

HENRY V. PELTON

1845 - 1925

It is fitting that the Faculty of Vassar College record upon its minutes its appreciation of the services of Henry V. Pelton who died July 13th, 1925. Elected a Trustee in 1896, his term of service of twenty-nine years in that office was one of the three longest in the history of the college. During the years 1910 and 1911 he was college Treasurer. From February 1914 to February 1915 he was entrusted with the presidential powers which are concerned with the business side of the college and with the making of appointments. For many years his membership on the Executive Committee and on the Committee on Faculty and Studies had kept him closely in touch with all sides of college administration. In all these activities and duties he revealed unceasing fidelity and loyalty to the college. A graduate of Amherst and throughout life a constant reader and student, he had a more vital interest in the educational aims of the college than is felt by many college trustees. Firmly and tenaciously he stood for what seemed right and sound in policy and action. Those who did not agree with him never doubted the honesty, sincerity and disinterestedness of his convictions. Those who knew him well realized that, beneath a rugged and sometimes stubborn manner, there was a kindly and generous personality. He takes his place in the growing list of those who have served Vassar College well and faithfully.

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