

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FLORENCE G. HASCALL, '95.

THE Alumni Association of the Vassar High School was organized in 1904, the initiative being taken by the then Superintendent, W. S. Lister, whose efforts to give the infant organization a fair start for a prosperous voyage were ably seconded by a very efficient corps of officers, with Miss Ella North as president.

The first banquet given for the class of '04 was held in the assembly room of the Central building as were several successive ones.

The difficulty of securing service in this building, however, forced the association to forego the pleasure of gathering in the old rooms so familiar now to nearly two generations of Vassar's youth, and succeeding banquets have been held in various churches and public halls better suited to such festivities.

As each class passes from the protection of our Alma Mater, its members are received into the ranks of the Association where all feel the tug of our common ancestry.

No member of the Association, surely, can forget the debt he owes to the High School, nor would he wish to repudiate that debt when opportunity presents him the power to liquidate. What then, is our debt to Vassar's Public Schools?

We are indebted not merely for the facts and figures gleaned from books and impressed upon our plastic minds by devoted instructors. This is but a small part of that process we call education; but looking back over the period of our school life, we see that ideals were placed before us to which we were urged to attain, that standards of honor were set up, which we still feel are binding upon us, and that our characters were molded by their influences far more than we dreamed at the time. This, then, is the debt we owe our Alma Mater and its payment may be a work of love and gratitude if we choose to make it so.

The present generation should have greater advantages than the past—the future still greater! What was good thirty, forty, fifty years ago is NOT good now in the light of all that is better, and we should exert all our influence for the betterment of the surroundings of our young people.

Science has revealed much in the last half century, but the wonders of steam and electricity do not exceed the marvel of the revelation that fresh air, plenty of light and sanitary surroundings are essential to the well-being of the race. Whatever else our young people may be deprived of, these are their inalienable rights, for they are the free uncorrupted gifts of their Creator and when we force them to forego these, even during a brief school session, we are defeating His purpose for them.

"But," you say, "the Association cannot build a new school!" Perhaps not; but we can assist in the creation of public sentiment which, if it won't put up new buildings, will at least install adequate ventilating and lighting systems. We can vote when we have an opportunity, generously forgetting higher taxes, and we can AGITATE all the time.

We can also encourage the musical talent in the school of which Vassar has ever had reason to be proud; we can exalt thorough scholarship and praise unstintedly those who invariably do us credit at the higher institutions of learning, and we can "root" diligently for the splendid young fellows who uphold our honor in foot ball team or track. We should give them freely the praise their clean, manly work deserves. We "old timers" can demonstrate that we too, love the "Orange and the Black," and we may feel assured that the future members of the Alumni Association are entitled to the very best we can give them.

ALUMNI

CLASS OF 1871

Superintendent—L. A. Park.
Principal—Miss Alice McElroy.

Graduates

F. S. Lewis, physician, Postmaster of Port Angeles, Washington.

James A. Smith, deceased.

Hiram A. Sturges, of Sturges & Sturges, Registered Attorneys, Omaha, Nebraska.

To Ida R. Lovejoy, Editor for Senior Class of 1916, Vassar, Michigan:
As a representative of the Class of 1871, of the Vassar High School, I would say that this class consisted of only three, one of whom has passed to the great beyond. I refer to Prof. James Allen Smith, who was greatly esteemed and beloved by all in our student days, and who during his life was actively engaged as principal of schools in Michigan and Colorado. Dr. F. S. Lewis, our other classmate, is practicing his profession in Port Angeles, Washington.

To the present graduating class of 1916 I extend greetings. The discipline and experiences gained in earning your diplomas will be a constant aid in every action undertaken and will operate as a large capital you may constantly draw from, but can never exhaust or deplete, during the long years before you in your life work.

The Vassar High School has always been a matter of pride with me, and I bespeak its high standing for the future.

Sincerely yours,

HIRAM A. STURGES.

With apologies to Mr. Sturges, we append his personal letter to our Editor-in-Chief, believing it will be as interesting to his old school-mates as it is to us.

My Dear Miss Lovejoy:

In addition to the enclosed effusion, which I am sending you as a matter of "greetings," I will have to say with reference to the names on my diploma, the said diploma is packed up in the bottom of some one of several trunks and boxes, up in the garret or store room, and it would require too long to find it. However, I know it is on real sheepskin and has blue ribbons and is signed by Professor L. A. Park, principal, and it bears the names of the Trustees of the then High School, B. F. McHose, Attorney Huston and Mr. Williamson. I am quite sure that Miss McElroy's signature is also on this diploma, she being assistant principal, but of this I am not so certain.

As an excuse for the diploma being out of sight, would say that I had it framed and kept it on the wall for many years. After a while the writing began to fade and it had to be kept out of the light and similar exposures. If this fails to sound truthful, it is not my fault, and to add emphasis will mention that the frame was real gold gilt, and in those days was expensive, comparatively.

With best wishes, I remain, etc.,

HIRAM A. STURGES.

CLASS OF 1872

Superintendent—L. A. Park.
Principal—Miss Alice McElroy.

Graduates

Lou Deare—Miss Deare is the only Alumnus we have been unable to locate.
Mary Elizabeth Kessler (Mrs. J. F. Oliver), 420 North Front St., Marquette, Michigan.
Sabra Safford (Mrs. Sabra L. Edwards), Sumner, Washington.

Dear Miss Lovejoy:

Greetings in behalf of Class of 1872, Vassar High School. As I turn my thoughts backward to our happy High School days, where so many grand and noble thoughts were given us, that helped so much to build strong noble characters to fight manfully the battles for all that is good and true, and ever pressing onward, striving to work out the highest ideals, I feel very sure those were the best days of my life. And I think all the class of 1872 cherish very dear memories of the days spent in the Vassar High School, and will as long as life lasts. After leaving the High School, I taught for many years, and ever since have been an invalid. I am very feeble now and arms and hands are so crippled I can scarcely write at all, but nothing in all these lonely years of suffering has given me so much pleasure as the memory of my school days and school work. So now, while waiting for the Master to come and take me to our Father's house of many mansions, I am very thankful for those days and the help they have given me.

Yours truly,

MARY E. OLIVER.

Superintendent—L. A. Park.
Principal—Miss Alice McElroy.

CLASS OF 1873

Graduates

Ida Cottrell (Mrs. E. C. Bradley), 1820 Scenic Ave., Berkeley, California.
Eliza Dopking (Mrs. John R. Beach), Orion, Michigan.
Della Gibson (Mrs. Della G. Kimball), 524 Howard St., Lawrence, Massachusetts.
Mary Meehan (Mrs. J. A. Trotter), Vassar, Michigan.
Ella North, Vassar, Michigan.

For the V. H. S. Echo:

It is with much pleasure that I take my pen in response to the request that I represent the Class of 1873 of the Vassar High School in greeting to the Class of 1916.

Next to the ties of home and kindred come those of school and school-mates and the scenes and events of our school days make too deep an impression on our lives for us ever to become careless of the standing of our Alma Mater, or indifferent as to what is there taking place.

Hence—although far distant we may be—we always feel our attention newly stirred as each successive June adds to our list of pupils graduated.

If given the opportunity, we are apt to eagerly scan their names and then endeavor to keep an eye open to their achievements in the afterward.

This is the "family interest" we take in our beloved circle. With pleasurable pride we see it widen, believing as we do that the good seed sown in the minds of youth at Vassar will not fail to bear its fruit in the general welfare and uplift of society.

Therefore to the Class of 1916 we say—As you step from your shelter of Dreams and Preparation, through the door of Graduation into the realm of Reality and Struggle, the Class of 1873 most gladly extends to you the hand of Fellowship and the heartiest welcome to our Alumni.

DELLA GIBSON KIMBALL,
For the Class of 1873.

Superintendent—L. A. Willard.
Principal—Miss Alice McElroy.

CLASS OF 1874

Graduates

John C. Carey—died 1914.
Clayton C. Curtis—died 1903.
Millard C. Haywood, Artist, 230 Main St., Norfolk, Virginia.
Glenn McElroy—died 1916.
Clarence Q. Tappan, Collector for Associated Charities, Gary, Indiana.

