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MISS E. E. GREEN'S LETTER.

The quaint old city of Chester, with its many and varied associations of the past, is one of the most interesting places in Great Britain. Our outward journey from Stockport took us around by Warrington, returning via Crewe, the great railway centre of the different lines which use this station as an exchange for other parts of the King-

dom. Arriving at Chester about noon we proceeded to explore the ruins of St. Wurburgh, upon which spot the Cathedral now stands. The greater part of the edifice was erected during the reign of the Henrys. Its length is 375 feet, width 200 feet. The Bishop's throne is superbly ornamented, and was formerly the shrine of Chester's Saint, St. Wurburgh. The first Earl of Chester is buried here; also many of the nobility. We also visited the Abbey of St. John, which dates from 689, and was founded by King Ethelred. The church, restored from time to time, shows beyond a doubt its Saxon origin.

During the reign of the Conqueror the Earldom was given to his nephew, who had the jurisdiction over the county, and the Earls residing in the castle held therein their courts and parliaments. In 1159 Henry II. and Malcolm IV. of Scotland met here, when the latter ceded to Henry the counties of Northumberland and Cumberland, which had been taken from the British Crown.

The antiquities of Chester include remains of altars, tessellated pavements, vases, Roman baths, tiles and coins. No person expects to visit this city and leave without a walk on the wall, which entomb as it were the houses and people within the enclosure. The plan is square—the figure of all Roman camps. The foundations were laid in A. D. 73, by Marius, and were greatly restored A. D. 908 by a Mercian lady—Ethelfleda. The walls are over a mile and a half long and are kept in repair by the corporation. We paid a visit to the Phoenix Tower in an angle of the wall. On a tablet over the door we read, "King Charles stood on the top of this tower Sept. 23, 1647, and saw his army defeated at Rowton Moor," and we peeped through the tiny window on the spot where the King stood at the close of day. A splendid view is to be had from this tower of the distant hills and shattered battlements of Beeston Castle; also Delamere forest so famed in Cheshire story. The canal occupies the ancient site of the Roman road.

We ascended Morgan's Mount, beneath which is a place for a sentinel. During the civil wars this platform served as a place for four guns, and the results of the deadly assaults is proved by the fact that when the canal was being cut vast numbers of skulls and human bones were found. From here the view was perfect and in the distance we saw the winding of the Dee to its estuary. Flint Castle, Ayr Lighthouse, the church and Hawarden Castle, the late Mr. Gladstone's residence; also a view of the Clwydian Hills in Wales. Barron Field is also pointed out. This was the Roman soldiers' training ground, and the cemetery when Chester was plague stricken. "Pemberton's Parlor" a semi-circular turret built on the walls, invites us to a seat to rest by the wayside, while a sign tells us Queen Anne had the walls repaired in 1708. The next angle is the Water Tower—a fortification to guard against maritime foes at a time when the river washed its base and when vessels were moored to the side by fixing rings in the stones. Several baths, columns and altars of Roman origin are shown here. We proceed still further until the Water Gate is reached. Immediately below is the famous Roodee—a race-course. It contains eighty-four acres of land, and horse races have been held here since the 16th century. It is used as a play-ground and for military reviews, etc.

Crossing Grosvenor Road we come to the bridge, with a stone arch 200 ft. wide, said to be the largest stone arch erected and which was opened by the late Queen in 1832, when she was a Princess. Close to this bridge is the entrance to Eaton Hall, the seat of the Duke of Westminster. At this point we reach the Castle, the Suspension Bridge, and Floating Baths. Passing the Bishop's Palace we come to Thimbleby's Tower and the old stone arch forming a communication between Newgate Street within and St. John's without the walls.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Markham Plowing Match.

The annual plowing match of the People's Association was held on the farm of Mr. A. G. Gormley, Unionville, on Tuesday. There were 47 competitors, there was a large attendance of spectators, and, considering the very dry fall, the land plowed well. Alto-

gether there were four silver cups presented—two by Mr. M. R. Hemingway of the Queen's Hotel; one by Mr. J. W. Moyes; and one by Messrs. Lennox & Lennox, Barristers, Markham.

The following are the prize-winners: First class in sod, open to all—1, Jas. Hood, Markham; 2, Frank Weir, Scarborough; 3, J. W. Reeve, Churchill; 4, N. Wagg, Pickering.

