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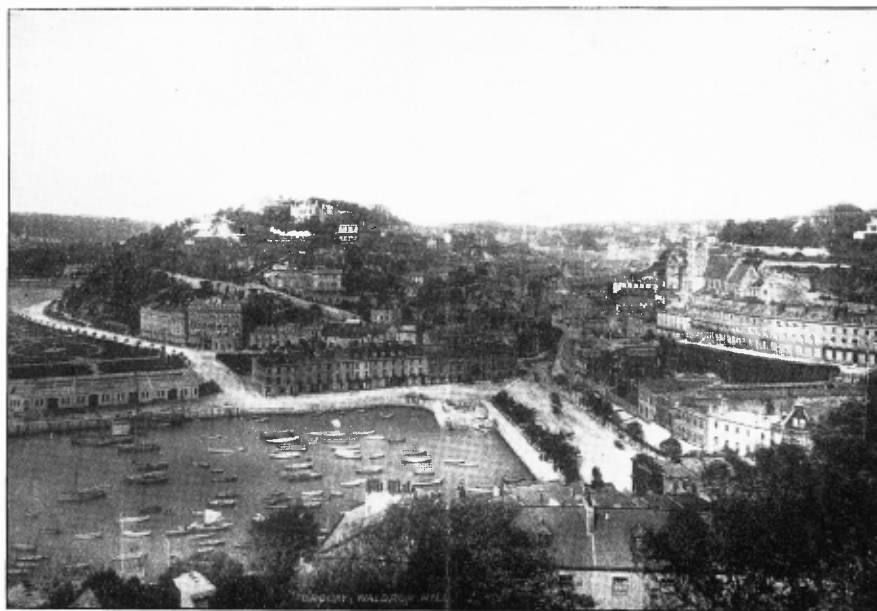
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Editorial.

OUR OBLIGATIONS.

The word "obligation" is perhaps not amongst the most popular of English words: few of us acclaim it, and most people when using it choose to apply it to others, rather than themselves. According to the degree of our excitement, we prefer to wax eloquent or angry concerning our rights and liberties—we will search for them with a telescope, lest we miss any; but obligations—goodness, gracious! let us close our eyes quickly lest we see them.

Still, the above attitude does not reflect the finer and nobler traits of human character, and we do well to remind ourselves that no liberty or privilege, or good thing of any kind that we enjoy, ever was, ever is, or even can be, but that someone or other has paid, is paying, or will pay the price for it, that price being usually proportionate to the value of the thing sought or obtained. The liberties which are ours, and the measure of justice we enjoy, which would have been unspeakably precious to generations gone before, are ours to enjoy and improve, because for many men and women who have lived before us obligation begat duty, and duty self-sacrificing service.

It is always true that the harvest follows the seedtime, and we have no right to expect the order will be changed. If we see a man reaping in the autumn, we may assume that he or some other person sowed seed in the spring, and whoever did the sowing knew full well, that however eager they might be for a speedy harvest, nature would take her own time over the job, and even then there were risks of unfavourable weather and other things, which might disappoint the sower's expectation of reaping full measure. It is of course unavailing to be impatient at facts like these and we are not; we accept them, because we cannot do otherwise. If we were disappointed with last year's crops, we try again; reward follows in the wake of perseverance, and all harvests are not bad ones.

But let us apply these facts concerning nature in other directions where they also apply, and remember that the seedtime precedes the harvest even if the desired end is a social reform, or any other enterprise for better conditions. You cannot, of course, roof in a house till the walls are reared, neither can you reap the full benefit of a social enterprise until the full measure of obligation and duty has been paid by someone. There is not for humanity any royal road strewn

with soft carpets and fragrant flowers leading to any success worth achieving.

Tenant societies, therefore, cannot always expect fair weather. Our work of housing reform and improved general conditions, being quite modern in its conception, will, in addition to ordinary difficulties, also have to overcome that inherent prejudice and misrepresentation which usually appears to confront pioneer schemes of betterment and all that pertains to them; while, on the other hand, it will be faced by the petulant impatience of those who expect the harvest to follow close on the seedtime, and who likewise expect also the maximum of reaping for the minimum of sowing.

