



# Key Note

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## To You

Just a musing by the fireside,  
In the warmth of Christmas glow,  
Leafing o'er the friendship album,  
Lo, the page is turned to you.

With our eyelids closed in musing,  
There are pictures brought to view,  
Through the Christmas television  
The smiling face of you.

Rich we are in friends and loved ones,  
As we count them, not a few;  
And their value mounts the higher  
When we think in terms of you.

Love and Christmas greetings  
To the many friends are due;  
These we send with special pleasure,  
Since on the list -- are you.

--Selected.



## "STANDING ON THE PROMISES"

What to do, what to do? Over and over again the question pounded itself against my brain. Could I deliberately in the middle of the winter resign my position in the office of the Studebaker Corporation when I was the only one in the family earning a steady income, and my father, mother, and brother were almost wholly dependent upon me for support? No, I did not see how I could do it. And yet, did I dare longer to put off making a decision for the truth which I had come to believe through five months of weekly Bible studies. In answer to this maddening question, a still small voice always responded with, "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me," and "There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, . . . or lands, . . . but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, . . . and in the world to come eternal life."

Came the day when I could stand the struggle in the valley of decision no longer, and I walked away from the steady hum of big industry, away from everything that seemed to spell a life of security, and took my first steps along the path of uncertainty, groping at first in the darkness, as it were, but beckoned on by the gleaming light of God's promises.

During six months of tramping city streets and country roads as a colporteur, I sometimes lost sight of my guiding light and thought it had gone out in darkness; for miles and miles of walking every day seemed almost more than my physical strength was equal to, and no occupation could have been farther from my natural inclinations than that of selling. But through the patience and encouragement of my companion in the work, I came to look more at the bright side of the picture than at the dark, for there were many bright spots--the sense of utter dependence upon God, the joy of leaving a truth-filled book in the hands of an interested person, the pleasure of close association with a Christian girl friend who, through the sharing of the joys and hardships of life, became dearer to me than a sister. All of these things helped me to get my feet firmly planted in the new way of life until the promises of God were no longer a gleam, but a bright and shining light.

Then it was that God opened the way for me to return to office work--not in a smoke-filled office where men spent their time devising ways and means to make money, but in an office where

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## my hobby —

### GROWING PLANTS



For years I have enjoyed the growing of plants. At one time my sister and I decided we could earn some money raising pansy plants for sale. But alas! our dreams of wealth from pansies were blasted. The weather was not ideal for the germination of the seed, but we raised enough plants to pay for the seed and had a nice bed for mother.

For several years we had a fire-heated hotbed. We always had fine, sturdy tomato plants ready to set in the garden. We also sold several hundred tomato plants annually. Every year we raised our own pansy plants and always had a beautiful bed with plenty of bouquets for friends.

Each year I like to try something new. Once I planted a hill of cucumbers in this hotbed. They, of course, bloomed before bees were out, and so I hand-pollenized them. This hill bore forty good cucumbers.

In lieu of a hotbed I have a glass garden now. In it I have about six varieties of woods moss and several tiny pine trees, a tulip tree and some partridge berry vine. This type of garden requires very little attention so I recommend it to busy stenographers.

Genevieve I. Melendy.

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Christian gentlemen spend their time promoting the work of God in the earth. What a contrast and what a balm!

Ten years of experiencing the protecting care of God--one evidence of which has been a steady income through all the years of depression--and the joy of fellowship with the family of Christ, have for me changed the promises of God from future hoped-for possibilities to past and present demonstrated facts.

Mary Ogle.

# THE SPONSOR

Thought is deeper than all speech,  
Feeling deeper than all thought;  
Souls to souls can never teach  
What unto themselves was taught.

We are spirits clad in veils;  
Man by man was never seen;  
All our deep communing fails  
To remove the shadowy screen.

Heart to heart was never known;  
Mind with mind did never meet;  
We are columns left alone  
Of a temple once complete.

Like the stars that gem the sky,  
Far apart though seeming near,  
In our light we scattered lie;  
All is thus but starlight here.

