



Gratia A. Countryman and Family Papers.

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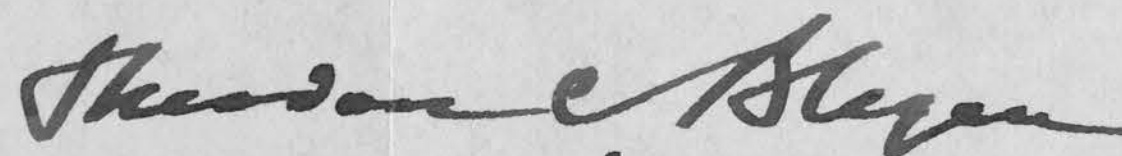
Miss Gratia A. Countryman
3243 France Avenue N.
Robbinsdale, Minnesota

My dear Miss Countryman:

This is to notify you that at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society on January 16 you were re-elected a member of the Executive Council of this Society for the triennium 1939-42. I sincerely hope that you will accept this re-election.

A full report of the annual meeting will appear in the next number of our quarterly.

Sincerely yours,



Superintendent

TCB/F

CLASS OF '89
1889 -- 1939

GOLDEN JUBILEE
Friday, June 16, 1939

Fargo, No. Dak.
January 12, 1939

Dear '89ers:

Notice is hereby given that no excuses or regrets will be accepted for Friday June 16, 1939, and that January 12th is my natal day. There is a suspicion that some of the rest of you are about my age but we'll let that pass.

First, will Gratia Countryman, Jessie McMillan Marcley, Rebecca Baker Moffett, Hermoine Koenig and Arthur E. Giddings please accept the responsibility of our Class reunion, June 16th. Whether this is to be a luncheon at noon or simply a get-together at the University prior to the Alumni Dinner, is up to them. In any event we want some time to be together simply as '89ers.

Second, since last report we have had several communications of interest, one from Col. C. S. Coe, now Executive Director of Miami, Florida, Housing Authority, Room 306, Dade County Court House. He has been City Manager at Miami but is now in charge of this Project.

Col. Wm. B. LaDue reports that he and Mrs. LaDue have taken a house in Charleston, South Carolina, 67 So. Battery, and will remain there for some little time.

Recently we had a letter from Charles H. Alden who was with '89 during our early University years and now for many years an architect with offices at 6153 Arcade Bldg., Seattle. He hopes to come to Minneapolis for our Golden Jubilee.

Walter R. Brown is planning to come in June. He and Mrs. Brown spent some time in Minneapolis last fall. It would appear that Walter's health is better than when we saw him in Los Angeles last spring.

It is our plan to communicate with as many of our classmates of our earlier University years as are living and we can reach. If any of you have addresses, will you not send them to us.

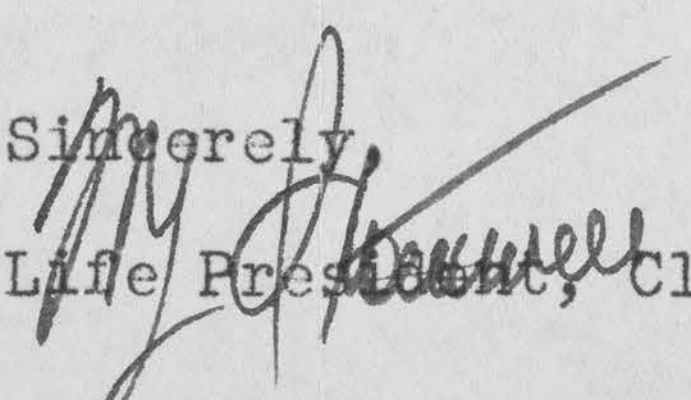
The election of Dr. Guy Stanton Ford to succeed President Coffman was a wise move and brings for a short time to the Presidency a man of scholarship, fine training and experience, and he knows something of '89's work through our Memorial Prize in History. In the December 31 issue of School and Society there is a very fine interpretation of President Coffman by Dr. Ernest H. Lindley, Chancellor of the University of Kansas.

The next six months are going to be exceedingly busy here. Besides the Class' Fifty-year celebration, two of our North Dakota Masonic Grand Bodies complete fifty years also. North Dakota, too, will observe fifty years of Statehood.

To every one who receives this communication we would say: Put down Friday, June 16, 1939, and decide now to be in Minneapolis. It's now or maybe never.

With warmest personal greetings,

Sincerely,


Life President, Class of '89

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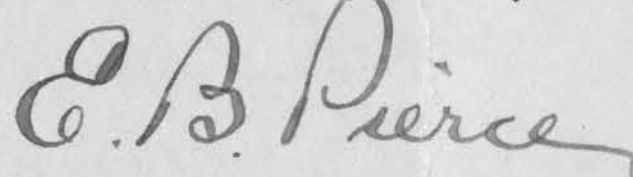
Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Robbinsdale, Minnesota

Dear Miss Countryman:

In compliance with action taken at the joint meeting of the Greater University Corporation and the Minnesota Union Campaign Executive Committee, President George K. Belden has appointed you as a member of a Committee on Union Building Plans. Mr. Henry C. Mackall has been named Chairman of this committee. The memorandum list of the complete personnel of the committee is herewith attached.

I am sure that Chairman Mackall will desire to have a meeting of this committee at an early date and you will receive notice thereof.

Sincerely yours,



E. B. Pierce, Secretary

EBP:LV

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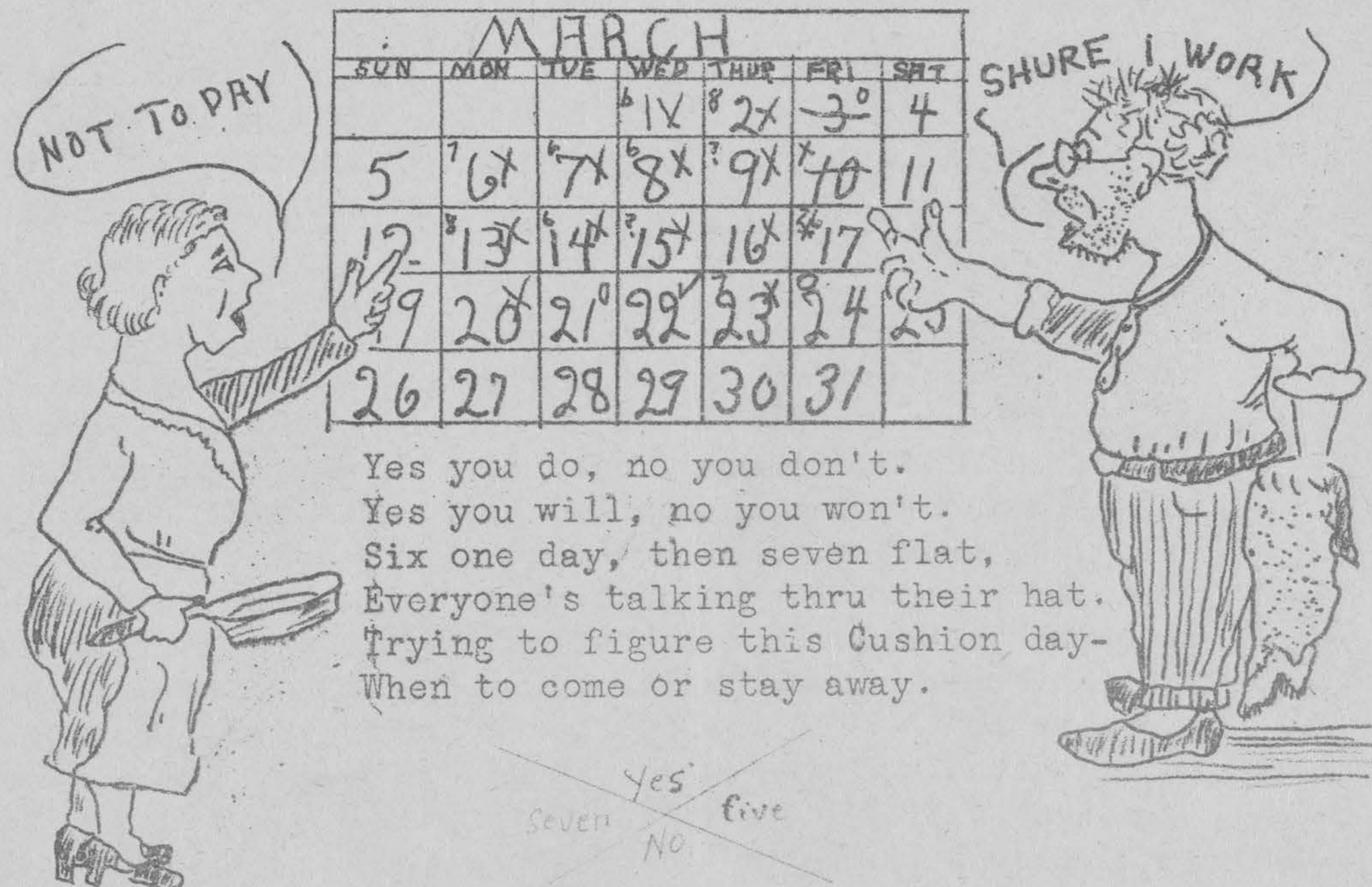
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CUSHION DAY BOUNCES

A new ruling from the WPA office requires that we work straight through each pay period until our time is in. Then we have the remainder of the period for "cushion" days. That is, the cushion days fall at the end of the period rather than on Fridays as hitherto. The ruling has been made to benefit the finance department.

