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Mrs. James Burton

PIONEER OF CITY DIES IN CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. James Burton Funeral
Rites Are Conducted
in San Diego

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Funeral services for Alice Cornwall, wife of James Burton, were conducted yesterday at San Diego, Cal. Mrs. Burton, who died Wednesday, was 72. A member of a pioneer Rochester family, Mrs. Burton had made her home here until a few years ago.

The Cornwall family settled in Rochester in 1830, when Amos and Elizabeth Cornwall, Mrs. Burton's grandparents, came to the then young city. The family acquired considerable property in what is now the downtown section and Mrs. Burton was born in the family home in East Avenue near Chestnut Street. Their holdings included the Cornwall Building in Main Street East and land in Elm and Chestnut streets.

Mrs. Burton was the daughter of John and Margaret Van Schuyver Cornwall. Her brother, John Byron Cornwall, died here in 1903. Mrs. Burton was a member of Christ Church during the many years of her residence in Rochester.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Burton leaves a sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna V. Cornwall of 34 South Goodman Street, and a grandnephew, Floyd Edward Cornwall of New York.

Educator Retires

T. U. Jan. 28, '30



Miss Emma G. Case, Rochester Public Library
54 Court St.

Visiting Teacher Head Retires After Years Of Service In City Schools

Miss Emma G. Case

After many years service in the public schools of Rochester, Miss Emma G. Case, of 84 Rutgers Street, director of the visiting teacher department, was today retired at her own request.

Announcement of her retirement was made at a dinner of the Women Supervisors' Club and the Administrative Woman's Association in the D. A. R. Chapter House last night.

A former president of the National Association of Visiting Teachers, Miss Case is widely known in her field. She came to Rochester as Kindergarten teacher and director soon after the organization of kindergartens in this

city, was first at Ellis School 26, then organized the kindergarten at Andrews School 9. She was later kindergarten director at Francis Parker School 23.

Pioneer in Work

A graduate of Miss Wheelock's Kindergarten Training School in Boston and the Chicago School of Social Work, Miss Case was a pioneer in visiting teacher work. She has written a good deal on the movement and has been in great demand as a speaker on the subject.

Through her direction of the work, Rochester has become not only nationally known but authorities have spoken of the department here under Miss Case's incumbency as one of the best in the country.

She started visiting teacher work in Rochester in 1913, after having studied the theory and practise of social case work at the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy. For seven years she was the only visiting teacher for the Board of Education.

Trip Planned

Miss Case will leave for a trip through the South on Feb. 3 and will spend some time in travel.

Miss Mabel E. Simpson was chairman of the dinner last night. Others who attended were: Miss Caroline P. Hall, supervisor of elementary grades; Joseph P. O'Hern, deputy superintendent of schools; Mrs. Henry G. Danforth, president of the Board of Education, and Miss Fannie Case, sister of the retiring educator.

Mrs. Richard de Sylva
Lyric Writer Gets
Call to Broadway

Rochester Woman Will Per-

Theme Songs for Stars

TC April 28, 1930

With the words of tomorrow's song hits running through her head, Mrs. Richard de Sylva of 32 Harlem Street will leave for New York Wednesday under contract to write lyrics for Broadway's best beloved stars.

Mrs. de Sylva, who is a newspaper woman of nine years' experience, a short story writer of creditable success, poetress, and writer of lyrics is both jubilant and philosophical about her new success.

"It's a job that is increasingly hard to do by long distance so I'm packing up and going to New York permanently," she explained, with a rueful glance about her dismantled apartment and at her small son who was enjoying the Roman holiday. "It's commercial work, writing to pattern, but it is ever so interesting and much more lucrative than the hundred odd concert lyrics I've had published already."

Despite the fact that Mrs. de Sylva, whose pen name is Elizabeth Evelyn Moore, tends to a becoming modesty about her lyrics, she has been engaged to write for some of the most popular singers of the day, and is to be on the staff of Master Music, Inc., to write motion picture theme songs.

She already has sold two songs to the Little Show, which is going into rehearsal this week. When the play is completely cast, she is to write personality songs for the various principals. Rudy Vallee, Gertrude Lawrence, Fannie Brice, and Jack Buchanan have made requests for her lyrics. Miss Lawrence already has purchased one for her new play. The music for many of Mrs. de Sylva's lyrics is written by Frank Gray.

Mrs. de Sylva is a member of the American Society of Authors and Composers, one of 30 women in the United States to be accorded this distinction.

Laura Hopkins

LAURA HOPKINS'
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MISSION WORK
HIGHLY LAUDED

Devoted Efforts of Woman
Who Is Gone Aided Many,
Says Rev. Dr. Cushman

Rochester Public Library
Funeral services for Miss Laura Hopkins, who died Friday evening at the Friendly Home in East Avenue, will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the home, and will be in charge of Rev. Dr. Ralph S. Cushman, minister of Asbury Methodist Church, of which Miss Hopkins in her later years was a member. Interment will be made in Mount Hope Cemetery.

A large number of persons whom Miss Laura Hopkins, formerly a city missionary, aided in the course of her work among the unfortunates of the city will mourn her death, says Dr. Cushman in a tribute to the humanitarian efforts of Miss Hopkins. She was one of the social workers in Rochester when they were few. She was at one time associated with the People's Rescue Mission in the days when Front Street was regarded as the meeting place for all the most undesirable elements of the city, and before it became the business center it is today.

Minister's Tribute

"Few people who come to old age in humble circumstances have as many friends as did Miss Laura C. Hopkins," Dr. Cushman said.

"Miss Hopkins was born in Vermont in 1843. For twenty years she has lived at the Friendly Home and has been a blessing to all who came in contact with her intelligent, cheerful spirit. Miss Hopkins' father went as a pioneer to Michigan when she was a child. As a young woman, she came to Roch-

ester to live with her sister, who was the wife of Rev. Walter Crouch, a Presbyterian minister. At that time she was a member of the Congregational Church in Troup Street, which later became a Spiritualist meeting house.

"In 1886 Miss Hopkins began her city missionary activities, under the auspices of the Corn Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, in which capacity she labored for nearly ten years, endearing herself to a multitude of people in the city, both poor and rich. In 1894, at the solicitation of Superintendent A. E. Hines, she went to be his associate at the People's Rescue Mission. The story of her life in connection with this mission is full of interest. Always frail in health, she was an indefatigable worker, and was never too weary to go at the call of those in need.

"For twenty years she has been an occupant of the Friendly Home, where she has not only assisted those in charge, but has been a bearer of Christian cheer to those who have lived with her in this splendid institution.

"Although most of her days were passed far from the luxuries of life, Miss Hopkins was a highly intellectual type who kept up to date on the latest books, not only of prose and poetry, but who was well posted in current events, at home and abroad."

