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MRS. MARGARET L. BUTLER.

Mrs. Margaret L. Butler, widow of the late Col. James Gay Butler, passed away Tuesday evening, July 16, at her home 4484 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo.

Col. and Mrs. Butler were both interested in Lindenwood College. In fact they are the founders of the "New Lindenwood." For years Col. Butler was a member of the Board of Directors and after the passing of Dr. Samuel J. Niccolls, succeeded to the Presidency of the Board. Both he and his wife were greatly interested in the work of the College. Upon the death of her husband Mrs. Butler determined to carry out his plans for a Woman's College in the Southwest that would be co-equal with the best colleges for women in the country. Mrs. Butler was always anxious to know of the work being done and counseled concerning enlargements for the future. She was a noble Christian character, whose heart beat in sympathy with all needing help, as indicated in her gifts to charity.

Lindenwood will perpetuate her name and that of her husband as the years go by, transmuting their material gifts into life. The young women that come to Lindenwood will ever cherish in holy memory the names of Col. and Mrs. James Gay Butler.

THE BUTLER BEQUESTS.

It is a beautiful thing to see the millions of the James G. Butler estate left by will to be used in ways helpful to humanity, to education and charity, first by the will of Mr. Butler and now by the will of Mrs. Butler. If this example were followed by the thousands of men who die and leave behind them large estates for other people to inherit for their personal use, the world would make a tremendous step upward in all that makes life worth the living. The tendency is for men who have accumulated estates to endeavor to keep them together after their death, instead of redistributing them to the people from whom the accumulations came in ways helpful to them. We have a number of vast estates, of endowed families, constituting a monied aristocracy.

It is to the credit of the wholesomeness of our American life, that many of those who are the beneficiaries of these large accumulations by others have shown fine qualities of Americanism in every way except the use of the money for the benefit of their fellow men. Some have even done that, but as a rule where the builder up of a large fortune has not distributed it for the welfare of mankind,

those to whom he has devised it or who have inherited it by law have not done so either. That is what makes the Butler incident all the more beautiful. What Mr. Butler failed to do completely in the distribution of his wealth for humanity, in his regard for those dependent upon him, his widow has completed. The influence of their deed will bear fruit with others, and their endowments will go on blessing mankind for many, many years.

—St. Louis Star.

HOW LINDENWOOD WON THE BUTLER LEGACIES.

Money Came Near Going to Michigan U. Until late Dr. Niccolls Talked to Tobacco Man.

Dr. John L. Roemer, president of Lindenwood College, a school for young women at St. Charles, today made it known that the large sums of money bequeathed to the college by the late James Gay Butler and his wife would have gone to the University of Michigan, but for persuasion by the late Dr. Samuel J. Niccolls, for many years pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Butler by donation and will gave \$350,000 to the college and Mrs. Butler's will, filed a few days ago, gives it an additional \$1,000,000 from the residue of her estate and from two trust funds executed in 1916 and 1917.

Dr. Roemer said it had been understood by intimate friends, for many years, that Col. Butler wished to leave the bulk of his fortune for educational purposes and that he seriously considered leaving it to the University of Michigan, of which he was a graduate. Dr. Niccolls, president of the Lindenwood College Board, used much persuasion to convince him that it would be better to bestow benefactions on Lindenwood College, as an institution nearer home, where he could see his plans perfected.

The endowment of the college by Butler may be said to date from February, 1914, when Col. Butler attended a congregational meeting of the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church of which Dr. Roemer was pastor.

The presidency of Lindenwood College had been offered to Dr. Roemer, but his congregation did not want to part with him. Col. Butler arose in the meeting and said:

"If you will let your pastor go to Lindenwood I will pledge myself to stand by the college to the last button on my vest."

He kept this promise and in addition to his bequests and other donations he practically rebuilt the college and paid all the expenses of constructing new dormitories.

Col. Butler was fond of visiting the college. The young women students sang a song in his honor, the refrain of which was:

Col. Butler is our friend,

Tra la la, tra la la.

He will all our wants attend.

Tra la la, tra la la.