Its emmediate effect is to require us to work five days this week but to give us Friday of next week and the following Monday for cushion days. That is, we will have Friday through Monday, March 17-20, off.

During the next pay period we will have nine days off, that is, all of Holy Week, April 1 through 9. As before, there will be one seven hour day at the beginning of each period, followed by eight six hour days, to make the total of 55 hours.

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A WORD TO THE WISE

Miss Countryman appealed to the indexer's group Monday afternoon, asking them to pause in their day's occupation and give serious thought to the cost of production, not the total cost, but of the slips for one pay period, then figure out his cost per slip for that period.

She stated that the production which she was so proud of a few weeks ago, has fallen off at an alarming rate. In her leniency, she said there were several legitimate reasons for some decrease, but that lack of application was the main factor undermining production and raising costs at an alarming rate.

Our project is the best project in the city, best for any reason you might name. Its permanency and use for posterity alone makes it not only one of the best projects financed by the WPA here, but the best. Working conditions are best, qualifications and eligibility highest, and the honor system is applied and used almost entirely. So why not keep the trust placed in us and show our appreciation by keeping the cost of production down. Let us keep our project the best in the city, by earnest, serious, studious application to work which is by no means monotonous nor boresome. By applying ourselves as we know we would have to to hold our positions in any other responsible clerical position in the city. Give a good day's work for a good day's pay. Come on you forty's, make eighty your goal, and you sixty's, one hundred and twenty your goal. It can be done.

---INDEXER

Mr. Carl Vitz, librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library, and Miss Marion Prest, office manager, visited the Indexing project on February 28. They were interested in our work and especially in the photography, which is the largest job of microfilming ever undertaken in Minnesota. They were also impressed with the organization of the work, its smooth running, and the high type of personnel working on the project.

The complete work schedule from now until May 20 has been posted in the indexer's room. Plan your spring housecleaning or fishing trips accordingly. But, knowing the changeability of the forces above us, make all plans tentative, not final.

A new class of more than twenty indexers are under the very capable tutelage of Bob Elftman this week. They will probably be moving downstairs among the more seasoned slip writers Tuesday.

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THE WORDSMITH'S FORGE

W E

P EOPLE

A CCLAIM

Our eccentric excursions into etymological enquiry and the effort to encompass an expressible exegesis of our esoteric essays, often exceeds our excogitative entity.

W hen

O ld

R egimes

K eep

S elf-sustaining

In our egregious effluence we endure our explanations with the excuse of entertainment and eschew any exhibition of ego. We merely use "apt alliterations artful aid" episodically and not to evince any enervating euphuisms. For our execution of these euphonic emanations we expect to expiate with exile, excoriations and excommunication, but we explain we never encumbered your epiglottis with our execrable examples, and entre nous you have our permission to consign them to the receptacle under your escritoire.

P eople

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S ocial

S enescence

MRS. DIONNE, TAKE NOTICE!

A mericans

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QUINTUPLETS

La Crosse, Wisconsin

St. Charles, (Mrs.) gives birth to five boys, bringing her total to 16 children in 7 years.

--MJ 1900 0 12 1/6

DAVID CITY, NEB. -- Marriage will flourish and become exceedingly popular in Nebraska else the marriage benefit organization recently organized in this city will end in everlasting oblivion. . . . Three hundred people have already taken out policies. Both sexes are allowed to join. The risk matures upon the marriage day and the amount of the policy is forthcoming before the happy couple starts on the bridal tour. Members pay \$1.50 a month for two years. Should they marry at the end of that time they can draw out \$200. . . . Marriage, non-payment of dues and death are the three methods of canceling policies. MJ 1902 Jy 7

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WHY INDEX OLD FILES

WHO.
WHAT.
WHEN.
WHERE.
WHY.



There are all kinds of people in this old world and to most of them, seeing is believing, or, what is written lives, what is remembered dies. Personally, there is scarcely a day that we don't meet a person, in high place or low, who doesn't want to know the five Ws of this project, who, where, what, when and why. Who's behind it? Where? What's it all about? When may we taxpayers benefit by it? What do we benefit? And why fool around with dried up old newspapers

full of happenings of forty or fifty years ago?

So, feeling that perhaps a lot of you co-workers have been bombarded with the same questions, we thought it might be a good idea to have Section One of the Milwaukee Manual quoted here so that you would have it available as a weapon of defense when those who are really interested cross-examine you:

PURPOSE -- The purpose of this work is to prepare an index of all local and state news, including editorials and local advertising, in the bound volumes of certain Minneapolis newspapers. The finished product will be a permanent index which will enable anyone to find an article immediately without conducting a page by page search for it.

IMPORTANCE -- The newspapers, aside being the bulkiest, the rarest and the most inaccessible, are the most impermanent of our library holdings. At the same time the record of our culture contained in these volumes is more complete and of greater value than any other single type of record.

In a letter of June 11, 1937, M. S. Dudgeon, librarian of the Milwaukee Public Library writes: "The bound newspaper files of this library are probably its most valuable source material . . . it is exceedingly destructible, and at the same time absolutely irreplaceable."

YOUR INDEXER wishes to thank you for the contributions you have turned in personally or via the box. They are or will be used. However, insatiable as we are, we still want more of the choice paragraphs from the Journals of yesteryear.

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SHOP TALK

While talking shop is all to the good and quite commendable, this week's big warning is: Do not take advice except from the foremen, card posted on the bulletin board and from official announcements. Or, to state this rule the other way around: Do not follow rumors. For instance, sometimes talk leaks out of the reviser's chambers that they are doing something in a little different way. That is their prerogative. The policies of the indexers and the revisers differ, and in order to produce better work, each group follows its own particular rules on some matters.

A number of OMIT rulings have been made recently. Here are some of them for your reference:

Omit everything in Journal Junior except essays, & short stories.

Do not take items about brief visitors in Minnesota unless the visitor comes here for a definite purpose, visits someone, or comments on a Minnesota topic. That is, don't index the item if the person merely passes through with perhaps only a fifteen minute stop between trains.

Perhaps you have noticed that the indexing pads are just 4x6 inches in size, and that they make a handy rule for gauging the column lengths of articles.

USE -- Among those who will find the index valuable will be those interested in business, social, industrial and labor trends. Business men will be able to follow various developments, including the history of concerns, and the increases and decreases in prices and values. The index will assist research workers in their evaluation of urban social trends.

Even the commonplace advertisements are of great historical value. John Martin Vincent, Professor Emeritus of European History at John Hopkins University, states: "Advertisements afford a mine of information respecting social customs and public affairs. Not only business methods and economic questions are displayed, but the habits and the moral conceptions of the people are brought into evidence."

Someone has suggested that we jot down a recipe or two in every issue of our paper. We know the ladies will be interested & even some of our masculine friends who find the art of cooking intriguing. So come on youse Indexers & give us your favorite recipe for the coming issue.

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A STITCH IN TIME ???

We believe in all sincerity that we have the most efficient and best supervised project in Minneapolis, or out of it. The caliber of our superiors is such as to leave very little cause for complaint of their supervision.

You were especially chosen for this work, for your background and promise of cooperation in completing a worthwhile job. It is not the most commendable thing for this group to abuse the privilege of leaving the room, almost at will, to talk to your neighboring indexer, and other advantages accorded us, or for the group to be unnecessarily noisy during working hours -- for members to be absent from the room longer than is necessary.

The INDEXER does not criticize or even admonish those who are forgetful in these matters, but we most emphatically call their attention to the manner in which some projects are handled - where workers are allowed three minutes absence from the room, and in some cases even have to sign a slip when leaving the room for this short space of time. Let's think more about this, friends, before matters reach a stage where gentlemanly tactics are supplanted by a more rigorous rule.

