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Well, it was kept for a library. And then real estate values in Birmingham went beyond the wildest dreams of any one that ever lived there. One hundred dollars a foot, two hundred, three hundred, five hundred—a thousand—and it became apparent that the property would bring enough not only to purchase a new site on some residential street, and leave enough for a pretty good building besides. And there were many in Birmingham who began to believe that Martha Baldwin wasn't so far wrong after all.

And now Birmingham has its \$175,000 library, and if our memory serves us right, about \$125,000 of that came from the property that Martha Baldwin insisted must be held sacred for a library. And if our guess is right, Birmingham's library, probably the finest in the country for a town of its size, has about \$125,000 more in it than it would have had but for the life of Martha Baldwin.

Martha Baldwin is dead many years, and many who thought her just a bit "queer" are also dead—and forgotten. But queerly enough, it seems that it was just those things about her that were "queer" in eyes of others which make it quite certain she will never be forgotten in Birmingham. Just one life—but would that every community had just one Martha Baldwin!



EDITORIAL
 A LIFE WORTH WHILE

The Village of Birmingham recently dedicated to public use its new \$175,000 Baldwin Public Library, a beautiful edifice designed to care for the library needs of a city four times the size of Birmingham.

How was Birmingham enabled to achieve this? Not by excessive taxation, or by gift of a large sum of money, or by a "drive"—but just by one life. Nor was it the sacrifice of a life, as so often seems necessary to perpetuate a worthy cause. It was the long, peaceful life of Miss Martha Baldwin, devoted to a beloved cause.

One need not be a citizen of Birmingham to appreciate the worth of such a life, to derive the benefits of its example. For citizens everywhere there is in the life of Martha Baldwin of Birmingham a wealth of precept, an assurance that life is worth living, if it is but lived well. In the midst of frequent discussion as whether life is really worth while, it is most interesting and profitable to reflect upon this life, which has come to its full fruition years after the mortal ceased to breathe.

Much has been written about the history of the Birmingham Ladies Library Society, of which Miss Baldwin was the leading spirit, yet the story of Miss Baldwin is not to be found in records. Many years ago, long before such things as "civic pride" began to be much heard and written of everywhere, and practised little anywhere, Martha Baldwin was doing the things that speakers talk about nowadays.

The writer remembers how, as a little boy, with others, he was often bidden to pick up scraps of paper from the sidewalk and curbs of Birmingham streets, by "Mattie" Baldwin—it is but the truth, and certainly no reflection upon her memory—to say that everyone called her that. There were pennies, too, for the little boys who did her bidding. One cent for picking up a scrap or two, and for some particularly unsightly rubbish, two cents—sometimes, three.

It is no disgrace to her memory, either, to say that folks thought there was "something wrong with 'Mattie' Baldwin"—who ever heard of paying out money from your own pocket to boys for picking up papers on the street or sidewalk? The town ought to do that—and if they didn't—well, let the papers stay there. You can't stop people from throwing paper on the streets anyway.

And the library, "Mattie" Baldwin, of course, was pretty generally believed to have sufficient means to keep her comfortably for the rest of her life. But that property at Woodward and Maple—that was getting to be more valuable, and somebody would pay a lot for it for a business block—and that was "Mattie's" queer idea, too—keeping it for a library. And it was tied up so that if any other use was attempted, the property would revert to the University of Michigan for library purposes.

CLARENCEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. LaForge and family of Fourth Gate road spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Moneth and family of Sussex avenue, Detroit.

Mrs. Louis Barnes entertained the Chester Circle Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Headerle very pleasantly entertained a number of Detroit, Mt. Clemens, and Pontiac friends at a party at the Tri-Township Community hall in honor of their guest, Miss Dearfoot of Gladwin, Mich.

The Misses Helen MacFarland, Joyce, Marjorie and George Billing spent Tuesday the guests of Miss Betty Locker of St. Marys avenue, Detroit.

Harry White of South Bend, Ind., spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. White.

The Edgewood Rebekah Relief committee are to have a pedro party Tuesday evening, January 3 at the I. O. O. F. hall.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farmer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Monroe of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hall, Jack D'ody of Detroit, James Layn of Farmington and Russell Monroe of Detroit for Christmas dinner.

Misses Jean and Winifred Chamberlain attended a party at the home of Miss Gladys Baker of Farmington Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hughes and family of Flint spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aldrich, Mrs. Hughes' parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Goetz have as their guests over the holidays Mrs. Goetz's mother, Mrs. Walter Elsey and brother Leslie Perkins of Saginaw.

On Tuesday evening, January 17 a joint public installation of the Edgewood Rebekah lodge, No. 290 and Clarenceville I. O. O. F. Lodge 427, will be held at the I. O. O. F. hall on St. Frances avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Purkey entertained Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen of Detroit, Tuesday evening at their home on Base Line road.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dare spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Ferris of Duesden boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis had the pleasure of entertaining on Christmas day his mother, Mrs. George Booth of Redford, his son Charles S. Robert and wife, and grandson Charles S. Robert Jr., making four generations.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Headerle spent Christmas day with Mrs. Headerle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Laversee of Kalamazoo.

Mrs. C. H. Witte entertained 20 relatives at a Christmas dinner, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Menke and son spent the Saturday evening and Christmas day in Ypsilanti, Mich., the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Kilpatrick.

CHURCHES

Baptist Church
 Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
 10:30—Morning worship and communion service. There will also be the reception of new members.
 11:45—Sunday School. Start the new year by attending.
 6:30—E. Y. P. U. "The Ford Group" will lead.
 7:30—Gospel service. At this hour the New Gospel team will have charge of the service. Each member of the team will take some part in the service either, sing, play or speak. The pastor will preach on the subject, "There is No Difference."
 Come and sing and worship with us.
 Watch night service Saturday from 8 to 12. The early part of the evening will be given over to a social time, refreshments will be served. The devotional hour will begin at 11 o'clock. Anyone is invited to join us in watching the old year out and the new year in.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
 (At Switzer Road)
 Rev. Paul Graunper, Pastor
 New Year's Eve, 8 p. m.—English service.
 New Year, 10:30 a. m.—German service.
 No Sunday School.

Evangelical Church
 December 31, 8:00—New Year's eve party and watch night service.
 January 1, 9:15 a. m.—Sunday School.
 2:30 p. m.—German service.
 Rev. A. Schoen officiating.
 January 4, 2:00 p. m.—Ladies' Aid meeting.
 8:00 p. m.—Y. P. L. meeting.
 January 9, 1:30—Congregational meeting.

Methodist Church
 Rev. E. F. Dunlavy, Pastor
 10:30—Worship and sermon. Special by the choir.
 Sermon by the pastor "What the Years Bring and Take."
 11:50—Sunday School. Classes for all ages. Plans to start.
 6:00—Epworth League. Of special interest to the young people.
 7:00—Evening service.
 The choir will sing.
 Rev. Willis D. Mathias of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, who is attending the Student Volunteer Movement Convention, which is being held in Detroit this week will speak on a "Why the Movement."
 8:00—Fellowship hour with lunch.

West Point Park Church
 10:30—Sunday services. Sermon topic, "The Opening Event."
 11:45—Sunday School.

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TOM TYLER in
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