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WHY I INTEND TO VOTE FOR THE BIRDS.

By Patience Bevier Cole.

You see, I come from Kansas, where women have the vote, and before I left my happy home for HIM I had formed the voting habit; so I just keep right on voting for the things that I like and against the things that I don't like. At the earnest request of the editors of this paper I shall now give my reasons for voting for the birds:

1. Because I think that birds are a sweet, womanly interest, and, of course, all women want to be sweet and womanly.
2. Because I believe in a square deal for everybody, including the birds, who suffer unless human beings give them some aid at certain seasons.
3. Because I believe in reciprocity. Mankind needs to arise early in the morning to repay the continual helpful services of the birds.
4. Because I believe that an interest in birds is a mental relaxation and a spiritual stimulation.
5. Because birds are in many ways more dependable and satisfactory than human beings.
6. Because birds offer an interest within the reach of all classes and types of people.
7. Because women in the home can enjoy the birds without leaving their true sphere.
8. Because women in business can have a lot of fun out of the birds mornings, nights and Sundays.
9. Because women don't have to persuade even the most conservative male that they have a *right* to go birding.
10. Because birds help one to forget mortgages, leaks, taxes, rheumatism, prickly heat, chillblains, the high cost of living, mosquito bites, rejected manuscripts, and the war.
12. Because.

BIRDS BULLETIN.

Perhaps you have noticed the bulletin boards of the Audubon Society. And you may have been interested in some of the pictures that have appeared thereon—pictures for the most part clipped from those two excellent magazines, *Bird Lore* and *The National Geographic Magazine*. The pictures have usually been cuts made from photographs showing the actual experiences of various persons with their bird friends. What we want now is a photographic record of bird adventures in our own village. If you have any snapshots of a thrush drinking at your bird bath or a blue-bird entering your nesting box, or of any kind of feathered creature doing any sort of stunt anywhere, won't you send in one or ten prints to be used in our bulletins? And if you have a bird story that can be told in so small a space, or any bit of bird news or information, let the bulletin editors have it, please.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The following, from Dr. Scott E. W. Bedford, of the Chair of Municipal Sociology in the University of Chicago, is a striking statement of the impression given by our little community to one eminent in the study of community development:—

"In Municipal Sociology there is no more important problem than Housing, of not only the working classes, but *all* classes. In my study of this problem I have inspected the leading experiments in housing in Europe and America. I have made it my business to see housing experiments by philanthropic effort, by municipalities, by real estate companies, and by industrial concerns. I regard as the most important effort at proper housing in America the one conducted by the Russell Sage Foundation at Forest Hills Gardens, Long Island. I have visited this suburb two different times, read the literature, talked to the agents of the company, and to residents. If I had my way, and it were possible, I should take on a visit to Forest Hills Gardens every American who has anything whatever to do with home building, housing or town planning. It would do students, home builders, and real estate operators more good than anything else I could do for them. The harmony of architecture, the winding streets, the tasteful street furniture, the railroad entrance to the town, the use of flowers and vines, the quiet taste and dignity, would certainly impress, and have an influence in solving the housing problem. Next to the two people forming a home, the house in which they live has most to do with the many problems connected with the decline of the American family. I wish the principles in housing for which Forest Hills Gardens stands could be more generally known in the United States."

THE POST OFFICE.

The clerk at the Post Office reports a falling off in stamp sales. The postal authorities try to make each office an independent economic unit. The larger the income of a branch the greater the number of carriers that can be assigned to it. More service is needed in Forest Hills. By transferring their stamp purchases to the local office as far as practicable, residents can hasten the day of quicker local deliveries.

LECTURE BY MR. GORST.

The Audubon Society has secured Charles Crawford Gorst—the best interpreter of bird music in this country—to lecture on "The Musical Genius of Birds" at the Church-in-the-Gardens on November 26th, at 8 P. M. Mr. Gorst's work is endorsed by Burroughs, Pearson, Chapman, Forbush, Dutcher, and others. The Society believes in giving the community the best there is. The public is invited.

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LOST—Black cat. Property of Frederick Sherwood, 35 Slocum Crescent.

Mrs. Raymond P. Kaighn sang at the afternoon musical given by Mrs. Clement Esmond Paxson in Kew Gardens.

