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IT'S SEPTEMBER!

It's September, and the orchards are afire with
red and gold
And the nights with dew are heavy, and the
morning's sharp with cold;
Now the garden's at its gayest with the salvia
blazing red,
And the good old-fashioned aster, laughing at
us from their bed;
Once again in shoes and stockings are the chil-
dren's little feet
And the dog now does his snoozing on the bright
side of the street.

It's September, and the cornstalks are as high
as they will go,
And the red cheeks of the apples everywhere be-
gin to show;
Now the supper's scarcely over ere the darkness
settles down
And the moon looms big and yellow at the edges
of the town;
Oh, it's good to see the children, when their little
prayers are said,
Duck beneath the patchwork covers when they tumble
into bed.

--Edgar A. Guest

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 Elizabeth Zeidler is boasting about the roses growing in her garden this season. She plans to add to her collection of bushes.

Swimmers, take note! Dolly Long recently had the courage to dive and swim in twenty feet of water in Long Island Sound! (P. S. With a life preserver on.)

Genevieve Melendy reports having recently entertained her father and mother from Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Our first president, Kathryn Jensen, together with her sister, Mrs. Arason, and children, had a two-weeks' vacation and rest at Kenwood Beach, where Mrs. Mary Scott and Doris joined them for a week.

Esther Adams, between "tours" of service in Inter-America and South America, prefers not to spend her furlough in idleness, so she has been helping in the Secretarial Department while several have been on vacation.

The cottage at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Holms spent a week of their vacation, was completely destroyed by fire five hours after they left there. Edna says she and Floyd are thankful that they and their belongings were safely out of the place.

Edna Edeburn and Thelma Durrell spent the week end of August 26 with Miss Jensen at Kenwood.

Mrs. William Richardson (formerly Grace Wilcox once of the Religious Liberty Association office), her husband and small daughter, now of Loma Linda, California, visited friends in Takoma Park last week.

Stella Fleisher enjoyed a recent week end on Skyline with Elder and Mrs. Weaks.

Margaret Burdette Zander is assisting in the Educational Department, making use of Elder Bond's office in his absence.

BE A BOOSTER

For the women of today it is difficult to realize that there ever was a time when there were no girls' clubs or ladies auxiliaries or societies. We would find it hard to adjust ourselves to the woman's world as it existed at the opening of the nineteenth century when woman had no legal rights and few social. Before that time girls had little opportunity for education as did boys. It was Emma Willard who formed the plan of a school for the higher education of girls, endowed by the state. Mary Lyon went still further and succeeded by sheer force in founding Mt. Holyoke Seminary for girls. Many who organized women's societies and clubs in the early sixties were Mt. Holyoke graduates, and missionary after missionary was sent out by these societies to fields abroad. Married women in those days had no legal right even to their own children; the husband was sole guardian. The doctrine of woman's rights at that time is expressed by a fond lover who, in proposing said, "Mary, when we are married, we shall be one, darling, and I will be that one."


All this may help us to feel grateful that we live in the twentieth century, when we have the right to belong to a girls' club, and do have such a club here in our General Conference office. We are not much concerned about legal rights, but how much pleasure we should find in association together as a club to discuss our problems and activities, and carry them out as we deem best and in harmony with high ideals! Let each of us show our appreciation of this great privilege by being a booster of the Keepers of the Keys.

That our girls' club has come to stay is demonstrated by the fact that all have endeavored to do their part in nurturing the organization since its inception almost three years ago. We must continue our confidence, however, and our willingness to be helpful. We should be boosters whenever opportunity offers. Boost the spirit of friendliness among the girls; boost the activities in which you are interested; boost the worthwhile projects agreed upon by the members. Be a booster by taking as active part as possible in the club, by being present at the monthly business meetings, by taking a helpful part in discussions, by cheerfully doing whatever tasks are yours, and by constructive criticisms to the officers.

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SPONSORS

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"When on my sight this mighty wonder broke,
Words like pale ghosts dissolved and humbly fled,
My heart stood still and listened while God spoke
Amidst and through the loveliness outspread.
I saw His love in the unceasing flow,
His glory in the grandeur of the scene,
His faithfulness was written in the bow
That spanned the spray with iridescent sheen.
The everlasting rocks proclaimed His name;
I read His promises in verdant sod,
And through that thund'rous roar a whisper came,
'My child, be still and know that I am God.'
Man senses the Eternal when he sees
Wonders of nature, God's epitomes."

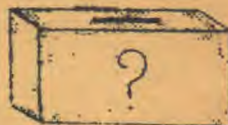
Selected by Genevieve Melendy (Nature).

