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There must have been
 A tube or two
 Of burnt sienna,
 And little dabs
 Of ochre, flame,
 And tile
 Left over
 From the painting
 Of September sunsets.

How else
 Could these five maples
 Flaunt
 Such gypsy airs?
 I think
 The Sunset-Painter
 Must have said,
 "This is too good
 To waste;
 I'll trade it for
 The green georgette
 The maple wears,
 To veil
 The new moon's face."

-I. Ragnhild Berner.



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HOME FROM THE WARS

It was a real home-coming party, when Keepers and their friends gathered in the Review and Herald Chapel the evening of September 13, to welcome four of the girls recently liberated from Philippine prison camps. Bessie Mount and Mary Ogle had previously worked with some of us in the General Conference office, and it was a pleasure to welcome also two of their fellow workers from the China Division, Rachel Landrum and Mildred Dumas. Mary and Rachel are soon to join our staff and become regular Keepers, while Mildred is merely stopping by long enough to say "Hello" on her way to join former Keeper Betty Canon in the South American Division office. After a little further recuperation, Bessie plans to return for the winter quarter at the Seminary.

Though this gathering was planned primarily to honor our friends, we admit freely that the guests furnished the most interesting part of the program. We laughed and cried in turn as Mary, Rachel, and Mildred recounted their prisoner-of-war experiences, and later Bessie filled in some of the missing details from her diary - which of course she didn't have any more! It was a far cry from the cozy group in the lovely chapel to Camp Holmes and Bilibid Prison, where thirty-seven long months were spent. How thankful we all are for answered prayers in behalf of these dear ones, and for the remarkable deliverance which came to them.

Pauline Klady's piano selections and Viola Walker's lovely songs added to the pleasure of all. A smile went around the room as Mrs. Bertha Forshee called Mary to join her in front, and there were "smiles out loud" as she proceeded to tell how she made her wedding dress - "not that I expected to get married, but just so I should be prepared in case I should."

Chocolate cake and tangy fruit punch appropriately accompanied by a tiny Stars and Stripes brought the evening to a conclusion. Yes, it was a good party, enjoyed by everyone present. And again, Welcome home, girls!

--Florence K. Rebok

NEWS NOTES

Ingrid Beaulieu entertained her brother, Pfc. Helmer Lindquist, for a "long week end." Pfc. Lindquist has just returned from the European theater of operations, and is on a 30-day furlough - hoping for discharge at its expiration.

Carol and Jimmy Crabtree and Bethel Rice got together on vacation plans this year and drove "home" to Takoma Park. This was the signal for Department of Education parties and picnics galore, at each of which "a good time was had by all."

When the Crabtrees and Bethel returned to their respective posts of duty in Michigan, T. Rose Curtis accompanied them to visit her brother Wilbur and his family at Battle Creek. She reports the brother making a really wonderful recovery from serious and extensive injuries sustained in a tractor accident more than four months ago. After 103 days in the hospital he is at home and able to get about under his own power - with the aid of crutches.

Florence Rebok seems to have all the luck! Daughter Jean was home for a month last June between second and senior years of nurse's training at Loma Linda. Now Son Edward is home for a week between sophomore and junior years of medical training at the College of Medical Evangelists. The family are on a brief trip to visit relatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Marilyn Knecht took a three-day vacation before entering upon another school year at W. M. C., and caught a flu bug - but recovered in time to register on Wednesday. She'll be working only part time in the Department of Education from now on.

Kitty Hamm's parents and brother from Philadelphia have been visiting her for a few days.

At last the Bentons' "camping" days are over. They're in their new home on Trescott Avenue, and the "interior decorations" have safely arrived from the former habitat at Lincoln, Nebraska. The neighbors especially enjoy Esther's piano playing in the evening!

Juanita Moffitt has just returned from a week's vacation in Florida. Her fun included visiting in Orlando, a swim at Daytona Beach, a ride in a glass-bottomed boat at Silver Springs (not Maryland), and, oh yes, a smattering of the hurricane!

Lena Wetaore was happily surprised on September 12, her fifth wedding anniversary, when she received a lovely corsage at the office from her husband, and celebrated the occasion by going out to dinner.

Hazel Peter and her husband and sister spent four days in New York City taking in the sights. They luckily timed their shoe-buying on Fifth Avenue to coincide with the parade for General Wainwright. The proprietor of the shoe store invited them upstairs to a balcony from where they got a grand view of the General. Hazel says he threw a kiss her way, though she's not sure it was meant for her.