We need occasionally to remind ourselves that in our work there is, and there will be, difficulties to confront, dangers to face, and losses to share as well as gains, and none of us have any right to shirk our obligations or evade our duties in the matter.

An eminent Bishop, addressing a Friendly Society Conference the other day, said that "The first duty of every individual was not to oneself, but to others with whom they were associated." If we could succeed in inculcating this truth in our small community, each one believing it for themselves and not for the other fellows, difficulties, which are now great for the few, shared by the many would be small and quickly disappear, and a far fuller prosperity would attend our efforts in all our ventures than heretofore.

Naturally, we cannot always have fair weather; we enjoy the balmy south breeze one day, we may have a chilling blast from north or east another, and no scientific knowledge can avert the one or command the other. The analogy holds good to a degree in man's schemes for social betterment:—the cold north wind is blowing when we forget that our schemes can only succeed as we act in unison, sinking our own special interests that are selfish for the wider interest of the common welfare; the chilly east wind pierces us through when we forget our obligations and leave our duty unfulfilled, thus casting the burden upon the few.

But if we desire the genial south breeze, and the prosperity which follows in its train, we are not helpless to bespeak it, for wherever men and women stand shoulder to shoulder for the common welfare, each fulfilling their obligations to each other, each doing their share of duty, there the zephyr breezes which bear with them prosperity and success are blowing.

On Saturday evening, May 23rd, the Choral Society wound up their season's activities by a social gathering. The balance sheet to hand shows that, starting their career with a balance in hand (from the old Male Voice Choir) of 15s. 1d., and paying all expenses (including cost of music £3 1s. 9d., and rent of practice room £3 5s. 0d.), the season ended with 16s. 2d. to carry forward. Receipts totalled £8 15s. 3d. (members' subscriptions, £4 16s. 9d.).

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In business and in the home, tact is the one great possession which has the power of smoothing the rough path and making the hard way easy.

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Tact is the art of saying and doing the right thing at the right time in the right way.

Our Newest Club.

LAWN TENNIS.

A meeting of tenants was held on May 7th, to discuss the advisability or otherwise of forming a Tennis Club, and for the purpose of making rules and regulating play. It was unanimously decided to form a club and a Committee was elected to suggest rules to a general club meeting. This meeting was held on Monday, May 18th, when the following rules were finally revised and approved:—

RULES.

- 1.—Subscriptions to be as follows for tenant club members:—ladies, 5s. ; gents., 7s. 6d. ; lady and gent. (double), 10s. 6d.
- 2.—Admission tickets to be issued to casual players at a charge of 6d. per day, not transferable, or 2d. per game (minimum 30 minutes, maximum 45 minutes), and available on day of issue only.
- 3.—Tickets to be purchased from Stores, Mr. J. S. Wilford (Estate Secretary), Mr. H. D. Whitfield (Club Secretary), or any Member of the Committee of Management).
- 4.—Casual players to be allowed a game only if introduced by tenants.
- 5.—Club members may claim prior use of the courts if desired.
- 6.—In the event of players requiring the use of the courts, occupants to vacate after the completion of one set, but a minimum of 30 minutes may be claimed.
- 7.—No casual players under the age of 14 years to be allowed to use the courts.
- 8.—All subscriptions to be paid on or before 1st July, 1914.
- 9.—Rubber-soled tennis shoes to be worn on the courts.

A cordial invitation is given to everyone residing on the estate to become members, whether experienced players or novices. There is ample scope for learners to obtain a good insight into the game and it is hoped that anyone who has refrained from joining will now join as speedily as possible, as all our members are willing to teach anyone wishing to learn. "It's quite simple when you know how!"

H. D. WHITFIELD,
Secretary.

Phoenix Lodge,
Laburnum Road.

OPENING THE TENNIS COURTS.

It was, of course, fitting that there should be an opening ceremony to mark the completion of our new Tennis Courts, and invitations were extended to non-resident friends of our Garden Suburb movement to join us on the afternoon of Saturday, May 9th, in celebrating the event. Unfortunately the afternoon was cold and sunless, and visitors were consequently few.

The ceremony, which took place in the Assembly Room, was presided over by Mr. E. T. Groome (Chairman, Anchor Tenants), who was supported on the platform by Councillor Sydney Gimson and Mrs. Gimson, Mrs. Bond, and Mr. J. S. Wilford (Estate Secretary).

