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LETTER FROM DURHAM

On The Way From Glasgow to Liverpool---A Look in at Newcastle. Durham Cathedral and Castle.

(BY W. L. COTTON)

From Glasgow we cut across Scotland, one fine morning to Berwick-on-Tweed, followed the lines of the coast and the railway thence to Newcastle-on-Tyne, stopped over at Newcastle for a couple of hours and passed on to Durham. Newcastle has, of course, the old castle from which it derived its name, as well as one of the greatest of shipyards and coals against which it is folly to send coals to compete. But Durham has both a Castle and Cathedral and also a great University with a number of Colleges in affiliation therewith. We were forcibly reminded of the latter fact by the students who, at the end of their studies had an "outing" on behalf of a hospital. Dressed and painted in caricature of animals and men they paraded streets densily crowded with the whole population of the town. Devoted as they are for the most part to business and affairs, the English people will readily take half a day off to see and hear anything that is funny and will pay their cash just as readily in support of institutions that appeal to their charity. On this occasion students along the line of the procession carried money boxes into which the people tossed their coppers and their shillings as the students passed and so gathered up wards of £80.

Durham Cathedral and Durham Castle are complementary of the other. Everywhere in Great Britain—England, Scotland and Wales all alike—the memorials of war are close to, if not under cover of churches dedicated to the Prince of Peace. It was more so at Durham, than in any other town we had visited. The Castle and Cathedral are in just a position; and there was a time at which one was dependent upon the other. Near the border of Scotland the former Kings of England found it necessary to have strong places at which they could defend the frontier and that of Durham was one of the chief of these. When the Congregation of St. Cuthbert chose this site for their Monastry in the year 995, an attempt at fortifications was as stated—a once made. The position, hogh above the river Wear, was naturally very strong. When William the Conqueror came over he caused the position to be artificially strengthened and the Prince Bishop of Durham was made responsible for its defence. This condition was continued until a comparatively late date. The verger who showed us through the Cathedral pointed to the statue of a Bishop, the last of a long line of Durham's Bishops who drew salaries amounting to £80,000 per year, because they were supposed to be charged with the up-keep and defence of the Castle as well as of the Cathedral. Happily the need for defence against the Scotts no longer exists. The Episcopal salary is reduced and the Castle is for the most part, in possession of the University and devoted to the purposes of education and the administration of the law. When we were there, the judges on Circuit were in residence at the Castle so that we could not obtain admittance to it. But we were enabled to give the Cathedral a careful examination under the leadership of a competent guide.

The greater part of this grand building was erected during the reign of William the Conqueror. Its foundation stone was laid in 1093 and the body of St. Cuthbert the Patron Saint—was laid in its shrine behind the High Altar in 1104. Subsequently the Lady Chapel or Galilee Chapel was added at the West End and the Chapel of the Nine Altars was added at the Eastern end. So that the total length of the Cathedral inside the walls is now just about 470 feet, standing at one end and looking to the other, the effect is simply grand. An authority upon European architecture has written: "I know nothing in the whole range of buildings in Europe which strikes the beholder in the same manner as the peculiar majesty of the nave of Durham.

In Durham, which is not comparatively a large church, we immediately feel that we stand in a mighty prescence." To the truth of this latter remarked we can bear witness.

Durham Cathedral contains not only the earthly remains of St. Cuthbert who died in the year 687 but those also of the Venerable Bede, the Father of English literature. The books in the library connected with it are available only to the privileged few.

From Durham we went on to York and passed there the last Sunday in June. But reference to the historic architectural and other things seen in this ancient city and in the other towns through which we passed on the way to Liverpool, must necessarily be the subject of another letter, perhaps the last of this series.

The agricultural conditions on the Eastern coast of England as observed from the car windows seem to be superior to those on the Wesern Coast. More cattle and sheep are maintained upon the fields and the fields are evidently fertilized and cultivated to the limit." As we passed we saw in the fields hay that had been cut and coiled—the first seen here this year.—W. L. C.

BARNJUM PRIZES AWARDED FOR ESSAYS ON PRACTCAL FORRESTRY

Prizes have been awarded in the $1,000.00 Prize Essay Contest on Practical Forestry offered by F. J. D. Barnjum, as follows:

First prize: $500, to P. Swanson, Timmins, Ontario.

Second prize: $250, to M. Currie, Grand Mira South, Cape Breton.

Third prize: $150, to Donald C. Oxley, Annidale, Queen's Co., N.B.

Fourth prize: $100, to R. M. Brown, Pincher Creek, Alta.

