towns we passed through differed greatly, perhaps because we passed through six different counties, for we visited a most modern city, Letchworth, and two historical old towns, Stratford and Warwick.

The former we found very entertaining as all those features of a town that one would have expected to have been old, such as the Churches, were entirely unconventional, and as far as one could see all possible sects of religion were represented in various forms of architecture. A strange building was discovered by some of us, quite isolated from the town; we were informed that it was called the "Cloisters" and that it was built by an eccentric old lady who lived in it. Another interesting feature of the town was that all the factories were placed in the north-eastern corner of the city, so the remainder of the city was free from smoke and contained plenty of trees and grass. At Letchworth we also found an open air swimming bath, for this year we were exceedingly lucky in having somewhere to bathe in every day.

At Stratford, four enthusiasts went up stream and discovered a very nice little pool where we bathed the following day.

Stratford itself was, I think, disappointing ; one always hears a great deal about Shakespeare's birthplace, and the beauty of its church, and thus one is inclined to expect rather too much. We thought the church was the disappointing feature, perhaps it was because we had to pay for admission ; its windows were very interesting but personally I did not think them at all beautiful, for like the rest of the church they were inclined to be gaudy.

Although an intensely interesting town, with parts of it equally beautiful, to find the more beautiful parts one had to leave the shops and fashionable parts and go and explore the poorer quarters where one found some very picturesque little side streets with old houses with the top storey overhanging the bottom one, and in a few cases one could see the old outside stair-cases, and even although it was wet and Bank Holiday these were worth seeing.

On the other hand, the place where our expectations were greatly exceeded, was Sibford. We arrived there after a six hours' fast and the good meal that was prepared for us was very welcome. We found it very interesting to compare Sibford School with our own, and I think although some of us were envious of their workshops and surroundings, we preferred our own swimming bath and playing fields. We are indebted to Miss Thorne for entertaining us so well, and to Mr. and Mrs. Harrod for allowing us to spend such an enjoyable week-end at the school.

Of all the towns visited I think we liked Warwick the most ; we had fine weather, very comfortable rooms and many things to interest us. Again at Warwick we were lucky enough to find a very delightful swimming pool, to which the majority of the younger trampers went before breakfast.

One place that interested us especially at Warwick was the Leicester Hospital, an old alms house, which was the home of twelve old men and their wives ; as soon as one of the men died his wife had to leave so as to make room for another old

couple who were elected by the remaining brethren from the poor and aged of the district. Two of the brethren came to talk to us while we waited for admission and they seemed very proud of their historical little dwelling. One old man told us he had fought in the battle of the Nile, and so as to prove his statement he produced two medals bearing his name, so he said, on an old coat. This made him out to be a hundred and twenty-seven years old, so very likely, if it was a relative of his at all, it was his father who was commemorated for bravery in action in that battle. The brother who showed us round, amused us greatly by his pronunciation and frequent omission of his " h's." Besides this alms house we saw Kenilworth and Warwick Castles during the last two days, the former although partially ruined still possesses a great deal of beauty and grandeur; it impressed most of us greatly, even more perhaps than did Warwick Castle, where we saw some wonderful " Old Masters " and some beautiful relics of furniture of many periods.

Thus again we owe our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Rowntree for giving us the opportunity of spending such an enjoyable beginning to our Summer Holidays.

Harry D. Byles
(Stage 7).



THROUGH THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES.



