

THE CHILHOWEE ECHO

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ONE OF US TWO.

[ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.]

The day will dawn when one of us shall bearken
In vain to hear a voice that has grown dumb.
And moons will fade, moons pale and shadows
darken—
While sad eyes watch for feet that never
come.

One of us two must some time face existence
Alone with memories that sharpen pain,
And these sweet days shall shine back in the
distance
Like dreams of summer dawns in nights of
rain.

One of us two, with tortured heart half broken,
Shall read long treasured letters through salt
tears.
Shall kiss with anguished lips each cherished
token
That speaks of those love-crowned delicious
years.

One of us two shall find all light, all beauty,
All joy on earth a life forever done;
Shall know henceforth that life means only
duty
O, God! O, God! have pity on that one.

Matters Social.

Mrs. Cowan is still absent at Tate's.

Miss McCreary is still absent in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Charles M. McGhee has returned from California.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman have returned from Texas.

Mr. William Johnston is expected to arrive here this week.

Miss Arnwell has returned to her home in Athens, Tenn.

Mr. Ross Faxon, of Chattanooga, was in Knoxville Wednesday.

Mr. R. R. Swepson has been absent for some weeks at Tate Springs.

Mrs. Charles O. Lutz, of Chattanooga, was with home friends last week.

Mrs. William Hunt has returned home, after an absence of several weeks.

The Cotillion Club held their regular semi-monthly dance on Friday evening.

Miss Percy Lockett is visiting her mother, Mrs. Howard, in Aberdene, Miss.

Mr. Rush Strong has been confined to his room with grippe for the past week.

Mr. George Henry Pepper was in Hot Springs, N. C., several days last week.

Miss Townsenu remains the much admired guest of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ransom.

Mr. Edward Warner, of Birmingham, Ala., was in the city with friends this week.

Miss Margaret McClung was with Miss Webb at Middlesborough, Ky., last week.

Mrs. Sanders McDaniels is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Summer Place.

Miss Adams, of Chicago, was in Knoxville this week the guest of Miss Margaret Woodruff.

Miss Rosalie Coxie has returned to Philadelphia to attend Walnut Lane School for the remainder of the term.

A small party of Knoxville people is being formed to attend a golf match, which will be played at Hot Springs, N. C.

Mr. Thomas F. Goode arrived in the city Tuesday. He is a brother of Mrs. Phillip J. Briscoe and will be with her during Mr. Briscoe's absence in Texas.

Mr. Samuel P. Blanc, of New Orleans, will arrive here on Friday. While in Knoxville he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Johnston.

Rev. Dr. Baldwin, of Norfolk, Va., has come to Knoxville to live with his son, Mr. Charles Baldwin. They are pleasantly domiciled on Fifth avenue, where they will remain for the present.

A great deal of interest has been taken in the visit of Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox who arrived here on Wednesday. She is the charming guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coxie, Crescent Bluff. Invitations are out for any number of receptions, dances, teas and dinners, to be given in her honor.

Two charming acquisitions to Knoxville's society are Misses Emma and Retta Taylor who intend making this their home. Their father, Ex-Gov. Taylor, has bought the beautiful home of Mr. William Caswell, on Fourth avenue, and society is delighted to welcome them into her realm.

Mr. John Hudson has been at home for the holidays, but returned to Harvard University this week. While he was here Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hudson entertained beautifully at dinner in his honor.

Dr. and Mrs. Garrard, of Macon, Ga., will after the first of May make Knoxville their future home. The friends of Mrs. Garrard, nee Louise Cullen, are anticipating with pleasure her return to her former home.

It is a great pleasure to the many friends of Miss Margaret Rodgers to see her once more participating in local social affairs. No one could have been more missed from society than Miss Rodgers, who is such a favorite.

Mr. William P. Armstrong, of Selma, Ala., so well known in Knoxville, had a painful but not serious accident on Tuesday. While driving his horses became frightened and ran away, throwing him out and injuring his knee very badly.

Mrs. Phillip J. Briscoe entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening in her always gracious manner. The affair was in honor of Mr. Goode. Those present were: Misses Townsend, McClung, Sanford, Rodgers; Messrs. Goode, Pepper, Rodgers and Thomas.