Mrs. Edna E. Jones

Teaching Her Dolls the 3 R's Started This Principal

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R. J. Jones, MRS. EDNA E. JONES May 15, 1920

Unhonored and unsung, the teaching profession goes its way day in and day out, contributing a larger share to the upbuilding of modern civilization than any other single profession or business, yet seldom noticed by a public that has come to take its education for granted. Many a man and woman now an outstanding figure in the community, perhaps in the state and nation, owes more than he or she can ever repay to a humble, self-effacing pedagogue. Here then is the sixteenth of a series of articles on Rochester teachers and the famous or near-famous men and women they have taught.

"I DON'T understand why people make such a fuss about choosing a career. I knew what I wanted to be when I first began to play school with my dolls, and I never have had any doubts since that teaching was the profession for me."

That was the reply of Mrs. Edna E. Jones, principal at No. 4 School, Jefferson Avenue and Jefferson Terrace, when asked why she had chosen teaching as a career.

This reply gives an insight into the character of a woman who has risen steadily in her field since taking her first position in the Pittsford High School in 1910. Her meteoric rise has included the positions of teacher of special classes for retarded children, supervisor of the special education department of Rochester Public Schools, assistant principal and, finally, principal.

LIVED HERE LONG

Mrs. Jones always has lived in Pittsford or Rochester. She graduated from Pittsford High School and then attended Brockport Normal School. After the Normal work she went to the Teacher's College at Columbia University, and finished with a special course at the Vineland Training School, Vineland, N. J.

Mrs. Jones has regarded each one of her jobs as an interesting step to something higher. She said:

"My first position with Pittsford High was intensely interesting because I was at last in the thing I wanted to do. Then I was gripped by my work with the retarded students because of the unusual problems presented. While assistant to Principal Nathaniel West I realized that I was laying the foundation for my future, and now I am more than ever interested in the executive end of teaching."

was her best. Of her pupil, Mrs. Jones said:

"Doctor Barnard was a country boy who went to school to me in Pittsford. He stood out from the other students due to the fact that he always ranked at the head of his class in his studies and seemed to be culturally far in advance of his age.

"I encouraged him to continue his schooling and when he announced his intention of taking up the profession of doctor, I gave him all the help I could in his studies. He has fulfilled my expectations and I believe that he will go even higher."

During her twenty years in the profession, Mrs. Jones has had control of several thousand students. She believes that Dr. Maurice Barnard, practising physician and anesthetist at the Genesee Hospital,

T. U. Jan. 1830

Women's College Dean And Successor



Annette Gardner Munro, left, dean of the College for Women of the University of Rochester since 1910, will retire from active service at the close of the present academic year and become dean emeritus. Her successor, formally appointed today, will be Dr. Helen Dalton Bragdon, at present assistant professor of education at the University of Minnesota.

Dean Munro

The Light Shines On Her

No one will begrudge Miss Annette Gardiner Munro the leisure she has earned after 20 years as dean of the College for Women of the University of Rochester. Yet no one will want to see her leave the university staff this Summer. Her services there have been of invaluable worth.

It is difficult to add to the high tribute Dr. Rush Rhees, president of the university, paid her with the acceptance of her long-standing request for retirement. Twenty classes of women are deeply indebted to her. Developments that have taken shape under her hands will some day become the high honored traditions of the college. Long after the college has passed into other hands, the light of progress will shine back upon her handiwork. *Rochester Jan 20, 1920*

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DR. BRAGDON

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T.O. MISS MUNRO
Jan. 18 '30

Present Dean Requests
Retirement After 20
Years of Service—Suc-
cessor From Minnesota.

Dr. Helen Dalton Bragdon of the University of Minnesota was today appointed formally by the board-of trustees of the University of Rochester as dean of the College for Women.

She will succeed Miss Annette Gardner Munro, who will retire at her own request after serving the college as dean for 20 years. At the close of the current academic year Miss Munro will become dean emeritus.

The new head of the College for Women, now assistant professor of education at the University of Minnesota, will come to Rochester in the same year that the College for Men is moved to the new Oak Hill campus and the College for Women is given complete possession of the old University Avenue campus.

Miss Munro Praised

In announcing the retirement of Miss Munro, Dr. Rush Rhees, president of the University, praised her work highly.

"This year completes 20 years of service in the College for Women by Miss Munro," said Dr. Rhees. "Those years have seen notable developments under her leadership, and to her wisdom and friendliness 20 classes of college women are deeply indebted, for the standards and traditions of the growing College for Women have been developed

under Dean Munro's leadership. She carries with her, into her coming years of greater leisure, the affectionate regard of her colleagues and of her present and former students.

"Since her desire for retirement became known a year or more ago, active search has been in progress for an eligible person to succeed Dean Munro. The trustees of the University count themselves very fortunate in having secured Dr. Bragdon for this important appointment.

"Dean Bragdon enters upon her new office at a critical time for the development of the university, in that coincidentally with re coming the College for Men will be transferred to the new campus by the Genesee, leaving the present buildings of the college, suitably remodeled and refurnished, to the exclusive use of the College for Women."

Wellesley Graduate

Dean Munro was graduated from Wellesley College in 1885 and received an honorary master of arts degree from the University of Rochester in 1910. From 1897 until 1905 she was head of the department of history in Wheaton Seminary, Norton, Mass., and for two years, beginning in 1907, she served as cataloguer for the Library Association of Portland, Ore. She comes from a family of educators. One brother, Dr. Dana Carleton Munro, has been professor of medieval history at Princeton University since 1915; while another brother, Dr. Wilfred Harold Munro, was formerly professor of European history at Brown University.

Dr. Bragdon was graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1918. After a year of graduate work at Columbia University, she transferred her studies to the Harvard Graduate School of Education, from which she obtained the degree of master of education in 1925, followed by a doctorate in 1928. From 1918 to 1920 she was head teacher of English and history in Drew Seminary for young women, and for a part of the following year taught English in the

junior high school of Trenton, N. J.

Served As "Y" Secretary

From 1921 to 1924 she was general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in Mount Holyoke College and in the following year was assistant to the dean of the same institution. During the last two years of her graduate study at Harvard she was vocational counselor of the Cambridge Y. W. C. A. She took her present position at the University of Minnesota in 1928. She recently published a book, "Counseling the College Student."

During the Christmas holidays Dr. Bragdon spent several days here as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Rhees at their home, 440 University Avenue. She conferred with Dr. Arthur S. Gale, dean of freshmen men; Dr. William E. Weld, dean of the college for men and Raymond L. Thompson, first assistant treasurer. The incoming dean also inspected the campus and her suggestions were sought on improvements.

Molds Human Lives, Gets Thrill When They Prove Good

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MISS ETHEL B. PEARSON

Unhonored and unsung, the teaching profession goes its way day in and day out, contributing a larger share to the upbuilding of modern civilization than any other single profession or business, yet seldom noticed by a public that has come to take its education for granted. Many a man and woman now an outstanding figure in the community, perhaps in the state and nation, owes more than he or she can ever repay to a humble, self-effacing pedagogue. Here, then, is the fifth of a series of articles on Rochester teachers and the famous or near-famous men and women they have taught.

