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MISS E. E. GREEN'S TWELFTH LETTER.

Arriving in a strange city at night one is apt to wonder what the next day will bring forth. Now that I come to think the matter out I don't know that I could give you any definite idea of what my first impressions of London were. One thing at least is certain, I never had experienced approaching such a city before, and I can't say that I ever want to again. The constant rush and roar of traffic from overhead and underground railways, busses, cabs, hansoms, trams, cars, motors and the thousands of people jostling each other on the pavements and streets, the happiness and misery, the riches and poverty, all mixed up together in a jumble, fairly stunned me, and when I went down to see the return of the City Imperial Volunteers from South Africa, my amazement can be better imagined than described.

There certainly is no place for show and glitter like London, but I would no more think of making my permanent home here than I would try to Money to loan on land and chattel mortgages at | cross the Atlantic in a skiff. I shall try to give my readers the benefit of

my wanderings. My entrance to the metropolis was on October 21. I left Old Dafby on the previous day, remaining in Nottingham all night. I came "up" to Lon-Newmarket | don, as the Englishman would say, although geographically it lies in the south-east of England, but the idea is that London is the only city in the country, and consequently is the Mecca of all who live on or come to TORONTO OFFICE: No. 1, Adelaide this little island. Our route lay through a new district, and we enjoyed the beauties of the fading leaf of a

My fellow-travellers included a lady refugee from Johannesberg, and an Australian, while another had just returned from Paris, and I who had hitherto kept quiet thought it too much of a good thing to hear strangers praising the different countries they had been in. When my turn came I enlightened them on Canada, giving East Toronto Office, Mr. Grant's residence, them a bit of my mind about that best of all lands, where I had spent over fifteen years. They all wanted to see Toronto, of course, but when the ocean loomed up before them, they changed their minds and decided to live here, and we parted at Marylebone depot good friends.

When I alighted I saw my uiece who had come from Shepherd's Bush to meet me. Once outside the station the rain came down so gently that I thought Oh its not worth while complaining after fairly fine weather in the Midlands. but as I write this letter and night ever since I came. The streets are swimming in mud and the air is choked with smoke and fog, and D BLOUGH after you have washed yourself six times a day, you do it again the License Auctioneers for the County of York, re- seventh. The underground railway spectfully solicit your patronage and friendly | didn't look very tempting, but there was no alternative, so we stepped in, the tunnels made us think of the In- and all answered to their names as folferno, for to me it seemed quite horrible. I was glad to get away from Savage, J. Palmer, H. A. Nicholls, F the din, and when I found myself at McConaghy, W. Sheppard, S. McBride, Montrose, sitting beside a cosy fire, G. McDonald, J.H. Sanderson, R. Joyce, didn't seem possible I had come to Trench, J. Glass,

where I was born. to any station, drop your ticket in a Geo. Thompson and Dr. Langstaff, slot, take a lift to the platform down- Thos. Ryan, being sworn, said :- I stairs and hustle on the train; bang | was motorman on car 31 on the mornthe Prince of Wales last August.

shops and sights, formed a jaunt one by those putting broken stones on the returned thanks to God for all the the accident occurred. The horse was 1 Mouse and Lot opposite the High School on | enjoyed. We also raised our hearts | was approaching. I could have stop-

greens to the chrate the return of the At mother time I ran over a calf and

the ss. Aurania. Our stand had been the car. chosen at Hyde Park Corner to view | Alfred Bowen, conductor, was standthe procession, but imagine the sur- ing in the back vestibule of the car at through the crowds saying the steamer | west of the car. was postponed till the following Mon- man, the other witnesses practically selves. Drunkenness reigned on every stopped as he considered there was hand, and it seemed hardly safe to great danger. St., and sighting the electric station | the horse by the head. we booked from Oxford Circus to the | The general opinion seemed to be

crowd, I "took off" alone on Monday, pitched a distance of 30 feet. in one solid block, and occasionally the kidneys lacerated. He considered animals to the very utmost against | The verdict, which was signed by people's heads or feet. The roar was every juryman, was as follows :-

presented in two acts: Number I.—Surge.

" 11.—Surgery. It was no wonder several sightseers were killed and nearly two thousand injured. I waited until the soldiers came from St. Paul's and into Cheapside, and when they had passed the point I stood, I returned to the train and escaped before the crowds got

The cheering, laughing, noisy mob. acted out of all reason, yet thousands of others praised them for their bravery, and I was much pleased to be introduced to one of the C, I. V's. the next week, when I was in London. He spoke very nicely of several Canadians he had met at the front, and said they had been heroes, and I was proud to hear that, as you all were the day Toronto welcomed them as the best men from Paardeberg.

Accidental Death.

An inquest relative to the death of David W. Eyer, who was killed by a Metropolitan car on Friday morning, Dec. 7, was held in the Council Chamand such crowds of people rushing ber Monday evening, Dec. 10, before J. R. McEwen, hither and thither one couldn't pos- coroner J. H. Wesley of Newmarket. sibly believe it was Sunday for it beat | Constable Brownlee called out the New York. The grimy darkness of names of the 15 jurymen empaneled, lows :- M. Naughton (foreman), P. G. and talking to my eldest brother, it G. Kerswill, J. Hall, T. Ludford, T.

