

SATISFIED WITH WILL

Miss Garrett's Relatives Propose To Make No Contest.

MISS THOMAS REALLY STEWARD

The Two Women Had A Perfect Understanding As To Carrying Into Execution Of Their Plans.

In spite of rumors that there was likely to be a contest over the will of Miss Mary E. Garrett, who left practically all her estate to her friend, Miss Mary Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College, it can be stated authoritatively that there will be no contest. Close relatives of Miss Garrett in Baltimore recognized Miss Garrett's right to do with her own property as she saw fit, and it is generally recognized that it has been left in good and capable hands, and that Miss Garrett's desires will be fully carried out. And with that Miss Garrett's relatives are satisfied.

Miss Thomas is still in Baltimore and has taken up her residence temporarily at the Garrett home, 101 West Monument street. Just how long she will be in the city cannot be said, but it is likely she will be here until a complete inventory of the household effects and other things in the Monument street house can be made, and all the affairs in connection with the estate settled up. This is expected to take some time, and while Miss Thomas may go to Bryn Mawr for a day or two at a time it is not expected that she will resume her duties as president there for a couple of weeks at least.

Inventory To Disclose Value.

Miss Thomas declines to talk about the bequest to her or to discuss the value of the estate. This, however, will become known, at least approximately, when she files the account of her executorship. Miss Garrett made but few specific bequests. She released certain indebtedness on Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore, amounting to about \$65,000, left \$50,000 in trust for her aunt, the trust fund to revert to Miss Thomas on the death of her aunt, and gave the Garrett home to Miss Thomas for life and at her death it is to revert to Johns Hopkins University.

Another method of arriving at the value of the estate is given in the collateral inheritance tax, which prevails in Maryland. This tax amounts to 5 per cent. of the total value of the estate and will have to be paid, not only on the stocks and bonds and other securities Miss Garrett may have owned, and on the real estate, but also on the life interest of Miss Thomas on the Monument street residence, the courts having methods of arriving at such valuations. All of Miss Garrett's bequests will be subject to the tax, so the inventory which Miss Thomas will file as executrix and the amount of the tax paid to the State will disclose the

made when a will was drawn, though a few years later to such extent that had the testator known of the change to take place the biggest would never have been made. This she has provided against by trusting entirely to Miss Thomas' judgment and discretion, and has provided that her ideas and plans shall prevail beyond her own life time.

Both For Woman Suffrage.

Another interesting phase of the matter is the fact that both Miss Thomas and Miss Garrett believed ardently in the right of women to a voice in the government and the selection of its officials, and that in making their will each left her property to the other, determined that in their own personal affairs women should carry out the plans of the one who was the first to go, without men having anything to do with them.

Miss Thomas' whole life and the record of her family is a guarantee that whether Miss Garrett gave specific directions or not, her wishes will be observed to the letter. Her father, the late Dr. James Carey Thomas, was one of the truest men and one of the most upright characters that Baltimore ever knew, and his daughter has inherited the sterling traits which made him loved and respected wherever he was known. The Thomases are Quakers, people of simple lives, quiet tastes, frugal and careful with their expenditures, and of unswerving integrity; and in trusting her fortune to Miss Thomas, Miss Garrett knew exactly what she was doing, and knew that it would be devoted to the uses of humanity and not for the personal benefit of her to whom it was left. Miss Thomas, in fact, can hardly be called the beneficiary; she is rather the steward. And the account of her stewardship will be satisfactory to Miss Garrett.

Hopkins University May Benefit.

It is believed that Johns Hopkins University will ultimately come in for a fair share of the Garrett fortune. Miss Garrett in her lifetime showed her interest in the university by generous gifts, and it is believed that this interest continued and will be continued. Her bequest of the Monument street residence to the university at Miss Thomas' death indicated that she had not forgotten the university, and it is possible that Johns Hopkins may benefit before Miss Thomas dies. The impression among those who know Miss Thomas and who knew Miss Garrett is that while a portion of the property will go to advance the cause of woman suffrage, ultimately the bulk of it will go to Bryn Mawr College and Johns Hopkins University, with ample provision for the Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore.

Memorial Is Proposed.

Plans are on foot for the holding of a massmeeting of men and women for the purpose of arranging for the erection of some suitable memorial to Miss Garrett in recognition of her service to women and higher education. Just what form of memorial will be suggested is not known, but it is believed that when the massmeeting is held, which is expected to be within the next two weeks, a committee will be appointed to arrange for either a tablet or a monument. It has been suggested that a proper form for the memorial to take would be a hand-

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Understanding As To Purpose.

While Miss Thomas will not discuss her plans in connection with the Garrett bequest, it is known that it will be devoted to carrying out Miss Garrett's idea with reference to education, particularly of women, to advancing the cause of woman suffrage and to caring for other matters in which Miss Garrett was interested. Miss Thomas and Miss Garrett had a complete and definite understanding of the purposes to which it was to be put and this understanding will be carried out. While the bequest to Miss Thomas was made absolutely, and without reservation or restriction of any kind, and as pointed out in the will itself, without the purpose of creating a trust, it is understood that the trust exists nevertheless. This clause, it is believed, was put in to protect Miss Thomas in whatever she might do with the money, and at the same time to provide against changing conditions.

The two women knew and understood one another perfectly, and there was perfect trust and confidence between them. Miss Garrett was a wise business woman and she had seen conditions,

either a tablet or a monument. It has been suggested that a proper form for the memorial to take would be a handsome bronze tablet, designed by a Baltimore sculptor, and placed in the rotunda of the Johns Hopkins Hospital administration building, the medical school having been made possible by Miss Garrett's generous gift of more than \$300,000, or by the erection of a memorial building at Homewood, the new home of the university.