Miss Ethel B. Pearson is a consulting engineer, but not in the ordinary sense of the word. Her job is to pattern and mold human lives. Her official title is vocational guidance director of the Rochester Business Institute.

To the students of the school she is a Beatrice Fairfax, Mr. Fix It, counselor and friend—all in one.

During one of her customary busy half-hours, in which she consented to be interviewed, a cross section of Miss Pearson's duties was revealed. First Mary came in with: "Oh, Miss Pearson—just a minute. Do you think this dress is too long?"

While still engrossed in this problem, a telephone call came from one of Rochester's biggest business executives, a former student at the school, asking for advice regarding a change in the company's filing system.

Then Keith entered, accompanied by his father, who wanted to know what future there was in a secretarial course. They were followed by a young girl who tearfully asked Miss Pearson to "fix" it with her family for overstaying late leave the night before.

HER FIRST JOB

While this type of work would become very monotonous to some persons, Miss Pearson finds it a very interesting life.

"This is my first and only job," she smiled, "and I have learned to like it very much. Letters from students who have gone through school inform me that my work is of value. Knowing this, I am content."

Miss Pearson is a product of the ranks. She started as a stenographer at the R. B. L. twenty years ago. From that, she advanced to the position of private secretary to the president, the late Samuel C.

Williams. About ten years ago, she was given her present job and also was made secretary and treasurer of the school.

One of her choice possessions is a scrap book containing the doings of famous men and women who have come under her guidance at the school. This book reads like a Who's Who in the Business World of Rochester.

LEADERS NAMES ON LIST

A few of the names featured in the book include C. R. Drake, general manager of the Line-A-Time Manufacturing Company, Inc., City Court Judge Raymond C. Westbury, District Attorney William F. Love, George Lennox, vice president of the National Bank of Rochester; John C. Rodenbeck, president of the Merchants Bank, and Edward Weter, treasurer of the Yawman & Erbe Manufacturing Company.

Miss Pearson believes Esther Greene, who came to the school in 1925, from Panama, one of the most interesting persons with whom she has dealt. Miss Greene was a natural born leader, said Miss Pearson, adding:

"She took a secretarial course and then went back to Panama to work for her father, a mining engineer there. Last year, she was chosen Queen of Panama at the annual festivities, which is considered a great honor. A short time ago, I again heard from Miss Greene. She had married a mining engineer whom she had met through her work, proving that work and romance do go hand in hand."

Granddaughter of Colonel Nathaniel Rochester Dies

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MRS. FANNIE ROCHESTER ROGERS

Mrs. Fannie Rochester Rogers, Widow of Clinton Rogers and Descendant of City's Founder, Passes at 81

Tue June 20 1938
 Mrs. Fannie Rochester Rogers, widow of Clinton Rogers, and believed to have been the only surviving grandchild of Colonel Nathaniel Rochester, founder of Rochester, died yesterday morning at her home, 40 North Goodman Street, after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Rogers was born in Rochester in 1849, the daughter of Henry E. Rochester and Jane Hart Rochester. She was educated at Miss Eaton's private school and at Vassar College.

She was a lifelong member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. For many years she served as president of the Church Home.

In 1876, she married Clinton Rogers. Four children, all of Rochester, survive. They are Mrs. Sidney Breese Roby, Mrs. Joseph Roby, Rochester Hart Rogers and Miss

Helen Rochester Rogers. Mrs. Rogers also leaves ten grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at her home tomorrow afternoon at 4.

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Prepare for Study at Geneva



Four Undergraduates of Mount Holyoke Doing Their First Lesson With Atlas and Maps. Left to Right—Sara Holmes, Kinsey, Mont.; Catherine Snell, Rochester, N. Y.; Eleanor Crary, East Rockaway, N. Y., and Elinor Meyers, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mount Holyoke to Send Four Envoys to Study World Affairs at Geneva

Christian Science Monitor

Will Witness Working of League of Nations at First Hand—

Two Represent College Forum and College Community

—Reports to Be Given of Their Summer's Work

APR. 27, 1929

Catherine Snell

SPECIAL TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass. — Mount Holyoke College is to send four students to Geneva to study international relations and the League of Nations at first hand during the coming summer vacation.

The college forum and the college community by awarding two scholarships to students chosen by the Students' International Union, covering expenses of residence and study in Geneva for about two months, will have two unofficial observers in the persons of the Misses Eleanor Crary of East Rockaway, N. Y., and Sarah Holmes of Kinsey, Mont. Miss Crary is a junior and editor of the Mount Holyoke News, the campus weekly, and Miss Holmes a member of the sophomore class.

Miss Catherine Snell of Rochester, N. Y., member of the junior class, is one of the 28 American students, half of whom are men and half women, selected from among the membership of from 200 to 300 collegiate International Relations Clubs, to take part in the British-American Students' Conference at Morton College, Oxford, under the auspices of the Carnegie Endowment for Interna-

tional Peace. The party will also visit The Hague, Geneva and Paris.

Miss Elinor Meyers of Buffalo, N. Y., also a junior, is Mount Holyoke's fourth unofficial observer. She will spend the entire summer in Geneva in study and will live with a Swiss family.

All four ambassadors are expected to return to college next fall and contribute to the community the results of their summer experiences.

3 Talents Combined in Principal of Harley School

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LOUISE M. SUMNER *Jens. 23*
Honored and unsung, the teaching profession goes its way day in and day out, contributing a larger share to the upbuilding of modern civilization than any other single profession or business, yet seldom noticed by a public that has come to take its education for granted. Many a man and woman now an outstanding figure in the community, perhaps in the state and nation, owes more than he or she can ever repay to a humble, self-effacing pedagogue. Here then is the twentieth of a series of articles on Rochester teachers and the famous or near-famous men and women they have taught.

Harley School in Clover Street, Brighton, and its lower branch in Oxford Street, has a born teacher. It has an idealist. It has an unusual personality.

Miss Louise M. Sumner, director of the school, is all three. An explanation of one of the characteristics must necessarily be an explanation of all.

Miss Sumner's teaching experience began very early; in fact, when she was only five. After kindergarten was over for the day, the little girl assembled her dolls in the nursery and painstakingly taught them the elementary lessons she had learned.

A little later, having outgrown the doll stage, the girls of the neighborhood used to go over to Louise's home to play school. And Louise always was teacher. Although many of the girls were older, they recognized Louise's inborn ability and accepted her rebukes without question.

TRIED MEDICINE

Only once has Miss Sumner swerved from that first desire to be a teacher. During her college days she became interested in surgery and wondered if that might not be a more interesting and useful profession than teaching. The old spell of her first love won, out, however.

