NOW AND THEN

TIME

Ida E. Trope

The night was dark and long.
All sounds were clear and strong.
The little clock beside my bed
Ticked its rhythm into my head.
Ticked away at its endless task.
Of marking time that would always last.

I thought of how the moments fly
Scarcely noticed as they past by.
I thought again of how like time
Was the passing of all human kind.
On and on through endless years
One epoch ends, another appears.

This little poem was composed by a friend. Longfellow tells so often in his works of the old clock on the stair saying always to him. "Forever never, Never Forever," how it made him feel that time was passing so quickly and he must be up and doing, that time which is lost cannot be found again, that it is gone forever. So really the ticking of the clock is a very solemn thing. "It seems to say". "Redeemig the Time."

Speaking of the passing of time, it seems a very short time since the little coterie met last year to celebrate the birthday of Dickens at the hospitable home of Mrs. Henry Krazer. And yet it was a whole year between, when again it met at the same place on last Tuesday evening. Each went as a personage, and was dressed as described by the author in the garb of that period, and each carried out the part assigned to him. Mrs. Merdle, resplendent in a lovely gown greeted her guests with sweet graciousness. There were Mr. and Mrs. Bumble, their honey moon over and being thoroughly disallusioned with each other. There were elegant Mr. Turveydrop and his hard worked son and daughter in law. There were sweet Esther Summerson, and old deaf Mrs. Wardle and Mrs. Pipchin. It was very pleasant to hear these same characters as they sat around the lovely table, tell how much the great author had added to their lives, how his men and women seem to become real personages. Surely Dickens, could he have heard them, would have thought he had not lived in vain.

Those who went to the movies this week had a great treat in seeing the Travelogue of old Natchez with its poetic romantic setting. Old Natchez once the cream and pride of the south stripped of her wealth, and until a few years ago, had neither money nor industry. People lived surrounded by rare furniture, tax collectors bills; their cupboards filled with rare china, old silver and little to eat.

Then concluded Mrs. Katherine Balfour Miller "We will sell all that we have left, the past." So she organized a garden Pilgrimage and through letters circulars and lectures invited the north to visit Natchez. They accepted her invitation. Natchez promised old gardens magnificent ante-bellum homes, spiritual singing negroes. All this spelt romance to the north and northwest. So they come in numbers and the city began to see money and opportunities come into their midst. One of the sights there is "Longwood" which was started to be built in 1858 by a Dr. Nutt. He ordered architect and builders from different parts of the country and with the help of his twenty five hundred slaves they began to build it, while Dr. Nutt and his wife were abroad. Then the civil war came on, and the house was never finished. It still stands to this day. Every thing is as it was left during the war. In the basement that was intended for a billiard and hunting room now lives a descendant of Mr. Nutt surrounded by antique furniture grown moldy in the dampness of the place. In this house one can realize how the old South came to an end, with its ideals of poetry and romance.

Those who travel in Australia have much to say of the bird life there It is very different from that found in other counties. Many of the birds are noisy and greedy, but there is one species which wins the admiration of all. This is the Apostle Bird, so called, because they go in flocks of twelve as the Apostles did. Besides these birds are very well mannered, they wait until the others are helped, and they are often seen feeding and helping smaller and weaker birds. Last week when the snow was deep, crumbs were scattered every day to feed the poor shivering feathered things here. They would come in numbers sparrows chicadees, birds with blue coats and white breasts. And then would appear the voracious starlings who tried to swallow everything in sight. While the smaller birds held back. Many have blamed the man who brought a dozen of these starlings to this country and released them in Central Park New York, not so many years ago. Now they are every where. What a pity they were not apostle birds!

DEVOTION OF A HORSE

Florence, Italy

The Florentine daily paper, "La Nazione," reports a touching example of the devotion and intelligence manifested by a horse in the neighborhood of Vignaretto (Asti).

Francesco Marandini, an oxherd, while out riding, fell from his horse, striking his head. No one was at hand to carry the news to his home, and no one would have been aware of what had happened had not the horse, returning alone to his stable, manifested such evident distress by his restlessness, his manner of moving hi shead, and by other signs of disturbance and disquiet, as to attract the attention of the members of the family and induce them to obey he horse's evident intentions and follow him.

Having succeeded in making himself understood to this extent, the horse led them to the place where his master was lying, thus ensuring that, thanks to his faithful and intelligent four-footed friend, the man should receive all needful care.

STILL POND

The Stewardship reading contest between the older and younger group of the church, is well under way for this month. The older group are several hundred points ahead for the first week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loller, of Holland, Pa., were guests Wednesday of their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rasin.

The Epworth League held their business and social meeting in the Church School room at the Church Thursday evening. In the absence of our president our 1st Vice President, Mrs. C. E. Davis was in charge of the meeting. It was decided at this meeting for the League to hold its annual Washington Tea Social Wednesday, February 21 various committees were named to take charge of the entertainment. Advertising, decoration and social, naming Harry Hendrickson at Chairman after the business part a pleasant social hour was enjoyed by the League group Mrs. Earl Meeks and Mrs. Clark were hostesses.

Miss Anna Bowers spent Friday of last week with her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Judson White in Kennedyille.

Mr. Wm. Pennington is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Klienfelder at Ambler, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson and daughter returned Saturday after a two weeks trip in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford celebrated their 27th wedding aniversary Wednesday.

Miss Clara Medders, of New York, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medders over the week end.

Miss Ann Ford and Harry Hendrickson students of Washington College are enjoying their spring vacation at their homes here.

Mr. Milton Hogans and friend, of Washington, D. C., were visitors of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Atwell, Sunday.

Mrs. Myra Roseberry and Harry Hendrickson were guests of friends in Dover over the week end.

The Ladies Aid was entertained at their business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. Carroll Hadaway, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Hadaway and Mrs. Mann acting as hostesses.

Mr. Kennard Jones celebrated his birthday this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford entertained at a farewell dinner party Sunday in honor of Miss Anna Bowers who is leaving to spend several months in Baltimore. The guests were: Miss Kate Howard, Miss Louise Pennington, Miss Edith Hepburn, Miss Edna Wroth, Mrs. Jennie Boulden, Miss Pearl Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ford, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Harris.

Those on our sick list this week with LaGrippe are Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark, Mr. LeSage, Mrs. Myres, Mrs. Whitley, John Harper, Marjorie Harper and Mrs. Fellows.

Mr. James Greenwood visited friends in Chester, Pa., Sunday.

Miss Anna Bowers spent Friday with her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Judson White in Kennedyville.

The young peoples club held their semi-monthly meeting at the parsonage Wednesday evening, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Davis host and hostess.

Mrs. Pennington was dinner guest of Mrs. Medders, Sunday.

Mr. Harry Jones is under treatment at the John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Kennedy and friend, Mr. Lynn Heide, of Philadelphia, were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Fellows.

Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Freeman, of Massey, spent Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeSage.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Kennard Jones visited in Baltimore, Tuesday.

Miss Clara Jones, Mr. Moodey, of Baltimore, and James Jones, of Goldsboro, Md., were Sunday visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones.

SHIPMENT OF FORD TRACTORS ARRIVE HERE THIS WEEK

The first large shipment of new Ford tractors with Ferguson wheelless implements for local distribution arrived at Eliason Motors, Inc., recently appointed dealer for Kent and Queen Annes Counties.

The shipment consisted of 7 tractors and a stock of Ferguson wheelless implements including plows and two types of cultivators, which are controlled by the built-in hydraulic mechanism.

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