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MISS E. E. GREEN'S TENTH LETTER.

Manchester is the centre of many large and important industries. Its population is about 550,000 and it may also be stated that more people live within a radius of fifteen miles of this city, and it is greater in proportion than any similar area in the British Isles, not excluding London itself. The city of Manchester proudly holds its head in a most haughty manner as you look at its ship canal, renowned the world over from a commercial point of view and where ships of all nations carry to and fro all sorts of merchandise, grain, cattle and large quantities of lumber. The construction of this canal is one of the cleverest engineering feats of the present century, and cost nearly £16,000,000. However, it has made the city not only very wealthy, but gives it a name as a seaport and a direct route to the ocean.

Many large warehouses are found in Manchester, enabling business to be done on a wholesale scale, as nearly all old established firms in the civilized world reckon to have a representative in this section of England. This is here that John Rylands founded a mighty trade that covers the known globe. He was a generous man, raised from the humble walks of life, and bestowed wealth and honor upon those who worked with him or knew him best. The library in Deansgate, founded by Mrs. Rylands in memory of her late husband, and opened on October 6, '99, contains the finest and most complete collection of old books in the world. The amount expended upon books, building and endowment is over £1,000,000, and that portion of books purchased from Earl Spencer and known as the "Althorp Library," cost £250,000 and is well worth seeing. No books are allowed to be taken from the rooms, many being so precious, as they are the only copies in the world, that care has to be exercised in the handling of them. I paid a visit to Southern Cemetery to see the tomb of this great man, so very unpretentious, yet so generous and kind. The central figure is really beautiful, and at the corners angels stand in the act of trumpeting with golden instruments. As a mausoleum it is a fitting receptacle for John Rylands, merchant and benefactor. The crematory stands to the right of this tomb, some quarter of a mile distant, but I only saw the building from the outside, which resembles a church.

I had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Exchange with one of the members, and I am told it has the largest assembly rooms in the world for commercial men. The interesting sight is on Tuesdays at 2 o'clock, the time of "High Change."

From here we proceed by car to Bellvue Zoological Gardens. The animals and birds were very interesting. The monkeys were mostly up to date, while one, a little more friendly than the others, pumped a cup of water and passed it round to the amusement of the bystanders. The big elephants laden with women and children taking a ride was a show in itself, especially when Jumbo would hunch and then what a scramble and such laughter! The strangest mixture to me was a maze, a sort of garden composed of hedges about seven feet high, planted in a very intricate manner, the idea being to lead the unwary visitor to the enticing retreat, which, from the outside, looks very nice. Once inside the gates you seek a way out, but in vain. Perchance you succeed in reaching a grotto in the centre of the grounds, which is raised considerably higher than the hedges themselves. Just when you fancy you're going to walk straight out, you come to a corner full of people, frantically screaming to be released, for they are lost, the same as you are, until some smart person unravels the path himself, or waiting your turn you will be shown out by a keeper. The fireworks at night called for the "Siege of Ladysmith." This was very well carried out and the scenery was good.

Arriving at Manchester we took the train for Newton Heath, and walked home through the grounds of a coal pit. The fog was very thick and miserable, but we reached Bradshaw Fold well pleased with our outing.

The Cathedral in Manchester is a very old building, erected in 1422, but a fine place in all respects, notwithstanding its age. The organ here is one of the largest I have seen. Bishop Fraser is interred in the chancel, the sarcophagus being enclosed by a high railing. Being visitors we were allowed to see it. And now we come to the Town Hall, a very grand pile of stone. The exterior is as black as coal on account of the smoke which discolors stone buildings very quickly making them look very much older than they really are. Having purchased passes to see the Hall, we follow a guide up a long corridor, finally stopping in a large open space, a sort of reception room where people can wait their turn to be shown around, three persons

only being admitted to the upper stories at one time. I notice several people at a centre table and upon enquiry find they are discussing the plan of Lake Thirlmere, the source of the water supply for the city. In front of the building in Albert Square a fountain is to be seen showing where the first water from this lake was received by the City Fathers on Oct. 13, 1894. Lake Thirlmere is over fifty miles from the city.

