

ELIZABETH HATCH PALMER

1865 - 1920

By the death of Elizabeth Hatch Palmer the Faculty of Vassar College has lost a member whose service has extended over a period of twenty years, and by this minute the Faculty aims to record its appreciation of the work that she has accomplished.

The selfsame qualities that made Professor Palmer so successful as a teacher were manifest in her work as a member of the Faculty - a broad and deep humanity, a high ideal of scholarship, a scrupulous honesty towards herself and others, a sense of balance and justice made constructive through untiring energy and a sincere loyalty to the best interests of the College. She possessed in an unusual degree the capacity for detail combined with a sane opinion of its value and a notable gift for administration, which made her a valuable member of the important committees on which she served, particularly the Committees on Petitions and Elections, on Intercollegiate Relations and on Admission.

Professor Palmer was no mere laudator temporis acti either in the greater world without or in the little world of the college, but a vital personality who saw clearly the essential connection between the past and the present. She possessed something of the ancient Roman virtus, something of Roman reverence and dignity, quickened by a sympathy which made her a loyal friend and a reasonable fellow-worker.

To the College as a whole her death is a very real loss, but to her colleagues who enjoyed the privileges of a long association her honored memory will live as an eternal possession.

Grace H. Macurdy

Ida C. Thallon

J. Leverett Moore

VII - S2