Mrs. Butler made many gifts to the college and endowed a chair for teaching the Bible there.

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

AFTER COLLEGE—WHAT?

Miss Templin.

The spirit of unrest which is so evident throughout the world is also present among college students. Particularly is this apparent among the students in colleges for women. The boys are in training or "Over there," and the very fact that our young women cannot go over in large numbers make many women feel their helplessness and inability to really help in a material way.

The greatest service which any young student can render his or her country is to go on with their college education, if it is possible, and be prepared to take a place in the world when their college days are over.

An education should prepare us not only to earn a living but should give us ideals and an inspiration to be of service to our fellow men.

An old text on psychology tells the story of an old man who was about to die, who had never been known by the people in his village to have been out of that village since a child when he was brought there by his mother. As those who were near him heard him talking in an unfamiliar language they sought an explanation, and brought in people from the village to see if any foreign-speaking persons could interpret them. "He is speaking Hebrew," a Jewish Rabbi said. Afterwards it was discovered that when he was a child from two to six years of age he had lived in the house of a Jewish rabbi, and had heard the rabbi reciting in Hebrew, and in a lapse of sixty years out of that sunken consciousness came the familiar recollections of the language that he learned when he was young.

So it is with the things we learn in college. They are our happiest days and rarely are forgotten, "the nameless acts of love and kindness that pass between young college students. We lose that capacity of putting our arms around each

other, which girls in college have. With unselfish willingness to help others advance, with pride in the achievement of our associates, that spirit of fair play and love of justice which makes possible that scorning of things that are low and mean, that love of the beautiful, that worship of the true," which we as young women have, is sometimes forgotten momentarily in the rush of living and yet "when the real superior call comes, when something touches the spring of great emotions, so comes the resurgence of those things, and we vibrate with them"; and so, in an hour like this, when civilization faces barbarism, when all that seems worth while in our civil and political institutions, the right to be free to develop through higher expressions and purposes, to try to govern ourselves to make progress in the world, and to have free minds and a free conscience—when these are hanging in the balance, when force asserts itself, when treaties become scraps of paper and promises among nations are disregarded, when barbarism is about to lay a heavy hand upon the things we love, when the high things are scoffed, there come back to us the beautiful things we learned in college."

The end of the war will come only when democracy is triumphant and civilization has won against barbarism. The war will not be over when the treaty of peace has been signed.

The war will be won by the soldiers of this generation but it will be the task of the coming generation to undertake and complete the great task of the reconstruction. The great destruction which has taken place in Europe indicates that the task will be a heroic one, and much will depend upon the college student of today.

Remember this, the friendships you are forming, the training of your mind, the broadening of your point of view are all going to assist you and give you power to help your fellow man.

HOW CAN LINDENWOOD COLLEGE HELP YOU?

A realization of the needs of the coming year has caused the college to offer this year a one year War Service course for students who are graduates of an accredited four year high school. Upon the completion of the course a certificate from the college will be granted. The work will be as follows:

	1st semester credit	2nd semester credit
Cooking	2	2
Sewing	2	2

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

"I give and bequeath unto the Board of Directors of Lindenwood Female College, a corporation, St. Charles, Mo., the sum of.....dollars, to be used in such manner for the benefit of the College as they may decide.

Home Nursing	—	1
Hygiene	1	1
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Surgical Dressings	3	—
Knitting	—	3
*Sociology	5	—
Gymnasium	1	1
Bible	1	1
	16	14

* Work in typewriting or shorthand may be elected.

THE JOPLIN CLUB.

