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SUCCESS OF ALL-BRITISH EXHIBITION.

What with the wholesale removal of plaster statues, an entire renovation, and the abolition of all things early Victorian, the old Palace is being revolutionised out of all knowledge. Even its mile of galleries will be used for the up-to-date All-British Exhibition, and it has long been apparent that the object lesson of the Empire's industry will form the finest, liveliest, and most comprehensive display. Every stand is to be an attraction, and so keen are manufacturers to find a place at the Palace that some sections will have to be housed in especially erected buildings in the grounds. This All-British Exhibition will range from Empire pictures, lent by His Grace the Duke of Marlborough, from his galleries at Blenheim Place to machinery in motion; from a £2,000,000 diamond collection to live turtles in a pond, and from processes of manufacture to reviews of the British modes.

THE PAGEANT OF LONDON.

The pageant of London and Empire, under the control of Mr. Frank Lascelles, will be the most brilliant event in the history of Pageantry. The thirty-two scenes will be divided into four performances and 16,000 voluntary performers will be seen on the huge open air stage—an exhibition in a garden of 2,000,000 plants to be held out in the grounds.

One great feature of the Festival of Empire will be that there is to be no sacrifice of beauty, indeed the 250 acres of grounds will be made more enchanting than ever. The Festival will be an exhibition in a huge tree-dotted garment. The natural adornment of the grounds is in the hands of Mr. F. G. W. Henslow, M.A., the well known horticulturist, who has made a study of landscape gardening, and who has a veritable genius for finding fascinating effects.

Mr. Henslow has decided that, in transforming the grand terraces where the fountains will throw 500 jets of water into the air, his main scheme of decoration will be the red, white and blue of Old England, white to gain the Imperial purple, he will have masses of heliotrope.

Mr. Henslow has further de signed new roads, paths, lawns, conservatories, summer houses, and innumerable flower beds in all parts of the grounds. It is estimated that some 2,000,000 plants of varieties will be used, and these are now being specially reared by a number of leading growers. Of geraniums alone over 50,000 will be planted. Every type of English garden will be represented, and special attention is being paid to illustrate how even small plots may be made enchanting with the aid of the rock garden, the pergola of roses, the log of climbing roses, and the walled garden.

A particularly beautiful effect will be obtained on the grassy stretch, formerly used as an aviation ground. Here countless thousands of roses of every shade and size will bloom, the trees constantly being under the care of the most expert rose growers. In the centre of this delightful garden will stand the Terrace Club.

A model orchard of all English fruits is being laid out, and, in addition to the unrivalled display in the grounds, two rose shows, to be held in specially erected structures, are being organised. These are for cut blooms, one for amateurs, and the other for professionals. Imperial awards in

the shape of cups and medals will be given as prize in the various sections.

Trade Notice.

In addition to the commercial houses in Limon there will shortly be opened a first-class and up-to-date dry goods store, where a varied assortment of articles will be shown to suit the most fastidious. The proprietors have spared no pains in selecting goods that will suit this market, and we have no doubt that when the doors are thrown open to public view the appearance will amply justify our assertions.

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Zacheus on Bananas.

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Foreman—Collapses

Current News

Among the passengers that arrived here yesterday morning on the "Cartago" from New Orleans was Dr. C. L. Mangis. It will be remembered that the doctor left here some time this year for the States. He returns to take up his position as quarantine doctor in Limon for the U. S. A.

The Revd. Waite-Smith, late Rector of St. Mark's Anglican Church here, has been appointed by His Lordship the Bishop of Honduras to the vacant rectorship of the church at Bocas del Toro. Mr. Waite-Smith conducted the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services at Port Maria, Jamaica. The congregation and friends of the rev. gentleman although pleased at this mark of the Bishop's appreciation of his services are not satisfied with his transfer to another country.

The man who was arrested for stealing chickens on Friday afternoon, was given the opportunity of hiding his booty the same night, and he was granted him. It is alleged that he took advantage of the opportunity by footing it to nine miles during the night, from which place he took train for a further station. The police have been informed of his whereabouts and both himself and associates will no doubt be soon in the lock-up again.

The s.s. "Sarnia" of the Hamburg American Line left this port on Monday evening last for New York via Jamaica. She took away the following passengers: Francisco Valiente, Evan DePass, W. S. Matthews, H. P. Fahey, Emelio Araya; for Jamaica: Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Mary Bowen, Mrs. Agatha Webb, Mrs. Ellen Moulton and two children, Mrs. Albert the Mowatt and 37 deckers. She also took as cargo 8,999 sacks of coffee, 800 pieces iron, 178 sacks cocoa, 744 bags sugar, 23,500 bunches bananas, 1 case live plants, 13 packages rubber, 6 empty cylinders and 34 cases paint.

WANTED.—Bright boy at Winner's photographery.

The s.s. "Cartago" consigned to the United Fruit Company arrived yesterday morning from New Orleans via Barrios. She brought the following passengers: Mr. and Mrs. Alexander T. Bittin, Aurelo Saborio, Pascual Soboria, Charles Ballard, from Barrios; Miss Carmen Espanol, Miss Adelino Espanol, Miss Emelia Herrera, Edward H. Tyler, Paul Agiero, Oscar A. Duvernet, John S. Duffie, Dr. L. Mengis, Maurice Goldstein, and 3 deckers and 10 cabin passengers in transit. She also brought 135 sacks mails and 1 package.