Contributors are requested to send news items and other articles for publication in the Bulletin to the Editor of the Bulletin at the office of the Homes Company not later than the Monday before publication.

David Millar is the newly elected Vice-President of the Taxpayers' Association, and not Arthur Millar, as the Bulletin stated in its last issue.

MOSQUITO HUMS.

The Anti-mosquito Committee expects to soon render a full report to the residents. Excellent progress was made in collecting funds, but owing to the absence of many residents the work was not finished. All who have not contributed should see the collector of their section or send check to the Treasurer, G. L. C. Earle. To date the average contribution is somewhat over \$5 per family. As Forest Hills has started this movement, we want to be able to report the largest possible collection as a stimulant to the other communities of Queens.

The money contributed will be accounted for to the last penny in the same manner as the Fourth of July fund. It will be used for two purposes:—

First—To contribute our share to the Queensboro Anti-mosquito work of education and work with the Borough officials to secure the drainage of salt marshes, etc.

Second—To employ a practical man, beginning early next spring, to eliminate all local breeding places for the *culex pipiens*, which are the night biters that enter our homes and rob us of sleep.

The Committee contributes money and work—you are asked for money only and it will be the best investment you ever made if you expect to spend any of the summer months here. *Do it now!*

P. S.—Drop a line to the Borough President, Honorable Maurice Connolly, Long Island City, and tell him how interested you are in salt marsh drainage to eliminate mosquitoes and ask him what progress is being made toward a mosquitoless 1916.

Keep the last flies and mosquitoes out of your house and cellar. These hibernators are the cause of the hordes that follow. *Swat them!*

WAR RELIEF WORK.

The Volunteer War Relief Workers are to be commended for the aggressive way they have undertaken the much needed task of supplying surgical dressings for the stricken people of the warring countries. The organization is directed by the following officers: Mrs. K. P. Collins, Chairman; Mrs. Lyman Beecher Stowe, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Charles Jacobs, Secretary; Mrs. Albert Morton Gray, Mrs. Robert J. Kent, Mrs. Charles Hoyt Duling. The active co-operation of all the women of the community is urgently desired.

NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The proposed new edifice of the Roman Catholic congregation of Forest Hills, at the corner of Ascan Avenue and Queens Boulevard, is to be called the Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Ground was broken with appropriate ceremonies on Sunday afternoon, October 31st. The first structure will be a temporary chapel, 27x80 feet, costing about \$3,500 and capable of seating three hundred. It is expected that services will be held therein on Christmas. Plans are under way for a magnificent permanent structure.

PLAY DIRECTOR.

The playground adjoining the Public School is becoming a veritable children's paradise under the skilful direction of the play-leader. If Mr. Perry's splendid letter recently sent to the residents does not coax a ready two-dollar bill from the coffers of every family, a half-hour's visit to the grounds watching the delight of the children will do the trick. "Character through well-directed play" is no longer a jumble of words, but a reality to those who have had opportunity to observe at first hand.

