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## COMMUNITY IN SORROW

### Death of Rowland Holbrook Smith Removes a Leading Citizen—Memorial Meeting to be Held

#### In Business, Philanthropic, Civic, Community and Church Life He Was a Prominent Man— A Most Interesting Career

The people of Forest Hills Gardens were saddened by the news of the death of Rowland Holbrook Smith, at his home, 97 Continental Avenue, on the afternoon of April 2, from septic pneumonia, following an operation for the removal of tonsils two weeks before. In every home of the village men and women, boys and girls, universally expressed the sorrow that was felt by all, and this grief was expressed by friends everywhere.

The funeral services were held on Easter afternoon at 3:30 at the residence, conducted by Dr. D. G. Latshaw, of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., and the large home was filled with friends. Dr. Latshaw spoke of Mr. Smith's open mind, which resulted in his freedom of thought and action. This was shown in his business, where he blazed new trails and made a wonderful name for himself. And by it he proved that a man can be successful in business and conduct it in a noble, righteous and generous way. In the Men's Club as president his mind was always open. This same open-mindedness was particularly true of his church connection, where he thought out new activities and was the guiding spirit in the plans of a Community House, to be erected by the Church-in-the-Gardens. Dr. Latshaw spoke of the beautiful home and social life, where the open mind was shown in his democracy and his kindly hospitality. His generosity, Dr. Latshaw dwelt upon as remarkable, extended, as it was, towards the down and out and the unrecognized needy. He was generous to big causes and in big ways, and all of this generosity was for no return. Finally the speaker emphasized the Christlike life of Mr. Smith as something predominating.

Mrs. George Smart read Whittier's "Eternal Goodness," and Riley's "Away," and spoke of the qualities of Mr. Smith's character which assure for him eternal life. Music was furnished by Mrs. C. H. W. Hasselriis, Miss Elise Gardner, Mrs. George LeBlanc and J. Gorton Marsh. Interment was at Woodlawn the next day.

Rowland Holbrook Smith was born in Manhattan, Dec. 14, 1879, the son of Alfred H. and Mrs. Susie Dennis Smith. After securing his education, he early went into business with his father and when his father died in 1904 he assumed the management of the business and assisted in incorporating the Alfred H. Smith Company. This company has continued the business of importing toilet articles, Mr. Smith acting as treasurer and vice-president, later becoming president. In the last sixteen years he had greatly enlarged the business, working against odds and competition, and as times changed he specialized the lines carried.

His public connections have been broad and varied. He has been active in the Merchants' Association. For two Liberty Loan drives he was chairman for his trade. As a member of the executive committee of Serbian Relief he has rendered valuable service. His benefactions have covered many lines.

In Forest Hills Gardens he has been this year the president of the Men's Club. As a member of the board of trustees of the Church-in-the-Gardens and later as chairman, he has actively and generously encouraged the erec-



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tion of a Community House by the Church.

On Mar. 13, 1906, he was married to Miss Jessie P. Cooke of Brooklyn at the Janes M. E. Church. She and three children, Dorothy, Alfred H. and Edith, survive. Also he is survived by his mother and two sisters, Miss Nellie M. and Mrs. John J. Vogler.

The hundreds of letters of sympathy received by the family and the many floral pieces have all been sincerely appreciated by them and they wish the BULLETIN to express the gratitude which their hearts feel.

## MEMORIAL MEETING

The Men's Club and the Church-in-the-Gardens will hold a memorial meeting for the late Rowland H. Smith, on Sunday afternoon, April 18, at four o'clock at the church. Lawrence F. Abbott will speak for the Men's Club, of which Mr. Smith was president; Dr. D. G. Latshaw will represent the Church, of which Mr. Smith was chairman of the board of trustees; Mr. Smith's patriotic work will be reviewed by S. W. Eckman; his relations to his fellow workers will be described by Leo O'Connell; his active support of the Serbian relief will be spoken of by John A. Kingsbury; Luther Lewis, an old friend, will give a tribute and W. J. Gould, of Gould's Farm, a philanthropy in which Mr. Smith was interested, will speak for that. Mrs. George C. LeBlanc will have charge of the music and George Smart, acting president of the Men's Club, will preside. All friends of Mr. Smith are invited to attend.

