

ESSAYS

From two Bright Misses of Miss Marcie Barre's School, Spencer, Ky.

AUTUMN AND WINTER.

Summer was past, the leaves turned red and brown and fell from the trees. The wind grew colder and the frost had bitten the flowers and fruit. The chestnut began to fall, the papaws and wild grapes were ripening, the corn was cut and taken to the cribs and the fruit was gathered and stored away for winter.

The turkeys ran away to keep from being killed at Thanksgiving. Then shorter days came and the cold wind blew from the top of the mountain, where the snow was many years old. It was winter and everything was cold. The wind had gathered all the snows and cold from the hill-top, and whirled it against the wanderer's face. The trees were leafless and the pastures were bare. The little brook heard the wind blowing and built itself a roof of ice where it could hide from the cold and snow. All night by the star light it worked on its house. Its spars were as clear and crystal as the lights that trim the stars. Sometimes the top of its house was rough with quaint figures, and sometimes it was as smooth and clear as the sky above it. The trees were hung with diamond-drops, and no palace could have been more perfect or more beautiful. It was Christmas, and there was song and laughter in all the homes. Every crack and rafter was green with ivy and holly. In the broad grate the fire was burning brightly, but the wind outside was sharp and cold, and the beggars could see through the windows the cheerful within. After awhile the children grew weary, and hung up their stockings for Santa Claus to fill.

After awhile warmer days came, the snow melted, the birds came back and began building their nests in the trees and bushes, and we bade farewell to winter.

VIRGIE McCLEURE.  
(age 14 years)

SPRING AND SUMMER.

Spring is the happiest season of the year. Everyone is glad and happy. Heaven bends toward the earth as though in love. In spring all the plants are pushing up from the ground to get air and light. As they push up out of the earth they grow up higher and higher, and become tender green grass and beautiful flowers.

The cowslips bloom in pretty green meadows. Early in the morning the buttercups blossom.

Every leaf and blade of grass is nice enough for the home of some small creature. The little bird sits at his door and sings to the world, and his mate sits on her eggs and sings to her next.

We can see the sap creep out of the trees.

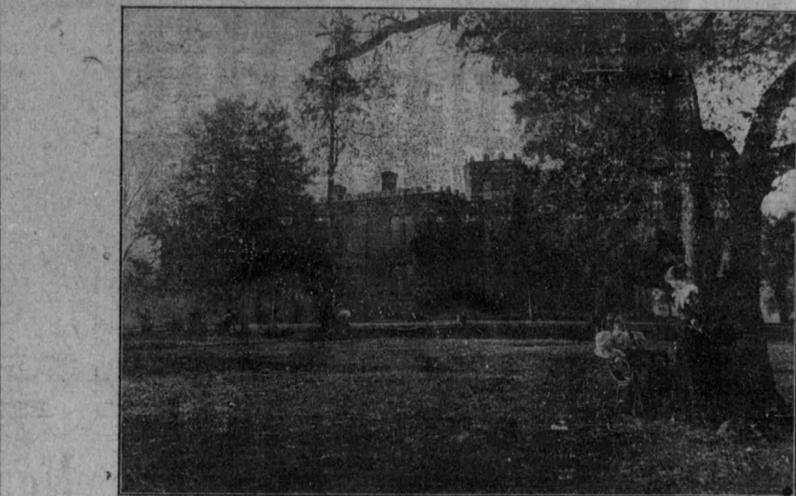
The green corn is sprouting up. The babbling brook flows through the meadow over the tiny rocks and down into the sea which is bluer than the sky.

The robins are plastering their nests in trees or bushes. The catle are in the clear pool.

In the spring we see Easter flowers in bloom and they tell us when Christ arose from the dead.

The little birds sing as if they thought there was only one day of summer in all the year. All the green leaves seem to sing on the trees. The trees are all large and green, the wind makes music among them until night.