Dear Friends:

It is with mingled pleasure and pain that I respond to your kind invitation to represent the Class of 1874 in your laudable enterprise of a record of the graduates of the Vassar High School. Pleased to realize the continued spirit of progress and unity that has characterized the Alumni Association through these many years. Pleased to recall the many happy days our Class spent together within those old familiar walls ascending the hill of science. Our ambitions were great, our hopes bright for the future. We had taken for our motto the theme of one of our class men—"Honor and shame from no condition rise. Act well your part; there all the honor lies." How far this standard has molded our lives and produced the coveted goal, we may now, towards the close of life, each answer for himself. Has the prize so fiercely sought lost its charm by being caught? If so, let us now look towards another and greater reward which comes from "well done, good and faithful servant."

The sorrowful side of the picture is that, together with my class-mates, we have been denied the pleasure of meeting and enjoying these happy reunions or of exchanging sympathies during these many years of separation.

Our little class comprised five members, Millard Haywood, John Carey, Glenn McElroy, Clayton Curtis and the writer. We have been distantly separated and how far the Reaper has entered our ranks, I know not. But he has taken one of our brightest, Mr. Curtis, long ago.

Our instruction was under the guidance of Professor Willard and Miss Alice McElroy, whose names adorn our diplomas.

In conclusion my mental vision will again summon us together in spirit, if not in the body, to join the happy company that shall gather on that next joyful occasion.

And in behalf of our little band, will extend the most cordial wishes and greetings of the Class of '74.

Sincerely yours,
CLARENCE Q. TAPPAN.

CLASS OF 1875

Superintendent—Silas Wood.
Principal—Miss Ella M. North.

Graduates

Amelia J. Alber, Vassar, Michigan.
Anna C. Harmon (Mrs. E. B. Hayes), 500 Kelso, Inglewood, California.
Joseph W. Selden, died 1914.
Mary J. Sturges (Mrs. James Stewart), died 1891.

My Dear Miss Lovejoy:

As the representative of the Class of 1875, I wish to congratulate the Class of 1916 upon their splendid undertaking in gathering together a record of the classes which have been graduated from the Vassar High School. Such a book should tend to awaken in the hearts of the Alumni many long-forgotten, but happy memories of the school days of youth. The Alumni, though widely scattered, will no doubt, be drawn closer together by the bond of a renewed loyalty to our Alma Mater, and by a common pride in the enterprising effort of this, her youngest class, the Class of 1916.

Sincerely,
MRS. E. B. HAYES.

CLASS OF 1876

Superintendent—Silas Wood.
Principal—Miss Gilbert.

Graduates

Carrie L. Carlton (Mrs. Caroline E. Tanner), 816 East Third St., Flint, Michigan.
Cora Irons (Mrs. Wm. Long)—died 1902.
Joseph S. Johnson, District Agent Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Saginaw, Michigan.
Jennie Wilson (Mrs. Jennie Furman), Bookkeeper for Miller Grain Company, Vassar, Michigan.

Dear Miss Lovejoy:

Your letter was received in due season, but on account of continued absence from home, was mislaid and answer delayed. I believe three of the four members of the Class of 1876 are living, and I am sure I voice the feeling of the surviving members of the Class in extending heartiest greetings to the Alumni and the members of the Class of 1916, who are engaged in compiling the statistics and records of graduate members of Vassar High School.

Very truly yours,
JOS. S. JOHNSON.

CLASS OF 1877

Superintendent—Silas Wood.
Principal—Miss Gilbert.

Graduates

May E. Banghart (Mrs. John Smith), cor. Hancock and Greenwood, Detroit, Michigan.
Mary L. Cooley, Teacher in Public Schools, Bay City, Michigan.
Orson W. Cooley, Farmer, Silt, Colorado.
Lillie C. Brockway (Mrs. Lillian C. Hadsall), 3001 Fairmount Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio.
Mary McDonald (Mrs. A. L. Wright), Bad Axe, Michigan.
Ida L. Nelson (Mrs. I. R. Brown), died 1905.
George Washington Wentworth—died 1880.

Dear Class of 1916:

The Class of 1877 extends greetings to the Class of 1916, and also to all other graduates. There were seven in the Class of 1877, George Wentworth, O. W. Cooley, Ida L. Nelson (Mrs. I. R. Brown), May E. Banghart (Mrs. John Smith), Mary McDonald (Mrs. A. L. Wright), Lillie C. Brockway (Mrs. Lillie Hadsall) and Mary L. Cooley. We mourn the loss of two of our members, George Wentworth, who passed to the great beyond in 1880, and Mrs. I. R. Brown in 1905.

We rejoice that so many are still with us, and may we so live that we will honor the dear old High School of Vassar, Michigan.

Sincerely yours,
MARY L. COOLEY.

CLASS OF 1878

Superintendent first half of year—L. A. Park.
Superintendent second half of year—Silas Wood.
Principal—Miss Gilbert.

No Graduates

CLASS OF 1879

Superintendent—Silas Wood.
Principal—Miss Gilbert.

No Graduates

CLASS OF 1880

Superintendent—Silas Wood.
Principal—Miss M. Hartman.

Graduates

Lucy M. Wilkinson (Mrs. L. M. Holmes), 1563 Twenty-fifth St., Detroit, Michigan.
Theda A. Sturges (Mrs. Arthur Welch), 804 Big Horn Ave., Alliance, Nebraska.

Senior Class, Vassar High School:

Your Editor-in-Chief has informed me that I have been chosen to represent my Class—the Class of 1880—and asks that I write a letter of Greeting. I fear that this is quite out of my line, but will do the best I can.

There were only two members of the Class of 1880, Lucy Wilkinson and myself. To you this will probably seem a very small class. Silas Wood was our principal; William Johnson, president, and Thomas H. Williamson, secretary, of the school board. I am always interested in the Vassar School as I never attended any other except the Belknap—this in Summer after the Vassar School had closed, (not that I was so backward, but because of my father's ill health, I was sent there to be rid of my noise). On a recent visit to Vassar, I had the pleasure of meeting many of my old school-mates and one of my first teachers, Mrs. Lettie Elliott. I visited the old school grounds which in all these years have not materially changed.

This little city of Alliance, 6,000 inhabitants, has three large school buildings and an enrollment of 1,000 pupils, beside a Catholic school of 300 pupils, which I think quite remarkable considering that 28 years ago this town was not thought of. It is located in the Northwestern part of Nebraska, about 500 miles from Omaha and 240 miles from Denver, which is our nearest large city. Altitude 4,000 feet. I could write many interesting things of this wonderful prairie country, its immense cattle ranches, delightful climate, etc., but am afraid of making my letter too long, so will close.

With best wishes to the Class of 1916, I am,

Yours very truly,

THEDA STURGES WELCH.

CLASS OF 1881

Superintendent—L. S. Norton.
Principal—Miss Mary L. Wright.

No Graduates

CLASS OF 1882

Superintendent—L. S. Norton.
Principal—Miss M. E. Mills.

Graduate

Anna B. Selden (Mrs. Anna B. Peck), 1213 South East Seventh St., Minneapolis, Minn.

To the Editorial Staff of the V. H. S. Echo:

Your Editor made no mistake in saving space in this valued publication for the Class of 1882, for in many respects this is quite the most remarkable class that was ever graduated from V. H. S. Nowhere in its annals will be found such harmony, such unanimity of purpose, such general voicing of high ideals. The wish of one became the desire of the entire class.

Down-trodden (?) woman was given her rightful place and power. Class cliques and class squabbles were unknown, and unanimous elections were the boast of this class. We were prepared for Ann Arbor and were expected to take honors in English. Professor

Norton was known to affirm: "This is the best read English class I ever taught." (This was his first class after graduation from Ann Arbor). Alas, for Ambition! The father of one young woman said he would as soon think of sending his daughter to a beer-garden (co-education was very new in 1883). Therefore the college work of this class was divided between Alma and Olivet.

The last year of High School work was very thorough. I recall a geometry class that recited daily in the assembly room; one member was required to come early to school and put the figures on the black-board so that the entire three-quarters of an hour was given to recitation.

The one diploma which was granted this entire class was dated June 30th, 1882, and signed by L. S. Norton, principal, and Miss Maria E. Mills, assistant. Wm. Johnson, president, and E. H. Taylor, secretary of the Board of Education.

