NOW AND THEN

BLUE WILLOW

My fate might not have been the dreamer's—
No time for prose and all for froth,
If the ware had not been old blue willow
From which I supped my daily broth!

A child, I lived the quaint tradition,
I was the Chinese maid, Kong Shee,
Flitting the bridge with Chang, the lover
From the convent house by the willow tree!

I drained my mug at every serving
To rid it of its milky sea
And show within a gull still sailing
Above the swaying willow tree!

A whimsy thought but one for toying,
For who has power to estimate
The end of a young poetic fancy
When nurtured from a willow plate?

MILDRED D. SHACKLETT.
New York Times.

There is something very interesting about Willow Ware. Again and again, as one drinks his coffee, eats his cereal, and then his breakfast, the same story is told. The eloping lovers pursued by her irate father over the arched bridge, the boat that comes to their rescue, and, as their pursuer gains on them, their being changed into birds still loving one another. It make the blue willow china one of the household treasures, the same scene is portrayed whether it is on the finest porcelain or on the more substantial English ware.

MOODY AND SANKEY

It has been more than half a century since Moody and Sankey swept the country, Moody with his preaching and Sankey with his hymns. Moody was an unusual man in every way eloquent to a degre and anxious to convert the whole world while Sankey's hymns spread over the country like wild fire. One heard their appealing hymns sung everywhere, and any one who attempted to make fun of them was taboo.

It is said that in a circus in Dublin at that time one of the clowns sighed: "I am Moody," the other clown replied: "Well, I am Sankeymonious, " The angry audience hissed and booed them. Then they all stood up and sung: the most popular of the hymns. "Hold the fort, for I am coming."

ABOUT WRITERS

Darwin had no respect for books as books, and would cut a big volume in two for convenience in handling.

Hawthorne always washed his hands before reading a letter from his wife.

Robert Browning could not sit still. With the constant shuffling of his feet, holes were worn in the carpets.

Edgar Allen Poe was little thought of during his life, and until recent years his grave was neglected in its location in Westminster Church yard in Baltimore.

Now a Mr. William Davis is being sued for having appropriated to his use an original copy of Poe's "Tamerlane and other poems."

This book is now quoted at $10,000.

BEARDS AND HATS

Beards have been given the go by in this country of shaven faces though once in a while one sees a well kept beard adorning some face.

In looking over the old photographs shown by the Women Auxiliary to the Hospital, the spectators had many laughs over the bearded faces of the men.

The women, too, with their immense picture hats and old fashioned dresses, were also a source of amusement.

The Auxiliary deserves credit for devising so many novel things to raise money for the Hospital.

HEROES

Heroes! Who are heroes. Well, Volunteer firemen who are willing to undergo all sorts of hardships for the benefit of their fellow men and for their community may be classed among them.

Those, too, who are sacrificing life and health to save the perishing in the floods of the middle west. It is only in cases of peril, that true heroes are shown.

Not Caesars nor Napoleons nor Alexander the Great who went through all kinds of dangers for their own gain can be compared to those who go where they are needed without any thought of profit to themselves.

THE BIBLE AS LITERATURE

The Bible as Literature, is a most interesting book, the type being very clear and attractive, and the poetry is written in blank verse style.

In reading the psalms one always wishes that he could read them in the original Hebrew. They are very poetical in the translations, but much of the rhythm is lost. What interesting stories are told in the Bible, more interesting by far than most of th enovels which are read; dramas, tragedies, the sweetest of love stories,. and poetry in abundance.

If people would really study the Bible intelligently there would be no atheists no talk of communism, and much of the misery of the world would be done away. Why the ruling them of the book is "rejoice."

Maudie, who is one pet of the English people is a giraffe with a throat six feet long. Well, Maudie has a sore throat right now, just to think of a six feet sore throat.

A sore throat at best is hard to stand but when it is multiplied by such length it must be very painful indeed.

BETTERTON

For the third time since the first of the year Death has entered the town. Mrs. Sarah E. Newsome, one of the oldest residents passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Smith, where she has lived for several years. A very large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral which was held on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. M. V. Turner, Mrs. Harry Brice and Mrs. Louis Jewell represented the Betterton Parent Teachers Association at Annapolis on Tuesday. These associations were there in the interest of the increase in the teachers salaries.

Mrs. J. L. Price entertained the members of both the Still Pond and Betterton Womens Foreign Missionary Societies for their January meeting, at her home on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. James Curry entertained the Still Pond Betterton W. C. T. U. at her home on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Arthur Brice has returned after spending the month in Florida.

Mrs. Walter Crew is spending the week in Baltimore with her daughter, Miss Evelyn, who has this week completed her training course at the Maryland General Hospital.

Mrs. Annabelle Greenwood, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Ewell Wilmer.

The Stewards of the Methodist Church will hold a utrkey supper in the church basement, Tuesday evening. Everyone is cordially invited to come.

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