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HARVEY T. REID SEES PARIS. Gives Observer Readers His Impressions of Europe

Very good reports come from Harvey T. Reid of Hartland, the 1912 Rhode scholar for N. B., who is taking his course at Oxford University. While the Observer has not particulars of the progress he is making readers will peruse with pleasure the letter which appears below. A part of the university course includes continental travelling, taking in the educational, historical, and art centres of Europe.

In a personal letter to the editor Mr. Reid wrote: "The inclosed is the result of a literary spasm in Paris. . . I hope base ball is receiving due support. It is hard for me to think I must stay away all summer for it was something to look forward to at college—getting home and a little base ball for sport. I am more or less tied down here; the work is tremendous and with athletics and travelling it keeps me busy. But even in Paris I look forward for news from Hartland and New Brunswick in general."

To one who has read concerning European nations, and their peculiarities in manner of living, the opportunity of living among these people and observing these things is one to be appreciated. Thus are we able to note in what respects the European, in his manner of every day life, differs from the average American, including of course, the Canadian.

I think the first difference for an American, especially should he come from one of the larger cities, would be that feeling of rest that seems to prevail throughout Europe. Of course this does not mean political rest, but rather the absence of hurry and rush that certainly characterizes our every day life.

Even in Paris, which is supposed to represent the maximum of speed in European life, one sees people lounging and moving listlessly about even on the big avenues and thoroughfares and it would seem that no one ever rushes or is in a hurry. And so we may ask how it is that the Englishman, German, Frenchman, or whatever he may be, soon adapts himself to our life of haste. It would seem that the difference is more in the countries themselves than in the people. Europe is an old country, filled with history and tradition and where the present generation is more or less carrying on what ages of custom has determined; America is a new world filled with opportunities where he

who succeeds must hurry. And this is why I think that our life is all hurry while the other is comparative rest.

The European in America soon learns to hurry; the American in Europe to rest. The countries are different, that's all.

To the average traveller it is the past, which the nations of Europe possess, that appeals.

We have railways, bridges, etc., in America which surpass anything which can be seen in Europe. But when we see something with a history of several hundreds of years clinging to it, then it is we are interested.

Among the things of the past may be classed the roads. Not only the remains of the old Roman roads seen in England and other places on the continent, but the roads in general. For only centuries of improvement could bring roads to such a state of perfection as are those in England and France. Not long ago an American, touring England by motor, wrote an article to his home paper in which he envied the joy of motorists in England.

It is not only in the cities and towns that these roads are, but in any part in which one cares to travel.

Incidentally this would mean that the road question as an election issue is quite unknown.

But the weather is not so ideal. Especially in England. Surely the man who could guarantee dry weather or sunshine in England for any continuous period would at least be rewarded by a seat in parliament. This is verified by the fact that the record in England for fine weather is twenty-four continuous days. And their fine weather is not the ideal sunny days we enjoy. It means, rather, absence of storm. But the English climate, although not especially noted for sunshine, has this advantage; it is very even. In March the weather is practically the same as at Christmas and at Christmas about the same as it has been since October. Football and other out-of-door game hold sway from September to April continuously. But on the continent the weather is more like ours. Germany has its four seasons and in southern Germany is one of Europe's most popular winter-sport places. One can find history treasured no more dearly than at the two universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Besides the buildings themselves which trace their origin in many cases to orders of Monks and Friars, are names of men who have helped to make England great. Gladstone and Asquith, the present Premier, each served when undergraduates, as president of the Oxford

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Debating Society. Few people who are interested in England historically fail to visit Oxford, when travelling there. The same applies to other European countries. In France one never fails to visit the Bastille or Napoleon's Tomb. Germany's history is a series of glorious military achievements. And so in general, one visits Europe to see her past.

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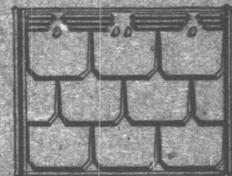
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