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SHE IS INDIGNANT

Miss Katherine Shearer of Detroit Objects to Being Named as a \$1,000 Beauty

The following letter and its enclosure from Miss Katherine Shearer explains itself. We really feel highly honored to be the first printer to publish her latest song which is highly meritorious.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 22, 1903.

Editor of the Free Press:

When I opened the ECENTRIC yesterday and saw the article copied from the Free Press, I was really indignant about it. I have nothing to get out of the article, but when I bought one of the magazines and saw that they had added the word of saying that I was one of their prize beauty contestants, I almost collapsed, for it is the limit of all foul articles that I can stand to suffer from within the past two years.

The article in question is one of many that have caused me no end of annoyance ever since an article came out about three years ago in Literary Life, showing my picture as well, in regard to some writing I was published in.

I have from time to time written up by numerous papers, which have copied my picture from the magazine articles. I have paid no attention to many of them, but this last article makes the ridiculous assertion that I am a contestant for the \$1,000 beauty prize, which is not only the direct lie, but insulting and they have been requested to acknowledge their gross error in their other edition.

I am holding mad about all I can tell you. Last fall an article saying that I had left my accomplishments and namings forth of the most reputable trades which could think of, went the rounds of the Western League papers, but I think this is worse, as it is so insultingly common.

In consideration of your kindness to me, I will let you have the privilege of publishing the words to my new jangling song, "The King of the Hottentots." It is not so set to music but it will soon be ready.

Yours most sincerely,
KATHERINE SHEARER,
148 Sycamore avenue.

MEETING OF OHIO SYNOD

Dr. Butler is Elected Moderator and Rev. F. E. Dean Gets the Clerkship.

The United Presbyterian synod of Ohio, of which the Detroit assembly is a part, opened here in the U. P. church on Wednesday afternoon of last week. After a few preliminary remarks, the moderator, Rev. J. A. Kennedy, delivered an able address and outlined the work of the synod in a masterly manner.

Rev. W. H. Vincent, D. D., of Youngstown, O., having removed from the bounds of the synod, handed in his resignation as clerk of the synod, and the Rev. M. H. Butler, of Sillsville, O., was chosen to succeed him. The Rev. M. H. Butler, of Caliz, was elected moderator to succeed the Rev. J. A. Kennedy of New Concord, O.

The attendance at the opening session was very light, there being only fourteen ministers and seven elders present, while the membership of the synod figures up two hundred.

Dari g the evening session the Rev. Edward McIntock, pastor of the Second United Presbyterian church of Detroit, addressed the meeting, and the balance of the time was taken up in appointing the various committees, the reading of papers and attending to the minor details of the meeting.

THE SECOND DAY SESSION.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises led by the new moderator, Rev. W. M. Butler, of Caliz, O.

A communication from W. W. Russell, D. D., chairman of the assembly's commission on the semi-centennial celebration, asking that a synodical committee be appointed in accordance with the synod's custom, was approved.

Then followed a conference on evangelizing the West, by H. S. Spang, during the conference were as follows: "The Need," Rev. J. W. McClintock, of Detroit; "The Sources of Power," Rev. J. A. Kennedy, of New Concord, O.; "The Agencies," Rev. J. C. Pinkerton; "The Methods," Rev. David L. Kingston; "After Commission--What?" Rev. Theodore Little. The subjects were well handled and brought forth many comments from the elders present. The meeting closed with prayer by F. E. Dean.

At the evening session came routine business and reports of committees. The address of the evening was made by Rev. Charles R. Watson, of Philadelphia, chairman of the foreign missionary societies, who gave an extended account of the work of the foreign missionary society, citing many incidents showing the progress of the work.

This closed the meeting of the synod and while the attendance was not as large as it would have been in favorable weather, the meeting as a whole was a successful one. Much credit is due to the staff of the church for the care and attention which the visitors were entertained during their stay in Birmingham.

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THE SONG OF THE HOTTENTOTS

September no longer holds us and the leaves are all turning.

Their soft shades of green into tints of red, orange and gold.

And the sweet of the wind from the north where the forests are burning.

Brings from afar to the hutsman dim memories of old.

Fat away in the land where the berries and the pine intermingles.

With the call of the loon, wailing echoing over the land.

For the silver shimmering lakes that the deer hunt through the pale moonlight to rest on the cooling night.

