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AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

Strange People Are To Be Met Day

After Day In the Reading-Room.

Of all the places where queer types
of people can be studied probably
none is more varied and interesting
than the great reading room of the
British Museum.

It is an interesting place in itself,
with its long rows of elaborately-
fitted desks radiating out like spokes
from the central ring of catalogue
desks. It gives one a queer sensation
to realize that one is in the centre
of the biggest collection of books ever
made—a collection running to over
two million volumes.

Even the catalogue alone runs to
over a thousand volumes and the
whole vast room resounds early all
day, by some peculiar echoing effect
of the great domed roof, to the rustling
of catalogue leaves. But it is in
the occupation of the seats themselves
that the main interest lies. An ex-
perienced attendant can tell queer
tales of eccentricity—and of tragedy.
One frequent visitor in recent years
was an old Cambridge scholar whose
name is still famous in the world of
learning. He had a harmless habit
of sauntering abstractedly round va-
cant desks collecting the paper-knives.
His work over, a courteous attendant
would help to relieve him of the con-
tents of his stuffed pockets at the
door, and he would go cheerfully
home.

Of "plotters" the reading room has
scores—old men who have always
been about to do great things, and
are still thinking about starting. They
will talk for hours of the mighty his-
tories of civilization for which they are
collecting material. They were collect-
ing material half a century ago, and
death will find them still collecting.
The atmosphere of books is a neces-
sity of their lives. They are hopeful
futures.

But the atmosphere of the reading
room is not all tragic. There are
brisk journalists, skimming half a
dozen books to make one article;
scores of pallid young women—the
reading room headache is one of its
distinctions—steadily earning bread-
and-butter by doing translation or
research work at so much an hour;
well-dressed women, too, indulging in
orgies of novel-reading. The present
crisis in the literary world for me-
moirs is the reason why anaemic
youths sit doggedly compiling ac-
counts of the love affairs of numer-
ous vanished queens and empresses.
In the summer there is a steady
stream of American inquirers. The
attendants almost automatically di-
rect them to the genealogical indexes.
It is a curiosity about family trees
that brings them.

The reading room has its innocent
eccentricities, but it has also its danger-
ous nuisances. There is the "plate-
thief," who comes armed with a piece
of thread and tries to saw valuable
plates out of the museum's most treas-
ured books without catching the
keen eyes of roving attendants, or of
watchers on the narrow gallery that
sweeps round the high outer walls.
A police inspector is not an un-
known figure here, incongruous as he
may seem in this hushed world of
books.

"Alice in Wonderland."

A quarter of a century ago "Alice
in Wonderland," the nursery classic
which has delighted millions of peo-
ple, was dramatized and staged
shortly to take place at the Empire,
Liverpool, a celebration of this event;
for "Alice" is simply worshipped in
the North.

The history of "Alice in Wonder-
land" is one of peculiar interest. It
originally consisted of a collection of
verbal stories with which the author,
the late Rev. Charles Dodgson ("Lewis
Carroll"), was wont to delight his
child friends.

He was subsequently persuaded to
publish them in book form, and the
work at once leapt into widespread
popularity, and is now recognized as
being one of the finest works in the
English language.

It seems almost impossible that the
writer of a book of such pure imagin-
ation should at the same time dis-
tinguish himself in the higher mathe-
matics, and produce such works as
"The Principles of Plane Trigonome-
try," "A New Theory of Parallels,"
etc. Yet so it was, and this apparent
anomaly is responsible for an amus-
ing incident at court.

When "Alice in Wonderland" was
exciting enthusiastic criticism
throughout the length and breadth of
the land, Queen Victoria, who had
heard of Lewis Carroll's success, asked
that any other books written by
the same author might be sent to her.
You may imagine the royal surprise
when an abstruse mathematical vol-
ume was placed in her hands!

Most Faithful Dog.

The loyalest of dogs was probably
the little Scotch terrier to which
Edinburgh some years ago erected a
statue. For over eight years Grey-
friars Bobby, as he came to be called,
slept nightly on his master's grave in
Greyfriars.

He spent an hour or two a day in
the curator's house, but night always
found him again on the grave, how-
ever cold or stormy the weather.
Locked doors failed to keep him in.
There was always the window. And
it was not till eight years had passed
that Edinburgh learnt of him, and
then it was over the prosaic question
of finding the man who ought to pay
the dog license. That tiny statue on
the street corner outside the grave-
yard is worth looking at, even to the
man who does not know the story.

Fine Seal Captured.

Great excitement has prevailed at
the Mumbles, where a fine seal has
been captured. It was stunned with
a stone, and with much difficulty was
got on to the pier, where it was ex-
amined by the pier-master, who found
that it was a rare specimen. It was a
silver white seal with black spots.
The seal soon recovered from the blow
that was dealt it, and was placed in a
big bath.

New Diving Rod.

There is being manufactured in Eng-
land a water finding device
designed to supplant the hazel twig.

DEATH OF ISRAEL SLACK

The death occurred at his home on
the lake shore, about a mile west of
Charleston, of Israel Slack, aged 82
years. Deceased had been in poor
health for the past two years and his
death was not unexpected. He was
one of the old residents, and besides
farming he followed the occupation of
carpenter for the past fifty years.

