

MILLIONS TO HER FRIEND

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A friendship so complete that it probably will become a classic in the annals of the feminist movement in this country was brought to public notice yesterday when the will of Miss Mary E. Garrett, who died Saturday, was probated in the Orphans' Court. Miss Garrett left the residue of her estate of millions to her friend, Miss Mary Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. And the residue is practically the entire estate.

In making the gift to Miss Thomas her friend said in her will that she imposed no reservations or restrictions and she disclaimed any purpose to create a trust. She referred to the long association of herself and Miss Thomas in the work to bring to women higher education and larger opportunity and said that she was confident Miss Thomas would make wise and appropriate use of the gift.

Each Made Will In Other's Favor.

Even more illuminative of the friendship between the two leaders among women than Miss Garrett's large gift to Miss Thomas is a part of the will which indicates that each of them had made a will leaving the other virtually all of her possessions. The two women, who lived together at the Deanery, Bryn Mawr, and were almost as one in their work and purposes, apparently considered their individual possessions virtually a common fund and desired that the survivor dispose of the whole of the two estates.

The part of the will which indicates this is the provision for the distribution of Miss Garrett's estate in the event that she survived Miss Thomas. In that event, Johns Hopkins University was to receive the residue of Miss Garrett's estate, but the provisions also state that any property which she (Miss Garrett) might have acquired or might have been authorized to dispose of by any will of Miss Thomas should go to the members of Miss Thomas' family.

Miss Garrett was the daughter of the late John W. Garrett, for many years president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and was the last of his immediate family. She had been interested deeply for years in the movement for higher education for women and in the more substantial feminist movement in this country. And she had made large gifts to educational institutions in furtherance of her ideas.

Miss Thomas' Work.

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Miss Thomas, with whom, as stated, Miss Garrett had lived at Bryn Mawr College, is one of the leading women educators in this country. She is the daughter of the late Dr. James Carey Thomas, of Baltimore, and is a sister of Dr. Henry M. Thomas. She was born in Baltimore on January 2, 1857.

She was given the bachelor's degree at Cornell in 1877; studied at Johns Hopkins in 1877 and 1878 and at the University of Leipzig from 1879 to 1883 and was given the degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Zurich in 1883. She was given the degree of doctor of laws by the Western University in 1896.

In 1885 Miss Thomas became professor of English at Bryn Mawr and has taught in that department since then. She became dean at the same time and continued in that capacity until 1895, when she was elected president of the college. Miss Thomas was the first woman trustee of Cornell University and has been a trustee of Bryn Mawr since 1903. She is the author of "Sir Gawayne and the Green Knight," "Education of Women," "Should the Higher Education of Women Differ from that of Men?" "The College" and various papers on educational questions.

Miss Thomas was named as executrix without bond in Miss Garrett's will. She appeared yesterday in the Orphans' Court, when the will was probated, accompanied by D. K. Este Fisher. Last night she was at Miss Garrett's late Baltimore home, 101 West Monument street. She declined to discuss the will.

For Two Contingencies.

The Garrett will provides for two contingencies. One of its parts distributes the estate upon the assumption that Miss Garrett would survive Miss Thomas, the other part, which is effective, provides for certain bequests in the event Miss Garrett should die first. In the first contingency Johns Hopkins University was named residuary legatee; in the latter Miss Thomas was to take the residue after settlement of certain provisions.

The general tone of the will, with the provisions for two contingencies, is believed to indicate that an understanding existed between Miss Garrett and Miss Thomas that in either event the estate should reach the institutions for which it was originally designed.

The value of the estate cannot be fixed. Miss Garrett owned property in this city and in Baltimore and Garrett counties. A considerable part of the estate was in stocks. She inherited large property from her father. It is said, however, that her gifts to institutions and private charities have depleted her estate to some extent.

Some Specific Bequests.

Under the terms of that part of the will which is effective Bryn Mawr School for Girls at Preston and Cathedral streets, which was founded by Miss Garrett in 1885, is given the land on which the building stands and the building, equipment, furniture and apparatus. But the school must covenant with the executrix that it conduct and maintain a school for girls as a college preparatory. By a codicil, dated two days before Miss Garrett's death, the school is released from indebtedness to her amounting to \$65,000.

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Miss Garrett's home in Baltimore, at the southwest corner of Cathedral and Monument streets, is given to Miss Thomas during the latter's life. Upon her death it shall go to Johns Hopkins University, provided the university will covenant to hold the property or the proceeds of its sale as a part of a permanent endowment of the medical school of the university.

Provision is made for Miss Rebecca Frances Harrison, an aunt of Miss Garrett, in a trust estate for \$50,000.

Miss Garrett expressed particular desire that her invalid brother, Henry S. Garrett, should receive the same affectionate care and attention which she had bestowed upon him and she enjoined her executrix or executor to enforce her wishes in that respect.

Provision Not Effective.

The part of the will which would have become effective had Miss Thomas died before Miss Garrett, and which, of course, is invalid now, provided for a bequest of \$100,000 to the Bryn Mawr School for Girls, of Baltimore. This sum was to be invested as a permanent endowment for the maintenance of the school, with authority to use any surplus of income to promote the establishment of similar schools elsewhere in the United States.

Provision also was made for a gift of \$200,000 to the trustees of Bryn Mawr College, of Pennsylvania. The college also was given all the movable books, paintings and other art objects owned by Miss Garrett, which might have been in the college buildings at the time of her death.

The National Woman's Suffrage Association of the District of Columbia was to have received \$100,000 as a bequest and to have part of the sum of \$100,000 to be used for the purpose of the same.

And the part of the will which provided for the bequest of the sum of \$100,000 to the Johns Hopkins University, is annulled that which was to have been the case of the will in the event of the death of Miss Thomas before Miss Garrett.