"Boarding a Concord stage I was soon in St. Anthony although all the passengers had to get out twice and help pry the stage out of the sloughs." MJ 1902 Ap 5 14/2

A Chinese laundry pictured in the Chicago News is run by Wun Punk Lung. MJ 1902 N 18 4/5

"The Panama canal is the biggest humbug of the age. I have no hesitation in saying that, in my opinion, there will never be a canal built there . . . The weeds grow in one end faster than they carry the dirt out of the other." -- J.D. Yeomans, ex-member of a syndicate to build a panama canal at a different location.
--MJ 1905 J1 6 1/2

"It is a misfortune for a woman never to be loved, but it is a humiliation to be loved no more." -- Montesquieu.

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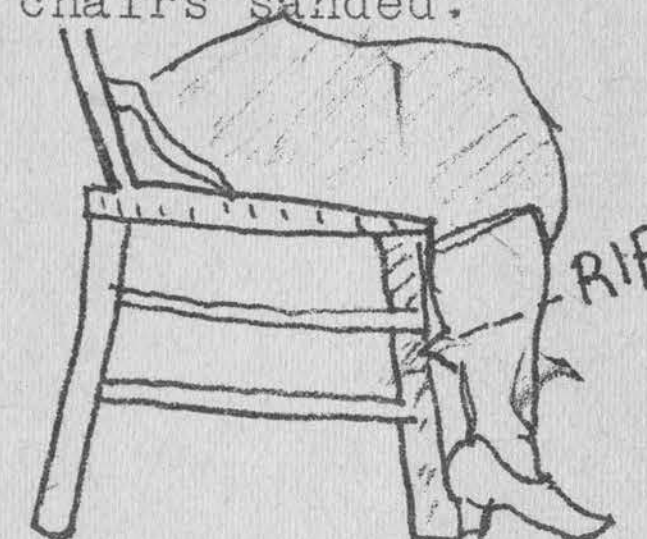
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CHAFF AND CHATTER

Mr. Nielsen has issued orders to have the chairs sanded. This will reduce the stocking bill for some.

SEMPLE, (MRS)
Minnetonka
"entertained at a mouse party over Saturday and Sunday."

MJ 1905 J1 8 5/3



The case of the missing shoes was a knotty problem Friday. Toe bad! Some heel should have been laced until at last his tongue hung out and his sole was polished.

The boys coming out of the recreation room are not under the influence of spirits fermenti --- it is just the undulating floor that makes them walk that way.

We sometimes say er you dite
To see friends brows reach that height
But, the guy we almost hate
Is he who says ill you strate!

A WPA HOLIDAY

Jasper --- How did you enjoy your holiday?
Casper --- Fine! I got a chance to do an awful lot of work.

Grand Meadow, Minn., May 21 -- Michael Montague was buried in the Catholic cemetery here yesterday. He was 83 years of age, and had been a great sufferer from rheumatism. The crops are looking fine. MJ My 21, 1901.

TOURIST (from Europe) -- I should think you Americans would observe your Fourth of July as a thanksgiving day instead of devoting it to bursting of bombs, cannon crackers and other dangerous explosives.

NATIVE AMERICAN -- Oh, but we always have a Thanksgiving day later on.

TOURIST -- I see. To give thanks that so many of you have survived your terrible Fourth. MJ 1902 Ag 7 8/7

The report flies about that there are large golden colored ants with wings that live along the window sill in a certain wash room. They like a place on earth too.

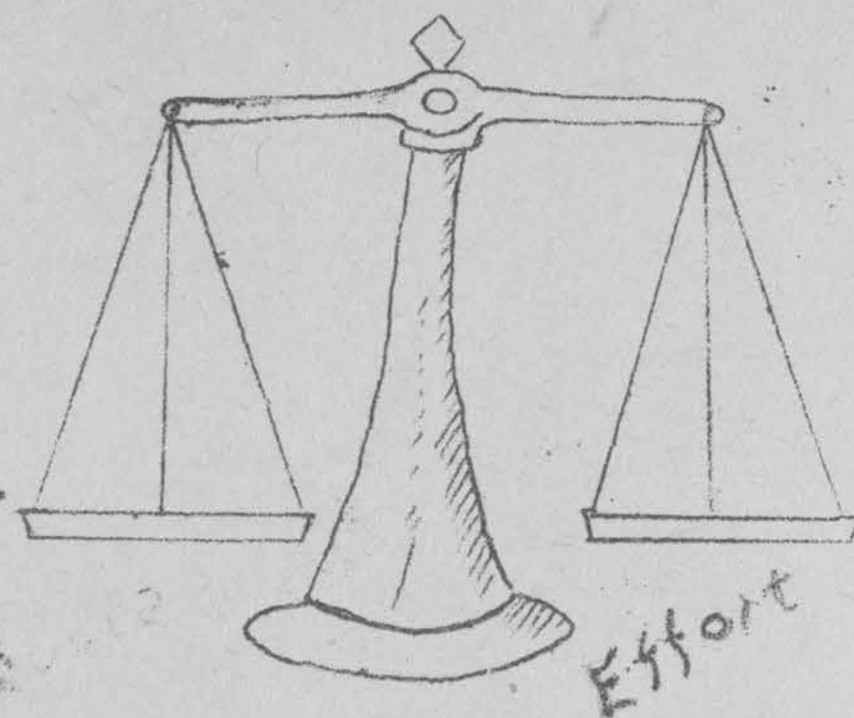
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MISS COUNTRYMAN'S COLUMN

Among the many small changes made in the rules which were dictated to the indexers, there is still another. We will hereafter omit all names of those who have been granted U. S. pensions. We find that the library has an alphabetical list of all pensions granted by the U. S., and they would naturally look in this government list rather than our index.



The cost of production has been spoken of in two other articles in this number. It was not such a vital matter in the first six months while we were organizing and learning. It is going to be a very vital matter from now on, as we report progress, and file our requests, April 1, for further sponsor's funds. The average individual output for at least one third of our indexers is quite low, making their cost of production very high per slip. That brings up the average total cost very materially.

Our goal was to index a year per month, which would complete the indexing of 1900-1937 in 37 months, or $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. I would like to do much better than that, in order that we may be able to go back to the beginning in 1878. It means indexing 365 issues a month just to complete our first goal. We did 200 issues in January, 333 in February, and in March, with increased output, we will reach our original goal. What we lost in the first months will have to be made up and output considerably increased to cover the earlier years from 1878-1900, which is necessary as an index to the whole file, all of which is being microfilmed.

Geo. A. Crone, after a thorough apprenticeship among the entry writers, has moved into a reviser's pew. He is discovering that that is a job.

WHIPPLE, SAMUEL, Prairie Island

ROCK, JOSEPHINE, Prairie Island

-married at Red Wing; both Indians; bride walked ten miles to ceremony.

MJ 1904 Ja 8 20/2

Comment: She got her man at Red Wing.

Subscribe Now!!!!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

This is the tenth issue of the INDEXER, the house organ of the W.P.A. Newspaper Indexing Project #6681.

The INDEXER, originally begun by the Indexers' club, has been supported in part by the group, but mainly by the project Supervisor, Gratia A. Countryman as to the furnishing of plates, paper, ink, carbon, and other materials including the use of the machine. The paper, believed to be first W.P.A. house organ ever published, has (believe it or not) received widespread acclaim from Library heads, W.P.A. City and State officials, and outsiders.

It is now evident that because of the cost of plates used in the production of the paper, our Supervisor can no longer bear the entire financial burden. While Miss Countryman has graciously offered to continue to furnish paper and the use of the project duplicator to publish our paper, she cannot furnish the plates or carbon and other essentials.

The plates used cost \$.28 apiece and an issue such as this requires four plates, that is a cost of \$1.12 to which must be added about 30¢ for ink and other supplies. We can safely say that the cost is approximately \$1.50 per issue. This cost is the same whether we print 25 papers or 250 papers.

Now then, if we were to charge one penny per issue we must hope that 150 project employees will buy the paper, whereas if we charge 5¢ (one nickel) per month and publish two issues each month to those who pay their 5¢ in advance, we can use whatever balance accrues to put out extra features from time to time.

The staff must have your cooperation and YOU will make the decision. If there are enough of you who want the paper we will put it out on the first and third Tuesday of each month. IF THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH SUBSCRIPTIONS THERE CAN BE NO MORE "I N D E X E R." Extra copies can be bought at 5¢ per issue but subscriptions will guarantee the publication at two issues for five cents. We can not rely on selling enough after it's published to pay for it.

