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FRIENDS



I have a friend whose stillness
rests me so,
His heart must know
How closely we together, silent,
grow.

I have a friend whose brilliancy
inspires,
And rarely tires
When we two warm our spirits
at his fires.

I have a friend whose charity
delights
In others' rights.
We two sit talking often late
of nights.

I have a friend whose discipline
I need;
We have agreed
That neither from this schooling
shall be freed.

I have a friend whose calmness some mistake,
But we two make
Of suffering more than just its grief and ache.

I have so many friends--each one fulfills
Just what God wills.
For He through them His best in me instills.

And so twice fortunate am I to find
Friends great and kind--
Each one himself, yet part of God's own mind.

By
Vlyna
Johnson

THE KEYS OF FRIENDSHIP

In some card shops August 1 is known as Friendship Day. The secret of friendship is the Golden Rule. In order to have friends must trust people, sympathize with them, be unselfish with them, and be faithful to them. Friendship is a duty, a necessity, and a wonderful privilege.

Abraham Lincoln was made president of the United States because he had so many friends. He had no money and no great "pull," but he did have many friends--because he was such a good friend. And during his presidency he maintained the principles of friendship.

We may grow out of some of our childhood friendships. We may lose friends because of distance or because we do not write to them. We may diminish our friendship list because we are too prone to believe some untruth spoken about them. Many have lost faith in friends because they first lost faith in their friends.

Many times we can forget self in sharing the joys and the burdens with others--in rejoicing with them--in weeping with them! It is our privilege to choose our friends, and it is our responsibility to treat them as we would be treated.

Friendship with Christ, talking with Him, thinking of Him, trying to please Him--will produce His likeness in us, and this FRIENDSHIP OF ALL FRIENDSHIPS will enable us to be better friends.

A wise head has prepared a code of rules entitled, "Ten Keys to Friendship," and as we are Keepers of the Keys, I list them here:

1. Be natural
2. Guard your words.
3. Don't parade your own virtues nor discuss another's vices.
4. Don't regard a man as your enemy because he does not agree with you.
5. Don't be too anxious about getting your just dues.
6. Be kind.
7. Take an interest in others.
8. Have convictions, but respect the opinions of others.
9. Don't take too seriously statements made by others about you.
10. Build up the self esteem of the people you meet.

--Pearl Perez, Vice President
Keepers of the Keys.

THE GARDEN PARTY

The man who wrote, "anticipation is greater than realization," is not writing about the garden party given by the first- and second-floor Keepers, July 11. Even the weather smiled upon us. It was one of the few times known to man that a garden party didn't cause a major weather upset.

As we arrived at "the garden" our hostesses presented each with a peculiarly-shaped piece of paper. On it was part of a well-known song, and it turned out that the people who had the other three pieces that fitted with yours were your table-mates at dinner. When everyone had found her partners, and then her table, the four were asked to sing their song. Talents were taken out and dusted off, and everyone did her part. The prize, had there been one, without doubt would have gone to Esther Benton and Barbara Phipps who gave an amazing rendition of "Happy Birthday."

Our hostesses served us with individual plates of potato salad, baked corn, a garden salad, and there were rolls and butter, carrot sticks, radishes, and olives. The punch--a noble drink--had pineapple juice in it! Does anybody remember pineapple juice? It's in that can on the shelves that says "43 points." That punch!--a real up of friendship!

We enjoyed the program in which all our hostesses had a part. If you are ever tempted to turn your job over to someone else, just remember the lesson of the rolls. It was a lovely party, and we hope we have more good times just like that. It certainly is true--

"The more we get together,
The happier we'll be;
For your friends are our friends,
And our friends are your friends;
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be."

--Minnie Truitt.

THE RED CROSS

Surgical dressings are urgently needed by the Red Cross. Come to room 131 on Monday and or Thursday afternoon at five o'clock and spend an hour with the group who work there. Bring a willing heart, left hands (freshly scrubbed), and a covering for your hair.

--Mary G. Paul.

OUR "ALUMNI" FRIENDS

The X-Keepers have responded beautifully to our card circularization. Shows they still love us--but it's impossible to print in the KEYNOTE all they have written--watch for their letters on the bulletin boards. Alice sent a picture of her office group. A good precedent!
--The Editor.

