

WALT WHITMAN'S VIRTUES GLORIFIED

Orators Pay Tribute to His Many Sided Character at Centenary Exercises.

AHEAD OF HIS OWN TIME

Hailed Both as Radical and Conservative—Praise for His Great Idealism.

The Rev. Dr. John Haynes Holmes and Thomas B. Harned just could not agree at the Hotel Brevoort yesterday afternoon when the Walt Whitman Fellowship International took oratorical notice of the fact that the day was the one hundredth anniversary of the poet's birth. Dr. Holmes insisted that Whitman was "the most conservative person in the world"—no matter what the intellectually crossed-eyed have thought to the contrary—and likened him to Ralph Waldo Emerson and the other New England transcendentalists. But Mr. Harned, who was long Whitman's intimate friend and who was at his bedside when he died, declared that he was "a radical of the radicals."

"There's no question about that," said Mr. Harned, emphasizing his last word and looking up over his spectacles but indignantly, as though expecting to be contradicted and as though he didn't know that Dr. Holmes had said that he hadn't heard him say that (much as he regretted it) he would be unable to stay and listen to the other speakers, as he had a date upon his forehead. Whatever the audience may have thought regarding these divergent views concerning the keynote of Whitman's character, there can be little doubt but that Dr. Holmes captivated the audience completely when he referred to the poet's "loving beard like the clouds of heaven." It was agreed that Whitman was especially heard in his phrase which was not only to have actually known Whitman, but only to have seen his picture to be struck at once with his felicitous aptness.

It was admitted by Dr. Holmes that Walt Whitman usually had been considered a radical and that he had been denounced, as he said with feeling, in the way that "men ahead of the procession" usually are denounced. It was paradoxical, Dr. Holmes said, that present day conservatives are proud of the fact that they are still without acclaim to the poet.

Believer in Individualism.

"He was an egotist only from the standpoint of those who didn't understand him," asserted Dr. Holmes. "He had some of the supreme egotism of the Nazarene, but that was something deeper and higher in him than his own personality. He was interested in himself because he believed in the divinity of personality and loved mankind, and he simply chanced to know himself best. It was through no accident that Emerson was the first great American of our own day to appreciate Whitman and to understand him. Different as they were in many ways, in religion these two men belonged together. They both believed that individualism is the one holy thing."

"Whitman was the one who made a religion of his social drama. There is no liberalism left in our time, as compared with the great years of the nineteenth century. He was the one who talked and talked but when it comes to living—Dr. Holmes plainly indicated his utter disgust as to what the liberal party had done and that although there was much liberal talk in America the spirit of liberalism was dead here. "Whitman didn't have any philosophy and there was no clearly thought out system of religious teaching in his poems," went on Dr. Holmes. "He was a disciple of profound emotion and was, of course, a poet. He was a God intoxicated man and he spoke with the spirit of God. It is only in the poets that one realizes how silly are they who doubt the existence of God. "He was a triumphant optimist regarding this world and the next and never doubted the human race and the possibility of its betterment. He was so old fashioned that he actually believed in the immortality of the soul and that his

MARRIED.

LUMMES—McLEAN—On May 29, at special residence by the Rev. Mr. F. L. Lavin, Anita McLean to John Maxwell Lummes.

DIED.

BACON—On Thursday night, May 29, 1919, Robert Bacon, son of the late William Benjamin Bacon of Boston, in the fifty-ninth year of his age.

BACON—Harvard Club of New York City members gathering to attend the funeral of Col. Robert Bacon, '89, will meet in front of Grace Church, Broadway and Fourth street, New York city, Monday, June 2, 1919, at 9:45 A. M. Flowers will be reserved.

FRANCIS ROBERT, '91, Secretary. BAKER—At his residence, 48 North Broadway, Yonkers, N. Y., Friday, May 30, 1919, in his eighty-third year, Fisher Ames Baker, Colonel, U. S. V., beloved husband of Catherine W. Baker. Funeral services private. It is kindly requested that no flowers be sent.

GREASON—On May 31, 1919, John R. Greason, 67, at his late residence, 233 Carroll street, Brooklyn, Monday, at 2 P. M. Interment at convenience of family. Please omit flowers.

HUNTERTON—Lillian, on May 28, Services at the funeral home, 100 Broadway, between 61st and 62nd streets (Frank E. Campbell), Sunday, 2 P. M.

LOCKWOOD—Edward, on May 26, Services at the funeral home, 100 Broadway, between 61st and 62nd streets (Frank E. Campbell), Monday, 8 P. M.

FOTTS—Sudden, at New York Hospital, May 30, 1919, Roschill Fotts, in the forty-fourth year of his age. Burial in the late Frederick A. and Sarah Brivovot and husband of Anita Tove.