E left Calgary one bright afternoon in April on a long looked for trip to Vancouver, full of expectancy, and I think all I saw on the trip was beyond my wildest dreams, and here I will try to tell you of my trip through the wild country of the Rockies. Forty miles from Calgary we entered the Gap, the pass to the mountains, and here it is we entered the first range of the Rockies, comprised of some of Nature's most gigantic works. The Gap itself is composed of two almost vertical walls, of dizzy height, streaked and capped with snow. Darkness fell when we reached this point, so my trip through this part I will describe later. Early next morning I was awake (5 a.m.), anxious to know what the great out-of-doors had to offer. We had entered the next range, the Selkirks. These are covered with pine and fir, and on the South side towered the mountains, and on the North the Shuswap Lake, stretching as far as Savona, a distance of 200 miles, this ran into the Thompson River, which we followed to Lytton, another 130 miles, when the Fraser River comes from the North and joins the Thompson, this continues for a distance of 150 miles to Vancouver. So there is a continuous stretch of water for 480 miles. Can you imagine it ?

Ashcroft is the gateway to the Cariboo country, and we noted from the train the old Cariboo Road, famous in the Gold Rush to the Yukon in '98.

The Albert Canyon is a marvellous gorge of great depth, and startling fascination. The railway runs along the very edge of this gorge, and we saw the river boiling angrily 150 ft. below us.

Kamloops has a wonderful climate, thus being a perfect district for Ranching and Fruit Growing. It is also the beginning of the magnificent canyon country. The mountains draw together as the train winds along ledges cut along their

faces, tunnels penetrate the headlands, and bridges span the ravines. The successful construction of these railways through these mountainous regions is nothing short of marvellous. In order to lay the tracks in hundreds of places along the line, thousands of tons of rock had to be blasted away, and rivers crossed in numerous places through the heart of this wild country. It presents a picture to which no language can do justice. On the South side almost perpendicular heights covered with fir and pine, and streaked with snow, and on a narrow ledge hundreds of feet above the river winds the railroad,—many of the turns being so extreme that one is able from the coaches to see the engine.

In the Fraser Canyon the scenery grows wilder than ever. The great river is forced between two vertical walls of black rock, where, repeatedly thrown back upon itself by opposing cliffs, it madly foams and roars. Certainly a magnificent sight.

At Hell's Gate we saw a wonderful cataract, created by a very sudden compression of the river between two promontories, which jut out into the river, and force it to escape in a roaring cataract through a bottled necked outlet. Certainly impressive in the extreme.

Presently the canyon widens, and we reach the meadow like country through which we rolled to Vancouver.

In the stretch of the Rockies we missed on our outward journey there are a few things of interest to comment upon. We passed through Connaught Tunnel, the longest tunnel in America, measuring a little over five miles in length. It was only completed in 1916 ; before the construction of this tunnel the many curves of the track amounted to seven complete circles and climbed 552 ft.

Towering 6,000 feet above Field is a lofty mountain, and 'tis here we entered the Spiral Tunnels—two tunnels forming one of the most notable engineering feats in existence. The whole thing is a perfect maze, forming a rough figure 8 in shape. Entering from the East the train runs under Cathedral

Mountain and, after turning a complete circle and passing under itself, comes into daylight 54 feet lower. The track then turns East and crosses the river and enters the second tunnel under Mount Ogden. Here again it turns a complete circle, passing again under itself, and comes out another 50 feet lower.

The Great Divide is the highest elevation on the Railroad (5,000 feet), and is the boundary between British Columbia and Alberta. Under a rustic arch spanning a stream the waters divide, one portion flowing eventually Eastward into the Atlantic Ocean, and the other West into the Pacific Ocean.

After this wonderful trip I can endorse the statement, " Go West, young man, go West." Reader, take heed.

HILDA G. CARTER (1909-14).

SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

CRICKET.

OWING to our being in quarantine for measles during the greater part of last term very few matches were played.

The School XI., under the able captaincy of Mr. Brereton, who won the toss every time, won five out of seven matches. Mr. Pumphrey and Mr. Whitlow bore the brunt of the bowling, but Mr. Brereton and J. N. Elithorn proved themselves to be very useful change bowlers. The Boy's XI. were more unfortunate, only winning one, and drawing one out of their four matches.

The fielding was of quite a high standard at the end of the season, thanks to the extra practice we had in games, whilst the batting became more confident, owing to our having matting down on the " nets " pitches.

