



WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

Society in Washington, and for that matter all over the world is much more interested in the president's wife than it is in the president himself. Emerson says that life is only a little conversation, and I say that you can not have conversation without society, unless one has a constitution like Macaulay's and it is not reported that he talked to himself. His idea of a pleasant party was where one voice and that one his, talked all the time to many ears.

From gay Dolly Madison to the gracious Mrs. Cleveland, the people have intruded upon the privacy of the president's family. The people want to know how the president's wife looks, what she wears, how she brings up her children and what they say and do. By unremitting effort President and Mrs. Cleveland have kept their children in complete seclusion so far as the newspapers are concerned. In consequence, gossip, unable to understand such conduct, says that the children must be witless. In point of fact they are bright and pretty, and Mrs. Cleveland believes that the idle tales about the children will not hurt them as much as publicity would.

The president is not a sovereign, but his wife occupies the only throne in America. Mr. Cleveland's three hundred pounds of resentment at the American people for taking so much interest in his wife is so much waste choler. Mrs. Cleveland has a gracious, womanly manner, a trick of remembering people and of listening to any one who is talking to her with perfect attention and the manner of being especially delighted with him, that suggests the stories told of Recamier's fascination. It is thoughtfulness for others that has made Mrs. Cleveland's administration so successful. She applies the golden rule in society and in forgetting herself she will be remembered longer than any one of her predecessors. If the Chicago convention had been allowed to indorse Mrs. Cleveland it would have done it by acclamation.

Simplicity and entire self-forgetfulness characterize Mrs. Bryan. Her unworldly absorption in books and babies and her husband is shown by her clear, direct, uncalculating glance. Her life has been one of study. She is an only child and her mother was almost a life long invalid. "She was such a thin little girl," her father said, "I hated to punish her when I thought I ought to." The doctor said she must be kept out of doors. Luckily she did not like indoor life and all day long she tagged her father, and her little dog Frisk tagged her. They dug in the garden and her father made funny rhymes that she whispered herself to sleep on at night. Long before she could read she knew the names of the bugs and worms that her little hoe and his big one turned up in the garden. The man showed the little girl with what exact perfection all the insects were made, and how they clung to the earth. By the time she was ready for books she was kin to everything they told about. She idealized the earth and its generating and regenerating character. From a puny child she has grown to be a strong woman with a rare power of endurance and concentration. She and her father sat on the porch at night and he told Greek and Norse stories of the stars. He told her how far away they were from them and from each other though they looked so neighborly. He told her what a speck the world would look if they could look at it from Venus. Then he took her in his arms and crooned his own funny man's mother goose. The idea of the immensity of the universe and the relation of the world to the solar

system seldom enters a child's mind—The world is vastness, mystery, but the door-yard is a large part of it. Over there behind the goose-berry bush is a wild spot, and the orchard beyond it is undiscovered still. The sense of proportion and perspective that Mary Baird acquired from her father, has had a great influence upon her. Her father says she never told him a lie. I don't believe she ever told anyone a lie. Her words have the Quaker literalness and simplicity of long habit. If she should be the first lady of the land she will be a sweet example of womanliness. Early stargazing or her father's influence trained her to think of things abstractly, nakedly, without the impediments of custom and fashion.

She was born in Perry, Illinois. When she first went to school she did not like it. The books and the confinement were unaccustomed and as hateful as new. She was naturally lazy and she did not want her intimacy with the beetles and birds interrupted. Her father told her if she did not go to school she would be an ignoramus and all the other children would get ahead of her. So she consented to acquire an education because she did not want other children to get ahead of her. It was her good fortune when she was in the high school of Dixon to be taught by a man who was passionately fond of mathematics. He was a good teacher and inspired Mary Baird with a sense of their beauty and use.

When the time came that she must go away to school she and her father travelled over most of the middle west to find the best one. They inspected many and finally decided upon Monticello. Her first winter at this school was interrupted by repeated illnesses of her mother. The next winter, though she hated to leave this excellent school, she wanted to be nearer her mother, so she went to a girls' school in Jacksonville, Ill.