There are always some occasions in every social season that stand out pre-eminent. The Woman's Building has been the scene of many successful entertainments, but never has any occasion surpassed, perhaps equaled, save once, the superb reception of Thursday, tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coxie in honor of Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, whose name is a household word with every American poet-lover. The hostess had chosen for the color scheme, rose-pink, and Mrs. Wilcox was expressing to several guests her gratification, since rose-pink is recognized in the East among her friends as her own particular hue. She told of Mrs. Annie Besant, an English Theosophist, translating for her the significance of color. "Rose-pink," she said, "means the heart—love." And all who know Ella Wheeler's brimming soulfulness and intense heart sentiment, recognize the applicability. At any rate the assembly hall of the Woman's Building "blossomed" on Thursday "like the pink, pink rose." From the pink curtained nook in the farther corners, above which ropes of glowing roses wreathed in and out of pink veiled incandescent lights, the receiving party welcomed the hundred and fifty guests, who paid their devoirs to the famous authoress between the hours of nine and eleven. Both the hostess and guest of honor wore white, and their gowns were noticeably handsome. The roof garden with its massed palms, and tinkling fountain, served as refreshment room, where at twenty-four tables, adorned with carnations and dainty nappery and silver, a perfect menu was discussed. On the stroke of eleven, the floor cleared, the cotillion began, led by Mr. F. H. McClung and Mr. Phillip Briscoe, Jr. And now veritable fairy-land is disclosed. From the center of the ceiling great ropes of glowing roses, coming to the cornice, formed a floral canopy, while windows, doors, transoms, veiled under semi-transparent strips and lambrequined by rose garlands, gave an indescribable subtlety of glow and richness. Tall, white columns, rose-wreathed, held silver baskets of rioting bloom, and guarded like sentinels the corner nooks, which were the unique touches to the most ravishing scheme of decoration. Here the favor tables were arranged and every pretty conceit suited to the occasion, banked lavishly. The girls in their bright crispness, eyes alight, lips apart in laughter and gay repartee, feet flying to the music's magic, looked like parti-colored butterflies a-swarm in a June rose-garden. As the wind stole in from the roof and lifted waving tresses, or blew back the folds of their light gowns, they seemed to be shut in, guarded by, dripping with that rose-color—to inhale, to exhale, to be it. They looked like the blossoms of the live and wonderful evening—like faint tinted blossoms—blushing. And when crowned with rose hued hats (the prettiest, if not choicest favors) they floated down the long room to some divine waltz-strain, it was as if the butterflies had kissed and wooed the roses into life. Mrs. Wilcox danced and in herself the pledge of perpetual youth. She is thoroughly capable of throwing herself, as a girl, into the very soul of pleasure, and one feels instinctively that here is a woman who knows life in its complexity, whose heart can enter into the hearts of others. She can never be old. The cake walk that closed an occasion that will be memorable in the minds of all the fortunates who participated! Some of us thought it the prettiest bit of the whole. It's good to take down the bars, unshackle for a while, and just "go." The airs and the graces, the quips and the quirks—such a lark!—and over it all dripped the pink effulgence, and in the ear "The viols are playing that grand old wordless rhyme; and still they all are swaying in perfect tune and time." Miss Annie Dee McClung and Mr. Alex Hall, "took the cake," and with that harmony of the old sweet strains that have sounded the knell to many an evening's delight "Home Sweet Home" the hour was past. "A clamor, a crash, and the band was still. 'Twas the end of the dream, and the end of the measure: The last low notes of that waltz-quadriple Seemed like the dirge o'er the death of Pleasure."

The Knoxville Art Club.

Among the agencies at work for the betterment of the society condition of Knoxville not the least effective is the Knoxville Art Club. This club was organized nearly three years ago by some dozen or two ladies and gentlemen interested in various ways in different branches of art. Something of a school was formed and a studio opened under the general management of Mrs. A. A. Lutz, Miss Lucie Ducloux, now Madame Mercier, Mr. Lloyd Branson and Squire James Wallace. Quite a number of young people and several married ladies attended regularly and did faithful work during the first year. With the removal of the club to quarters in the Woman's Building the membership was considerably enlarged and the practice of holding open meetings introduced. There are two classes of members known as associate and working members. To the former any one is eligible who is sufficiently interested in the cultivation and promotion of art to pay the initiation fee and annual dues both of which are quite small. The working members are such persons old or young, men or women, who desire to learn to draw or paint and are willing to come to the studio to work. Every working day some one is present to advise and instruct. During the past year at each monthly open meeting a paper has been read upon some art topic and a display made of original work done by members of the club. These meetings have been highly entertaining and instructive and have done much to widen the influence of the club and awaken an interest in its work outside of its membership.

At the regular election meeting held Tuesday evening last the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Major Hunter Nicholson. First Vice President, Mrs. Al A. Yeager. Second Vice President, Mrs. W. S. Nash. Secretary, Miss Eleanor Wiley. Treasurer, Mrs. L. B. Audigier. Directors: Messrs. Lloyd Branson, James W. Wallace, Dr. James A. Duncan and Miss Kate Ogden.

It is proposed to keep the studio open during the summer under the supervision of Miss Henrietta Wiley an accomplished teacher. From time to time the club will take outings for sketching. We are informed that several members of the club are quite expert at designing menu cards and other favors for various social functions and we doubt not orders left with the club would be filled most satisfactorily.

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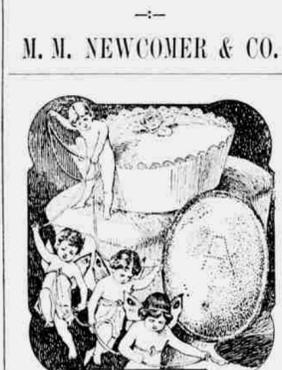
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