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**Across the Ocean.**  
MISS E. E. GREEN'S NINTH LETTER.

On July 25th I packed my trunk for  
Sale, near Manchester, and arrived  
there at tea-time. This pretty village  
contains about ten thousand souls. It  
is chiefly a residential place for people  
doing business in the city, and while  
there are so many residents, one is  
rather surprised to find no street cars,  
and the quietude of the neighborhood  
makes it a charming home for those  
who seek rest after the busy cares and  
turmoil of a black and smoky head-  
quarters like Manchester.  
The streets of Sale are long and wide,  
clean, and beautifully shaded with  
trees. The Bridgewater Canal runs  
through here, and is used largely for  
barges towing goods to and from  
Liverpool. The houses are mostly  
large ones and have nice gardens ad-  
joining them, where flowers or vege-  
tables grow in the greatest profusion.  
The Priory, a very old mansion, par-  
ticularly struck my fancy, indeed I  
had the pleasure of taking supper in  
this quaint and rather weird place,  
which has quite a history of its own,  
not only because the monks lived there  
in by-gone years, but because it is sup-  
posed to be haunted. I saw one of the  
handles of a coffin that was upon the  
roof of this house for a century, and  
also a pair of handcuffs used in ancient  
days. When a visitor refused to take  
wine, offered by the host, the penalty  
was to hold your arms up while the  
liquid was forced down your throat.  
Of course there's no need of such harsh  
treatment now; one's answer is either  
Yes! or No!

I had the opportunity of meeting a  
lady and gentleman in Sale who had  
visited Canada, and who were highly  
delighted with both Dominion and  
people. I took several side trips from  
Sale, the most interesting being a visit  
to Bucklow Hill and Rostherne, the  
seat of Lord Edgerton.  
Our way led through several miles  
of beautiful scenery, as we journeyed  
on the train. Arriving at Bowden we  
took an open cab and drove through a  
fine country until the hill was reached.  
We strolled around the gardens be-  
longing to the inn where we put up  
and I think I never saw such beautiful  
roses grown in the open before. The  
bushes were laden to the ground, and  
the gardener didn't forget to give us  
some fine specimens of his handiwork.

Inside the house on a centre table  
stood a column of flowers that reached  
to the ceiling, and covered about forty  
inches in width. It was really beauti-  
ful, and the perfume of such a bouquet  
drowned the smell of wine which was  
being served from a window in the  
opposite corner. This is a very old  
established inn, and the Chippendale  
furniture and antique china and plate  
was well worth a visit. A cactus  
made of earthenware was nearly de-  
ceiving us, when we noticed a broken  
leaf, and the secret was revealed. We  
didn't stop for refreshments, but  
travelled on to Rostherne.

It was a very pleasant day, so we  
didn't hurry when we came to the  
church. Entering by the Lytch-gate  
we walked to the front of the building,  
which overlooks the Mere, a sort of  
lake. The view was perfect and en-  
trancing. Above us was a clear, blue  
sky, with a gradually setting sun,  
while some hundred and fifty feet be-  
neath where we stood flowed the Mere,  
calm and peaceful, and upon its bank  
beautiful trees lent their shadow to  
make the scenery picturesque. No  
boatman plied his oars upon this  
glassy lake, and no fisherman sought  
trout in this quiet retreat, it being  
private property. However, it flows  
on, while but a few yards away the  
church-yard offers thought for the  
living, and I was much impressed  
with the words on one stone in the  
centre of the walk, and the man who  
desired the following to be written as  
a hint for passers by: "Farewell  
vain world, I have had enough of  
thee," must have found life too much  
for him, and we trust his present  
abode is happier than the first.  
The Egerton family worship here,  
and have their chapels separated from  
the body of the church by arched  
columns through which the light  
streamed, and as we gazed it fell upon  
the marble effigy of His Lordship's  
young and pretty wife, who lies buried  
beneath. There are several others of  
this family interred in this portion of  
the edifice, and a keeper shows you  
the different points of interest.

We reached Bowden just in time to  
take train for Sale, after spending a  
most enjoyable outing. My friends  
planned some very pleasing and in-  
structive trips. I cannot mention  
them all, but a steam up the Man-  
chester Ship Canal, Barton, with its  
wonderful water-way, the Aqueduct  
and Viaduct here are said to be the  
cleverest piece of engineering in Eng-  
land, and I was doubly pleased to see  
it in full working movement. The  
trip on the canal was by a small steam  
packet, and as the distance to be covered  
was very short, we won't complain  
about the color of the water or the  
blackness of our surroundings, for at

Barton, where the canal widens and  
leads up to Liverpool, we noticed the  
scene was changed and the inky shade  
had assumed a tint resembling "The  
Bay" where the Chippewa strikes it  
at the eastern gap.

Returning to the landing stage, we  
took gas train for Barton, the route  
being through a park now owned by  
the Canal Company, but once the resi-  
dence of Earl de Trafford, whose  
house, situated in these grounds is  
used by a city golf club, and on our  
way many gentlemen were playing at  
this linky game. We reached Barton  
just in time to see a ship from Norway  
pass through the viaduct, when im-  
mediately after a barge, towed by  
horses led by a woman, went trundling  
through the aqueduct, and I saw what  
I had never viewed before—a by way  
for ships and boats moving at the  
same time the one above the other.  
We touched the town of Eccles, fam-  
ous for its cakes, and in the evening  
walked up the main street of Sale to  
watch the cyclists coming from their  
country rides. The bicycles were all  
lit up and as hundreds came in sight,  
from their winding path, the scene  
was very pretty.