Although we were only able to have a few matches, we had some excellent games, the most exciting being that against Bishop's Stortford Town, away, when six of our wickets fell for two runs. But, after a wonderful recovery, we had seventy-one runs to our credit, whilst Bishop's Stortford scored 80.



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THE GYMNASIUM.

We are very much indebted to Mrs. G. H. Whitlow, who offered a cricket bat to the boy who had the highest average, and also to Mr. Cottis, who offered a ball to the boy with the best bowling average. J. N. Elithorn won both the bat and the ball, with a batting average of 24.8, and a bowling average of 9.08. A. W. Gibb and K. S. Cross were bracketed for second place in the batting with an average of 7.5, and G. N. A. Smith was second in the bowling, with an average of 14.3.

Godlee House was first in the house tournaments, with Morland second.

Colours were awarded to K. S. Cross and P. R. Edmunds.

Kenneth L. Whitlow
(Boys' Captain).

BOYS' AQUATICS.

The Swimming was of a very high standard this year, the diving being excellent, a large number of boys being almost equally proficient, so that judging was a matter of great difficulty. The Swimming Club has undoubtedly helped the standard of efficiency, very few boys being unable to swim at the end of the term.

As was expected, Eric Peverett was the Senior Champion, but Bartlett ran him close in several events, and beat him in the two lengths (50 yards) which he swam in the record time for the school of 33⅖ secs. Peverett made a fresh record in the four lengths (100 yds.) which he swam in 1 m. 21⅕ secs. In the Junior events Tom Francis was first, closely followed by Bernard Cousins.

The House Sports were very close, Godlee just winning by an average of one point, while Morland beat Crosfield for second place by less than one point.

RESULTS.

SENIOR.

18 lengths (¼ mile) :—1, Peverett; 2, Bartlett; 3, Evens. 7 m. 47⅕ secs.

4 lengths (100 yds.) :—1, Peverett; 2, Bartlett; 3, Edmundson. 1 m. 21⅕ secs.

2 lengths breast :—1, Peverett ; 2, Bartlett ; 3, Evens. 41⅕ secs.
2 lengths :—1, Bartlett ; 2, Evens ; 3, Peverett. 33⅘ secs.
Neat Dive :—1, Farrell ; 2, Peverett ; 3, Bartlett.
Plunge :—1, Peverett ; 2, Evens ; 3, Bartlett. 43 ft. 11 ins.

JUNIOR.

9 lengths :—1, Francis ii. ; 2, Cousins ii. ; 3, Dunstan. 4 m. 21 secs.
2 lengths breast :—1, Francis ii. ; 2, Cousins ii. ; 3, Stansbury. 49 secs.
2 lengths :—1, Cousins ii. ; 2, Dunstan ; 3, Francis ii. 49⅘ secs.
1 length :—1, Cousins ii. ; 2, Francis ii. ; 3, Dunstan. 19⅘ secs.
Neat Dive :—1, Hardy ; 2, Francis ii. and Cousins ii.
Plunge :—1, Francis ii. ; 2, Cuthbertson and Dunstan. 39 ft.

RELAY RACE (6 lengths).

1, Godlee ; 2, Morland ; 1 m. 44⅕ secs.

GIRLS' SWIMMING.

The swimming season this year was a great success and everyone was keen although unfortunately everybody did not succeed in doing the length as was hoped. At the beginning of the term there were seventeen non-swimmers and only eleven could swim by the end of term. Maidie Bird was the first to complete the length and so was rewarded with the accustomed pen-knife.

Life Saving as usual was keenly practised. Miss Yapp and eleven girls entered for Proficiency and Bronze under the instruction of Joyce Maybery who received her Teacher's Certificate on the event of all passing the examination.

There were also four entries for the Silver Award examination, all of whom passed. This was a record number for one year.