Mary Neufeld comes all the way from Canada to be with us. She is working in the White Publications.

Jean Freeman and her sister have been entertaining their parents from Orlando, Florida. They spent a few days in Philadelphia and Albany, N. Y., visiting relatives.

Signe Nelson has taken her vacation on the installment plan - a week at a time. She spent part of her first week visiting friends in New York. Now, after two weeks of work, her second week of vacation is in progress and will be reported on at a later date.

TEN DAYS THROUGH NEW ENGLAND

Special to the Key-Note:

Write about my vacation? I couldn't possibly. That is, I couldn't possibly say how good it was, how tangy the New England air, how blue the lakes, how beautiful the landscape.

We (Lt. and Mrs. Clifford Skinner and daughters, aged $4 \frac{3}{4}$ years and 18 months, and I) went out to Provincetown. The "arty" shops and people interested us a great deal. We saw the spot which the pilgrims first trod, and were duly impressed. Then we went to Plymouth and saw the rock they used for a stepping stone to a better place to live.

Then on to Boston for the weekend with friends. Have any of you taken the horse and buggy ride through Boston? 'Tis fun, but there are no springs in the buggy! We ate Parker House rolls at the Parker House, too.

Sunday was picture taking day at Concord, Lexington, Wayside Inn, Walden Pond, etc. The two little girls had their picture taken on the steps of the "Mary-had-a-little lamb" schoolhouse.

From there on to Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont (We looked it over for Juanita and approve of spots), then down through New York and home to Royersford, Penna. The hills of Pennsylvania are lovely, too.

It was hard to hold all the loveliness I saw in the countryside and the many pictures of lakes and birches and mountains, trees, rivers, are a bit confused in my mind, but still beautiful.

Oh, we saw the Queen Mary at dock in New York, too.--Mary Jane Dybdahl

THE HOME STUDY INSTITUTE NEWS

Miss Ann Lastine has recently joined the workers in the Home Study Institute. She is from Central Square, New York, and is now attending Washington Missionary College.

"School days, school days, dear old golden rule days." Yes, several of the girls from The Home Study Institute have heard that call and returned to school. Miss Marybel Mays has returned for the last year to Takoma Academy, and Miss Lilith Brando and Miss Ann Lastine are now attending Washington Missionary College. These three girls are students in the morning and office workers in the afternoon.

Mrs. Iva A. Brando and daughter Lilith spent their vacation in a variety of ways. Not content with participating in the moving of The Home Study Institute, they moved themselves from Maple Avenue to Chaney Drive and spent the early part of their vacation in getting partly settled. The rest of their vacation they spent in traveling around seeing sights. They took a week-end trip to Virginia where they visited historical places such as the battle grounds of Manasses and Bull Run, Mitchie Tavern, the home of Patrick Henry, the home of President James Monroe at Ashlawn, Monticello, and the University of Virginia. Their last stop was made at a place called "Brown's Store" in Charlottesville. The name is common, but as the Brandos describe it, the place is far from common.

Miss Carol King of the Home Study Institute recently had a few days off to visit her folks, Elder and Mrs. L. H. King in Roanoke, Virginia.

It seems as though everyone has been asking The Home Study Institute girls how they like their new home. So we are now taking this opportunity to say that we really do like our new place and are very satisfied and contented.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MISSED--

if you didn't go to the General Conference picnic on September 18. While the hurricane weather canceled the original plan for Meadowbrook Cabin, the commodious basement of the J. N. Andrews School provided ample room for the large group who gathered, plates and forks in hand, to eat, drink, and renew acquaintance.

The traditionally wonderful food was prepared by the Women's Auxiliary. Baked beans, scalloped potatoes, cottage cheese, sliced tomatoes, cucumbers, olives, buttered rolls (now are you hungry?) and then cake, ice cream, and hot chocolate and postum. Yummy!

The rest of the evening is a pleasantly jumbled memory of Elder Bond trying to make "ringers" on chair legs with jar rubbers, Elder Hoffman trying to walk across the room with a tin can balanced on his head, and various people skittering hither and thither with letters of the alphabet. A pleasant note was given by Melissa Ney who sang two songs, one in Russian and one in English, and by a male quartet composed of Messrs. Cobban, Dunbar, Haynes, and Haynes. As we said, if you weren't there, you just don't know what you missed. (Author's name withheld at request of E.B.)

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