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## WATER SYSTEM SOLD.

The water supply system which was installed on the property by the Homes Company has been turned over to the Citizens' Water Supply Company of Newtown, from whom the Homes Company has heretofore been buying the water and distributing it. In the future the residents will deal directly with the Citizens' Company for their supply of water. No change in water or rates is contemplated.

## MUSIC IN THE AIR.

Nobody can read Shakespeare's plays without being aware of the pervading presence of music in the country where they were written. Songs filled the air of seventeenth century England. It is not alone a matter of concerts and church choir music. The people sang everywhere and on all occasions, but especially at the Christmas season.

It would have been a great error to live in houses whose architecture was inspired by old-world models and forget the music with which those old rafters used to ring. The Forest Hills Gardeners have not failed in this. On Christmas eve, 1915, a score of male singers disguised themselves as wingless white angels (with sheets furnished by their wives) and carolled out "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," "Silent Night," and "Nowell." By the kind assistance of a mule-team the songs were repeated from one end of the town to the other. Loyal citizens declared that the music filled them with delight. The well trained and patient mules made no protest. Seward's full vocal powers were missed because the chimes kept him so busy, but he sang a deep note from time to time. Brainard surpassed himself as a leader. Even the modest men who swore they couldn't sing, but just came along to make the affair look respectable, were unable to keep still when the chief raised his arm and appealed to them in a pianissimo tenor whisper: "Now fellers, don't miss the wallop in this!"

The spectacular, hippodrome effect was achieved by the Santa Claus act. Wessmann fastened on a beard with some of his own book-binder's glue and it stayed on. His pet Christmas tree followed him like Mary's Lamb, and tree and man rejoiced the hearts of all the children that hadn't been sent to bed.

The faithful, silent lantern men that marched in the road must not be forgot; nor the ever-helpful Mrs. Scammell, who opened her house for rehearsals and helped to coach the singers. And after the vocal toil was done, Mr. Demarest led a not unwilling chorus to the Inn dining room to be comforted with coffee, sandwiches and ice cream.

## GARDENS CLUB.

As the year closes it is encouraging to note the progress made during 1915 by the Gardens Club. A detailed Treasurer's Report, submitted at the last meeting of the Board of Governors, shows a healthy financial condition, which is particularly gratifying when we consider the fact that this is the first year of the Club's existence.

Although we have lost a few members, owing to their having moved from our community, we are constantly increasing our membership by admitting newcomers.

The Gardens Club is a community interest and should be a matter of civic pride to every resident. Let us all pull together during the coming year and each do his part to promote the success of the Club, socially, financially and by increasing our membership so that it will eventually embrace every family residing in our community.

A round robin bowling tournament for the championship of the Gardens Club will commence on Tuesday evening, January 4th, at 8 P. M. Entrance fee 50 cents. Send entries to the Steward of the Club at once, giving your average score so that your handicap can be arranged. If not a member of the Club, send in your application at once, as you have the privileges of the Club from the date your application is received. Get your entry in and win the cup.

## WINTER FLIES.

The Merchants' Association of New York has issued the following winter fly bulletin:—

"At the first approach of cold weather, the flies seek warmth and protection in houses and stables. From cellar to garret, they hide in nooks and corners. Keep them out. If any succeed in getting in, kill them. Swat every one that shows itself, and be sure to burn their bodies.

"Don't trust the cold to kill them. Don't assume that they are dead when you find them lying on floors or window sills in unused rooms. They are 'playing possum' and will revive when the temperature rises.

"Clean up the house and give special attention to every out-of-the-way place where flies may lurk. Make sure that there is nothing left which may harbor their eggs.

"The reduction in the number of house-flies this year has been noticed by almost all observers. This reduction has been most striking in households, in restaurants and in buildings where flies generally congregate. It is believed to be in great measure due to the active campaign against the winter fly, and to the vigilance of the tidy housewife in cleaning up and destroying the "hold-over" in the spring.

"ONE FLY THAT SURVIVES THE WINTER WILL BECOME THE PARENT OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS NEXT SUMMER!"

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WINTER FEEDING.

The winter season should mean a renewed interest in the work of the local Audubon Society. In our climate the smaller birds suffer very much in winter, and if we wish to keep them with us we must give them extra attention.

