

All this is natural enough. Trochaic series are bound to occur in the verse of any people which has a feeling for rhythm or metre. The trochaic tetrameter, which is simply a combination of an acatalectic and a catalectic dimeter (what is called in our hymn-books '8787 trochaic') is the most satisfying combination. It is not surprising that it has enjoyed such a long and widespread popularity.

SCHOOLBOYS ON THE WALL

FOREMOST among the legacies left us by the Roman invader is the Great Wall of Hadrian flung across that narrow neck of England between Wallsend and Bowness-on-Solway. Yet how many of us have seen this unique treasure, the greatest of our national monuments? No longer is it the exclusive property of the scholar and the archaeologist, but is, to-day, the Mecca of a world-wide pilgrimage of travellers, spurred on by an interest in the relics of a bygone age. The advent of the motor-bus has brought it within the reach of all, yet if you wish to see the Wall at its best you must walk. The most convenient starting-point for any tour is Newcastle, which can be reached by rail, road, and sea. Those starting from London are recommended to taste the delights of a sea journey up the eastern coast of England. A motor-bus takes the traveller from Newcastle to Corbridge, an old Roman town. From there, a pleasant walk through Hexham will take him to Haydon Bridge, a quaint little Saxon town, nestling in the valley of the South Tyne. With this as his head-quarters for a week, he may explore the adjacent sections of the Wall, especially the forts at Chesters and Housesteads, and by way of variety ramble over the bleached dun-coloured Northumbrian moors and up the wooded valleys of the Tyne and Allen, amid the most glorious scenery that is to be found in the country. Then on the road again to Haltwhistle or Brampton. From these centres he can visit the forts of Aesica and Amboglanna and strike right into the heart of the Pennine Chain. By then he will have seen the most interesting section of the Wall, but, if time permits, a stay at Alston, the highest market-town in England, will well reward the visitor. Here he may gaze at the remains of the Roman camp of Whitley, and walk along the Roman 'Maiden Way' over Cross Fell, arriving once more at the Wall at Amboglanna. As he wanders down the quaint cobbled streets of Alston, with their stone staircases and the 'Romeo and Juliet' balcony, he treads the same road as the Tyneside moss-trooper of old as he clattered out across the moors to harry the Scot.

Now as to cost. The return fare by the steamers of the Tyne and Tees Shipping Company, from London to Newcastle, is 32s. 6d. Another 10s. will cover all motor-bus expenses. Comfortable 'digs' at farm-houses and cottages are abundant and generally cost about 30s. a week for three persons. It is most convenient to buy your own food, as meal-times on walking-tours are somewhat irregular.

The writer and two friends made the trip last summer and all expenses, including a 10s. day trip to the Lakes from Alston, did not exceed £6 10s. each. Quite reasonable for a three weeks' holiday, is it not?