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SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER. Easter-Ramble.

This year's unexpectedly southern spring gave many of us an optimistical expectation and although our Easter-Ramble was not blessed by all the sun and blue sky that we could have hoped for, we nevertheless came together by train or by car in a most happy and carefree holiday mood.

As meeting place we once again chose Derbyshire with its peaceful dales and lofty hills, punctuated here and there by some little old-time village, and a very few factories nestling near some woods or hiding in some low lying land, as if ashamed for or afraid to spoil the countryside. But this was still a reminder to us all that we are living in this Northern Country, famous for its industrious and busy people.

The landscape might be very familiar to many of us, we might have seen various places so many times before and still it seems always new, always changing, the call is fresh and unbroken and we never feel tired to walk along those little, sometimes crooked paths and lanes, near rivers and lakes, up into the hills, through the few remaining patches of forest, over the often hazardous fences which might be overcome in a more or less sporting way according to ones own temperament.

Older generations meet or teach younger ones, but how inspiring it is to us all to witness every year rebirth and regeneration of life in its many forms and expressions, a constant reminder, mainly to the young who sometimes battle with many doubts and worries, whose outlook might sometimes be sombre; they should never lose faith and trust in that Providence which looks after us all so well and which in its infinite patience and understanding tends us an ever ready and helpful hand, even to what we might consider the most unimportant or humble being.

This Easter-Ramble, again well attended by old and young, was led in the usual and unsurpassed way by our friend and guide Mr. Henry Monney, patronized by several of our most prominent and faithful members of our Colony and brightened by the fresh and happy songs and games of our boys and girls. We should mention here that for one of our most loved members this was the 51st anniversary of his Easter-Rambles, whilst for the young son of another member this might be the beginning of a long series of our Clubs outings.

Starting from Chapel-in-the-Frith we had a well earned picknick-lunch near Coombs, in most romantic surroundings and after a good walk we eventually reached the "Old Hall Inn" Whitehough, near Chinley, where an excellent high tea was served to us. For the more thirsty amongst, further drinks were served, in a most gracious and unexpected way by one of our most revered members, a very happy ending to what was a perfect day.

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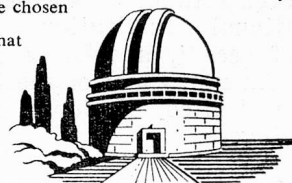
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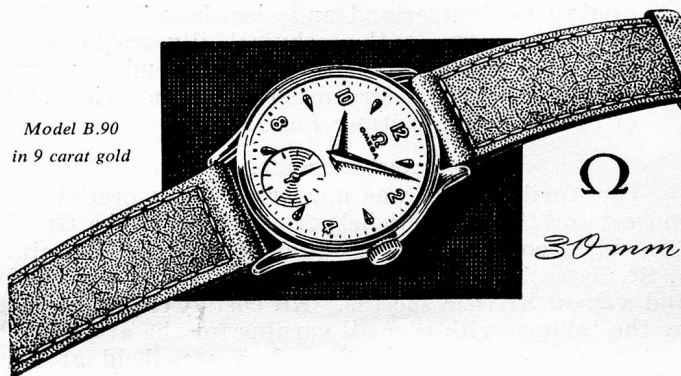
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