Similarity of taste is displayed in the fact that we all reside in Minneapolis. And we, as a class, are again unanimous in our desire to be found among those loyal to the best interests of the V. H. S.—and so subscribe ourselves.

THE CLASS OF 1882,

Anna Briscoe Selden Peck.

CLASS OF 1883

Superintendent—E. A. Wilson.

Principal—Miss M. E. Mills.

Graduates

Anna B. Huston (Mrs. W. J. Spears), Vassar, Michigan.

Lizzie Johnson, Piano Teacher, Vassar, Michigan.

Ollie S. Johnson (Mrs. Frank B. Collins), Barberton, Ohio.

Dora C. Lane (Mrs. A. A. White), 260 Loma Ave., Long Beach, California.

V. H. S. Class of 1916, Greeting:

Our Class of 1883 heartily sends greetings to the Senior Class of 1916. Professor Wilson was the superintendent in 1883 and Miss Maria Mills, principal. There were only four members in the class, Dora C. Lane, Anna B. Huston, Lizzie A. Johnson and Ollie S. Johnson. Two of the class, Anna Huston Spears and Lizzie A. Johnson, are living in Vassar, Dora Lane White in Long Beach, California, and Ollie Johnson Collins in Barberton, Ohio.

As a representative of the Class of '83, I heartily approve of the revival of the class book on the part of the Seniors of 1916 and wish them all success in their endeavor.

Very sincerely yours,

OLLIE JOHNSON COLLINS.

CLASS OF 1884

Superintendent—E. A. Wilson.

Principal—Miss M. E. Mills.

Graduates

Lena Davis (Mrs. F. W. Wightman), Vassar, Michigan.

Ida Garner (Mrs. Chas. Wells), Vassar, Michigan.

Abbie Saunders (Mrs. Chas. Stone), Clare, Michigan.

Clyde W. Stilson, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Duluth, Minnesota.

Norris Wentworth, Lumberman, Bay City, Michigan.

My Dear Miss Lovejoy:

When you selected me to represent the Class of 1884 you made a poor selection, as I have not seen the other members of the class, with the exception of one, in a number of years, and cannot speak for them. As far as I am personally concerned, my recollections of the High School, teachers and members of my class are very pleasant indeed, and I trust that the life record of myself and my class-mates has been such that it casts no reflection on the school.

With kind greetings and best wishes, I am,

Yours truly,

C. W. STILSON.

CLASS OF 1885

Superintendent—E. A. Wilson.
Principal—Miss M. E. Mills.

Graduates

Allie Barnum (Mrs. W. B. Cavers), died 1900.
Mary A. Clyne (Mrs. B. P. Miller), died 1901.
Nellie M. Johnson (Mrs. (Dr.) A. S. Rogers), 923 South Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, Mich.
Lizzie A. Laking, Stenographer, 199 John R. St., Detroit, Michigan.
Kittie M. Sage (Mrs. John Hancock), died 1908.
William S. White, Eastern Manager Lyons & Carnahan, Educational Publishers, New York City, New York.

Dear Miss Lovejoy:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 11th and very gladly send you and the Class of 1916 a greeting out of the past.

I was a student in the Vassar High School from 1882 to 1885 and look back upon my experiences and associations there as among the most pleasant of my life. At that time Mr. Eugene A. Wilson was superintendent and I have often seen him in the years that have passed as my business has thrown me in association with public school teachers continually. I will be very glad to have you send me a copy of the annual when issued, and I assure you it will be appreciated.

On the part of the Class of 1885, I desire to extend congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 1916, and in fact, to all of the teachers and students of the Vassar High School today.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. WHITE.

CLASS OF 1886

Superintendent—E. A. Wilson.
Principal—Miss M. E. Mills.

Graduates

Vinnie Barnum (Mrs. J. W. Doran), 1036 Chippewa St., Flint, Michigan.
Anna L. Bergman (Mrs. James Thurston), died 1916.
Charles L. Brainerd, Cashier First National Bank, Marquette, Michigan.
Jessie D. Bullard (Mrs. H. B. Lindsley), Fenton, Michigan.
Clara A. Lane (Mrs. H. J. Miller), Vassar, Michigan.
John A. Loranger, Attorney and Counsellor, Vassar, Michigan.
Lizzie McFail, died 1887.
Gertie M. Miller (Mrs. G. H. Moore), Vassar, Michigan.
Laura A. Moore (Mrs. Guy E. Walter), Loomis, Michigan.
Geo. C. Tappan, Chief Chemist for American Box Board Company, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Lizzie E. Thurston (Mrs. Geo. Gray), Vassar, Michigan.
George W. Walworth, Physician, died 1913.

Dear Miss Lovejoy:

With pleasure we take this opportunity to represent the Class of 1886 and send its greetings to our High School through the columns of the Vassar High School Echo, published by the enterprising Class of 1916. As time goes by, we realize more the value of the work we had to do there and appreciate more the fact that what the Vassar High School did for us was to fit us to live in the world of today. We know now that "Graduation" is indeed a "Commencement."

To all our teachers and former school-mates as well as the present graduating class we send greetings and best wishes for happiness and success.

Sincerely yours,

JESSIE BULLARD LINDSLEY, V. H. S. '86.

CLASS OF 1887

Superintendent—E. A. Wilson.
Principal—Miss Nellie Bancroft.

Graduates

Sadie Hovey (Mrs. Wm. H. Boardman), 1520 Fountain St., Alameda, California.
Emma Meehan (Mrs. Wm. H. Engle), 2149 Fargo St., Edendale, Los Angeles, California.

For the V. H. S. Echo:

Although lured by sunny climate and bonny sea breezes (and perhaps some persuasion from "mere man") to a far distant State, the Class of 1887 is bound by strong ties of happy memories to the old school house on the hill; and at this time of annual rejoicing, when she is sending out another delegation to win laurels for her, we send hearty greetings to each and every alumnus.

May we make worthy use of the knowledge and ideals her always conscientious faculty has given us. For superintendent, E. A. Wilson, and principal, Miss Nellie Bancroft, who patiently aided us through the last High School year, and the worthy teachers who came before them, we of '87 feel a gratitude which grows as the passing years bring increased appreciation.

SADIE HOVEY BOARDMAN, Alameda, California.

CLASS OF 1888

Superintendent—Ira L. Forbes.
Principal—Miss Anna J. Bates.

Graduates

E. R. Cole, 131 Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

To all into whose hands these present letters may come, Greeting:

Detached from you, my predecessors, I knew you not, yet I ascended the stairway worn by your re-echoing footsteps, I bent over your familiar toil-worn desks and stirred to renewed activity your dust, still lingering in unswept recesses; I greet you and wish you well, be cheerful for your tedious journey is now well half done, you have endured the worst—or by this you have learned to bear it with courage and tranquillity.

My contemporaries, I salute you from a far distance, thirty years have not to me dulled the sparkle of your eyes nor imprinted vestiges of care on your sun-burned faces, I see united in you the brightness of imperishable youth with the rumored success of maturity—fortunate concurrence!

You too, now venerated teachers, yours were burdens more than Atlas', your trials beyond Job's and of longer duration, whether gentle rains now quicken the grass over your silent habitation or whether in distant towns you still endure to strive, bearing grief with patience, our gratitude flows out to you more freely and with an ever increasing fullness.

Now to you who are about to step forth into the world to possess it, bearing in hand your hard-won diplomas; step boldly forth, be not at all fearful of mother Earth's tipping up with you to the dismay of the dwellers in less fortunate villages, encourage the good opinion which you already possess of yourselves, endeavoring always in some part to deserve it. Purify yourselves from that small spirit of sputtering contentiousness, practice that intensive cultivation of your own business which will endear you to your friends and relieve your much-enduring teachers, be friendly, courteous, courageous, generous, be like silver more beautifully bright by abrasion, like the good brown iron more excellent after beating, study above all to appreciate, endeavor to leave always behind you a recollection of bright frankness, of ingenuous simplicity, a recollection enhanced to your companions on this pilgrimage to the unknown above the elusive fragrance of shy violets or of wind-blown anemones, incomparable in excellence.

E. R. COLE.

CLASS OF 1889

Superintendent—Ira L. Forbes.
Principal—Miss Anna J. Bates.