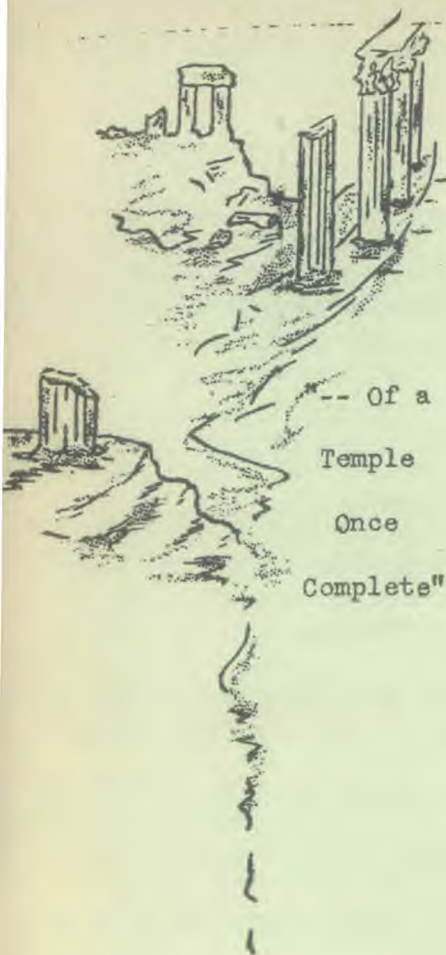
Only when the sun of love  
Melts the scattered stars of thought,  
Only when we live above  
What the dim eyed world hath taught,

Only when our souls are fed  
By the fount which gave them birth,  
And by inspiration led  
Which they never drew from earth,

We, like parted drops of rain,  
Swelling till they meet and run,  
Shall be all absorbed again,  
Melting, flowing into one.

--Christopher Pearse Cranch.

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# RS SPEAK

## ROUT THAT COLD!



REST IN BED is the best treatment for respiratory diseases, such as colds, bronchitis, sinus trouble, and grippe, Dr. Arlie V. Bock of Harvard Medical School told the American College of Physicians recently, basing his opinion on results of this treatment given to nearly two thousand Harvard students during the past three years.

This common-sense treatment, he said, often saves time, trouble, and money in the end. Very few serious complications followed the colds and sore throats and similar ailments when treated by simply putting the student to bed in the infirmary.

Dr. Bock advises against the use of sprays, ephedrine nose drops, painting the throat with argyrol or dyes, or packing the nose with adrenalin. He believes such "energetic local treatment" often prolongs the illness by irritating the membranes of nose and throat.

Among the few cases of pneumonia that developed in these students, the cause was found in many cases to be a virus rather than the pneumococcus that generally causes pneumonia.

Living under too great tension, both physically and nervously, is, Dr. Bock believes, an important factor in bringing on colds and similar ails. Since there is no specific remedy for these conditions, he advises that doctors teach themselves and their patients to "live within the resources of their physical and nervous systems." --"Health," December, 1938.

--Dorothy Steinman (Health).

Through the intercession of Dr. Reid Calvert, of the Washington Sanitarium, arrangements are being made at the Chevy Chase Ice Palace, 4461 Connecticut Avenue, for our people to use the ice skating rink on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p. m. See Mr. Higgins for reduced rates.

Several of the girls who took swimming lessons during the summer are putting into practice what they learned one night a week at the "Yu



THE  
PURCHASING  
BUREAU



Many feet turn to the Purchasing Bureau, located in a nicely renovated front room of the lower floor in the General Conference building. Begun originally as an aid to the purchasing end of the Medical Department, serving particularly sanitariums and hospitals, the Bureau has grown to the place where it now serves our various departments, as well as institutions, mission stations, and individual workers in all parts of the world.

More and more our workers scattered everywhere are learning about the service this Bureau renders. As the Bureau is able to effect a substantial saving on almost all items required by our workers, it is a real economy to buy through this department when possible. Last year over \$18,000 worth of purchases were made directly by the Bureau. Besides this, other purchases were effected through arrangements made by the Bureau for direct transaction by customers.

In many instances, considerable correspondence with various firms is necessary. Some people are as finicky about buying across the ocean as a woman is in selecting a new hat. It is natural to want to see a thing before paying for it. Careful attention therefore must be paid to get exactly what the customer wants, to make sure that it be not returned. Particular care is necessary in ordering electrical goods to meet the current requirements in voltage, cycles, etc., because of the difference of currents in various countries. The customer does not always think of this, so we of the Bureau have to think for him. Whether it is a washing machine for Egypt, a heating pad or toaster for Inland China, or a diathermy outfit for India, it is necessary to know what watt.