Below is a subscription form for your convenience. If you wish the INDEXER to continue please fill it out and deposit it in the box by the bulletin board with your recommendations on how we can improve YOUR paper. Remember, NO SUBSCRIPTIONS - NO INDEXER.

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish the INDEXER to continue. I will subscribe for _____ issues at 5¢ per month, paper to be issued on the first and third Tuesday of each month. You can collect my subscription _____ 1939.

I recommend the following changes:

Signed _____

[1939]

Mr.

please print name

accepts
cannot accept } *the invitation to attend*

The Official Opening
of the

New York World's Fair 1939
on Sunday, the thirtieth of April
at two o'clock
and requests that ticket be sent to

please print address

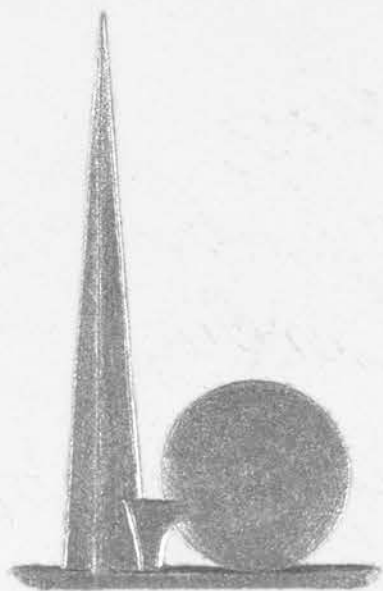
Admission ticket will be forwarded only to invited guests

The Chief of Ceremonials

New York World's Fair 1939

World's Fair

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New York World's Fair 1939
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Nineteen hundred and thirty-nine
at two o'clock*

*Please send reply to
The Chief of Ceremonials
World's Fair
New York*

10 West Elm Street
Chicago, Illinois
May 11, 1939

Dear Miss Cowdreyman,
Your letter
just reached me today,
having gone to the ac-
counting Department and
Mr. Milner first because

illness and sorrow since you re-
tired. The farm and the W.P.A.
work must have helped a
great deal to keep life in
balance. I find when life
is quite difficult, some good
hard jobs of one kind or
another relieve the situation
enormously. And the out-of-doors
gives infinite refreshment, doesn't
it.

I am glad to know your
son is married and do hope
he will be very happy. My
dear daughter is married too
and I am a grandmother. I
hope for many be one some day
too. My small grand daughter
is paying us her first visit
this week end, so you can imagine

on your generous check,
and I am answering at
once to let you know how
welcome it was. You will
never know what a warm
place you have in my
heart. There never has been
another a.h.a. president
like you and so far as
I am concerned there
never will be!

I am distressed that
you have had so much

can anticipation. I have
seen her once and we
were excellent friends -
mother still has to have
that pleasure.

There is just a chance
that I shall see you
this summer if you
are not too far from
Minneapolis - mother and
I hope to come back
from San Francisco by the

Canadian Rockies and
plan to spend one day
in Minneapolis and one
in St. Paul. If our plans
materialize, we hope you
can come in for lunch
or dinner with us if the
trip is not inconvenient.
Do not think about this
unless you hear from me
again as I am quite
uncertain what day I
can arrive but I will

certainly let you know if there
is a chance of seeing you.

many good wishes to you
and your friend and the hope
that you will both have a
happy summer. I do hope
~~that~~ either in Minneapolis or
Chicago I may see you before
long.

Always affectionately,

Beatrice Sawyer Rosell

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May 24, 1939

Miss Gratia Countryman
3243 France Avenue North
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss. Countryman:

Our West High commencement program, the evening of June 7, is to pay tribute to men and women who have honored Minnesota by their service to humanity. Beverly Myers will pay special tribute to you in her speech.

We should especially enjoy your being one of the guests of honor.

May we hear soon whether or not you will be with us. We shall provide transportation if you so desire.

Yours truly,

Ruth Moan



Secretary of the
Commencement
Committee of the
June Class of 1939

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Dear Miss Countryman:

It is my privilege and pleasure to hand you herewith the Certificate of Merit in Genealogy awarded to you for 1939, by The Institute of American Genealogy for "Original Research and Meritorious Contribution...."

We believe as a matter of simple justice that those, such as yourself, who have contributed something to this nation's genealogical archives deserve some form of public recognition, and, inadequate though this Certificate may be to express it, nevertheless it is a token of encouragement, and we trust you will accept it as such.

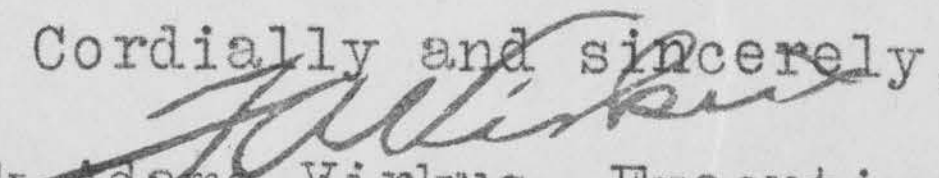
Two methods of selection for annual awards have been adopted. The first method is by grading the family records, manuscripts, and books received by The Institute during the course of a year, according to accuracy, detail, and usefulness. The second method is nomination by members of The Institute. It has been found in previous years that these two methods complement one another in a manner to readily determine awards for:

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- 2- Honorable Mention;
- 3- Certificate of Merit.

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Cordially and sincerely,


Frederick Adams Virkus, Executive Director
THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY

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*In Recognition of Original Research and a Meritorious Contribution
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*Awarded by The Institute of American Genealogy, the
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Chicago, Illinois, this 23^d day of May, 1939.*

[Signature] President
M. R. Ferris Secretary

*Delivered as a Commencement address at the West High School, Minneapolis
Jun 7-1939*

TRIBUTE TO GRATIA COUNTRYMAN AND MARIA SANFORD
AND
THE TEACHERS OF MINNESOTA

Beverly Meyers

By our program this evening we are endeavoring to pay tribute to groups of men and women who have honored Minnesota by rendering service to humanity. To our parents, our constant teachers, we extend our sincerest thanks for their diligence, love, and sacrifice; to our school teachers we want to express the realization we have of their patient and understanding devotion so faithfully rendered. To Mr. Schoonmaker, our beloved principal, we owe everything we have enjoyed these three short years, as he and West High are synonymous to us. All our pleasures derived here have been through his service and under his supervision. Parents, teachers, Mr. Schoonmaker, the memory of your service will bring us everlasting gratitude.

Our appreciation must extend, however, far beyond the limits of West High. The opportunities we enjoy, sometimes so thoughtlessly, have been reached only through the constant efforts of self-sacrificing men and women of our state. While Minnesota was only a territory, Harriet Bishop found her opportunity to serve by establishing the first school of this state in 1847. It is difficult for us to understand in the environment of our modern schools, the hardships she endured in that first school, actually no more than a one-room blacksmith shop, trying to impress upon the minds of a group of children a little of that which makes life so beautiful.

Miss Bishop's work has been supplemented and carried on by unselfish servers of humanity throughout the long years of

Minnesota's history. Mere instruction was not their purpose. They strove to develop in their pupils a love for the true ideals of life and true patriotism. Other types of teachers are found among our greatest humanitarians--those who teach correct social and health habits and make gifts of happiness and health to those broken in mind and body. Still another servant of the people is the one who makes his great contribution through the medium of books--the librarian, a teacher too, for he enlightens minds and hearts with books.

When we think of service through books, rendered by one of America's greatest institutions--the library, the name which first comes to the minds of Minnesotans is that of Gratia Countryman. 1889 was the beginning of a library service the influence of which has projected far beyond the bounds of bringing aid and happiness to a privileged few. Gratia Countryman dedicated forty-three years of her life to make that projection possible, for she believed that the opportunities found in an agency such as the public library could bring greater cultural advancement to the people than could be reached by any other means; therefore she refused to wait for the utterance of the need of books, but devised plans to arouse an interest in them and methods whereby suitable books could be taken to places where they were needed and would be utilized advantageously. Miss Countryman's deep, heart-felt sympathy and consideration for old people, the shut-ins, the underprivileged, with their deprivations, made her strive unselfishly to provide books which might lead them into more pleasant worlds. Her innate love of serving these needy fellow men was

responsible for the consummation of many of her dreams. Gradually appeared concrete structures, and library delivery trucks serving barren communities, countless hospitals, homes and factories. Miss Gratia Alta Countryman's generous, understanding heart, and her sacrificing service brought new life to many desperate souls and developed in the depth of their hearts a desire for the best things of life, making them true American citizens. Miss Countryman's given names, Gratia Alta, in Latin meaning "deep gratitude" are a very mild expression of the profound appreciation we have for her devoted humanitarian services.