There were two displays given at General Meeting and Whitsun. After the latter a relay race took place, between the past and present scholars resulting in a victory for the present scholars.

Following the Whitsun display, Miss Parker gave us an exhibition of strokes and dives which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

A great feature of the season was the House sports which resulted in the following order, first Crosfield 9.3, second Godlee

6.7 and last Morland 4.9; and that of the relay was first Crosfield, second Godlee, third Morland.

The Senior Champion was Joyce Maybery and the Junior Joan Bull, with Francis Waters and Marjorie Close as the Senior and Junior runners up.

TENNIS.

Tennis was played with the usual keenness last season and the courts were generally in use.

But there was only one match played. This we won, against the Training College. The others against Chantry Mount, Perse School and the Herts. and Essex High School were scratched owing to our quarantine.

The Senior Championship was won by Freda Emson and the Junior by Betty Hawksley. Freda Emson and Winnie Kilbey were awarded colours.

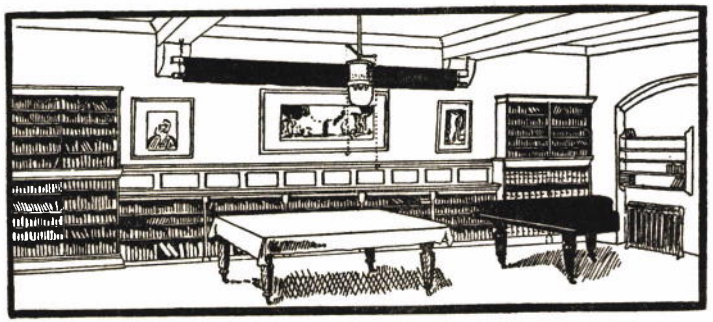
GIRLS' CRICKET.

This season we have had more matches than ever before—playing four in all. Two against Fowlmere Ladies Cricket Club—one against a mixed team brought from the town by Marjorie Land and one against the Old Scholars at Whitsuntide. In the latter the Old Scholars made 16 to the School's 96.

Colours were awarded to Freda Emson.

In the House Tournament, Crosfield was first and Godlee second.

Joyce Maybery.



SIXTH CLERKENWELL GIRL GUIDES' CAMP.

FIRE-LIGHTING in the rain! Poor Purple Moor, what an occupation. Attired in pyjamas and coats, with bare feet, we wandered over the wet grass towards the unfortunate Ranger who was attempting to light the fire. This, on our first morning in camp! Having ascertained that we could not help, we washed and dressed. Then we peered into the various tents, to find most of their occupants snoring. Soon after the "arise" whistle was blown, and presently we all assembled for a breakfast of porridge, bread and margarine or marmalade, and tea. Whenever the weather permitted we had our meals in the open but on other occasions, such as that morning we made use of the marquee.

After breakfast the Guides were inspected, but we, as visitors, were exempt from this item of routine. Consequently our tent, when we had attended to it, surpassed all the other bells.

Hoisting the colour and a short reading was followed by Orderly work and games. For the former we each joined one of the four patrols: Nightingales, Bantams, Robins or Thrushes. Fortunately water was obtainable from the next field and a a wood adjoined our camp-site. The wood was a delightful place, the larches supplying a large amount of dry firewood.

Canteen was sold after dinner. This the Guides thought an excellent way of preparing for the ensuing rest hour.

The remainder of the afternoon until tea was usually free.

For the evening bed-inspection and organised songs and games kept us well occupied.

We had supper at about 9 o'clock and the Tribe retired to bed an hour later in the pleasant company of two biscuits.

Sometimes a camp fire was enjoyed after supper. We sat round it in a circle singing songs and entertaining each other.

Miss Bryan, the Captain, asked us to take charge of the annual Camp Sports. We consented and, after some thought,

drew up a programme which we carried out between the numerous showers.

All the competitions were keenly contested and in the case of the Brownies we had to add an extra event in order to select the champion. The prizes were awarded later, in September.