Miss Sumner now is the director of a school which is the only one in the world, she believes, that definitely sets out to be different. She classes it as a progressive co-educational school, stressing five teaching points—artistic, character, health, mental and social development.

No home work is assigned the children and activity is the medium of teaching rather than books. The personality of the director permeates the school. Her early start at teaching has given her wide experience at a comparatively early age. Still in her thirties, she is able to meet the children on a plane of understanding and yet remain the instructor.

Miss Sumner is especially interested in all arts and sciences—in fact, she is interested in all finely skilled things. Travel is her hobby. She says:

"I would like to spend a life-

time in each country and soak up the atmosphere."

STARTED IN OHIO

Miss Sumner was born in St. Paul, Minn. She received her early education in public schools in that city and was graduated from the University of Minnesota with the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts. After graduation, she taught history at a private school in Columbus, Ohio, and at a public school in Evanston, Ill.

She came to the Harley School five years ago, when the whole institution was Oxford Street. She taught history for a short time and then was given the position of director.

One of Miss Sumner's pupils who attained distinction recently is Miss Frederika Morehouse, daughter of Mrs. Olive Morehouse. Miss Morehouse, a student at Principia College, St. Louis, has just been announced the winner of a \$1,000 scholarship to study at the Sorbonne, Paris.

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MISS BLANCHE J. THOMPSON

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Teacher, author, poet, composer and playwright—

Miss Blanche Jennings Thompson indeed exemplifies the Biblical phrase, "to him that hath, shall be given." Following her vocation as a teacher at the City Normal School, Miss Thompson finds time for the other above named activities and does so well in each that most persons would be proud to claim her standing in any one as their contribution to life.

It is fitting that teaching should be mentioned first as Miss Thompson is first, last and always a teacher.

Her work at the Normal School is divided between kindergarten pupils and the young women who are studying to be teachers. Having a keen understanding of children, she is admirably fitted to demonstrate to the young teachers how to instruct them.

A graduate of the State Normal School at Geneseo and teachers' college, Columbia, Miss Thompson, with characteristic energy, still finds time for study. She is now working for a master's degree at the University of Rochester.

JOINED ART GROUP

Miss Thompson first became interested in drama about seven years ago when she joined the Laboratory of Theater Arts. This group, under the direction of Mrs. John Soble, wrote and produced its own plays. There Miss Thompson learned the rudiments of play writing and, when this group disbanded several years ago, she entered the field as a playwright.

Her success is best illustrated by her plays. Some of these are "The Dream Maker," "The Sister of Pierrot," "The Silver Sandals," "On the Road to Romany" and "The Sign of the Bumblebee." The first named has been in such demand that it has been produced in every state.

Miss Thompson became interested in producing fairy tales, short stories and poems. Most of her work in this line is suitable for children in grammar school. Probably the best known is "Silver Pennies," an anthology of modern verse for children.

MUSIC NEXT

From writing and producing,

Miss Thompson turned her attention to composing music for her plays, and experienced her usual success.

A group of the song poems now appears in "Music Hour in the Kindergarten and First Grade," a book which is widely used in primary grades. Miss Thompson now thinks nothing of writing a play, composing the music, designing the scenery, directing and producing it.

More than 700 young women now teaching in the various city schools have been in Miss Thompson's classes at the Normal School. Many of them are holding responsible positions as demonstration teachers sent out by the central office and critic teachers in the training school.

Mrs. J. L. Vanderpool Knows When To Carry Umbrella

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MRS. JESSE L. VANDERPOOL

Men have a way of getting into the news, day in and day out—some because of their standing in the official or semi-official life of the city, others for their prominence in fraternal or club affairs, still others because of their outstanding positions in business or politics. But it is on rare occasions only that their wives break into print to an extent that the newspaper reading public is able to get an accurate and intimate glimpse of them. With this in mind, the Rochester Journal is publishing this series of pen pictures of Rochester women whose husbands you already know—or ought to.

NO. 3—MRS. JESSE L. VANDERPOOL

By BERTHA KANNEWISHER

The one woman in Rochester who knows whether to carry an umbrella every time she steps out, also is chief assistant, with headquarters at No. 163 Earl Street, to Jesse L. Vanderpool, city meteorologist.

When storm clouds gather and farmers, aviators and reporters get a little anxious, Mrs. Vanderpool sits calmly in her snug home ready to do duty at the telephone, should her husband take time off for lunch or a stroll to the corner to buy tobacco.

Nearly everyone in Rochester knows Jesse. There are not many who slip on their rubbers or change to winter undies who don't lay the blame on him, if his forecast goes wrong.

Not so many know Mrs. Jesse, but that isn't because she isn't one o' the up and doing kind.

She avowed at first she didn't have an interest in the world outside her husband, a daughter, Ted, a pussycat, and a canary.

LIKES SPORTS

Then while she was being just pleasant and the canary bird sang and Ted, the cat, tucked himself near her, they came popping out one by one, until there was a whole snug of them.

The wife of the "weather man" likes to go to ball game; both baseball and football lure her in season

When winter evenings roll around and it seems longer than usual to midnight, the time when Meteorologist Vanderpool comes home from his station in the Federal Building, she likes to read current magazines and books.

She likes motion pictures and plays, too, but she likes to choose

her own. She gives no time to the cheap and trashy kind, Mrs. Vanderpool declared.

Purposely she has stayed out of club activities, she said, because she feels the "weather man" has enough of the public's attention. But she does play an active part in the West Side Circle of Baptist Temple and attends its services regularly.

She likes bridge and concerts and she likes to entertain in her own home.

INTERESTED 33 YEARS

For thirty-three years, Mrs. Vanderpool has had an interest in the Rochester station of the United States Weather Bureau—mostly in the man who is its chief now and was an assistant when she married him, but in the information it gives out, too.

Once in a while the telephone rings at 5 a. m. at the Vanderpool residence. In the season of heavy floods in the Genesee Valley and protracted severe cold spells, it happens quite frequently. It is usually Mrs. Vanderpool who sticks her toes into her slipper and goes quietly down to the telephone, so that her husband's sleep may not be disturbed.

When storm warnings come from headquarters of the United States Weather Bureau at Washington, and Mr. Vanderpool happens to be out, it is she who sees to it that the telegraphic message is given to him immediately.

Mrs. Vanderpool is the former Ida E. Jones, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Jones of this city. Her father for many years was associated with Lemuel Jeffrey in the undertaking business.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderpool have one daughter, Marguerite, the wife of the Rev. Charles S. Owen, minister of the Niagara Falls Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Walker Leads Church Women in Social Work

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R.J. Newell MRS. IRVING L. WALKER

Name any one of a half dozen social and civic welfare committees in Rochester, and Mrs. Irving L. Walker is sure to be one of its members. She is the executive secretary of the Council of Church Women, representing seventy-four churches and fifteen denominations.

So smoothly do Rochester's charitable, welfare and health building agencies function that they are likely to pass unnoticed by those on the outside.