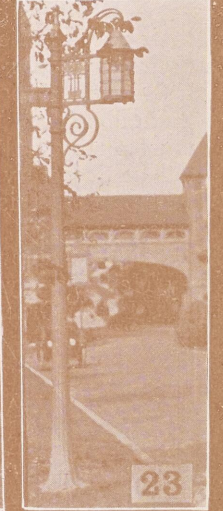
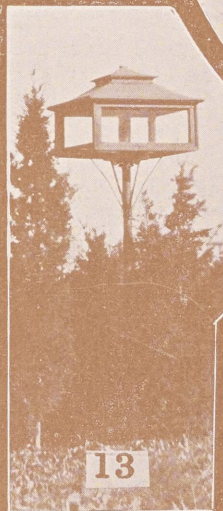
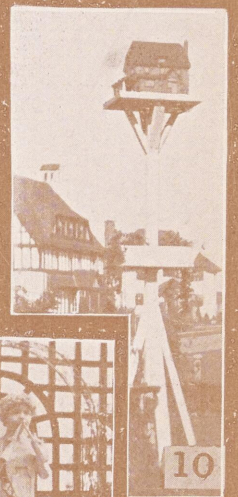
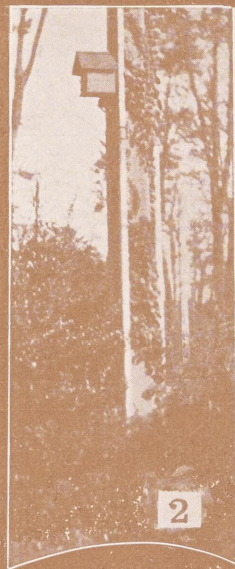
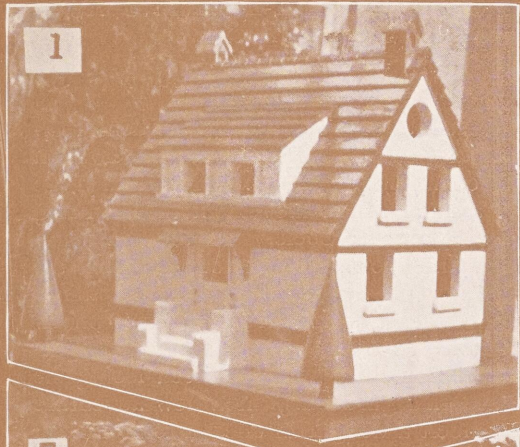
MAKING USE OF THE LIBRARY.

The various factors that go to make up the pleasure and ease of community living are so much taken for granted that sometimes it is a good idea to review them. There is our library station at the Inn, for instance. The Gardens have not arrived at the dignity of a branch library, but people who protest that they cannot get the books they want or keep them long enough when they do get them, should remember that the way to make a station grow into a branch is by patronage.

The library authorities are not justified in catering to the special needs of any one community unless they are shown by figures that that particular community is using the library to the fullest extent.

Whenever "student material" is needed the branch libraries can be drawn on through the local stations and books kept out for a month. The ordinary fiction and light reading is limited in quantity, so that two weeks, including renewal, is the limit for each book. With these slight drawbacks the Gardens have almost the privileges of a branch library, and are far more adequately served than most communities of the same size. The hours for exchanging books are 3 to 5 P. M. on Monday and 3 to 8 P. M. on Friday.

Pictorial review of some of the steps taken to attract the birds to Forest Hills Gardens.



(1) Martin house designated by Grosvenor Atterbury and erected in Greenway Terraces by the Company. See figure No. 12.
 (2) Why not treat the unsightly telephone pole in your rear yard like this: a climbing vine and an attractive nesting box.
 (3) Types of nesting boxes and feeding shelters made, and sold by the Journeyman's class.
 (4) Elaborate bird bath in Slocum Crescent.
 (5) Pedestal bird bath on Deepdene Road. Its height renders birds safe from cats.

(6) A weather-vane feed shelter made from an old box, and erected by a resident on Slocum Crescent.
 (7) You can have a bird bath like this for 65c, and the trouble of collecting a few stones from fields nearby.
 (8) Bird bath in Olivia Park.
 (9) A baby chipping sparrow about to leave its nest in Greenway Terraces.
 (10) Another type of martin house with flower box, erected on Russell Place.
 (11) A bird bath on Greenway Terraces.

(12) Martin house shown in figure No. 1, erected in the park, Greenway Terraces.
 (13) Food shelter on Middlemay Place. This shelter feeds four quarts of chick feed.
 (14) Circular bird bath with place for planting a shrub in park, Greenway Terraces. This can be secured and installed without the shrub, for \$6.00 each.
 (15) A new and attractive design of bird house made by a resident.
 (23) Lamp standard with bulletin board for posting Audubon Society news items.

NINE WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE BIRDS TO COME TO FOREST HILLS.

1.—Put up bird houses for blue birds, chickadees, nuthatches, downey and hairy woodpeckers, flickers, tree swallows, purple martins and wrens.

Send to the Secretary, Miss M. E. Knevels, for literature on the subject of bird boxes—or have the Journeyman's Class make you a box for 75 cents, \$1.00 or \$1.50, according to the style of the box.

2.—Keep a large shallow dish filled with clean water, accessible to the birds. In hot weather birds injure fruit endeavoring to quench their thirst.

