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Mr. Dawson-Watson's pictures are owned in many countries, and he is represented in the St. Louis City Art Museum and the public libraries there.

In the collection to be exhibited here, he has caught the enchanting aspects of the Grand Canyon of Arizona. This splendid scene has moved the artist to select and portray it more as a series of gem-like spots in a huge natural setting, so huge, in fact, that to attempt to depict it within the boundaries of any average canvas would almost appear like a travesty on nature. Many of the smaller pictures in the exhibition were drawn while passing through on the train.

The patronesses for the showing are:

Mrs. Charles C. Beach, Mrs. James Andrews, Mrs. Houghton Bulkeley, Miss Mary Bulkeley, Mrs. Arthur Bradley, Mrs. Howell Cheney, Mrs. Louis R. Cheney, Miss Marjory Cheney, Miss Dorothy Cheney, Mrs. John Davenport Cheney, Mrs. Francis W. Cole, Mrs. W. R. C. Corson, Mrs. John O. Enders, Mrs. Joel L. English, Mrs. Charles A. Goodwin, Miss Florence T. Gay, Miss Lucy O. Mather, Mrs. Hiram Percy Maxim, Miss Clara Mamre Norton, Miss Lucy Perkins, Mrs. Lewis D. Parker, Mrs. Henry Roberts, Mrs. John T. Robinson, Miss Julia F. Stevens, Miss Elizabeth T. Stevens, Mrs. Williams Adams Sanborn, Mrs. Charles H. Talcott, Miss Annie E. Trumbull, Mrs. Henry L. Wilkinson, Mrs. Harold B. Whitmore, Mrs. William E. Whitmore, Mrs. George C. Williams and Mrs. G. C. F. Williams.

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