

Condensed Report of the Eloise Butler Memorial Association.

This Association was organized on June 8, 1933, at the Minneapolis Public Library to arrange for a bronze tablet to be placed on a boulder in the Eloise Butler Native Plant Reserve. Plans were discussed and a Committee consisting of Clara K. Leavitt, Chairman, Elizabeth Foss, Mrs. Wm. E. Crone, Dr. Frederick Schussler and Gratia Countryman was elected to appoint committees to arrange the details.

The Fund Raising Committee consisted of Mrs. J. B. Phelps, Treasurer, Miss Foss, Mrs. Schussler, Mrs. Crone, Mrs. Healey, Mrs. Armatage, Miss Anna Johnson, Mrs. R. V. Cram ~~and~~ Mr. Bovey and Mr. Wester. Seventy-five individuals contributed one dollar each, the limit set by the committee. Many more contributed smaller sums. Most of the names of the contributors are appended. The following organizations contributed one dollar or more.

The Art History Club,	\$5.
The Audobon Society	5.
Biology, Botany and General Science Teachers	5.90
The C. E. and L. Society,	2.
Fifth District Federation of Women's Clubs,	10.
Garden Flower Society,	5.
Garden Section of Minneapolis Woman's Club,	8.75
Retired Teachers Club,	3.50
Woman's Alliance Unitarian Church	1.

The Tablet Committee. Dr. Schussler, Mrs. R. V. Cram, and Miss Countryman arranged the wording of the tablet. Mrs. J. B. Phelps arranged with different firms to submit designs and that of Mr. Melcher of the Flour City Iron Works was accepted. The Committee feels that Mr. Melcher has been very successful in expressing the ideas of the Association. Miss Mary Moulton Cheney assisted the Committee as critic.

As a further Memorial for Miss Butler the Committee is planning the preservation of some of Miss Butler's papers and a history of the Native Plant Reserve, to be kept on file in the Minneapolis Library. Twelve dollars has been contributed toward this object.

The Committee has frequently consulted Superintendent Wirth as to details in the project and is most grateful for his wise suggestions and sympathetic interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Clara K. Leavitt.

May 1934

List of Contributors to the Eloise Butler Memorial Tablet.

Mr. W.H. Bovey,	1.
Mrs. W.H. Bovey,	1.
MR. C.A. Andrews,	1.
Miss Janet Andrews,	1.
Miss Caroline Crosby,	1.
Miss Josephine Tilden,	1.
Mrs. Deborah Abrahamson,	1.
Miss Gratia Countryman,	1.
Miss Marie Todd,	1.
Miss Prest,	1.
Library Technical Room,	1.
Hon. Harold R. Ward,	1.
Hon. Lucian C. Miller	1.
Hon. B.B. Sheffield,	1.
Miss Lisbeth Johnson,	1.
Miss Lavina Smith,	.50
Miss Janet Crone,	.50
Miss Cora Groth,	1.
Miss Elsie Edlund,	1.
Central High Botany Club,	4.21
Miss Florence Wales)	
Miss Annette Wales)	
Mrs. Florence Kneit)---	1.20
Mr. Thomas Morris)	
Mrs. M.L. Healy	1.
Miss Barbara Healy	1.
Miss Mary L. Meeker,	1.
Miss Lillian Mathias,	1.
Miss Anna Cotton,	.50
Miss Mary Byrnes	.50
Miss Anna Strohmeier	.50
Miss Helen Blaisdell	1.
Mr. J.S.V. Fisher,	1.
Miss Harriet Lucas,	1.
Mr. Arthur Wester,	1.
Art History Club,	5.
Audobon Society,	5.
Biology, Botany, General	
Science Teachers	5.90

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 " Miss Kaufman
 N.Y. City "
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 Pres. of
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 asso.
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Others listed on 5 handwritten pp. attached
 incl. Miss Rose Schussler + Miss Emma Schussler
 (Ch. of Dr. Otto + Mrs. Schussler) ?²⁶³ Retired Teachers Club -
 Woman's Alliance of 1st Unitarian Church -

Group Plans Memorial to Miss Butler

In memory of Eloise Butler, whose ashes lie strewn among the wildflowers she loved.

With that as the theme a little group of men and women gathered in the public library Thursday afternoon and formed the Eloise Butler Memorial association.

The purpose of the organization is to perpetuate the memory of the founder-curator of the wildflower garden at Glenwood Park. It will take the form of a tablet upon a huge boulder to be brought into the wildflower garden and set near the memorial oak planted by the park board May 5 in tribute to Miss Butler.