Second class, open to plowmen who have never taken 1st prize in second class, or any prize in first class—1, Alf Steers, Scarborough; 2, Arthur Little, Scarborough; 3, Ernest Willis, Scarborough; 4, J. Malcolm, Scarborough.

Third class, open to boys under 18—1, R. French, Markham; 2, S. McClure, Vaughan; 3, G. Riddell, Whitchurch.

Fourth class in sod, wooden handle plows—1, Geo. Cowie, Markham; 2, J. Couperthwaite; 3, W. Walker; 4, F. Garbutt, Peel.

Fifth class in stubble, open to all—1, Arch. Bennett, Scarborough; 2, Arch. Empringham, Scarborough; 3, F. Buggs, Peel; 4, Alex. Weir, Scarborough.

Sixth class, in stubble—1, Robert Couperthwaite, Markham; 2, Egerton Sproule, King; 3, Thos. H. Harding, Scarborough; 4, Ernest Lowrey, Scarborough.

Class seven, double furrow plows—1, John Patterson, Markham; 2, A. McKinnon, Markham; 3, A. Irwin, Scarborough; 4, Freeman Allen, Markham.

Special Prizes.

For farmer's son under 18, son of a farmer working on a farm in East York, the grooming of the horses and condition of the harness to be counted with the plowing done at the match, silver cup by J. W. Moyes—Robert French, \$10.

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Best six crown furrows—Robert Couperthwaite.

Best crown in sod—S. Croley, Innisfil.

Best finish in sod—James Hood.

Best crown in stubble—A. Bennett Scarborough.

Best finish in stubble—Robt. Couperthwaite.

Best turnout—A. McKinnon.

A special prize donated to the youngest plowman in the field was won by Thos. H. Harding.

After the prizes were presented, luncheon was served at the Queen's Hotel, and happy speeches were made by Mr. W. F. Maclean, M. P., J. W. Moyes, S. Rennie, W. Milliken, A. Mason, J. Laurie, Jas. Ley, R. J. Corson, A. G. Gormley and others.

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School Report for October:
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Junior Pt. II—M. Chatterly, F. Chatterly, A. Page.

Part I—F. Gooderham, T. Rodinson, G. Ball, N. Page.

THE WILLING WORKERS.

There was a large attendance at the At Home given by the Willing Workers' Mission Band on Friday evening last. The entertainment was of a most pleasing character. The chair was ably filled by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Grant who made an excellent chairman. The most attractive feature of the evening was the tableau, "Britain and her Colonies." The first appearance in the tableau was John Bull, represented by Mr. Geo. Sims. England was then called, represented by Miss Flossie Startup and Miss Hannah Garbutt. Their costumes were white, draped with red, white and blue. Scotland came next, represented by Miss Lottie Startup and Miss Janet McDonald, and were dressed in regular Scotch suits. Ireland was represented by Miss Maggie McConaghy and Miss Alice McDonald, who were dressed in white and draped with green, and each carried a harp. India was represented by Mr. Conlin, who was dressed in the full costume of an Indian Prince. Australia by Mr. Arthur Boyle, who carried the Union Jack with the five stars. Egypt by Miss Annie Boyle and Miss Ella Marsh. They were dressed in white draped with red, and wore black head-dresses. Canada by Miss Georgie Boyle and Miss Annie Startup. They were dressed in white, and adorned with Maple leaves. They were accompanied by one of Canada's soldiers, Mr. Geo. Schell, dressed in his South African suit. After the audience sang God save the King, the red lights were thrown on and the chorus, "We're Britians' none the less, S.S." was sung by those in the tableaux. The programme was as follows:—Chorus, Willing Workers Mission Band.

Reading, Miss Lottie Startup. Quartette, Mrs. Farquharson, Miss J. McDonald and Messrs. Farquharson and Boyle.

Reading, Miss Hannah Garbutt. Instrumental Duet, Messrs. Garbutt and McKenzie.

Reading, Miss Georgie Boyle. Chorus by the Band.

Reading, Miss Annie Startup. Quartette, Mrs. Farquharson, Miss J. McDonald and Messrs. Farquharson and Boyle.

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