Kathryn Jensen-Nelson.--Greetings to all the Keepers of the Keys! My thoughts travel back to you often, and even though my visits have been hurried ones I've enjoyed getting a glimpse of the group each time. My life is quite different now. Instead of office work, it is even more varied than formerly. Sometimes it seems less important, but then I realize anew that it is in the little duties we get greatest returns. Yesterday we visited the sick--today I washed--this morning saw my young daughter off at 5 A.M. with her aunt for Ohio--this P.M. getting ready to go out to a lake cabin for over the Fourth. Seems like a selfish life until I realize what it means to my husband to have me keep a home for him. I often think of the early history of the Keepers of the Keys. We're proud of our G.C. girls. Keep the KEYNOTE going--I'm enclosing a dollar for two years' subscription. (Minneapolis, Minnesota)

Lorna DeGinder.--Greetings from Texas! Right now I'd love to write a bit of verse--put my Texas greeting into rhyme for the Keynoters, but my mind requires a certain degree of tranquility for constructive thought--and how could anyone be tranquil and work here (U.S. Public Health Service)? Some things can be so heart-breaking, even when they touch us ever so remotely. The thought of what it means to those nearer makes the tragedy greater. With this greeting, I would, if I could, send a breath of the honeysuckle that vines on our fence, a bit of the varied colors from our Glad garden, some of the fragrance from the four o'clocks that perfume our outdoor living room--suppose you'd like to have some extra time to sit on our handmade chairs out there, too; but there isn't any to send--we haven't had time yet to enjoy them ourselves. I'd send, too, some of this cooling breeze for your hot evenings. I'd trade you a little of our drouth for some of your moisture, if it could be done. Mother and Dad are coming to Texas--perhaps my visits in Washington are forever over. But as long as I have the KEYNOTE and a few faithful friends to write now and then, I shall be content--and I can always dream. I did last night--stood on the bridge above the Sligo--a lovely dream. And I think with a little effort I can improve them. (Fort Worth, Texas)

MORE "ALUMNI" FRIENDS

Alice LaBonte.-- Greetings from Portland! I know now why they call this the "City of Roses" -- in fact, it is a city of flowers of all kinds, starting about February and continuing until almost Christmas time. Every now and then I run across those out here who do not know some of you Keepers. Just the other day one of the nurses at the Sanitarium asked if I knew Dorothy Ford. She said it was Dorothy who, on the occasion of a Youth's Camp in Canada, accused her of using slang. I have found the work here very interesting -- and I don't believe I've ever been busier. I've gone to a different church almost every Sabbath in various sections of the conference. Campmeeting comes the last part of July, and then Junior camps. We'll have separate camps for boys and girls to serve the northern part of the state, and then a joint camp down at Lake of the Woods in the southern part. Also there'll be a "Workers' Retreat" down at Silver Creek Falls for four days. Oh, it's a hard life! I appreciated the many greeting cards I've received from folk back there -- even though I haven't found time to acknowledge them individually. If all goes well, I hope to see you at General Conference in St. Louis next spring.

(Portland Oregon)

Harriet Richardson.-- What a greeting I'd like to send to my friends who are still keeping the keys at the G.C.! If there's one thing I'd like to do before heading West next year it is to pay another visit to the nicest group of people to work with I've ever known. Each time the KEYNOTE comes I search its pages eagerly for news about the old friends, and have wished there were an exchange column for those who have left the family. I shall not be ready to enter Medicine until the class beginning September of next year. I'll complete my work here at E.M.C., I hope, and then either work or rest until time to start the long, hard pull. My "suspects" are that I'll spend the time working to earn money -- much needed in the Medical Course. This summer I'm having an interesting time doing two things I've never done before, and taking a class in College Physics. The two things in the line of new experience are checking trays in the cafeteria and acting as laboratory assistant in the Zoology labs. Hope you're all having a nice summer, and that it isn't too hot.

(Berrien Springs, Michigan)

GOOD-BYE and GOOD WISHES

Lynelle Draughon has left us to connect with the Southern Union Conference office in Atlanta, Georgia. We shall miss Lynelle, but we know Georgia will welcome her. Her aunt, Mrs. Mel, and her cousin, Mrs. Johnson, visited her shortly before she left Washington.

Tillie Foust left Washington on July 18. After making some visits, it is rumored that she will return to her home in Florida.

WELCOME TO OUR MIDST

Betty Thorgeson, 425 Flower (Sligo 2839), taught English at Union Springs Academy last year, and is now connecting with the Home Study Institute.

Elaine Shull, South Hall (Shep. 2135), is joining our staff to work in the Department of Education. Her home is in Hagerstown, Md., and she has been attending W.M.C.

