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MISS E. E. GREEN'S SIXTH LETTER.

After leaving the Winter Gardens, we stroll along the Promenade towards home, and on the way up South Shore we will take in a few of the sights on the beach.

Having reached a favorite spot on the Promenade we take a rest on one of the comfortable wooden seats. I watched the performance given by some clowns, dressed in red, with fools' caps on, and large black buttons tacked in sundry places to give them an air of distinction, for even this class of people have rivals. Their stock-in-trade consists of a melodeon, banjos, guitars and a tambourine; the singing is simply lovely, and if any one is suffering from indigestion, or a fit of the blues, and needs refreshing, just let him spend half an hour listening to the nonsense thrown upon his refined or sensitive ear, and he'll soon come round and be able to say the show was well played and cost him what the show gave forth—absolutely nothing. Songs, dances, jigs, comic talk, long faces, and hideous looks greet him at every turn, and as the melody of the last sweet voice dies away, he longs for a change and turning his head in another direction he notices some young people amusing themselves to the annoyance, and yet laughter, of a young woman and a brave man who are enjoying a quiet hour away from the rushing and never ceasing tide; the hum of merry voices and the patter of thousands of feet on the pavement above their heads. This couple are sitting on the embankment. I heard a gently dropping of something very much like sand, and upon examination to my surprise I noticed the young folks of the first party quietly but persistently throwing the sand upon the loving pair, who, nothing daunted, carried out their programme to the cheering of many a bystander, until the scene began to show signs of a public affair, and they withdrew to their lodgings, with arms round each other's waists and looking perfectly serene. Its quite a common sight to see half a dozen people in a row, arm in arm, men and women together. The English don't seem to notice it, but to a foreigner it is strikingly funny and appears rather out of place with one's usual surroundings. There I won't give any more of these English lumps away, or I shall be obliged to obtain a passport to another country.

I hear a crowd closely watching a Punch and Judy Show. Of course these dolls are quite cute, having learned their alphabet when first put on the bench, and its no wonder they're such clever and eloquent talkers in the hands of a first-class ventriloquist. I proceed still further and notice signs lettered "Oysters!" "Ice Cream!" (mostly ice on a tin plate), "Fried Fish and Chips!" (These latter are bought by those who have money to burn, as the chips are a kind of potato, and they're hardly fit for burning, unless you eat them while too hot). "Bananas!" such as you and I would leave for the Italian to sleep on. "Blackpool Rock!" that needs a hammer to break it and teeth as strong as, well—I won't mention this again, but shoe leather would work up quite as easy. There are any amount of cheap Johns, who buy for a few pence and knock down for as many shillings and those who fancy they are getting a gold watch, find the brass in it would make a candlestick. Still another sign—the most touching and unique yet—"Baby Incubators," with real live children. This is the best treat outside London, and you are invited to throw your cash away and see the mechanism of this wonderful and outrageous article. But such things don't bother me, except that my sympathy is with the children who are tossed upon the world, subject to the scorn and criticism of a people eager to see the latest scheme for making money, while the proprietors of such advertisements laugh up their sleeves at the joke palmed off at the expense of innocent childhood. There are any amount of gin palaces and grog shops, and the sad part is that young women come to that point where they stand behind a bar in a tap-room, and while drawing the beer or serving whisky they are forced to listen to language not fit to cross the lids of human beings, while the sights are too painful to mention. I think I can safely say I never saw in Canada a child sent to buy beer, or have I seen more than a dozen drunken women on the streets in fifteen years, and the men who are really drunk are so few in comparison with the large numbers seen in England, that it speaks well for our Dominion where sobriety is one of the chief causes of the nation's happiness and gives it a place in the front rank of the world's prosperous colonies. Remember, I am not criticizing or judging England or any other country on the lines of sobriety or total abstinence, but I am merely mentioning it from that point of view

common to an observing traveller, who is willing to give and take the best part of all discussions dealing with such important topics, and I must leave it with my readers to make a choice between the right and wrong of what leads, if not restricted, to depravity, poverty, sickness, and at last death under circumstances too sad to relate.

