

EDITORIAL

The intelligent society recognizes that young men and women cannot be separated by the wall of propriety. The fact that the young men in that society are soldiers, does not in the least alter the circumstance. Soldiers and young women are still gregarious beings and will find companionship one in the other. These facts having been overlooked, have lead, and will lead to serious consequences. Where troops are located in a given community where civilians reside in great numbers, there is never, or rarely, an organized effort on the part of the soldiers or the civic population to have the young people meet, become acquainted, and enjoy their respective societies. Consequently they do meet by secret appointment—the soldiers possibly breaking his lines to do so and his friend not daring “to whisper a word to mother” comes out alone under cover of night. We agree that it is not wrong for them to meet, but we do not like the way it is done. Why the secret meeting and the crimes, punishable to the soldier and unpunishable to the young lady. Under present conditions the object we desire to attain is in each case defeated. We want our soldiers to be soldiers and men. We desire all young women to be what their parents think they are. The effort should not be to keep the young people apart, but rather to bring them together under circumstances most happy to us all.

Beautiful Ramsgate

Are we not lucky to be in such a glorious town as Ramsgate? We might have had the misfortune to be placed in a London hospital; and we all know that the amusements of “Leicester Square” cannot be compared with one half-mile of promenade. A petition of gratitude should be compiled and forwarded to Sam Hughes.

We have the town.—Once a week we get in touch with life, and are allowed to visit this seething centre of Industry, with its constant stream of traffic, its broad thoroughfares and magnificent buildings. It has been said patients from the Granville have lost themselves in their vain endeavors to see all the buildings of importance in one afternoon; some have been missing 3 days, and have walked back quite unconcerned, whilst others, who

could not survive the ordeal—had to be carried.

When summer comes and you see the reflection of the Sun on the “Milky Whiteness” of the “Joy Wheel”; when you see the boys and girls bathing in the blue transparent sea and wandering at their ease on the smiling sands—When you see these things will you be “patient” still and let thine heart rejoice.

When the day comes for us to leave our Home and Ramsgate, we shall all, I am confident, ever remember the “Happy Times” and the “Freedom” experienced during our short stay, and when one considers that “one shilling” provides all this exhilarating enjoyment, most of us who have been “touched” will take great care to keep shy of the “bobs” for ever

—H. L. SCRIVENER.

Ward 9, Chatham House patients, want to know if the Sergeants mess gramophone will be shut off at lights out?

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If not, can it be repaired?

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Do “still born” eggs come from the still room?

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Was the woman in the pub. referring to any one in particular when she said those naughty words recently?

Watch
This
Space
Next
Week.

Questions that are Asked

Did the King's Football Team get a surprise from Ducros's leg swingers last week?

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How many rounds of ginger ale can a fellow take, and be able to scale the Chatham House wall when returning home.

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Is it true that three members of a Palace theatre troupe who were here last December, were married to Granville patients?

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If a patient leapt off the wall,
And it killed him when he lit,
Would the jury decide
That the hero died,
In a cat-a-leapt-tic fit?

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Is it true that a tea room and café is to be opened in Ramsgate for the special benefit of the Canadians?

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Will it be open on Sundays?

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If a certain Granville private is not a swank, why does he wear officers dress?

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The name of the N.C.O. who married a Ramsgate lady while he was a patient here, and forgot to call on her when visiting here recently?

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Some ‘Devilshire Girl,’ Eh! What?

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