

Extract from letter of Annie Griffin's - date
18th April 1896.

"We went over to Brussels by the seaside for the short Easter trip, got return tickets for less than a pound each and knew of a very moderate pension there where we were most comfortable. We saw the town well, but chiefly walked about in the Park and other pretty parts to get all the fresh air we could. We went out by train to Bea and walked to the Lion Monument at Waterloo and all round, about ten miles, to Hayzumont, La Belle Alliance and other famed places.

The former was most interesting, as my grand-father and his friends in the Black Watch were stationed in the Castle. Just part of the little chapel is left where the battle ceased at the cross over the door, which stopped it, they said. In the walls still can be seen the bullet marks, and in one place a cannon ball firmly embedded. A girl in the Chapel told us a good deal, and gave me a sweet bunch of violets from a little garden where

the Highlanders were. The Cathedral was very fine, we went there on Easter Sunday and heard the most beautiful music. The pulpit is exquisitely carved - it represents the expulsion of Adam and Eve, with the Serpent twining about, but Hope and the Cross above."

Account of same trip by W. W. Griffin.

"Annie and I took advantage of a cheap Easter ticket (£1 return) to go to Brussels for four days, by way of Dover and Ostend. Brussels is delightfully clean, like Paris, of which indeed it is a miniature edition. The finest street is the Boulevard De Waterloo, and we had lodgings (6 francs a day) in the Rue de Stassart, just off it. It is curious to see the milk carts and other small vehicles drawn by dogs. The tramway system is perfect, so noiseless (electric) and quick. One of the chief features of the place is the Palais de Justice, a stupendous pile, far swelling in size the Law