The Forest Hills Flower Shop has specially made cement basins and bird baths for sale at reasonable prices.

3.—Rid your place of homeless cats. If the cat is in good condition, the Bide-a-Wee Home for Animals—telephone, Murray Hill 6626—will take care of it. If the cat is sickly, call on the S. P. C. A.—telephone, Gramercy 6420—and they will send for the cat.

4.—Plant a clump of Japanese millet, hemp, sunflowers and buckwheat in your garden. Remember that Russian mulberry, sweet gum, bay berry, Virginia creeper, elderberry and other berry bearing shrubs and vines furnish food for our winter birds.

Ask the Secretary to send you free the Bulletin issued by the U. S. Agricultural Department on bird protection, winter feeding, and food bearing shrubs.

5.—Teach the thoughtless boy with the beanshooter or air gun that we need the birds to destroy insects.

The damage from insect pests alone amounts to \$800,000,000 annually in the United States.

6.—Join the Forest Hills Gardens Audubon Society. If already a member, get your friends and neighbors to join. Talk birds. Watch the bulletins on the lamp posts.

Junior Members, annual dues.....	\$0.25
Associate Members, annual dues.....	1.00
Sustaining Members, annual dues....	5.00
Life Members, annual dues.....	25.00

7.—Destroy the English or Domestic Sparrows and their nests. The Department of Agriculture advocates their destruction.

8.—Buy a book about our native birds. Reed's "Handbook of Land Birds East of the Rockies" is trustworthy and can be carried in the pocket.

The Secretary, Mrs. Washburne, or Miss L. D. Rice, will procure this book for you for 50 cents. Regular price, \$1.00.

9.—Buy "How to Attract Birds About the Home," by Neil Marroy Lodd. Price 35 cents, secured from Mr. Ladd, Greenwich, Conn.

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MAKE THE GARDENS PRE-EMINENT AS A BIRD SANCTUARY.

By E. A. Quarles.

How many residents of Forest Hills Gardens realize the wonderful possibilities of bird conservation work that this community affords? How many are willing to lend a hand in the movement that is being fostered by the Audubon Society of the Gardens? How many are willing to make some sacrifice that the deserved reputation of the Gardens for hospitality may have no shadow cast upon it in the world of birds?

Flower gardening as a means of adding to the attractiveness of the home has been practiced from time immemorial, but "bird gardening" is a new adventure for most of us, albeit a delightful one. From one end of the county to the other there has sprung up within the past few years a realization of the aesthetic and economic value of birds and a desire to utilize these wonderful winged sprites of the air to the utmost. Then, too, there are few ways indeed by which humanitarian principles can more surely be implanted in the maturing boy or girl than through inculcating a love of birds.

Experience has shown that these lovely creatures will meet man more than half way in sealing a pact of friendship, so that it rests entirely with us as to whether we shall have the Gardens distinguished for its bird life or not.

The birds will come through organized effort and through that only. The formation of our Society marks the pioneer effort at organized bird protection on Long Island. Since then Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has interested himself in the movement at Oyster Bay and has proposed a general organization for protection throughout the Island. It should be a source of gratification to us that we have had the honor of blazing the trail in this movement and, still more, should it be a point of pride to keep our work up to standard.

I am indebted to Dr. Frank M. Chapman, Curator of Ornithology, of the American Museum of Natural History, and Editor of Bird Lore, the National Audubon Society's publication, for the gardening simile employed above to illustrate modern bird protective work. I should like to quote directly from a recent utterance of his regarding bird protection:

"We cannot, like the child in the story, plant bird seed with the hope of raising a crop of birds, but we can place our bird seed, suet and nuts, baths, fountains, and nesting-boxes in such a way that the crop of birds will materialize after all—provided we weed out the cats, English sparrows, and other bird enemies.

"The flower gardener is independent. The fate of his particular plot lies largely in his own hands. But successful bird-gardening requires co-operation. Of what avail is it for me to be without a cat if my neighbors harbor them? How useless it is for me to war on English sparrows when just beyond my boundary line they find safety?"

