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THE MAN WHO CAME BACK.

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"No—no," he said quickly, with an un-
natural laugh. "I am in that happy posi-
tion when money is no object to me.
Please take it."

The girl did not understand the bitter
irony in his tone, nor the covert meaning
in his words, and she took the money
from him.

"Heaven reward you!" she sobbed. "I
believe that this is an omen for good—I
believe that you have saved my life."

"I hope so kiddie," he murmured
brightly. "Goodnight—and better luck."
Then he passed on his way, whilst the
girl turned away from the water and
crossed the road.

Twenty yards farther along, Arnold
Galloway stopped against the parapet,
and looked out over the dark river.

"I'm not afraid to live," he muttered
grimly, "but I'm sure that it's better that
I should not. The misery of my own
life I can stand, but I do not wish to
awaken in her heart the memory of my
shame. I'm only a worthless outcast—
and nobody cares."

"Arnold!"
His name whispered from somewhere
behind him caused him to turn. He saw
a motor-car pulling up at the kerb; he
saw a girl wrapped in an evening cloak
stepping on to the pavement before the
car had stopped.

"Hazel!" he gasped, and then drew
back.

"Arnold!" murmured the girl, coming
forward and holding out her arms to him.
"Arnold, won't you come to me—I want
you, dear?"

The man stood before her, and drew
his ragged sleeve across his eyes.

"You—you should not have come,
Hazel," he said brokenly.

"I had to come, Arnold dear," she an-
swered, "because I know how splendid
you are and because life can never be any-
thing to me without you."

The man still held back.

"You mustn't—mustn't speak like that,"
he said hoarsely. "Think—think what
I am."

"It is because I do know what you are
that I am here to-night," she answered,
looking into his wan face. "I know now
what my heart has always believed," she
added, "that you are the noblest, the
truest man in all the world. I know, too,
Arnold, that if I devote every hour of
my life to you, I can never prove myself
worthy of your great love, nor repay you
for your terrible sacrifice."

Arnold Galloway tried to speak, but
could not.

"I have just left the bedside of my
brother, Keith," went on the girl. "He is
dead, and he died in saving a man who
was not able to save himself. But before
he died he told me everything. I know
that it was he, and not you, who was
guilty of the crime for which you suf-
fered. I know that you took the blame
upon your shoulders to save me the pain
of knowing his shame. Dad knows too,
for he was at the hospital, and he will
be waiting for us at home."

A great sob convulsed the man's frame,
as the woman took his wan face between
her hands and drew it towards her.

"Come, Arnold dear," she murmured
softly. "Come and give me the chance of
showing you my gratitude."

Slowly they moved towards the wait-
ing car, and as they reached it, Hazel
Lorraine glanced up at the chauffeur.

"Home!" she said. And there was a
tone of gladness in her voice which no
one had heard for five long, weary years.

The End.

CLUTHA VALLEY RAILWAY.

At a meeting of the Clutha Valley Rail-
way League held in the Greenfield Hall
on Saturday, April 10th, there was a re-
presentative attendance of delegates from
the districts interested.

An animated discussion took place on
the question of routes, the Hillend and
Clydevale delegates being opposed to the
Tuapeka Mouth representatives, who
'stuck out' for the original surveyed route
from Balclutha to Tuapeka Mouth.

Ultimately, however, the Tuapeka
Mouth 'stalwarts' gave way, and agreed
to join forces with Hillend and Clydevale
in urging upon the Government that the
line should be built by way of Lovell's
Flat, Hillend, Tuapeka Mouth, and Pom-
ahaka Downs, thus tapping the country
on this side of the river.

At the last meeting in Balclutha the
two parties were irreconcilable, but they
have evidently now realised that there
must be unanimity before the Government
is likely to take action in building the
line. The Balclutha people have been
apathetic in the matter of late years, and
have thus apparently missed their op-
portunity.

At the meeting of the Bruce City Coun-
cil on Thursday it was decided to endorse
the action of the League and support the
above route.

The Nature Column.

BY "STUDENT."

"Student" would be glad to hear of
any place in the Hokonui where fossils
are common. While on the subject I
would like to point out that good fossil
specimens are always acceptable to the
local museum.

If a naturalist wants to spend a pleas-
ant and profitable day without travelling
any great distance, he or she, could not
do better than take the train for Green-
hills and proceed from there to the back
beach.

This beach is little known, but as a pic-
nicking ground is superior to my mind, to
either Bluff or Ocean Beach. Several
streams of first class water cross the shore
and firewood is in abundance. A nice
piece of bush, steep sandhills—down
which one may toboggan, if not too old—
and a fair-sized lagoon shallow enough for
kiddies to play in, makes up a list of at-
tractions hard to beat. To the naturalist
the place is particularly attractive. The
marine life is very abundant much more
so than at the other places mentioned.
This is perhaps accounted for by the fact,
that a rocky headland juts far out to
sea and protects the bay. In the sandhills
one may find moa bones, and pieces of
moa eggshell are everywhere. On the
seashore are some large Maori middens in
which the industrious seeker will nearly
always find something worth carrying
away. Considerable numbers of axes,
hammers, etc., have been found here, and
the stone chips used by the Maoris as
knives are always to be picked up. The
Maoris sometimes had a quarry for the
stone used in making implements. It
will be found that axes are mostly made
from tough hard stone. I think the
stone used at Backbeach was taken from
some of the numerous basic dykes which
are one of the most interesting features
about the beach. The geologist will find
he is on the aureole of rocks which sur-
round the plutonic mass of the Bluff Hill.
The dykes of igneous rock show that the
older rocks have been cracked by the up-
heaval of the rock at the Bluff, and
through the cracks the molten rock has
welled up. That there has been more
than one upheaval is evidenced by the fact
that angular blocks from some dykes are
included in other outcrops of a different
chemical composition, and which outcrops
are necessarily younger. The basic dykes
—those having less silica in their com-
position—apparently break up readily, as
below the high tide mark will be found
square channels running across the rocks
which were formerly occupied by basic
rock. Augite crystals are fairly common.
At the Bluff end of the beach is a large
vein, of pegmatite, this being white is
easily distinguished from the surrounding
rock. Pegmatite is a rock in which the
crystals are extra large.