With this in mind, the Rochester Journal is publishing a series of articles to give its readers a glimpse of the personalities involved in them and the human side of their work.

Following is the twelfth article in a series. It deals with the Council of Church Women of Rochester.

By BERTHA KANNEWISHER

A person with a genius for finding time to do every form of social service she is called on to do—that is Mrs. Irving L. Walker, executive secretary of the Council of Church Women of Rochester.

We set out to find the guiding spirit in this organization and we found an individual who knows about everything from child health to unemployment conditions in this city.

The Council of Church Women, in the words of Mrs. Walker, is helping to make church women of Rochester articulate.

It is bringing people together in an understanding relation, who a little while back, were working at cross purposes, with some of the natural envy and jealousy of women hindering their progress.

Today the work of the council sounds like the program of any well organized social welfare group. Its members have found that good work is religion and they have found that there is a lot of good work to be done.

If its activities had not expanded so rapidly, Mrs. Walker would still be a volunteer worker, giving several hours of every day to the chairmanship of its Community Service Committee.

But when the council found it had to have centrally located headquarters, where calls might be made for advice by women representing seventy-four Protestant Churches, she stood out as the logical choice for the position.

GIVES MOST OF TIME

She gives five afternoons a week to her job and only the fact that she has a family that likes to see her now and then keeps her from spending all day every day in of-

fices on the tenth floor of the Baptist Temple Building.

Outside her regular business hours, Mrs. Walker finds time to serve on the child health committee of the Tuberculosis and Public Health Association; Christmas Bureau, State Social Service Commission, unemployment and industrial relations committee of the Y. M. C. A., Committee on Law and Order, theater committee, Federation of Churches, civic committee, police woman's Bureau, member of board of directors, Public Health Nursing Association.

She also is chairman of the central supply committee of the Public Health Nursing Association, and chairman of the Downtown Community Service Committee.

Treasure chests for the children of the Philippine Islands are getting the major attention of the Council of Church Women at the present time. Under the direction of Mrs. Walter W. Post, they are enlisting the interest of church schools of Rochester in the project.

SEND GIFTS ABROAD

Already, fifty boxes, filled with school supplies—a good will gesture from the children of America to those in the islands—have been sent.

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Two years ago hundreds of dolls were sent by the council to Japanese children and last year they sent school bags to the children of Mexico.

Mrs. Walker made fifty-three addresses to groups in Rochester and vicinity last year, explaining the various projects of the church women of Rochester.

The council sponsored a five-day course in social hygiene presented by Dr. Daisy M. O. Robinson of the Department of Health, Albany. One hundred and twenty underprivileged boys and girls went to Kamp Kontent, Conesus Lake, on scholarships financed by churches allied with the council.

The council is a medium for recruiting hundreds of women for volunteer service in connection with welfare agencies of Rochester. Sewing circles supply layettes, nurses aprons and nurses uniforms to the Public Health Nursing Association.

Its emphasis is placed on character building and the hope of its members is that at some future time all Rochester's downtown churches will have neighborhood schools, such as the one being conducted at the Baptist Temple.

Emma Goldman Thanks U. S. For Her Deportation

K. T. U. July 2, 1931
Paris—(U.P.)—From her little white cottage near Saint Tropez, with a garden running down to the blue Mediterranean, Emma Goldman, 61, deported anarchist, looks over the dozen years since she was shipped with 147 other "Reds" from New York to Finland and exile and is really grateful to Uncle Sam for having sent her abroad.

"I have not the slightest desire to see America before I die," said Mrs. Goldman-Colton — her real name since her marriage to a Scot—"and I would not trade my little cottage and its sunshine for anything in New York."

Despite her 61 years, Emma Goldman takes her daily plunge in the Mediterranean and has spent 10 hours a day over many months completing the autobiography to be published in New York next autumn, so lengthy is it, it will appear in two large volumes.

Except for occasional rheumatic attacks, Mrs. Goldman is in perfect health. She is in constant communication, by mail, with her family in Rochester, N. Y., and still considers herself an American, despite her British citizenship by marriage and her British passport.

The autobiography will start with her life in Russia, her job as seamstress in a Rochester corset factory; her introduction to anarchism at the time of the Haymarket hangings in Chicago, when Emma became a crusader for the 8-hour working day; through her arrest and imprisonment for two years for opposing the draft-law in 1917; her deportation on the Buford—"Red cargo" ship—and her stay in Russia.

Her criticism of Bolshevism makes an interesting chapter, particularly when she attacks Bolshevism as being too "tame."

Miss McGregor Heads Research Test Bureau

K. T. U. July 5, 1931
Miss A. Laura McGregor, who has been appointed permanently by the Board of Education to be director of the Bureau of Research and Tests at the Central Office, which position she has filled since June, 1927, is being one of the best known women educators in the country. She is much in demand for lectures and classroom work in schools of education and has written a number of widely used books on educational subjects.

Among them are: "The Junior High School Teacher," "Supervised Study in English for Junior High School Grades," "Psychology of the Junior High School Pupil," written in co-operation with Dr. L. A. Pechstein. She also was co-author in four other books: "English in Service," "Our Junior High School," "Our World of Work" and "Our World of Education."

TAUGHT BORDER SCHOOL IN DAYS OF SIOUX RAIDS

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Mary Longfellow Vaughan's
Life of Unusual Service
Ends in Her 95th Year

Dec. 23, 1931
Mrs. Mary Longfellow Vaughan, who died Saturday morning in the 95th year of her age, was a member of the old Longfellow family to which Henry W. Longfellow belonged. She was born in Maine in the old homestead of her ancestors, a daughter of Elizabeth Edwards, of the Jonathan Edwards family, and Stephen Perkins Longfellow. Her father fought in the war of 1812; her grandfather was a veteran of the American Revolution. Some of her brothers were soldiers in the Civil War, one of them, Dr. Longfellow, sacrificing his life in that struggle.

Indian Attacks Frequent

She belonged to a family of scholars. Her brothers were largely Bowdoin men. She herself was graduated from Bates College in 1860. Immediately thereafter she went to what is now known as Rochester, Minn., the Northwestern Baptist Seminary. The Longfellows of her branch were Baptists. There she taught the classics and modern languages. As she expressed it shortly before her death, "I taught Latin, Greek, French, German and a little Spanish." The Civil War was then impending; the frontier was unguarded; the warlike Sioux and other Indians made life a burden. Every room was nightly barricaded, and one entire night teachers and scholars passed in the friendly shelter of a cornfield.

Taught in Pike Seminary

As circumstances grew too dangerous, she came back East and for years taught in the Pike Seminary, then a well known school. There she met and married Richard Fairfax Vaughan, a Virginian by birth a near relative of the distinguished Massey family, a resident of Rochester, having large business interests in Rochester and Wyoming County. Her married life was passed in Rochester. Her home was in the Lake Avenue neighborhood. She was a constituent member of the Lake Avenue Baptist Church, active with the Barretts in laying the foundation of that church. She was the first superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school. Her devotion was so great she never withdrew from the church, consequently she was at her death probably one of its oldest charter members.

