

JEAN CUEBERT PALMER

1872 - 1929

The following minute written by Caroline M. Lewis and adopted at the Philadelphia meeting of the Associate Alumnae of Vassar College, and also at the Council meeting with a vote that a copy should be sent to the faculty of Vassar College, was read: If the aim of Vassar College's existence can be caught in one phrase, it seems happily expressed in the enrichment of personality through character of mind. To these qualities of education Jean Culbert Palmer particularly contributed. Her unerring sensitivity to the needs and capacities of the personalities with whom she was in contact created for them an immediate sense of adjustment to difficulty and a freer course to self-development. Her own character of mind offered the steady inspiration of its example especially throughout her recent illness during which her first thought always was her responsibility to the College, herself the last thought. As Warden of Vassar College for fourteen years, Mis Palmer preserved a peculiarly delicate and important balance between the solidity necessary to the large group which her decisions affected and constructive exceptions which personality demanded.

As we, the Associate Alumnae of Vassar College, mourn her death on July 11, 1929, we are also grateful for her charm of calm power remains a living impulse with us who shared it.

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