The tender ferns are growing in



The above is a true likeness of a view of the Madison Institute, and a portion of the spacious, beautiful lawn. This institute is located at Richmond, Kentucky, and under the management of Prof. J. W. McGarvey, Jr., is gaining in rank with the most popular institutions of the South, having surpassed in genuine work many so-called colleges which have held patronage largely for the reason of being located in large cities. It is in many instances that the city is substituted for faculty and curriculum. The Madison Institute stands for excellent work, this being the basis of merit. This year the opening is larger than for several years, and the faculty is stronger than it has ever been. Parents and guardians are invited to consider its educational facilities and to confer with Prof. McGarvey, Jr., Richmond, Kentucky. This institution offers full value for the prices charged.

the woods. The blue, yellow and white violets are nodding in the valleys and on the hillsides. The yellow dandelions spring up beneath our feet. The lambkins are running to and fro in green meadows and under shade trees.

The days are now getting warmer and the children are starting to school. When they study their lessons their voices sound like the hum of a beehive. While they are returning home from school they loiter on the way, and gather flowers.

It is beginning to get colder and we bid farewell to the pleasant summer.

EMMA COONS.  
(age 14.)

Delegation of Colored Brothers Gets Assurance From the President.

On Oct. 7th, Bishop Alexander Walters, of New Jersey; Bishop G. W. Dinton, of North Carolina, and Rev. L. L. Carruthers, of New York, representing the Executive Committee of the Afro-American Council, called upon President Roosevelt to ascertain his attitude toward the movement among certain Republicans of the South to exclude the negroes from participation in the councils of the party. Postmaster General Payne arrived at the White House while the conference was in progress.

The colored men expressed themselves as highly gratified with what the President said to them. They announced that the President had stated to them that his actions in all matters affecting the race was his answer as to his attitude toward the colored man; that in appointments the character, intelligence and the esteem in which the applicant was held in the community in which he lived would be the first consideration and that no man would be excluded or appointed because of his color. Moreover it also was stated that the President had cited his action in removing District Attorney Vaughn, of Alabama, who was the head of the white Republican movement in the State, as evidence of his attitude.

They expressed themselves as completely satisfied with the President's attitude. When they came to the White House they stated they were prepared in case of an unfavorable reply to issue an advisory statement to the colored people of the country in favor of political retaliation upon the congressional nominees.

The President has decide to appoint Henry M. White as Ambassador to Rome.

Time, Place, Manner.

At a meeting of the Democratic Committee of the Nintyeth Legislative District of Kentucky, at 11 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, October 4th, 1902, in pursuance of the call of M. T. Hackney, Chairman of said Committee, for the purpose of designating the time, place and manner of selecting a Democratic nominee for the Legislature in said District, at said meeting M. T. Hackney was elected Chairman and R. A. Chiles, Secretary.

The following resolutions were then offered and adopted, to wit: That there be held in the various precincts in each of said counties mass conventions on Saturday, November 15th, 1902, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the county convention to be held at the county seat and at the court house of said counties, respectively, on Monday, November 17th, 1902, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the District convention to be held at Chambers Station, Menefee county, Ky., at one o'clock p. m. on Thursday, November 20th, 1902, said delegates to the county convention to instruct the delegates sent to the District Convention as to who they shall vote for as the choice of said counties respectively, as the Democratic nominee for the Legislature in said District and to use all honorable means to secure his election.

The basis of representation shall be one vote for every fifty votes or fraction over twenty-five votes cast for Beckham for Governor at the last State election and no precinct shall be entitled to less than one vote.

All Democrats and all persons who have heretofore affiliated with the Democratic party, and all young men who will have reached the age of twenty-one years at the date of the regular election and desire to affiliate with the Democratic party, are invited to participate therein.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

M. T. HACKNEY,  
Chairman.

R. A. CHILES,  
Secretary.

President Appoints a Democrat.

President Roosevelt has appointed Thomas R. Roulhac District Attorney for Alabama, to succeed W. R. Vaughn, recently removed. The appointee is a Democrat, and his selection is regarded with ill favor by the Republicans of Alabama.

