

the minds of all students of English literature.

It was at Aldworth that the last days of the poet were spent. A week before the end came he took his last drive to Haslemere and, pointing out the old familiar walks to his son, he said, "I shall never walk there again."

Aldworth is still owned by the descendants of the poet, and is occupied at the present time by Lord and Lady Parker. Through their courtesy the historical old place is thrown open to the Canadian soldiers on Saturday and Sunday afternoons of each week and pleasant maids are on hand to conduct parties through the house. The room where Tennyson was wont to spend

his time in producing gems of literature has been preserved as it was in the brightest days of his life and the table which served him so faithfully has been used by scores of soldiers who are glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of making use of the desk which saw the production of many of his poems.

The large rooms, beautiful paintings, marvelous frescoes—all are worthy of the most glowing description and they, alone, are worth making the trip to see. The quiet walks through the spacious grounds are of a character worthy of the most brilliant writer's efforts and one, after spending an hour in the many beauty spots which lie at every turn, can no longer wonder at the inspiration which helped the great writer in his work.

To Lord and Lady Parker the thanks of Canada's soldiers are due. Their hospitality has made glad the hearts of many admirers of Tennyson who are now serving in our ranks, and the writer's pleasant visit shall be one of the most cherished memories of our stay in England.

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An Irish sapper on leave decorated himself with a sergeant's stripes in order to create a good impression at home. On the night he was to return he just missed the train, having stayed too long in the buffet. Seeing a staff officer on the platform, he asked him if he would be good enough to endorse his pass. This the officer did. The following day he had to appear before his C. O., who asked for an explanation, and the sapper proudly produced the endorsed pass.

"But the Lieut. Colonel refers here to a "Sergeant," not a "Sapper," said the C.O."

"Shur, sorr," replied the sapper. "The Lieut. Colonel was a little drunk, sorr, I noticed." (He got off.)

The Commanding Officer recently asked the Company Clerk which of the two O. C.'s of the company arrived first, as a rule. He received the following reply:—

"Well, sir, Lieut. Smith at first was always last, but later he began to get earlier, till, at last, he was first, though before he had always been behind. He soon got later again, though of late he has been sooner, and at last he got behind as before; but I expect he'll be getting earlier sooner or later."

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