Mrs. Lola Spencer, 903 Maple (Shep. 6523), is working part time at the Seminary. Until April of this year she had been employed at the Potomac Conference office.

Esther Borrowdale-Hare, 321 Greenwood (Sligo 4903), has just come to us from California. She is working temporarily in the publishing Department, while her husband takes school work at the Seminary. These young people are under appointment to India -- a mission field, and yet, their childhood home.

IN SEARCH OF WISDOM --

At least four Keepers are improving the summer hours by taking class work, two at the Seminary and two at W.M.C.

Edith Gemet has embarked upon a course in American History at W.M.C., and Elizabeth Lemon is taking two classes there, one of which meets every day, including Sunday, at 7 A.M.

Betty Canon is enrolled in Miss Kleuser's course of Methods for Bible Instructors, and Grace Coyle is studying the Science of Nutrition, one phase of the Course in evangelism. -- both at the Seminary.

Mrs. Mace spent three weeks in Richmond, Virginia, attending a Bible School conducted by Miss Walsh.

VACATIONERS

Marian McNeil - When hot days come all Marian has to do is recall the five days spent at Rehoboth's sea-cooled strands as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Witmer.

Hazel Shadel is back after a much-deserved rest.

M. Stella Fleisher reports a good time in New York and other places.

Mary Jane Dybdahl has been having a well-earned rest at her home in Northern California.

Edna Helms and her husband spent a week at Ocean City, New Jersey.

Marilyn Oates is entertaining her husband who has just returned from Rhode Island.

Mrs. Patterson's brother, Roy D. Day, from Panama, spent several days with her.

Gladys Griffin has gone to her home in Portland, Maine for two weeks. Part of the time she will be at Cliff Island, off the Maine coast. Perhaps she did some deep sea fishing.

Jean Freeman's vacation took her to her home in Orlando, Florida.

Mrs. Halswick accompanied her husband to New York for a week. She reports a fine time shopping and visiting old friends.

Mrs. Rebok spent the day in Pennsylvania with her husband's sisters, and a picnic at Mt. Holly Springs.

Alice Fagerstrom, her husband, and a friend from California went on cruise to Mt. Vernon.

Six Keepers, Elsie Argent, Dorothy Ford, Hazel Shadel, Evelyn Wells, and the Truitt Twins spent the Fourth at Bay Ridge. They took a picnic lunch, and report "swimming was wonderful."

GARDENS AND CANNING

Pearl Perez has a garden, and she reports fourteen quarts of string beans canned.

Genevieve Melendy is enjoying the fruits of her toil -- succulent tomatoes, cucumbers, and carrots out of her own garden.

Mrs. Arason has a garden, goes to the City market early mornings, and has canned fruit and vegetables -- quarts and quarts of them!

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"The best things in life aren't rationed after all.
Friendship, loyalty, and love do not require tokens or coupons."

KEYS TO THE OFFICE

PARENT AND HOME EDUCATION



At the 1941 General Conference session the Home Commission, as such, was discontinued, and the work of Parent and Home Education became an integral feature of the Department of Education. This was no new thought, for the Lord's servant had repeatedly said, "education begins in the home."

Before turning over the work which he had so long carried, Professor Spalding prepared four Home Education courses, which are largely publicized and promoted from our office, though distributed by the Home Study Institute, for individual or group study, under the fostering care of union and local conference educational workers, and wherever possible under direct supervision of the Home and School Association connected with the church school. The small study group is the vital core of our work; for the place to help parents is right where they are.

Recognizing the importance of this work, a new Department of Education section was opened in the Church Officers' Gazette, in 1942. Here appears suggestive program material for H. & S. A. leaders. Topics must be chosen, material solicited, and copy prepared for this section each month. We also prepare programs for Christian Home Day, in February, and Educational Day, in July.

Another annual feature of our work is preparation and distribution of campmeeting studies for parents. Personal attendance at the campmeetings of one union conference each year is also a part of our program. This involves addresses at public meetings as well as much private counseling.

Not a small part of our routine work is answering requests for help, preparation of articles on the importance of the home, and of explanatory and directive leaflets. Our aim in Parent and Home Education is to "preoccupy the soil" and thus "prevent the growth of evil." Our task is large, but its possibilities are as limitless as eternity.

--Florence K. Rebok, Office Secretary for Parent & Home Education.

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"The friends that we cherish as finest and truest
Aren't always the oldest nor are they the newest --
They're friends who stand by when we need them sincerely
And that's why we cherish such friendships so dearly."