NOW AND THEN

HLLS OF HOME

By Witter Bynner (1881——)

Name me no names for my disease,
With uninforming breath.
I tell you I am none of these,
But homesick unto death.
Homesick for hills that I had known,
For brooks that I had crossed,
Before I meet this flesh and bone
And followd and was lost . . .
Save that they broke my heart at last,
Name me no name of ills,
Say only, "Here is where he passed,
Seeking again thos hills."

"Heimweh!" the German for home sickness, is almost certain to beset all who are away from home.

It is said that the first year of a young married women's life is the hardest bcause she longs for her old surroundings and the accustomed home.

And so it is when one is born in the hili country he is apt to long for the hills when he is away, while those who lived among the plains, feel a longing for them when they are elsewhere.

"There is a long way a winding to the land of our dreams," sang the soldiers, sitting in the trenches during the World's War and thinking of the love nad kindness showed them at home, and many who were ill were oppressed by a great longing for their old surroundings, the thought of which kept them from getting well.

THE WENDELL ESTATE

It was not so long ago that an estate stood right in the most expensive part of New York. It was fenced around but some bold enough to peep through the bars might have seen an old lady tending her flowers; She was the last of the famous Wendel family, year by year the property grew more valuable and then the old lady died. In her will she had left quite a sum to missions, but it was only a pittance compared to the value of the place.

So the lawyers got to work searching for heirs. Many were surprised when approached by them, because they did not know of the relationship, And so many many who never knew the old lady found that a nice sum of money was due them, perhaps they were only fifth or sixth cousins, but they rceived a very pleasant reminder of their relationship.

A few weeks ago another old lady died in Baltimore.

She, too, left quite a lot of property. When her heirs went to examine the property they found an expensive car, in an expensively built garage. The car had never been used though it had been bought over ten years ago.

She had never had the courage to use it, but had ridden instead in a surry, driven by her old trusted man servant.

THE DOG

What is as appreciative and faithful as a dog? The papers are telling us of two little boys on their way from school. While on their way they picked up a little dog who followed them, and when they petted him the dog was transposted with delight and began to wag his tail. But snow began to fall and soon become so blinding that they could not see the way. So finding a cave among the rocks the boys took refuge there. But the dog knew that they should soon freeze to death, if they were not found.

When the children did not come home, the father organized a searching party and hurried to the school house. As the snow grew deeper the searchers realized that it would be hard to locate the children. But then they heard the barking of a dog he seemed to be in trouble. They fillowed the sound. The dog was sitting outside hte cave barking with all his might, and soon the children were found.

You may imagine that the gratfeul father took the faithful dog home with him, and will care for the saver of his boys' life.

THE RADIO

Have you been listening in to the beautiful operas which are sent to us over the radio. It is very impressive when we think of people east, west and even in South America hearing the same program. All one needs is an imagination, to see in fancy the stars and all the regalia of the Opera. For those who cannot attend in person, it is a great treat. More and more one is impressed with the wonders of science, also how much smaller the world has grown since we know what is happening almost simultaneously in all parts of the earth.

"WASHINGTONS BIRTHDAY"

This is also quite a festive day in Chestertown because Chestertown holds the unique place of having the Corner stone of the College laid by him he giving at the same time the munificent sum of $400.00.

Therefore the college, which is called by his name, makes much of Feb. 22nd.

Could Washington have foreseen the celebrations and the reverence which every one feels for his birthday, he would have been sure that all the sacrifices which he made for his country were not in vain.

CENTRE PIECES

One of the interesting things given by "Our Garden Club," were centre pieces to be used for either Valentine Day or Washington Birthday.

There were lovely arrangements of beautiful display of these arranged on a table at Mrs. James Metcalf's where the club met.

Ther were lovely arrangements of flowers, Mrs. James Beck carrying home the prize for these; then there were cherries, flags and hatchets arranged in various artistic ways. Mrs. Charles Eshman was awarded the prize for best arrangement.

