NOW AND THEN

AUNT MARTHA'S CLOCKS

At eight, Aunt Martha ceases darning socks,
Rises, stirs the fire to sparkling chatter,
And goes about the business of her clocks
Which constitute a most important matter.

Aunt Martha turns each key with loving care.
There is no variance in this Sunday rite.
The hands are all adjusted to a hair.
My Uncle Ned claims she sets Greenwich right.

The cuckoo blithe calls hourly to its mate.
The Yankee banjo ticks with native twang,
And chimes out, "Time's a-wastin'. Don't be late!"
The great clock in the hall deplores such slang.

Aunt Martha winds them all with equal pride—
The green alarm above the kitchen bench.
(Which stops unless you put it on its side),
The clock that strikes in silver-spoken French.
Sometimes, Aunt Martha looks with wistful eyes
Upon the garden sundial, near the yew.
I rather think she's loth to realize
That she can't wind and set the sundial too.

David Barclay.

In these days of Time tables, labor hours and multitude engagements what would we do without clocks. It was Alfred the Great, one of England's wisest of kings who divided his day into 3 parts. This was long before clocks were invented. He took a candle and colored it in three divisions; one for work, one for study and books one for recreation and sleep. So thus making the most of his time he did many useful things for his country. The sundial was considered a great advance but it registered only the sunny hours. He was a skillful man who made the Strasburg clock with its wonderful mechanism. When the town fathers came to see it, they were so delighted with is; and so fearful that the clock maker would make one for some other city that they put his eyes out. This story is always told to those who go to see the clock.

Is there any thing more solemn than the old Grandfather's clock with its tick tock? It seems to say, "Time is passing, use it well, use it well!"

AN EPISODE

I thought of this when I was writing about the stone which a Virginian husband had erected to his wife, containing the following; "She touched lthe soil of Virginia with her littel foot and the wilderness became a home."

The Episode of which I speak was told me by a very dear friend. She was going from New Bern, N. C., through the Albermarle Sound.

When she was put abroad the steamer she found that she was the only woman passenger there, but the Captain and officers were so nice, and as several young men were aboard she found the trip anything but lonely. When she was about to land they handed her a memorial, stating that they had expected to have a tiresome trip but that her presence had made it a very delightful one. The memorial ended with these lines of Campbell's;

"The earth was sad, the garden was a wild,
And man a hermit sighed 'till woman smiled."

This has been years ago, but I hope she still has the memorial to show her children.

THOMAS EDISON

There is so much told of Thomas Edison the great inventor. So absorbed he was in his inventions that money and time meant little to him When he returned from his journeys on the train where he sold newspapers when a boy, he always brought home quite a bundle of them to his father. Then as he had connected himself with all his boy friends by wire he would begin to talk to the various ones. As these talks kept him up quite late his father objected as he always insisted upon Thomas going to bed at 9.30 p. m. But one day Edison thought of a plan, and as he passed the various homes of friends he left each a paper. So he arrived home empty handed. "Where are the papers" the father called. "Oh I left them with the boys", replied Thomas, but let us get the news from them. So they began to phone to one and then another, the father was so much interested that it was quite late before they thought of bed. Afer that Thomas went to bed much later than nine thirty P. M.

GONE WITH THE WIND

It was a long looked for treat, when a party of us motored to Easton to see the play, "Gone With The Wind," having read the book day and night until it was finished, we were in no way disappointed in the picture. It held our attention through the three and a half hours, and like Oliver Twist we could easily have asked for more. And though was it very sad to see the fair South, accustomed as it was to luxury and refinement, reduced almost to beggary, one thing was evident and that was how many of the slaves were faithful to their masters, working for them and enduring privation with them, when they might have gone free.

As for Scarlet O'Hara, though she acted superbly yet she was no sample of the cultured southern girl, while Aunt Phyllis was so true to type that she received the prize for being the most outstanding actor.

STILL POND

The Epworth League was led Sunday evening by Chas. Ford, subject, "Why is Gambling a Problem?" What Shall our Standards Be. His program was well prepared and was enjoyed greatly by the League group.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Davis with family visited relatives in Philadelphia, Saturday.

Little Betty Jean Fellows of Millington spent part of last week with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Toulson.