Their first needs are water and food. Water is specially essential, as in very cold weather their natural drinking places are frozen over. If a shallow pan of warm water is put out every day the birds will show their appreciation, and if in addition to this they are regularly fed, many that would otherwise be destroyed or migrate south in search of warmer quarters will stay around the house throughout the winter and remain to nest in the spring.

A shelf attached to the window ledge on which crumbs, grain, seeds, nuts, etc., can be spread, is an excellent way to attract birds, or the shelf may be placed on a tree or pole, but the weather vane feeding station, constructed with a solid roof and glass on one side, is the best form of all.

A piece of suet, covered by wire mesh, which the birds can peck at but not carry away, is almost a necessity for their winter comfort. The Audubon Society has some of the United States Government Bulletins on bird protection and feeding which the secretary will be glad to send free on request. The Journeymen's Class will also take orders for feeding stations.

IN THE WAR ZONE.

Boardman Robinson gave a most interesting talk at the Church-in-the-Gardens on his recent experiences in Russia and the Balkans. Mr. Robinson went to the war zone as an artist, in company with John Reed, the war correspondent. The audience gathered that Mr. Robinson saw much of the humor as well as the suffering in the life of the war swept countries. He related his experiences with such marked histrionic ability that his hearers were charmed and kept in laughter, while they were also gathering extremely interesting knowledge of these unhappy lands. Those who heard Mr. Robinson feel deeply indebted to him for an intimate view of the situation most happily presented.

Mr. Robinson gave this lecture as a contribution to the Volunteer War Relief Work, and the people of Forest Hills, by their appreciation and large attendance, have greatly aided this work.

WHITE GIFT CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Norman Baker, who was in charge of the White Gift Christmas enterprise, reports that \$32 in cash and a considerable amount of merchandise was received. From this the workers among adults and children made up and sent to Ellis Island the following:

12 sewing baskets (fitted up); 25 dolls (dressed); 48 filled stockings; 30 bags marbles; 6 games dominos; 6 puzzles; 6 tops; 12 books; 36 boxes of blocks; 1 barrel of odd toys; 12 knitting sets.

They also provided two Christmas dinners to needy families and a box of gifts to a young student in China, 36 sets of blocks and 1 barrel of miscellaneous blocks to the children in the Kings County Hospital. The blocks were the work of the Boy Scouts.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Many of our residents are undoubtedly not aware of the fact that although residents of New York City we have in our community a volunteer fire company which has proven itself worthy of existence at different fires in the past. The company consists of over seventy members in good standing, who are ready at any time to do their duty toward extinguishing any fire and to render such help as may be required.

The annual election of officers of the Forest Hills Fire Company, Inc., was held at the Fire House, between 7 and 9 P. M. on Monday, December 13th.

FINAL REPORT ON THE PLAYGROUND.

Since those acknowledged in the last issue of the Bulletin, contributions amounting to \$24.00 have been received from the following persons: C. B. Fancy, Dr. W. S. Ortgies, W. H. Deghuee, F. K. Seward, Mrs. G. S. Eddy, C. C. Miller, E. J. Fay, L. B. Stowe, C. B. Mecabe & Sons, John A. Gallagher, J. R. Woodrough and W. C. McGirr.

Playground supervision was brought to a close for the season on December 11th. All debts have been paid and the treasury contains a balance of \$6.00, which will be turned over to the committee that undertakes the organization of the work next spring.

Since neither the Committee, the Homes Company, or the teachers at the school are in a position to continue supervision over the playground, all pieces of apparatus upon which children might be injured have been dismantled and stowed away.

The complete financial report as of December 13, 1915, follows:—

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Total contributions .....       | \$136.00 |
| Disbursements:—                 |          |
| Miss Wolfert—Services Oct.      |          |
| 8-Dec. 11, 1915 .....           | \$105.00 |
| Announcements for meeting,      |          |
| November 6 .....                | 3.00     |
| Circular letter (328 addresses) | 21.54    |
| Postal cards .....              | .46      |
|                                 | \$130.00 |
| Balance on hand .....           | 6.00     |
|                                 | \$136.00 |

# The Dog Watch

by  
The Watch Dog



## SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

These two signs appear in the lobby of a Broadway office building, one immediately under the other:

WHY SPIT ON THE FLOOR?  
IT SPREADS DISEASE.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE  
WE HAVE PLACED ELEVATORS AT  
THE WARREN STREET ENTRANCE. W. B. Q.

PEGASUS, YOU'RE A GREAT HELP.  
Come, Pegasus, Old Top;  
Come help us fill the Column.  
Come, lest our pen we drop—  
We feel too beastly solemn.

