

Here and there a glimpse of a blue lake, like a fragment of sky fallen from above, may be seen.

Descending the hill, we look at the shops. Large, many storeyed buildings, with well-arranged show-cases, meet the eye.

We board a passing 'bus, and after passing through several streets, lined with shops, we come to the suburbs, and see houses, large and small, some nestling among trees, and some set among lawns and brightly flowering shrubs. In their green lawn settings, flower beds gleam gaily.

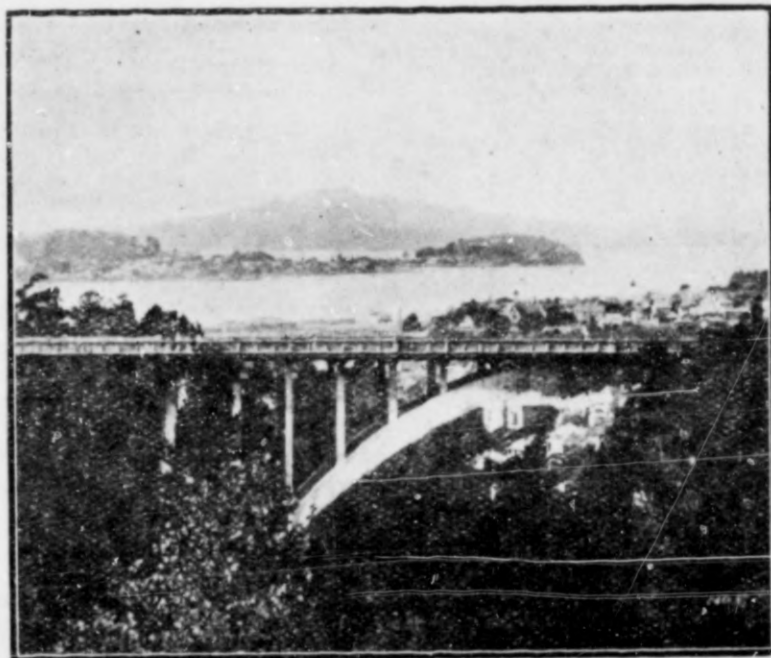
As we watch these scenes of beauty passing before us, many miles are covered, until we ride along roads skirted by

(Chinamen's gardens, all the vegetables growing in straight rows, as though they had been raked out with large combs. Then we wander along a winding road, bordered by native bush, with greens of every shade in it.

We return from our journey feeling glad that we have taken a little time to enjoy ourselves in the city we now know justifies its title, "Queen of the South."

Queen of the South, so chaste and fair,
A happy home; with thy fragrant air
And salt sea breezes, Oh so cool!
How happy we, who on thy shores
Spend many hours of golden days.

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Dec. 15. Officers were elected for 1927:—President, Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street (re-elected); Vice-President, Miss M. Cook, 50 Nile Street, East; Secretary, Miss D. Shields, Elliott Street; Treasurer, Miss P. Eaves, c/o Metropolitan Hotel.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Attendance very good, annual meeting; Mrs F. Mitchell presiding. The Secretary's report was adopted. This showed that the membership had increased by 17 during the year. The Treasurer's report showing a credit balance was adopted. The sum of £1 1s. was donated to the Trustees of the Methodist Church for the use of the School-room. The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows:—President, Mrs F. M. Mitchell; Vice-Presidents, Revs. J. S. Young and R. Raine, and Miss M. Lightbody and Mr R. Buxton; Secretary, Miss M. Moses; Treasurer, Miss E. Langley; Press Reporter, Mrs Mitchell. Games were played and supper served, the meeting closing with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

HAMILTON.

Dec. Eight members present. The President presided. Mrs Jones, President of the W.C.T.U., gave a short talk on Social Problems, and Miss Watson gave a "Model Address" suitable for Band of Hope children, and the meeting responded with some helpful advice and criticism.

We hope to increase our membership and have wider activities when we recommence work next year.

The Speaker: Marriage, my dar sisters, is a huge mistake! Believe me, I would not marry the best man in the world—

Sweet Voice (from audience):
You couldn't, for I've got him.

A Yorkshire M.P., noted for love of punctuality and lack of humour, is Superintendent of a local Sunday School. A few Sundays back he had the pleasure of making the following announcement:

"Dear fellow-workers and children, out of the entire school only one person is absent to-day, little Maggie. Let us hope that she is ill."

A man accused in Court of being drunk, bade the constable call his fellow-policeman. "There's only one constable in the village," he was told. "But I saw two last night," the prisoner said, and the policeman replied, "Yes, that's the charge against you."

Mrs A.: "Well, how did you enjoy your first experience as a juror?"

Mrs B.: "I didn't enjoy it at all. It was simply agony to have to sit there dumb and not be able to show the prosecuting attorney a few tricks in cross-questioning a fool man."—"Pittsburgh Christian Advocate."