

1903-4 Bungalows & the Coast

On at least half a mile of the sea front, the fringe of the shore cannot be approached except from the sea, or through one or two partially hidden alleys (gaps in the cliffs), which lead down between the bungalows to the sands.

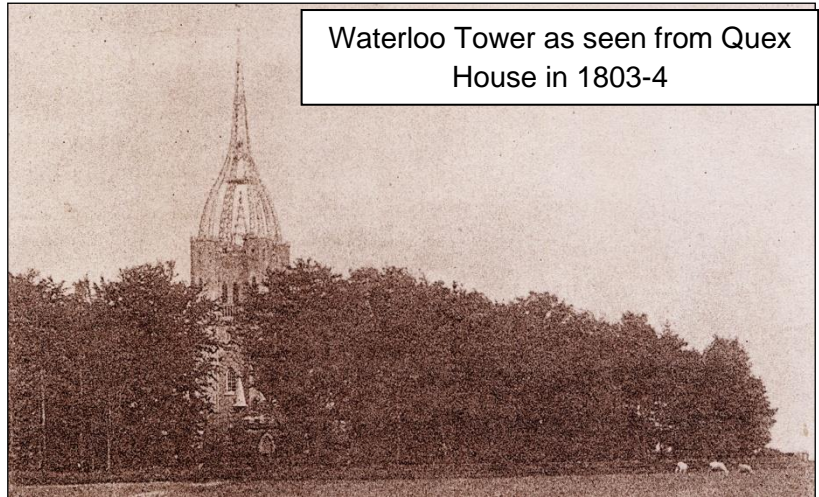
Starting from the Bungalow Hotel and turning to the right, into 'Bungalow Land', the stranger will find himself in a very pleasant avenue, but he will be likely to ask himself the question, "Where is the sea?"

It is close to him on the left, and approachable from either end of this long avenue (Spenser Road, as it was spelt in 1903) where on the East is Epple Bay, and on the West is Minnis Bay: but here in the centre, the Bungalows have it entirely to themselves; their lawns fronting to the sea of each of them are private and unapproachable to the public.

The Bungalow Hotel, which we have already mentioned, is not one in this collection of buildings. It is seen directly the visitor leaves the station, nestling in its own grounds, and a most attractive picture to anyone who, for the first time, has decided to make his home in a bungalow. Under the management of Mrs Hearne, the Bungalow Hotel is an exceedingly comfortable hostelry, and it should be the means of bringing very many visitors to Birchington on 'a voyage of discovery', so to speak.

As will be guessed, the hotel fittings are unique – ship-like, we might say, for there is a quaintness and a novelty in the corridors, the reception rooms and the bedrooms, which, though more roomy and comfortable perhaps, yet remind us of the well-equipped saloons of the great liners.

The Bungalow Hotel has extensive grounds - and outdoor sports of every kind can be indulged in. It is just the place to



stay for a week and explore the beauties of the Isle of Thanet. Quex Park is close by, the Reculvers are within easy driving, Ramsgate Margate and Canterbury are on the direct line of railway and any of them would fit well into a day's programme. American travellers have Canterbury on their tour and clergymen from all parts of the kingdom are desirous of adding to their knowledge of it. We could scarcely imagine a more enjoyable week for any 'lore-loving' student than to stay in Birchington, while exploring the ancient attractions of the chief Cathedral City.

Quex House 1903-4