Come help us fill the Column—  
It's such a cinch to rhyme.  
We feel too beastly solemn;  
Collabs. are scarce this time.

It's such a cinch to rhyme—  
Verse fills more space than prose does.  
Collabs. are scarce this time—  
The strain has discomposed us.

Verse fills more space than prose does—  
Come, lest our pen we drop.  
The strain has discomposed us.  
Come, Pegasus, Old Top.

## NURSERY ANTHOLOGY.

Old Mother Hubbard went to the Butler's Pantry.  
She went to get a Biscuit.  
It was for the Watch Dog.  
Firmly, she grasped the cupboard door knob,  
And, firmly, pulled the door.  
It opened.  
But there were no Biscuits!  
No. Only those warty muffins.  
The cook calls them "Pop-overs."  
And yet Mother Hubbard had said to the cook,  
"Bake a Batch o' Biscuits."  
She had forgotten.

## AN INTREPID TRINITY.

A Sentimentalist is one who has the courage of his tears.  
A Cynic is one who has the audacity of his sneers.  
A Pacifist is one who has the discretion of his fears.  
E. H. C.

## STRAINED RELATIONS.

Walter Anderson is not related to Hans Anderson, although he enjoys a good fairy-tale.  
Charlie Foster probably is not related to that famous wet weather tourist, Mr. Foster, who went to Gloucester. "Ask Mr. Foster."

Added to the pleasure of knowing that our collabs, bless 'em, make less work for us, there is the pleasure of knowing that somewhere this morning at least eight worthy persons are scanning the Dog Watch with eager eye (perhaps with two eager eyes) to see how their efforts have hit the Watch Dog. Isn't that so, W. B. Q., A. PARK LARK, CHILDE ROLAND, X., MR. FRIED, M. Y. PEN, E. H. C., and L. R.?  
THE WATCH DOG.

## INN NOTES.

Miss E. Wildey, of Plainfield, N. J., is at the Inn for the winter.

Mrs. M. M. Johnson and daughter, of New York, are making a stay at the Inn.

G. H. Willcockson, of Boston, spent several days at the Inn visiting his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Harris have left the Inn and gone to house-keeping, the former at Garden City and the latter at New Rochelle. Their many friends at the Inn miss them very much.

The Misses Maude and Grace Marren, of New York, spent the week end at the Inn.

Mrs. M. E. P. Bogart has returned to her home at the Inn after making a visit at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Robinson, of New York, are now staying at the Inn.

Fowler Manning and family have returned to the Inn after visiting the Western coast.

A. G. Berry, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, spent the week-end at the Inn visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ringgold of Chicago are making their home at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Robinson of New York are staying at the Inn.

John A. Foote has left the Inn and is spending the balance of the winter in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler Manning and son have returned from an extended visit in the West and are once more located at the Inn.

Miss Marion Holmes is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes, at the Inn.

Landon Peters, who attends school in Canada, is spending the holidays at the Inn with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Peters.

The Hon. James T. McCleary's wife and son, who have been having an extended trip through the West, have returned and are now located at the Inn.

Mrs. J. M. Haenke and son, who have been visiting in California, returned to the Inn in time to spend Christmas with Mr. Haenke.

Miss Bonnie Henkle has gone to Minneapolis to spend the holidays at her home.

Mrs. M. E. Hewitt is spending the holidays at her home in St. Louis.

Miss Le Bonte of New York is making a short stay at the Inn.

E. H. Barron of Chicago is now staying at the Inn.

T. R. Wilkes of New York is spending the holidays at the Inn.

Richard Cary has gone to his home in Niagara Falls to spend the holiday season.

The Volunteer War Relief Workers will meet as usual on Tuesday, January 4th, 1916, at the Sales Office. The Committee wishes all the workers a Happy New Year and hopes that all will return after the holidays to take up the work again in earnest.

## 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.")

## NEARBY EVENTS.

Tuesdays—2 P. M., at the Sales Office, meeting of Volunteer War Relief Division of Women's Club.

Thursdays—10 A. M., at the Inn, meeting of the Musical Art Society.

Monday, January 3rd—8.15 P. M., in the social room of the Church-in-the-Gardens, lecture by Professor B. B. Kendrick, "Political and Industrial Revolution of Germany." Admission, 25 cents.