On Saturday we were joined by some Guides and Rangers for the week-end. A few Rovers (Senior Scouts) came later and asked leave to camp in our field for the night. The evening was spent in sing-song. All joined into a circle with linked arms, until we had to break up.

On Sunday, we cleaned blackened dixies and rusty knives which were afterwards packed up.

The next day the Tribe went out to ask for flowers and received many bunches from the neighbours. After dinner all except the rear-guard set off in the drizzle. We saw them off and returned to think how to strike and pack tents in the rain.

As the rain was falling hard we settled in the marquee, packing blankets, dixies and other odds and ends. Having cleared away all that was possible we settled down to enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening. We sang songs, told stories and retired to bed fairly early.

The next morning we packed the tents. Oh! those tents! After spending three-quarters of an hour putting a bell into a bag we found it was the wrong bag!

We broke the day's work by a dinner of tinned salmon which formed a very satisfying meal.

After lunch we concluded the work and departed very late by lorry to Clerkenwell, where we were met by many ragged, but smiling children.

By "Four Peelers."

FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Concerning Old Scholars.

Old Scholars who were in Group C. last Term :

Helen Baker is studying at home.

Kenneth L. Cross.

Percy A. Crow is in a Ship-Broker's Office.

Paul R. Edmunds is learning Accountancy with R. H. Marsh & Co.

Freda K. Emson.

Winifred Kilbey is learning Photography.

Clifford J. Lee is in a Bank.

John P. Lush.

Jean Luckin.

Harold McGowan is at Bootham School.

Constance Newbery is studying in Frankfurt on Oder, living at Christel Lierau's home.

Evelyn Nicholes is in her Mother's business at Cambridge.

Eric Peverett is learning Accountancy with R. H. Marsh & Co.

Joycelyn Rayner is at a School at Romans in France.

Frances S. Waters is taking a Froebel course at Westhill College, Birmingham.

Alexander Wright is in his Father's business.

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Grace Porter (1916-21) writes from Agen, Lot-et-Garonne :—

" I crossed back to France in one of those dreadful gales—at least there is no need for me to say ' dreadful,' as I thoroughly enjoyed it, for I was one of the three passengers who were not ill (the boat was very full too as the Cross-Channel service had been suspended the previous day) ; even the stewardesses succumbed ! It seemed as though we were being tossed about on the side of a mountain of water all the time. Even the sailors were unable to keep their balance on deck, but I managed to get some fresh air by hanging on to the balustrade of the gangway leading to the lower deck. It was rather fun dodging the waves as they dashed over the

deck, but during a heavy hailstorm I had to retire altogether. If it had not been for the fact that I was so hungry I should have been quite sorry when we reached Dieppe. . . . I am still very happy in my post, and am having a perfectly delightful time. At Easter we motored to Hendaye, where we spent a fortnight at a lovely villa. On the way we had a wonderful view of Les Hautes Pyrénées with their snow-capped peaks shining in the sun. . . . . On Good Friday we went to a little Spanish town called Fuenterribia, to see a celebrated religious procession. To me it seemed like a Pageant—the priests and the choir boys in their bright coloured cassocks descending the narrow steep street (on either side of which were tall balconied houses thronged with people of various nationalities), followed by the different tableaux representing Christ's life on earth, carried by old weather beaten fishermen (looking decidedly uncomfortable in their Roman soldier's armour), the long line of men and boys carrying lighted candles, and the bare-footed shaven-headed monks. The tableaux were wonderfully life-like, but to my mind the marvellously embroidered costumes dating from the Middle Ages were hardly appropriate. I cannot imagine Mary praying at the foot of the Cross dressed in a robe of purple velvet all worked in gold ! . . . Madame has kindly offered to give me cooking lessons and I'm working hard at Spanish in the hopes of one day obtaining a post in Spain. I haven't spoken with an English person this year, or even with anyone who talks English fluently. I shall soon be forgetting how to speak it myself, especially as I do no English reading. I thought of you all at Whitsun and did so long to be with you."