While this woman strove to build character and citizenship through books, another valiantly struggled toward these aims with the aid of a brilliant mind, magnetic voice, and a sincere and unselfish goal. This woman, Maria Sanford, contributed her service to Minnesota in her capacity not only as a teacher of history and literature, at the University of Minnesota, but also as a lecturer, and greatest of all as an inspiration to all who came within the range of her personal influence. Her spiritual and intellectual force inspired thousands of her students and never failed to lift their hearts and thoughts to the greatest heights. Many were so inspired they immediately began an extensive study of the subject which she had made so vital to them in her own inimitable way. She seldom forgot in her lectures to ring forth the praises of truth--true desires--true aspirations--and true services, and every word she preached she sincerely believed and practiced. To make hers a true service, every effort of Maria Sanford was directed toward making those she taught great with never

a thought of her own glory. She derived her pleasures and glory from the realization that she was contributing to the happiness of others. Her greatest efforts were extended to those who needed them most--to the poor, the mal-adjusted, and the disinterested students, who soon became so permeated with the bright rays of her goodness and truth that they strove to make themselves worthy of her praise.

Any expression from our lips of our indebtedness to Maria Sanford for the service she so freely made of her life for the good of humanity would be only superfluous to the appreciation we feel deep in our hearts. Her beautiful and fruitful life ended at the age of eighty-three, just one day after she had addressed the National Convention of the D. A. R. with her apostrophe to the flag--her true valedictory and a true expression of her ideals of patriotic service.

These same ideals of sacrifice and devotion have guided the thousands of teachers who have honored Minnesota by their service.

Q.A.C. President

Martha G. Ripley M.D.





DR. MARTHA G. RIPLEY

MARTHA G. RIPLEY

THE potato rows stretched endlessly under the blazing sun. Her young back ached and her dust streaked face was blistered. But her determination never wavered.

The blue coated men of Grant's army needed sanitary supplies; needed nursing. She was too young to nurse, but she could do something to help. She could raise funds with which to buy medicine; she could dig potatoes.

"Not a penny," the irate farmer had replied to her plea yesterday, "but I will give you all the potatoes you can dig in a day."

"How many hours do you call a day?" a speculative look in her gray eyes.

"From sun-up to sun-down is the rule on this farm," and the man laughed.

"Very well," came the quiet reply, "I will be in your potato field at sunrise."

And now, in the red sunset, ninety dollars worth of potatoes lay at her feet. In her joy she forgot her own weariness; the farmer's incredulous resentment. She was serving a beloved cause.

Probably during all the long years of Martha Ripley's great life work, there was never a time when to her, the joy of service did not outweigh the cost of accomplishment. In her veins the brave, quick blood of her Pilgrim fathers strengthened her will and power to act and to persevere. The flame of pitiful compassion lighted in her heart as a child burned steadily higher to its zenith.

She was born on November 30, 1843 in Lowell, Vermont, and soon afterward her family moved to Northwest Territory. The rugged frontier background of her youth provided a fertile soil for sturdy growth. From her father's rough hewn stone house she watched the proud Sioux pad by to their new reservation near Fort Snelling; watched the shadowy figures of fugitive slaves slip from the darkened door-way into the deeper darkness of the forest.

Then the thunder of guns over Fort Sumpter called to her. The recruiting sergeant smiled at the eager slender girl and shook his head: she was too young to be a nurse. Swiftly she turned her energy and sympathy into other channels. She pledged herself to raise money for the United States Sanitary Commission; to the formation of a women's nursing service. Her voice was heard throughout Iowa, Wisconsin, and southern Minnesota calling to women to awake and act.

She longed to ease suffering; to mend broken bodies; she thirsted for medical knowledge. For women in the sixties there was but one

field of action open beside nursing: that was the restricted profession of teaching. Into this avenue she poured her young strength and ardor at the close of the war.

An outbreak of diphtheria scourged the countryside during her first term of teaching. Martha Ripley found herself caring for the bodies of her young pupils rather than training their minds. With the passing of the epidemic she began the serious study of medical science. She had found her life avocation.

And then with her marriage to William Warren Ripley in 1867 came a return to the east, to Massachusetts, where larger fields of action lay open to her. The burning crusade for the enfranchisement of women was under way. With Lucy Stone and other feminists of the day, she gave unsparingly of her time and talents to furthering the cause of woman's suffrage.

But always within her was the driving urge to become a physician. While her three children were still small, she entered the Boston University Medical School. She graduated in 1883 with full honors. Now at last the weapons of service lay in her capable hands.

The same year the setting of her life again changed. With her husband and children she left Massachusetts for the thriving, vigorous young city of Minneapolis. Here in the northwest the opportunity she sought waited for her. Here she entered the practice of medicine.

For six years she served as President of the Minnesota State Suffrage Association, initiating and carrying through much fine legislative work. She accepted a professorship of children's diseases in the Homeopathic Medical School, which later was incorporated as a part of the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. She was called to lecture on obstetrics and pediatrics in medical colleges in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Iowa. Her medical practice grew and grew until it was one of the largest in Minneapolis.

And always her door was open to those in distress. Particularly her heart reached out to women and children; to the destitute in the poorer section of the city; to expectant mothers lacking care during pregnancy and childbirth; to young girls facing the tragedy of unmarried motherhood.

Tirelessly Martha Ripley labored to lessen death in childbirth and to check infant mortality. With equal fervor she battled to raise the age of consent from ten to sixteen years; to break down the cruelly harsh condemnation of the unmarried mother and salvage her life from moral and economic wreckage; to protect her defenseless child.

Slowly blind indifference and intolerance yielded to the torch of her enlightened thought. Slowly like-minded women came to stand

courageously at her side. Within four years of her arrival in Minneapolis she had established in the city a sorely needed Maternity Hospital, where married and unmarried mothers, the desperately poor and those in more comfortable circumstances, alike, received competent care.

Martha Ripley builded strongly and patiently with unfaltering faith through the years. She saw her Hospital grow from its modest beginnings to a loved and famous institution and when the pathway to a larger life opened before her, she passed serenely into the light with the joy of a trust fulfilled; a work well done.

Because of her selfless courage, many women have found courage. Because of her wide love, innumerable little children have been made safe. Her work marches on under the banner her hand has raised and a swelling chorus blesses her name in the words of the book of Proverbs,

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is above rubies. She considereth a field and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

She stretcheth out her hands to the poor; yea, she reacheth out her hands to the needy.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her work praise her in the gates.

LYDIA WALLIS KINGSLEY.





Dedication Service of

Dr. Martha G. Ripley Memorial Tablet

Minnesota State Capitol Building, St. Paul

June 29, 1939

GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN, *Presiding*

Invocation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	RICHARD C. RAINES
Tribute	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	FRANCES J. NICKELS
Presentation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	MABETH HURD PAIGE
Acceptance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	HONORABLE J. A. A. BURNQUIST, Attorney General
Prayer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	GLENN CLARK

Dedication Service



Miss Countryman: We will open this occasion with an invocation by Dr. Raines.

Dr. Richard C. Raines:

"Almighty God, Who didst lead our fathers forth to build here a worthy civilization, give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to us, their children that we may ever prove ourselves mindful of that favor, eager to do Thy will.

"Wherefore seeing we are compassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses of those whom we have 'loved long since and lost a while,' may we run with courage and unselfishness the race that is set before us. May the mantle of faith, hope and love of her in whose memory we are met, be thrown about our shoulders. May her spirit challenge ours, her source of strength in Thee be our daily portion, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Miss Countryman: It is a very grand occasion that has brought us together today. It is not often that we have honored our Minnesota women. Just beyond you, over there, is a bronze tablet in honor of Mrs. Ueland, and at the University is a tablet inscribed in memory of Maria Sanford, but aside from those two, I do not recall any other Minnesota women who have been permanently remembered by the erection of a stone or bronze tablet. Today we are met to pay tribute to another of Minnesota's noble-women, and I feel on this occasion we may especially rejoice that the subject of our tribute is so distinguished a pioneer, not only in her particular field but in many of the great fields of endeavor which women have entered.

