

Where also are the daintiest of flowers growing in the soil between the rocks. Jesus looks almost lifelike stretching out his hands to two of his followers in their fishing boat. The one is drawing in a well-filled fishing net. The colouring is exquisite and the whole scene - which stretches over the five panels one of great beauty. All of the windows in the church were bequeathed by people in memory of some one. The gateway into the church yard was given in the same way as was the bust of Robert Baker inside, which was given by his pupils in gratitude and recognition of his extensive knowledge of Maths. I thought it was only for things holy or appertaining to religion. Outside in the grounds is a reading room given by a man who had been headmaster at the Grammar School 1834 to 1867. Rather fine to beautify the town in this way. During the last few days we have seen numbers of Rhodadendrums in flower, mostly in the churchyard. I like their gay colourings such nice bold flowers quite a lot like Azaleas in their boldness.

The dry stone walls all over the English countryside are relics of an art that is slowly dying out. People have not the time nor patience to do that work now there is not the labour to be had. It is a shame for when the walls are in disrepair there is no one to attend to them at once and we see so many gaps which no doubt get worse and the walls look untidy and unattended too. I love the old houses built in this way too and I often wonder whether they are cold to live in. May be it is just the colour that makes them look cold.

We must be up early tomorrow to meet Mary at Sedburgh Station at 9-30 and then on to Thongsbridge near Huddersfield to pick up Edith. It certainly has been a lovely week in spite of the cold and wet. This is a great place for fishing and here the men come every weekend to fish for trout in the River Dee.

19th. It is going to be lovely having the children with us in a months time we do miss them so but of course could not have taken them with us. I think the experience of being at a nursery school and a lot of other children to play with will be all to their benefit. We have had a long day having left Sidburgh at 9-30 and arriving back at Salford at 6 p.m. Geoff drove the 230 miles with breaks for tea and lunch. Sounds slow travelling when compared with the distances covered out here in that time. But here in England what with towns and villages and heavy traffic one cannot cover as much mileage as we would in South Africa. I think the country we travelled through going was far more interesting than that on the return trip. Though I would not like to live in the Black Country, which we encountered between Shipton and Huddersfield it is most interesting and the veil of smoke which hangs in the air lends an atmosphere of mystery and intrigue. The Yorkshire buildings and the dry stone walls are all black. Whereas when we passed through Derbyshire we noticed that the walls were practically white and do not have that mellowed look. Yet I think Derbyshire the least attractive of all the counties we passed through. Staffordshire was much softer with its many trees. Warwickshire is always interesting with its black and white buildings and its pretty countryside. This country round Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire which includes the Cotswold country, with its beautiful little villages, many with quaint names, is probably the most heavily cultivated area of England where, all vegetables, fruit, hops etc are grown and as mentioned here we have the Vale of Evesham with its wonderful show of apple and cherry blossom in season. The market gardeners. In Yorkshire at one spot we seemed to be high up in the world and the panoramic view was wonderful. Then we had the steep hill down. We did not find it so steep but the occupants of one car when they had manoeuvred the hill said "Thank goodness that is over". It was in Yorkshire that we saw snow poles. These are tall black standards along some roads so that in bad weather and snow one can worm your way along in safety. In a field we saw a couple of pheasants with chicks and Geoff is always thrilled to see birds especially

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