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PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

This column will be devoted to the residents of Birmingham who wish to make use of the same for the discussion of all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community.

In a recent issue of the Eccentric we read with a great deal of interest the well written article of appreciation of the late Mrs. Alice Brandstatt, from the pen of some one with the familiar initials of D. and G., stating briefly of her life and deeds. Those of us who have resided in Birmingham for many years can fully appreciate the kind words which had gathered before the pen of the writer. It is to be regretted that the name of the author of the article was not signed to it, as we would like to express to him or her our appreciation of the same.

In more than one instance of our residence in our village it has always seemed strange that the deeds of charity and neighborliness of our fellow townsmen have not become more widely known. For it is a fact that the contrast between our village and the conditions in a city of more than a hundred thousand other places of the same relative location. We would be pleased to have the good work of Mrs. Brandstatt in the Birmingham Eccentric, so that the world may know of the good deeds of our fellow townsmen.

Our new Civic League effort should be encouraged in every way, and through their efforts and those of others, the crying need of sewer extension, which has received the attention of capitalists would doubt receive the attention which they so richly deserve. There can be little doubt that the village, with a population already sufficient for the purpose, could be readily organized for the building of a sewer system. Does not the present condition of affairs in this respect, judging from the outlook as we have viewed it from the doors of our business places, seem to be a menace to our health? The question which is of the most vital importance to the people of Birmingham at this time is, Shall the village of Birmingham be allowed to continue to grow as a village, or shall it be made a city? Is it now putting forth every effort to bring to its doors the manufacturing industries that will be so lavish of employment and development that the village could not be prevented from growing in such a manner as to make it