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CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS TO BE DEDICATED TO-MORROW

THE STORY OF THE CHURCH.

"These meetings will always be open to everyone who loves the Lord Jesus Christ and wishes to do His will." So wrote Mrs. Russell Sage in a letter to the donors when the corner-stone of the new church building, the generous gift to the Church-in-the-Gardens and the community, was laid. In the spirit of her words the Church-in-the-Gardens was started. The first service was held on the second Sunday of October, three years ago, after the responses to a circular letter addressed to purchasers of property in the Gardens had made it clear that people of various denominations would unite in a church of the congregational order, united, while in fellowship with other churches, yet wholly independent of external control and is free to make its own rules of government and formulate its own statement of belief and order of worship. The first service was attended by forty people. Immediately after it, a Sunday School was organized, with Raymond E. Knight as Superintendent and Mrs. George Sherwood Eddy and Robert J. Cole as associates.

On the evening of March 19th, 1913, the Church was formally organized with thirty-eight members representing six denominations. The Manual, or Con-

stitution, which was unanimously adopted, had been prepared by a committee of five, each of whom was from a different denomination. It provides that persons who do not want to sever their relation to other churches and yet wish to identify themselves with this community church, may join as affiliated members. The membership has since grown to one hundred and twelve.

Through the kindness of the Sage Foundation Homes Company, services were held for the first year in a store in the Station Square. The first service in the portable chapel, was held on the second Sunday of November, 1913, and one year later the corner-stone of the new church was laid. While the building is the gift of Mrs. Sage, the site on which it stands has been purchased by the Church-in-the-Gardens.

The income of the Church is derived from voluntary contributions, paid weekly or monthly. As the expenses will greatly increase in the new building, the people of the community are earnestly invited to become regular contributors.

From the beginning the leader and pastor has been Dr. Robert J. Kent, who was pastor of the Lewis Avenue Church, in Brooklyn, for twenty-five years.

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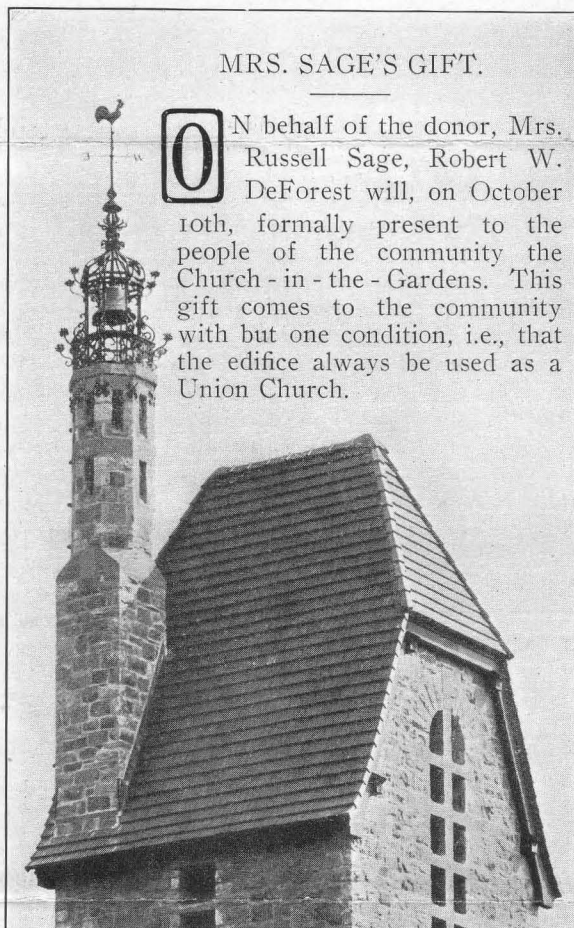
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MRS. SAGE'S GIFT.



ON behalf of the donor, Mrs. Russell Sage, Robert W. DeForest will, on October 10th, formally present to the people of the community the Church - in - the - Gardens. This gift comes to the community with but one condition, i.e., that the edifice always be used as a Union Church.

