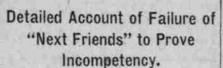
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MRS. EDDY SUIT

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OPINION OF THE EXPERTS

Mrs. Eddy Proved Entirely Competent to Manage Her Own Affairs.

There Is No Question as to Her Soundness of Mind.

There has been received in Portland a detailed account of the famous Mrs. Eddy equity suit that outlines the pro-ceedings leading up to the collapse of the case of the "next friends." This account, which was sent out by the Constitute Science committee at Concord. Invision Science committee at Concord, C. H., says in part: The famous so-called suit in equity

which was instituted through George W. Giover and his daughter, Mary B. Glover, and others, charging that Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, discoverer and Mary Baker G. Eddy, discoverer and founder of Christian Science, has been incompetent to manage her businezs affairs and that she has been con-troiled and dominated by certain of her followers, has suddenly collapsed by a motion of the plaintiffs.

months glaring charges con cerning the condition of Mrs. Eddy and the conduct of her near supporters have been blazoned forth to the pub-He, and counsel for the so-called next friends have given out the impression that startling disclosures were to be made that they would be able to prove that Mrs. Eddy is in a helpless state and in the hands of designing men who were not giving proper account of

"After months of noisy boasting it now turns out that the so-called 'next friends' and their counsel are not able to produce a scintilla of evidence in favor of their allegations but that they have made their charges without the slightest provocation. that they never have had the slightest evidence, but have manufactured their charges out whole cloth.

No Doubt of Her Competency.

Ever since the filing of the bill, the friends," through their counsel, have made repeated statements to the public press as to what they expected to prove and the evidence they claimed to have in hand but which they asserted could not be disclosed at that time but when opportunity arrived would be offered and would sustain and prove each and all of the allegations in their bill relating to the incompetency of Mrs. Eddy and the Imposition and restraint that were im-posed upon her by all those that were sur-

rounding her. There could be no more complete and higher vindication of Mrs. Exidy and no stronger admission of failure on their own part than their voluntary act of askown part than their voluncity act of ana-ing dismissal of the case that they have themselves instituted. Such a disposition of the case must have greater weight in the minds of all fair-minded persons than even a finding of the masters in favor of Mrs. Eddy could possibly have to concede that the evidence they had offered was so slight that they themselves recognized that it was not even sufficient to submit to the masters for their consideration

Shrewdness of Investments.

During the time which has elapsed since

to see that others were put right, which implied a power of attention which would not exist in an individual of weak mind. She possessed a perfect knowledge of not exist in an individual of weak mind. She possessed a perfect knowledge of her surroundings and the duties and obli-gations of those who were serving her. "My visit to her house was made on the afternoon of August 12, at 2 P. M. I found her to be an elderly woman, of delicate frame, and evidently somewhat affected by the heat.

No Evidence of Mental Disease.

"Throughout the entire conversation she showed no evidence whatever of any mental disease. She did not manifest any delusions, which she probably would have done had she been a paranolac, as it has been asserted she was, nor did she once refer to malicious animal magnetism, which I understand was alleged to be an

which i understand was alleged to be an evidence of her state of mind. "From my knowledge of the case, from careful study of all the letters and doc-uments submitted to me, and from my ex-amination of Mrs. Eddy, I am firmly of the opinion that she is competent to take care of herself and manage her affairs and that she is not coerced in any way.

In fact, it would appear as if she takes the initiative upon all occasions." Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton has had probably the largest experience of any allenist in this country in court, having commenced his career about 25 years ago. He has appeared in all the important commenced his career about 35 years ago. He has appeared in all the important cases in his own state in New York, both civil and criminal.

Doctor Hamilton has the proud distinct tion of being the only expert in the Thaw murder case who expressed an absolute and unqualified opinion about Thaw's mental condition, which was subsequently adopted by both the defense and prosecution, but he was not allowed to testify by either, although he surprised the entire country by his independent stand.

