

being made all the more beautiful by the white sand which forms its bed.

Frequent races take place between the various sail-boats. Those who see a prospect of losing the race sink their boats and swim about in the water until picked up. The harbour is very safe for sailing or rowing. On a warm, calm, bright moonlight night—and moonlight to possess its full charm must be seen in some such place as Bermuda,—nothing is more delightful than a row among the islands to the narrow sheet of water called Fairy-land, where the trees on either side interlace overhead. On a dark night a row is pleasant also, for the water is so phosphorescent that each dip of the oar reveals a blade of light which is seen as well along the sides of the boat as it goes through the water. Except in winter there is little or no dew.

As the islands are of coral limestone the roads are exceptionally good, very white, hard and smooth with few hills. In a period of dry weather, lasting sometimes for two or three months, several inches of dust form which ruins the shoes and clothing unless one conforms to the custom of the men of wearing white linen or flannel, and of the women of wearing muslins, and of both wearing white shoes. The roads wind continually making a hundred miles of good driving, and are bordered by low stone walls. On account of its windings one very pretty road is called the Serpentine, but the name might be applied with propriety to nearly every road on the islands.

The principal forms of amusements are boating, betting, driving,—the Victoria being used chiefly and a colored driver almost always in attendance—tennis, picnics, boat-races, horse-races, rifle matches, and in winter dances at the hotels and an occasional concert or amateur theatrical performance. Everything considered, Bermuda is an ideal spot in which to spend a few months.

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THE VENERABLE BEDE.

In one of the loveliest parts of England, upon the richly wooded banks of the river Wear, stands the magnificent Cathedral of Durham, once described as, "Half house of God, half castle against the Seat." Erected by William the Conqueror in 1093, the cathedral still remains absolutely perfect in all its original parts. In the Western Chapel, are the remains of the Venerable Bede, whom Burke styled the "Father of English learning."

Tradition says that one of his disciples in writing an inscription for his tomb, could think of no other suitable term to apply to his beloved master, and therefore left an unwritten space before his name. A short time afterwards, he found that the blank had been filled with the word Venerable, written by an angel's hand.