NOW AND THEN

RENEWAL

Now is the time when earth's long sleep is broken
And warmth again has given to the root
Another promise and another token;
The bough recalls, the flower foretells the fruit.

Down by the marsh the golden cowslips glitter,
Deep in the meadow sinks the horse's hoof,
The lilacs droop with dew, the raindrops spatter
In tinkling music on the gray slate roof.

June showers press importunate, thin fingers
Through the straight furrows, faithful to the needs
Of thirsty growing things. While the rain lingers,
Sprout grasses—drink down deeply, garden seeds.

O sweetest of the sweet, the precious marrow
Gathered into the heart from this bright air!
The brown thrush sings, and the white-throated sparrow,
And the fat bees find honey everywhere.

SARA KING CARLETON

So June has bid the world goodby for this year. The 21st which is the longest day in all the year was the loveliest. The sun came up above the horizon very early and lingered after Sunset as though it were reluctant to leave this part of the fair earth.

It was Melba, the famed Australian singer, who sang in a most patheive voice, "Goodby Summer, Goodby."

BACHELORS

Italy as it realizes that bachelors have an easier less expensive existence than the maried man, has put a high tax on bachelors. It also wishes to increase the population of Italy, perhaps to fight in Italy's wars.

Bachelors do have an easier time as long as they have a devoted sister or some near relative and servants to rush at their slightest wish to do their bidding, but let all these to be taken away from him and what has he?

And yet the married writers, though devoted to their wives and children, likes to write about the thoughts and doings, of bachelors. Edward Stannard Baker, a devoted husband and father, who rarely leaves without them, has written delightful stories about David Grayson, traveling on the Friendly Road. David a bachelor, who lives with his sister, Harriet, often feels the urge to travel along the highway, making friends with all he meets. It is a very interesting thing to travel in this way even though he does it only in imagination. Sir Roger de Coverly.

Then there is that prince of Bachelors, Sir Roger de Coverly the brain child of Joseph Addison who wrote in his lonely study in the Holland House while his wife was engaged in her social duties.

Again, that charming book Reverie sof a Bachelor was written by Donald Mitchel, a man who was married at the age of twenty-three, and had a family of twelve children.

There is something almost sacrificial about a literary old bachelor, Some hint of a "perverse beautiful widow" to whom his life has been vainly dedicated, that stirs the sympathy of the great feminine majority of fiction readers. Mr. Pickwick, for instance, could never have been the favorite he was if some Mrs. Bardle had captured him before the story opened. Women readers would never have felt such concern for his predicaments if he had had a wifes. If he had one, let her be the person to feel concern, we would say. It is a mistake for novelists to marry off their old bachelors at the end, as so many of them do; at least they are wise to leave the debacle till the very end.

MUSIC IN HASTE

The incomparable genius of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart manifested itself in many paradoxes, not the least of which was the composition of works rich in inspiration, faultless in development, and cameo-perfect in form—not with slow, painstaking labor, but in the hasty, unstudied manner of a back musician turning out a popular tune. This was accounted for, in part, by the fact that most of his works were fully conceived before they were committeed to paper.

Once when he was commissioned to write an orchestral work for Emperor Joseph, he had so little time before the scheduled performance that he did not have time to write his own part. When the work was performed, the Emperor, everlastingly curious, peeped over Mozart's shoulder and was surprised to discover that the composer's music sheet contained only empty lines. "Where is your part?" the Emperor demanded.

"Here," replied Mozart, putting the hand to his forehead, and continuing with his part with his accustomed ease and assurance.

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JUNE

A day in June,
And still the cuckoo calls
While there are roses
Bosomed in the hedge;
Pink stocks smell sweetly
By old lichened walls,
And shaven lawns are red
With chestnut bloom.

T. LOVATT WILLIAMS.

STILL POND

Dr. W. W. Gunby our District Supt. of Wilmington, Del., held his first quarterly conference in Still Pond M. E. Church, Friday evening.

Mrs. Fredia Bond, of Baltimore, visited her sister, Mrs. Eugene Bonwell the week end.

Mrs. Freeman, of Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas, daughter, Genevive, of Bridgetown, Md., Mrs. Oliver Nicholson with sons, Edward and John of Betterton, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew LeSage.

Mr. Galen Clark left Thursday for Camp Rodney. Mr. Clark is an instructor at the Camp for the Summer.

We are sorry to know Mrs. Wm. L. Ford is quite ill in the Union Memorial Hospital Baltimore. Mr. Ford and family spent several days in Baltimore last week.

Mr. N. V. Walters, Mr. Joe Norris are also on the sick list.

Mrs. Daisy Barnett, of Dover, Del., and daughter, Helen, of Portland, Maine, were entertained at the home of Mrs. Myra Roseberry's part of the week.

Mr. A. J. Hackett celebrated his birthday, Tuesday. Mr. Hackett is our former Sunday School Supt. having served the School at Supt., for a period of over 30 years. The Sunday School honored him with a birthday card shower, Mr. Hackett is still active in the school being teacher of the Womans Bible Class. Congratulations.

Rev. C. E. Davis visited with his father in Wilmington, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray King, of Betterton, spent Sunday with Mrs. Jennie Boulden.

Mrs. Earl Thompson, Miss Louise Travers attended the picnic of the county wide home makers club at Tolchester, Wednesday.

The annual garden party picnic sponsored by Still Pond homemakers club of which Mrs. Earl Thompson is president, was held Friday at Shepherd Delight home of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Meeks, about 60 guests enjoyed dinner served in picnic style following the dinner greeting were extended by our president, and responded to by the delegates who were enrolled at College Park last week. Mrs. Baynard Harper Mrs. Briscoe, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Toulson, Mrs. Ford.

Miss Ruth Medders, of Ohama, Nebraska, was entertained at the home of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medders last week.

Those who week end at their home here, Mr. Elmer Atwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fellows and little daughter, Jean from Philadelphia, Miss Clara Medders, New York, Nelson Hackett, Baltimore, Charles Clark Chester.

Alice and Theresa Mann have returned home after spending a week with relatives in Easton, Md.

Mrs. Bertha Newcomb and son, from Chestertown, spent part of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hennington, were host and hostess to a party of sixteen over the week end.

Miss Myra Hall, of Newark, had charge of the Epworth League Sunday evening, The League and Sunday School sent as their delegates to the Summer Institute Lena Geary and Audrey Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. James Scotten, of Galena, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, of Denton, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks.

Miss Lydia Hague and brother, Charlie Hague had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Tome. Mr. and Mrs. Schimintinger of Reading, Pa., Miss Wolfe of Williamsport, Pa.

Msis Helen Jervis with friends are visiting in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ford spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Batman of St. Louis, were guests of Miss Louisa Travers last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hadaway with family spent part of the week at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Dittman have returned home after spending a week with their daughters, Mrs. Samuel Katz, Mrs. Harry Shaw in Collinswood, N. J.

TRY TO NAME IT!

On the basis of birth records of the Board of Health, Louisiana stands ready to match odd given names for babies with any state in the union. Names recorded by parents for their offspring during the past several years run the gamut from Minus, Navy, and Two-Bits to such lofty planes as Arch-Angel and Gift of God. Included were the following: Castor Oil, Delirious, Evil, Ether, Elevator, Fraidy, Gee-Whizz, Hard-times, Masterkey, Muddle, Me, Pickle Pill, Rat, Slaughter, Stew, Sausage, Turnip Tissue, and Vanilla.

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