"Our Garden Club" is often addressed by men who know about the planting and raising of shrubs, trees and flowers, and it is gaining much knowledge in out door work, thereby.

MILLINGTON

Recently an old man was seen on the streets of Millington drawing a small wagon with a large bag of feed upon it and in climbing a steep grade the wagon up set and dumped the bag in the street. There happened to be two boys passing at that moment and one of the boys said, "Boy straighten up that wagon and get hold of here and we will load this bag, and in a moment the wagon was uprighted, bag loaded and they were gone. This shows how the spirit and helpfulness of the Boy Scout principal is working in this community, God bless the boys. May they all join this Scout movement and grow up quick thinking, straight shooting, young men.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 17th, a "Fellowship Supper," sponsored by the Ladies Aid, Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, of Asbury M. E. Church was served in the Community Hall at 7 o'clock.

Following this there was a devotional period. At 9.30 o'clock a broadcast by E. Stanley Jones, one of the greatest missionaries of America.

This was a most enjoyable occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Higman entertained the following at dinner on Sunday last: Mr. and Mrs. Sudler G. Wiest, Miss Clara Bryan, Miss Sue Jones, John Burgess Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Higman and family and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Higman.

Ladies Aid of Asbury Church met on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles S. Church.

On of the most outstanding and interesting events took place in Millington, Thursday evening, Feb. 11th, when the W. C. T. U., L. T. L., with the help of the Boy Scouts held an open meeting in the High School Auditorium. After singing: America, Mrs. J. L. Price, County President, was introduced and explained what the W. C. T. U. stands for. Then in her impressive manner she gave a touching story bearing on Temperance. One fo the most pleasant features of the program was the songs and recitations so well rendered by the L. T. L. A play, entitled "Price Of Our Country's Soul," given by the adult members of W. C. T. U., which appealed to all. A demonstration by the Boy Scouts under the leadership of their scout master, Mr. John C. Hopkins, was enthusiastically received. Rev. John C. B. Hopkins, of Bridgeville, Del., was introduced and spoke very forcefully and helpfully to the Boy Scouts, urging them to build on a firm foundation, also stressing the fact that the home is the foundation of our nation, and that its future is dependent upon the Christmas home. With this stirring message ringing in the hearts and minds of those present the meeting closed with singing the Doxology.

Miss Helen Jones who has been under treatment at Johns Hopkins Univrsity for several weeks returned home on Monday last, we are happy to say she is very much improved at this writing and we all hope in a very short time now she will have regained her former good health.

Mrs. Craig Johnson, of near town, returned home on Saturday after several weeks in the Church Home, Baltimore, where she underwent treatment, she is now getting along very nicely.

Mr. William Jones is visiting his grandson, Mr. William Forbes, near Sassafras, Md.

Mr. Gene Porter and family, of Dover, Del., Mr. Leslie Simms and family, of Rock Hall, Md., Mr. Millard Porter, of Wilmington, Del., were guests of their mother, Mrs. Eva W. Marvel on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGarriot of Philadelphia, were Sunday guests of their aunt, Miss Mollie Higman.

Mrs. Clara Rolph is spending some time with her son, Elwood Rolph in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Helen Vanasnt a vistor on Sunday last of friends in Crumpton, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Lee were Sunday guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Green in Crumpton, Md.

The Queen Esthers met on Tuesday evening last at the home fo Miss Mildred Wyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner returned last Friday to their home in Galena, Md., after spending several weeks with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leo Gale.

Mrs. Warren G. Painter, of Rock Hall, Md., was the guest last week of her brother-in-law, and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Merritt Brice.

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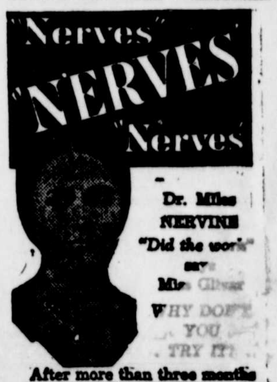
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