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WOMEN GIVE MILLIONS.

Gifts and Bequests of Rich Members of the Fair Sex.

Women were, as usual, conspicuously generous with gifts and bequests during 1901—the first year of the new century. The record for charitable, educational and like purposes reaches approximately the sum of $18,000,000, or about $1,500,000 every month. Of the $15,000,000 given to colleges alone during the first six months of the year women contributed $6,000,000. It has been noted that, while men give more liberally to education, women contributed chiefly to charity and religion. Her beautiful home in Virginia, 1,500 acres of land and an endowment of $700,000 is a recent gift, by will, of Mrs. Indiana Williams for a girls' school. Mrs. McCormick, of Chicago, continues her liberal gifts to education, and Miss Helen Gould contributed to the same cause most generously. Vassar College has been presented with scholarships as well as the New York University, the latter receiving a fund for perpetual endowments. Miss Gould is also interested in Young Men's Christian Associations, having erected buildings for several. Yale College has profited by the generosity of several women. A valuable library, $100,000 to establish a Y. M. C. A. for the scientific school, and money to found a memorial fellowship being among the important gifts. Libraries have profited to the extent of $1,000,000 by women's gifts. In the realm of charity, gifts and bequests are recorded aggregating the splendid sum of $10,000,000. Rarely, if ever, has so much money been contributed for charitable purposes as this year. Upon Easter day alone in New York churches, nearly half a million was placed on the alms basins at the different services, Grace church giving $167,500 of this amount. It is safe to say that women gave over half of this near half million dollars. At the triennial convention of the Episcopal church, held at San Francisco in October, women gave $100,000 for missions, and pledged the further sum of $15,000 for a girls' school in China. One of the most notable gifts for hospitals is that of Mrs. Collis P. Huntington, who has presented her beautiful home in San Francisco to the city, to be converted into a hospital for women. The house cost a quarter of a million dollars and was used only about two months in the year by the Huntingtons.—Indianapolis News.

PRINCELY CADETS.

Young Indian Chiefs and Nobles Who Have Joined the New Corps.

Thus far seventeen young chiefs and nobles have joined the imperial cadet corps, which was established in India a short while ago. Of these, thirteen come from Rajputana and the central states, two from the Bombay presidency, one from the Punjab, and one from Hyderabad. Four are ruling chiefs. The others are scions of princely or aristocratic families, most of whom have been educated at the various chiefs' colleges. It is the purpose of the viceroy to modify, in some degree, the curriculum at these institutions, in order that the pupils may be better qualified for the duties which they will have to perform hereafter as cadets, and later in staff position in the Anglo-Indian army. A winter camp for the corps has been arranged at Meerut, and the first course of instruction will be given there. The government will provide each cadet with a charger. The number of horses and ponies and personal attendants for each cadet has been narrowly limited. Living in camp will be simple and the discipline strict. The closest attention will be paid to caste rules. The entire course of instruction, which will combine drill, riding and military exercises, with suitable indoor instruction, will be so designed as to enable the pick of the cadets in time to take their places as British officers, while never losing the character and bearing of Indian gentlemen. When on duty and during instruction the cadets will wear a simple uniform. On ceremonial or state occasions they will wear a state uniform, for which special designs are to be made. Probably the cadets will soon be inspected by the viceroy, and they will form a conspicuous feature in his escort at the procession durbar at Delhi on January 1, 1903. The result of this attempt to bring the British and native division of the Anglo-Indian army into close relationship will be watched with interest.—New York Post.

FLORAL MEETING IN THE GROVE.

BY JULIA POST.

MOTHER Earth, ever generous with her gifts and mindful of the comfort and happiness of her children, had supplied all things necessary for a fine display. As the Date drew near, Scouring Rushes were employed to go over the grounds and put them in perfect order. The decorations were Blazing Stars, Golden Rods, Golden Chains, Jewel-weed, Pestoon Pine and Prince's Feathers. The names of the officers of the day, printed on ribbon grass and hung on a hickory limb, were Jon Quil, Staff Tree, St. Jogg'r Bush and Box Wood.

The first of the honored guests to arrive was Good-King-Henry. He was so enraptured with the sight that met his eyes that he seized a Flower Pencil and inscribed on the Wall-flower the words of Scripture: "I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

The Daughter of Spring brought the regrets of the Tulips and Hyacinths, saying that as they had had a great blow-out of their own a few months before and were now busy selecting the colors of their next season's wardrobe, they were unable to be present.

A Spring Beauty, who was long past the prime of life, over-taxed her strength in order to be present, fell in a faintig fit and was laid on a bed of Resurrection Moss to revive. Young Smart Weed rushed to the scene and puckered his lips to say, "She's a Beaut," but a reproving glance from Box Wood caused him to change it to "She's a Sleeping Beauty." Bloodroot had a rush of blood to the head but an application of Mustard soon brought it back to the roots again.

The Dandelion family reminded one of youth, manhood and old age in their various developments of growth; there was the hoary-headed old Dandelion with numerous full-blown sons and daughters, and buds a glore giving just an inkling of their golden crowns. The Pansies, with their bright faces, and their country cousins, the Violets, who wore quaint little bonnets with flaring fronts and puckered crowns, attracted much attention.

The pioneers present were Adam and Eve, Wandering Jew, Mayflower, Old Man, so called from his youth up; the Everlastings and Live-for-evers.