"What say you to an hour's sail on the Irish Sea? Come! the weather is simply charming!" and the speaker turned to a boatman, asking him to prepare for the proposed trip. The above conversation was going on among a merry party of trippers who were desirous of viewing Blackpool from the sea, and as I chanced to hear the gentleman who was giving the invitation to his friends, I thought here's my opportunity to watch the launching of the boat, which at present is lying high and dry on the side of the Promenade. The tide not having come in yet, arrangements must be made to convey the passengers to the water's edge some half mile distant. The time will be about 8 a. m., and it is low tide, but if you should come to view the same spot at noon you will notice the water reaches the top of the hulking, and should it be stormy, the Promenade itself may be swimming in the waves that dash upon the street, and electric cars, vehicles and people have to either wait for the water to recede, or plunge and flounder around in the midst of it. This coast has been visited by many severe and costly storms, one of the most touching being when one of Lord Nelson's flagships, "The Foudroyant," was wrecked on these shores in 1897. Her parts, chiefly the oak and copper, were sold to a company who had them fixed up into all sorts of curiosities, and said company give a written guarantee as to the genuineness of the valuable article you may purchase from the stock.

And what about the boat? you ask. I find some half dozen sailors have been busy rigging her up, and having put some rollers under the keel, they slide in on to a car, suitably made to hold it in position, and in a few minutes the horses trot off to the sea, and plunging in the driver, astride his beast, checks the reins as he finds they are far enough to let the boat touch the water, and swinging it around gently the horses return to the sands, and our vessel calmly glides to her accustomed place and proudly sets her sails for a pleasant trip, while the merry party of excursionists are brought out in a boat-car, and are soon tumbling in, finding seats as conveniently as possible. At the word "Go!" they are soon rocked in the cradle of the deep, and any day one may watch the tum of sea-sick voyagers, who think it must be "just elegant" to have a sail in such a strong stout boat, but find half an hour's sport sufficient to build up their fast waving strength as the boatman laughs up his sleeve at the idea of landing them so quickly, thus giving him another chance to take others, who must have just one sail for the sake of the sea.

The lifeboat is stationed here, and many brave and daring rescues of life and valuables are recorded on the tablet which describes the whole affair. One cannot read of such bravery without pity and praise for the noble sailors who leave their all for the sake of others in danger.

"Tis evening and the sun is fast sinking to rest, apparently settling like a ball of gold upon one of the guards of the Central Pier, and as I watch it from my window I am filled with awe at the magnitude of such a fiery spectacle, shedding its glorious light upon the waves beneath this "peopled way," when suddenly it grows dimmer and paler, the rays changing from the deep set tint of the guinea to a brighter and most lovely shade of purple and red, tinged with blue, against the summer sky. As I ponder over the lingering beauty of the setting, fading from my view, I remember that while it has been shedding its glorious light and warmth upon Dear Old England, it has also shone upon that fair country (Canada) with its fields of glowing corn and its wide-spread prairie, where the rivers and lakes, touching inland and ocean, carry thousands of people from the East to the West, to and from afar.

What a contrast! But a short time ago the sun was sufficient to give us light; now we must seek artificial means to guide us on our way, and as I look upon South Shore I try to count the electric lamps. Finding it impossible to keep track of such a large number of them, I decide that Blackpool has either electricity enough to run a big city, or else it needs the lamps to shine upon those who love darkness better than light. Whether the children on the beach fancy the lamps are not for them, for youngsters prefer the light generally, I cannot say, but dotted around I notice some artistic work in the shape of castles, engines with cars attached, houses, shops, and even one place more suggestive than the rest and I presume its

a fort, for its labelled Pretoria, standing out in a clear and wonderful composition of sand packed tightly together and these are lit up by different colored lamps, setting off their beauty, and proving the skill of the little builder. Of course they must decorate with the Union Jack, and even go so far as to build of and upon the sand such men as Lord Roberts, Kitchener and Baden-Powell, while Mr. Kruger goes up in smoke from the summit of Pretoria's Fort. I hear the Hungarian band playing "God Save the Queen," and turning my footsteps along Lytham Road I hurry home to supper and bed, where Canadians have been hours ago, and blowing out the candle I dream of home and Canada.

Zion

A number of the friends from the Zion appointment met at the parsonage, Thornhill, took possession and managed affairs much to their own liking. Shortly after the arrival Mr. Keam and family were called to the parlor where the following address was read by Miss Sadie Ness, Mr. Robinson presenting a well-filled purse.

MOUNT ZION, Aug. 1, 1900.
TO OUR ESTEEMED PATRONS:

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Mr. Keam, who was taken completely by surprise having previously concluded that it might be a wedding but found some difficulty in selecting the bridal couple, made a suitable reply.

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