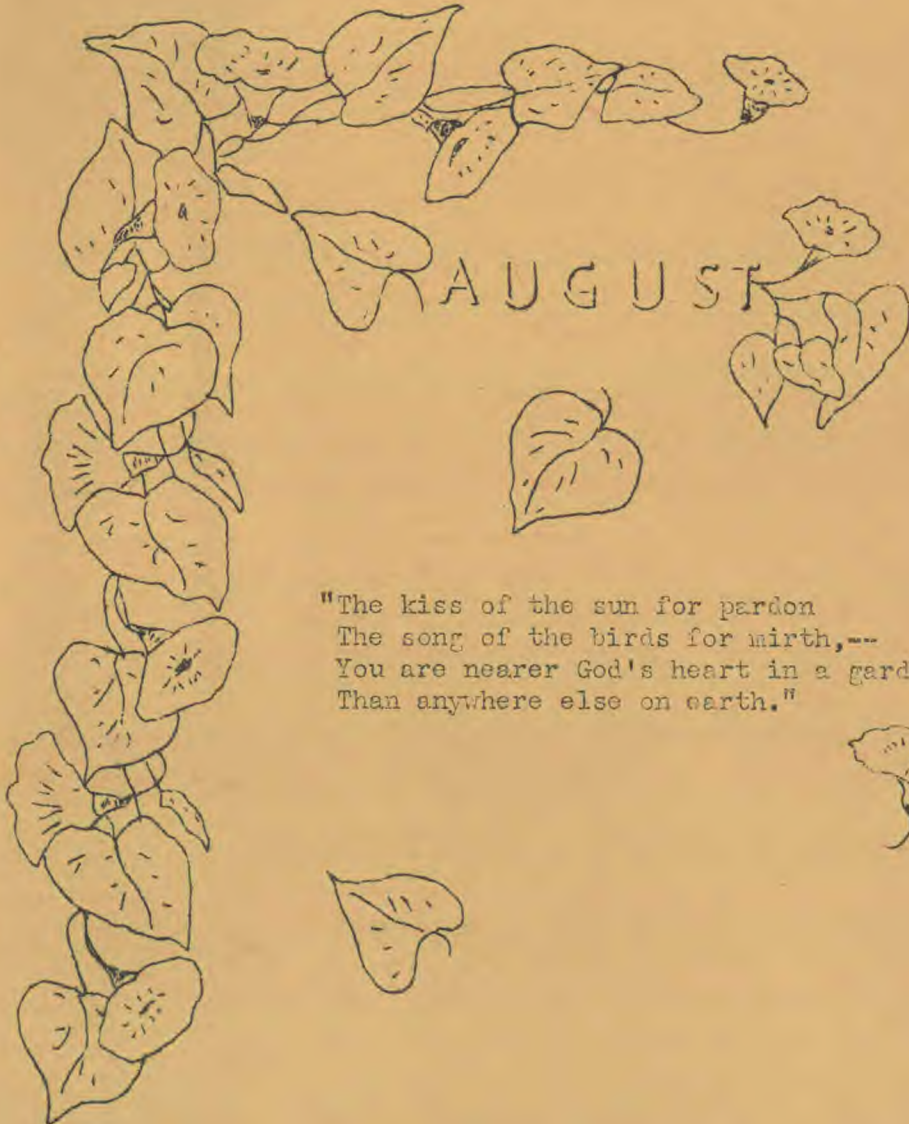


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AUGUST

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Than anywhere else on earth."

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MORE VACATIONS

Ora Williams in Louisville, Kentucky
Marion MacNeil at Rehoboth Beach
Edith Geymet driving to California (imagine that!) for three weeks
M. Stella Fleisher visiting her friends and relatives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Walker in Northern New York State
Katie Farney visiting relatives in Ohio
Pfc. John Minesinger and Elsie spent their vacation in Atlantic City and New York City. Incidentally, Elsie reports that if you want a practically free vacation go with a serviceman. Everywhere they were given favors, discounts, courtesies, and free tickets.

T. Rose Curtis and Mary Paul started July 27--via train--for Aurora-on-Cayuga, New York, to spend their vacation with Mrs. Sangster at her summer home. T. Rose plans to stay a whole month! Aurora-on-Cayuga is a tiny village a few miles south of Union Springs, on beautiful Lake Cayuga of the Finger Lakes.

OVERSIGHT!

