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By Gus Durdan, Des Moines, Iowa Son's Diary.

### SERIES NO. 6.

One week has passed since I enlisted in the army. There have been sad days and there have been joyous days. Maybe army life will ever be thus. Who knows? This life is the making of some men and the ruination of others.

Today I was talking to a young lad, whom I am afraid has learned too much of the wrong side of the life. It may have been his manly beauty, his open countenance or his natural bashfulness which he tried hard to conceal, I do not know which, but whatever it was, I was attracted to him. I must confess that I was a little too inquisitive for a stranger. He excused this and answered all my questions promptly and good naturedly. He even volunteered some information concerning himself, his former plans for the future—these are all changed now—and his past.

In a small hut, in the rural district of Mississippi, a little Negro mother must be praying for her little curly-haired boy who is away from home for the first time. The cruel war had awakened in his soul a desire for service, and he had answered the call. Well need that little mother pray, for God may hear her prayers and through mercy for her spare her son from that living death which is fast creeping upon him. He is not a bad boy and not wholly at fault.

Environment seduced his innocent soul and is sapping out his life's blood in payment for a few hours of folly. But he is not alone. There are a number of others like this one. I don't know why, but there are some old men in this regiment who delight in doing what they call showing the boys the rounds. These rounds consist of going into a blind pig, getting drunk, and then debauching themselves. They enjoy themselves for a few hours. Is it enjoyment? I know you wonder why I know so much about this. Well, to be frank, I started out to make the round, but at the first stop of the round I became disgusted and did what, in the army, we call about face. That night I was called no sport, but the next morning, when I visited my comrade, who had been put in the guard house for conduct unbecoming a non-commissioned officer, I was called a good scout. Many times since I have wondered how I escaped that death. I don't want anyone to think that the army is all bad. There are good and bad men everywhere. As the older men say, The army is a gamble; if you play high you win, but if you get in the wrong bunch, you play the duce.

Dec. 7th, 9 p. m.—I have just returned from over to the regimental headquarters. I have been transferred to another company. Orders came that our company be in readiness for entraining. As I haven't had my three inoculations, I am to be left here. Really I am a little disappointed, as I had come to like Company E. Going over with them would not be near as bad as staying in Newport News with another company. Well I will go now and prepare my new bunk. But there will not be seven blankets on my bed tonight.

Dec. 8th.—Once more I am an experiment in psychology, having been placed in a new company, which is already thoroughly organized. I must start over and make new friends. The first sergeant in the new company

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is showing much interest in me. I am certainly happy that I have been placed under a man who understands human nature, and is broad enough to give to every man his just dues, so to speak.

Dec. 9th.—This day has brought a new friend to me. I have just returned from over to the "Y," where I went in search of a new position. I must say that I have met many young men in my life time, but never have I met anyone so gentlemanly as the young secretary of the Army Y. M. C. A. With him it is a pleasure to help the unfortunate ones in camp.

He seeks them out and does everything that he can to make their camp life as happy as possible. For hours he plays the piano, and he is some pianist, not so much for his own enjoyment as for the soul-inspiring effect it has upon the men. I had a lengthy conversation with him, during the course of which we found that there are many things which we hold in common. I have decided to go over to the Y. M. C. A. and help them in whatever way possible. As the young secretary goes to Washington tonight, I will go over there presently.

I hate to entertain prejudices toward anyone, but I am sure that I will not like one of the secretaries of this camp. There seems to be something repugnant about him. Personally, I do not think that he is qualified for this particular work. His very nature is adverse to filial love and co-operation for a common good. If I understand it correctly, the Y. M. C. A. is a second home for the boys, or as one young man so well expressed it, you may come again.

(To be continued.)



I wish to personally thank, through your paper, all of my friends who have so faithfully voted for me at the primaries, also at the recent city election. I shall endeavor to faithfully discharge my full duty honestly. Respectfully yours, John Budd.

### CENTERVILLE, IOWA.

The debate that was to be given by the B. Y. P. U. was called off for a later date owing to so much doing Sunday at the Second Baptist church. Sunday morning we had no Sabbath school.

The funeral of Mrs. J. Saunders, who died Saturday morning at 12:25, was held at 10 o'clock at the church. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Carrington and at 11 o'clock church services, which were well attended, and at 2:30 p. m. the "K. of P.'s had their thanksgiving sermon. They had a nice time and a good sermon preached by Rev. M. Carrington, who is now one of the K. of P.'s. The services Sunday night were well attended, two joiners. Collection was very good. There were lots of strangers in town and attended services Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Brown of Mystic spent Saturday night and Sunday in the city at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. L. Crittenden.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Abbott of Missouri are visiting in the city with their daughter, Mrs. J. P. Gooding.

Mr. James Leek of Canton, Ill., and Miss Mattie Leek of Omaha, Neb., were called back to the city by the death of their mother, Mrs. J. Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nash.