Mr. Groome having extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, Mr. Wilford announced that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs. G. H. Ellis, the

Misses Ellis (Belgrave), Mrs. Joseph Gimson, Mr. Bancroft Ellis, Mr. J. M. Gimson, Mr. J. McCall, Mr. G. J. Chattaway, Alderman Jabez Chaplin, Councillor T. W. Walker, Mr. Thos. Adcock, Mr. Boyes, and others. Dr. Bond, who had hoped to be present, was prevented by indisposition.

Councillor Sydney Gimson, in a happily-worded speech, said he was glad to avail himself of the opportunity to come amongst us to perform the opening ceremony. Right from its inception he had been interested in the Garden City movement. In the days before the idea had become popular he was brought into contact with Mr. Ebenezer Howard, the pioneer of the Letchworth Garden City, and was one of the earliest investors in that undertaking; and he thought he was also right in saying he was one of the first few outside supporters of our own movement. When he looked round and saw the progress which had been made during the comparatively short time that had elapsed since building was commenced, he thought we had every reason to congratulate ourselves on the success of our enterprise. As compared with the lot of the town dweller—living in one of a long row of houses, all of the same monotonous pattern, without gardens attached and with little yard accommodation—and also considering the unattractive conditions which prevailed even in villages, our privileges were great, and tended towards the realisation of a fuller and healthier life than was otherwise possible. He hoped we should go on prospering and was especially glad that the importance of catering for the social and recreational needs of our people was not being overlooked. All work and no play made Jack a dull boy and Mary a dull girl, and if we were to have healthy minds in healthy bodies, physical recreation must be attended to. He spoke of the pleasure he himself derived from playing tennis; it was a game in which not only the young people but the middle-aged could participate with benefit—there was room for "love forty" as well as "love fifteen." He had very great pleasure in declaring the courts open.

A vote of thanks having been heartily accorded to Councillor Gimson and the other visitors, on the motion of Mr. J. T. Taylor, seconded by Mr. J. S. Wilford—who referred at some length to the early difficulties which had had to be overcome in working out our Garden Suburb scheme and to the needs of the future—the party adjourned to the courts, where exhibition four-somes were taken part in by eight of our own residents, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Backus and Mr. Gill; Mr. and Mrs. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield.

All who attended the opening and noted the transformation which has been effected on the site of the old Children's Playground, agreed that every credit is due to those responsible for the work, and that a distinct improvement in the amenities of the Estate has been effected, and one which will add greatly to its attractiveness and prove a valuable addition to the means of recreation provided for the use and enjoyment of residents and friends.

It only remains to add that the afternoon's pleasure was enhanced by selections from Mr. W. Langley's band, and that tea was served to visitors and friends in the Assembly Room.

The only way to be perfect is to follow the advice you give others.

Items of Interest.

BIRTHS.

On May 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wheatley (Hope Cottage), a son.

On May 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Johnson (Walton), a son.

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Which budding small-holder, after a windy night, got up in the small hours of the morning to make sure that his newly-erected chicken house was still in his garden?

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Up rose the keeper of the hen,
His sleep disturbed by cares;
Surveyed the scene with piercing ken;
Then trotted back upstairs.

(The perpetrator of above apologises to Sir Walter Scott, and has no wish to disturb the laurels on "R.C.'s" brow.)

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Wanted—a knocker-up—must be reliable.—Apply Secretary, Tennis Club.

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"Say, Gussie, have you evah seen the sun rise?"
"No, Bertie, nevah, I've always managed to be in bed befoah then!"

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Apparently the Tennis Court is a favourable spot for viewing the rising sun, judging from the number of people who assemble thereon, *very* early in the morning.

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Naturalists and others will be interested to hear that a poultry-keeper in the neighbourhood of the new Tennis Court, is said to be the owner of a hen sitting on six tennis balls. We wonder what the result will be. "The deuce?"

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The *Thingwallian* (Liverpool Garden Suburb) laments thus:—"We wonder by what process we could restore the original purity of our apple trees and currant bushes? Many and delightful as the advantages of garden suburb life are, and useful as soot is for keeping away slugs, it is a matter for regret that it is not possible to do away with the smoke plague." With all its faults, we prefer the unspeakable slug!