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### ROWLAND HOLBROOK SMITH

THE village of Forest Hills Gardens stands silent; this is a royal soul that has passed on and he goes surrounded, not only by the flowers of human love, because of our personal affection, but by all the public tributes which the community can pay. He was tender and gentle with young and old, rich and poor. The strength and force of his intellect and character constantly were shown. Then, too, his generosity was not only of material things, but even more was shown in the giving of his time, his talents and himself, always making a sacrifice of himself for any person or cause which needed him. The devotion to his mother and sisters and his tender and beautiful thought of his wife and children are sweet to remember.

He lives and shall always live in our better selves; in the memories of his precious home and beloved family; in the Church-in-the-Gardens which he broadened and helped to start on new paths of greater service to the community. He lives in God's Home of the spirits of noble men!

Years ago a poet wrote of the apparent insignificance of human life in something after this fashion:

"Unmourned, unwept, unsung,  
The countless millions move along,  
Like sparks from off an anvil flung,  
Glitter a moment, then are gone."

This was not true of Rowland Holbrook Smith. He was not a spark which has glittered and gone, but was a spark which has become a fixed star! A fixed and brilliant star in business, in community, in church and family life.

### DEATH OF A PIONEER RESIDENT

Mrs. Eunice E. Taylor died at her residence, 8 Shorthill Road, on April 10. She was born in Hereford, England, Jan. 9, 1844. Mrs. Taylor was the widow of the late Robert W. Taylor. Four daughters survive her, Miss Emma L., Miss Mary E., whose home was with their mother, Mrs. Grant B. Rossman, of Boston, and Mrs. Harold E. O'Neill, of New York. Mrs. Taylor and Misses Emma and Mary have been residents of Forest Hills Gardens for seven years.

The funeral services were conducted, April 12, 1920, at the home, by the Rev. Julian K. Smyth, pastor of the Swedenborgian church on East 35th Street, New York, of which Mrs. Taylor had been a member for more than forty years.

### MISS MARSHALL CHARMS LARGE CROWD

The Church-in-the-Gardens Filled to Hear a Famous Singer in Period Songs.

A capacity house heard Miss Winifred Marshall, in the Church-in-the-Gardens on the evening of April 12, when her recital of period songs was given under the auspices of the Women's Guild for the benefit of the Community House fund. Miss Marshall's voice, pure and true in tone and perfectly trained, was heard to splendid advantage in a varied program. Her winning, charming personality and her clever acting, combined with much coquetry, completely captivated her audience. Her very unusual costumes, copied after old prints, add much to her charming singing. In the Scotch group, "Jamie" received most applause, while in the Irish group, "I know where I'm goin'" took the best. The Italian songs showed the range of her voice and in the lovely Civil War period songs she was a delight. The "Laughing Song" in French was the most difficult and she measured up to her fine reputation. Clara Robb, at the piano, was a success.

The social hour was enjoyed by large numbers after the recital. To Mrs. Benj. A. Rolfe and Mrs. A. A. Renshaw and their committees the Guild and the town are indebted for a most delightful evening. The sum of \$175.00 was netted for the fund.

At the last meeting of the Guild on April 9 at Mrs. A. Van Houten's home, 6 Seasongood Road, Mr. Paul Leeds told of his work among the Indians of Louisiana. The Guild is a substantial contributor to several Home Missionary activities. At the next meeting on May 14, at the home of Mrs. F. E. Smith, Greenway South and Shorthill Road, the members will sew all day for the Armenian children. The Guild has over 100 members.



THE ROWLAND H. SMITH HOME

The doors of this home swing out to service and they swing in to hospitality.

### BOY SCOUTS WILL ENTERTAIN

On Tuesday evening April 27, at eight o'clock, in the Social Room of the Church-in-the-Gardens, there will be a talk, illustrated with lantern slides, about Boy Scout work, camping, etc. This talk is given by the Queens Council under the auspices of the local troop two. All parents of Scouts and others interested in the work of the boys are cordially invited.

The troop two baseball team defeated the north side team by the score of 36 to 12 on Saturday April 3.

As a result of the cooking and fire making tests held on the hike on Mar. 27 tenderfoot Scouts Tyler Sweeney, Leon Schoen, Herman Mutchler, Robert Massey, Louis Pedlar and Allen Smart are now full fledged second class Scouts. Candidate George Woodward has passed the tenderfoot tests and has enrolled in the troop.