Rev. F. C. Bolling of Buxton, Iowa, came over from Albia on Monday afternoon on business and visited with friends over Tuesday. Many were glad to see Rev. Bolling again in our little city. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompkins while in town and will return to his home in Albia on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompkins while in town and will return to his home in Albia on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompkins while in town and will return to his home in Albia on Wednesday.

Mr. Marshall Price is still improving.

Misses Hazel and Ruth Jeter are on the sick list.

The Palatians will be entertained at the home of Princess Emma Woods on Thursday evening, March 27.

The Red cross club will meet with the president, Mrs. J. Hicks, Thursday evening for Red Cross work.

The Sunday school is preparing to have an Easter program Sunday night at the church.

The layman committee made their report Sunday night and reported \$22.25. They did excellent work. The committee was composed of the following brothers: Bro. J. L. Nash, chairman; Bro. Wm. Noah, Bro. J. W. Martin, Bro. F. M. Mayfield, Bro. H. B. Marshall. Much credit is due this committee for their speedy work. They also thanked all societies and others that helped them in the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Elston took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jackson on Sunday.

### BABY'S BEDTIME.

Hush! Ain't dat de sandman Ratlin' at de gate?

Tell 'im she's in sleepin', Dat he needn wait—

Betth hush dat cryin', Else he'll come in here,

'N' carry you abyein' In his rocky-cheer.

Listen! Dat's de sandman Knockin' at de door.

Tell 'im, goodnes' lan! She ain't no more!

Now snuggle up yoh eyes, 'N' don't you daih to cheep,

If he comes in here, You must 'pear asleep.

He shan't have dis chille, Daddy'll stan on guard,

Watchin' all de while To shoo 'im f'om de yard—

You jus' shet yoh eyes, He won't tech you, Dear,

Ner take you to de skies In his Rocky-by-cheer.

Sweetie, fix de cot, She's asleep at las',

Bless her little haht! Sandman's got her fas'.

Dat's de way I trus' to Take my long las' nap,

Jus' to fall aslumb'rin' In de Mahster's lap.

—Chas. Bertram Johnson.

### MACON, MO., NEWS.

Private Harry Hize and Private Alfred Grant are home on a furlough from Camp Funston, visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Bertie Scott Enix is visiting in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown.

Mrs. Annie Mott took very sick in church Sunday and was taken home.

Mrs. Ella Maupin and Mrs. Annie King remain better as we go to press.

Mrs. Francis Morrison is on the sick list also.

Mrs. Pollie Dawson and Mr. Claud Davis still remain very ill.

Mrs. Nannie Jackson is on the sick list.

Mrs. Pocahontas Tydigns entertained at dinner the following: Mrs. Mildred Webster and Mrs. Mary A. Smith and daughter, Miss Shendiana, of Keokuk, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Bell of Macon.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Victoria Brazel is taking a week's vacation at home.

Mr. Dave Terrell of New Mexico is visiting home folks.

The Silver Leaf Household of Ruth entertained the ladies of Shelbina, Mo., after business was over. Mrs. P. H. ydigns read the welcome address. Opening chorus was "America."

An entertaining talk by Mrs. M. J. Brooks and most noble governor, Mrs. N. Bell. A paper by Mrs. Lulu Pettis, and talk by Mrs. Healy. Music by chorus, arranged by Mrs. C. Alice Harris. Afterward Mrs. Edith Lewis, Miss Susie Howard and Miss Victoria Brazel and Mrs. M. E. Smith assisted in the serving of ice cream, and Mrs. Nora Houston, after a pleasant hour of chatting. Mrs. Edith Lewis surprised the ladies with soda water. They departed on No. 56 train for home, bidding good night.

Miss Aleta Pleasant is on the sick list, but remains better as we go to press.

The operetta, a most popular play, entitled "Pauline," was given under the direction of Mrs. Fox, and was quite a success. Over thirty voices were in it. The play was in the "Summer Flower Garden." The stage colors were the latest patriotic style, which were beautiful. Mrs. L. Booker rendered the music.

Mrs. Nannie Bell visited in Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday.

Mr. George Roberson of Clinton, Iowa, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Louise Smith of Kirksville, Mo., has returned to resume her studies at Western college.

Miss Lu Keal McCahey has returned to resume her studies at Western college.

Miss Taylor, the instructor of the missionary department of Western college, spent a few days out of the city on business.

Mr. John Guy died Wednesday last at his home. He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

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Prof. Floyd Ancell and students of Dumas school entertained for Private Alfred Gorans in room No. 4 Friday evening.

Little Harris Xenophon Crews had a slight spell of sickness, but is able to be about.

Mr. Bayard Walked died at his home in east Macon. He leaves three daughters to mourn his death and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. L. Underwood.

Richard Webster was in the city visiting Tuesday last.