As you know, Dr. Ripley founded Maternity Hospital. Mrs. Frances J. Nickels was, I believe, president of the Board of Directors of Maternity Hospital for ten years and came in most intimate contact with Dr. Ripley, and we know that she can perhaps better than anyone else pay tribute to this great woman. Mrs. Nickels:

Mrs. Nickels: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely," on these things we think when we remember Dr. Martha G. Ripley.

It is a privilege to pay tribute to one of whom we may speak in the superlative without equivocation or overstatement.

Many times these recent weeks I have asked those who knew her, what they considered her outstanding characteristics. Their testimony has been interestingly in accord—"Great-hearted, compassionate, far-visioned, resolute in conviction, indomitable in perseverance in spite of stupendous obstacles, wise, forthright, no pettiness in thought, word or deed," these are the qualities her friends remember.

Her New England parents brought her to the great Northwest when she was but a little girl. From her Pilgrim ancestors she, too, inherited the pioneer spirit, and in the rugged life of the frontier developed the will and courage to do, to dare, and to right a wrong wherever she was able.

Reared in an atmosphere concerned with public affairs, early her heart went out to all those in need and her life was dedicated to the service of humanity.

Her interests, varied and world-wide, determined her associates, her friends were among the great. Frances Willard welcomed her as an ally in the great temperance cause. With Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone and other noted feminists, she was a champion of Woman's Suffrage. Phillips Brooks found her a kindred spirit.

As a young teacher in a Mid-West village there had been frequent demands upon her for nursing which was one of her outstanding gifts. Later having been married, even with the care of three little daughters, so insistent were the appeals of the sick among the mill-hands of the Massachusetts industrial community where her husband's business required them to live, she felt impelled to take a full medical course at Boston University that she might better minister to those who came to her for healing. She graduated with high honors in 1883.

It was that same year that Mr. and Mrs. Ripley and their children came to Minneapolis and with her husband's full sympathy and support she became immediately identified with the worthy enterprises of the city, and began also the practice of medicine.

In this ministry she found many mothers and little babies in especial need—fine young women with small economic resource who ought not to be the objects of professional charity, but who could not afford proper care at time of childbirth—young girls, suffering the tragedy of unmarried motherhood, who in those days were subjected to scorn and persecution as if they were criminals—wee babies whose own mothers could not care for them, and suitable homes longing for little ones.

These were not problems nor cases to her. Her great Mother-heart went out individually in loving service to both bodies and souls. Her own home was a refuge until there was no more room.

So she founded Maternity Hospital and it is in this ministry that she is best remembered.

There is not time nor would she wish us to recount all the struggle it cost to establish and to maintain this work. She was not only a skillful physician, but also a great psychologist.

Her social viewpoint was years in advance of her generation and little understood. She despised perfunctory, stereotyped charity and red tape. Her idealism aroused opposition, antagonism, ridicule, even slander. Fearlessly she loved and labored, and yielded not a whit to opportunism. Little by little with unfaltering faith she won like-minded women to stand courageously with her. Slowly indifference and intolerance yielded to her enlightened leadership, to her inspiring example.

And Maternity Hospital came to be known throughout the nation as an institution where scientific care in obstetrics and pediatrics was notable, and sound social welfare gave opportunity for useful self-respecting lives. "From each according to ability, to each according to need" was the keystone of its service.

Of Doctor Ripley it may be truly said as of Him whose spirit dominated her life, "She went about doing good." And today as we have come to dedicate this memorial there are countless ones throughout the country who are pouring out their alabaster jars of loving gratitude. More lasting than this bronze is the living memorial in the hearts of those to whom she ministered and those she inspired by her noble life.

"The world will little note nor long remember what we say here," but it can never forget what she did, and we, all of us, can rededicate ourselves to the great remaining task which she so nobly advanced. Not only in the ministry of the Hospital to which she gave her life to the last full measure of devotion, but we may highly resolve that our lives shall be dedicated to the principle that Love shall be Law of Life and that, as she came to minister, so shall we.

Miss Countryman: As Mrs. Nickels has been speaking, I have had a vision in my mind of the home of Dr. Ripley, just across from the Public Library, and I stood at the library many mornings and saw Dr. Ripley start out from her home, and I remember now in my mind the quick, firm tread of this fine woman, starting out every morning on her mission of helpfulness—a picture I love to think of.

This beautiful bronze tablet will now be presented to the State in honor of Dr. Ripley and her two great grandsons, Roger Page and

Larry Marsh, are now drawing the curtains which veiled it, and I will ask Mrs. Mabeth Hurd Paige to make the presentation.

Mrs. Paige: Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and Family of Dr. Ripley, Gov. Burnquist:

We have listened to words of gratitude and appreciation of the life and work of a good citizen of Minnesota, until recently among us. The occasion is the presentation of a tablet in bronze in memory of Dr. Ripley, by those who knew her best and loved her. It is true that no material token is needed to perpetuate her life and influence in the hearts of those who came in contact with her for the example that she has shown will bear fruit in their lives and those of their children. It is, however, with a view to inspiring future generations that Dr. Ripley's friends have prepared this memorial, for the placing of which proper permission has been gladly granted.

This bronze memorial plaque is appropriately inscribed as follows:

1843 DR. MARTHA G. RIPLEY 1912
PIONEER WOMAN PHYSICIAN
FOUNDER OF MATERNITY HOSPITAL
IN MINNEAPOLIS
WITH FARSIGHTED VISION AND SYMPATHY
SHE SERVED HUMANITY
FEARLESS IN SPIRIT COURAGEOUS IN ACTION
CHAMPION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE
HER LIFE A NOBLE INFLUENCE
AN ENDURING INSPIRATION

*"She stretcheth out her hands to the poor
Yea, she reacheth out her hands to the needy."*

As Miss Countryman has stated, the tablet was unveiled by two of Dr. Ripley's children's children's children. For them this will be a remembered day and we hope they will be inspired to devote their lives to human service as their great grandmother gave hers with her whole soul.

We believe that by means of this bronze tablet the thousands who visit this building monthly and linger in this great rotunda to study the memorials of various kinds located here will come under the influence

of this grand pioneer woman who will speak to them not only through the well chosen words of the inscription but through the enduring beauty of expression shown in her sculptured likeness.

We are presenting a memorial of a woman who did her whole duty to mankind, never in any way neglecting those nearest to her but instead permitting them to share with her the joys of service to others. The lives of Dr. Ripley's children show well what the influence of such a universal mother in the home may be. Dr. Ripley never desired public honor and might have deprecated such a demonstration as this today. We, her friends, believe, however, that in thus honoring her and perpetuating her memory we are doing a service to the state which is only right and fitting and therefore we tender to you, Gov. Burnquist, representing our state and her state, this bronze memorial to be installed permanently in the enduring stone of this edifice.

(Attorney General J. A. A. Burnquist, a former Governor of the State of Minnesota, in accepting the plaque in honor of Dr. Martha G. Ripley, gave the following address:)

Mr. Burnquist: Madame Chairman, Mrs. Paige, and Fellow Citizens: It is a much appreciated privilege and honor to accept, on behalf of the State of Minnesota, this plaque which has been so eloquently presented to our commonwealth. How fitting and appropriate it is for those of our generation to commemorate the names and perpetuate the memories of the men and women who have preceded us and laid the foundation for that development and progress which we of this day experience.

The one whose memory we are today honoring was a pioneer in a variety of fields of human endeavor. She was a pioneer of Minnesota, arriving here prior to its formation as a territory. She was a pioneer in offering her services to assist those battling for the preservation of our nation and the emancipation of its slaves. She was a pioneer among the women of our state and nation in being graduated from a school of medicine and as a practitioner in the medical profession. She was a pioneer in advocating and in establishing such hospitals as the one that today bears her name. She was a pioneer in the cause of equal suffrage through her opposition to the unjust discrimination against women in the matter of the elective franchise.

Although she passed to the undiscovered country before the final triumph of some of the causes and projects for which she plead, she continues to live in the results which she accomplished, in the good that she did, and in the hearts of the thousands who have been benefited by the institutions which she originated.

The philosophy of life which she manifested and the activities in which she was engaged clearly indicate that she was a woman of great courage, energy and perseverance. They show that she was endowed with unusual intellectual and moral strength. They disclose that she loved the truth and sought to find it, that she loved the right and sought to do it, and that she loved humanity and sought to serve it. She worked for the best interests of the community in which she lived, for the development of the state and nation of which she was a loyal citizen, and for the welfare of her fellow human beings whom she so unselfishly served, regardless of their station in life.

With deep appreciation of what she stood for and of what she did during her life of nearly three score years and ten, the State of Minnesota gratefully accepts this beautiful tablet in memory of Martha G. Ripley, a noble humanitarian, a real pioneer in advancement, and a true prophetess of progress."

