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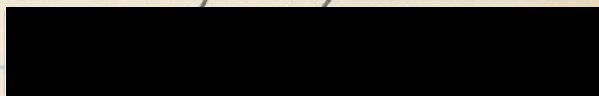
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Reference Books Used

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Bedier.
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Why I choose England as My Second Home.

If ever I were given the opportunity to go anywhere in the world to live, I would immediately choose England. You may wonder why I would leave the beautiful, sunny isle of Nassau for England, with its threatening fogs and bitter cold. However, my reasons, I'm sure, are quite practical. In England I would have many material, educational and aesthetic advantages which I otherwise would have been deprived of.

A little, quiet suburb just outside of London would fill all my wants and desires. I would prefer to live near or on the banks of the Thames River because

then I would be near the historical places that are so much a part of the English atmosphere. The suburb I dream of would be situated between London and Oxford.

In England my education would have an opportunity to become as complete as this world can offer. After finishing secondary school, I would go to Oxford college. At this great center of learning I would meet intellectuals from all nations, who like myself, seek the wealth of knowledge that is power. While there, I also would visit Cambridge college whose buildings are a veritable inspiration. Meeting different people and experiencing various customs, would be an education in itself.

I have heard and read so much about our Mother bountry. But such knowledge doesn't really strike home until one actually sees with one's own eyes. Vocationally speaking, England has just what I would want. Since Nursing is the profession of my choice the golden door of opportunity would be well open for me in England. Hospitals specializing in all branches of nursing would help me to get a well-rounded knowledge of the career that the great English women, Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell made famous. Many nurses are needed in this day despite medical advances. I think I could find no better place to

study than in England.
So eventually I hope that I
will become a nurse taught
by the best hospitals in the
finest place, England.

Have words like Buck-
ingham Palace, Staford-on-Avon,
and Westminster Abbey ever rung
a familiar bell in your ears?
In England I might personally
visit them, that is, in my
leisure time. York, on the
Ouse River brings me back
to the time when it was
the capital of Romans. The
ancient Britons made strong
camps which grew into large
cities, like York. Another
place I want to see is
Canterbury, on the Stour, in
Kent, because the first
Christian Church was built
there. Then, too, there is
Colchester and Lincoln which

sprung up on the sites of old Roman camps. There are so many more places I want to visit, so that I might feel even just a small part of the great Empire. Art and natural history museums also hold a great attraction for me. These I would find in London. On a weekend I might travel by bicycle along with other interested students to the birthplace of the great bard, Shakespeare, in Stratford on Avon. Then, there would be a visit to the Shakespeare theatre to see one of the plays this wonderful man brought to life. Since I am a lover of music, I would not fail to go and hear the

London symphony orchestra
conducted by Sir Thomas
Beecham.

Again, it would be so
wonderful to hear Old
Ben, of whom I have heard
and read so much, strike
the hour. Looking at that
clock which has done such
faithful service for the Empire
would really be an inspirat-
ion.

While in London I
would make a special
effort to see Westminster
Abbey, the Burial place of
famous men. Here I
could see where the Un-
known Warrior is buried.
This monument which
represents all the heroes
who fell in the First
World War stands as a
memorial to all the brave

men who fought to preserve the freedom of the Empire. In this ancient building, I would be able to see where the Kings and Queens of Britain are crowned on a coronation stone said to have come, by way of Scotland, from the Holy Land. Then I would go further down the street and see the House of Parliament where the laws are made and passed. From there I would visit the Westminster Cathedral. Another time, I would go and see Buckingham Palace, home of the Royal Family. I would thrill in seeing the place where our Royal Family lives. Watching the change of the

guards would be a wonderful experience that I would never have in any other part of the Commonwealth. Perhaps, I would be fortunate enough to see one of the Royal Family as they left Buckingham Palace on their many visits of state. From here I would travel to St. Paul's Cathedral. I have heard so much of this majestic church that I feel that I have already been there. But there is nothing like seeing it for myself.

Living on the rim of the largest city in the world, London, would provide many sources of pure enjoyment and contentment. I think a trip

(a trip) up the Thames River would be exhilarating. When we are clear of the city, there would be glimpses of peaceful meadows where the cattle graze on the rich grass. I would particularly look out for Runnymede, one of the most historic places in the world, for here, hundreds of years ago, King John signed the Great Charter. Since I have had that in my history course, it would become more realistic to me. From there I would go and visit Windsor castle, and if Her Majesty were not there, I, with the other tourists, could visit the state apartments. The scenery there, I have been told, is

beautiful. I would enjoy stopping at 'Devon', the "shire of the sea-kings." The cliffs at Lyme Regis would be interesting, too, because they are noted for the remains of extinct animals. The "shires" would be an ideal place to spend a fortnight in the summer. I think I would like to stay at a small farm so that I could view nature's work at its best. Farm life is so peaceful and interesting, especially when in England.

Lastly, living in England would be such a great privilege. I could see all the Royal Family. All my life I have dreamt about visiting England and seeing the Queen. There I would feel closer to my country and her standards.

There would be opportunities to view at close range the working of our great and wonderful Commonwealth. When I sang all the English anthems then I would understand more fully their importance and my words would be more meaningful. Considering the foregoing reasons, don't you think my choice of England as a second home is a sincere one?