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Here we alighted to start our ramble but did not get very far before we felt that it was time for a picnic lunch. This we took in warming sunshine by the bank of the river, still in Mill Dale. Then we continued through Dove Dale proper, admiring its beauty, the clear water, the daffodils in their natural setting, the expectancy of Spring. On we passed by the Dove Holes, by Pickering Tor and Ilam Rock, through the "Straits" and up to Sharploew Point, locally called Lover's Leap, where we gathered for a rest. Although a young and handsome couple went for each other with daggers drawn — all in fun of course — none of us leapt into the river. Life seemed too good.

We proceeded by way of the Stepping Stones, skirting Thorpe Cloud, to Ilam Hall. In small groups we strolled through the grounds and visited the little church which is partly of Saxon origin. There we saw the burial place of St. Bertram, the marble monument by Chantry of Mr. Pike-Watts, and the Saxon font with its grim description of the saint's loss of his family, who were devoured by wolves.

Then we were refreshed by a copious high-tea at the end of which the Swiss girls cherished the homeland by some of the folk-songs with the whole party joining in. This happy mood continued on our return journey to Manchester which we reached at 8.30 p.m.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. H. Monney, our indefatigable president, for his minute organisation of the successful outing.

C. A. Curtis.

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