

LE ROY CLARK COOLEY

1833 - 1916

In recording the death of Le Roy Clark Cooley, for thirty-three years Professor of Physics or Chemistry in Vassar College, the Faculty desires to express its appreciation of the man and of the teacher. His strict fidelity to duty, his high ideals of life and scholarship, his deep sense of moral responsibility, impressed all with his strength of character, while his justice, sympathy and kindly spirit won for him the confidence and affection of those with whom he lived and worked. During his long term of service in Vassar College, from 1874 to 1907, he rarely failed to meet a college engagement. His career as an educator covered a unique period in the development of science. He was among the first to introduce laboratory method in the college course. His researches in the field of radiant energy brought him to the threshold of discoveries that have made others famous. His clarity of expression, devotion to truth and impartial attitude of mind, commanded the respect and admiration of many generations of students and made a potent influence in their lives. Though Emeritus Professor he continued to be identified in many ways with the Faculty so that by his death the college mourns the loss of a devoted officer and a loyal friend

Abby Leach

J. Leverett Moore

Ella McCaleb

VI - 121