The time should come, and that right soon, when Forest Hills Gardens should be considered one of the foremost examples of intelligently directed bird conservation work in the county. If we do realize that ideal, think how widespread our influence will become! Situated only fifteen minutes from New York, we could be utilized by the entire country as an example of what organized bird protection will accomplish.

We want your membership, sympathy and help. Will you give it?

The Dog Watch

by

The Watch Dog



HARK AND HEED!

This is for collabs. who did not collab.
 Some men for riches set this world agog;
 Some mire themselves in fancy's fairy bog;
 Ah, take the Cash and let the Credit go,
 But heed the madding bark of the Watch Dog.
 * * * Omar Ki-yi.

As the apple-grower says, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

And, as the writer says, "An acceptance a day keeps the sheriff away."

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ADVERTISING THE OBVIOUS.

Hearn's Drygoods Store advertises in the Long Island Railroad cars: "Cash Works Wonders."

My wife and I discovered that long ago. What we are interested in now is, WHERE TO GET THE CASH!
 First Mate.

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THE CUT DISCOURTEOUS.

Following the lines laid down by our friend, the Long Island Railroad, that was a nasty cut we gave po' li'l ol' Woodside a few days ago.
 A. Park Lark.

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PREPAREDNESS.

I stand for peace.
 I dislike war.
 I cannot see the sense in it
 What should I shoot
 My neighbor for,
 When there's no recompense in it?
 But, on the oth-
 Er hand, should he,
 While I'm unarmed and napping hard,
 Presume to take
 A crack at me,
 And smash me into cooking-lard?
 Oh, no, Old Top,
 For friend or foe
 I will not wait short-hairedly.
 When burglars come
 To cop MY dough,
 I'll meet them quite preparedly.
 * * * The Watch Dog.

WHY, INDEED?

Under the headline, "General News," the Bulletin dated November 6 stated: "The Bulletin has been asked why a community Christmas celebration cannot be held."

Well, Bulletin, Old Scout, if it's not a personal question, what did you answer? * * *

TO BLANCHE.

Ah, we prithee, Blanche, don't serve us
 With manufactured Triskets.
 From our taste you cannot swerve us—
 Please "Bake a Batch o' Biscuits."
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DISCLAIMED RELATIONSHIPS.

We understand, on good authority, that Joseph Kett is not related to Krazy Kett, of the New York Evening Journal.
 —And also, that John Brewer has no family connection with Mr. G. Piel, Mr. Ruppert or Budweiser.

THE WATCH DOG.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Audubon Society must be a community movement in order to be successful. Everybody will find something that they can do to help protect our birds by reading the printed side of the pictorial supplement.

H. C. Fullan, a brother-in-law of E. J. O'Shea, has bought the corner house now in course of erection at Ivy Close and Seasongood Road.

H. P. Burton, who rented 82 Greenway North from the Homes Company last spring has been recalled to Cleveland and his sublet his house to George B. Lyman, of the Wharton-Taylor Co., 30 Church Street, New York City.

Frank S. Roeschlaub, architect, from Denver, Col., has rented Edward N. Emerson's house at 52 Slocum Crescent, until spring.

Katherine, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karrick P. Collins, 40 Slocum Crescent, is the latest new arrival.

Boardman Robinson has returned from an extended trip through the warring countries.

The Study Class of the Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens has for its theme "Immigration." A visit to Ellis Island has been made and in the near future Dr. Julia Wygart Perry will conduct the class on a visit to settlement houses, milk stations and health centres in the immigrant centers of the lower East Side.

INN NOTES.

Mrs. Polhemus has returned to the Inn, after spending several weeks at Newport, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Austin have left the Inn and are keeping house in Brooklyn.

Mrs. M. S. Clarkson and daughter of New York have come to the Inn to make their home.

A. Tindel, of Philadelphia, spent several days at the Inn during the past week.

J. H. Willcockson, of Boston, spent several days at the Inn with his brother during the past week.

Mrs. M. J. Scanlon of Minneapolis has been at the Inn visiting her daughter, Miss Bonnie Henkle.

Mrs. C. Parsons, of Moncton, Canada, has gone to the Inn to spend the winter.

Miss Kalbach, of Lancaster, Pa., is at the Inn for a short stay.

