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THE CROSS

Blest they who seek,
While in their youth
With a spirit meek,
The way of truth;

To them the Sacred Scriptures now display
Christ as the only true and living way.
His precious blood on Calvary was given,
To make them heirs of endless bliss in heaven;
And e'en on earth the child of God can trace
The glorious blessings of his Saviour's grace.

For them He bore
His Father's frown;
For them He wore
The thorny crown;
Nailed to the cross,
Endured its pain,
That His life's loss
Might be their gain.
Then haste to choose
That better part,
N o r dare refuse
The Lord thy heart,
Lest He declare,
"I know you not,"
A n d deep despair
Should be your lot.

Now look to Jesus, who on Calvary died,
And trust in Him who there was crucified.

(The best-shaped poem ever written, within its compass, is still believed to be this one. It has never been traced to its author.)



Inquiries at the Sanitarium Hospital elicit the information that Edna Helms is doing nicely after her appendectomy October 25. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wyatt left October 9 for Alabama and Florida. They report having enjoyed their vacation trip very much.

Margaret Elliott was recently called to visit her old home in Pennsylvania to attend the funeral of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marsh drove to New York recently to meet Mr. Marsh's mother, arriving from England, who is now visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, June Bender, and Alice Love spent the week end of October 7 on Skyline.

Irma Lee Hewett had her first ocean voyage the other day. She accompanied Mrs. A. W. Spalding and Mrs. Roscoe MacFadden to Norfolk, Virginia, and returned via the "District of Columbia."

Ye Art Editor has enrolled in the Commercial Art course at Washington Missionary College. She recommends the class to any upon whom her mantle may fall for future production of the KEY NOTE.

The World's Fair and New York City provided a week of entertainment and sightseeing to Hazel Peter and Elsie Winders on their vacations early in October. Even after a week, Mrs. Peter reports they "didn't see it all." Following her return from New York, Mrs. Peter went to Michigan for a visit to her sister and mother.

Mabel Hinkhouse, Alice Love, Mildred Davis, Yvonne Olsen, spent the week end of October 20 in New York. Esther Adams rode up with them and the girls took her to the S.S. "Argentine" which sailed at midnight Friday.

FAREWELL

Esther Adams was thoroughly and happily surprised, when she came over to the Wellman house to see a new piano and play some duets, to find about twenty-five of her friends there to wish her well on her voyage to Buenos Aires. After playing several interesting games well adapted to the occasion, Esther was presented with a pint-sized kodak and a subscription to the magazine YOUR LIFE for a year. In order that she might remember her friends, two pictures of all the members present at the party were already recorded on the film in the little camera. Bon voyage, Esther, and much success in your new field of labor.

Thelma Wellman.

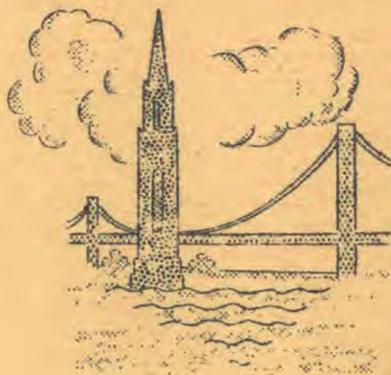
NEW YORK -- SAN FRANCISCO

In answering the oft-repeated questions, "How do they compare? Which do you like better, the New York World's Fair or the Golden Gate International Exposition?" I can agree with Kipling when he said,

"Oh, East is East, and West is West, and
never the twain shall meet."

Although the western Fair comes East, it reaches farther West; and although the eastern Fair goes West, it still reaches farther East. They both serve their purpose, and serve it well.

New York's Fair cost three times as much as San Francisco's, covers 1,200 acres as against Treasure Island's 400; has ten entrance gates, while Treasure Island has but one main entrance where ferries dock, and one for automobilists.



Some fifty foreign countries (twenty-six of which are European) have separate buildings at New York, while about thirty are represented on Treasure Island, and the larger part of these border on the Pacific. Twenty-six States have exhibits at New York, while Treasure Island has half that number, and these mostly western. New York's amusement zone, with its hundred different attractions, covers 280 acres alone, which is a little less than three-quarters of the entire area of Treasure Island.