Capt. Geo. Thomas passed through the city en route to Moberly on Tuesday.

Mrs. Vina Smith is recovering, after a spell of illness.

Mrs. Mollie Green is able to be up and getting along nicely.

### ALBIA NEWS.

The death of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Allen's little son occurred on Wednesday morning. He was buried immediately in Oak View cemetery. Only the relatives were allowed to attend funeral services.

Lawyer Geo. H. Woodson of Buxton was in Albia on business this past week.

Miss Sadie Lewis attended the State Sunday school convention in Oskaloosa as delegate for the A. M. E. Sunday school.

Mrs. Chas. Young and little daughter, Eugene, of Hocking were the guests of Mrs. Mary Harris on Sunday.

The K. of P. lodge and the Court of Calanthe held their annual services at the A. M. E. church on Sunday afternoon. They march from the K. of P. hall on West Benton street to the church. Mr. Laurence Buler as drummer. Rev. Bolden of Buxton delivered them a fine address. The superintendent of the orphan's home was in attendance. Collection for the day, \$21. Hiteman and Hocking members of the lodge were in attendance.

The Independent Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Brown on Sunday afternoon.

A few strangers in town the past week.

### FAIRFIELD, IOWA.

(Special.)

Mrs. D. T. Carey, the evangelist of the Chicago A. M. E. conference, has been holding a revival meeting in Fairfield the past three weeks. She did a splendid work while here in our midst. The church has been spiritually benefited. She leaves Thursday to hold revival meeting in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, March 21.

The Jubilee Concert Singers of Bethel A. M. E. church give a concert at Libertyville, which was highly appreciated and a neat sum realized, which goes for the benefit of the church.

Mrs. R. Turner, who has been on the sick list for some time, is able to resume her work as superintendent of the A. M. E. Sunday school.

Mrs. L. Stewart, who has been at the hospital for some time with a paralytic stroke, is able to return home. She is improving nicely under the circumstances.

Mrs. L. P. Quinn, who has been indisposed, is able to be up again.

### HOCKING, IOWA.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robinson and two daughters, Anna and Mayme, are expecting to go to Keokuk to spend Easter with relatives Saturday morning.

Mrs. Oscar Roper went to Oskaloosa on business last Monday.

The Willing Workers club had a social at the home of Mrs. Emory Burns last Saturday evening. A neat sum was realized.

Mr. Eddie Ellis and his sister, Mrs. Ollie Shelton, of Buxton, visited at the home of Mrs. Sam Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Robinson are expecting to return home soon from Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Abdications of History.

Ever since dynasties have existed there are records of kings having abdicated from one cause and another. Far back in the misty past one monarch gave up his throne because he was "weary with dominion;" another retired out of preference for the freedom of private life; a third laid down his crown because his schemes failed; still another abdicated in a fit of melancholy; and there are two instances in which kings left their thrones because they were unable to cope with national crises.

### SECOND OFFICIAL CALL OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN.

To Be Held in Denver, Colorado, July 8 to 13, 1918.—"On To Denver," "The City Beautiful," at the Gateway of the Rockies.

The object of our association is to secure harmony of action and co-operation among all women in raising to the highest plane home, moral and civil life. This object has been consistently lived up to by the national and by the state and local organizations during all of our years.

The list of notable speakers appearing on the platform at these conventions throughout the years includes the names of almost all of our prominent women along every line. The convention this year will witness the greatest gathering of colored women from all sections ever assembled. The period through which we are passing will demand the presence of all of our leaders, even those who in years past were more active than at the present time.

Key Word—Consolidation.

Our 33 affiliated members will be with us and a program is being arranged by them for one evening.

Be there to see the burning of the Douglass mortgage and to elect the nine women trustees of the Douglass home.

For information concerning program, write Mrs. Myrtle F. Cook, 2436 Montgale avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

Musical contest open to any colored woman. Write Mrs. W. T. B. Williams of Hampton Institute, Va.

Literary contest open to any colored woman. Write Miss Anna Jones, 2414 Montgale avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

Woman suffrage, the greatest problem before the American Negro to correct past wrongs, will come before us. The most prominent woman suffragist in this country is expected to be present and speak for us.

Mrs. Dishman, general chairman, is making all arrangements for the greatest convention ever held in our history.

Meet credential committee Monday, July 8, 11 a. m.

Executive board, July 8, 5 p. m.

Acquaintance reception welcome, 8 p. m.

Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, President.

Miss Ida R. Cummings, V. P. at Large.

Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Chairman Ex. Board.

Miss Georgia A. Nugent, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Ida Joyce Jackson, Treasurer.

Mrs. J. B. Rush, Press Committee.

Honorary presidents: Mrs. Mary Church Terrell.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman.

Miss Elizabeth Carter.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington.

The Pneumonia Season.

The cold, damp weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germ. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger. As soon as the first indication of a cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the value of this preparation, ask anyone who has used it.

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