Cricket in Limon.

An interesting game of cricket was played on the Plaza de Toro ground yesterday between All Jamaica vs. Other West India Islands. All Jamaica was captained by Mr. Horton and the Other West India Islands by Mr. Weekes.

Mr. Horton won the toss and sent in his men first to face the bowling of Messrs. West and Duriana. The two men bowled throughout the innings and proved a terror to the opposing batsmen as the whole side was dismissed for the innings score of 30. West did his best work with the leather and his balls were unplayable. None of all Jamaica got into double figures.

The Other West India Islands took their stand at the wickets and faced the bowling of Mr. Sam Natton and Lawson. Their attack was fairly stingy but the batsmen took a cautious play knocked up a score of 46, 13 runs leading them by 16 runs. A large gathering witnessed the game.

JAMAICA XII.

Horton c Francis b Darb m	..	4
Swarcw b W at	..	2
Sinclair b West	..	1
W at c Francis b West	..	1
Steadman c Cox b Dal lam	..	1
Barton ray c b West	..	0
D mack c Francis b West	..	0
Lawson b W at	..	5
Brown c Francis b Dal lam	..	0
East c Dal lam b W at	..	0
D mack out c b	..	4
Lacey b West	..	0
Byes	..	30

OTHER WEST INDIES XII.

Sam b Horton b N dia	..	8
Britt b L wison	..	4
Cox b L wison	..	2
W at c Francis b L wison	..	0
Scrimgeour c Face b N dia	..	0
L wison b L wison	..	0
Darling c W at b N dia	..	0
M Neeke b W at b L wison	..	12
Francis b Natton	..	3
W at c Francis b Natton	..	2
Brown b L wison	..	2
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Extras	..	45

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But what part does amusement play in real literature? We hear that the "Pageant of the public amusement in the ascendant" is the novel any the less literature for being amusing? or may it amuse without being literature?

But let us see what amusement is. An alternative term is recreation, which means literally being created anew. Any escape from the routine of life into an atmosphere which is harmonious with our faculties for enjoyment is recreation. A amusement is the antithesis of work. A book, the reading of which contains no suggestion of labour is a perfect recreation since it allows our overworked faculties to rest and call into play those faculties which otherwise would lie fallow and ultimately become stunted and dead. When we speak of a book as "recreating" we mean that it affords complete relaxation is not, however, very necessary to perfect recreation, for we may exercise one set of faculties, while relaxing another, literature is and should be relaxing in that it relieves the strain that are worn out by the dull routine of life, but any statement that a novel should be merely amusing, merely relaxing, is decidedly untrue to the fact, in the case. The public does not read recreation; we all want it; we all need it; it is one of the highest objects of literature to give it; but mere relaxation of wearied faculties will never create a new man. The true recreation we must have that in literature, which has been named *recreation*—something vital, real, true, and human.

It is the duty of all great literature to be interesting. That which has ceased to be interesting is dead, and the quicker it is buried the better. The fact is however, that no efforts at embellishment or preservation on the part of critics will keep before the public that which the public chooses to bury.

And this brings us to an other question. What part has popularity in real literature? Some swear only by that which is very popular; and to these, the masses of the people, declaring that they like that which is bad for its very foolishness; following in fifth and the common place, loving sentimentality and preferring to true sentimentality. We mean in that which is interesting is dead, and the quicker it is buried the better. The fact is however, that no efforts at embellishment or preservation on the part of critics will keep before the public that which the public chooses to bury.

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It is certain, beyond all question, that the Festival of Empire, the All-British Exhibition of Arts and Industries, and the Pageant of London, will be ready for opening early in this month. A casual stroller in the 250 acres of ground might think that a few of the many buildings there will be over 300—were a good way from completion. Exactly the reverse is the case, for all the tedious, difficult, and time-taking processes have been gone through, and those in charge of the work, gentlemen directing the operations of 6,000 men, say that the various pavilions of the Over-Sea Dominions will be finished in three weeks' time from now. The same applies to All Red Route, the 250,000 realization of Empire. The mile and a half of electric line running round the grounds has been laid, and this, in itself, is an engineering triumph, for in no place was a flat stretch of track found. Every available artist is now engaged upon the preparation of the three miles of scenery which borders the All Red Route.

It is interesting to note that every inch of fibrous plaster used on the buildings, and on the All Red Route, has been made at the Crystal Palace. This means the employment of 1,500 men, and they have used up so many millions of yards of "serim," a kind of canvas, that, at the present moment there is a famine in the market. The rows of light for illuminating the All Red Route total fifteen miles and 75,000 lamps, each of 16 candle power, will be used in addition to 200 are lamps. These, of course, are in addition to myriad gas and electric lamps on the buildings, and in various parts of the grounds.

Let there be no mistake about the paths at the Festival of Empire: there will be no sloppy walks. Existing roads are being protected by 50,000 railway sleepers at great cost, and each new road, of which there will be several, is made on the most scientific principles.

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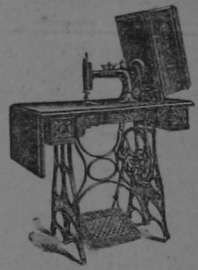
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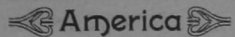
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