

ELEANOR DODGE CHILD

(Mrs. Josiah H.)

1902 - 1948

By the death on April 5, 1948 of Eleanor Dodge Child Vassar College has sustained an irreparable loss.

A member of the Class of 1925, Eleanor Dodge played a prominent part in the affairs of the college, serving as Student President in her Senior year. She was a thoughtful and conscientious student and as an officer of the student body proved herself already a good judge of human nature and a young woman of practical ability which she used to the advantage of her office. She met the problems which confronted her with equanimity and good sense.

In 1931 she returned to the college to act as Warden and served in that capacity for nine years. To that office she contributed an understanding sympathy and a sensible practicality which made her work as Warden appreciated by the whole college community, employees, students and members of the Faculty. In 1939, as chairman, she was largely responsible for the success of the 75th Anniversary celebrations.

In 1940 she took a leave of absence, but resigned before the end of the year and soon married Josiah H. Child of Boston.

In 1942 she was elected to the Board of Trustees of Vassar and for the past six years has been one of its most interested and dependable members. She has served on the Trustee Committees for Faculty and Studies, Under

graduate Life, Buildings and Grounds, Endowment, and the Executive Committee, and last year she was elected Secretary of the Board. Her thorough knowledge of the problems facing teachers, administrators, and students gave her advice and her judgment a rounded value unequalled in the Board. She was always ready to listen to members of the Faculty, and, indeed, eager to get their point of view. We, in turn, liked to hear her judgments and had full confidence in her fairness and a deep appreciation of her understanding of college affairs and of her friendly attitude toward our undertakings. She will indeed be missed.

Agnes Rindge Claflin

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