Thirty young women of the vicinity, former and present students of Lindenwood college, St. Charles, Mo., met for a most delightful luncheon and informal afternoon yesterday in a private dining room at the Connor hotel. The purpose of the meeting was to perfect an organization and following the luncheon and after-dinner talks a short business meeting was held, in which Miss Ruby Miller was elected president of the club. Miss Mary Dunwoody was chosen as vice president and Miss Mildred Eberly was elected secretary and treasurer. All the young women elected as officers are from Joplin. Similar Lindenwood Clubs have been organized in Chicago and St. Louis. No definite plans as to work and purpose for the club have been made as yet. Miss Lucinda de Leftwich Templin, dean of the college, attended the luncheon and gave a most splendid talk to the girls. Rev. W. M. Cleaveland and Miss Alma Hickman of this city were present and voted as honorary members of this club. Rev. Cleaveland gave a most excellent address after the luncheon. The

room and the luncheon table was unusually attractively decorated with cut flowers, place cards and appointments of the school colors, yellow and white. The luncheon was in five courses. Covers were laid for Mrs. W. H. Edward Brown and Mrs. Robert Mooneyham of Carthage, Mrs. Clyde Balsley, Dean Templin; Misses Mary Beckman of Webb City, Christine Webster of Carthage, Frances Harrison of Carthage, Dorothy Miller, Iola Woodfill of Aurora, Pauline Crowl of Webb City, Jean Isabelle Rose of Webb City, Elizabeth Rowley of Carthage, Elizabeth Johns of Springfield, Virginia Miller of Aurora, Martha Eastin of Greetfield, Mo., Alice Sebree of Springfield, and the following from Joplin: Misses Veda McConnell, Ruth Bonsal, Ruth and Dorothy Dolan, Mary Dunwoody, Elizabeth Jenkins, Mildred Eberly, Ruby Miller, Alma Hickman and Rev. W. M. Cleaveland.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

In addition to the most approved course of study outlined for the literary degree of Associate in Arts, Lindenwood College has been a leader in its courses in Vocational training. Probably no school in the country is giving more time and spending more energy and money in perfecting its outline courses in vocational work. We want every student who goes out into any special line of work to have a foundation upon which she can build a stately career.

THE OPENING OF THE NEW YEAR.

Never in the history of Lindenwood College have the applications for admission been as large as this year. It is our purpose to keep within the limits of the number we can comfortably accommodate. Last year we were compelled to turn many away. More than fifty were unable to matriculate as resident students. When an application is acted upon favorably the patron may be assured that the very best and most comfortable accommodation has been given. The faculty for the coming year is the strongest in our history. Registration of students begins September 10 and all classes begin September 12.

As is our usual custom, representatives will meet the western girls in Kansas City and accompany them to St. Charles. Representatives will also meet arriving students in St. Louis and St. Charles. We deem it a great privilege for the parents to advise us as to when their daughters leave and when to expect them, and the point at which our representatives can meet them.

THE FUTURE OF LINDENWOOD.

The very generous provision made for the future of Lindenwood College by the late James G. Butler, and now multiplied by the will of Mrs. Butler, places that worthy institution in a position where it may readily become one of the leading colleges for women, not only in the West, but in the entire country.

The portion of the Butler fortune which is now, or soon to be, available for the support of Lindenwood is estimated at \$2,000,000. When it is considered that no school for women west of the Mississippi has anything like such an endowment, while of the Eastern institutions Barnard College has but \$1,694,000, Radcliffe \$1,045,000, Vassar \$1,800,000, Bryn Mawr \$2,185,135, Wellesley \$2,727,159 and Smith \$2,201,883 in productive funds, it can readily be seen that Lindenwood will soon take a place in the top rank, so far as money is concerned. The figures given, of course, do not cover the money spent for buildings at the various institutions.

Money alone cannot make a great college, but Lindenwood, with a history extending back to 1827, a beautiful site and modern methods and equipment at least for the last few years, has a good foundation upon which to build. Dr. Roemer and his associates are to be congratulated upon the opportunity that has been given them to perform a great work.

Editorial St. Louis Republic.

THE USEFUL LIFE.

J. L. Roemer.

When the late Col. James Gay Butler, Lindenwood's greatest benefactor, was addressing the graduating class of 1916, he said his greatest ambition for the College was that it should direct its attention to preparing young ladies for a life of usefulness. Had this remark been made in these days, when the world is expecting so much of its women in every avenue of life, we would have said it was in keeping with the spirit of the day. Col. Butler did not live to know that his beloved country, which he had served four years with distinguished honors during the Civil War, would now be engaged in the world struggle for human freedom, and that the women of America would be playing so prominent a part in winning success. After the war is over throughout the world women will be recognized in the leadership of every phase of the world activities.