At both Fairs one is entranced by the splendor and glamour, the color, architecture, illumination,--the setting in general; but the East is eastern, and the West, western. New York's may be more spirited, but Treasure Island is more homey.

"Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter;
That's where the West begins."

Edna Edeburn.

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PERFECT PEACE

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Isa. 26:3.

Have you ever experienced any difficulty in keeping your mind "stayed" on the things of God? Perhaps you have found a solution to this problem. If so, I am sure we would all like to share it. I would like to suggest a plan that has proved helpful to many. Choose some text, perhaps a Morning Watch verse, or a few sentences from the Spirit of prophecy, which just fits your need. Type it on a small card, and set it where your eye can fall on it frequently. Memorize it, and say it over to yourself as you walk to and from work, and you will be surprised to find that you are girded with power to be victorious in the hour of temptation.

From time to time, through the medium of the KEY NOTE, I would like to suggest some helpful quotations, such as the following: "God still tests His people. And if they fail to endure the trial, He brings them again to the same point, and the second time the trial will come closer, and be more severe than the preceding. This is continued until they bear the test, or, if they are still rebellious, God withdraws His light from them, and leaves them in darkness."--"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 437.

Alice La Bonte (Spiritual).



YUM! YUM!

How would you like to try your hand at putting up some cake filling at almost the end of the canning season? I have been asked to give you something of this kind sometime, so here it is.

Put through a vegetable mill, two pounds of prepared (peeled and cored) pears, one-half pound each of figs and raisins. Add two pounds of light brown sugar, and cook slowly for half an hour, stirring frequently so it does not stick or burn on the bottom of the stew pan.

This will make four good half pints, and you will find it a great convenience to have it on hand to use when desired.

Hazel Peter (Household Arts).

Spread

THE WOES OF A SPONSOR

Each month, one of the editorial staff of the KEY NOTE is seen peering around the door of the Statistical Department with a queer light in her eyes. Every time I see that light I secretly quaver inside, because I know it can mean only one thing--"Please write something for the sponsors' page." Now I know very well that this clear, crisp weather should inspire me to write something about the benefits and pleasures one derives from bicycling,--but does it? No! Suppose YOU come with us the next time we go biking, which will be Tuesday, November 7. Perhaps that is just the inspiration I need to write something interesting for the editors the next time they come sidling into my office.

Helen Porter (Bicycling).

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE BIRDS GO IN THE WINTER TIME?



When you were of kindergarten age did you sing:

"Where do all the birdies go?

I know! I know!"?



And yet you knew very little. Long ago people thought that the birds flew away to the moon to spend the winter. Much has been learned in the last three decades about bird migrations. Bobolinks and barn swallows winter in South America; catbirds, humming birds and wood thrushes in Central America; the wrens in Mexico and the Gulf states; bluebirds, brown thrashers, flickers, robins, and meadow-larks in the southern states.

We also know interesting things about the routes they take. The adult golden plovers of the Atlantic come down to Nova Scotia and then take off for South America across the Atlantic, missing our shore by hundreds of miles in places. But when they return in the spring, they come the interior route through the United States, the route the young plovers traveled going south. It is a mystery how young birds can start weeks after their parents and, without adults in the group, find their way to a place they have never seen.

Genevieve Melendy (Nature).

THE LIBRARY

"Books should to one of these four ends conduce,
For wisdom, piety, delight, or use."

Among the more than 6400 books in the General Conference Library and the additional 2300 in the Seminary Library (in borrowed quarters across the hall) one should be able to find a satisfactory answer to one or all of these ends. And if still the need is not met, we have here the "central catalog" of nearly all department libraries in the building, making available thousands more volumes.

During the last twelve months we have added more than 750 books to the General Conference Library, and just under 400 to the Seminary Library; which means, for one thing, the making of some 5000 cards--an average of at least four to each book, since we index by author, title, and subject.