Fall Precipitates End

Four weeks ago she came for the Summer with her daughter's family, with whom she had made her home these last years, to the family farm at Brown Hill," as she had done before. She endured the long, hard automobile ride quite well, reaching here on June 21. The following morning she had an unfortunate fall, and from its cumulative effects she never recovered. She made a valiant fight for life, aided by a rugged constitution. She had never known sickness in all her long life. A woman of rugged character, strong mentality and invincible spirit, she was strong to the end.

A private funeral was conducted at the home Monday morning, and interment was made in the Vaughan lot in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Vaughan is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Leland Brown Dow, and two grandchildren, Leland B. Dow Jr. and Vaughan Dow, all of Memphis, Tenn.

Leader in Social Work



DR. MARY E. DICKINSON

R.P. Rochester WOMAN DOCTOR DEAN GUEST AT NURSES' DINNER

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Dr. Mary E. Dickinson Was
Graduated in First City
Hospital Class in 1883

Dr. Mary E. Dickinson, dean of Rochester woman physicians, was the guest of honor at the dinner given at the Century Club by the Alumnae Association of the Rochester General Hospital for the 1931 graduating class. Dr. Dickinson was graduated from the Rochester General Hospital Training School for Nurses in the class of 1883—the first class graduated by the institution. There were only four members of the class, and she is the only survivor.

Practiced Since 1889

Soon after her graduation, Dr. Dickinson entered the Buffalo Medical College, and was graduated in 1890. She took a year's post graduate course at the Post Graduate Hospital in New York City, and joined the staff of the Jackson Health Resort at Dansville, where she was house surgeon for eight years. In 1889 she returned to Rochester, where she has since practiced.

Dr. Dickinson tells many interesting things about the old City Hospital, now the General Hospital, and of the methods of treatment, etc. When she was in the training school there, the doctors on the staff were Dr. Edward Mott Moore, Sr.; Dr. William S. Ely, Dr. Little, and Dr. Langworthy.

Dr. Dickinson has always been interested in social service work, and she served for twenty years on the board of directors of the Community Home for Giris, formerly the Door of Hope, of whose board of admission she was for many years chairman.

Dr. Dickinson was presented a great bouquet of roses and gypsophila by the president of the class of 1931.

MRS. E. CLAYTON SMITH

(Woman's important part in the development of the city is shown in a series of interviews and articles appearing in the Rochester Journal. Herewith is the tenth of the series, a modestly told story, which reveals only by inference the devotion which Rochester women have given their self imposed tasks for betterment of the city.)

By BERTHA KANNEWISHER

"An oak that from a little acorn grew," is what Mrs. E. Clayton Smith, director, calls the antique department of the Women's Exchange in the home of Irondequoit Chapter, D. A. R., in Livingston Park.

The collection happens to be one made up of cherry, mahogany and maple pieces to grace Rochester's finest homes. It is Mrs. Smith who has carefully watered and cultivated the curious acorn seedling.

She has been an inseparable part of this project of Irondequoit Chapter for more than twenty years and an expert consulted frequently by both consigners and collectors of antiques.

Mrs. Smith's lineage is as purely American as the Duncan Pfye tables and Currier and Ives prints that are in her collection. Robert Graham, one of those who responded to the "Lexington alarm," in '76 was her great-grandfather.

We took the rounds of the little three-room shop in the basement of the exchange, looked longingly at a few drop-leaf tables and chests of drawers and heard of her confidence that people will always demand antique furniture for "home-like homes." Mrs. Smith said:

"Don't let the experts tell you the market for antiques is on the wane."

"I am sure that ten or twenty years from now there still will be people looking for an age-mellowed portrait that may be used as an 'adopted ancestor.' The gracefully fashioned pieces by Sheraton, Hepplewhite, the Adams brothers and Chippendale will always be in good taste."

VALUABLE SERVICE

"My work in the D. A. R. Exchange is fascinating because I love the lines and curves and the beautifully grained woods the early furniture makers incorporated in their pieces.

"Its more important aspect is that it provides a market place for those whose homes have dwindled from mansions to small apartments, with no room for family heirlooms.

"Our exchange provides a valuable service to the aged and sick and those living in out-of-the-way places, by offering their handmade products for sale. It also offers for sale some valuable articles for which our members no longer have use. Every person who contributes items realizes a small portion of the profit will go toward upkeep of our Chapter House and maintenance of the shop.

"Probably no other shop in the city operates with so small margin of profit. After looking over dealer's prices in Boston and other centers where antiques are a specialty I am convinced our prices are favorably low.

MANY REPRESENTED

"A remarkable fact is that so many consigners are represented in the antique shop. On the top of one table or chest of drawers you will find perhaps twenty-five pieces—each of them forwarded by a different individual.

"We deal in every kind of antique—many hand woven coverlets, some of them tremendously valuable, have been sold by us. Hand sewn patch quilts, glass and china from the cupboards of our great-great grandmothers, hair and wool flowers, Godet prints, Currier and Ives prints and family portraits come our way.

"I have watched this department grow from a collection of two or three old tables to one of the finest shops in this section of the state.

"While articles are not moving as fast now as at some time in its history, I am sure, once business picks up, the antique market will boom with it."

D. A. R. Antique Shop Tribute to Woman

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R.V.F. Rochester Victorian Federation Nursery School Head Tireless Worker

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MRS. WALTER V. WHITMORE

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North End, Boston, was the training school of Mrs. Walter V. Whitmore, chairman of the board of directors of Friendship Day Nursery School.

When she moved to Rochester several years ago she saw in the Friendship School an ideal place for continuing her volunteer service in behalf of needy children. Much of the credit for the success of the school Mrs. Whitmore gives to its head, Miss Harriet Jones, but her friends know her as a tireless worker in its behalf.

Mrs. Whitmore is prominent in women's missionary work of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York. She is active in the Women's Exchange of Irondequoit Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and is a member of Highland Hospital's advisory board.

By

Alice Foster Shattuckmore

A neighborhood nursery school dependant on donations may sound somewhat impractical in a day of budgets and long-time planning.

That is the way we who comprise the Board of Directors of the Friendship Nursery School would feel about it, too, if we hadn't watched our school grow and thrive on gifts.

It is three years old now, this school that is centered around the inspiring leadership of one individual and gathers children from the streets to give them expert training in their pre-school years.

QUARTERS OUTGROWN

Memorial Presbyterian Church in Hudson Avenue, which so generously opened its doors to Miss Harriet Jones, the woman who conceived the idea of this unique school, now houses an average of thirty-five children a day—children whose mothers work and whose tiny footsteps naturally would have turned to the gutter as their playground.

Without Miss Jones, no matter how generous were donations, the school probably would not be in existence today. With her, it is exciting and inspiring to have a part in its direction.

