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PICKWICK CENTENARY

BY COACH TO ROCHESTER.

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Picture.:- In 1836, according to Charles Dickens, Samuel Pickwick and

members of the Dickens Club, started by coach from London to visit

Rochester. In

1936 the fiction becomes fact,

because here is the coach, complete with Mr. Pickwick, Jingle, Snodgrass, Winkle, Tupman and

other immortal passengers, well known to readers of the Dickens Papers.

The horses are changed as in the old coaching days, and Mr. Bertram Mills, who acts the part of Jehu, whips up his fresh team, and heads for the Bull in Rochester. But for this Dickens Centenary, Rochester's Mayor awaits the coach, and receives the disguised members of the Dickens Society, with ceremony befitting to their literary immortality. Thereafter cheers and noises of repeatedly emptying tankards are heard, not assisted by the modest ladies of the party. Ah ~~How~~ was the days, or wasn't they ?