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Talking about slugs, thereby hangs a tale:—"Mr. G——'s radish bed had been invaded by the pests, and he sought advice from a neighbour, who advised him to scatter salt between the rows, which he did. Before retiring that night G——, lantern in hand, went down the garden to note results, and was amazed to find hordes of slugs, busily engaged pulling radishes up by the roots, dipping them in the salt and eating them!"

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The Co-operative Union examination results are now to hand. In "Co-operation" (second stage), E. H. Wright and J. Elliot (Leicester Anchor Tenants) have passed, the latter with distinction, being seventh in order of merit; 131 students sat.

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As announced by advertisement in another column, the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion propose to commence weekly services on the Estate on Sunday, June 7th, and on June 6th inaugural meetings are to be held in the Assembly Room.

Whitsuntide Arrangements.

The usual Sports take place on Whit Monday, commencing at 2.30 prompt, the programme being as follows:—

80 Yards Flat Race for Boys (6 to 10 years); three prizes. No entrance fee.

80 Yards Flat Race for Girls (6 to 10 years); three prizes. No entrance fee.

Sack Race for Boys (10 to 14 years); two prizes. Entrance fee, 1d.

Skipping Race for Girls (10 to 14 years); two prizes. Entrance fee, 1d.

Egg and Spoon Race for Ladies (14 years and upwards); three prizes. Entrance fee, 2d.

100 Yards Flat Race for Gents (14 years and upwards); three prizes. Entrance fee, 2d.

Tug-of-War (6 a-side), each road represented. Captains: Keyham Lane, A. Wilford; Laburnum Road, W. Winterton; Lilac Avenue, E. H. Wright, Fern Rise, R. Scott.

Entries, with age and entrance fee, to be in the hands of Mr. R. Scott, Abbotsford, Fern Rise, not later than *Saturday evening, May 30th*. No one allowed to compete unless fulfilling the above regulation. Prizes to be distributed at the Concert on Monday night.

On Monday night a good Concert has been arranged by some of the residents of the Estate.

Part I. will consist of a sketch entitled, "Sam Slither-vick's Babies," those taking part being:—Sam Slither-vick, Mr. Hunt; Ann (his wife), Mrs. Bowerman; Mrs. Potts (a neighbour), Mrs. Scott; Mrs. Soaker (a nurse), Mrs. Chapman; Mrs. Plane (a carpenter's wife), Mrs. Langley; John Aqua (milkman), Mr. E. H. Wright; Gyp (the butcher's boy), Mr. Chapman; Herr Schwartz (a German quack), Mr. R. Cashmore.

Part II. will be taken up by a Farce, entitled "Turn Him Out," the cast being:—Nicodemous Nobbs (hawking toy balloons), Mr. Hunt; Mr. Elegantine Roseleaf (a Dude), Mr. Bowerman; Mr. Moke (a merchant), Mr. Chapman; Julia (his wife), Mrs. Chapman; Susan (the maid of all work), Mrs. Scott. In addition there will be one or two individual items.

Commence at 7.45 prompt; admission 2d. and 3d.

On Whit Tuesday there will be a Dance in the Assembly Room from 8 till 11.30. Admission, 6d. Tickets to be had not later than Monday night. Residents who have visitors desirous of attending to apply to Mr. R. Scott, Abbotsford, Fern Rise.

ESTATE COUNCIL REPORT.

A meeting was held in the Assembly Room on May 19th to consider the advisability, or otherwise, of organising an Amateur Dramatic Society. There was a very fair attendance, and Mr. J. S. Wilford occupied the chair. An interesting discussion took place, and it was generally felt that there was plenty of scope for such a society. A provisional committee was formed to draft the rules, and by the time autumn is with us it is fully expected the Humberstone Garden Suburb Amateur Dramatic Society will be firmly established, thereby adding another to the activities connected with our social life.

Another suggestion which happily shows promise of materialising is that of an Estate Band. There do not appear to be any insurmountable barriers in the

way, and it will no doubt be pushed forward in the near future. It is hoped that the residents will take a serious interest in the matter. There is certainly room for such an organisation.

