

Millions Given by Women.

While the following is not a complete record of women's notable gifts for purposes of public good during 1899, it approximates the sum of \$16,000,000. Of this amount, the largest single sum is Mrs. Stranford's \$10,000,000, and Mrs. Bradley's \$500,000 is the next largest gift. The total of gifts and bequests for the five years—1895 through 1897—in this country was more than \$165,000,000—that is gifts from private fortunes for public uses. Of this \$45,000,000 was given during 1897. In 1898, in New York city alone \$25,000,000 was given away in charity. During the same year, the gifts of thirty-four women in the United States for higher education amounted to \$3,446,400; of this sum, Cora J. Flood gave the largest amount, or \$2,000,000, and Helen Gould, beside her donation to the Government gave \$37,000 for educational purposes.

The record of gifts to charity and for educational purposes by women in this country for the year now ending is a notable one.

Half a million dollars, given by Mrs. Lydia Bradley of Peoria, Ill., comes next to Mrs. Stranford's gift. It was presented last summer to the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, and constituted her second donation, the first being the gift of the land on which the institute was built and the money to build it. That involved a sum approximating \$250,000. In addition, Mrs. Bradley has given to Peoria 137 acres of land for a park, she has built a church, a home for aged women and many other smaller institutions.

Miss Flood's presentation of her father's countryplace at Menlo Park, to the University of California, made last year, has been supplemented recently by a gift of money. The house and its contents are valued at \$1,000,000, and a tract of nearly 3,000 acres is included in the transfer.

Another California woman has been munificent in her gifts; that is Mrs. E. B. Crocker, who has conveyed to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks her home in Sacramento as a memorial of her husband, it is valued at \$90,000. Mrs. Phebe Hearst and Mrs. Leland Stanford are constantly adding to their gifts to the universities; they have built up in California, and their benefactions go up into the millions. Mrs. Stanford's latest contribution made during the summer was one of \$10,000,000.

Mrs. Emmons Blaine of Chicago in May announced that she would found a college of pedagogy, the institution to be started with a fund of several hundred thousand dollars. She has had this idea in mind for some years, it being her desire to accomplish a practical good for poor girls by giving them an opportunity to become teachers. She bestows a permanent benefit upon them. The new college of pedagogy, built and endowed by Mrs. Blaine, will represent an outlay of \$500,000.

At the commencement at Vassar college in June it was announced that Miss Katharine Tuttle had given a ten thousand dollar scholarship in memory of her sister, and Mrs. Caroline Swift Atwater of Poughkeepsie to build a new infirmary had donated \$8,000.

From Mrs. William Beldon Noble of Washington, Harvard University has received a gift of \$20,000 to endow a lectureship in memory of her husband, a graduate of the class of 1885. Another gift of \$20,000 was received at the university from the family of John Simpkins for the Lawrence Scientific School, and still another \$5,000 from Mrs. Frederick T. Phillips of Lawrence, R. I. The money is to establish a fund, the income of which is to be expended annually in the purchase of books for the college library in the department of English literature. The gift is in memory of the donor's brother.

A new dormitory is to be erected at Wellesley College, at a cost of \$60,000, is the gift of Mrs. Martha S. Pomeroy of Washington. Mrs. Irene B. Lewis of Hamilton, N. Y., has recently made a gift of \$5,000 to Colgate University, to found three scholarships for the purpose of aiding young men studying for the Baptist ministry in that institution.

Miss Marie Hopper of Philadelphia has given \$10,000 to Bryn Mawr College for scholarship foundation fund.

Mrs. Joseph Moffatt of Los Angeles, Cal., has given property to the value of \$50,000 to the endowment fund of the National Florence Crittenton Mission—a charity which was founded sixteen years ago by Charles N. Crittenton of New York in memory of his daughter.

For the maintenance of a home for convalescents and invalids at Santa Barbara, \$80,000 has been left by Miss Anna S. C. Blake, her will being probated in April. She also left to the Cottage Hospital, Philadelphia, \$10,000; to the Orthopedic Hospital, Philadelphia, \$10,000 and to a Boston hospital a like sum.

A charity has been founded during the past few months by Mrs. Alfred Corning Clark, in memory of her husband. It is the Alfred Corning Clark Neighboring House, which stands in the heart of the crowded lower East Side. Men's women's boys' and girls' clubs, kindergartens, libraries, conservatories and roof gardens are included in the work of the institution—a work which is thoroughly appreciated by the people in whose behalf it is being done. It has been endowed at a cost of about \$400,000.

During last summer a new floating hospital for St. John's Guild was built by Mrs. Augustus D. Juilliard of New York, at a cost of \$83,000; it was named in honor of the donor, the Helen C. Juilliard. The Emma Abbott, another barge, built from the munificence of the singer, and named in her honor, was also placed in commission during the hot weather.

To the endowment fund of the University of Chicago, Miss Helen Miller Gould has recently contributed \$25,000. A second scholarship of \$8,000 to Vassar College was announced at the commencement of June—these scholarships are given in memory of her mother. Two Scholarships of \$6,000 each she has given to Mr. Moody's schools: one for the girls' seminary and one for the boys. To endow a free bed in perpetuity in the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, New York, she gave \$5,000. At the cost of about \$250 she provided for a floating hospital trip last summer. For the cyclone sufferers in

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Wisconsin, July 6 last, she sent her check for \$250.