## THE WOMEN'S CLUB

**Constructive Americanism Discussed by Alfred Henderson—  
Nominating Committee Appointed.**

Alfred Henderson was the speaker at the meeting of the Women's Club on the afternoon of April 5 at the Inn, on the subject of "Constructive Americanism." Mr. Henderson, a native of England, has lived in France and India and eleven years ago came to the United States. When he heard Theodore Roosevelt speak and came to know him, Mr. Henderson took out his papers and as soon as possible became a citizen of this country. From that time his motto has been, "What can I do for this country?" He dwelt upon the fact that all criticism of this country must be constructive.

Under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Gray, president, the club has been investigating the proposition of buying a woman's entire outfit for \$58. Mrs. Frank Y. Low reported that such a thing is possible at McCreery's; Mrs. W. S. Mayer said it is true at Wanamaker's and Mrs. V. W. Miller found that Macy's would make the same offer.

The nominating committee, partly appointed by the president and partly elected by the club, will report at the next meeting. This committee consists of Mrs. Lee Galloway, Mrs. H. W. Hillman, Mrs. E. D. Sealy, Miss Wilhelmina Backus and Mrs. Curtis E. Kloetzer.

On Tuesday afternoon April 20, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Robert Tappan, 28 Whitson Street, the current readings chapter will meet and Mrs. Lee Galloway will review Samuel Butler's "The Way of All Flesh."

The Music Chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. George Barnes, 19 Winter Street on Friday, April 23 at 2:30. The compositions of Oley Speaks, Granger and Nevin will be studied.

## THE GARDENS PLAYERS

The Gardens Players have put into rehearsal their spring bill which again consists of four short plays. Comment has several times been made that the plays produced by the Gardens Players should have a stronger "love interest," so as to satisfy these critics the Players are going to show four different angles of the greatest thing in the world.

Brander Matthews, of Columbia University, has supplied "The Decision of the Court," which deals with love and the divorce court. All the way from Spain comes a delightful comedy, "A Bright Morning," a picturesque romance of Madrid. "Modesty" is a farce—not all modesty, but the little play that the Players have by that name—a good clean farce with its scene laid in a Turkish bath. "A House of Cards," by Percival Wilde, is recommended by the Drama League as one of the best short plays ever written. Its theme is a conflict between love and fate.

The two performances are scheduled for the first week in May, and they will be given again at the Kew Gardens Country Club. The casts will be published in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

## MOTHERS' CLUB

At the meeting of the Mothers' Club to be held on Monday, April 19, at public school 101, the president, Mrs. George A. Douglass, expects a most interesting report from a recently appointed committee. It is hoped that a large number of teachers and mothers will be present. The subject of "Self Control" will be discussed by Mrs. George Smart.

## YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

I would like to form a Young Folks League for young boys and girls between the ages of sixteen and twenty-two to meet at each other's houses for dancing, sociability and entertainment and to further their acquaintance for mutual benefit. All interested please communicate with Mrs. Chas. D. Levin, 68 Colonial Avenue, Forest Hills, telephone 6220 Boulevard.

## THE INN



The Smith College Fund Dance held at the Inn on Tuesday, April 6, was a great financial success and afforded much pleasure for those attending. Miss Agnes Woolley was a charming and competent chairman and deserves many thanks for the effort put forth toward the success of the affair.

Mrs. Lincoln Richards entertained a large party of friends at cards and tea on Friday last, affording them a very pleasant afternoon.

Dinner parties are continuing to be held at the Inn, Mrs. McRoberts of the Garden Apartments and also Mrs. J. J. Williams having entertained guests in the Sun Parlor on Saturday evening last.

Mrs. K. Pelouze Collins has returned to the Inn, after several weeks' visit at Atlantic City, and was warmly welcomed by her many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spahr have given up their apartment and returned to make their home at the Inn.

Mr. A. J. Rosin, of Chicago, was recently the guest of Mrs. James J. Pershing for several days.

Mrs. George J. Cox, with her little daughter, Virginia, has arrived from Florida, having spent the winter months traveling through the south and will remain at the Inn until later in the summer, when she will visit her farm in Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Saunders, of Clinton, N. J., spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. S. Brownell.

Mr. David P. Moulton, of Providence, R. I., visited his sister, Mrs. J. Wilbur Chapman, of the Inn for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Sigsbee, of the Inn, have returned from a several weeks' visit to Miami, Florida.

Mr. L. W. McKernan was the guest of Mr. Stafford Smith for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fowler have returned to the Inn after an extended trip through the western states.