The Estate Council have great pleasure in announcing that the "Hopieties" are coming up again. Arrangements have been made with them for an open-air concert on July 11th. As this is the date fixed for the Rose and Sweet Pea Show, we are anticipating a very enjoyable time. Residents will please note.

It is hoped to shortly complete arrangements for visits of the usual bands on Sunday evenings. A start will be probably made in June. For particulars see case.

MONTHLY MEETING.

In spite of the warm weather and the light evening, there was a fair attendance at the Monthly Meeting on May 21st. Mr. E. T. Groome presided, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been disposed of, Mr. R. Scott announced two interesting items in the report of the Estate Council; first, that with a view of developing the latent histrionic talent on the Estate a Sketch and Dramatic Society was being formed, a successful meeting for that purpose having recently been held; and also that in the near future it was proposed to form a band.

The General Committee's report given by the Secretary consisted largely of matters arising out of the previous monthly meeting. A rule of the Tennis Club that children under fourteen be not allowed on the tennis ground, unless in charge of a responsible person, provoked some discussion, but was eventually agreed to.

Dealing with the outhouse question, an announcement was made that paint may be obtained from the Works at 3d. per pound.

Mr. J. Elliot moved a resolution, to be sent to the Board of Education and the County Council, heartily approving the action of the County Council in taking steps to provide the parish with a new school. This was seconded by Mr. Harrott and carried *nem. con.* A discussion *re* the adjustment and allocation of rates brought the meeting to a close.

CRICKET CLUB.

We are unfortunate, although we have played four games, in not being able to record our first win. Results are appended herewith. We have succeeded in obtaining a few fresh members to take the place of those who dropped out from last year and the Secretary has had one or two more names suggested to him. First subscriptions are now due and the Secretary will be pleased to receive 3s. from each playing member at an early date.

RESULTS TO DATE.

- April 25—Tramways Friendly, 87; H.G.S., 67.
 May 2—Manor C.C., 88; H.G.S., 67.
 „ 9—Belgrave Town 2nd, 107; H.G.S., 50.
 „ 16—Humberstone Road P.M., 94; H.G.S., 50.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES.

- May 23—F. J. Palfreyman & Co. (home).
 „ 30—Castle C.C. (home).
 June 2 (Whit Tuesday)—Belgrave Hall (home).
 „ 6—Friends' Adult School (home).
 „ 13—Wilkes' Bros. (home).
 „ 20—Belgrave Hall (at Belgrave).
 „ 27—Tramways Friendly (home).

Letters to the Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED.

"PULLING YOUR LEG?"

To the Editor.

Sir,—The following is a cutting from a famous book of remedies:—

"*Lawn Tennis Leg* is a rupture of some of the fibres of the calf muscle. It occurs in middle-aged men while playing tennis. A slight shock as if the leg were struck by a tennis ball is felt on inner side of calf. Pain and weakness on movement is experienced, and slight bruising occurs in twenty-four hours or so."

The correct treatment to follow I will supply if needed. I particularly want to draw the attention of middle-aged males to their danger. Let them beware!—Yours &c.,

G.A.P.

P.S.—It says nothing like this about golf, skittles or bowls.

A LENDING LIBRARY.

To the Editor,

Sir,—It was with pleasure that I noticed "Wood B. Reader's" letter in your last issue, raising once again the question of a lending library. We have our cricket, golf, lawn tennis and other recreative clubs, but as yet have no organisation for supplying useful books for the perusal of residents. I do not see the need at present of the Estate Council making a grant; that would be better done when we have a suitable room for the purpose of a permanent library. If the Estate Council would ascertain what books could be loaned to them from residents, prepare a catalogue of same, and charge readers one penny per volume, they would shortly be in a position to subscribe to those societies, such as the Fabian, which for a subscription of 10s. per year would send a box of books (containing 25 books by the best authors) selected out of a stock of 5,000. These books could be exchanged quarterly, or when desired. The Estate Council, to commence with, could have from me the loan of 20 books by such authors as Tolstoi, Ruskin, Kingsley, Lytton, Dickens, and others, and I have no doubt that there are many residents who would be agreeable to add to the number.—Yours &c.,

A.R.