Graduates

Will N. Johnson, Hay Dealer, Detroit, Michigan.
Thaddeus S. Lane, Spokane, Washington.
E. S. Reid, Vice President Northern Engineering Company, Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of February 11th has just reached me here (California). I am instructing my secretary at Spokane, to send you copy of Kipling's short poem "IF," which will serve as my contribution to the book which you mention.

Wishing you much success in your undertaking, I am,

Yours very truly,
THADDEUS S. LANE.

IF

By Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing their's and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same:
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss:
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a man, my son!

CLASS OF 1890

Superintendent—Ira L. Forbes.
Principal—Miss Anna J. Bates.

Graduates

Maizie Brainerd (Mrs. Maize B. Clarke), Past Grand Matron O. E. S. of Connecticut,
and County Secretary State Sunday School Association, Higganum, Connecticut.
Stephen Graham, Cashier St. Clair County Savings Bank, Port Huron, Michigan.
Winnifred Manchester (Mrs. Ernest Long), Sisson, California.
Wm. A. Moore, Optometrist, Wilmington, Delaware.
May North, Teacher in Public Schools, Pontiac, Michigan.
Burt D. Stevens, Vice President & Mechanical Engineer, Miehle Printing Press &
Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois.
Lillian Van Sickle (Mrs. Lillian Van Sickle Bradley), Associate and Society Editor
Suburban Newspaper Company (Syndicate), Oak Park, Illinois.

To the Class of 1916, Greeting:

When in the course of school events, it became necessary to select one of our number to represent the class, I was pleased that for the Class of '90, this privilege as well as compliment should happen to fall to my lot. For although living a thousand miles away, I am always interested in the doings of our Alma Mater.

If you were to ask our number, the answer would be—We were seven. And although now widely scattered, we can still report with gratitude, that in these years, the chain has not been severed by death.

As in behalf of our class, I extend to the Class of 1916, our kindest greetings. I am reminded of a similar day in June, when we were the chief actors at another graduation, but with this thought comes also the more serious reminder that for us, the present is the future from which we had hoped so much; and how important as you now enter upon a new field of opportunity and usefulness, that you build firm and sure that kind of foundation that will develop into a noble structure as the years go by. For bricks are bricks, and

nothing more until the architect comes, and just so the raw material of one life is very much like that of other lives, but we are the architects, to decide what use shall be made of them. With the Spartans, we must say—not how many the enemy—but where? Not taking stock of difficulties, but devoting ourselves to the problem of mastering them. Such a wonderful school, this school of life, where another door has just opened for you. Enter it—and make it a stepping stone to the accomplishment of the noblest and best which God has in store for each of you. For today alone is ours, to so act and carefully plan, that in this age of rapid progress, the record of each tomorrow, may show a fuller, fairer scroll than that of yesterday.

I am sure we can all voice the sentiment of the following lines:

May the years for our Alma Mater, be as a garden fair,
With lives of richest helpfulness, blossoming everywhere.
With noble aims achieved, a purpose high to bless
Her every worthy effort with God's best success.

With kindest and best of good wishes,

Very sincerely,
MAIZE BRAINERD CLARKE.

CLASS OF 1891

Superintendent—Ira L. Forbes.
Principal—Mrs. Elizabeth Forbes.

Graduates

Mintie Gage (Mrs. George D. Clarke), Vassar, Michigan.
Bertha M. Halsey (Mrs. Bertha Halsey Hoxey), Warren, Michigan.
Cora Lane (Mrs. W. B. Chapman), Bend, Oregon.
Walter Loranger, with Ford Motor Company, Detroit, Michigan.
Ula North, Teacher, Ormond Beach, Florida.
Carrie Proctor (Mrs. Wm. Parish), died 1901.
Lela Vandermark, Teacher in Public Schools, Unionville, Michigan.
Nettie Wentworth (Mrs. T. W. Mackie), R. D. No. 2, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Greetings and best wishes to all the graduates of Vassar High School.

I send this message of recognition and fellow-feeling in behalf of the Class of '91. There is no institution better loved than our old school we know.

For a number of years I have lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and have not had the opportunity of coming in contact with old school-mates or teachers, but have always cherished the memory of pleasant and profitable days spent in their society.

May we always be loyal, staunch and true to our Alma Mater and happy in the bonds of sympathy and sentiment that unite us.

Very truly yours,
NETTIE WENTWORTH MACKIE.

CLASS OF 1892

Superintendent—Ira L. Forbes.
Principal—Mrs. Elizabeth Forbes.

Graduates

Agnes Atkins (Mrs. Frank Oakes), 1302 South Washington Ave., Saginaw, Michigan.
Maude Averill (Mrs. Elmer Pickering), Spokane, Washington.
Susie Budlong (Mrs. Suze Du Perier), Vassar, Michigan.
Laura Clough (Mrs. Cyrus Reimer), 2046 East Ninety-sixth St., Cleveland, Ohio.
Allen E. Johnson, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Dominion Bridge Company, Westmount,
P. E. I., Canada.
Harry Morris, Physician, died 1910.
Mary G. Reid (Mrs. C. E. Caine), 828 Brookridge Ave., Ames, Iowa.
Bertha Schoff (Mrs. C. M. Pierce), Vassar, Michigan.

My Dear Miss Lovejoy:

Your letter concerning the Vassar High School Class Book was received. I thank you for the honor of representing my class and take pleasure in responding to your request. It seems remarkable even to be remembered in connection with the Vassar High School after all these years.

Our Class celebrated the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by graduating from school. The date, however, was doubtless more interesting to the Nation at large than was our celebration of it. In another year we shall have been "out in the wide, wide world" a quarter of a century.

We were fortunate to have been under the regime of Ira L. Forbes and of his wife, Mrs Elizabeth Forbes, during our High School experiences. We remember them both happily and gratefully.

Mr. P. L. Varnum and Mr. J. A. Trotter were president and secretary of the school board that granted our diplomas.

We extend greetings to the Class of 1916 and wish for them many years of success and prosperity.

Cordially yours,

MARY GRAY CAINE.

CLASS OF 1893

Superintendent—Ira L. Forbes.

Principal—Mrs. Elizabeth Forbes.

Graduates

James S. Allen, Shorthand Reporter and Proprietor Allen's Business College, Jackson, Michigan.

Addie Brainerd (Mrs. Leslie Clapp), Hartford, Connecticut.

Herman Curtis—died 1901.

Hattie Jackson (Mrs. R. T. Kilpatrick), Fowlerville, Michigan.

Harvey L. Morris, Physician, Vassar, Michigan.

Almon Perry, Rural Mail Carrier, Vassar, Michigan.

Fowlerville, February 22, 1916.

My Dear Miss Lovejoy:

Your request for a short letter from one of the Class of '93 brought a train of memories, crowding each other, and to record them would mean detail.

What fortunate creatures we are that we can look back to our High School days and, amid changed scenes and the hurry of present events, have at times the old thrill of our school days when we were in truth, quite care free. The class-mates and teachers all pass in review, the latter very much tried, but loved. The names of Ira L. Forbes and Elizabeth Forbes, of revered memory, are on my diploma.

I congratulate the Class of 1916 in your undertaking and hope I may possess one of the books. While others are extending congratulations and well wishes, let me add mine, and this watchword, Be genuine! The world has great need of that commodity.

MRS. R. T. KILPATRICK.

CLASS OF 1894

Superintendent—Ira L. Forbes.
Principal—Estelle L. Jones.

Graduates

Adeley Akins (Mrs. S. A. Warner), 909 Fitzhugh St., Saginaw, Michigan.
Anna Park (Mrs. C. S. Buchner), 336 Willow Ave., Pontiac, Michigan.
Joseph V. Persing, Structural Engineer, American Bridge Company, Detroit, Michigan.
Preston D. Perrin, Electrician in Sanatorium, Pontiac, Michigan.

TO THE CLASS OF 1916, GREETING.

To memory's call I answer, here am I,
Happy to hail the scenes of days gone by.
Most gladly to greet the friends of other years,
Joining again their laughter and their cheers.

I study to trace their journeys, get their views,
Listen to note their sayings, hear the news;
And often their youthful faces glancing back
Assure me my dreams no note of joy shall lack.