Mrs. Roseberry, Mrs. Harry Hendrickson, and Harry C. Hendrickson, visited in Wilmington during the week.

The young peoples club was entertained at the parsonage by Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Davis, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Harrison, have returned to their home in Laurel, Md., after spending several weeks with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Atwell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ford spent Thursday with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dawson and father, Mr. W. L. Ford in Wilmington.

Mrs. Robert Wamsley is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fellows in Millington.

Mr. Ned Hepburn of Virginia, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Hepburn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barnetta, and Mrs. Postles ,of Dover, Del., were guests Sunday of Mrs. Myra Roseberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Price and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pennington were week end visitors in Baltimore recently.

Mrs. Ruth Cooper, of Massey, spent Friday with relatives here.

Messrs. Nelson Hackett and Chas. Clark visited their parents over the week end.

Mrs. Edw. Schofield is spending a short time with her children, Mrs. Chas. Swartz and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Schofield.

Mrs. Pennington, Miss Howard, Miss Louise Pennington were dinner guests Saturday of Mrs. Roseberry.

The young group of the Still Pond-Betterton Epworth League attended the Bi-County Youth Convention Monday evening and had the second highest number in their group around 20 were present.

Mrs. W. B. Harris spent Sunday guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medders.

Mr. and Mrs. Hess Hadaway and family, of Baltimore spent part of the week at their home here.

The Woman's Philathea Sunday School class held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood's on Wednesday evening. The meeting was preceded by a covered dish luncheon.

Mrs. Margaret Glenn was delegate to the Rebekah State assembly which was in session at Baltimore last week.

Miss Lucile Fellows is spending this week with her many friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Ann Ford and Harry Hendrickson students at Washington College and Baynard Harper of John Hopkins, University have returned to their schools after a pleasant week spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson were Baltimore visitors Monday.

Miss Hope Marie Jones was a recent guests of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Coleman in Baltimore.

Mr. R. Caulk, of Delaware, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ireland have moved from the Price house to the farm owned by Mr. Martin near here. We are glad they are still in our neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sapp are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a little daughter.

The Girl Scouts of Galena will present their play "Trailer Romance" Friday evening, April 26th in the Galena Elementary School.

Lucille Brice has been added to our Girl Scout tenderfoots. Joan Woodall, of Georgetown, won the cake that was chanced off by the new scouts.

ROCK HALL

Rock Hall Methodist Sunday School had 163 present on Sunday. Sermon by Rev. F. C. Louhoff followed by Holy Communion.

A social was held on Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Alex Tyler an enjoyable time was had by all.

Wesley Chapel Methodist Sunday School 204 present on Sunday. Miss Mary Leary's class of girls had charge of the Sunday School. Mr. Frank Baynard, of Fairlee was soloist, and an instrumental duet by Jesse Downey and Thomas Warner. Sermon by Dr. J. C. Byrd.

Mr. George Smith and his class of boys led the evening service.

Mrs .Byrd's class held a social in the Church Hall on Friday evening. Every one had a nice evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hague, of West Chester, Pa., were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Townsend and family this past week.

Miss Mary Judefind is visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reeder and son and Mr. and Mrs. John Pinder all of Baltimore, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kendall.

The community expresses its sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mabel Sewell who passed away at her home on Saturday. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at the Adventist Church with interment in Wesley Chapel cemetery.

Mrs. Edward Carroll, Mrs. Thomas Legg and Mrs. Edward Townshend were visitors in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Edward Bratt spent the week-end from Baltimore with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bratt.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cornelius spent Sunday from Newark with relatives here.

Mr. Leslie Clark, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Clark.

Congratulations are extended to the bride and groom, Miss Eileen Forrest of New Brunswick and Alfred Walbert, of Rock Hall who were married on Sunday afternoon at the Wesley Chapel parsonage by Dr. J. C. Byrd. The young couple are living in the Edgar Glenn apartment.

The Men's Bible Class of Raum Chapel are planning to hold a Fish Fry on Thursday evening in the church hall with lots of good things to eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Townsend, of Balitmore, were recent over-night guests of the former's brother, Edward Townsend and family.

Miss Esther Carroll was week end guest of Miss Margaret Groves.

The High School P. T. A. met on Monday evening with Mrs. Emory Hogans and Mrs. Percy Hepbron as hostesses.

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