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The Key Note

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL

I saw a mountain shack of slabs rough-hewn;
Crude, hand-split shingles on the roofpoles lay
And through the unglazed window fell at noon
The sunlight on a floor of common clay;

But as I looked the rough-hewn slabs became
White marble columns and an architrave
Rose from the ridge-pole; the nailed window frame
Turned to an arch of triumph, and to pave

The pedestal clear granite had been wrought.
The scanty forest clearing became wide
And with dark cypress shaded, and in my thought,
Reached the broad Potomac's storied tide.

--Clarence Dan Blachly

T H E N E W S

Mrs. Wyatt entertained at a dinner party last week for her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Smith of New York City. Mrs. Smith will be remembered by many of the Keepers as Evelyn Wilson. We understand the piece de resistance was a cheese pie baked by Edith Geymet.

Mrs. Peters looked extremely happy after they removed the cast from her husband's leg. The reason?--she says that now he can tend the furnace once again.

A large group of friends met at the Far East Chinese Restaurant Tuesday evening, January 27, to show their reluctance to part with another Keeper of the Keys. Nora Atkins has accepted a call to the Florida Conference, and though she has not been with us long we have enjoyed her stay. After doing justice to the chowmein, egg fu yong, rice, and ice cream, those present gave Nora some very "helpful" suggestions as to what to take with her. Mr. Benjamin, head of the Insurance Department where Nora has been working, gave the farewell speech, and presented her with our token of friendship--a set of the "Testimonies" in red leather. We hope Nora will not forget us and we wish her success in her new position.

Helen Miller has just come out victorious in a battle with the "flu" and is with us again...Zippie Franklin was happy to see some of her old friends from Florida recently--Mrs. Helen Tindall and Mrs. Gene Hudson who were accompanied by Miss Stella Beauchamp, a missionary from India...On Monday evening, January 27, Misses Fleisher and Edeburn attended a Business and Professional Women's Dinner at the Washington Club. The speaker of the house was Miss Edith Horse Rogers, of the House, who discussed her Bill which relates to the enlisting of women for military service.

Sarah Williams, formerly of our office, but later in Singapore, is reported to have "evacuated"--we haven't learned to where!

OUR GOODLY HERITAGE

My business experience began in an auditing office in one of our larger cities. This was before our message entered my life. There the day would begin discussing the previous evening's engagements. Friendliness consisted of shallow chatter. To work for this firm was recognized as a real opportunity, and there was always a waiting list of prospective employees. One might readily detect, however, that the position and the salary were the true incentives for working.

What a contrast to the years spent in our denominational work! The association of Christian ladies and gentlemen, our unity of purpose, our personal interest in God's finishing work, never ceases to present its unique thrills. To begin each day's work with those inspiring chapel devotions, makes us all realize with the Psalmist,

"The lines are fallen unto me
in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage."

- Louise C. Kleuser

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CAN YOU TAKE A (HEALTH) HINT?

Do you eat regular meals at regular hours?

REMEMBER, YOUR MIRROR REFLECTS NOT ONLY YOUR BEAUTY BUT
YOUR COMMON SENSE AS WELL.

Do you eat fresh fruit at least once a day?

THAT FRESH COMPLEXION NEEDS FRESH FRUIT.

Do you drink four to six glasses of water a day?

EVER NOTICE WHAT A DRINK OF WATER CAN DO FOR A THIRSTY
FLOWER?

O-R-I-G-I-N-A-L-I-T-Y!!!



What wouldn't we all give to possess it. But few there are in this world of ours who gain the distinction of having that adjective applied to them by people at large.

Just now I am thinking of one Rebecca McCann who showed her originality by dispensing cheer in a column of a newspaper chain, and who became so much a habit with the world of newspaper readers that today several years after her death we still find published daily those little cheerful cherubs.

She married "Jimmy" five days before he sailed for the front of the World War I. The first year or so after the Armistice she spent receiving her daily mail--letters she had written to him, but which were never opened. Through that experience and the experience of a second unhappy marriage she had to, daily, sell "Cheer" to the newspapers. Then for one short year she enjoyed happiness, then a common cold which became pneumonia, then a last ride back to her native Chicago.

Listen:

I love the little joys
of life--
The smell of rain,
the sound of brooks,
The taste of crispy toast
and jam,
The sight of rows and
rows of books.

She was human too:

If this cheerfulness annoys you
On the days you're feeling blue
Please forgive me, gentle reader--
Often it annoys me too.

Tired?

Work should never make me weary
If I'm really meant to do it,
But it soon becomes exhausting
If it's greed that drives me to it.

So cheer up! Some people are worse
off than we!!



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