

An Appreciation

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My Dear Girls of the London Collegiate Institute Club:

I have had a letter from your President, Peggy Gemmell, asking me to write a short article about your late teacher and friend, Mrs. Frances Parker, for the little booklet you are having printed. I thought, perhaps, I might write of just one of her many characteristics—her spirit of brotherhood. I am sure you have all felt it. You know it has been said that the three essentials of life are "bread, beauty, brotherhood." It seems to me that Frances Parker possessed, to a very unusual degree, sympathy and understanding. Her heart was very big.

Since I left the east I have heard from her twice and I want to tell you about both of these times. The first message came when I was in Chicago, on my way to my future home, over two thousand miles away from old friends and my work among the girls at the London Collegiate that I had loved so well. I received a wire which read, "Wishing you every happiness. Much