Oh, days that must pass, yet never pass away,
How richly thy lights and shadows interplay;
Out of thy store-house we may draw supplies
For use as the needs of busy life arise.

When duty appeared to summon us a-field,
Trusting we waited what the years revealed.
By living to serve one gains the magic key
To heart-doors and glad friendships yet to be.

Not always so smooth—this dear old river Time,
Yet dotting its shores are myriad scenes sublime.
So keeping as best we can the sunny side,
Let's paddle—and not drift idly with the tide.

Our yesterdays and tomorrows ever give
To memory and hope their chance to live;
Then make each day a bridge of some rich truth,
Uniting our future with school days and youth.

MRS. ANNA A. BUCHNER, Class of '94.

CLASS OF 1895

Superintendent—Ira L. Forbes.
Principal—Estelle L. Jones.

Graduates

John Blackmore, Pianist, 3 Sherman Clay Bldg., Tacoma, Washington.
Elizabeth Borland (Mrs. E. L. Casterton), Supervisor Music in Public Schools, Rochester, New York.
Helen Bourns (Mrs. Brete Jenkins), 815 North Cedar St., Lansing, Michigan.
Elgie Dalby, with Maxwell Auto Company, Highland Park, Michigan.
Florence Forbes (Mrs. Louis Hascall), Vassar, Michigan.
Rena Furman (Mrs. T. M. Stephen), Vassar, Michigan.
Grace Huston (Mrs. E. C. Woodruff), 224 Allen St., State College, Pennsylvania.
Lloyd Johnson, physician, Wadsworth, Ohio.
Morley E. Osborne, Michigan Manager for D. Appleton & Co., Standish, Michigan.
O. Winfred Perrin, First Assistant Actuary, General Office of the Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Julia Varnum (Mrs. Julia Miller), 434 Maynard St., Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Wm. A. Wellemeyere, physician, Vassar, Michigan.
Mae Wilson, with Houseman, Spitzely Company, Real Estate, Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Class of 1916:

The Class of 1895 extends to you a hearty greeting and a wish that you may share in all the good and great things the future holds.

GRACE HUSTON WOODRUFF.

CLASS OF 1896

Superintendent—Ira L. Forbes.
Principal—Estelle L. Jones.

Graduates

Lulu Balkwell (Mrs. Neil Campbell), Cleveland, Ohio.
Cynthia H. Caryl (Mrs. Cynthia Caryl Lyons), died 1912.
Carrie Cowles (Mrs. W. G. Leacock), 2210 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Michigan.
Edith G. Ellsworth, Bookkeeper, 1715 Third Ave., Detroit, Michigan.
Carlton Forbes, with St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad, Little Rock, Arkansas.
Margaret C. Green, Stenographer, Dresden Hotel, Flint, Michigan.
James C. Green, Contractor and Builder, Albany, New York.
Guy Ormes, Farmer, Tuscola, Michigan.
Lettie Whitecomb (Mrs. Lettie Whitecomb-O'Keefe), East Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Editor-in-Chief:

Your request that I represent my class in a letter of greetings for your High School annual causes me to wonder why out of such an illustrious class, I should have been selected as its literary representative for I am sure there are no school records according to my marked ability in that direction.

Looking back over the past twenty years, I wonder what changes have been wrought in the lives of the Class of '96. There were Ormes, Forbes, Lou and myself with some members of the preceding class who composed a fraternity in which books and schooling formed no part of its by-laws and to disclose the doings of which would hardly be proper, in view of the coming generation. This hilarious faction was offset by the more sedate members of the class, Letta, Edith, Cynthia and my sister. Carrie was the happy medium. She could draw such a wonderful likeness to our dear old Professor Forbes, even though compelled to sit out punishment on the inevitable front seat, that the Professor gladly exchanged his photograph for the pen sketch.

Such times as these are a relief to the monotony of hard and diligent study, which each class must experience in order to attain the desired goal.

In behalf of the members of the Class of 1896, I extend hearty congratulations to the Class of 1916, and trust that you will, throughout your whole life, strive to uphold the high standards of the Vassar schools.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES C. GREEN.

CLASS OF 1897

Superintendent—Ira L. Forbes.
Principal—Miss Mathilde Hine.

Graduates

Mary Atkins (Mrs. (Dr.) E. W. Sanford), Marlette, Michigan.
Jennie Borland (Mrs. James Kirk), Caro, Michigan.
Bessie Crosby (Mrs. Howard Luther), 69 Judson St., Pontiac, Michigan.
Jennie Dean, Missionary to China, Home on Furlough, Vassar, Michigan.
Harriett Fairleigh (Mrs. (Dr.) H. J. C. Maus), 49 Elm St., Detroit, Michigan.
Margaret Graham (Mrs. Fred Taylor), Yale, Michigan.
Mary R. Haines, Teacher of Rural School near Millington, Michigan.
Clay Harrison, Teacher of Rural School near Tuscola, Michigan.
Luther J. Hull, with Seattle Sand & Gravel Company, Inc., Seattle, Washington.
Mabel Jarvis (Mrs. (Dr.) H. L. Morris), died 1908.
Vina G. Johnson, Stenographer State Savings Bank, Vassar, Michigan.
David Rutherford, Station Agent and Operator, Wilsonville, Oregon.
Audley E. Willson, Rancher, R. D. No. 2, Box, 330, Chehalis, Washington.

To the Members of the Class of 1916, who have had the inspiration to get up a book of information concerning all the Graduates of Vassar High School:

I extend, in behalf of the Class of 1897 (which probably excels all others in beautiful and talented girls), Greetings, and our very best wishes for a brilliant and useful future for each of you.

It is really a great work you are doing, and you do not perhaps, nearly appreciate its real importance.

Speaking for one who has been away since graduating, and without warning, receives a letter in which is given the addresses of all but one member of your class, it certainly awakens memories of the dearest of friends, our school-mates.

Your book, then, will be a success, for in getting the necessary information you will wake up a lot more sleepers like myself, and will bring into closer touch with each other these careless old graduates.

*Again wishing you the success that you deserve and assuring you that you have given at least one member of '97 a lot of pleasure in bringing back to mind old memories and faces, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

LUTHER HULL.

CLASS OF 1898

Superintendent—Ira L. Forbes.
Principal—Nina M. Doty.

Graduates

Josie Adams (Mrs. Louis Hensen), Chinook, Montana.
Rachel Borland (Mrs. Taylor Jeliffe), 1646 Wisconsin St., Racine, Wisconsin.
Laura Davies—died 1899.
Carl Garnum, of firm Woodward-Paige Furniture Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Lulu Graves (Mrs. J. H. McDonald), R. D. 6, Bad Axe, Michigan.
Ross Johnson—died 1902.
Maude Lake (Mrs. Earl Oversmith)—died 1913.
Gertie Lane (Mrs. Frank Sherk), Mayville, Michigan.
Ida Root (Mrs. Harry B. Sisson), 1042 Twelfth St., Detroit, Michigan.
Edith Thompson (Mrs. Morley Osborne), Standish, Michigan.
Gertrude Thompson (Mrs. Thomas McKey), 39 Lynd Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

My Dear Miss Lovejoy:

In response to your request for a letter from me representing the Class of 1898, I am not quite sure whether you wish me to write my own "obituary," or that of the entire class.

This coming June marks the eighteenth year since our class made Miller's Opera House ring with our wonderful and amazing oratory. Although most of us on that occasion were firmly determined to conquer the world, find the pot of gold, or perform some other equally Herculean stunt, I expect most of us are still pursuing that elusive "something."

Three of our class have gone to the other shore, and although none of the remaining eight members have succeeded in hanging their pictures in the Hall of Fame, at least they have kept them out of the "Rogue's Gallery."

We are now scattered far and wide, but I am sure the other members of the class all join with me in saying that—

"It's a long, long way to Vassar,
But our hearts are right there."

Yours very truly,

JOSIE ADAMS HENSEN.

CLASS OF 1899

Superintendent—Austin E. Wilbur.
Principal—Miss Grace Dewey.