The horn of the hunter rings clear as the wind of morning.

As he goes the hounds from their lair in the forest and he hears the noise of the falling and the bark.

As he goes from their lair they dash each down from their perch they dash each down from their perch.

Chirping and humming birds are singing a song of the powder.

And long for my gun at the sun for the king of the forest.

For the joys of the campfire, the fastings on partridge and grouse.

The sun of your bright and remote abode of all.

K. S. WALKER

AT REST.

Death has claimed another for its own in the person of Mrs. Cordelia James, who departed this life on Saturday last, August 29, 1903.

Mrs. James was born in the town of Roxbury, in the Catskill Mountains, in New York, only a short distance from the home of the late Jay Gould, and was married to E. James, who was wood and worked in her mountain home, in 1844, and one year later they moved to the wilds of Michigan and settled in the township of Troy where they resided about ten years after which they moved to the farm three miles west of Birmingham. It was there lived until the death of Mr. James in 1890, and the following year Mrs. James moved to this village where she resided until her death.

During the years of her early life, this noble woman passed through the vicissitudes and hardships of the pioneers, always a faithful and loving companion to her struggling husband, and after a competency had been secured, she could look back to those days of privation without regret.

This most estimable woman was patriotic, having once made a trip to Mt. McGregor to see where Gen. Grant died, where he used to sit and read, and she also visited many places of an historical nature.

Mrs. James was a devout christian woman and a life-long member of the Presbyterian church. She took an active part in the work of the church and was beloved by her co-workers in the vineyard.

Too much cannot be said of this worthy woman who has been a resident among us so long. She was known throughout the whole county and none knew her but to love her.

Rev. Todd delivered the funeral address on Monday afternoon, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Crooks cemetery in Troy.

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GARFIELD GROVES.

The untimely end of the young life of Garfield Groves has cast a gloom over the entire community. Death relieved him of his sufferings on Saturday morning last.

On July 15 he had a tumor removed from the side of his neck by Dr. H. C. Walker, it being a very intricate operation, as the tumor laid against the big car vein. However, the operation was apparently successful and the young man returned to town for some time after his return from the hospital, chatting with friends and expressing his hopes and fears, but one day about four weeks after the operation he caught a slight cold and tonsillitis supervened and death claimed its own.

Mr. Groves was a young man in the prime of life and many heads are bowed in sorrow and sympathy for the bereaved parents, who have had one of their most loved and cherished sons taken from the family circle. Garfield was in his first year and numbered among his first friends the late of this entire neighborhood.

His father was well settled in a house on Monday last, and the late attack was beset the esteem in which he was held. Rev. M. B. Maxwell spoke at length in eulogizing terms to the sorrowing parents and the others present, and eulogized the young man in the manner we are sure you will remember. His remains were interred in the Royal Oak cemetery.

WHERE REFERENDUM RULES.

In Switzerland, where the referendum and initiative have been so many years in use, the people are now substantially a unit in their favor, according to Prof. Frank Parsons, who recently returned from Europe. He says:

"This system has proved so useful in checking corruption and controlling monopoly, so wisely conservative and intelligently progressive, that even those who originally opposed the referendum before its adoption are now convinced of its value."

"I was recently in Switzerland and for several weeks, visiting nearly all the most important cities and talking with men of every class--heads of government departments, presidents of cities, college professors, hotel proprietors, secretaries of chambers of commerce, lawyers, doctors, editors, business men and workmen--of every description--and I did not find one man who wishes to go back to the old plan of final legislation by elected delegates without chance of appeal to the people. I talked with those whose pet ideas had been turned down by the referendum, and with men who were strongly opposed to important measures adopted by the people--the nationalization of the railways, for example--but they are all convinced that on the whole, it is better with the referendum than without--the people made some mistakes, they thought, but they did far better than a legislature acting free of the popular veto. There are no lobbies, no jobs, no machine legislation; everything is fair and honest, and even the legislators like it, because it is better with the referendum than without. They frequently re-elect the legislators at the same time that they veto some of their acts, and, more important still, it lifts the representatives into a purer atmosphere, adds to their dignity, increases the popular appreciation of their services, and frees them from the suspicions that attach to them under the lobby-ridden system of ungendered representation, or government by an elective aristocracy having final power to make laws the people do not want."

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