Tuesday, January 4th—8 P. M., at the Gardens Club. Opening games of the "Round Robin" bowling tournament. Entrance fee, 50 cents.

Wednesday, January 5th—2.30 P. M., at the Inn, meeting of Women's Club. Speaker, introduced by the Household Economics Chapter, Mrs. Edward H. Hooke, President of the International Pure Food and Milk League.

Wednesday, January 5th—Church-in-the-Gardens, annual meeting and supper of members and contributors.

Sunday, January 9th—8 P. M., Church-in-the-Gardens, address by Dr. Haven Emerson, "Work of the Health Department Against Alcoholic Liquors," Auspices of Women's Guild. Public cordially invited.

Friday, January 14th—2.30 P. M., social room of the Church-in-the-Gardens, meeting of the Women's Guild. Mrs. James Rea and Mrs. S. Ellsworth Davenport, Jr., hostesses.

Monday, January 17th—8.15 P. M., Church-in-the-Gardens, lecture by Dr. B. B. Kendrick, "Italy and the Countries of Eastern Europe." Admittance, 25 cents.

## FRYER—ROSS.

On Thursday evening, December 23rd, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. D. Miller, Slocum Crescent, Miss Hilda Ross was married to Alexander Livingston Fryer, Jr., by a cousin of the bride, the Rev. Albert C. Monk, Chaplain of St. Luke's Hospital, New York.

## SUET PARTY.

Mrs. Washburne of Olive Place, Vice-President of the Audubon Society, led a suet party of Boy Scouts, among whom were Jack and Kimball Gray, Kimber Seward, Fred Goudy and Werner Deghue, over the Gardens on December 27th. They distributed sixteen pounds of suet. Small pieces were tied on the trees well out of the way of cats. Suet is a necessity for the birds in winter, when there is no insect food.

## THE INN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The fourth anniversary of the opening of the Inn was celebrated on Christmas Day. Dancing was the important feature of the program, with a cake walk as the climax of the festivities.

After lively bidding the cake was sold to Claude Peters for \$25. The money was sent to the Red Cross fund and the cake to the Jamaica Hospital.

## 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 at the home of Charles C. Foster, 36 Slocum Crescent. Holy Communion, second Sunday of each month at 8 A. M.

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

## THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

The annual meeting on Wednesday, January 5th, is to be preceded by an informal supper for members, contributors and attendants of the church. It will be in the Social Room. Mrs. Kent is chairman of the Committee of the Women's Guild having the supper in charge, and wishes those who intend to be present to send in their names to her at once.

At the meeting of the Women's Guild, January 4th, at 2.30 P. M. in the Social Room, Mrs. James Rea and Mrs. S. Ellsworth Davenport, Jr., will be hostesses; the devotional service will be conducted by Mrs. Sherwood Eddy; Mrs. Burton will tell about the A. M. A.; Mrs. Flint will speak of China, "A Nation at School"; and Mrs. Martha J. Allen will tell what the W. C. T. U. has done for the immigrant.

Dr. Kent has a new pulpit made out of an old Brittany screen, a most interesting object to lovers of the antique.

The portable chapel has been sold to the New York Home Missionary Society and will be taken down and re-erected on the property of the Queensboro Corporation at Jackson Heights, North Elmhurst.

The big storm Sunday morning blew the special Christmas music away off to next Christmas.

"The Meaning of Prayer," the little book full of meat on this most important subject, will furnish topics for the mid-week meetings. Thursday night, January 6th, Dr. Burton, leader, the topic will be "The Naturalness of Prayer"; January 13th, Mr. Flint, leader, "Prayer as Communion with God."

The annual offering for foreign missions will be taken Sunday morning, January 2nd.

A quiet canvass for the next year's budget of \$4,000 for the Church-in-the-Gardens has been carried on during the past week by the members of the Finance Committee. It is proposed to have the budget entirely underwritten by the time of the annual meeting next week.

## NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. E. S. Moore and daughter, little Miss Florence, have returned to their home in Denver, Col., after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Demarest.

Mrs. Alice A. Wallian has announced the engagement of her daughter, Greta, to George Agutter.

The Homes Company has sold the house now in course of construction at the corner of Ivy Close and Seagood Road to Mrs. Mary Talman Sterling, of Detroit.

The Christmas "Waits" carried out by the joint action of the Women's and Men's Clubs and co-operated in by the Homes Company, was greatly enjoyed by everyone. In such community affairs the Gardens holds an enviable distinction.