

FRANCES A. WOOD

1840 - 1914

Frances A. Wood, Librarian Emeritus, died on June 17, 1914. She was connected with the College almost from its beginning, as teacher of music, 1867-70, as instructor in English, 1870-80, librarian, 1880-1910, and as Librarian Emeritus until her death.

Under her care the library increased from a few thousand volumes stored in one room of the Main Building to nearly 70,000 beautifully housed in the Thompson Memorial Library. She gave her time and thought to her work unstintedly throughout her active years. By her reminiscences, published in later life, she made a valuable contribution to the history of the college. Her sweetness of spirit, gentle grace, and sympathetic interest won the friendship of all associates and students. Those who knew her intimately recognized the independence of her thinking, the wise tolerance of her judgments, the charm of her genial, sometimes whimsical, outlook on life. She was universally beloved. In her death the College has lost an honored member of its Faculty, a sincere friend of all its alumnae, and an interpreter to the present generation of the spirit of its past.

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