ASK YOUR DOCTOR

Youth loves freedom but often forgets that "he only is free whose body is the servant of his mind and whose mind untrammelled is the servant of God." This is especially true in all the habits of life which affect our health. It is not any one thing we may do that lessens our efficiency for service in the cause of God, but the doing of one wrong thing over and over until it affects not only our character, but also our physical health. Sometimes it is a combination of things that brings to us ill health.

The "Keepers of the Keys" will be happy to hear that Dr. Emma Hughes, our capable woman physician and surgeon at the Washington Sanitarium, has consented to talk to the girls of the office on this important subject sometime in September. So watch

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for the special notice girls. Begin now to get your questions ready for the question box.

Dr. Hughes will bring to us a wealth of information from her years of treating the ills of woman kind. She may, incidentally, tell us how to reach a ripe old age and go to pieces all at once like the "one hoss shay," of poetic fame. Wouldn't that be grand!

Kathryn Jenson (Health).

ARE YOU PREPARED?

"None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."

How many times we have heard that very familiar quotation from "The Great Controversy," but unless you and I have applied it individually to our own hearts and lives, we have not as yet gotten its full meaning. For some time, this matter of preparedness has given me concern, and I have asked myself, Is my mind sufficiently fortified with the truths of the Bible to enable me to "stand through the last great conflict"? If, in the face of laws enforcing intolerance, I were asked to justify my beliefs, would I be able to give a "thus saith the Lord"? Even though I have been brought up in the Advent faith, would I be able to give my witness of truth before kings, legislative courts, and the learned of earth?

We cannot get away from the fact that,— "Those who have only a superficial understanding of truth will not be able clearly to expound the Scriptures, and give definite reasons for their faith. They will become confused, and will not be workmen that

need not to be ashamed. Let no one imagine that he has no need to study, because he is not to preach in the sacred desk. You know not what God may require of you."

The question is, What are we going to do to prepare ourselves for what we know is before us? We all have full programs, and have a waiting list in the back of our minds of a number of things we would like to give study to if we ever found time. But here is a subject of eternal importance--that of preparing ourselves for the life to come. Then in the new earth, we will have eternity to spend in doing some of the things we have wished so much to do here on this earth.

A number of Keepers have expressed themselves as being desirous of having a class organized under a competent teacher for a systematic study of our fundamental truths. If there are those who are interested in a class of this kind, would you not hand me your names. Then when the girls all get back from vacation, we can determine a time and place to carry on such a class.

Alice La Bonte (Spiritual)



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BE A BOOSTER

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Let each of us boost our girls' club now and through the days to come. As a result, we will find thorough enjoyment in its activities, and will have a greater comradeship in its service.

Margaret Weir

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expressed her appreciation for the ready response of the members in the matter of payment of dues, and Miss Weir stated that she had received a telephone call from Lela Wilcox to express her thanks for the flowers sent to her at the Sanitarium. Why not plan on attending the forthcoming meeting?

Dorothy Ford.

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On their way up to Ohio, Harriett Richardson and the Twins stopped off to see Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland, and think that a week end there this fall would be grand. They ferried over the Ohio River instead of taking the usual humdrum way of the toll bridge. Harriett and Esther Kuckenmeister—who was at home vacationing, and had helped her folks move while there—piloted the Twins' car back from Ohio while the Twins went on to New York with relatives.



This 'n That



Katie Farney began her vacation by motoring to Ohio and Michigan, where she visited her brothers and their families in Dayton and Detroit, and finished it by returning to Washington by train.

At least one of our number, Kathryn Haynal, has had the privilege and pleasure of riding on the streamliner El Capitan. Kathryn just returned from California, and regrets very much being unable to fill the requests forwarded to her. She is very busy now that Mrs. Hunter is away on vacation.

Louise Surface enjoyed a trip in New England, making a brief stop at the Fair en route. Ask her about her airplane adventures.

Virginia Butler is back from a holiday at Ocean City, Maryland.

Irma Lee Hewitt, after a few days in the office, left again, this time to attend the Junior Camp in East Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Higgins spent last week end sleeping at Woodland Beach.

June Bender and her mother enjoyed a week end recently in Fayetteville, N. Car., visiting June's brother and his family.

Hazel Shadel, too, has visited New York and the Fair. She made the trip with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Morse who are on furlough from China. Clarence Miller also accompanied them.

Other vacationers were Mrs. Mace and Mrs. Quinn, who spent a few days at the World's Fair. Mrs. Mace says she would like to spend about a week at the Fair, two days at a time with rests in between the two-day periods.

Marie Mooney and Dolly Long were also entertained by the Big City for a week. They saw the Fair, did some shopping, and went with friends for a day's cruise on Long Island Sound.

Singing Band activities in the Harvest Ingathering campaign account for that tired feeling on the part of a number of the Keepers when rising time comes the morning after.