We also receive and keep on file the current denominational periodicals in English and the leading foreign languages, besides a number of secular magazines: Atlantic Monthly, Reader's Digest, Life, Time, Newsweek, Nature, Parents', National Geographic, and others. And for the special benefit of our secretarial staff, we have each month Better English, Correct English, and two copies of The Gregg Writer. Some are quite diligent in making use of the library's resources. Are you? If not, why not?

During the summer and winter quarters of the Seminary, our library is a scene of busy and earnest activity, as from thirty to seventy students try, in crowded space and with limited facilities, to meet the requirements of their professors. It is a moot question who will be happiest when the new Seminary building is completed and their library moved to the more adequate quarters planned. Meantime the patient, cordial, and cooperative spirit shown by all is certainly a help and comfort to your librarian!

I often doubt if Solomon in all his wisdom could meet some of the requests that come my way in the course of an ordinary day's work! Nevertheless it is my privilege and my joy to be, to the limit of my ability and resources, "the servant of all."

T. Rose Curtis.

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QUESTIONS ANSWERED--

Monday evening, October 2, the chapel was the scene of a Question and Answer Service, conducted by Dr. Emma Hughes, of the Washington Sanitarium staff. A number of the Keepers had previously placed questions (of a medical or health nature) in a question box, and although these covered a wide range of subjects, Dr. Hughes very graciously answered them to the satisfaction of all. This interesting meeting was planned by our Health Sponsor, Kathryn Jensen, and at its close a vote of appreciation was given both the Doctor and Miss Jensen, and an invitation for Dr. Hughes to return for another such meeting was unanimously voted.

Marie Mooney.

PARTY

The evening of October 24 witnessed a merry gathering of the Keepers of the Keys at the Sligo Cabin. It was a very chilly welcome that they received, however, for they found themselves confronted just outside the door by a ghostly white figure which extended an icy hand of greeting.

A blindfold was hastily bound over their eyes and the horrors before them became greater in their imaginations. A hot breath struck their faces as they entered the door, chains rattled about them and a feathered object brushed against their faces. Relief was written large on every countenance when the bandage was removed and they found themselves in the presence of friends.

Jolly games, small gifts, and all manner of refreshments combined to make the evening spent before the big fireplace a successful one.

Alice Love.



This 'n That

Rosamond Ginther's sister, Mrs. Benawa, who for many years was a government school teacher in Alaska, is making an extended tour of the United States. She is now visiting Miss Ginther following their spending a few days together in New York and Mrs. Benawa's trip to New England, and later will return to Alaska after a look at many other points of interest in her itinerary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long, Mrs. Molitor, Alice La Bonte, and Ruth Conard are basking in the Florida sunshine. Dolly writes: "We hated to leave Daytona Beach but we are just as crazy about Miami Beach. The swimming is grand--no effort at all. The weather is just lovely." Makes us envious!

On the Chesapeake Bay, a forty mile drive from Takoma Park, are fossil beds. Genevieve Melendy, with a small group of nature-minded enthusiasts, drove to this interesting spot on Tuesday afternoon, October 24. Shells, coral, and sharks' teeth were among the discoveries at the end of the drive.

There seems to be nothing to this Friday-the-thirteenth business. Frances Nowlin started on October 13 for a three-day vacation on the Eastern Shore. She not only returned safely but reported having a good time.

Mrs. Clarence Holcomb (the former Marie Rogers) paid us a brief visit, October 9. She spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rogers, and they took her home to Margaretville, N. Y.

Yvonne Olsen, a former Keeper, is enjoying her work as secretary to the president of National Park College, an exclusive school for girls located at Forest Glen, Maryland.

Helon Porter is feeling the effects of having a wisdom tooth removed. We are glad to report that she is well on the road to recovery.

Among those surviving the flu epidemic during October are T. Rose Curtis, Evelyn Wells, Kathryn Raynal, Louiso Surface, Nell Hunter, and Sarah Williams.

Everyone will agree that our Production Staff spares no effort to give us an attractive KEY NOTE. Witness the four-color job this month.

The next time the wind blows lustily, notice with what practiced hands the 1939 Autumn Council stenographic staff clutch insecure hats. Lincoln treated them to a sample of what Nebraska wind can do by way of keeping one busy out of doors.