In three years, Friendship School has outgrown its quarters. We are looking forward to big things for it this Fall. A private house, attractively furnished, our own grounds, all of the conveniences of a model nursery—that is our ideal, and we plan to do it on donations.

CHILDREN WELL TRAINED

Children, we have found, don't need to come from fine homes to take naturally to training in courtesy, neatness, handcraft, the arts and the fundamentals of good character.

Miss Jones' pupils will stand up favorably in comparison with pupils of any exclusive private nursery school—and that is said not in the spirit of boasting, but in tribute to her.

Her influence extends to the home of the children. Mothers and fathers come to her with their problems. She helps them with their disciplining, gives nursing care when it is needed. The school specializes in habit formation, character building and education for peace, besides performing a much needed social service.

We members of Friendship School's board of directors have

seen amazing things accomplished by Miss Jones and her staff of two paid assistants and one volunteer. Her methods are typically her own, resulting from a natural aptitude with children. They have as a background sound English and American training and long experience as a kindergarten teacher in the schools of Rochester.

In September, Rotary Sunshine Camp will again open its doors to Friendship children for a two-month period. That invitation, which gives our children two months in Spring and two in Fall at this wonderful camp on Lake Ontario, is one of the many good turns done them by a Rochester organization.

Junior Workers, Chatterbox Club members, the Kiwanis Club with its Joy Car, are volunteers who provide daily transportation to and from the camp. Daily luncheons are prepared by individuals representing many clubs and societies.

BUDGET INCREASE NEEDED

The school last year required a \$4,500 budget, exclusive of gifts of food, toys and furnishings. That budget will have to be greatly increased next year, if it is to have its own home.

People get so much pleasure out of supporting the school by their contributions of food, money, toys and holiday treats, we know they would be deprived of something vital, if it were placed in the hands of an organization responsible for its yearly budget.

Friendship Nursery School will continue to be run merely by issuing a general invitation to all denominations, to Sunday schools, clubs and individuals to support it.

VISITORS WELCOMED

Friendship School doors stand wide open. We want the public to drop in and see it function and we like to have guests for luncheon if they will let us know a few hours ahead.

Men's as well as women's groups are invited to adopt a child for a year, taking responsibility of paying for his or her lunches and upkeep in school. Transportation, laundry supplies, entertainment, are needed all through the year and support must be consistent, if the school is to go on.

Funeral of Mrs. Hill
This Afternoon; Came
of Pioneer Ancestry
Dec. 25, 1930



MRS. JENNIE A. HILL

Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie A. Hill, 86, widow of John G. Hill and a third cousin of Daniel Boone, Kentucky pioneer, will be conducted this afternoon at 3 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martha H. Alexander, 115 Lansdale Street. Burial will be made in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Hill was born in Alton, Ill., in a frame house on the banks of the Mississippi River. One of her earliest memories was meeting President Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas when they were campaigning near her home. She was married to Mr. Hill in 1844 and for many years the couple lived in St. Louis. In 1906 they came to Rochester to live with their daughter. They celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary here three years ago, shortly before Mr. Hill's death.

She also leaves another daughter, Mrs. Joseph J. Alexander of Philadelphia; a son, William F. Hill of Toronto, Ont., eight grandchildren and four great-grandchil-

Their 176 Years Lie Lightly

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Birthday Party Unites Two Old Friends

R.J. May 21, 1931



MRS. M. ALTHEIMER

MRS. SARAH FALTER

88TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Mrs. Sarah Falter, an old time resident of Rochester, stirred up her own birthday cake in the apartment of her hotel in Chicago, topped it with luscious frosting and then sat down to chat over old times on her eighty-eighth anniversary, with her lifelong friend, Mrs. Mathilda Altheimer.

It's a joint celebration for these two white haired pals, Mrs. Falter's birthday falling Sunday March 22, and Mrs. Altheimer claiming Friday as her anniversary. They are the same age and so have a party together each year.

Mrs. Falter counts among her outstanding memories, the time when she met Abraham Lincoln in Rochester in 1861, while he was campaigning for the presidency.

Mrs. Altheimer is active in literary work. One of her outstanding contributions to letters is a translation into English of "The Bells" by Schiller.

FRANCE NAMES MRS. STRONG

TO LEGION

R.J. Sept. 16, 1930

A knight of the Legion of Honor is the title France has conferred upon Mrs. Henry Alvah Strong, formerly of Rochester.

Word of this second tribute to her efforts in behalf of face-mutilated veterans of France has just reached Mrs. Strong at the home of Mrs. Augustus H. Strong of Sibley Place where she is visiting.

Three years ago Mrs. Strong received the medal of the Renaissance Francaise, awarded for important humanitarian contributions.

Mrs. H. A. Strong

As a thanks offering for the safe return from war of her son, L. Corrin Strong, and moved by the story of the "Legion of the Forgotten" who came out of the war with faces disfigured beyond recognition so that they shunned human contacts, Mrs. Strong presented a sixteenth century chateau at Moussey-le-Vieux to serve as a refuge for these unfortunates.



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Sorts North Chili's Mail



Mrs. Addie Worbois is the new postmaster of North Chili and the first woman postmaster in its 109 years of existence. She took over her duties yesterday, succeeding the Rev. C. W. Thurber, who resigned in the Fall after serving 12 years. Mrs. Worbois rated highest among candidates who took civil service examinations for the job in January.

DEATH CLOSES CAREER WITH E. K. COMPANY

→ C. Jan. 6, 1931
Operation Proves Fatal to Miss M. F. McIntyre, Who Joined Kodak in 1890

Miss Mary F. McIntyre of 149 Dartmouth Street died yesterday at the Highland Hospital. Her death closed a career of more than 40 years in the service of the Eastman Kodak Company, at the end of which she was at the head of the company's distribution department in the State Street office.

Miss McIntyre underwent an operation three days after Christmas. Until last Saturday her recovery seemed to be progressing well; but then came a relapse from which she did not rally.

Born in Albany, Miss McIntyre entered the employ of the Eastman Company in 1890 as secretary to her father, Thomas A. McIntyre. Subsequently she was put in charge of mail and orders and of the stenographic force. Still later she assumed the task of planning production in relation to orders. She was intimately connected with the company's affairs during its formative period and was closely acquainted with its personnel.

From the time when motion picture film became a factor in the Kodak Company's business, Miss McIntyre was in charge of orders for that commodity. The distribution department, which she headed during the last years of her life, is concerned with the distribution of goods to the various foreign and domestic branches of the company.

In recent years Miss McIntyre has lived at 149 Dartmouth Street with three sisters and a brother, Mrs. Louis M. Antisdale, the Misses Frances H. McIntyre and Augusta E. McIntyre, and Thomas A. McIntyre. Formerly they lived at Ravine Avenue and Lake Avenue. Her other surviving sister and brother are Sister Rosalita of the Order of the Good Shepherd, Peekskill, and John T. McIntyre of 110 Melrose Street.