Graduates

Orla H. Baker, of Humphrey, Grant & Baker, Attorneys and Counsellors, died 1911.
Eva M. Chadwick (Mrs. Eber De Cou), Vassar, Michigan.
Jessie Cottrell (Mrs. Norman Blaylock), Vassar, Michigan.
Carroll Forbes, Stenographer, State Farm Colony, Wahjamega, Michigan.
Dayton Gurney, 2407 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C.
Effie Kreisler (Mrs. Elgie Dalby), died 1911.
Mary Wilson (Mrs. Erastus Brainerd), Caro, Michigan.
Veva Wilson, Teller, Michigan Savings Bank, Vassar, Michigan.

Dear Miss Lovejoy:

In looking over my treasures the other day, I discovered a kodak picture of the Class of '99. The picture was taken on the bank at the extreme West limits of the school grounds and contains the following faces: Eva Chadwick, Jessie Cottrell, Mary Wilson, Veva Wilson, Effie Kreisler, Carroll Forbes, Orla Baker and my own.

The name of the photographic firm responsible for this effort is stamped on the back, "ORLAH H. BAKER & SUN." (We thought it quite clever). Orla has passed to the great beyond, as has also Effie. The others are all substantial citizens of Tuscola County and residents thereof, except myself, who am engaged in the design and manufacture of munitions with which to defend her fair soil in case of dire necessity.

I assure you it gives me great pleasure to again recall these friends of my youth as well

as those other friends and instructors with whom we were fortunately associated during the period of character formation and to whom we owe in great part what we are today: Professor Forbes, Professor Wilbur, Miss Dewey (our beloved "Fraulein Eisey"), Miss Doty, Miss Hines, Miss Gilerist and the rest.

Sincerely yours,
DAYTON A. GURNEY.

CLASS OF 1900

Superintendent—Austin E. Wilbur.
Principal—Miss Grace Dewey.

Graduates

Fannie Elliott (Mrs. C. J. Stephen), Vassar, Michigan.
Tena Graham (Mrs. E. W. Jones), Cass City, Michigan.
Lena Graves (Mrs. Lena Graves Beecher), of Garner, Graves & Co., Jewelers, West Branch, Michigan.
Katie Green (Mrs. Moses Garner), Vassar, Michigan.
Mattie Kirk, Teacher in Public Schools, Detroit, Michigan.
Eva Knight (Mrs. Bert Clark), Vassar, Michigan.

Dear Miss Lovejoy and Alumni of the Vassar High School:

It is with pleasure that I sit down to write you a few words of greeting. The pleasure is not because we are such good friends, for some of us are total strangers; but because of that peculiar bond of fellowship which unites all graduates of the Vassar High School.

The high ideals and ambitions that were born in us during the years of our High School life have never left us—they are a part of us. Our class-mates we will always hold a little dearer than any friends we have made since our Commencement Day. Our teachers, we still think are a little better than any others who grace the profession.

I smile as I think of the difficulties that sometimes seemed too great to surmount—the impossible pages of German to translate and the note books to write. But we did it, and are still doing the "impossible," though it is not German and note books with the majority of us.

Long live the enthusiasm and the high ideals that our Alma Mater awakens in each youth ushered from its doors onto the great stage of life.

Sincerely yours,
LENA GRAVES BEECHER.

CLASS OF 1901

Superintendent—Austin E. Wilbur.
Principal—Miss Grace Dewey.

Graduates

Harold Adams, of J. T. Adams & Son, Richmond, Michigan.
Hattie Aldrich (Mrs. Charles Johnson), 11 McKinley Court, Ashtabula, Ohio.
Ella Bates (Mrs. Will Moore), Grosse Isle, Michigan.
Will Beecher—died 1906.
Roy E. Bodimer, Pharmacist, Detroit, Michigan.
Ethel Cottrell, Manual Training Teacher in Public Schools, Harbor Springs, Michigan.
Lewis K. Ellsworth, Bookkeeper, Sewickley Heights, Pennsylvania.
Harold G. Gaunt, Pastor Second Presbyterian Church, East Liverpool, Ohio.
Helen Husted (Mrs. Harry Cottrell), Vassar, Michigan.
Earl G. Oversmith, Cashier Wells, Fargo & Company, Denver, Colorado.
Grow D. Schoff, Rural Mail Carrier, Vassar, Michigan.
May Smith (Mrs. A. D. Runstedtler), 66 Euclid Ave. E., Detroit, Michigan.
Ola Smith (Mrs. Page Taylor), 797 Hudson Ave., Detroit, Michigan.
Clayton J. Stephen, Cashier, State Savings Bank, Vassar, Michigan.
Orra Thompson, Dry Cleaning Establishment, Decatur, Illinois.
Lewey James Whitecomb, East Grand Rapids, Michigan.

To the Members of the Class of 1916:

I am pleased to have the privilege of extending greetings from the Class of 1901. A decade and a half has gone since my class passed out from Vassar High School, and yet it seems but yesterday. The members of my class are scattered out over the world, but the memories of High School days are precious to us all. The influences exerted in our lives by such splendid teachers as Professor A. E. Wilbur, Miss Grace Dewey and Miss Belle MacArthur will abide with us forever. As the years go on we can appreciate more the lessons, not only the lessons from books, but the lessons from life that we learned at their feet.

March 10th, 1916.

Success to the Class of 1916 in their enterprise in the field of publication. The effort is to be highly commended.

With best wishes and fraternal greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

(Rev.) HAROLD GARFIELD GAUNT,

Class of 1901.

CLASS OF 1902

Superintendent—A. F. Rockwell.

Principal—Minnie Phillips.

Graduates

Roy Brainerd, Bookkeeper, Thomas Foreman Lumber Company, Detroit, Michigan.

Edith M. Garbett, Teacher in Public Schools, Flint, Michigan.

C. Grace Lane (Mrs. H. W. Smith), Vassar, Michigan.

Mae Laramie—died 1911.

Maude McComb (Mrs. N. S. Stilson), Licensed Embalmer, Vassar, Michigan.

Mabel Root (Mrs. Mabel Root Baker), 308 Simmoneau St., Saginaw, Michigan.

Guy Stark, Farmer, Rose City, Michigan.

Carrie Varnum (Mrs. J. R. Johnson), Vassar, Michigan.

Ida R. Lovejoy:

I am very glad to know that the class of 1916 will publish a year book. It is indeed one of the best ways to remember your own school days and perpetuate the record of former classes. The Vassar High School and Vassar itself, are very dear to me, for the most precious memories of my life center about the school and community.

You may, perhaps, hardly believe it true, but it takes only a small circumstance to bring back pleasant memories of school days, and the many little incidents common enough to all students.

We all neglect these old ties, and so will the present class, but we do not forget. Perhaps the following lines will give the reason better than anything I can say:

“If I had the time to find a place
And set me down full face to face
With my better self, that stands no show
In my daily life that rushes so,
It might be then I would see my soul
Was stumbling still toward the shining goal—
I might be nerved by the thought sublime,
If I had the time.”

G. W. STARK, Class of 1902.

CLASS OF 1903

Superintendent—A. F. Rockwell.

Principal—Minnie Phillips.

Graduates

Alice Blackmore, Riverside, California.

John V. Davis, Secretary McClure Silo Company, Saginaw, Michigan.

Maude James (Mrs. Lute Jones), Vassar, Michigan.

Lena North (Mrs. Roy E. Bodimer), 234 Marsten Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

Edna Schoff (Mrs. B. J. Greenough), 64 Charles Road, East Cleveland, Ohio.

Ruth Trotter—died 1908.

To the Class of 1916:

If I could receive messages from the members of our little class, who are scattered from California to Ohio, I feel assured you would receive their good wishes and cheer, so accept my hearty congratulations personally, and also as representing our Class of 1903.

Since the members of the first class of Vassar High School graduated, 45 years have passed, but in many ways their problems will be your problems, as human nature changes little. Because the world is making history at a rapid pace, not only in war, but in science, commerce, and all the pursuits of peace your class will have the advantages of working with improved methods, whether it be in agriculture, business or professional life; yet each of you will have your individual anxieties, struggles and successes.

Our hearts change least as the years pass and friendships, we hope, remain sincere. The effort to keep alive the Alumni Association proves this.

