

GERTRUDE SHEPPERLE LOOMIS

1882 - 1922

Through the death on December 11, 1922, of Gertrude Shepperle Loomis, Assistant Professor of French, both the world of scholarship and Vassar College have sustained an irreparable loss. Professor Loomis was one of the few women whose reputation as a scholar is international. Her numerous publications in Celtic and Old French, appearing in book form and in learned periodicals of America and Europe, won her distinguished recognition in this country and abroad and brought her into personal touch with many of the most eminent scholars in her chosen fields. A tireless worker to the last, she has left a considerable amount of unpublished matter.

To an unusual extent she combined with a whole-hearted devotion to research a keen interest in teaching and gave much of her best effort to the organization and original presentation of material, in her eager desire to pass on the love of learning.

Although her term of service at Vassar was short, September 1919 to the time of her death, she identified herself closely and loyally with the college and has left a deep impress upon its intellectual life.

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