Miss Countryman: A great many letters and messages of appreciation have been received from old friends and co-workers of Dr. Ripley, and I would like to read just a few of them at this time.

I have a telegram from Alice Stone Blackwell of Cambridge, Massachusetts: "Dr. Ripley was one of the world's noblest women, a tower of strength and a fountain of refreshment to multitudes. I wish I could be with you to join in paying tribute to her memory."

I have here a message from Los Angeles, California, from Dr. Cora Smith King, which reads: "Joining in Tribute of Love and Honor to Dr. Martha G. Ripley who let me work with her for ten years at Maternity Hospital, Minneapolis."

Dr. Margaret H. Beeler of Denver, Colorado, wires: "We are proud and happy to unite today in paying highest tribute to Dr. Martha G. Ripley for her great humanitarian work as Mother and Physician."

Here is also a letter from one of the women who served on the committee obtaining this bronze—it is from Mrs. Ariel Burton Pomeroy, of Central Point, Oregon, as follows:

"A Message from Oregon. From Oregon we send greetings and felicitation to those assembled at the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul; we rejoice and join with you in rendering tribute to the humanitarian service and pioneer virtues of Dr. Martha George Ripley.

"There are other groups in other states who are also with you in spirit at this time. Our presence is no less real because it is invisible. This beautiful ceremony is the substance of a dream that is realized; a vision that is in process of fulfillment. We have the faith to believe

that foremost among the invisible host, is the spiritual presence of that personality whom we so greatly love and esteem.

"While her brave and generous soul is in our midst, it is fitting to remember that throughout her life she 'suffered little children to come unto' her and forbade them not, knowing that 'of such is the kingdom of heaven.' As she mingles with us in spirit are we not reminded that 'the harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few?'

"Her record of service eloquently bids us to heed the words of The Galilean—'He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do.' This call, uttered so long ago, has echoed and re-echoed through the ages. The great souls hear the call and respond. She is of that goodly company, as from earliest youth she heeded the insistent urge of the Inner Voice and faithfully obeyed Its command through all the days of her life. She believed profoundly in the precepts of Christ and daily she lived them.

"In reverence, we have assembled to honor her, and soon, as reverently, we will depart, each to his chosen service. As we go forth, let us covenant with our God and with ourselves, to be willing to sacrifice as greatly as she did, and to preserve for righteousness, justice and mercy; let us strive to emulate the courage and boundless charity of this truly noble woman."

This afternoon Mr. Arthur P. Stacy brought in a very interesting manuscript which Mrs. Stacy had saved—it is the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maternity Hospital, held on November 30, 1892. Mrs. Stacy, I believe, was secretary of the Board of Directors at that time, and these are the minutes which she has kept. I am going to read a part of this report: "The physicians report was read and accepted. The secretary read a letter from Mrs. E. A. Russell of the W.C.T.U. Coffee House, enclosing \$5.00 from the Employees, as a Thanksgiving offering. Miss Paddock spoke of the pressing need of a cow. Dr. Ripley talked of mortgages, interest due, and other disagreeable subjects, and also related instances of distress which had come under her notice—"

I am sure this is of interest to a great many of you who are here today.

Now, we will close this beautiful ceremony with a prayer by Glenn Clark.

Mr. Clark:

"Our Heavenly Father, far as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is Thy mercy toward them that trust Thee. As far as the east is from the west, so far hast Thou removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so doest Thou pity them that fear Thee. For Thou knowest our frame; Thou rememberest that we are dust. For Thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Thee, and Thy righteousness unto children's children.

"We thank Thee this day, O Lord, that we are permitted to bless and honor one who has been an instrument in bringing Thy loving mercy to the children of men. For she has thought Thy thoughts after Thee, she has forgiven the iniquities of the weak and fallen, and she has healed their diseases—she has crowned them with loving kindness and tender mercies.

"She opened her heart to the needy and like unto a father that pitieth His children, so did she pity those that others would have forsaken, and as a channel of Thy love and service she has brought Thy righteousness and mercy to children's children.

"That gratitude and praise which long has been engraved upon the hearts of men and women who have known her in her years of service, we here engrave upon steel and stone. May this memorial tablet serve to build into our hearts and minds and into the hearts and minds of future generations the permanence and the beauty of the service which one true servant of Thine has given to Thee and to all mankind.

"And now may the grace and mercy of God, the Father, and the love of Christ, the Son, and the peace that passeth all understanding be with us in this hour, and abide with us forever more. Amen."



Emily Paddock Cottage

Ripley Memorial Hospital

Marshall Stacy Nursery

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 Whalen, George Thomas
 Wheeler, Edwin R.
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 Wicklund, Gloria
 Wilber, Nancy
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 Klein, Louise
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Countryman, Gratia Alta
-interview by, on comparison of American and English libraries (illus) MJ 1906 Je 2

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-denies report that "Huckleberry Finn" is barred from library shelves; defends book, MJ 1910

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-says books make best kind of social workers (por) MJ 1911 D 17

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-father names daughter Gratia (meaning "thanks") because born on Thanksgiving Day, MJ 1866 N 29

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-her activities responsible for legislature's passing state library commission bill; appointed secretary of commission, MJ 1899

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-elected pres. Woman's Welfare League (por) MJ 1912

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-graduates from Hastings High School at 15 years of age, MJ 1882; graduates from Minnesota University; Delta Gamma sorority; Phi Beta Kappa honors, MJ 1889

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-elected chief librarian, Minneapolis Public Library, MJ 1903 N 7; appointment commented on, ed. MJ 1903 N 14; formally takes charge, MJ 1904 F 1

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-answers criticism of Louis Schwartz that enough plays are not available at library, MJ 1914 D 5

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-appointed assistant to Dr. Herbert Putnam, head of Minneapolis Public Library, MJ 1889 O 1; becomes head cataloguer, Minneapolis Public Library, MJ 1890; becomes asst. librarian, MJ 1892

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-article on activities as executive committee member of Minnesota branch of Amer. Assn. Collegiate Alumnae, MJ 1905 O 15

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-in automobile accident in St. Paul, MJ 1914; comment on community's good fortune that she was not killed, ed. MJ 1914

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-feature article on, by Carl B. Storrs (por) MJ 1916 D 31

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-buys Lake Milacs land for country home; plans chicken and dairy farm, MJ 1917

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-chosen one of 7 in U.S. for National War Service Committee of American Library Assn., MJ 1918

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-legal notice of her adoption of son, Wellington, MJ 1918; interest in orphan patron of children's room at library prompts her to adopt boy, MJ 1918

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-elected forewoman of Hennepin Co. grand jury, MJ 1922 N 6

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-excerpt from "Women in Minnesota" on her life, MJ 1923; article about her, from Shutter's "History of Minneapolis," MJ 1923

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-presented by library staff with 40 roses on 40th anniversary of her library service, MJ 1929

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-portrait of, by August Klagstad, presented to library board by library staff (por) MJ 1930 Ap 27

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-accepts invitation to become member of National Education Committee of the Porto Rico Child Feeding Committee, MJ 1930 N 17

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-presented service honor medal of Inter-Racial Service Council (illus) MJ 1931 O 25

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-receives honorary Master of Arts degree at Minnesota University; first woman to be thus honored, MJ 1932 Je 6

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-autographed book presented to her by Gladys Hasty Carroll (illus) MJ 1934 Mr 15

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-her career discussed (New York Times) MJ 1934 Ag 16

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-elected pres. American Library Assn., MJ 1935 O 21; presides at Montreal convention of assn., (illus) MJ 1934 Je 27; goes to Spain as assn. delegate to the International Congress of Library Associations (illus) MJ 1935 My 7

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-to retire, under civil service age requirements, MJ 1936 My 13; ed. on library career, MJ 1936 J 14; feature article on her part in growth of city library, county libraries (illus) MJ 1936 J 12

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-her activity as local convention chairman of the Women's Internatl. League for Peace and Freedom praised (Christian Science Monitor) MJ 1938 Mr 1

Countryman, Gratia Alta
-to head W.P.A. newspaper indexing project, MJ 1938 Ag

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Dec 6-39

Dear Miss Countryman,

Alas no, there is no possibility of
my attending the Jubilee. But my hearty wishes
will attend, and my faithful remembrance.
I am happy also in the thought that
its leading - and comedy - feature will be yourself.

Cordially love

Hubert H. Howard

I so appreciated your friendly hospitalities to
the daughter, who returned with warm thank-
-saying for the attention she received from you.