General Streeter's Address

After Mr. Chandler made his motion to dismiss the suit, General made the following address: General Streete

"If Your Honor pleases, in behalf of Mrs. Eddy, my associates, the Attor-ney-General, Mr. Eastman, and Allen Hollis join me in the following motion That the masters proceed with this

hearing and determine the questions submitted, namely, Mrs. Eddy's com-potency to manage her business affairs March 1, 1907. Upon this motion I de-sire to speak briefly and perhaps more temperately than the circumstances

would justify me in speaking, "If we are allowed to proceed, we will show you that on February 12, Mrs. Eddy began to arrange for the entire management of her property during her life, and to make libera provision for her kindred during that

"She is an honored citizen of this stat entitled to the protection of its courts. She is the founder and head of a great religious organization, with many dred thousands devoted followers. hun OT March 1 last she was living peacefully in her own home, surrounded by faithful friends of her own choice. She was possessed of a large property, acquired al-most solely from the sale of her religious writings. It will some time appear that writings. If will some time appear that after providing liberally for her own kin she has devoted much of her estate to the promotion of the religious views taught by her. She was a good citizen. She was and is entitled to the protection of the law. On that day, March 1 last, this suit was instituted by a great news-paper, which had hired and paid emi-nent counsel to bring it. It was primarily an attack upon the religious teachings of an attack upon the religious teachings of a great religious leader. A son and an adopted son inconsiderately loaned the use of their names as 'next friends;' and the agent of their names as next friends; and the agent of this newspaper, who visited and persuaded the son at Lead, Novem-ber 29, and the adopted son at Waterbury, Vermont, March 6, and persuaded them to be described as the set of the set to co-operate, is now writing in the pres of Your Honors at the reporters table

Evidence Not Sufficient.

This trial has been proceeding five days. and with the exception of her own exam-ination before you, the only evidence submitted is a few letters selected out submitted is a few letters selected out of thousands written by her, and a few fragments of her other writings. Upon the charge that her money has been mis-appropriated, that her property was not safeguarded, not one word of testimony has been introduced. The charge that she is incompetent has utterly collapsed, and now these altruists, who pretended and





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oped in various ways that with the exception of Mr. Calvin A. Frye. Mrs. Eddy's faithful secretary, none of the ten defendants had the slightest knowledge of Mrs. Eddy's business affairs nor had ever handled a dollar of her money. It was also shown by the affidavits of ex-pert accountants that Mr. Frys had very carefully given account of Mrs. Eddy's affairs and that when he closed them up he had made errors against himself so that there was due him something over

It was also discovered that Mrs. Eddy had manifested a shrewdness in her in vestments and in the general management of her affairs which is seldom equaled even by the most painstaking and careful business men.

Another point of interest to the public is the disclosure that Mrs. Eddy is sur-rounded by trusted friends of her own choosing, who are unusually attentive and careful regarding her wants. The case was defended by General

Frank S. Streeter, his partner, Allen Hol-lis, General Edmund G. Eastman, Samuel Elder and Hon. William A. Morse. Great credit is due these men for the calm, considerate, indulgent and judicial manner in which they conducted their

During the progress of the case it has been thought advisable by Mr. Streeter, counsel for Mrs. Eddy, that an expert allenist, whose honesty, reputation and competency could not be questioned, make a thorough study of the case and be prepared to pass judgment thereupon if it became necessary. It was thought advis-able that this allenist should be the very best which this country affords, in order to make the testimony as atrong as pos-sible according to the justification which he might find, and to this end Dr. Allan MeLane Hamilton was chooser

McLane Hamilton was chosen. Doctor Hamilton had formerly testified against Christian Science in a New York case, but his sterling character and verae-ity is of such a nature that it was be-lieved Mr. Streeter and the Christian Scientists whom he consulted that the doctor's disbellef in some of the teachings of Christian Science would not in any way interfere with his making a just and fair estimate of Mrs. Eddy's condition. He visited Mrs. Eddy and has de-cided to submit his findings for publica-

Dr. Hamilton's Statement.