Mr. G. M. B. Reis, of Newcastle, Pa., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newcombe for a few days last week.

Among the most recent arrivals are: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCarroll and Miss C. Robinson, of Brooklyn; Miss Pearl Spaulding, of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hitchcock, of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adair, of New York City; Mr. William H. Jenkins and Mr. George H. Ahl, both of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gordon Miller, and their aunt, Mrs. J. D. Allen, of New York, are spending two months at the Inn before leaving for their summer home.

Dr. and Mrs. White and little son, Bob, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Taylor over the week-end.

Residents of the Gardens are looking forward with pleasure to the Pageant of National Dances which will be given in the Tea Garden of the Inn during the latter part of May, for the benefit of the Big Sisters of Queens Borough. Miss Laura Lee will have charge of the dances, which will include the children whom she has so ably trained, as well as many young girls and matrons of the Gardens.

## ST. LUKE'S

## Woman's Guild Plans Dancing Party

There will be a dance at the St. Regis Hotel, New York, next Friday April 23, under the auspices of the St. Luke's Woman's Guild. Mrs. Curtis E. Kloetzer is chairman, and is planning splendid music for general dancing and some professional feature dancing. Mrs. J. S. Maxwell is chairman of tickets and hopes the usual enthusiasm of Forest Hills will make the dance a big financial as well as social success.

The Guild is endeavoring to pay off the mortgage on the land on which the chapel stands, this year, that a church may be incorporated and started as soon as possible.

## May Day Party

The children of St. Luke's Sunday School are planning to hold a fair and May Day party on Saturday afternoon, May 1. There will be dancing around the May pole and a Queen of the May chosen by popular vote. Candy in May baskets, home made cake and fancy articles made by the children will on sale. Watch the posters for the place and keep the date.

## ADKINS—JAMES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelcamp announce the marriage of their niece, Miss Marie Elizabeth Adkins, to Mr. Garrett Bell James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. James of Chicago, Ill., Monday, April 5, at the Church-in-the-Gardens. Miss Adkins wore a gown of white satin trimmed with Duchess lace, worn by Mrs. Nelcamp at her wedding in 1901. The veil had a coronet of the same lace. The bridesmaids wore taffeta of the pastelle shades. Miss Rosamonde Sanberg of Garden City, L. I., the maid-of-honor in yellow; Miss Audrey Bothamley of Flatbush, in pink; Miss Helen Rochford of Park Slope, Brooklyn, in blue; Miss Lulu Dean Buchanan of Ripley, Ohio, the bride's former home, in lavender. They carried Easter flowers. The best man was Mr. John E. Adkins, a West Point cadet, the bride's brother, and the ushers, Mr. Wm. P. Boyd of Forest Hills Gardens, and Mr. Frederic Mabbatt, Jr., of Bayonne, N. J. Mr. Nelcamp gave the bride away. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Roland S. Nichols, of St. Luke's. Miss Adkins wore the groom's gift, a platinum bar pin set with diamonds, pearls and sapphires and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies-of-the-valley. Mrs. George C. LeBlanc was organist.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelcamp gave a dinner for the bride and groom and their attendants at the Forest Hills Inn on Saturday night, April 3. The dinner also included Miss Gertrude Buchanan of Ripley, Ohio, and Capt. Robert Austin and Mr. Myron Hovey of New York City.

## MEIGS—STUNZI

Miss Dorothy Eleanor Meigs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardy Meigs, was married Saturday evening, Mar. 20, at her home, 29 Slocum Crescent, to Dr. Robert Stunzi. Miss Meigs is a graduate of Vassar College, class of 1914. One of her class-mates, Miss Ruth Goss of this city, was maid of honor and her two younger sisters, Miss Ida Meigs and Miss Beatrice Meigs, served as bridesmaids. Eight of her class-mates held the ribbons, that formed the aisle through which the bridal party passed. Mr. C. V. V. Smillie of Bronxville was best man.

Dr. Stunzi and his bride are now in Santa Barbara, California, on their honeymoon, and will sail later for Japan, where they will remain three years. Their new home will be 54 Kitona-cho, four chome, Kobe, Japan. Dr. Stunzi was graduated from the University of Lausanna and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stunzi-Sprungli of Zurich, Switzerland.

## COMING EVENTS

Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, at the Sales Office. Phone Forest Hills 6200.