Each class is limited in acquaintance with classes preceding and following itself, by a few years. The yearly banquets afford a means to renew and enlarge these friendships, and your class is to be congratulated upon getting out your new book, bringing in touch with each other the alumni, who are scattered all over the United States. It will indeed be cheering and inspiring to receive messages from so many thus drawing the classes of years together in closer bonds of friendship.

May you all "seize the opportunity" (our class motto) for success, as the years pass in your life work.

Sincerely yours,

LENA NORTH BODIMER.

CLASS OF 1904

Superintendent—W. Sherman Lister.

Principal—Miss Cora Willsey.

Graduates

D. C. Atkins, Jr., Cashier, Michigan Savings Bank, Vassar, Michigan.
Thos. Atkins, of Atkins Brothers, Vassar, Michigan.
Beulah Blackmore, Teacher in Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
Barbara Borland, 60 Plymouth Ave., Rochester, New York.
Erma Boyd, Student in Cass Technical High School, Detroit, Michigan.
Lillian Dean, Supervisor of Music in Public Schools, Berwyn, Illinois.
Laurence B. Ellis, of E. W. Ellis & Son Company, Vassar, Michigan.
Hattie Goodman (Mrs. Elmer J. Tietsworth), R. D. No. 9, Vassar, Michigan.
Alice M. Graves (Mrs. O. H. Knight), Vassar, Michigan.
Newell Hill, Consulting Engineer, Smith, Hinchman, Grill, Detroit, Michigan.
Belle Holiday (Mrs. S. T. Shaw), 423 S. Smith St., Springfield, Illinois.
Melvin Lewis, Farmer, Vassar, Michigan.
Dora Lockwood (Mrs. G. W. Stark), Rose City, Michigan.
Chester Owen, Research Chemist for the Carborundum Co., Niagara Falls, New York.
Lillias Parker (Mrs. Verne E. Stull), Belt, Montana.
Will J. Ross, Telegraph Operator, Detroit, Michigan.
Cass Selden, with Scripps, Booth Motor Company, Detroit, Michigan.
Anna Skelley, Stenographer for D. T. I. R. R., Detroit, Michigan.
Ione Swan (Mrs. Guy Morgan), Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Gibbins Walker, Farmer, Munith, Michigan.

"Knowest thou not, thou canst not move a step on this earth without finding some duty to be done, and that every man is useful to his kind, by the very fact of his existence?"
—Carlyle.

Would you study literature for fluency of speech? Would you use the knowledge of Latin and Greek for culture and refinement? Would you study Chemistry and Physics that you may appear wise and learned? Would you devote yourself to Engineering or the Professions that you may become wealthy? No, these are not the prime objects of education. Cast about you and see how much evil there is rampant in the world, how many wrongs there are to be righted, and how much real work there is to be done in helping humanity to a higher plane, and yet, so few educated in the largest sense of the word—to be useful. Open the great treasure house of knowledge, search for that priceless gem—Truth. Gather unto yourself that information which will aid you in being the most useful to the world.

CHESTER OWEN.

CLASS OF 1905

Superintendent—W. Sherman Lister.

Principal—Ida L. Snell.

Graduates

Stilson R. Ashe, Physician, Detroit, Michigan.
Effie Brainerd (Mrs. Frank Kiltz), R. D. No. 7, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
Isaac Carey, with Packard Motor Car Company, Memphis, Tennessee.
Bertha Graves (Mrs. Lee Garner), West Branch, Michigan.
Nellie Gunnell, Telephone Operator, Duluth, Minnesota.
Betsey A. Husted, Student at State Normal, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
Lizzie M. Kirk, Teacher in Public Schools, Flint, Michigan.
Florence M. Parker (Mrs. F. J. Quick), 71 Gallop Ave., Mt. Clemens, Michigan.
Ruby E. Randall—died 1909.
Hilton V. Richardson, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, San Diego, California.
Alice Skelley, Teacher in Public Schools, St. Ignace, Michigan.
Bessie M. Smith (Mrs. F. L. McGunegle), Rochester, Michigan.
E. Lorena Smith (Mrs. Clinton Losey), Vassar, Michigan.
Glenn H. Stephen, Shoe Market, Flint, Michigan.

In behalf of the Class of 1905, I wish to extend a most friendly greeting to the Class of 1916. We know that when you leave the Vassar High School, it will be your determination to make good and to do good in the world. You will see by our addresses that our class has scattered far and wide. Death has claimed one of the most loved and honored of our class-mates, Ruby Randall. We little realize, when we part on graduation day, that we will probably never all meet together again.

Your class prophet can safely prophesy that some of the girls will become tired of their names and wish to change them, as five girls in our class have done, and the other four would have done the same had they not been too independent to support a husband. Three boys of our class have been fortunate in finding helpmates and the other one will not escape this leap year.

As your troubles have not yet begun we will turn to the more serious side of life, namely, seeking success. "The royal road to success is to obey the inner genius, to act in accordance with one's own intuition, regardless of the fear or favor of those who are bound to the wheel of conventional consistency."

Success in life is a matter not so much of talent or opportunity as of consecration and perseverance. It is not the spurt at the start but the continued, unrelenting, unrelenting advance that wins the day. The mountain top must be reached, no matter how many times we may fall in reaching it. The fall is not counted, it does not register; the picking up and going on is what counts in life. What you are thinking and doing day by day is resistlessly shaping your future—a future in which there is no expiation, except through your own better conduct.

"Be resolutely and faithfully what you are; be humbly what you aspire to be. Man's noblest gift to man is his sincerity, for it embraces his integrity also."

Now as you start on the long journey so far ahead of you, whatever you wish to accomplish, be willing to do and commence your work at once, right where you find yourself, and decide that you do not want any thing better to begin with than the conditions that surround you, for God is with you.

STILSON R. ASHE, M. D.

CLASS OF 1906

Superintendent—W. Sherman Lister.

Principal—Ida L. Snell.

Graduates

Fred Baneroff, in Manufacturing Department of Packard Motor Car Co., Detroit, Mich.

Olive Copp (Mrs. (Dr.) L. D. Harrison), Tuseola, Michigan.

Winnifred Higgins (Mrs. C. E. Aldrich), 2116 E. Main St., Jackson, Michigan.

Lulu La Forge (Mrs. Russell Keeley), 14015 Idarose Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Lena Laramie, Teacher in Public Schools, Jackson, Michigan.

Florence List, Teacher in Public Schools, Bay City, Michigan.

Matilda Norris, Teacher in Public Schools, Detroit, Michigan.

Edna Reid (Mrs. John Barnum), died 1911.

Altha Smith, Dressmaker, Vassar, Michigan.

Mildred Smith, Teacher, Ashley, Michigan.

Hazel Spaulding (Mrs. Elmer Honsinger), Reese, Michigan.

Dear Student:

The Class of 1906 sends Greetings and congratulations to the Class of 1916.

Your letter, Miss Lovejoy, took me back in fancy to my happy busy High School days with its thoughtful teachers and friendly school-mates, the fine times we had coasting on the old hill, skating on the Cass, or our Friday night sleigh ride parties in the country. It hardly seems possible that it was ten long years ago.

Yet, as I look at our class picture I cannot help but think of the changeableness of life and realize that a long time has elapsed since we met for the last time to receive our diplomas.

Our superintendent, Mr. Lister, I see often, a few of my class-mates I hear about occasionally and still others I have lost track of completely, but I know that somewhere in some way they are each meeting the responsibilities of life and successfully enjoying its wonderful possibilities. As the only boy in the class, I can say that our class comprised one of the finest bunch of girls on earth.

As a class, we realize that we owe much to the V. H. S. and the splendid corps of teachers we had, and if they should read these lines, we want them to know that our best wishes and sincere love goes with them in their work.

Class of 1916, you are in the place we stood ten years ago. Life in all its glory and beauty is just unfolding before you. You have passed the preparation stage and are now stepping out into the realization period of life. It will be just what you make it. To get the best out of your future, to know the true happiness of achievement and the joy of success, you must meet life with the same fine enthusiasm you now have for the dear old Vassar High School, keeping always the fires of lofty purpose and high ideals, which were kindled here, burning in your heart.

Meet each new problem with the same grim determination and perseverance you have used to solve a knotty problem in Algebra or Geometry and you will win the true success which is not measured by dollars and cents, but by character and service.