There are but comparatively few of each denomination in the Gardens, therefore it would seem that a Union Church best meets our needs. In the ordinary course of things it would take years of effort and of worship in an inadequate structure, before it would be possible to build an edifice so stable in construction, so perfect in architecture, and so lovely in detail.

That there will be less appreciation of its value and beauty because it represents a gift and not a thing worked for and hungered for with saving and sacrifice, is not our belief.

For above all else, it is the gift of one whose life is such a synonym for good works that this Church, the expression of her thought and care for the religious development of the Gardens, must be in the nature of a memorial and have a special and touching appeal.

That people should aspire towards the possession of a beautiful place of worship is a fitting thing. That they should have this aspiration satisfied so early in the history of their community life is unusual. The beauty of this Church, its frequent and happy use should mean a large part in the progress of the Gardens.

BASEBALL.

Final Standing—Amateur League

Club	Won	Lost	P.C.
Englewood	10	1	.909
Commonwealth	7	3	.700
Forest Hills	5	5	.500
Crescent A. C.	1	6	.143
Montclair	1	9	.100

The final standing, given above, shows the results of the first season of "organized baseball." The loyal fans who have turned out for the various games have been almost unanimous in their enthusiasm over the game played by the team. The race was much closer than the percentages show, and until the final defeat by Englewood we had a chance for the pennant. On the whole, the season is one to be proud of, considering the difficulties that had to be overcome. The management desires to take this opportunity of thanking all those who financially, and otherwise, gave their support to the team, and especially Mr. Demarest for his substantial assistance. The line-up of the team and scores of the games follow:

Hulse	Catcher
Campion	Pitcher
Wilkinson	Pitcher
McCabe	Pitcher
Doyle	First base
Warder	Second base
Kinney	Short stop
Rollins	Third base
Hillman	Left field
Worth	Right field
Bristol	Left field
W. Ryan	Center field
K. Thomas	Pitcher
C. Close	Right field

The season's scores are as follows:

Forest Hills, 10;	7th Regiment.....	7
"	5; Wolverines	7
"	9; Columbia Scrub	0
"	3; Kirkman A. A.	9
"	7; Richmond Hill	6
"	17; Wolverines	6
"	8; Commonwealth	11
"	6; Am. Trading Co.....	3
"	0; Englewood	2
"	14; Montclair	3
"	8; Crescent A. C.	3
"	0; Englewood	3
"	8; Montclair	3
"	6; Commonwealth	3
"	1; Crescent A. C.	0
"	8; Kirkman A. A.	9
"	24; Wolverines	0
"	3; Commonwealth	3
"	0; Englewood	2
"	2; Montclair	10

Won 11, lost 8, tie 1.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

A. C. Wessman.

The city is now investigating the entire school organization and it looks as if the outcome would be a re-arrangement covering the operation of the physical as well as the educational departments of the Board of Education. The Board of Estimate has authorized very limited expenditures for school buildings, portable or otherwise. The recommendations of the Board of Education were often not acceptable to the Board of Estimate and the money was not appropriated, or, if appropriated, there were not sufficient funds to appropriate.

In the opinion of educators and people connected with the Board of Education in an advisory way, that the Gary plan now being outlined by Mr. Wirt is generally adaptable to communities such as Forest Hills. At the School Committee meeting last Monday night, it was decided to ask the Board of Education to start an experimental Gary plan in our schools, in the hope that this would assist us in bringing about greater facilities in the form of four additional portable rooms on the North Side and the removal of the old school to the site recently purchased by the city. This would make six rooms on the North Side on the site on which the permanent school will eventually be placed, and four rooms on the South Side.

Transportation of children between the North and South Sides is justified, not because of the distance to be traveled, but as a measure of safety for the little ones in crossing Hoffman Boulevard. The Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the School Committee, David Millar, Jewel Street, Forest Hills, is anxious to have any information which would assist the Committee in devising a system for the operation of the stage to serve the community to the best advantage.