Every Monday and Friday, from 3 to 5 P. M., the library is open in the Sales Office.

Every Thursday, 8 P. M.—Boy Scouts, Sales Office.

Every Friday, 4 P. M.—Public School 101, girls' and boys' gym. class, 5 to 8 years.

Every Friday, 5 P. M.—Girl Scouts, Public School 101.

Every Saturday—Girls' swimming class, 10.35 A. M. train for New York

Sunday, April 18, 4 P. M.—Memorial Meeting for Rowland H. Smith, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Monday, April 19, 3 P. M.—Mothers' Club, Public School 101.

Monday, April 19, 8 P. M.—Girls' Club, Sales Office.

Tuesday, April 20, 2:30 P. M.—Current Readings Chapter, Women's Club, 28 Whitson Street.

Friday, April 23, 2:30 P. M.—Music Chapter, Women's Club, 19 Winter Street.

Friday, April 23, 8 P. M.—St. Luke's Woman's Guild Dance, St. Regis Hotel.

Tuesday, April 27, 8 P. M.—Boy Scouts entertain at Church-in-the-Gardens.

The Fourth Annual Minstrel Show of the Forest Hills Minstrels will take place on Thursday and Friday, April 29 and 30, in the social room of the Church of Forest Hills, Seminole Avenue and Gown Street.

## THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS

The speaker at the 11 o'clock service tomorrow morning will be the Rev. Daniel W. Kennedy, Jr., of Hartford, Conn.

The extra seats which had to be brought in on Easter Sunday are always available. And you, Easter guest, are always welcome!

The following were received into the membership of the church on Easter Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Mays, Dr. and Mrs. S. Ellsworth Davenport, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James J. Finnegan, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Longcope, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Orlando R. Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Seely, Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Willson, Mrs. Gertrude C. Flory, Miss Dorothy M. Shields, Miss Annette W. Snow, Miss Courtenay E. Small, Miss Florence B. Longcope, Walter Longcope, Edgar P. Snow and A. Forster Willson.



The forum on Applied Christian Democracy is proving fully as interesting as the study of Christian Americanization. Robert J. Cole led the discussion on Thursday night of this week on the "Democracy of Abraham Lincoln." Everybody is invited. The meetings are held each Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Social Room.

Although the passing of Rowland H. Smith is given a special place in this issue of the BULLETIN, and proper resolutions of appreciation and condolence have been placed on the official records of the church, we seize the further opportunity afforded by this column to express how deeply we feel his loss from the standpoint of The Church-in-the-Gardens. Rowland Smith was not a nominal church member—he was an every-day practical Christian.

Mr. Smith's life should be an inspiration toward unselfish service to every man in the community; and his going should solemnize all of us in our relation to our God and His work in the world.

W. P. McC.

## CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 10 o'clock, Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Rev. R. S. Nichols, Vicar, residence, 38 Greenway Terrace; telephone 6206. Sunday, 8 A. M., Holy Communion. 9:45 A. M., Church School. 11 A. M., Morning Service.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday School for Juniors and Intermediates at 9:45 o'clock. Primary School at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor Society—7:45 P. M. Thursday, 8 P. M., Open Forum on Applied Christian Democracy.

Church of Forest Hills—Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 10 A. M.; sermon at 11 A. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street.

Christian Science Society of Forest Hills. Services Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School 9:45 A. M.; Wednesday evening at 8:00. Reading room open daily from 2 to 4 P. M. except Sundays and holidays. 173 Continental Avenue.

## PERSONALS

Miss Mabel E. Brewer has returned to Forest Hills Gardens after fifteen months of service in reconstruction work in France, under the American Friends Service Committee. Miss Brewer is with her parents at the Inn. Before going abroad she was the popular teacher of the kindergarten in the public school and her many friends here have watched her work abroad with much interest and pride.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kreamer, of 16 Puritan Avenue, announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Beverly, on Mar. 23, 1920.

Mrs. Daniel Protheroe, wife of the composer of Chicago, has been visiting Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh, 68 Greenway North. Mr. D. G. Clark and family, of Deepdene Road, will occupy Dr. C. E. Burton's home, Rockrose Place, after May 1.

Miss Theresa Floruss, who has been teaching the 5A-4B class since Feb. 1, in public school 3, has been appointed as a regular teacher in the school. Miss Floruss is a graduate of the Jamaica Training School.