In March the Countess de Castellane (Anna Gould) gave \$20,000 to a children's society in Paris. She is to present a hall to be used for charity bazaars to take the place of the building destroyed by fire, in which so many lives were lost. The site alone has cost \$200,000.

Since her husband's death, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt has sent \$5,000 to the police pension fund, as a recognition of the services rendered by the police force at the time of Mr. Vanderbilt's funeral. To the King's Daughters of Newport her check for \$1,000 was lately sent; the amount to be used in ministering to the sick poor.

Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt visited Newport early in November to supervise the Thanksgiving dinner which she has given for many years to the newsboys, bootblacks and other poor boys of that watering place. To defray the expenses of the occasion she writes her check for \$1,500.

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Trinity Church Sunday school was used in providing a Thanksgiving entertainment. To the Nassau Hospital at Hempstead, L. I., Mrs. Belmont has sent \$3,000. Mrs. P. A. Harper has given the same amount to the hospital.

For 'St. Anthony's Bread,' Mrs. Francis Brockholst Cutting contributes \$3,000 a year. The charity was founded a year ago in memory of Mrs. Cutting's son, Brockholst Cutting. The fund for the sick poor is within the limits of St. Mary's parish, Newport, which is more than half of the town, but the fund is distributed without regard to creed color or nationality.

During the year at an outlay about \$4,000, Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes has continued her gifts to the home she presented to the parish of the Heavenly Rest, New York, and has established a library and recreation house for the use of the crowded Italian colony centred around Mulberry street. The King and Queen of Italy have recognized the charitable work of Mrs. Stokes by sending their portraits.

Miss Elizabeth Plankinton of Milwaukee gives \$100,000 for a Young Women's Christian Association in that city. Through the generous gift of \$50,000 from a woman residing in New England, Bishop Grafton of Fond du Lac, Wis., recently announced that the indebtedness on the cathedral had been wiped out and the school fund augmented.

Gifts by bequests have abounded during 1899. A quarter of a million dollars was left by Mrs. Eugene Kelly to build a chapel for St. Patrick's cathedral, New York, and to provide a fund for the sick poor. Of the Baroness de Hirsch's \$100,

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000,000 left to charity, \$1,200,000 comes to America. The Clara de Hirsch Home in Sixty second street, founded about two years ago by the Baroness, receives an additional legacy of \$250,000.

The will of Mrs. Caroline L. Macy, who founded the Macy Memorial Art School in New York bequeaths \$200,000 to the Teachers college and \$5,000 to the Presbyterian hospital. Mrs. E. A. Stevens of Castle Point, Hoboken, bequeaths to Holy Innocent church, which she was mainly instrumental in establishing a fund of \$3,000 to provide coal for the poor of Hoboken, free or at cost price, and \$12,000 for other church charities. To the church of the Holy Communion, New York, Mrs. Caroline A. Cisco leaves \$10,000. To the Missionary Society—domestic and foreign—Mrs. Emilie A. Matthien, gives \$5,000. About \$80,000 is distributed among New York charities by the will of Mrs. Caroline E. Hollister.

Mrs. Ellis R. Brunnot of Alleghany City Pa. bequeathed by will, probated in November, \$123,000 to missions. The late Mrs. Harriet Frothingham Wolcott, stepmother of governor Roger Wolcott, distributed by her will, probated in April last, \$32,500 to various charities, among the number the Massachusetts General Chapel, the Hampton school, Virginia, the Bennet Industrial school, Boston, and the Tuskegee Normal and Agricultural institute.

St. Barabas hospital, Newark, benefits to the value of \$1,000 and a share in the residuary estate of Mrs. Eliza Wells, who also left \$1,000 to the society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

By the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson in July, the poor seamstresses of Rhinebeck on Hudson find themselves heirs to an estate of \$300,000 which is to be equally divided among them.

Reparation to Shakespeare.

The 'Wiener Bezirksbote,' a local Anti-Semitic paper, recently urged its readers to see the production of 'The Merchant of Venice' at one of the Vienna theatres, in order that they might realize how their great countryman Grillparzer had pictured Shylock, the type of the evil Jew. A local wag thereon addressed the following letter to the editor of the 'Bezirksbote': 'Dear Mr. Editor—Will you kindly state in the next number of your valued paper that 'The Merchant of Venice' was written, not by Grillparzer, but by me. A wretched Liberal like Grillparzer could never have produced a piece of such evident Anti-Semitic tendency. Thanking you in advance for the correction, yours, etc., William Shakespeare.—Vienna, November, 1899.' The 'Bezirksbote' fell into the trap, and published in all seriousness the letter signed 'William Shakespeare' and dated 'November, 1899.' An explanatory editorial note says: 'It was an error to attribute 'The Merchant of Venice' to Grillparzer, but we trust that Mr. Shakespeare will be satisfied with our above acknowledgment.' The editor of 'Bezirksbote,' Herr König, is a prominent member of the Anti-Semitic party and a member of a suburban school board.



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