Republican Editor Eulogises Mr. Bryan

An Illinois Republican editor pays Mr. Bryan a high compliment. The Ottawa, Ill., Journal, a rank Republican paper, has the following to say of a recent speech made by the Nebraskan:

"Mr. Bryan's talk (at the Ottawa Chatauqua) was not a political speech in any sense of the word. It was a classic in the annals of governmental conditions. It soared over and above as a political speech, as far as is the eagle's flight beyond that of the squawking mud-heron. Did you ever go to a house of worship, listen to an eloquent and beautiful sermon, and come away feeling lifted up, made better, with your ideas elevated and purified? Did you? Well then, you know the effect this talk had on me. It was better than a sermon. It was an inspiration, filled to the brim with life and charity for all. I'd rather be able to think them sincerely than hold any political office in the State of Illinois! It is grand. And they talk about this man being a 'dead one!' No one who heard him and could feel, actually feel, the answering thrill which went through that great audience in response to his words, would ever subscribe to that verdict. Dead? Well, if he is, I'd rather be a 'dead one' than a whole company of those we hear spoken of as 'live ones.' I rather fancy his funeral is a very long way off. He is a grand character, almost in a class by himself, and neither has the world proffered to him as yet all the glory or fame that will yet be his. I am a Republican, but I got my bonnet off to Colonel Bryan. He is a man every inch of him."

Gov. Stone Says he has done his Plain Duty.

Referring to the fact that the entire National Guard of Pennsylvania had been called out, Gov. Stone, in response to questions, said that there had been no communication between President Roosevelt and himself concerning the coal strike; that it was deemed necessary at the military council to send the entire division of the National Guard to the anthracite region in the performance of what was believed to be a plain public duty, and that its political effect was not considered.

The wire nail department of the big Belfont mill, at Ironton, O., has been closed by a strike of packing boys.

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE Will Be Appointed if Miners Will Go to Work.

The following statement was made public at the White House Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 7.

"On Monday, Oct. 6, Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, went to Philadelphia and gave to Mr. John Mitchell the following from the President:

"If Mr. Mitchell will secure the immediate return to work of the miners in the anthracite regions the President will at once appoint a commission to investigate thoroughly into all the matters at issue between the operators and miners, and will do all within his power to obtain a settlement of those questions in accordance with the report of the commission."

MITCHELL REFUSES TO TALK.

President Mitchell was shown the Associated Press dispatch from Washington stating that President Roosevelt had requested Mr. Mitchell to use his influence to induce the men to return to work with the promise of the appointment of a commission to investigate the miners' grievances. Mr. Mitchell read the dispatch carefully and then said he would not discuss the matter at all. In reply to several questions regarding President Roosevelt's request, Mr. Mitchell made the same reply: "I have nothing to say on the subject at present."

STRIKERS VOTE TO STAY OUT.

In accordance with the address issued by President Mitchell calling upon all local unions to meet and take a vote on the question of remaining on a strike, the mine workers of the Prospect, Oakdale and Midvale collieries of the Lehigh Coal Company held a meeting in this city and at the conclusion it was announced that the men had unanimously decided to stay out in a body until they had won the strike. This is the first meeting held in the anthracite field under the instructions of President Mitchell.

Opposes Lee Monument.

Last week during the G. A. R. meeting at Washington, Gen. Wilson referred to the proposal to erect a monument to Gen. Robert E. Lee, saying that our monuments should be to men who had assisted in keeping the flag flying and not to those who would have pulled it down if they could have done so.

Capt. Potter endorsed Gen. Wilson's sentiments on the flag question. He said he had been present when Gen. Joe Johnston surrendered to Gen. Sherman and then had heard Gen. Wade Hampton, in command of the Confederate cavalry, swear that he would lead the cavalry to Mexico before it should capitulate. "Our soil," said the speaker, "is too pure to be used for the erection of a monument to any rebel."

Not so Big.

David Rankin, of Missouri, who enjoys the distinction of feeding more cattle each winter than any one east or west, says of his experience: "I bought my cattle last fall at 4 cents, and each weighed about 1,000 pounds. It takes 75 bushels of corn or its equivalent to fatten a steer. I sold my cattle at \$6.85, and they averaged 1,325 pounds. They cost \$40; feed, 75 bushels at 60 cents, \$45; shipping and selling, \$3.50; total \$88.50. Sale of 1,325 pounds at \$6.85, \$90.70. Profit to feeder, \$2.70." This simply goes to show that there is a close struggle with dollars and cents before the cattle man reaps his profits and takes a trip to Europe.

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