The school playground was created through the initiative of Clarence A. Perry, with the co-operation of the James Company who, at their expense, improved the grounds and furnished the equipment. Dr. Crampin, Chairman of the Playground Department of the Board of Education, had promised to supply us with a trained supervisor, provided there was a sufficient allowance from the Board of Estimate. As the Board of Estimate has cut his allowance so that he cannot maintain a leader where so few children are concerned, the experiment which he had in mind was abandoned. It can be hoped that funds may be found so that the Committee can provide a full time supervisor for the playgrounds; otherwise it may be necessary to keep the grounds closed, as it is well known that playgrounds get into disrepute where not properly supervised.

The Committee asks the indulgence of the parents in the shortcomings of what they believe the community is entitled to. It must be borne in mind that we have a new community and our District Superintendent has been in the district only a little over a year. Most of the teachers, the South Side building, many of the scholars, etc., are new to the community

and until they become better acquainted too much should not be expected, for every new organization requires time to arrive at a good working basis.

GENERAL NEWS.

The "Bulletin" will gladly publish notices of lost or found articles wherever it will be of service to the residents.

The corner house, No. 42 Greenway Terraces, has been rented to Alling Woodruff, of S. D. Woodruff & Sons, Seed Growers, at 82 Dey Street, New York City.

Harry E. Cleland, of the Hill Publishing Company, New York City, moved on September 23rd, into the house built for him by the company at 56 Groton Street.

George Sherman and his sister, Mrs. George Hunt-Smith, have moved into their house at 53 Markwood Road. The other half of the double house, No. 51, is occupied by Harry H. Hillman and family, who formerly lived in Burns Street.

A wedding party from Pennsylvania drove through Forest Hills Gardens on Saturday, the 26th; they liked the looks of the place so well that they called on Dr. Kent and were married at the Church-in-the-Gardens.

Daniel Lewerth, of Andrews & Lewerth, New York City, has rented the house at 26 Greenway Terraces, taking possession September 25th.

Taylor Holmes, who recently left Forest Hills Gardens, has made a great success in his new play, "His Majesty, Bunker Bean," which opened in Detroit last Monday. He will appear in New York in about four weeks, at the Comedy Theatre.

The journeyman's class, under the direction of Louis P. McGahie, will hold its first meeting in the shop on Burns Street at 3.15 P. M. Friday next, October 8th. It is hoped that the boys of this class, who have received notices, will come and bring any of their friends who wish to attend.

Elon Jessup, 53 Groton Street, recently returned from Servia, where he has been during the summer with the group sent out from Columbia University.

Mrs. James Rea, 75 Ascan Avenue, read with surprise in the former issue of the Bulletin that she had been seriously ill during the summer. The Bulletin regrets this unfortunate mistake.

Arden Eddy has gone to the Hill School, at Pottstown, Pa., for the winter.

Allen McLean is pursuing his studies at Peddie Institute, in Hightstown, N. J.

Boardman Robinson has been in the warring countries of Russia, Austria and Italy during the summer, for the Metropolitan Magazine. Instead of returning home, as had been planned, he has been sent to Servia for an extended trip.

John H. Hazelton is renting his house at 201 Puritan Avenue, until May 1st and will spend the winter in the city. E. J. Fay has taken Mr. Hazelton's house for the winter.

Dr. Thomas C. Chalmers and family, Charles C. Close and family, and Robert A. Pope and family have been spending the past few weeks at Camp Bedford on Saranac Lake in the Adirondacks.

COMING EVENTS.

(To make this column as complete as possible, we desire the co-operation of all organizations of the community. Kindly send all communications to the office of the Homes Company, addressed to the "Bulletin.")

Sunday, October 10th.—11 A. M., dedication of the new building for the Church-in-the-Gardens.

Tuesdays—2 P. M., at the Sales Office of the Homes Company, meeting of Volunteer War Relief Workers Chapter of the Women's Club. Non-members are invited to attend.

Wednesday, October 13th—8 P. M., at the Church-in-the-Gardens, social meeting of members of the congregation.