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H. Laurence Horsnaill (1914-16) writes :

" You may be interested in hearing a little about the International People's College, Helsingfors, Denmark, where my fiancée and I have had the privilege of spending this Summer Term, 1925, having been sent as representatives of the National

Adult School Union. The College was founded in 1921 by a young Danish University graduate from Copenhagen, who had many lofty ideals. After expounding his ideals to a number of influential Danish men, he went over to England and explained his ideals to Arnold Rowntree, Philip Snowden, George Lansbury and others; as a result of this, he was able to collect 60,000 krone. On looking round he found a dilapidated old farm for sale; this he purchased, and with the help of three other resident workers, and a number of volunteers from Copenhagen who came over in their spare time, he was able to get the place into reasonably fit condition to start in earnest, and 1921 found him with sixteen students.

"The first syllabus was made up of manual work, languages and music, as being the three main tools for an International College life. As time went on lectures, study circles, conversation classes, folk dancing and social times were gradually worked in.

"During the past four years the College has continued to grow, there being sixteen students in the first year; twenty-four in the second; fifty-two in the third; and sixty-five this year. There is always plenty of time for mixing up with the students and having some good talks together. Our social evening usually takes the form of singing, the different representatives group together in their respective countries and sing national songs. Folk dancing also gives one a fine chance of getting to know the students and their national customs."

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Jessie K. Tebbutt is now Manageress of the Herts. County Council Egg Laying Trials.

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Congratulations to the following Old Scholars who have married since the last issue of *The Avenue* went to press:

Madeline Agnew and Leslie R. Hart.

George Edwards and Irene Lloyd.

Robert Trigg (married Miss Vera Church).

Elsie Falkner (now Mrs. A. J. Dean, of Aliartos, Greece).

Gwendolen Rolfe (now Mrs. H. J. Barrand of Saffron Walden).

SCHOOL DIARY.

July 7th.—Merit Half-holiday.

,, 8th.—House Socials.

,, 9th.—N.H.S. Mtg. Diary: H. D. Byles and D. Edmundson; Current Events Report, A. Mazower; Meteorological Report, A. Mazower; Essays, "Saxon and Norman Architecture," J. R. Evens; "Gothic Architecture," Jean Champness and Rosemary Wooldridge; "The Renaissance Period," H. D. Byles and D. Edmundson.

,, 11th.—Cricket Match: Girls' 1st XI. *v.* Fowlmere, won by an innings and 118 runs.

,, 15th.—Cricket Match: 1st XI. *v.* Bishops' Stortford Town XI., away, lost, 71—80. G. N. A. Smith, 22.

,, 16th.—Lit. Soc. Mtg. Diary, Doris Marshall; Essays, "The Rye House," P. R. Edmunds; "Music," Rosemary Wooldridge; Pianoforte Solos, Grieg's "Norwegian Bridle Procession"; "Minuet" by Frank Bridge, Frances Waters; Trio, Duet for two violins and piano, Adam Carse, Miss Rees, Joyce Rayner, and Dorothy Brown. Reading, "Followers," a "Cranford" Sketch by Harold Brighouse, Miss Priestman, Miss Yapp, Frances Waters, Mr. Whitlow.

,, 18th.—Cricket Matches. Boys' 1st XI. *v.* Saffron Walden School 1st XI., home, drawn, 88—69 for 8 wkts. Boys' 2nd XI. *v.* Saffron Walden School 2nd XI., away, won, 104 for 6 wkts.—94. D. A. Bartlett, 50 not out. Girls' 1st XI. *v.* Fowlmere, won 96—29.

,, 23rd.—N.H.S. Mtg. Diary, Joan Gundry and Beatrice Freestone; Meteorological Report, A. Mazower; Current Events Report, Doris Marshall and Iris Harris. Report of Excursion to Elmdon, J. P. Lush, Joyce Maybery, Mary Close and R. Alexander; Essay, "Weeds," Kathleen Priestman.