Character is not determined by a single act, but by habitual conduct.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

INAUGURAL MEETINGS IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 1914.

3.30. Musical Service. Speakers: Rev. J. Cooke and Mr. Chapman.

5.0. Public Tea, 6d. each.

7.30. Inaugural Meeting. Speakers: Rev. J. Holmes and Mr. E. Burrows.

The Saxe Prize Choir will render a series of Musical Items.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH, 1914.

6.30. Opening Service. Preacher: Rev. Joshua Holmes.

A Holiday in the West.

In the latter days of August, 1913, my wife and I booked to Torquay, for a week in the West, and during our holiday were favoured with ideal weather. The part of Torquay selected for our home was Babbacombe. This expanding suburb is situated on the famous Downs bearing that name, from the top of which health-giving breezes are to be caught from the Moors or the English Channel. The view from the top of these cliffs—rising from 200 to 500 feet above the sea level—is magnificent. In whichever direction you cast your eye, Nature seems to present itself in glorious guise. We stand right in the centre of these downs; on the left we see Oddicombe Beach, reached by winding paths amongst trees and shrubs, which are plentiful down to the water's edge. The Beach is composed of white pebbles, and the cliffs are of red sandstone, and the beautiful green of the foliage completes the blending of colour. With the sun shining upon the scene it presents a picture of beauty, which will many times be recalled to our mind during the greyer days of life. Beyond Oddicombe the view extends to Teignmouth, presenting to us many miles of cliffs, with their opening nooks, small bays, and ever-changing foliage; while further round, looking across the sea, Exmouth is full in view. To the right Babbacombe Beach, rather rocky and rough, is seen; the foliage of this portion of Babbacombe is full indeed: so thick are the shrubs and trees that in the distance they seem like a thick, close forest; a cottage or two amongst this wood adds to its picturesqueness. Seaward, beautiful shining waves of green and blue sparkle in the sunshine. Taking a walk for a short distance, we catch a glimpse of Berry Head, the extreme point of the Torbay Coast. Inland is wood and dale, hill and field—a charming country view, bounded by the Moorlands of Dartmoor. Babbacombe is within easy reach of Torquay proper; the electric tram takes you down to the Harbour in a very short time. The Corporation of Torquay provides a Band of good quality, which plays three times a day in Prince's Gardens, while the Pier Pavilion has a company of entertainers each evening; there is also a Theatre and Picture Palace.

Torquay proper is a veritable Garden City; built upon several hills, the houses seem to be dotted here and there among the trees, making the place look like one large park. The houses rise tier upon tier to a great height, making a pleasing picture, especially when the lights are on. The best position to view the town is from the water. Torquay is sheltered from all winds but the south, and presents a unique appearance for a seaside place, inasmuch as tropical plants and trees are seen growing right in front of the sea. The Rock Terrace, upon which these plants grow, is a veritable paradise of flowers and plants; geraniums, lilies, fuchsias, and maiden-hair ferns are there in great profusion; amid these flowers you may sit and view the harbour, gardens and pier. A short walk up hill will bring you to "Daddy Hole Plain"—a hill which is supposed to have something to do with his Satanic Majesty. All I can say is, that his Highness knew how to appreciate a nice view if he made this his abode. Standing on this eminence we have a view of the whole of Torbay, with its eleven miles of coast. The eye wanders along from Torquay to Paignton, across the water to Brixham, on to the bold cliff called Berry Head. Upon this head, which bears the brunt of the waves

rolling down the English Channel, is one of our coast-guard stations and a useful lighthouse, whose light has proved the salvation of many seamen. Torquay also affords an opportunity of many sea excursions: launches run continually across its Bay to Brixham, while small steamers journey to Teignmouth and Exmouth; the other way steamers ply to Dartmouth and Plymouth. We took advantage of an excursion to the latter place as our day's outing. The sail in the G.W. Railway's steamer proved a very enjoyable one; the distance is over forty miles. The sea was in perfect good humour, calm and placid as a lake. We viewed the coast of rugged, bare rocks, and noticed the sparsely populated shores. We passed the mouth of the famous river Dart—on a former occasion we sailed its navigable portion. The scenes upon its banks has earned for it the name of the English Rhine; certainly for beauty it can hardly be beaten. On we sailed past Start Point, and finally reached Plymouth.