The funeral will be conducted at the Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday morning at 9:00.

Organizing Girls' Clubs Is This Teacher's Hobby

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MISS HELEN F. PETTENGILL

Unknown and unsung, the teaching profession goes its way day and day out, contributing a larger share to upbuilding of modern civilization than any other single profession or business, yet seldom noticed by a public that has come to take its education for granted. Many a man and woman now an outstanding figure in the community, perhaps in the state and nation, owes more than he or she can ever repay to a humble, self-sacrificing pedagogue. Here, then, is the thirty-first in a series of articles on Rochester teachers, and the famous or near famous men and women they have taught.

"A game for every girl, and every girl in a game."

That's the pet slogan of Miss Helen F. Pettengill, supervisor of girls' activities in public elementary, junior and senior high schools. For the past fifteen years, she's been doing her bit to make it a maxim of thousands of public school girls.

Though Miss Pettengill supervises health education covering a varied program of athletics, games, marching tactics, stunts, tumbling, rhythm and dancing through a large staff of trained teachers, organization of Girls' Clubs in seventy local schools is her favorite hobby.

These clubs, open to fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade and junior and senior high school students, are conducted with strict attention to parliamentary procedure, when business meetings are held.

Members meet once each week after school is dismissed. A president, elected by members, assumes the role of presiding officer and appoints her committees to aid in her work.

Objectives of such groups are to develop initiative, judgment and self confidence in pupils, according to Miss Pettengill. They also help develop consciousness of the value of good sportsmanship among pupils and train for correct social behavior.

In commenting on the value of training derived from such clubs, Miss Pettengill said:

"Girls' Clubs are the greatest socializing influence in a gymnastic program and are extremely important in the life of a child and a great asset in making future leaders."

In junior and senior high schools, pupils may choose from a list of activities such as swimming, field hockey, soccer, baseball, tap dancing, golf, horseback riding, tennis and basketball. Each night after school, students indulge in their favorite sports, under the tutelage of a trained teacher.

It is the aim of Miss Pettengill and her workers to interest students in some sport that will be carried through life.

An interesting feature of the clubs and one that speaks for their popularity among pupils is the fact that as high as seventy per cent, of an entire school's enrollment participate in Girls' Clubs projects.

The stellar event of the year, climaxing the school term, is the annual field day, held usually in June at Cobb's Hill, when more than 1,500 girls participate in the various events.

When Miss Pettengill was appointed to her present position, following her graduation from the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics, now the Department of Hygiene, Wellesley College, there were health education teachers in but few of the city schools.

With the passing of a state law requiring health education instruction in 1918, additional members have been added to the department, which has as its director Herman J. Norton. Accompanists are also provided for the various schools, to act as a stimulant to the gymnasium classes.

Visits to the various schools, to see that the curriculum as revised in the new course is carried out, staff meetings and regulating schedules of the different schools are important parts of Miss Pettengill's work.

She is also state chairman of the woman's division of the National Amateur Athletic Association.

Tiny Tots' Teachers of City Fortunate in Supervisor

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MABEL E. SIMPSON

Sept. 1, 1921

Helen
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Kindergarten and elementary teachers in the Rochester public school system, and there are upwards of 1,000 of them, are fortunate in having as their chief, to consult and straighten out their problems, an experienced teacher, proficient supervisor and capable director.

In Miss Mabel E. Simpson, director of kindergarten and elementary grades, there is the embodiment of these three qualities. She has the teachers' viewpoint and by her versatility, gained from years of actual teaching experience and principalships, is able to cope with emergencies presented by more than 33,000 children in Rochester's fifty-two elementary schools.

Appointed to her present post, the highest and most remunerative held by a woman under the Board of Education, in 1919, Miss Simpson has engineered many constructive changes in her department and has been directly responsible in revising the curriculum for kindergarten and elementary grades, one of her major duties for the last four years.

KNOWS HER TEACHERS

Rochester, in 1926 set about with more than 300 full and part time workers, including teachers, principals, directors and supervisors to revise its curriculum. Over the four-year period, Miss Simpson has held an innumerable number of meetings with her workers.

Miss Simpson, herself, a product of the public school system as a teacher and supervisor, is ever ready to listen to the suggestions of her workers. Affable and blessed with a gracious manner, she considers it one of her prime duties

to know personally teachers under her jurisdiction.

Since school opened September 2, Miss Simpson has been busy practically every morning and afternoon, conferring with new members of public school faculties.

GIVES COURSES HERSELF

Although not a native Rochesterian, she has been associated with educational activities here since receiving her Master's degree at Columbia University, where she majored in supervision. She received her earlier training at the University of Rochester.

Besides teaching at No. 18 and Washington Junior High School, Miss Simpson was also principal of School No. 29. She has given lectures throughout the country on educational work and this summer gave two theory courses in curriculum at the University of Rochester, where she also supervised the laboratory school at No. 31, with 200 teachers from twelve states enrolled.

In addition, she has been past president of the National Council of Supervisors and Directors; past president Central Western District of New York Teachers' Association; executive member of State Teachers' Association, and a member of the finance committee of the State Teachers' Association.

Telegraph Woman Employe Oldest in Service Here

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R.A.T. Dec. 5, 1930



CATHERINE MORIARTY

This is the forty-first of a series of articles devoted to the loyal men and women who have given long years of service to a single business. They have seen tiny shops expand to giant companies and many of them have enjoyed the friendship of the founders.

Meet "Mother Western Union," oldest and best loved of Western Union employees in Rochester.

This introduces Miss Catherine Moriarty, No. 40 Penhurst Street, who joined the telegraph company in April, 1891, as a Morse operator and an expert in her line.

Forty years ago, a pretty young Victor girl decided on a career, instead of marriage. She sought G. K. Wood, well known tutor of Pittsford, and took up study of the Morse code. After she had learned it by heart and became proficient in it, she applied to George D. Butler, manager of the local office of the Western Union. Mr. Butler, who has since died, promptly engaged her.

Thus was launched the career which has kept Miss Moriarty out of the range of Cupid's arrows for all these years. This is how she feels about it:

"I'm wedded to the Western Union. It is my groom—and the best organization in the world."

During nearly forty years as operator or in charge of a branch office, Miss Moriarty has sent out millions of telegrams. It has been

interesting work, she proclaims with pride, and many of the messages which have passed through her hands have come from famous men and women.

Not only has she met Newcomb Carlton, Western Union's president, but such notables as former Gov. Alfred E. Smith, President Harding, Gov. Roosevelt, Commander Byrd and many others.

She was in charge of the State Street office for twenty-five years, and eleven years at the New York Central station, before coming to the office at the Public Market. She doesn't plan to retire, although she is eligible, and as for getting married—not Miss Moriarty!

Miss Moriarty is the first woman whose story has been printed in this column.



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