The botanist will find much to give in-
terest. The native sandbinding sedge and
the marram grass are growing strongly,
but even so the sand is now running over
the top of the hill toward the railway.
The Rata with its venerable looking,
gnarled branches, gives a bright touch
of colour to the scene, when in bloom. The
bush is mixed, and the walk through it on
a good, track is very enjoyable.

The pools on the beach are full of life,
and many named specimens collected
therefrom are in our museum. The pana
or pawa or mutton fish is some times abun-
dant, and the iridescent shells gleam-
ing on the middens tell of many an an-
cient tribal feast. These middens by the
way usually occur at a lower level than
the place where the feasting took place.
The natives after a meal getting rid of
the debris by the simple process of throw-
ing it down the hill.

The pana is not always plentiful on
the rocks, for it seems to migrate. Whe-
ther this is due to seasonal changes in the
temperature of the water, or whether it
is owing to the search for food I am un-
able to say. If any of our seaside natu-
ralists can help us out with an explana-
tion it would be welcome. Seaweeds and
those curious weedlike animals, such as
the sea lilies, are in quantities. Here
is a fine study for someone to take up.
The seaweeds have never been fully dealt
with, and there are large numbers to be
found and named yet. A reef runs out on
the Bluff end of the beach forming a
breakwater. Large starfishes, up to 24
inches across are found here, and at cer-
tain times hosts of sea urchins. A local
resident informed me that he had seen the
rocks at this point simply alive with sea
urchins, or sea eggs as some people call
them.

Space at present does not permit me
to give a list of all the interesting things
which may be seen on the seaward side of
Greenhills, but I may deal with the mat-
ter when the holidays come round again.

WORK OF THE R.S.A.

MORE PLAIN FACTS.

Difficulties about pensions are frequent-
ly being adjusted by the secretary, and
all who are in doubt should consult him.

PENSIONS.

26th January, 1920.

Commissioner of Pensions,

Wellington.

Dear Sir,—The above-named man has
called upon me in connection with his
pensions, the circumstances of the case
being as follows. A.B. returned to New
Zealand suffering from pleurisy and heart
trouble. He has been granted a pension of
£5 10s per month for a period of six
months from January of this year.

Since his return to New Zealand, he has
been regularly attending the Southland
Hospital and has been ordered by the
medical superintendent not to undertake
work of any kind. A.B. has applied for
a full pension for himself and supplement-
ary pension for his wife and child.

I would be glad if you would give this
matter your attention.—Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) L. S. GRAHAM,

Secretary R.S.A.

Pensions Department,

17th February, 1920.

Dear Sir,—Further to my acknowledge-
ment of your letter of the 26th ultimo,
I have to inform you that where, as in
this case you state that a man has been
ordered not to do work of any kind, it
is necessary for a medical certificate to
this effect to be submitted before the War
Pensions' Board can take any action re-
garding the matter of increasing a pen-
sion, and I should be glad if you would
arrange to have this done in all similar
cases in future.

In this particular case, however, I
telegraphed the Southland Hospital, and
upon receiving confirmation of the infor-
mation supplied by you, the War Pensions
Board has now been able to increase A.B.'s
pension to 40s a week, plus 20s weekly
supplementary pension from the instal-
ment due on the 1st inst., and he was
notified accordingly on the 13th inst.

His wife has now been granted 20s
weekly for herself and 10s weekly for her
child concurrent with her husband's
grant.—Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) G. FACHE,

Commissioner of Pensions.

GRATUITIES.

6th February, 1920.

Dear Sir,—The above-named man has
called upon me in connection with his
gratuity having received payment for the
actual time of his service. The position is
that X— was discharged after returning
to New Zealand in June, 1918, having
contracted gastritis while on service. This
man served on the Hospital ship "Mah-
eno," and therefore I consider is entitled
to the minimum of 18 months, as stated
in the conditions of payment of the Over-
seas War Service Gratuity, which states
the case of men evacuated sick or wound-
ed from an actual theatre of war and re-
turned to New Zealand, as unfit for fur-
ther overseas service, the period for which
the gratuity will be payable shall not be
less than 18 calendar months.

The term "theatre of war" shall be as
defined in regulations approved from time
to time for the issue of war medals. I
take it then that a hospital ship could
be looked upon as being an actual theatre
of war. If this is so then it is clear that
X— is entitled to not less than 18 months
gratuity.—Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) L. S. GRAHAM,

Secretary R.S.A.

(Reply.)

War Expenses Office,

New Zealand Military Forces,

Wellington,

23rd February, 1920.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the
6th inst. I have to inform you that the
balance of the above-named soldier's over-
seas war service gratuity will be forward-
ed him at an early date.—Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) B. DAWSON,

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