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O winter, ruler of the inverted year
Thy scattered hair with sleet-like ashes filled,
Thy breath congealed upon thy lips, thy cheeks
Fringed with a beard made white with other snows
Than those of age, thy forehead wrapped in clouds,
A leafless branch thy sceptre, and by thy throne
A sliding car, indebted to no wheels,
But urged by storms along its slippery way,
I love thee, all unlovely as thou seem'st ...
I crown thee king of intimate delights,
Fireside enjoyments, home-born happiness,
And all the comforts that the lowly roof
Of undisturbed retirement and the hours
Of long, uninterrupted evening know.

—William Cowper



O V E R S E A S B O X E S

The mere mention of fellow members in need is all that's required to rouse the Keepers to action. The latest demonstration of this has been the "drive" to bring relief to the students and workers at our school in Finland, whose needs were put before us recently by Dr. Teesdale as he returned from a trip to that far northland.

As the things were brought in they were temporarily housed in the addressograph room, and in a few days Frances had to call three times for the rescue squad to clear sufficient floor space for her to carry on her work. So contagious did the enthusiasm become that the men joined in and brought suits, overcoats, etc.

Finally two boxes were packed, one containing 296 articles of clothing, the other 25 pairs of shoes - in spite of the recent rationing, too!

A collection among all the workers will pay for the shipment, which is now on its way, and we hope the warmth of this clothing will bespeak the warmth of fellowship the General Conference family has for our needy members in Finland and elsewhere.

Verna Slate, Eva Linscott and Marion Nyman gave much-appreciated help in connection with the packing.

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KEEPERS' ACTIVITIES

"Happy birthday, dear Leta, Happy birthday to you."

And Leta (that is, Leta Burgess) stood duly surprised as a group of her friends, including some Keepers, sang to her. After the shock had subsided, the group enjoyed games, stories and songs. Refreshments included birthday cake, cookies, and hot chocolate. Those helping Leta to celebrate were Keepers Mary Jane Dybdahl, Signe Nelson, Ruth Snide, and Dorothy Ferren. By the way, where did that orchid come from?

Lydia Watt reports recently spending "the most glorious week of her life" - at home, eating and sleeping.

Caroline Keeler, who has again joined the Keepers, is anticipating the time when she will be moving into her new home in New York, sometime in May, overlooking Seneca Lake. She is now thinking about color schemes and furniture. There are no other Adventists in this vicinity, but Mrs. Keeler's ambition is to be a real home missionary and raise up a church. She is also planning to adopt a little girl.

Louise Meyer is the outstanding Keeper this month. She left Sunday, January 20, for Toronto, Canada, to give instruction during a three-day Child Evangelism Institute. Reports from authentic sources are that she did exceptionally well.

Verda Trickett was surprised the other day to see her brother. This is the first time she had seen him in civilian clothes since he was discharged from the army last November.

Anyone whose fortitude needs strengthening should emulate Dorothy Greeley. At the Washington Sanitarium on January 22 she experienced her second recent operation. As the date for surgery approached, her friends felt dread, but Dorothy remained as cheerful as a Crocus. Reports are that she is recovering satisfactorily.

Music-loving Elaine Shull is a busy piano student. Music pervades one's senses like perfume, calms like a mother, satisfies like a smile. On with piano lessons!

Florence McDougal from Gallion, Ohio, has joined the Home Study force. She attended W.M.C. for one year and plans to go back to school next fall.

Dorothy Dixon, niece of Mr. Dixon in the Treasury Department, is a "brand new" Keeper. Glad to have you, Dorothy.

Perhaps you have wondered at one time or another where the Keepers attend Sabbath school and church and what positions they fill in these places. Since we thought you would be interested in the findings, we have conducted a survey among the girls and are presenting the results to you:

Verna Slate - Assistant S. S. secretary, Sligo
Rachel Landrum - A Cappella
Marion Nyman - Church Choir, Takoma Park
Louise Meyer - Kindergarten-Cradle Roll leader, Capital Memorial.
Also assistant young people's leader.
Margaret Weaver - Pianist, Cradle Roll Division, Sanitarium
Mary Ogle - Sabbath school secretary, Sligo
Nell Hunter - Assistant Home Missionary leader, Takoma Park
Thelma Wellman - Church choir, Takoma Park
Minnie Truitt - Kindergarten leader, Takoma Park
Alvina Gruzensky - Secretary, Kindergarten Division, Sanitarium
T. Rose Curtis - Associate leader, Kindergarten Division, Takoma Park
Evelyn Wells - Associate leader, Kindergarten Division, Takoma Park
Rosamond Ginther - Junior Division leader, Capital Memorial
Hazel Peter, Mary Paul, Mary Neufeld, Helen Miller - Sabbath school
treasurers, Takoma Park
Grace Coyl - Sabbath school teacher, Youth's Division, Takoma Park
Helen Smith - Church librarian and press secretary, Hyattsville
Elsie Minesinger - Assistant church treasurer, Takoma Park
Hazel Shadel - Assistant clerk, Takoma Park

A PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITY

How often opportunities come to us and we let them pass by as unconcerned as the people who walk by our street from day to day. Not that we mean to do this; but if we are not on constant guard, Life, with its multifarious responsibilities and interests absorbs our good intentions, and before we know it, the opportunity has sped by in streamline procession and we are left behind with the feeling of something lost.

In our varied experiences, however, we may sooner or later be confronted with the reality of having to aid a soul who has completely lost his bearings. Or some of the millions of people who are earnestly searching for an answer to the ominous, yet inevitable conditions in the world, are looking to us for an answer to their problems. Surely we long to help them and want to do so, yet are strangely aware of our inadequacy. It is then that we think of the numerous opportunities we have allowed to slip away.

May we, who are enjoying a Bible demonstration class every Sunday night at the Seminary, give a hearty invitation to the other "Keepers of the Keys" to join us in such profitable instruction that will prepare us to meet life's challenging opportunities. Miss Kleuser, our experienced and superb teacher in Bible instruction techniques, conducts the class and illustrates how to give Bible studies, how to meet people and their objections. Moreover, she takes some of the so-called difficult doctrinal studies and shows how to make them intensely interesting and effective. Furthermore, the Bible instructors who attend the Seminary share in practice work which gives the visitor additional opportunity in his observations.

Truly this is an opportunity so practical and worthwhile that we do not want to miss it. Plan to be at the Seminary at seven o'clock each Sunday night from now on until the 20th of February.

MORE ACTIVITIES

From Muncie, Indiana, Mrs. Leon H. Davis, formerly Althea Lightner, has come to help carry on Elder Peters' work while he recuperates in Florida.

Althea, now a happy housewife, has created a new dish which delights her family and friends: Adventist Chili. Ingredients are Yum, tomatoes, peppers, beans, and chili powder. (Althea and the reporter feel a bit bashful about the chili powder. If investigation reveals it is health-hindering, perhaps some of you expert cooks can produce a good substitute.) Anyway, cheers for Adventist Chili!

The Keepers of the Keys share the sorrow of Marjorie Marsh whose mother passed away January 10.

Shirley Swinyar is happy to have as her guest a girlfriend, Jimmie Kramer, whom she had not seen for nine years, although they have corresponded faithfully. While her doctor husband is overseas, Mrs. Kramer, a graduate from the Loma Linda School of Dietetics, is for the first time visiting Washington.

Stella Fleisher has gone to her sister's home for further recuperation. Our best wishes go with you, Stella. We are looking forward to welcoming you back.

Grace Coyl has had the rest of her vacation. Running true to form, she had "an awfully good time."

Another mid-winter vacationist was Dorothy Ninaj who went home over New Year's.

Mary Paul and T. Rose Curtis were guests of Marie Mooney at a waffle supper on January 27.

Hobby Number One of Minnie Truitt is her post-cradle roll kindergarten class. Minnie invites anyone with a story-telling flair to favor the Takoma Park church kindergarten with some storiottes.

Minnie has recently read two books which she believes are quite worthwhile. One is In the Steps of the Master, by H. V. Morton, published by Dodd, Mead & Company. This book is splendid to read as you study the present Sabbath school lessons on the life of Christ, reports Minnie.

The other book is Anything Can Happen. George Papashvily, author. Harper Brothers, publishers. Papashvily is a Russian whose first impressions of the United States are amusing and picturesque. Anything Can Happen is being circulated by the Takoma Park Branch of the Public Library.

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WEDDING BELLS

On Christmas Eve in the presence of about forty friends at her home in Winter Park, Florida, Jean Freeman became the bride of Derwood Chappell. Before the ceremony, which was performed by Elder John Howell in front of an altar of ferns and palms, Mrs. Floyd G. Winters sang "O Promise Me" and "Because." The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin and lace with a sweetheart neckline, and her finger-tip veil was caught at the top by lace and orange blossoms. She carried a white Bible and an orchid. Her sister, Miss Rose Freeman, who was her only attendant, wore a pale blue brocaded satin gown and carried a nosegay of mixed flowers. Harold Sammers was the best man. After a small reception, the bride and groom went to Miami for their honeymoon.

Mrs. Chappell is back at her desk in the Insurance Department, and her husband is attending Washington Missionary College. They are at home at 808 Houston Avenue.