So many of these essays were of high order that the judges had a very difficult task in awarding these prizes, but inasmuch as the names and locations were detached from all essays before being submitted to the judges, the contestants have the assurance that no bias or favoritism entered into their decisions.

All these prize essays will be published in the press from time to time so that the public may have the benefit of the suggestions and recommendations contained in these valuable contributions to the cause of Forestry.

The unsuccessful contestants can feel happy in the thought that even if they did not win a prize this time they have contributed to the welfare of their country by the valuable suggestions contained in their essays, and as our forests are our most valuable asset (for without trees civilization could not exist) they are helping to solve Canada's greatest problem.

The success of this prize offering has been so pronounced that it is my intention to repeat this series of prizes in the immediate future and from time to time, also increasing the amount or value of the same.

It is important for our government to know that 90 per cent. of these 235 essays which have come from all over Canada, dating all the way from British Columbia to Cape Breton, call for an Embargo or heavy export tax on all pulpwood shipped out of the country. Eighty per cent. call for the permit system for all persons entering the woods, such as recently inaugurated in the province of Quebec, and the same percentage ask for the electrification of all railways, as a means of reducing the fire risk in our forests and also as a means of reducing our heavy railway deficit.

My sincere thanks and high appreciation are extended to the able judges who have given unstintingly of their time, thought and brains for Canada's good, not only in acting as judges in this prize contest, but in the many other ways in which they have assisted in the important cause of Forestry. All honor to Dr. C. D. Howe, Dean of Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto; G. C. Piche, Chief of Forest Service of the province of Quebec; R. H. Campbell, Director of Dominion Forestry Branch, and G. H. Prince, Chief Forester of the province of New Brunswick.

The thanks of all Canadians are also due to the press of Canada for the splendid publicity they have given to the cause of Forestry and all good Canadians should support Canadian newspapers and Canadian magazines. A prosperous press means a prosperous country.

FRANK J. D. BARNJUM.

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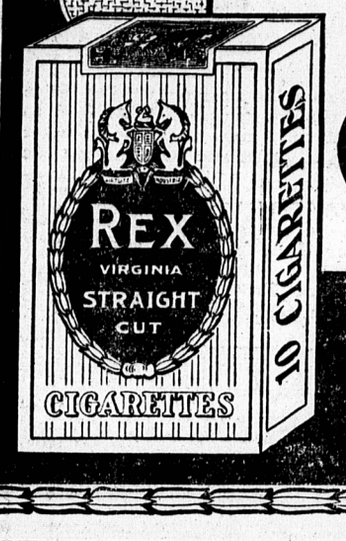

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Most frocks are of the fluttering flowing order, which, caught by the breeze, look very graceful. Foulards are taking the place of georgette and crepes of laces. Hats are circled with posies instead of being covered with plumes. Parasols are of foulard with wallpaper designs, of figures of green parrots or lovebirds. Long narrow feet are the craze of the moment, and slender, high-heeled shoes of snakeskin are coming into vogue.

For evening attire backless frocks with diamond or pearl supports are popular with some women of fashion. Many evening gowns are of a new cloth of silver or gold that resembles molten metal and that shimmers and glistens brilliantly under the electric light. Trains are inclined to be shorter, and are usually of gold or silver net. The new transparent cloaks which are being worn are trimmed with white, grey and black monkey fur.

Very little jewelry is worn; only a simple chain of jade or amber, or a Chinese mandarin's collar of teadwood beads.

HAD TELEPATHIC CALL

HAMILTON, July 19.—Yielding to her womanly intuition that mischance had overtaken her husband Mrs. Douglas Blaine left her home shortly before eight o'clock last night, walked almost a mile to where her husband had been working and thre found him dead. The walls of the sewer he had been digging caved in and killed him. He had been dead for an hour when his wife discovered his body.

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..*Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, Emerald, recently visited Georgetown. A

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..*Mr. Peter McPhee, Souris, recently visited Georgetown. A

..*Miss Eileen Allen, Emerald, recently visited in Georgetown. A

..*Mrs. LeBlanc and her daughter, Mrs. Crews, Georgetown, are visiting friends in Sturgeon. A

..*Mrs. Temple Gorell, Georgetown, recently visited Georgetown. A

..*Mrs. J. J. E. Doyle, Georgetown, recently visited Scotchfort. A

..*Miss Marion Dougan, Charlottetown., was a passenger to Georgetown this week. A

..*Mrs. Trainor and her daughter Agnes of Charlottetown were passengers to Georgetown this week. A

..*Mrs. James Hessian and Mrs. Allen McDonald, Georgetown, motored to Scotchfort Wednesday. A

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