

ANNA T. JEANES, PHILANTHROPIST

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(From the Tuskegee Student.)

Miss Anna T. Jeanes, of Philadelphia, who gave \$1,000,000 for Negro education, is an extremely retiring and unostentatious person, and her previous benefactions have been accomplished so quietly that they escaped public notice. She hoped to avoid it in the present instance also, and in presenting copies of the deed of trust to Dr. Washington and Dr. Frissell, she asked them to save her from publicity as much as the circumstances permitted. But it was impossible for the precaution to avail her much, and her name is now known throughout the length and breadth of the land. Miss Jeanes is one of the few survivors of a prominent Philadelphia family of Friends, her father having been Isaac Jeanes, who made an immense fortune in dry goods. She was worth \$5,000,000 before she gave one-fifth of her fortune for Negro education, but she spends very little of her money on herself. Thirty years ago Miss Jeanes and her four brothers abandoned their home at Fox Chase on account of the advent of the Philadelphia, Newtown & New York railroad, and went to the Arch street house to live. Several times each year for many years the survivors rode out to take a mournful look at their once comfortable mansion, gradually sinking to decay. Each year they came and looked upon the house from the hill beyond, then drove back to the city. Its mistress now lives for the most part at the Home for Aged Hicksite Friends, in Germantown, which she built and endowed. She is now 85 years of age and in somewhat feeble health, but when this home was built, a couple of years ago, she attended personally to every detail. By her gift of such a large sum to the colored race the aged Quakeress has made a total departure from her previous lines of philanthropy.