Mother Carey being present without her family, Sassafras, when he spied her, remarked, "She's no spring chicken." Jimson Weed said, "That's a Chestnut," and Bil Berry cried, "House-leeks!" causing an Old Hen and Chickens to scamper to the Umbrella Tree for shelter. The Morning Glories, with their caressing ways and beautiful raiment brought to mind the saying, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever;" but being subject to sunstroke their stay was brief, fearing to come in contact with the Sunflower.

The Sweet family outnumbered all others present and were "just too sweet for anything."

There was also an interesting feature in the form of an Indian file, composed of ten little Indians, the chief of whom was Indian corn, while Pappoose Root followed on their trail as a mascot. The whole tribe was said to be near descendants of Squaw Root.

The sports were the Bull Rush, the Caper Spurge and the Club Rush.

"Not once in all the ages
Shall the flowers have held away
Rus h wn known as great confusion
As existed on that day.

Bend ng here and there together
In disgust and unrest,
The grass a of each species
Spread the swards in the rest.

The stamen of the flowers
Filled the air with sweet removal,
While the gentle little blossoms
Held in modesty all of.
And the noise of all this trouble,
As near as record shows,
Was the resentment of their neighbors
When the Club Rush came to blows."

And thus ended the frolic of the flowers.

SOUTHFIELD.

Oliver Millard has been lowering his well.

John Grace sold a valuable team last week.

Our January thaw of last Sunday took a sudden cold.

Charles Lee has sold his farm of 40 acres to John VanDyke.

George Rofe is about to sell his farm of 40 acres to the Oicle bros.

Justin Jenks went to New Hudson on Saturday to visit his sister, Anna Hodges.

John VanDyke has purchased a valuable Holstein of Mr. Starkweather, of Northville.

The twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church have been quite sick but are now on the gain.

Robert Church lost a valuable cow last week. It got caught in the stanchions, fell and broke her neck.

The Ladies Aid of Redford made a finan cess of their chicken pie and oyster supper. The result was $30.

The marriage of Miss Myrtle Tompkins and Tom Larkins took place last week Wednesday. Their many friends and neighbors all wish them a happy voyage through life.

TROY.

Nell Thoma of Detroit spent Sunday in Troy.

Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Cutting are convalescing.

Mrs. Ida Jarvis was in Rochester last week Thursday.

F. D. Cutting filled his ice house from the Buttolph pond.

Mrs. L. Johnson is staying at Mrs. Caroline Aspinwall's.

The Wednesday evening prayer meetings are well attended.

Wedding bells will soon ring in the West Troy neighborhood.

Alfred Goodman of Detroit visited his sister, Mrs. Cutting, Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid will take dinner with Mrs. Ira Carpenter on the 20th of February.

A very enjoyable work day was spent at Mrs. Ed. Jennings' by the Aid last week Thursday.

The many friends of the late Edward Buttolph were somewhat surprised by his sudden demise.

Rev Geo. Stevens of Detroit occupied the M. E. pulpit the past two Sundays, Mr. Mauley being absent.

John Shearman, wife and son, who have been in St. Joseph, Mo., the past six weeks, arrived home last Friday.

At the social Friday evening a neat sum of money was raised. The indebtedness on the lamps was lifted and a little surplus remained. A vote of thanks is extended to the entertainment committee.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. M. H Barrett, Pastor. Mission Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. All are invited

PRESBYTERIAN Rev. H. S. Josema, Pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. Everyone invited.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN M. B. Maxwell, Pastor. Sabbath school at 2 p. m. Public worship and sermon at 3 p. m. Y. P. C. U. each Thursday evening at 7:30. All invited.

BAPTIST—Warren L. Rogers, Pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. & at 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. All are welcome.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate office in the city of Pontiac, on the 30th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

Present: Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Mary S. Park, incompetent.

On reading and filing the petition and Affidavit of Mary S. Park, praying for letters of guardianship as in said petition mentioned.

It is Ordered that Monday, the 10th day of February next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office be appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in the estate appear at the time and place aforesaid and show cause, if any exists, why said petition should not be granted. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
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Jan21-Feb7

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate office in the city of Pontiac, on the 6th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

Present: Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Polly Robinson, deceased.

Eugene Hooks, administrator, de bonis non with will annexed of said estate, having rendered to this court an account and made application for the allowance thereof.

It is ordered that

Monday, the 3rd day of February next,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said account; and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

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Jan7-14-21

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate office in the city of Pontiac, on the 24th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

Present: Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of

David John Parks, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition and Affidavit of David John Parks, praying for the probate of an instrument in writing, hereto fore filed in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased.

It is ordered that **Saturday, the 8th of February next,** at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition and that all persons interested in said estate appear at the time and place aforesaid and show cause, if any exists, why said petition should not be granted; and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

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Present: Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Arma Bell McKay, Hazelle McKay and John McKay, minors.

Now comes Arma Bell McKay, guardian of said minors, praying for license to sell the real estate of said minors for the purpose of reinvesting.

It is ordered that

Saturday, the 15th day of February next,

at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office be appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear at the time and place aforesaid and show cause, if any exists, why said petition should not be granted. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

Jan28 Feb14

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 28th day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and two.

Present, Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Viola Pickering, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Sarah A. Higby, praying for the probate of an instrument in writing, heretofore filed in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased.

It is ordered that

Saturday the 15th day of February next

at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office be appointed for proving said instrument; and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
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