,, 25th.—Cricket Matches. Boys' 1st XI. *v.* O. Tebbit's XI., home, won, 78—53; G. S. Pumphrey 31, J. N. Elithorn 27; J. P. Whitlow 7 wkts. for 14. Girls' 1st XI. *v.* Marjorie Land's XI., home, won, 91—60.

July 30th.—End of Summer Term.

Sept. 17th.—School re-opened.

,, 24th.—Lit. Soc. Mtg. Essays, "Cycling as a Sport," B. A. Le Mare; "In Shakespeare Land," Madeline Andrews; "A Type of Russian Peculiar to the Present Day," A. Mazower; "Jane Austen," Dorothy Brown; Gramophone Selections, Violin Solo, Mozart's "Rondo," Heifetz; Tschaikowsky's "Quartet in D," the Lener Quartette; Two Songs by Dora Labette.

,, 26th.—Football Match. 1st XI. *v.* Foxes, home, lost, 0—2.

Oct. 1st.—N.H.S. Mtg. Diary, Joyce Maybery and A. Mazower; Meteorological Report, A. Mazower; Current Events Report, Kathleen and W. D. Priestman. Business Meeting.

,, 3rd.—N.H.S. Excursion to Fleam Dyke.
Lantern Lecture. "Paris," Miss Priestman.

,, 10th.—Football Match. 1st XI. *v.* O.S., home, drawn, 2—2.
Hockey Match. 1st XI. *v.* O.S., home, won, 7—0.
Concert.

,, 14th.—Football Match. Boys' 1st XI. *v* Newport Grammar School, won, 3—1.

,, 15th.—N.H.S. Mtg. Lantern Lecture, "The Natural History of the Tatra," Mr. Morris.

,, 17th.—Football Match. Boys' 1st XI. *v.* Bishops' Stortford School 1st XI., home, lost, 2—3.
Hockey Match. Girls' 2nd XI. *v.* Cam Club, won, 3—2.
Kinematograph Film. Visual Lesson on "The Life History of a Plant," Miss de Valda.

,, 22nd.—Lit. Soc. Mtg. Diary, Joan Gundry, Kathleen Robson, K. L. Whitlow; Essays, "Accidents will Happen," W. D. Priestman; "Fragments of Venice and its Art," Mabel Brewis; "Wanderings in the Realm of English Sport," K. L. Whitlow; Recitation, Extract from "The Scholar Gipsy," Doris Marshall; Pianoforte Solo, "Once upon a Time," by Gustav Lind, Winifred Cooper.

,, 24th.—Football Match. 1st XI. *v.* Horneybrooke, won, 5—1.
Hockey Matches. Girls' 1st XI. *v.* Herts. and Essex H.S. 1st XI., home, won, 3—2. Girls' 2nd XI. *v.* Herts. and Essex H.S. 2nd XI., away, lost, 0—3.
Lantern Lecture, "Byways in Ceylon," Mr. Morris.

,, 27th.—Merit Half Holiday.

Oct. 31st.—Football Match. Boys' 1st XI. *v.* Horneybrooke, won, 11—0.
Lantern Lecture. "Men of the Stone Age," Mr. Walter Rowntree.

Nov. 4th.—Hockey Match. 1st XI. *v.* Cambridge Ladies, home, lost, 4—8.
Football Match. 1st XI. *v.* O. Tebbit's XI., home, drawn, 4—4.

,, 5th.—Lit. Soc. Mtg. Parliamentary Evening.