WEBSTER—Joseph Otis Robert Webster, in his eighty-eighth year, beloved father of Ramsay and Jules J. Webster, on Friday, May 30, 1919. Funeral services at his late residence, 2474 Valentine avenue, Borough of The Bronx, Monday, June 2, at 2:30 P. M. Interment private.

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WIERICK STARTS ROW WITH POETS

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who know her." The Colonel, who declined to give his name, said that he couldn't remain at a dinner where such a statement could go unrebuked. As a matter of fact it called forth much handclapping. Emma Goldman's telegram, which was also signed by Kate Richard O'Hare, said:

"Comrades at the Walt Whitman celebration, we greet you. We too will celebrate the anniversary of America's great poet in this most appropriate place. With him we too walk with the linguists with passionate love. We are proud of him. With you we celebrate Walt Whitman, the dauntless rebel against all sham, the singer of the free city. Verily our elected persons have never been more audacious, have never quite so encroached upon the liberties of the people. Let the clarion voice of Walt call a halt to the Prussianization of America. Let it call the people to the great task to build the institution of the dear love of comrades."

The Poetry Society—Whew!

Another touch which added to the feeling of most of the diners that they had received full value for their \$2, was given by young Mr. James Waldo Fawcett, editor of a new magazine, The Modernist. The second number will come out. Mr. Fawcett told reporters privately, Mr. Fawcett doesn't like the Poetry Society, of which Edward J. Wheeler, editor of Current Opinion, is president, and he didn't hesitate to say so.

Recently I had occasion to attend a meeting of the so-called Poetry Society of America, said Editor Fawcett in five minute speech. "I cannot remember any more tiresome evening. This organization seems to be only another mutual admiration society; the members themselves. What was my surprise to hear the president, who by the way is neither a poet nor a friend of the poetry, announce that he intended to honor Whitman's birth! When I recall certain performances of the society's organization, I realize that they have studied the famous institution. How dare people of this sort speak of celebrating Whitman! They would celebrate the man who placed thirty years ago Walt Whitman's name in a member of their priestcraft, and certainly he never would have wanted to be celebrated by them. They did celebrate him by talking about the League of Nations and prohibition and knitting and baseball and the joy of spinning tops. Celebrated him by telling how the League of Nations had invaded Belgium and the sinking of the Lusitania. Of course they said nothing about how he would have analyzed them at Versailles, nothing of what Walt would have thought of revolutionary Russia. They forgot that Walt was a fanatic for truth. In their view he would certainly have been pro-German."

Then, by way of an end to a perfect day, young Mr. Fawcett recalled that some one at the afternoon session had said that the society intended the hanging of the Chicago anarchists. "If that be true, let it be forgotten," said The Modernist editor, "for it is the blackest page in American history."

OPENS CITIZENSHIP TO JEWS.

Rumania Modifies Its Laws on Subject of Naturalization.

By the Associated Press.

BUCHAREST, May 31.—A decree has issued modifying previous laws relating to the naturalization of Jews in Rumania. It was announced by the Rumanian Press Bureau to-day.

Jews desiring to acquire rights as Rumanians will now only have to express the wish in proper form. The Jewish question, the bureau says, is thus settled finally.

GENEVA, May 31.—The German press bureau announces that the Jewish question will be settled by the Jews in Germany. The law will give them the right of equal rights with other citizens. Eight hundred thousand Jews are eligible.

BALMOIS—HUTCHINSON.

Wedding in Home of the Bride's Parents in Montclair.

Miss Grace Wallace Hutchinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hutchinson, of 205 Midland avenue, Montclair, was married last evening to Harry Leroy Balmois, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Balmois, also of Montclair, in the home of the bride's parents, 100 Belmont Melville street, Montclair, officiating.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Miss Anne O. Hutchinson, and the bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Miss E. Agnes Hutchinson; Mrs. A. D. Pinkham and Miss Isabelle C. Walcott; Miss Edna R. Russ; Miss Vicki, Mrs. Joseph A. Hofmann, Jr., and Miss Charlotte L. Williams of Montclair.

The best man was Frederick D. Suydam of Brooklyn, and the ushers were Arthur D. Pinkham and Richardson Pratt of Brooklyn, H. Russ Van Vleck, Robert G. Hutchinson Jr., Lewis C. Greenman and Elmer F. Purcell of Montclair.

Rhodes—Busch.

Miss Marie Wilhelmson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Busch, was married yesterday afternoon at the home of her uncle, Garret Busch of Washington street, Garden City. Miss Busch is one of the younger members of the social organization of Garden City. The bridegroom was Lieut. Benjamin Rhodes, who went overseas with the Seventy-seventh Division. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. E. D. Morgan of New York, who is the bride's cousin, while Ralph Rhodes, a brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Setton—Sprague.