He was an expert carman and
many fishermen and tourists coming to
the lake preferred Israel to any one
else, for when in the boat with him
they felt perfectly at ease, besides, they
felt sure that their lines would not be
cast in vain.

The deceased possessed a jovial dis-
position. He was a kind husband and
father and an obliging neighbor. He
was twice married. His first wife,
who was Catharine McGinty, died
some sixteen years ago. Later, he
married Mrs. Eliza Jarvis who with
two sons and one daughter by his first
wife survives him. These are Vin-
cent of Buffalo and Horace on the
homestead and Mrs. James Danby of
Athens.

The funeral services were held on
Friday at 2 o'clock at the Methodist
church, Athens, where a large number
of persons paid their last respects to
one they had loved in life and
mourned in death. The remains were
placed in the vault.

PLUM HOLLOW

Mr. Joseph Thompson, at the wish
of his brother-in-law, Mr. George
Tackaberry, kept the annual re-
turn of his wedding at Plum Hollow
on Wednesday, January 31st.

Mr. Thompson has long been far and
favorably known as one of Athens
most successful business men. Time
in its swift flight has made but little
impression on Mr. or Mrs. Thompson.

It occurred that the day following,
Feb. 1st, was Mr. Tackaberry's birth-
day, so the two events were kept in
unison.

Not an hour but was well filled in
either eating, sleeping, or talking.
Pleasing events, amusing and serious,
long lost to memory, were mined,
brought to the surface and retold.
These two days were too short to live
their lives over in, and in the short
pauses their reflections must have been
pathetic as well as delightful. Mr.
Thompson seemed inclined a little to
analyze, compare, deduce, then draw an
inference. Mrs. Thompson was ready
very often with a remark that tempted
a laugh that rhymed with her own
merry mood and cheery manner. Mr.
George Tackaberry was overflowing
with enjoyment, which he seemed
anxious to share with any who would
accept and Mrs. Charlie Tackaberry
was interested in supplying temporal
wants.

Mr. Charlie Tackaberry, one of the
veteran representatives of a generation
near gone, had a ready store of occur-
rences, events and incidents that be-
long to a distant past. And I venture
Mr. Editor, had you been an invisible
guest, you would have laughed off the
weary mental toil incident to editing a
paper or please everybody, for, as you
know better than I, there is a charm
in listening to a rehearsal of the efforts
of the dead heroes who watched the
first monster trees fall to the ground
with a roar like thunder near their
cabins, noble and brave men now for-
gotten.

Plum Hollow, with its distant per-
spective views, has a fine touch of the
picturesque which, with its buildings
repaired and painted, embellished with
shrubby and adorned with flowers,
will then be emphasized. It will be
so at no distant day.

This was a pleasant home visit, and
long may they and their friends so
meet and part till they meet to part
never in that vast realm of love and
beauty our dear Redeemer is preparing
for us.

It is our wish that we may all meet
in the Greater Paradise.

Elodia Honor Roll

5th—Edith Mackie,
Sr. 4th—Marian Bottomley, Wesley
Hender on, Netherfield Moore,
Jr. 4th—Augusta Purcell, Thelma
Craig, (equal)

Jr. 3rd—Edna Henderson, Bryce
Kilborn.

Sr. 2nd—Hubert Craig, Francis
Mackie.

Jr. 2nd—Katharine Doull.

Part 2nd—Edgar Swinburne, War-
ren Henderson.

Jr. 1st—Stanley Swinburne,
James Magee, Ethel Fenlong.

Total on roll 16

Average attendance 11.

B. G. Laverette, Teacher

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Jr. IV—Andrew Ferguson, Wilfrid

Coon, Rachel Stanley, Kenneth Char-

ton.

III—Fred Moulton.

II—Roy Witte, Charlotte Ferguson

Fred Moore, Lena Coon

Pt. II—Charlie Wiltse, Willie God-

ridge.

Sr. I—Bruce Sheffield, Ernest

Moore, Geraldine Hewitt.

Jr. I—Lydia Godridge, William

Ferguson.

Average attendance 13

Carrie M. Covey, Teacher

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JANUARY

Sr. IV—S Johnston, C Spence, W.

Heffernan.

Jr. IV—G Wood, H Spence, (equal)

J Palmer, G Botsford, P Finley, G

Kelsey.

Sr. III—M Godkin, B Johnston, J

Heffernan.

Jr. III—A Spence, I Wood, E

Palmer.

Jr. II—Elva Spence

Sr. Part II—John Johnston.

Jr. Part II—W Wood, A Kelsey,

M Johnston.

Sec B I—J Botsford, E Kelsey.

Sec A I—G Godkin, H Heffernan,

C Botsford.

Average attendance 21.

Jennie Eyre, Teacher

DELTA FAIR BOARD

At the annual meeting of Delta

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officers were elected:

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on Tuesday evening the I. O. O. F.

will hold their annual "at home", the

first part of which consists of a concert.

The death occurred at her home near

Frankville on Saturday night of Re-

becca McCulloch, wife of William

Mitchell. Deceased had been in fail-

ing health for the past year. She is

survived by her husband and three

children, viz., Mrs. Derbyshire of

Athens; Mrs. B. n. Lavette, jr., of

Brookville and Gordon at home, also