SOPHIA F. RICHARDSON 1855 - 1916

The Faculty wish to record their sorrow at the death on February 2, 1916, of Sophia F. Richardson, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Miss Richardson, who was graduated from Vassar in 1879 and who returned as instructor in 1886, had almost completed thirty years of devoted service to her college. She literally gave her life to teaching and to study for the sake of teaching, using her many talents and employing her times of rest solely for the benefit of her profession. Her work was characterized by definiteness and originality of teaching method and by the mental and moral energy of the response which she secured from her students. While her great reserve confined her friendships to a small circle, those who knew her well received the highest inspiration from her exquisite appreciation of the fine things of life, her singleness of purpose, and her essentially Christian character. By her death the college loses a rare personality, a teacher of long and successful experience, and a faithful friend.

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