We editors do humbly acknowledge their oversight in the July KEY NOTE--for which they have been duly chastised by a number of Keepers--namely, the announcement of Miss Arthelia Watlington's marriage to Corporal Herbert Alexander of the Army Medical Corps. This event took place in Iowa on May 24 at the home of the groom's aunt. We all wish the young couple much happiness.

WE REGRET

the passing of Helen Miller's father on July 21 and Mrs. Halswick's mother on the 25th. We extend our sincere sympathy.

That Mayme Higgins, for so long an active member of our organization, will soon be leaving us for Nashville, Tennessee, where Cecil will be the secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

GREAT NEW STAR

In an editorial of the paper Signs of the Times we are informed that it is reported that an astronomer attached to the Marseillo Observatory, has made a discovery of "a remarkable red star" estimated to be one hundred times brighter than the sun. The editor then comments on the fact that it is refreshing to learn that "while millions are gazing upon the tragedy of ruined homes and broken lives, some at least are looking upward through the clouds to watch the wonders in the firmament above. It is well to look up in dark and evil days, for only from above can new hope and courage come."

Quoting Luke 21:28 where Jesus bade men in the last days, when there was distress of nations and "men's hearts failing them for fear," look up for redemption was near, the editor expressed this timely thought: "That was a message for our time; and one day when we lift up our heads we, too, shall see a star. And this star will not be merely a hundred times brighter than the sun; it will eclipse the light of the sun completely, for it will be 'the brightness of His glory,' the majesty and splendor of the returning Christ."

--Lottie Quinn, Nature Sponsor

Thelma Wellman is happy to share her chuckles over a telegram she received via Western Union and signed "Birth Certificate Advertising Agency." It should have read "Gerth-Pacific Advertising Agency."

The Home Study Institute regrets the loss of another worker. Mary Hindmarsh has joined the corps of "government girls" and says that she enjoys her work in the Chaplain's office down town where she has been working since July 26. As a parting gift the Keepers presented her with a black corde' purse. We'll be seeing you, Mary!

Her friends were all glad to see Thelma Durell-Roscoe back in town from Vermont. At present she is temporarily employed in the Medical Department.

WE HEAR THAT

Nora Buckman celebrated a birthday, July 27. She says she has tomatoes in her victory garden. Do you suppose we could bring a loaf of bread and drop in for a tomato sandwich?

Alice Fagerstrom had her mother-in-law visiting her for a couple of weeks recently.

The Home Study Institute has had several new part-time workers during the past few weeks. Miss Beatrice Tear will be working Mondays through Fridays until school starts. During the winter she is librarian at a school for boys in Baltimore. Miss Mabel Whatley, Mrs. Ivan Crawford and Miss Ackerman have been working part-time.

Bethel Rice entertained her academy and college classmates with a party at her home the night of July 27.

Mrs. Ellen Franklin (Eppie) has been ill with an ear infection contracted while swimming.

Thelma Wellman delighted her guests, Lynelle Draughon, Betty Canon, Alice Olsen-Roth, Jeanne Griffin, and Mary Hindmarsh, by serving a truly Indian dinner, with curry and all the fixings Sunday evening.

Mrs. Robok attended the Southern New England camp meeting the week of July 12.

Miss Burnett assisted in conducting a workshop for the Directors of Nursing on the E.M.C. campus recently, June 18-30.

Edna Helms' husband, Floyd, is shaping up into a first-class Navy man at the boot camp "somewhere in Maryland." He'll soon be home on his first leave. At present he is quarantined because of being full of "shots."

Esther Benton spent the week-end of July 17 with friends in Shenandoah.

A FOND FAREWELL

"All aboard! All aboard!" And thus, the Chicago Limited came puffing into the station (this all took place in a classroom at the Seminary on July 8), and we Keepers bade Alice Le Bonte good-bye as she departed for Portland, Oregon.

The trip west was full of interest for Alice (Elsie Minesinger in the role of Alice)--a stop-over at the old homestead and farm in Iowa, and then, romance too (John Minesinger) came dashing. A rodeo capped the climax, and Alice proved quite a hand in lassoing the spirited young colt (Bethel Rice and Pauline Klady).

Two beautiful musical selections added much to our program--"Farewell to Thee," as given by Jewel Hatcher and Nora Buckman, and a violin number "Indian Love Call" by Jewel.

Our parting gift to Alice was presented by Dorothy Ford, President of the Keepers.

Refreshments topped off a pleasant evening, and so we wished Alice "Bon Voyage." We hope she will like it in Portland, and may she not forget that

Our friends are friends tho distance makes
Our paths quite far apart,
For still the memory way we take
The path from heart to heart.

--Kitty Kavanaugh

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