It has always been admitted that the boy should be educated and highly educated for he was the natural heir to world leadership in every profession and business. It did not make much difference as to the thoroughness of a girl's education, one year at school and a course of her own choosing would suffice. Not so now. The girl that trifles with the future by being unprepared to lead a life of useful occupation in the home, in society, in business is going to be very lonely and miserable as her associates prepared for life's work of some kind excel her.

What is the use of a College education, is a question that no one asks nowadays. Have you an education, is the foremost question of the home, society and business. The world today has had a great change in its way of thinking.

A successful business man recently remarked—"Whatever you are going to do in life you should do in the best way. I find that education fits rather than unfit for the most exacting requirements of our times."

The useful life is the aim of Lindenwood College. To this end the great benefactors of the College, Col. and Mrs. James Gay Butler, have devoted a large part of their fortune and to this end the College will ever be true.

Our courses have been outlined that we may study a student's aptitude, guide her in selecting a course best suited to her talents. This is neither the day nor age to look upon an education lightly or selfishly. "Not to be ministered unto but to minister," said the greatest world teacher in expressing His mission to the world, and the secret of a successful life is learning the joy of sacrifice in doing for others.

The useful life makes the world better because of that life, and finds its opportunities crowned with the glory of faithful service.

LINDENWOOD GIRLS AND WAR WORK.

Most gratifying reports come from the "home towns" of our girls as to the efficient leadership in war work that is being done by them.

Space forbids any extensive article on the subject. The lines of work in which they are engaged covers about every phase of activity. Some are instructors in Surgical Dressings, some are raising funds for the Red Cross, some are conducting childrens Thrift Stamp banks, others are Sewing, Knitting and engaged in Canteen Service. We are justly proud of our girls who are "making good" in everything they undertake.

LETTER BOX.

Dear Dr. Roemer:

I want to thank you for the Alumnae directory received yesterday. It shall be among my choicest treasures, for when one's college days have passed what is treasured more than the memory of them?

I appreciate also the college bulletin sent me each month. It is so wonderful the way the college has grown since my time there, and how proud I am of it. It stood for a great many years with just the one building. When the start was made there were surprising results.

My two children are both boys. Isn't it too bad I can't plan for them to attend their mother's Alma Mater? That's what I surely would do if they were girls.

Here's with very best wishes for the prosperity of Lindenwood as long as time may last.

Sincerely,

MRS. A. M. CURTIS,

Hartville, Mo.

Class of '08.

P. S. Makes me feel like I want to add our class yell.

WEDDING BELLS.

The editor of the bulletin congratulates the many young men who have wisely selected Lindenwood girls for their help-mates. Most of our girls have been chosen to manage a husband and a household shortly after graduation, which shows the splendid good judgment of many young men in knowing where to go to find "the best woman in all the world."

July 3—Miss Frances Fales was united in marriage to Lieut. William Kent Cooper at Jerseyville, Ill.

July 1—Miss Marguerite Russell was united in marriage to James E. Churchill in the city of Chicago.

July 28—Miss Mary Gilmore was united in marriage to Lieut. Harold E. Shannon at Fredonia, Kans.

July 20—Miss Moyne Pribble was united in marriage to Lieut. Irel James Branson at Salina, Kans.

DOCTOR WIDELY KNOWN IN STATE FIRST YANK TO GET BRITISH MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut. A. L. Jones Decorated by King
George for Bravery in Battle.

Lieut. A. L. Jones of the Fifth Scottish Rifles, well known in St. Louis and Missouri, has just been decorated by King George with the Military Cross. This honor is given for the first time by the British Government to an American medical officer. Lieut. Jones worked for 10 days under heavy shell fire, removing the wounded from a point near the front line. His conduct was recognized by the following letter from Brig. Gen. Charles Mayne:

"I am delighted to inform you that our Commander-in-Chief (Field Marshal Gen. Sir Douglas Haig) has awarded you the Military Cross for your gallant work and devotion to duty at the battle of ———. Please accept my heartiest congratulations and best wishes for all good luck in the future."

