

WHEN THE DAY IS DONE

When earth's last picture is painted
And the tubes are twisted and dried:
When the oldest color has faded
And the youngest critic has died;
We shall rest and faith, we shall need it
Lie down for an aeon or two;
Till the Master of all good children
Shall set us to work anew.

And we, who were good shall be happy;
We shall sit in a golden chair
And splash at a ten league canvas
With brushes of comet's hair;
We shall have real saints to draw from;
Magdalene, Peter and Paul,
We shall work for an age at a sitting
And never grow tired at all.

And only the Master shall praise us
And only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money
And no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working
And each in his separate star
Shall paint the thing as he sees it
For the God of things as they are.

—Rudyard Kipling

Visits The Schools

Notwithstanding the muddy roads, Monday I visited the Polk Station standard school. Miss Jennie Schriver, teacher. The work here is in good shape and they, the boys and girls, are all interested in their work. After going astray and nearly sticking in the mud I reached Smithfield, a nice modern building with two rooms, and Mr. Carl E. Morrison and Miss Katie Barnhart in charge. Stayed over the noon hour and became quite well acquainted with the boys and girls. Everything running smoothly and good work being done. Smithfield is a standard school.

Tuesday cleaned up the office work. Wednesday visited the school at Rickreall. Mr. Ered S. Crowley and Misses Georgie Ellis and Grace Porter are the teachers here and are striving to overcome the mishap of being burned out with very meager facilities for doing good work. The teachers were working earnestly and doing good work considering the surroundings.

Rally at Guthrie. Thursday morning in company with Rev. Bennett we went to this school for a notable rally. We found quite a large crowd gathered. For nearly an hour the children, with the help of some of the patrons, held the audience. A quartet of young people gave a splendid song and were too bashful to respond to an encore.

The Gilliam children did well, especially the cornet solo by Douglass Gilliam. They were roundly applauded and responded to an encore. After a talk to the children the ladies spread a bountiful lunch and we spent an hour in getting acquainted. In the afternoon Rev. Bennett gave a good talk and the rest of the afternoon was spent in a round table discussion. They decided to meet there some day and make several needed improvements. This community is wide awake in civic matters.

Friday we visited the Oakgrove school, with Miss Winona Rowland in charge. Found the young people very intent on doing their work. Everything in good shape.

The Crowley school was next visited. Miss Ada Farmer, teacher. Mr. Parsons, the supervisor, was also visiting there at the same time. Miss Farmer seemed almost shocked that two officials should call on such a stormy day. Before we could get away, Cass Riggs came down and carried us captive to his beautiful home where we were feasted on chicken and other good things.

That evening we attended a Parent-Teacher's association at Orchards. We had for company four of Dallas' most beautiful damsels—Misses McCallon and Misses Robinson.

Saturday evening, in spite of the warnings of my wife, I started to Eola to attend a Parent-Teacher's meeting but found that the Ford could not swim and as a consequence, had to stop mid-river near Moulson's place and wait until Mr. W. O. Morrow came along and rescued me from my dead Ford. He and his good wife kindly kept me over night and sent me to the train next morning. I did not attend the Eola meeting.

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Monmouth Heights

Mrs. Belle Wunder of Independence was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wunder last Thursday.

Roy Smith of Monmouth was out here to his place last Thursday.

Allen Towns was in Monmouth on business one day the past week.

Miss Ruth Clinton of Independence was a visitor at the Fishback home the latter part of last week.

Will Fishback was a visitor to Independence last Friday.

Misses Ruby Rasmussen and Golda Eggleston spent Sunday visiting at the home of George Boothby of Monmouth.

Ralph Barber of Monmouth was seen in our midst the first of the week.

James and Ward Riggle of Independence were out here on business last Monday.

Clem Fishback and family returned to their home at Carlton Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Darrel Stump and Mrs. Cora Riddell of Monmouth were pleasant callers at the home of Mrs. John Stump last Monday.

Walter Johnson was in Independence on business the first of the week.

Leonard McCaleb was a Monmouth visitor last Saturday.

The following were traders in Monmouth last Monday: A. J. Shipley, Clay Guthridge and Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeFever.

The Home, or the Street?

There is a mode of life among some of the people in our larger cities that is being aped to some extent in our smaller ones. It is a habit of eating in public, talking loudly and seeking attention, overdressing in cost and underdressing in modesty, scoffing at conservative conduct, sleeping in a house and living all over the town, getting more fun out of spending than out of earning, living each day as though there were no tomorrow.

In men it makes them abandon temperance for excess, speculate instead of invest, want to make more so they may spend more, wish to get rich quickly instead of acquire a competence surely, to esteem notoriety above reputation, to live in the world instead of in the home. In women it makes them disdain the nobility of motherhood and the duties of the housewife, to look upon marriage not as an institution but as a gratification, to put beauty of appearance above beauty of character, to mistake excitement for pleasure. In both it makes selfishness supreme and aids the immoral and inspires the extravagant.

It is a tendency to be combatted both in ourselves and in those whose well-being we hold dear. And it is best combatted by that institution known as the home. The more attractive the home, the less attractive the street. The greater the home influence,

the less the influence of the world. The more comfort, the less desire for luxury.

If you could trace the lure of the lights to its source you would find it in part at least in the rented house, the home that is occupied without the sense of proprietorship or permanence, the home that is a physical convenience instead of a mental refuge.

The real home, the home that will keep the daughter out of the cafe and the son out of the resort, is the home that is owned. And the father who builds a home builds more than a house. He builds character in his children and competence in his age. He makes himself happier, his children better, his town bigger and brighter. He performs a greater service to the world than the statesman or the warrior and a greater service to himself than he can in any other way.

Don't let the stranger knocking at the door

Find those inside the town are knocking more.

H. H. Parsons has brought suit in the circuit court to compel the county clerk to place his name on the ballot as a candidate for county superintendent of schools. The suit is brought as a friendly test to ascertain which of two laws dealing with the matter is the strongest. One law passed Feb. 10th gives certain educational qualifications for this office while a law passed Feb. 23rd recites the qualifications for all officers that the applicant must be 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector. Now the question for the judge to decide is whether these laws conflict and also—how do they affect the prospects of the candidate for the office of county superintendent.

The Independence Monitor is thinking seriously of establishing a Farmers Column and as a starter suggests a scheme by which a jackass can be used as a substitute for a dinner bell.

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