Among the more frequent items of purchases are stereopticons, stillfilm and movie projectors, slides, films, photographic supplies, electrical equipment, sewing machines, church supplies, silverware, brief cases, watches, and tennis rackets. We also maintain a picture service agency which develops and prints camera shots.

Although we do considerable buying for missionaries in foreign fields, we need not go to the ends of the earth to note the purchasing benefits of the Bureau. Many of our local people, and our own office staff, avail themselves of the service rendered by the Bureau, and we are glad to serve them.--Hazel M. Peter.



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To express appreciation  
For all this and more,  
Which made each month seem easier  
Than the one before.

The Editors.

## A Suggestion for Christmas

A solution to the knotty problem of Christmas giving has been hit upon by June Bender and Mildred Davis. Each girl desires a tennis racket. The girls, therefore, have agreed to give each other this very much desired gift. Several others are exchanging "Santa" lists. Mighty nice to get what you want, isn't it?

### Honorable Mention

Excitement arose to a high tempo when "stenos" eagerly unraveled the hieroglyphics in last month's issue. We are sure that not all who transcribed them sent in a report, but we are happy to give honorable mention to these faithful eight:

Dolly Long	Fern Green
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### HEARD AT THE OFFICE

The Pencil made a few quiet pointed remarks about the Sponge being soaked all day, and the Wastebasket being full, too. The Scissors were cutting up and the Paper Weight was trying to hold them down. The Mucilage stuck around to see the Stamp get a good licking in the morning. The Ink's Well but it felt sort of blue because Bill was stuck on to File. The Calendar was expecting a Month off, and the Blotter took it all in.

--Selected.



# THIS 'N THAT

Announcing! A brand new Peacock blue Hudson coach, with all the latest gadgets! Is it beautiful? Oh yes! And just watch its proud driver-Mable Hinkhouse!

Friends of Louise Olsen-Walther will be pleased to know that she is now making steady progress from her recent serious illness. Our thoughts have often turned with sincere sympathy to Louise during her illness, and we are happy that she is recovering.

The Treasury Department had the privilege of "christening" the new Takoma Park church school building at its bimonthly gathering on Monday evening, November 7. The entertainment for the evening was carried on in the scheme of the political battle to be waged on November 8. The basement and table decorations were in red, white, and blue. A good supper and amusing games were the order of the evening.

The Fall Council stenographic staff was entertained recently by Marie Mooney. In addition to the girls, Elder and Mrs. M. N. Campbell, Laura Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cobban, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips, and Chester and Anne Rogers were present. Ruth Conard led out in several lively and laugh-provoking games, and refreshments were served by the hostess.

Attending six Michigan Conference Federated Dorcas Societies following the Autumn Council in the interests of medical missionary work was an interesting experience for Miss Kathryn Jensen. She returned via Oshawa Missionary College, and reports many improvements in the physical plant. Miss Margaret Stone, the commercial teacher, sends greetings to all her Takoma Park friends.

Our twins, Minnie and Mintie, started for Mount Vernon, Ohio, Thanksgiving morning in their coupe, but our oncoming 7" snow caused them to backtrack. Consequently they are working this week instead of vacationing in Ohio.

A veritable Thanksgiving feast was enjoyed by the Secretarial Office group and their families at the Sligo Cabin the evening of Nov. 22. Lively games of bean-bag baseball, and quoits, followed the tempting meal, then toasted marshmallows around the fireplace, and a good old-fashioned sing.

While we here are welcoming the cold weather, Grace Evans is basking in the sun at Miami Beach. Her mother came from Ohio, and they together with Miss Margaret Hoyt of the Sanitarium left Wed. night, Nov. 23 for the South.

Mrs. Grace D. Mace is attending a meeting of Union Conference Home Missionary Secretaries at Hinsdale, Illinois, this week.

What a proud dog was Farningham Snow Wrangle when she accompanied her mistress, Hazel Shadel, back to Takoma Park! Hazel bought her when she was six weeks old, and the next day Wrangle picked her owner out at a Far Eastern Academy commencement exercise. And she has been getting smarter ~~over since~~ She is now 3 yrs. 6 mos. 17 days old.