Mary Jane Temple

(-9 Feb 1896)

Temple. On Sunday afternoon, February 9, 1896 at her residence, 905 K street northwest, Mary Gunton Temple, widow of Edward Temple and daughter of the late William Gunton. Funeral from residence on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment private. Kindly omit flowers.

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Death of Mrs. Mary Gunton Temple

Mrs. Mary Gunton Temple died yesterday afternoon at her residence, 905 K street. The deceased had been in bad health for a number of years past, and during the past two months her condition had become much worse, so that in the more immediate circle of her friends and acquaintances the announcement of her death was not unexpected. Mrs. Temple was the widow of Edward Temple, for a number of years the president of the Bank of Washington, and the daughter of William Gunton, who was also the president of that bank until his death, and who was prominently identified in the affairs of the city.

Mrs. Temple was a woman of kindly nature and generous disposition, and gave largely of her means to carry on religious and charitable work. She erected, at an expenditure of \$80,000, the Gunton Temple Presbyterian Church edifice at the corner of 14th and R streets as a memorial to her father and her husband. She was connected with the management of the Washington Orphan Asylum and other institutions. The funeral services will be held at her late residence Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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Many Bequests

Charities Remembered in Will of Mrs. Temple

The will of the late Mary J. Gunton Temple, widow of Edward Temple, and a woman well known in religious and benevolent circles, was filed early yesterday afternoon. The instrument is dated January 2, 1896, and George Wilcox, Francis E. Dana and Joseph J. Darlington are appointed executors. To the Washington Loan and Trust Company in trust for Rosa Quinn, a servant, is left the sum of \$5,000, and then the following public bequests are made: Washington City Orphan Asylum, \$10,000, Washington City Bible Society, \$5,000; Children's Hospital, \$3,000; Young Woman's Christian Home and Newsboys and Children's Aid Society, \$2,000 each. To the testatrix's daughter Mamie Temple, the sum of \$40,000 is given, the bequest to be given preference over the others, and to Norris G. Temple and wife is given the property near Pennsburg, Chester county, Pa., known as Gunton-Temple Place, subject to a charge of \$300 a year for their aunts, Sidney, Jane and Mary Temple. The aunts are also given the sum of \$200. A bequest of \$6,000 is made to Edward Temple Wilson, a great nephew, and the sum of \$2,000 each is given to Mrs. Elizabeth B. Beard, Mary J. Wilcox, Julia Dana, Mary G. Carter, nieces; William G. and Thomas G. Budington, nephews, and Clara Wilson Morey, a great niece. To George B. Temple, \$1,200 are given, \$6,000 to William B. Wright, son of an intimate friend, and to Harriet A. Zantzinger, \$335 a year. The residue of the estate is left to the executors for the benefit of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, a memorial chapel to be erected in honor of William Gunton, the father of Mrs. Temple, and if there remain sufficient funds after that is done, one to be built in honor of her husband.