BOSTON, May 31.—Miss Eleanor Sprague was married in the Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, to-day, to Wilford Setton of Auburn, N. Y. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Edward D. Brandegee. The bridegroom, a Yale graduate, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Setton of Auburn. Miss Vera Morgan of New York was one of the bridesmaids and Frank C. Page, son of the late United States Ambassador to England, was best man. The couple will make their home at Auburn.

Home Wedding Held at Valley Brook Farm, Glenhead.

Valley Brook Farm, Glenhead, was the scene of a home wedding yesterday afternoon, when Miss Elizabeth Dillworth Loomis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cooper of Detroit, was married to Percival Dodge, son of Arthur Murray Dodge.

The wedding took place in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. Henry Alexander, who was matron of honor at the ceremony and whose husband gave the bride in marriage. Murray Dodge, a brother of the bride, was best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Henry Sloan of Coffin, N. Y.

Baylis—Dentson.

NEW HAVEN, May 31.—Miss Lucia Jewett Dentson, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. Dentson, was married here this evening to the Rev. Baylis of New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Way Baylis of Ridgewood, N. J. The ceremony took place in the United Church, of which the bride's father is pastor, and was performed by him. The bride was attended by Miss Alice Hobson of Boston as maid of honor, Mrs. Lester Davenport Burton of New York as matron of honor, and Miss Virginia Rice, Miss Georgia Smith, Miss Louise McCance and Mrs. Samuel Gougin Gaillard, all of New York, as bridesmaids. Miss Jean Kendrick of Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson was the flower girl. Mark Stratton of New York was the best man.

Crap Game Causes Three Deaths.

SOMERSET, Ky., May 31.—While Decoration Day exercises were taking place in the presence of a large crowd at the National Cemetery in this county, eight miles from Somerset, yesterday, Elias Dalton and Claude Eads quarreled over the results of a crap game and shot and killed each other. Stray bullets killed William Cooper, probably fatally wounded Ed Redman, both bystanders.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD.

The marriage of Mrs. Frances Wann Sankey to Lathrop Randolph, a son of Edmund E. Randolph, will take place on Tuesday afternoon at the Gotham. The marriage ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, pastor of Trinity Church, and will be witnessed by a small gathering of relatives. The bride will be given away by her brother-in-law, Lewis O. Manning, of Washington. Edmund Randolph will act as his brother's best man. Mrs. Sankey is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wann. Mr. Randolph is a brother of Mrs. P. Egerton Webb, wife of Richard Webb, Jr., Judge and Mrs. Elbert H. Gary will make their permanent summer home in Lenox, L. I., where they have purchased a large estate. Mr. and Mrs. James Blackstone Taylor, one of the fine places on Long Island. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have taken for the summer the Mrs. Burdett Burton on Centre Island, Oyster Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellery O. Anderson will make their home in future at 115 East 72nd street, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Berwind and Mrs. Bradah Johnson, who were at the Home-Steak, Virginia Hot Springs, have left for New York. Mr. Berwind will stay in the Elms, her Newport villa, early this month.

Mrs. and Mrs. James B. Ludlow have left for their summer home in Lenox, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Sachs Pratt and Mrs. Edwice Gordon Pratt have returned from the Virginia Hot Springs. They will go shortly to Southampton, L. I., where they have taken the Ford-Chester for the season.

Capt. Joseph H. Hurlbut, U. S. A., who will marry Miss Sally H. Dunlop, a daughter by a former marriage of Mrs. Arthur H. Hurlbut, in the church of St. Thomas's Church, New York, on Monday noon, gave his farewell bachelor dinner last evening in the Louis XVI room of the Regis. Among his guests were Col. Edwin C. Hurlbut, U. S. A., Mr. Joseph B. Whitehead, H. F. Jaekel, Henry Graves 3d, Grenville T. Keogh, Thomas J. Ahearn, Jr., John Newell, and Mrs. Hurlbut. The bride will be Miss Lydia Peck, daughter of Mrs. M. E. Peck, will be married to Edgar S. Tilton on Wednesday evening in the church of St. Thomas's Church, New York, on Monday noon, gave his farewell bachelor dinner last evening in the Louis XVI room of the Regis. Among his guests were Col. Edwin C. Hurlbut, U. S. A., Mr. Joseph B. Whitehead, H. F. Jaekel, Henry Graves 3d, Grenville T. Keogh, Thomas J. Ahearn, Jr., John Newell, and Mrs. Hurlbut. The bride will be Miss Lydia Peck, daughter of Mrs. M. E. 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