Mr. J. W. Moyes was present on beso much, dreamed and talked of, and half of the Metropolitan Railway Com-

The next few days were spent in The witnesses, most of whom were visiting around Hammersmith, includ- on the car at the time of the accident, ing Ravenscourt Park, and the under- were motorman Thos. Ryan, conductground electric railway, commonly or, Alfred Bowen, F. T. Daville, W. J. took us from Uxbridge Road to the man, Glenton Waites, Fred Daville, Bank of England. You pay two pence H. J. Clubine, J. Innes, R. Elli ott,

goes the gate, and you're off at once. ing of the accident in question, I left Cars are like the elevated ones in New Newmarket at 7.30, the usual hour and York-smokers' carriage separate. was running on time. When reaching Each station is called out as the car the hill just south of Jefferson P. O. I pulls up, and if you want Chancery observed a horse and cart and two men Lane, The Marble Arch, British Mu- on the centre of Yonge Street, about seum, Bond Street, Oxford Circus, or the bottom of the hill. The horse was any of these depots its very handy. facing north, one man was holding it The walls of the station are of white by the head, and the other was standbrick, and the absence of smoke from | ing behind the cart. I slackened my the trains make it the cleanest under- car a short distance previous to reachground in the city. It was opened by ing the scene of the accident as some loose plank had been stretched between A run to the Bank, viewing the the rails for a temporary bridge used Saturday afternoon, dropping into St. street, I knew nothing of the acci-Paul's Cathedral for service, and fin- dent until I heard the conductor's bell ishing up by standing on the stone to stop and back up. The car might laid in front of the Cathedral in mem- have been running 15 or 20 miles an ory of the 60th year of Queen Vic- hour previous to reaching the bridge, toria's reign, and where she publicly and probably 10 miles an hour where blessings she and her Dominions had apparently standing quietly as the car and praised Him who had brought us ped the car had I seen danger ahead. to this revered spot in St. Paul's On being afterwards recalled Ryan said: A brewery wagon collided with The streets were gaily decked with my car some time ago, but I reversed cheap or exchange for outs. bunning, flogs, streamers and ever- the power and averted an accident.

boys just landing at Southampton per some sheep which crossed in front of

prise and disgust of tens of thousands | the time, consequently did not see the of people who had come from all parts party working on the road. Noticed to welcome the C. I. V's. home, when a jar of the car, and looking out saw a messenger on horse-back rode deceased lying probably 20 feet southwas delayed by a fog, and the show | With the exception of H. D. Har

day. Nothing daunted we proceeded | gave similar evidence, and did not atto Ludgate Hill and Fleet Street, tribute any carelessness to the motorwhere the crowds were densest, and man. Harman said he heard the when the news had become a byword, motorman's gong, and observed that the loafers turned to the public houses | the horse was frightened probably 100 and the streets were in the hands of a feet before the collision occurred. He howling mob who disgraced them- thought the car should have been

venture to the right or left, and as the | Glenton Waites said he was workbusses had been taken off their regu- ing on the street with deceased, putlar route we wandered to the Strand, | ting stone on the road, but could not via. Trafalgar Square, Picadilly, Regent | see Eyer, he (Waites) was holding

Bush, glad to have escaped without that the horse turned to the west, backed up and threw deceased against Being anxious to see a London the passing car, from which he was

and found my way to Cheapside. I Dr. R. L. Langstaff, who made a shall never forget the throng as long post mortem examination of the body, as I live. Men and women, young and said he found a deep scalp wound, the old, rich and poor, high and low, all skull, femer and 5 ribs fractured, and turned from side to side by the horses | that death was due to a fracture of of the Life Guards who backed their | the skull and laceration of the brain.

deafening, and the packing like sprats | "We find that the late David W. in a net. Nearly all the windows had Eyer came to his death by collision to be barricaded, and men climbed with a Metropolitan car on Friday lamp posts and scaffolding only to be morning, the 7th of December, 1900, torn down by more ferocious com- and that his death was purely accidentpanions eager to see the sights, or by al, with no blame to be attached to a policeman, who got roughly handled the men in charge of said car. We by the surging mob, and I read in the are further of the opinion that the Referee that our success in South two old men-namely, the deceased, Africa was Bobs, and our failure to | David W. Eyer, and Glenton Waites handle the crowd in London was |-were not capable of managing the Bobbies, and that Ludgate Circus was | horse which was the cause of the accident."

Victoria Square

The rifle club scored as follows at their last practice :-C. McKenzie......71 W. R. Capell69 Miss Mary Wellman has come home to stay for a few months with her par-

Miss A. Hopper gave the choir a splendid treat Friday last. School Section No. 6 intend having an entertainment in the school-room the last school-day this year.

Miss Bella Thirsk spent Sunday last at her own residence. Mr. Harry O. Klinck spent Sunday with Mr. A. Jennings.

S. S. No. 4, Markham.

Report for November. Jr. IV-Ada Hoover, Elsie Brillinger. Sr. III - Maggie Cosgrove, Leva

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