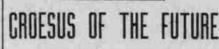
The following is Doctor Hamilton's statement:

"I have informed myself in regard to the mental condition of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, and, for this purpose, have examined a large nuuber of documents and letters, perhaps 100 in all, and have examined have at have been my G. Eddy, and, for this purpose, have examined a large number of documents and letters, perhaps 100 in all, and have examined her at her home. Pleasant View, in this city. I have also read the original bill filed by her 'next friends,' deorge W. Glover et als, and the affi-davits presented by them in support of their contention that she is an incompe-tent. It will appear from the complaint of these people that she is 'incapable of so understanding her property rights as to be able to exercise her free and un-blased will with respect to the same, or to manage her affairs and protect her groperty with prudence and discretion against the undue influence, control and fright of others, and to take charge of and manage the present legal proceed ings.

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represented to the court that they brought this sult as her friends, for her protection and in her interests, have made their public confession to the world. "I speak not only for Mrs. Eddy, but for every other nged citizen of this state whose property, person and religious convictions are now endangered.

'In their name, and in the name of this aged and honorable and honored woman, we respectfully demand that a finding of competency be made by Your Honors upon this issue thrust upon her and sub-mitted to your decision by the court."



WILSON SAYS HE WILL OWN TIMBER OF NATION.

One Man Already Controls 30,000, 000 Acres_Rockefeller and Carnegle's Wealth Combined.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ington, Sept. 6 .- "Nearly all the timber in the United States outside the National forests will, within a few years, he exhausted, with the exception of vast tracts in the hands of one or two men, and each of these men will have greater wealth than Rockefeller and Carnegle put to-

gether.' This remarkable statement was not

made by some theorist or alarmist, but came from James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, upon his return to Washing-ton after a tour of inspection of the National forests of the West. And Mr. Wilson is not inclined to be sensational. "Rockefeller is now considered the mod-ern Croesus," added the Secretary, "but the lumber king of the future will far surpass him in riches. And why not? The forests of the West, through fires and the inroads of lumbermen, are disapand the inroads of lumbermen, are disap-pearing year by year much more rapidly than they are growing. In the far North, west the big trees are constantly be-ing destroyed, and it takes 500 years to grow new ones. Thus many generations of men must come and go before we can replenish the virgin forests of a few years ago. During the past few years the price of lumber has doubled. With an increased scarcity there must be a still higher price.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 5.-(Special.)-A campaign against Carada thistles is now ings. "She showed an ability to direct and criticize others as to her affairs and in everything a normal amount of will power which was exercised in a proper direction. She had the capacity to ap-preciate details, to correct mistakes, and heing waged in some parts of Linn County. Under the terms of the new state law, several of the road supervisors in this county are forcing property-owners

involving the maximum expense preparation of grounds and erection buildings, and when the grounds of buildings, and when the grounds and buildings were finished they found they buildings were raisined they found they did not have material enough to fill them. There has been great waste of material and time, and of course of money, simply because the Exposition was built on too large a scale.

Barely Pays Expenses.

Just how the gate receipts compare with the actual running expenses, to say nothing of the cost of installation, nobody outside the Exposition officials can say, but from all reports it is not likely that the receipts are any more than that the receipts are any more than enough to keep the show going. Under such conditions it is utterly impossible for the Exposition to pay back to the Government the \$1,000,000. The probabil-ities are that the Exposition will close with none, or very little, of the loan paid up, and if that proves to be the case, some liberal-hearted Southerner will rise in Congress next Winter, offer a bill to convert the loan into a gift. a bill to convert the loan into a gift, and after debate back and forth, the bill will be passed.

Strong Backing in Congress.

Jamestown was strong in Congress be-cause the entire South was behind the Jamestown bills. More than that, men from states which have heretofore had expositions could not do otherwise than support the Jamestown appropriations. support the Jamestown appropriations. The Northwestern delegations, in return for Southern support of the bill making an appropriation for the Portland Ex-position, had to ald Jamestown; the Illi-nois delegation could not forget the big appropriation for the Chicago Fair; the Missouri delegation had not forgotten the Missouri delegation had not forgotten the appropriation for St. Louis, and the New

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