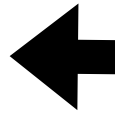
Miss Jennie Hall was named chairman of the organization, Mrs. Zelma Goldsworthy secretary. Miss Clara K. Leavitt, Mrs. W. H. Crone, successor to Miss Butler, Miss Elizabeth Foss, Dr. Otto F. Schussler, and Miss Gratia Countryman were named as a committee on committees. The committees they will name will inquire into the cost of a proper memorial tablet, determine the character of the tablet and the words to be inscribed on it, and collect the necessary funds.

Others present, all friends of the late curator, pledged every possible assistance for the cause. They included Mrs. S. W. Eden, Mrs. Carl Robert Nelson, Mrs. Robert V. Cram, Miss Anna J. Johnson, Mrs. Schussler, Mrs. Frank Healy, Dr. W. H. Crone.

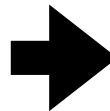
Sometime during the winter the park authorities under direction of Superintendent Theodore Wirth will slide into the wildflower garden a huge boulder as base for the tablet.

And on Arbor Day, 1934, friends of Miss Butler and friends of the flowers she loved will gather in the garden at Glenwood Park to unveil the tablet that will perpetuate her memory for the generations to come.

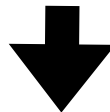
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May 5, 1934,
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Sept. 19, 1933
Minneapolis Tribune



FRIENDS COLLECTING FUNDS FOR TABLET

To honor the memory of Miss Eloise Butler, former curator of the Glenwood park wild flower garden, whose death occurred in April, her friends in the city are creating a fund to erect a bronze tablet in Glenwood park, beside a tree planted for Miss Butler last Arbor day. Mrs. J. B. Phelps of the Hampshire Arms is treasurer of the fund, Miss Gracia Countryman is making the business arrangements and Miss Mary Cheney has been appointed to design the plaque. Mrs. R. V. Cram and Dr. O. F. Schussler are in charge of the wording to be used. Plans are now to erect the memorial and dedicate it next spring. A fund of \$200 by November 1 is the aim of the committee.

Wild Flower Glen Tablet Is Unveiled

Besides the little cabin that holds records of her achievements—among the wild flowers over which her ashes were scattered—friends of Eloise Butler, founder and first curator of the native plant reserve at Glenwood park, gathered Friday afternoon to unveil a tablet to her memory.

Inscribed on the tablet are the words:

"In loving memory of Eloise Butler, 1851-1933, teacher of botany in Minneapolis schools, founder and first curator of this native plant reserve, this oak (a pin oak planted a year ago) has been planted and this tablet erected by a grateful public. To this sequestered glen Miss Butler gathered from all sections of our state specimens of its beautiful native plants and tended them with patient care. This priceless garden is our heritage from her and its continued preservation a living testimony of our appreciation. Here her ashes are scattered and here her protective spirit lingers."

Miss Jennie Hall, science supervisor of the Minneapolis public schools, opened the program. Sterling Robson and a group of 10 South high school pupils uttered bird calls with which Miss Butler during her garden work had become familiar.

As the bird calls ended Mrs. Florence English Hadden, one of Miss Butler's former pupils, stepped forward to read an original poem in tribute. It was entitled "This Wild Flower Garden," and its words were

*"This glen is now a hallowed spot,
A shrine, where wild flowers meet—
We come as friends, with forest birds,
To render tribute in this wild retreat—*

*A tribute due to one held dear,
By all the wildings in this glade,
From all the pupils she has taught,
And all the friends she's made—*

*We all unite with one accord
To sound her praises high,
She surely hears the song above
As these tributes reach the sky.*

*The perfume of these flowers, wild,
Is like wafted incense, rare,
It floats above through "Pearly Gates"
To the Heavenly Gardens, there.*

Then Miss Elizabeth Foss of the North high school faculty, on behalf of Miss Butler's friends—organized as a committee headed by Miss Clara K. Leavitt—made the presentation, and Francis A. Gross, vice president of the park board, accepted the tablet for the city.

2015 So. James, Minneapolis.

September 15, 1933.

My dear Mrs. Crone:- Some of the Committee on wording like like the longer proposed inscription better. We are interested to know how they strike you. Perhaps you can test them by getting as many of your garden visitors as possible to read them and express a preference. We would like to know how the visitors feel toward it. It would help to bring up the subject of the raising of the fund. We must prove to Mr. Wirth and the Park Board that the Reserve has many friends.

We are keeping the names of all who contribute even small sums. One dollar is the maximum.

I envy you if you are planning to study with Dr. Rosen-dahl in the herbarium this winter.

Very cordially yours,

Clara K. Seavitt.

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