Having promised a visit to Moston,  
another suburb of Manchester, I ar-  
rived at Bradshaw Fold, the home of my  
genial friends whom I had previously  
met in Blackpool. The place itself is  
beyond description, as there are very  
few houses and a little station, but  
when the electric cars which England  
talks of having in her towns and cities  
within the next century, touches  
Moston, thousands will come to live  
out here instead of in the crowded  
streets, where houses in Manchester  
almost fall on top of each other. The  
view I obtained from the Fold of the  
city of Oldham was perfect the day I  
looked across the vale, where the  
dense smoke had lifted for my benefit,  
for usually one cannot see half a mile  
off on account of the smoke from so  
many factories. However, my inter-  
est was centered in the people with  
whom I was visiting, and I enjoyed  
the quietness, the change from the  
hum and din of the city afforded. The  
homesteads around here have stood  
for generations, but time will soon  
alter things and the old must give  
place to the new.

I took several trips to the city from  
Moston, including part of a day at  
Oldham, otherwise known as "Cot-  
tonopolis," it being the chief centre of  
the cotton industry. Wonderful in-  
deed seemed the miles of big chimneys  
and huge factories, while the streets  
at certain hours are thronged with  
operatives, who earn good pay and de-  
posit a sum weekly for their holidays,  
when the whole amount is drawn,  
sometimes from the bank or the care  
of the employer. It often means as  
much as £50,000 among the work peo-  
ple of the city who go to the seaside,  
generally Blackpool, and spend the  
whole thing, it being considered a  
breach of generosity to return home  
with a single penny.

Oldham is a very dirty place indeed,  
and the gentry who have fine houses  
in their parks have a great deal of  
trouble to grow flowers, shrubs or  
trees, the smoke killing them whilst  
newly planted, or withering them if  
matured. No trees adorn the streets  
and on every side the ascent is steep  
and unfitted for driving and cycling.  
I spent a few happy hours in this  
place, and also in Hollingshead, an-  
other spot between Oldham and Man-  
chester. I reached Sale after this few  
days' trip, and proceeded to Buxton  
previously described.  
The Grove, Old Dalby,  
Leicestershire.

**Markham Council.**  
Council met at Unionville on Sept.  
18, Reeve Quantz in the chair. Mem-  
bers present, Dimma, Summerfeldt,  
Eckardt and Sisley. Minutes of last  
meeting read and adopted.

The following communications were  
read: From Thomas Crawford, clerk  
of Scarborough, re account Higgins &  
Douglas; from Daniel Lamb, Toronto,  
re Electric Radial Railway.  
Summerfeldt—Dimma—that the  
sum of \$5 per month be granted to  
Mr. Evan Powney, for the mainte-  
nance of Mr. W. G. Mitchell and wife  
from the 24th of May till the 24th of  
September.—Carried.

Eckardt—Dimma—that the reeve  
and mover be commissioners to repair  
bridge between lots 10 and 11, con. 4;  
also to repair bridge between lots 20  
and 21, con. 5.  
Eckardt—Summerfeldt—that this  
council grant the sum of \$75 to be ex-  
pended in cutting down hills and oth-  
erwise repairing road opposite lots 34  
and 35, con. 2, and that Mr. Sisley and  
the reeve be commissioners to expend  
the same.  
Eckardt—Sisley—that Mr. Summer-  
feldt be commissioner to repair bridge  
opposite lot 28, con. 7.  
Summerfeldt—Eckardt—that the  
treasurer be and is hereby authorized  
to pay the following accounts in con-  
nection with the judge's court of ap-  
peal re Metropolitan Electric Railway  
assessment: Witness fees, \$20.25;

lawyers, \$13.25; commissioners, \$17;  
telephone, 55c.; total, \$60.05.

Dimma—Eckardt—that the treas-  
urer be and is hereby authorized to pay  
the following accounts:  
Padgett & Hay, hardware.....\$ 23 18  
R. Duffield, culverts..... 6 00  
A. McPherson, rods and bolts..... 10 30  
A. F. Dimma, hauling plank... 1 50  
Robert Hopper, culverts..... 4 00  
J. Malcolm, lumber and culverts 5 25  
A. Lowery, repairing bridge... 3 50  
W. J. Ramsey, culvert, etc..... 5 00  
Markham Sun, Voters' Lists... 53 60  
D. & G. Harrington, lumber... 98 38  
John Hickson, work..... 3 17  
J. Thomas, repairing culvert... 1 50

Sisley—Eckardt—that the treasurer  
be and is hereby instructed to pay the  
following gravel accounts:  
James Malcolm.....\$ 5 00  
Gordon Dimma..... 2 10  
Richard Ash..... 4 30  
Henry Gamble..... 13 40  
Frank Robinson..... 3 00  
George Robinson..... 8 00  
T. Jarvis..... 7 80  
A. F. Dimma..... 3 60  
W. Collison..... 13 55  
John Sewell..... 1 60

Sisley—Summerfeldt—that Mr. Dim-  
ma be and is hereby appointed a commis-  
sioner to investigate and adjust out-  
standing accounts between the town-  
ships of Markham and Scarborough.

Summerfeldt—Eckardt—that Mr.  
Harding have permission to clean out  
ditch opposite his lot, con. 2, under  
the supervision of Mr. Sisley.

Eckardt—Dimma—that when this  
council adjourns it stands adjourned  
until the 16th day of October next.

Dimma—Sisley—that the reeve and  
Mr. Eckardt be commissioners to re-  
pair bridges at Buttonville, German  
Mills, and between lots 5 and 6, con. 2.

Summerfeldt—Dimma—that Mr.  
Sisley be appointed commissioner to  
repair bridge between lots 20 and 21,  
con. 3.

Council then adjourned.  
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