### MARY AND MARTHA

Jesus came in the eventide All tired with the dust and the best, He came where he'd often been be-

And found a welcome sweet.

He was hungry too, as a man may be Who had travelled far and wide. And the smell from her kitchen was incense sweet

For cooking was Martha's pride.

No doubt 'twas music to his ear, The tinkle of spoons a stirring; And the cheerful clatter of pots and That kissed her beaming face.

And the steam of the kettle purring. But what they said we can only guess

And Mary sat at the Teachers' feet And listened with upturned face To the wonderful words that fell from his lips

And she forgot both time and space.

And Martha cried, "Bid her help me Lord.

I've a thousand things to do. There's the bread to make and the cake to bake, And some one must watch the stew!"

And the Master said "Rebuke her

not, For she also serves my need, And its hunger is here to feed."

"The Pharisees and scribes today Have evil against me planned And the duliness of heart of the ma-

Forbids them to understand,

And Mary hath chosen the better For we live not by bread alone

Her insight fine is a thing divine, And never shall lose its own.

"And Martha dear while I prize your And your good things gladly share, Please let Mary stay where she is

I like you both for each in her way Answers a wholesome need And I wish I could here forever stay "Tis such a homelike place indeed.

For her presence I would not spare

But I can only stay here for a day For the Spirit targes me on To do the work of the Father's wil Who is calling anto his Son.

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### A PIAZZA SWING

A piazza swing just right for two On the front porch at Ron-air. It was Sunday night in mid-July, And the maid was bonnie and fair.

She was sweet sixteen-some time ago And he heyond twenty one. And the old story seemed on again That has been told since time begun.

O, she was fair in her gown of white, And her form like the lily's grace, And her voice as soft as the summer breeze,

But it must have been sweet and fine That was joy in every line.

Perhaps they talked as the Walrus did

Of Cabbages and Kings;

Of engagements and diamend rings. O, what would the world be but for

That brings two so very near

A chance to find its mate And the piazza seat that it built for

May be a thing of happy fate.

So here's to the two who sat so close On the piazza at Bon-air, moon looked down, And smiled on the happy pair.

And the old globe whirled on its dizzy flight

Till the small hours loomed apace, But they forget the world and its And recked not of time or space.

Written for the Democrat. N. S. Hoagiand, Asheville, N. C.

I shall remember I know alway As a solace dear they will give me

N. S. Hoagland, Warwick, Mass. For the Watauga Democrat.

In the shadow of Calvary.'

#### SHORT COTTON CROP

According to Springs & Co., this University News Letter. cear's coton crop is not going to For the last three years the mem-

Only the grower can really 1924. appreciate how rapidly a promising Aiready they have established Ma-Aiready they have established Ma-stand of cotton can fade out of the sonic Loan funds of \$2.250 at (1) ned over to the various colleges to therefore gives close study to weath- (4) Appalachian Training School; For upon each face there was a grace er advices, reports of past ravage and \$1,250 Masonic Loan Funds at (5) private information regarding the University of North Carolina and

expectations and the government funds at (7) Trinity College, (8) calculation is therefore disturbing Wake Forest College, (9) Davidson But I rather think that something and conducive to greater price College, (10) Elon College, (11) irregularity because of the unwilling- Greensboro College. (12) Meredith ness of many important interest to College (13) Salem College, (14) at readjust their crop and condition i- Guilford College, (15) Fiora Macdeas to the government viewpoint. Donald College, (16) Atlantic Chris This situation is likely to continue tian College, (17) Lenoir College, until the next government report (18) Queens College; \$750 Masonic

relied upon implicitly. Nevertheless College and (23) Peace Institute, the it is advisable to keep them in mind last three being grade ( colleges. -not as guide posts but as points. These twenty three colleges comfrom which to work out a reckoning. prise all the standard teacher train The average crop for the past ten ing institutions and standard Grade years figures out only 11,405,523 A B, and C colleges owned by the On the piazza at Bon-air,
While the stars came up and the years is but 10.688,000 bales—and except take, which shows how there small carryover and the very small been carried forward. or a yield this year of 12,000,000 ham grand master) contributing \$ than 15 points between July 25 and Knights Templar (Richard S. Gorman and September 25 in the past ten of Rocky Mount, N. C. Grand Com month period) it is expecting the kins of Asheville, N. C., Sovereign sais over present indications.—Gas- the coilegs.

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## MASONIC LOAN FUND

be so large as some people think bers of the Masonic order have been involved is the opportunity it will give how or relationship.

It will be Hence, there are more quietly doing a wonderful work for by encouraging deserving students. This is certainly a broad basis. it will be. Hence, there are more quietly doing a wonderful work for by encouraging deserving students. surprises in store for these who education, by establishing Masonic whose records in colleges prove their upon which to do philanthropic work. Loan Funds in various Norh Caro- worth, to borrow sufficient funds to This month and next are the lina colleges. This work was commen complete their education. months in which the cotton crop ced in 1922, when \$5,000 was availamade and sentiment swings ble, which was increased to \$10,000 cational institutions have any sur- Hall's Catarri apidly from one viewpoint to and in 1920 and continued at \$10,000 in plus loan funds at the various in-

picture, nor how anickly it can come North Carolina College for Women handle as they do their own loan back under the counter influences of and (2) East Carolina Teachers Coland and good weather. But the trade lege; \$1,500 Masonic Loan funds at has come to accept this condition and (3) Collowhee Normal School and (6) State College of Agriculture and The disparity between private and Engine ring; \$1,000 Masque loan In a way that makes for each a bliss which may provide ground for recontrate casteth out all fear.

| Contract For my soul is famished and fatigued O, the masterful love that only waits out to suit themselves and cannot be Mars Hill College, (22) Louisburg

it is almost conceded that with the oughly and effectively the work has

amount of cotton still unsold in the The \$10,000 this year has been fi-South out of last season's crop, the nanced by the Grand Lodge of Masworld's consuming requirements call ons (J. LeGrand Everett of Rockin-Even 12,500,000 bales would 000; the Grand Chapter of Royal not threaten any greater alteration Arch Masons (E. Rowley Hampson, in the general price situation. With Asheville, N. C. Grand High Priest) an average depreciation of more \$3,000; the Grand Commandery of years (and not a single year show | mander) \$1,000; and the Bodies of ng any improvement over that two the Scottish Rite, (Thomas J. Harcrop to do a right about face from Grand Inspector General) \$3,000, low on if one is banking on an in- a total of \$16,000 which has been rease of a half million to a million well placed in the distribution among

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