NOW AND THEN

REVEILLE

The heart wakes early
Knowing well
The voice of morning
Like a bell.
Knowing the sound
That morning makes,
The heart rejoices
When it wakes.
Forgetting sleep
And furtive tears,
Caught in the music
Silence hears.
The heart leaps up
At daylight's warning
And soars exultant
Through the morning.
Sydney Kink Russell.

It was the bird chorus that sounded the Reveille this morning. One could distinguish their voices as they sang, robins, cat birds, cardinels, and wrens. They seemed to say, "Why waste the loveliest hours in the day sleeping? We wake with the dawn and go to bed when daylight wanes. Why not you?" And then one opens his sleepy eyes, thinking that he went to bed just before the wee sma hours, and wondering if the birds are not much wiser than he. Have you read Adam's Morning Hymn in "Paradise Lost?" It was written by poor blind Milton. Although he could not see the beauties of the morning, yet in his memory's eye all the beauty was before him.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

Freshmen at the Citadel, famous Charleston (S. C.) military college, thought up a novel time-killer recently. They mailed a batch of postcards to eastern colleges for girls, addressed to the same letter-box numbers they themselves had, and sat back ot see what would happen. Replies started rolling ni from Vassar, Skidmore, Wheaton, Sweet Briar and Mary Baldwin colleges.

One freshman sauntered up to his box, No. 408, wondering if it contained a reply from No. 408 at Sweet Briar, to whom he had written:

Dear Box 408: I was wondering what the holder of my box number at Sweet Briar looks like. As for me, I am tall, dark, and drive a Ford V-8. I am a freshman. What do you like? Where are you from and what class are you in?

There was a reply in the box, and it read:

I am tall, too, and not so thin as I once was. My hair is white and I drive a Buick. I was a freshman in 1896. Maybe you will get to Sweet Briar in your Ford V-8 some day. If so, come in and see me.

The letter was signed "Dr. Meta Glass." She is the president fo Sweet Briar and half-sister of Carter Glass, senior United States Senator from Virginia.—Newsweek.

UNFINISHED STORY

When the Athenians hissed Demosthenes at a public meeting in Athens, he quieted them by promising to tell a story, which began thus:

"A certain youth hired a donkey in the summertime to go to Megaera. About noon, the sun became very hot, and both he and the owner were desirous of sitting in the shade of the animal. The owner pushed him away, saying that he had lent only the donkey, but not the shadow. The other replied that since he had hired the animal all that belonged to it was his."

At this point in the story, Demosthenes started to leave, but the mob was curiuos as to its conclusion, nad urged him to stay and finish it. He retorted, "How comes it to pass that you desire to hear the story of the shadow of the ass and refuse to give ear to matters of great moment?"

Whereupon he finished his speech, and the crowd forgot his story, so that to this day its end is not known.

GREAT BRITAIN HAS NO WRITTEN CONSTITUTION

What is a constitution? If, as in the United States, it is thought of as a collection of people's fundamental written laws, a constiution is a concrete; but if we accept the broader definition, we see a constitution as a group of basic laws, written or not, which guarantees precise rights to a society.

James Madison was one of the framers of the United States Constitution; and in this paper he and his colleagues show their indebtedness to the British "constitution." But England has never had a systematic codification of laws joined under one official cover. Rather there exists an accumulation of decrees and of customs made authoritative by usage.

To regard the English constitution is to survey the unassembled parts of a legal machine, with the whole not evident until the parts are welded. Yet, the whole is there.

The best-known examples of laws granting Britons defined rights are the Magna Charta, wrested from King John by the warrior barons in 1215, and the Habeas Corpus Act of 1679. Were we to look for a convention or custom, we would find it in the practice which calls for the resignation of the British Prime Minister when he loses the support of the House of Commons.—Joseph A. Moore.

Robert Weede, rising young American baritone of the Metropolitan Opera, was featured in a Red Cross Rally and Concert held in Easton last Friday night. The entire house was sold out.

Five fire companies unsuccessfully battled a fire which destroyed the home of the Easton Lodge of Elks, near Easton, last Monday night. Loss of $20,000 was reported.

The Claiborne "Miracle House" was reopened for its twenty-second season with the arrival of 130 children, most of whom are undernourished and physically under par. The children will spend the summer at the "Preventorium."

Every year there is a Festival in Stratford on Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare where countless visitors come. Antique shops, book sellers, hotel, restaurants and even service stations use the poet's fame and name. Every body is eager to take the stranger around, showing the places of his birth and also Guild Chapel and Guild Hall where he went to school.

This year with the threat of a merciless invading army, many were opposed to having the festival knowing there would be no tourists to come, but those who wished to have it prevailed, and it is opened as usual, and it is a great surprise to find so many who have come.

To stand on Stratford Bridge and look down the Avon is to receive an indelible picture of an English landscape of surpassing beauty, with the spire of Shakespeare's church rising skyward above the tall trees and the placidly flowing river winding its way into the blue distance. It was well, indeed, that such a poet was born in such a town with such surrounding beauty and that he should have grown up in this land of green fields, leafy woodlands, and beautiful streams, that he could store up early memories of vagrant days, spent in sylvan solitudes and by river banks, with which to stud his work with imageries of rural beauty, of flowers and storms, and the songs of birds. Shakespeare wove into some fo his plays glimpses or descriptions of the natural beauties of Stratford.

His birthplace in Henley Street, although considerably restored in 1857, represents with fair accuracy the house as it stood at the time of the poet's birth. The house is now a museum. The walls, ceilings, and windows are covered with numerous signatures, written by pilgrims through the ages. Among this strange collection of autographs, those of Izaak Walton, Thomas Carlyle, and Sir Walter Scott may still be seen.

In the High Street stands the now modernized house which was the residence of Judith Quiney, the poet's younger daughter. Some steps further on is the famous Harvard House. Shakespeare's daughter Catherine was married to John Harvard, and their son, the Rev. John Harvard, born in the same place, emigrated to New England in 1637, bequeathing his library to a college which ultimately was named after him, now Harvard Universtiy of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

GALENA

Mr. Stuart Cole and Mr. Carl Gooding, of Baltimore, spent several days as guests of Miss Dot Jarman, at her home near town.

Mrs. Harry Birmes, of Baltimore, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Scotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Duhamell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gregg in Newark, Del.

Miss Carrie Dempsey, of Dover, Del., spent lsat Friday as guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dempsey.

Miss Geneieve Cochran attended the wedding of Miss Mary Mullin, in Philadelphia, Pa., last Saturday.

The Always Faithful Sunday School Class held a "Doggie Roast" at Betterton last Saturday evening.

Misses Clara Virginia Davis and Nancy Cochran are spending this week with the former's brother, Mr. James Davis, in Wilmington, Del.

Messers Keith Cochran, of Elizabeth, N. J., Dennis Cochran, of Wilmington, Del., are spending this week with their mother Mrs. Keith Cochran.

Mrs. Ella Connelly, of Wilmington, Del., spent the week end with hre sister, Mrs. George Bingnear, near town.

Mrs. Richard Driscoll and son, Ralph, returned home last Sunday after a visit in New London, Conn.

PENALTY

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MERCHANTS AND TRADERS

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