It was in this town that a young man by the name of William Jennings Bryan was attending college. At the beginning of the school year the teachers and pupils of the Fem. Sem. held a reception in the parlors of the school. On this occasion Mary Baird was standing in one of two large rooms when a group of young men entered the other one. She looked up and noticed one of them in particular and

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FIRST PUBLICATION JULY 11. To Frank W. Little, Mary T. Little, The New York Security & Trust Company, a corporation, The General Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventists, a corporation, non-residents:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 29th day of June, 1896, Charles G. Dawes as plaintiff, began an action against you and other defendants in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, the object of which is to foreclose two certain trust deeds and mortgages on the following lands in said county, to-wit:

The southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 6, township 9, range 7.

The northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 31, township 10, range 7.

Part of the north east quarter of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 6, township 9, range 7, beginning at the northwest corner of the north half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 6, township 9, range 7, running east 380 feet to a starting point, thence south 128 feet, thence east 50 feet, thence north 128 feet, thence west 50 feet to place of beginning.

The northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 6, township 9, range 7.

The south half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 8, township 9, range 7.

Lot 16 Perkin's subdivision of east half of northwest quarter and southwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 31, township 10, range 7.

Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, block 3, lots 16, 17, 18, block 6, South Park Addition to Lincoln, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, block 2, A. Traynor Cameron's Subdivision of lot 3, Fairview Addition to Lincoln.

Lots 7, 8, block 116 Lincoln; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 in block 49 Dawson's Addition to the city of Lincoln, also lot 9, block 10 C. C. Burr's Subdivision in the said city of Lincoln, also lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, block 15, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, block 16, lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, block 17, lots 1 and 12 block 25, all of blocks 18, 19, 20, all in Sabin's Hill being a part of northwest quarter of section 6, township 9, range 7, except that portion of above property already deeded to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company.

Each of said trust deeds and mortgages are made by Frank W. Little and Mary T. Little, dated the 14th day of April, 1894, one being given to secure the payment of one certain promissory note or any renewals thereof of said Frank W. Little and another, to the American Exchange National Bank of Lincoln for \$20,000.00, which has been renewed, and there is now due on said renewal note the sum of \$23,000.00, with interest from the 1st day of July, 1896. In said trust deed and mortgage this plaintiff is made the trustee for said American Exchange National Bank. The other of said trust deeds and mortgages is given to secure the payment of eight certain promissory notes, or any renewals thereof as follows: two to the American Exchange National Bank, one dated December 4, 1893 and due 60 days after date, and one dated December 31, 1893, due 60 days after date, each note being in the sum of \$15,000.00, which said notes have been renewed and there is now due and payable upon said renewals \$23,000.00, two to E. E. Brown, one in the sum of \$7,196.41, dated November 8, 1893 and due six months after date, and one for \$7,500.60 dated February 14, 1893, and due on or before August 8, 1894, which said notes have been renewed and there is now due and payable on said renewal note the sum of \$16,000.00, two to H. L. Smith, one in the sum of \$7,500.60, dated February 14, 1893, due on or before August 8, 1894, and one for \$7,196.41, dated February 8, 1893, and due six months after date, which notes have been renewed and there is now due and payable upon said renewal notes the sum of \$16,000.00, two to Everett Finney, one in the sum of \$7,500.60, dated February 14, 1893, and due on or before August 8, 1894, and one for \$7,196.41 dated the 8th day of November, 1893, and due six months after date, which notes have been renewed, and there is now due and payable upon said renewal notes \$16,000.00.

In said trust deed and mortgage the plaintiff is made the trustee for the said American Exchange National Bank, H. L. Smith, E. E. Brown and Everett Finney.

The plaintiff prays for a decree of foreclosure and sale of said lands to satisfy said liens as aforesaid, for deficiency judgment and general relief. You are required to answer plaintiff's petition on or before the 17th day of August, 1896.

CHARLES G. DAWES, Plaintiff.
August 1.

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