Miss Julia Countryman

HERBERT PUTNAM

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Seeing your picture in the *Times* on Sunday has brought back to my recollection the days—apparently they must have been over forty years ago—when I used to see you occasionally in Minneapolis when you were there,—and I cannot resist the temptation to write you a word of congratulation on your reaching a fortieth anniversary as head of the Library of Congress.

I think, during the time you have been in Washington I have only seen you casually once or twice, and you may have alto-

gether forgotten me, but nevertheless I *would* like to add a word of appreciation for all the accomplishments you brought about, both in the west and in the District of Columbia.

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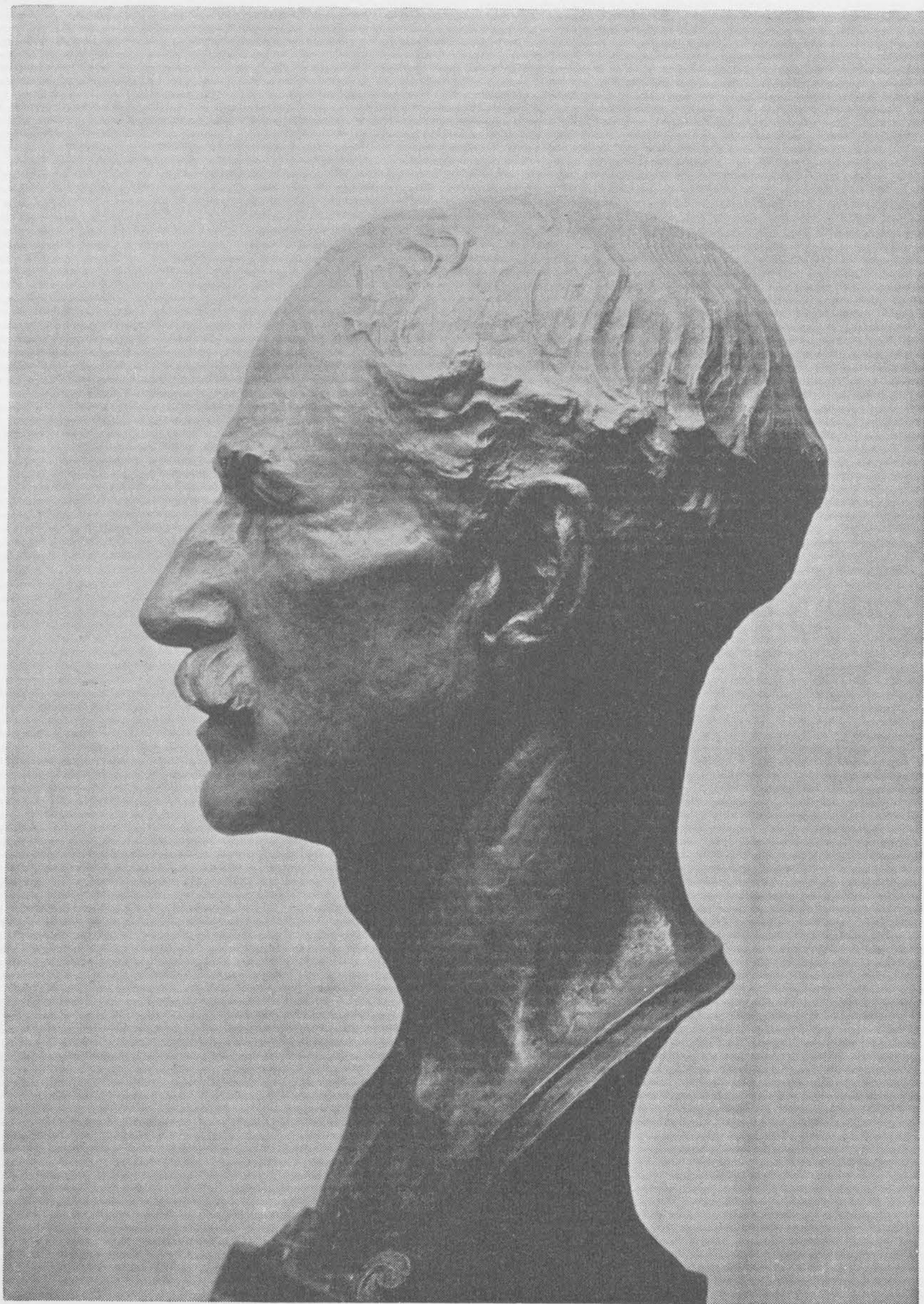
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I hope I may be counted among your devoted friends, who congratulate you on forty wonderful years not only to the National Library, but through it to the whole library profession. It must be a source of satisfaction to have served so well a great profession.

But my own congratulations are of a warmer and more personal nature. I owe my own career entirely to you, who trained me, inspired my best efforts, and persuaded me to remain in library work. My debt to you is great, and in proportion, my message of congratulation and best wishes for your continued service is sincere.

DR. HARRISON W. CRAVER, NEW YORK, N. Y., DIRECTOR
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Not only can you be proud of what has been done in those years; all of us librarians also are. We have seen you make the Library one of the greatest, we have benefitted by the luster you have brought to the profession, and hundreds of us recall with gratitude the help we have personally received. Your example has spurred us to put forth our best efforts.



Herbert Gulniam

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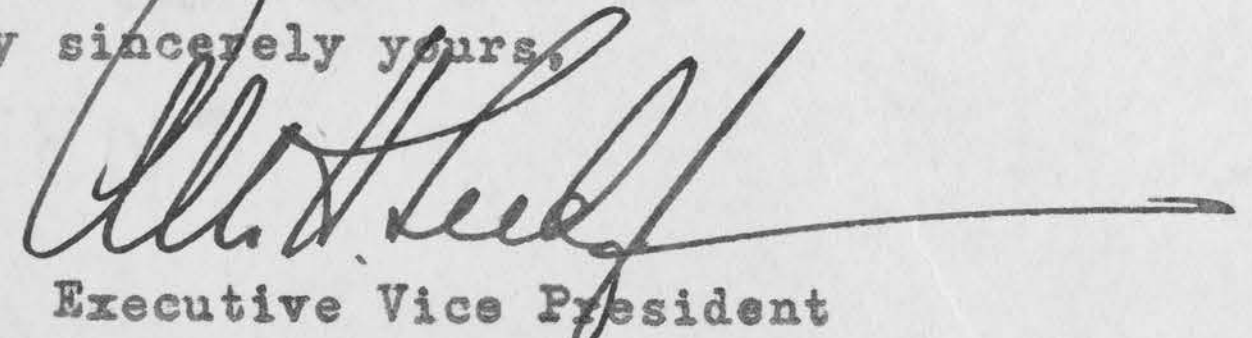
Miss Gratia A. Countryman
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My dear Miss Countryman:

The Board of Directors of the Minneapolis Public Library joins with the Board of Directors of the Civic Council in inviting you to attend the appreciation dinner celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Minneapolis Public Library, as their guest.

We hope that it will be possible for you to attend, and shall be glad to have you let us know on the enclosed card. On hearing that you can attend, we shall be pleased to send you a complimentary ticket.

Very sincerely yours,



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My dear Mr. Countryman:

Invitation to the Appreciation
Dinner of last evening, was
forwarded to me here.

I should have liked more
to have been present at the
dinner.

You did a monumental
job in your library. It was
recognized at home in
our City, and, I well recall,
over the nation - as suggested
by your national superintendent
in your Library Organization.

whose name I do not know.

Each one knows best what sort of a professional job he does. Conscientious persons are, however, pleased when they know others in their own fields know & say so.

So may I add my personal statement to the many you have heard, that I know you and I are one of America's best librarians.

May I say we both have used your library more than 30 years with both profit & pleasure.

With the season's greetings

Most cordially, A. E. Franks.

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Miss Countryman,

I wanted so badly to greet you this afternoon personally, but I was so impressed, so moved by your little speech, that I had to leave immediately, to control the tears.

I was never affected by anything quite as much Miss Countryman, your speech was

so sincere, sweet and simple,
and May God Bless each and
every step that you take the
rest of your days.

I want to thank you for
all you did for me, possibly
you don't think it was much,
but it was the spirit & not the
gift, and again may God Bless you
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Speakers



GUY STANTON FORD

Toastmaster

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Menu



Celery

Fresh Fruit Cocktail

Olives



Half Roast Chicken, Dressing

Cranberry Sauce

Pan Roast Potatoes

New Peas



Lettuce and Tomato Salad

Minnesota Dressing



Baked Alaska Slice



Coffee

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