

MARIANNE LOUISE KING

1880-1960

Marianne Louise King was born in Rome, New York, November 4, 1880, but moved at an early age to Aurora where her family became closely connected with Wells College. She studied at the Sargent School of Physical Education in Boston, Massachusetts, under Dr. Dudley Sargent, and in 1906 came to Vassar as an assistant in the gymnasium. She became an instructor in 1909 and was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1921, serving as Acting Chairman of the Department of Physical Education in 1924 during Miss Ballantine's leave.

During a semester leave in 1928-29 Miss King visited selected schools and colleges to observe work in Body Mechanics, her particular field of interest. In 1946 she retired after forty years of service. She died on January 15, 1960.

Generations of Vassar students will remember her for her beautiful carriage, a wonderful example of practicing what she preached. She was quiet and reserved but genuinely interested in people, and those with whom she came in contact were impressed with her modesty and unselfishness. She gave generously of her time to many causes, but her greatest contribution was in correctives, where she worked with individual students on exercises prescribed by their own doctors. She was particularly interested in helping polio patients and spastics.

She retired very happily to her old home in Aurora where she was able to pursue her love of gardening and the outdoors and to continue contacts with a college environment. She never lost her interest in Vassar and delighted to see and hear from old friends. Her warmth, her kindness and her cheerful spirit will be remembered by those who knew her.

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