Ascending the staircases, which are artistically arranged in alcoves, and wind in a circular fashion, we reach the upper hall, the ceiling of which shows the portraits of former mayors. These are painted on the plaster and have a fine effect when the sun shines on them. The carpet in the dining-room is woven in a single square, about fifty feet wide, and is a clever piece of work. The silver plate belonging to this room comprises 74 pieces, weighing 10,000 ounces, and cost £7,000. The greater part of this was presented to the corporation by wealthy citizens and has been used only on special occasions, such as entertaining the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family. The Assembly Room is very fine, and at one end is a large pipe organ. The walls are nicely decorated, and frescos convey to the visitor the idea of what Manchester used to be. For instance such pictures showing the introduction of the weavers into the city, the expulsion of the Danes, etc., and telling how the city was founded, are to be seen. The ceiling of this room contains the Coat of Arms of all nations, and the first one that caught my eye was that of Canada, standing foremost among so many, and as I stood and gazed at it, my best wishes ascended for her prosperity.

The floors of the halls are Mosaic, and men were brought from Italy to do the work, which lasted seven years. The Lord Mayor has an elegant suite of apartments, which are used by Royalty when in Manchester. The shops are fairly large and well appointed, but there's a scarcity of elevators. The streets are very good, but rather narrow for the size of the place, and the buildings are packed closely together, and very dirty looking. To my great surprise there are no electric cars, consequently cabs do a rushing trade. There are several parks and public gardens, and in closing my account of this great city I must not fail to mention the Seven Stars Hotel in Withy Grove. It is the oldest licensed public house in England, and has been established nearly 600 years. The window panes are not so large as my hand, and the place itself is almost too ancient to stand. The neighborhood is quite historical, but is not a grove as its name suggests, but a side street which is both narrow and dirty. Omitting the smoke from Manchester it would be a desirable place to live in, and is a great centre for commerce and education.  
The Grove, Old Dalby,  
Aug. 29, 1900.

**School Report**

Report of Concord school for the month of September:  
Senior Fourth—Elmore Reaman, G. Miles, Alonza Watson, Lizzie Cooper.  
Junior Fourth—Elsie Troyer,  
Senior Third—Pearl Pearson,  
Junior Third—Fred Miles, Reta Stewart, Flora Stewart.  
Senior Second—Birdie Riddell, W. Bowes.  
Junior Second—Chas. Poole.  
Part Second—Mary Golland, Wilfred Keffer.  
Part First—Opal Stewart, Dessie Poole, Pryce Evans.  
Present every day, Wilkie Bowes.  
Aggregate attendance, 463; highest daily attendance, 30.  
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Report of Patterson school for the month of September:  
Senior Fourth—R. Rumble,  
Junior Fourth—V. Hislop, A. Rumble.  
Senior Third—H. Rumble, V. Charles, Junior Third—I. Keith, E. McNair, A. Sayge.  
Senior Second—F. Rumble, L. McNair, S. Charles.  
Junior Second—J. Keith,  
C—J. Rumble, A. McNair,  
B—R. Rumble, J. Hislop,  
A—J. Rumble, M. Charles, N. Rumble.

**King Township Council**

Council met at Lloydtown on Sept. 29th. Members all present. Reeve Lemon in the chair.  
The following bills were paid:  
J. T. Evans, repairs to 7th con. \$1 20  
R. Stewart, cedar and culvert .. 7 00  
Jos. Billings, salary .. 29 00  
R. Kirkton, gravel .. 4 24  
D. Wilson, repairs to culvert .. 1 75  
A. D. Carley, tongue for road machine .. 2 00  
E. W. Love, repairs to fountain 8 50  
J. Egan, repairs to con. 11 .. 3 50

W. Burton, work on road machine .. \$ 3 00  
J. Dugan, sheep claim .. 2 00  
F. Breedon, sheep claim .. 6 00  
Messrs. Burns and Legge were appointed a committee to sell the timber on sideline between lots 15 and 16, in 5th and 6th cons.  
The clerk was instructed to acknowledge a communication from Alderman Lamb of Toronto, re Radial Railway System.  
The reeve was instructed to consult the township solicitor re the sale of certain parts of the highways of this township not in use for road purposes. The bonds of Messrs. Edwards and Wells, tax collectors for this township for the current year, were accepted.  
Next meeting of the council will be held at Watson's Hotel, Loch Erin, on Saturday, Oct. 27.  
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