Thursday, October 14th—At the residence of Mrs. William Barton Davis, 41 Wendover Road, opening meeting of the Garden's Chapter of the Women's Club.

Thursday, October 14th—At the residence of Dr. Julia Wygant Perry, 80 Beechnoll Road, opening meeting of the Civic Betterment Chapter of the Women's Club.

Friday, October 15th—8 P. M., Church-in-the-Gardens, prayer and consecration service.

Saturday, October 16th—4 to 6 P. M., at the Gardens Club, Newcomers Party.

Sunday, October 17th—Church-in-the-Gardens, Communion service and baptism of infants at 11 A. M. Sunday School rally at 3.30 P. M. Address by Joseph C. Robbins, Candidate Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement.

Wednesday, October 18—Celebration of second anniversary of St. Luke's Episcopal Chapel, 221 Greenway South.

Thursday, October 21st—2.30 P. M., at the residence of Mrs. Rufus Green Angell, 56 Shorthill Road, opening meeting and sale of home-made cakes, preserves and jellies by Household Economics Chapter of the Women's Club. The public is invited. Proceeds go to permanent lecture fund.

Saturday, October 23rd—8.30 P. M., at Gardens Club, Card Party, with prize for each table, "War tax" 50 cents.

Saturday, October 30th—8.30 P. M., at Gardens Club, Hallowe'en Masquerade and High Jinks.

Wednesday, November 3rd—2.30 P. M., at Forest Hills Inn, meeting of Women's Club. Speaker, Mrs. Adeliza B. Chaffee. Introduced by the American Art Study Class.

BACHELORS VS. SUFFRAGETTES.

The widely heralded ball game between the Gardens Baseball Club and a picked team of wives and women friends is to be played on Columbus Day at the Gardens Club grounds. The men are to be dressed in women's clothes, while the uniforms to be worn by the women players remains unannounced. The proceeds to go to the baseball fund.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 9.30 o'clock, Fife Street, near Seminole Avenue, North Side.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, 221 Greenway South.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

MEN'S CLUB.

The first meeting of the Men's Club was held on Friday night at the home of Edward H. Mays, president. Plans for the season were outlined. At the meeting on October 29th, to be held at the Sales Office, there will be a rousing social time and a never-to-be-forgotten ceremony of initiation of new members.

NEW ARRIVALS.

Robert Lloyd Luneborg at the home of Julius Luneborg.

Alan Hartman Wolfson at the home of Arthur M. Wolfson, Exeter Street.

INN NOTES.

Miss Jean Gannon, who was Queen of the Mardi Gras at New Orleans, is a guest at the Inn.

Professor A. C. Kepler, of the College of the City of New York, who spent the summer at the Inn, has returned to New York.

Miss Nina O'Daly, Superintendent of St. Christopher's Hospital, Brooklyn, is sojourning at the Inn.

Mrs. and Miss Whitehead, wife and daughter of the Editor of the Washington Post, who have been living in Paris for the past four years, are spending the fall at the Inn.

Ellis O. Jones, Editor of Life, and Mrs. Jones are living at the Inn while the Homes Company are erecting a house for them in Exeter Street.

H. I. Conant, of Conant & Co., Boston, is staying at the Inn.

P. McManus, the well known contractor of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is at the Inn for the winter.

WOMEN'S CLUB.

The 1915-16 program of the Women's Club of Forest Hills outlines activities of wide scope and interest. The monthly meetings of the Club, held at the Inn, and the special meetings of the Chapters held at the homes of the Chairmen, will be announced in the Bulletin from time to time. The officers of the year, who were introduced at the opening meeting on Wednesday last, are: President, Mrs. Albert Morton Gray; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Charles Hoyte Duling Mrs. Hartley LeH. Smith, and Mrs. Henry Mandeville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. John A. McFarlan; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Walton Guy; Treasurer, Mrs. Adolph Dietsche; Executive Board, Mrs. Valentine Hattemer, Mrs. William A. Rice, Mrs. Martha M. Allen and Mrs. James Rea; Historian, Mrs. Francis L. Holmes; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Martha M. Allen.