The letter comes to Dr. John L. Roemer, president of Lindenwood College, with whom Jones was associated intimately during the summers of 1914, '15 and '16, as Field Secretary of Lindenwood College. Jones, who is a graduate of the University of Missouri, class of 1913, and of Western Reserve University Medical Course, enlisted for Government hospital work in May, 1917, going abroad with one of the first medical units. For several months he has been Regimental Medical Officer, attached to the Fifth Scottish Rifles. He writes of his decoration as follows to Dr. Roemer:

"The brigadier general tells me that this is the first time the Military Cross has been awarded to an American Medical Officer by the British Government. The Commander-in-Chief awards the Military Cross; it is presented in person to the recipient by His Majesty, the King of England."

The letter telling of the decoration is under date of May 30, but in a letter of May 5, Jones told Dr. Roemer of the "ten

days' battle" during which he "did not remove his clothes during the whole time." He says with military terseness:

"There were wounded men in the line. The Royal Army Medical Corps men refused to evacuate them unless my aid post was moved closer to front line. I led this squad to the wounded, dressed them and assisted in carrying all of them to the original post. This was done under heavy shell fire."

—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

MRS. SAMUEL J. NICCOLLS.

The families of Col. Butler and Dr. Niccolls were very closely associated. A friendship of half-century had bound them by ties near to kinship. Col. Butler was always an admirer of Dr. Niccolls and was often in his counsels concerning charitable gifts. "It was Dr. Niccolls," Col. Butler used to say, "that gave me the inspiration to give away my money." The death of Dr. Niccolls was followed almost to the day one year later by the death of Col. Butler. In the going of Mrs. Niccolls and Mrs. Butler only a few days elapsed, Mrs. Niccolls' remains being interred on Monday and Mrs. Butler's on Friday of the same week.

Mrs. Niccolls' failing eyesight had caused her to lead a very quiet life. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her and she was a most charming personality. Her daughter, Miss Grace Niccolls, devoted her life to the companionship and helpfulness of her parents, and was always interested with them in the development of Lindenwood. Dr. Niccolls was President of the Board of Directors for a generation.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat gave the following notice of her death:

Mrs. Samuel J. Niccolls, widow of the former pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, died yesterday afternoon in her apartment, 5290 Waterman Avenue.

Dr. Niccolls died in August, 1915, after fifty years' service as pastor of the Sec-

ond Presbyterian Church. The maiden name of Mrs. Niccolls was Margaret A. Sherrick and she was married to Dr. Niccolls in 1860.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. E. M. Samuel of Lake Forest, Ill., near Chicago, and Miss Grace Niccolls, who lived with her mother. Before the death of Dr. Niccolls their home was at Hortense Place. The two daughters were with their mother when she died.

Before coming to St. Louis, fifty-three years ago, Dr. Niccolls was a chaplain in the Union Army during the civil war and served with the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers. For a short time he was pastor of a church in Chambersburg, Pa., and then came to St. Louis for his half-century pastorate.

Dr. Niccolls received many honors from the Presbyterian Church and from colleges under the jurisdiction of that denomination.

LINDENWOOD UNDER DR. ROEMER'S MANAGEMENT.

Under the direction of Dr. Roemer, the famous old Lindenwood College for Girls at St. Charles has made steady advances. For many years the name of Lindenwood has been honored among places of culture for young women, but Dr. Roemer has added energy and modern method to the fine established traditions of the school.

Now comes along Dame Fortune with added millions of money to aid in the big work ahead. The late James Gay Butler was a fine friend of the school and the spirit he left in the place was an ever present impulse to high endeavor. Now that his widow has added to the beneficence of her worthy husband, the future of Lindenwood is safely out of the puerilities of financial embarrassment and secure in the solid policies of her distinguished president and guiding genius.—St. Louis Times.

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