NOW AND THEN

BLUEBELLS

I could fall down and worship.
I have seen
Bluebells beneath the spreading trees.
Great tides of amethyst chasing a blue
Too deep to name.
Splashes of sunlight, pools of purple
Shot wtih emerald green
And birds praising the beauty
With such shouts of joy
Their songs were color and the flowers song.

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Lucia C. Coulson

Lvoely June! How one hates to see the sweet long days pass. This year it has been a veritable month of roses, roses every where. And now the other flowers are coming to take their place.

In June the heavens are especially blue while great white fleecy clouds are piled up in the sky and the trees are waving their tops in seeming adoration of their great creator. It is very fair in America but what about it across the oceans.

The "crosses row on row" have increased by multitudes and grim war has taken possession, destroying all the beauties of nature and the treasures of Art that has taken centuries to build, waste of men, waste of material, time and money. Will the dictators who have done this to the world reap a harvest of happiness thereby? I think not.

Chestertown, has no carillon, but it has a school bell which rings for nine months in the year, calling the children to their work. Now it is silent. The bright faces of the children are seen no more. They have gone home or to camp or shore, and there seems a great vacancy as one goes up and down the streets. A place evacuated of its children is a sad place indeed. May it never happen to this fair country of ours.

Gilbert Stuart was one of the most noted portrait painter of the Colonial period. He painted Washington many time, also Martha, and many other persons of that period of history. One day, in going to some place to paint a portrait, he stopped at a small inn on his way.

Quite a number gathered around him eager to know his calling or profession. Stuart with a grave face said he sometimes dressed gentlemen and ladies' hair.

"Oh you are a hair dresser then?"

"Do I look like a barber?"

"No sir, but I gathered so from what you said."

Sometimes I brush a gentlemen's coat.

Oh then you are a Valet.

Do I look like a Valet? again asked Stuart.

I sometimes make shoes, and so he went on puzzling them until he was ready to leave, then he said:

"Gentlemen," "you will find that all I have said of my various employments is comprised in these few words: I am a portrait painter! As such, if you call at my studio, I shall be ready and willing to brush you a coat or hat, dress your hair 'a la mode', accommodate you with boots or shoes, give you ruffles or cravat, and make faces for you."

A SONG

Wandering along a country road one day a young woman stopped at a tiny cottage and asked for a drink of water. A quiet, elderly woman served her, and encouraged by the friendliness of the visitor, related a story of poverty and misfortune. During the conversation the name of Jenny Lind, then at the zenith of her career, was mentioned.

"Have you ever heard her?" asked the woman of her guest.

Yes, replied the young man farer, " I, too, am a singer, and if you ilke, will sing you one of her songs."

Concluding her song, the unknown singer remarked, "Now you may say you have heard Jenny Lind sing."

Then she pressed a five-pound note into her listener's hand, and departed before the astonished woman could offer her thanks.

Ah, but Mussolini is now "bound". He has allowed Hitler to take him completely into camp. In a Roman image he has crossed his Rubicon, and he can't get back. The sage Nicolo would have thrown up his hands at such rashness, especially when he saw what camp had been joined, the camp of a would-be conqueror. Says Machiavelli: "A prince ought to take care never to make an alliance with one more powerful than himself for the purpose of attacking others. . . .because if he conquers, you are at his discretion."

In sum, Mussolini was Machiavellian in everything—his unscrupulous politics, his constant study of war and its disciplines—till this last miscalled "Machiavellian" stroke. This was when he deserted Machiavelli.

Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute.
What you can do or think you can,
Begin it.
Only engage and the mind grows heated;
Begin it and the work
Will be completed.

—Goethe

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STILL POND

The regular services Sunday morning. In the absence of our pastor. Mr. Baynard Harper will have charge of the services.

Joyce Pote, Robert Moore and Carl Wilson Norris, all former scholars, of the Still Pond School were among the June graduates at the Chesapeake and Jarrettsville High School.

Miss Lucille Fellows, of Philadelphia, spent Wednesday of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Fellows.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brice and son Donald, of Middletown, Del., visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Price, Thursday.

Miss Rebecca Hepburn, of Baltimore was a recent visitor of her sis? ter, Miss Edith Hepburn.

Mrs. Carroll Hadaway was hostess last Wednesday evening to the Woman's Philathea Sunday School Class at their regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. Fred Ford and son, Fredrick, Jr., of South Carolina, are spending sometime with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Willis of Philadelphia, visited with her father, Mr. J. P. Jervis, Sunday.

Mr. Elmer Atwell, of Philadelphia, Nelson Hackett and Baynard Harper, of Baltimore, Chas. Clark, of Chester, Pa., visited their home folks over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lester Coleman, of Baltimore, and Mrs. W. K. Hackett, have been spending a short while with Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Jones and other relatives here.

The Betterton-Still Pond W. C. T. U. held their monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. B. Moore.

Mrs. Allie Meeks, of Baltimore, is guest of her sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks.

Miss Avis Clark, of Philadelphia, Miss Louise Toulson, of Greenville, Delaware, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilmer, of Baltimore visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones had as their guests this week Mr. Jones', sister, Mrs. Anna Burris, of Millington, Mr. John Whittington, of Chester, Pa.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held their monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph Geary Thursday afternoon.

Little Felecea Ann Briscoe, is spending this week with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark in Chester, Pa.

Miss Helen Mischler, of Hamilton Park, Delaware, is visiting her cousins, Miss Charleta and Leona Davis at the parsonage.

A group of the young people attended the rally held in Christ Methodist Church, Chestertown, Monday evening.

Mrs. Anthony and daughter, Miss Leana of Millington, were Friday visitors wit hMrs. Briscoe.

Miss Jennie Bowers, of New York, is spending sometime at her home here.

Mrs. Boulden entertained Sunday, Mrs. John Atwell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Copper, of Newport, Del.

Milton Hogans, of Washington, D. C., is spending sometime with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Atwell.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Davis are enjoying two weeks vacation touring and will visit Niagara Falls, Ansable Chasons and other parts in New York State.

Miss Clara Medders, of New York, spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medders.

The Ladies of the Still Pond Home Makers Club who are in attendance at College Park, this week. Mrs. Margaret Briscoe, Mrs. Dorothy Whitley, Mrs. Margaret Glenn, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Marian Ford.

Miss Alice Maxwell left Wednesday to make her home in California. We all hated to see Alice leave as she has a host of friends.

Miss Anna Bowers who has been spending some time in New York, has returned home and enjoyed a trip to the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Baynard Harper had as guests Sunday her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Vandgrift and family of Delaware.

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