Plymouth Hoe, upon which we spent the afternoon listening to the strains of a band, is a famous promontory. It was here that the great Admiral Drake was, according to tradition, playing a game of bowls when the news came of the appearance of the Spanish Armada. The view from the Hoe shows the famous Plymouth Sound, where most of our great liners call for mails and passengers. Far away out to sea the Eddystone Lighthouse can be seen, beside it you have a view of the stump of the old lighthouse, which has been moved and built again on the Hoe—visitors may go into and view the same upon payment of a small coin. From here the visitor may enjoy sea-trips to his heart's content, viewing by this means the beautiful river scenery of the Tamar, Plym, and Yealm; while seaward he can sail down to the Cornish Coast to a pretty little place called Looe. The railway company gave us a choice of return by rail, which taking advantage of, we had four and a half hours to view the town of Plymouth, the marked feature of interest to us being the fine premises of the Co-operative Distributive Society. Adjacent to Plymouth is the Devonport Dockyard; here the latest Dreadnought may be seen in the making.

I have tried to convey some idea of the beautiful scenery of the West, but words are a poor medium for this purpose. I can only hope that all who read this may have the pleasure of viewing the beauties of the West Country for themselves.

AMOS MANN.

KINDNESS.

A little word of kindness
Is a healing balm;
To a sorrow-laden heart
It oft brings peace and calm.

A little kindly action—
To you it may seem small
Yet to some poor little child
May be its all in all.

Just a simple kindly word
With meaning truly given
May be to some poor wand'rer's heart
A blessing sent from Heaven.

IRENE LANGLEY.

May 21st, 1914.

A clever woman finds it interesting to study men,
but a wise woman keeps them interested in studying her.

Garden Notes.

By the time these notes are in print the green fly will have made its appearance. They show themselves first on the young shoots of roses and fruit trees, also at back of red currant leaves, making them red and patchy. By killing the first batch as soon as they are hatched we prevent a large quantity of eggs being laid, which would give greater trouble afterwards. The paraffin and soft soap solution which has been recommended in this column on previous occasions, or any of the advertised insecticides, will be found very beneficial and should be used with a spraying machine or very fine syringe.

Summer Pruning of fruit trees may be commenced at once. This consists of pinching back all side shoots to third eye from base, leaving the leaders intact until winter. Anyone not feeling certain about this business would do well to get a little practical advice from a neighbour who has had the necessary experience. As soon as red currants have been pruned they may be tied round with a cord and covered over with curtains to keep off the birds.

Bedding plants such as calceolarias, geraniums, fuchsias, pentstemons, begonias, &c., may now be planted out with safety. Annuals of all descriptions give the best effect when arranged in beds or patches of separate colours and varieties.

T. R.

"Every time I see grandfather's sword I want to go to war." "Well?" "But every time I notice grandfather's wooden leg I cool down."

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A child's essay on Haydn runs thus: "Haydn's father and mother were pheasants. When he was eight years old he was turned out of doors, and he went into a choir practice and remained till he was seventeen. Before he died he said, 'Carry me to the piano!' When he was at the piano he played over the book of Genesis three times and expired."

Children's Corner.

A SONG OF LITTLE BIRDS.

In a nest, where yesterday
Tiny little bird's eggs lay,
I have looked, and found instead
Babies of the robin red.

In a nest by holly hedged,
Baby thrushes are, just fledged;
Little larks live in the grass
(Tread on tiptoe when you pass).

Baby owl in tree-trunk lives,
Swallows underneath the eaves,
Starlings in the chimneys high,
Little crows rock near the sky.

Tiny birds so frail and weak
Cannot fly and cannot speak;
But their wings will soon grow strong
When the summer comes along.

ERIC LYALL.

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Sweet song is ended,
Glad voice is still,
Sleep thou too little one,
Lullaby, Rest.

Lullaby, Lullaby,
Love rocks thy cradle,
The cradle of mother's arms, tender and strong,
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Sweet shall thy slumber be, slumber of perfect rest,
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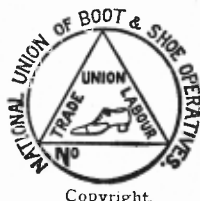
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