The weekly Bridge at the Inn will be held Tuesday evenings instead of Mondays on account of the series of lectures held Monday evenings at the Church-in-the-Gardens.

Dancing class for children held Wednesday afternoons, and for adults Wednesday evenings, followed by general dancing, and the weekly dances as usual Saturday evenings.

Misses Rosemary Keller and Phyllis Phillips, of Browns Mills-in-the-Pines, N. J., who have been guests at the Inn for the past ten days, have returned home.

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.")

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

Sunday, November 21st—Men interested in the Church Forum will visit the Unity Church Forum at Montclair, N. J. Take the 6.02 train. C. A. Perry is in charge of the trip.

Monday, November 22nd—8.30 P. M., in the Church-in-the-Gardens, first song recital of the Forest Hills Branch of the Musical Art Society of Long Island. Tickets, \$1.00.

Tuesday, November 23rd—2 P. M., meeting of the Volunteer War Relief Workers in the Sales Office. Miss Gertrude Robinson Smith, President of the Vacation Association Incorporated, formerly Chairman and now Treasurer of the Vacation War Relief Committee, will speak on the work of that Committee. Everyone is asked to come. A large attendance is especially desired.

Wednesday, November 24th—8 P. M., Bal Masque at the Inn for the benefit of the Volunteer War Relief Workers. Tickets, fifty cents.

Thanksgiving Day—11 A. M. in the Church-in-the-Gardens, union Thanksgiving service.

Friday, November 26th—8 P. M., at the Church-in-the-Gardens, lecture on "The Musical Genius of Birds," by Charles Crawford Gorst. Auspices of Audubon Society. Admittance free. Public invited.

Tuesday, November 30th—2 P. M., at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Duling, 133 Euclid street, exhibition and sale of paintings by Albert Chaffee. Public invited.

Wednesday, December 1st—2.30 P. M., at Forest Hills Inn, meeting of Women's Club. Speaker, Miss Mary Garrett Hay, Director of General Federation of Women's Clubs. Introduced by Household Economics Chapter.

Friday, December 10th—2.30 P. M., in the Church-in-the-Gardens, meeting of Women's Guild.

Wednesday, December 15th—8 P. M., meeting of Men's Club.

PROFESSOR KENDRICK'S LECTURES.

The opening lecture on Monday night was successful in every way. The following dates and topics are announced:

November 29—"The Political Regeneration of France."

December 13th—"The Industrial Revolution in England."

December 27th—"The Political and Industrial Evolution of Germany."

January 10th—"Italy and the Countries of Eastern Europe."

January 24th—"The Spread of European Civilization and the War of the Nations."

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.

THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.

The Social Room, as the first floor of the new church has come to be called, promises to have a large part in the life of the community.

A Thanksgiving praise service will be held in the church on Sunday night, the 21st inst.

The Church of Forest Hills, of which Dr. Swartz is pastor, will join with the Church-in-the-Gardens in a service in the new church on Thanksgiving Day at 11 o'clock.

There has been a marked increase in the congregation and income since the new edifice has been dedicated. A special thank offering will be asked from all the members and friends of the church at the service on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

The next communion service will be on the first Sunday of December, at which time new members will be welcomed into fellowship.

The beautiful collection plates in the new church are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Rea.

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held in the church social room on Friday, December 10th, at 2.30 P. M. Hostesses: Mrs. James J. Finnigan and Mrs. Hartley LeH. Smith. Program: "C. H. M. S.," N. B. Baker; devotional service, Mrs. C. E. Burton; "Social Christianity in India and Burma," Miss M. C. E. Barden; "The New Home of the Immigrant," Mrs. A. Latham Baker.

Josephine Sheffield, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Daniels, was baptized Sunday morning, November 7th, in the Church-in-the-Gardens.

CHURCH FORUM.

The men of the Church-in-the-Gardens have decided to organize a Church Forum. A temporary committee, of which Professor B. B. Kendrick is Chairman, was formed and instructed to provide for three meetings. The first one will be on Sunday, November 28th, at 8 P. M., in the social room of the new church. Dr. Knox, Chaplain of Columbia University, will speak on "Democracy and the Bible," and the meeting will be thrown open for general discussion. At the January meeting the Committee will propose a plan for permanent organization.