

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.