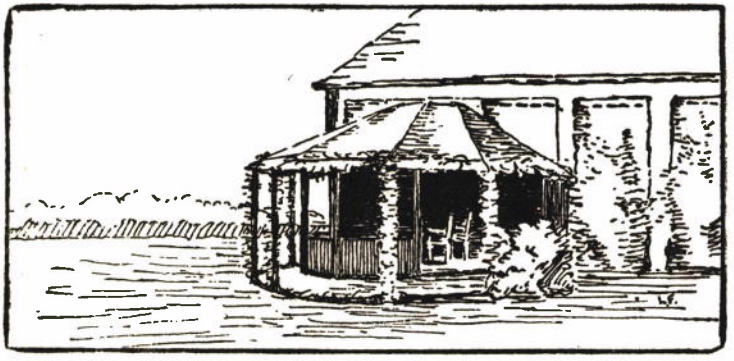
,, 7th.—Football Match. Boys' 1st XI. *v.* Bishop's Stortford School 1st XI., away, lost, 4—5.
Lantern Lecture. "Roman France," Mr. J. P. Whitlow.

,, 12th.—N.H.S. Mtg.

,, 14th.—Hockey Match. 2nd XI. *v.* Fowlmere Ladies, home, lost, 0—4.
Football Matches: Boys' 1st XI. *v.* Harlow College, away, lost, 2—3. Boys' 2nd XI. *v.* The Rovers, home, lost, 0—6.
Lantern Lecture: "Mediæval Saffron Walden," Mr. Wenham.

,, 16th.—Lecture: "The influence of Temperance on a Business Man," Mr. Joseph Taylor.

,, 19th. Lit. Soc. Mtg. Diary, Kathleen Rees and R. Alexander; Essays, "A Fire—and other Things," Jean Champness; "The Pastime of Reading," H. Williams; "Alcohol and the Human Body," Nora Child; Pianoforte Solos, "Waltz,' in D minor, by Coleridge Taylor, Molly French; "Waltz," in D flat by Chopin, Dorothy Brown.



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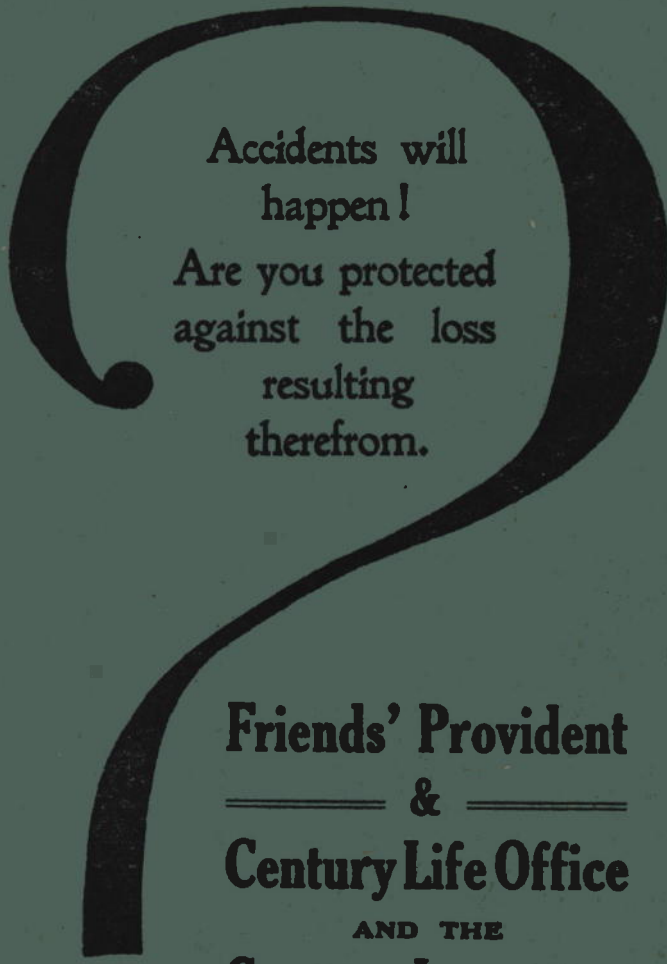
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