To me those two words, Character and Service, seem the true elements of success. Develop character always, strive towards the high, the pure, the true, and endeavor to serve your very best, for life is always service and always the saying is true "He profits best, who serveth best."

With the best of wishes for your future success, I am,

Yours very truly,
FRED W. BANCROFT.

CLASS OF 1907

Superintendent—W. Sherman Lister.
Principal—Ida L. Snell.

Graduates

Alta M. Blaylock (Mrs. Orrie Garner), 739 Montclair Ave., Detroit, Michigan.
Lucile Chappel, Teacher of Rural School near Vassar, Michigan.
Albert H. De Cou, with A. H. Jones Real Estate Co., Detroit, Michigan.
Alanson C. Hobart, Farmer, Fairgrove, Michigan.
Edna Lockwood (Mrs. Fred McQuinn), Mecosta, Michigan.
Ann K. McGlocklin (Mrs. W. G. Smith), 715 South Park St., Saginaw, Michigan.
Howard E. Slafter, Farmer, Vassar, Michigan.
Andis Stilson (Mrs. Archie McCloy), Fairgrove, Michigan.
Daisy L. Stilson, Law Student and Clerk in Law Offices of W. J. Spears, Vassar, Mich.
Jean J. Sutherland, Student at State Normal, Ypsilanti, Michigan.
Will T. Wilson, with Foreign Dept., Western Electric Company, New York City, N. Y.

My Dear Miss Lovejoy:

Although I am somewhat tardy in replying to your kind letter, nevertheless, I am glad of the opportunity to extend through your publication my best wishes and greeting to the "Alumni of the Vassar High School."

One of the most commendable and noticeable attributes of the graduates of the "Vassar High School" is the never-dying spirit of loyalty and regard they have for their "Alma Mater." No matter how long since we have graduated, to what parts of the country we have scattered, or what other schools we have attended, we are above all "ALUMNI OF VASSAR HIGH SCHOOL." This book to which the Class of 1916 has devoted so much effort is a strong influence in keeping our interest alive and in keeping us informed of our school-mates and class-mates. The annual Alumni meeting has also done much in this regard and I trust that this spirit is not allowed in any way to decline.

It is my hope that not only every member of the Class of 1907, but also every Alumnus will get a copy of the year book and turn through it often to keep alive the happy memories and associations of days gone by.

Most sincerely,
W. T. WILSON.

CLASS OF 1908

Superintendent—C. S. Paxton.
Principal—Genevieve Sturman.

Graduates

Grover Bates, Farmer, Vassar, Michigan.
Cass M. Cullis, Editor The Fayette Review, Fayette, Ohio.
Lewis Garner, with Studebaker Corporation, Detroit, Michigan.
Will Goodrich, Pharmacist, Diamondale, Michigan.
Bessie Lewis, R. N., 213 Bingham St., Lansing, Michigan.
Mary Lewis, R. N., died 1914.
Florence Reed, Teacher in Public Schools, Vassar, Michigan.
Nina Skelley, Teacher in Public School, Harbor Springs, Michigan.
Marjorie Smith, Dressmaker, Vassar, Michigan.
Belle Sutherland, Teacher in Public Schools, Port Hope, Michigan.
Eva Tibbitts (Mrs. N. Allen), Vassar, Michigan.
Frank Tinglan, Bookkeeper for Vassar Farmers' Elevator Company, Vassar, Michigan.
Joseph Wells, Farmer, Vassar, Michigan.

Greetings:

You ask for and receive. It stirs a little fountain of memory to receive a letter from any semi-official function of the Vassar High School. I surely will be glad to extend the

"glad hand" of the Class of 1908, but not as a representative. Most of the members are now married, so I am more of a misrepresentative.

It is eight years since we graduated, and I guess none of us amount to much as yet. However, a pumpkin grows in a season, while an oak requires many years, so we still have hopes.

It is a capital idea of yours, getting out a book (another Echo?), but I am wondering if the "to print a complete record of all graduates" is something of a threat.

Are suggestions in order?

Why not have a big Vassar home coming at graduation time? Get the Board of Trade to take the matter in hand, send invitations to all old residents to return for two or three days. There need be no great expense, you have your band, have a picnic day in the park, a few talks by some of the former residents, and then the Alumni Banquet. With a big day like this, properly carried out, you should be able to sell 300 more books than otherwise.

It would be impossible for me to name the teachers under whom I was allowed to withdraw from school, but perhaps some of the members will have their diplomas, Miss Florence Reed or some of the others.

Needless to say—put me down for a book, and wishing the school, and particularly the Class of '16, success.

Yours,

CASS CULLIS.

CLASS OF 1909

Superintendent—J. K. Osgerby.

Principal—Genevieve Sturman.

Graduates

Z. Pauline Buck, Student at U. of M., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

John Gunnell, Assistant City Engineer, Lansing, Michigan.

Allie Hascall, with Dodge Auto Company, Detroit, Michigan.

Harry Hemmingway, Postal Clerk, Vassar, Michigan.

Harry Laramie, employed in Battery House of D. U. R., Detroit, Michigan.

Arthur McDonald, of McDonald Clothing Company, Vassar, Michigan.

To the Class of 1916, Vassar High School, Greetings:

It is with pleasure that I avail myself of the opportunity to greet you in behalf of the Class of 1909.

We want to congratulate you on the school you are leaving—the school from which we bore the honors of graduation and the Godspeed of teacher and friend seven years ago as do you today. But we want you to bear in mind that honors are responsibilities, and if not manfully striven with and fulfilled, change like the fairies' gift to the loadstone, which gradually lowers one's self-respect and loses for him the respect of others.

The school does not graduate you as a final honor, but as an invitation and a welcome to begin. Our colleges and universities are seeking conscientious thorough-going students, and beyond is the world sending up a greater cry than ever before for educated men and women with ideals. It is to those the Vassar High School is pointing you. Moreover, the appeal to go on is expectantly given. The school is now depending on you even as you have been depending on it; you, in your future career, brighten or mar the reputation of your Alma Mater.

We, the Alumni of 1909, are confident of how you are going to meet your opportunities and responsibilities. The fact that you have so faithfully worked through these twelve years of preparation—the fact that you are now undertaking with such enthusiasm the task of publishing the Echo assures us that you have an appreciation of the larger values. Such appreciation is the master key to the doors of opportunity; opportunities for world service. Into this world our best wishes follow you.

Sincerely and confidently yours,

ZELTAH PAULINE BUCK.

CLASS OF 1910

Superintendent—J. K. Osgerby.

Principal—Genevieve Sturman.

Graduates

Lloyd Ashe, Farmer, Vassar, Michigan.

Maude Ellithorpe, Telephone Operator, Millington, Michigan.

Norris E. Grover, Operator P. M. R. R., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Ruby A. Hascall, Teacher in Public Schools, Vassar, Michigan.

Otto Hess, Student at M. A. C., Lansing, Michigan.

E. Mabel Higgins, Student at M. A. C., Lansing, Michigan.

Nellie Loss, Teacher in Public Schools, Grayling, Michigan.
Bessie Shumway (Mrs. Norris King), Vassar, Michigan.
Veda E. Smith, El Centro, California.
Fern Stevenson, Studying Dramatic Art at Emerson School of Expression, and Whitney School, Boston, Massachusetts.
Norman Tibbitts, 231 South Johnson Ave., Pontiac, Michigan.
Mary Whidden—died 1911.

The Class of 1910 sends Greetings to the Class of 1916, with this message from Emerson, hoping it may prove an inspiration to you as you leave Vassar High School to enter the school of life:

“Nor knowest thou what argument
Thy life to thy neighbor's creed hath lent;
Each is needed by every one,
Nothing is fair or good alone.”

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CLASS OF 1911

Superintendent—J. K. Osgerby.
Principal—Miss Mabel Reagh.

Graduates

George W. Butcher, Secretary and Treasurer Butcher Folding Crate Company, Vassar, Michigan.
James B. Caldwell, Dentist, Detroit, Michigan.
Ernest R. Grover, Yardmaster M. C. R. R., Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Ethel J. Harris, R. D. No. 3, Vassar, Michigan.
Goldie Humes, Student at Saginaw General Hospital, Saginaw, Michigan.
Grace James (Mrs. Albert Steffins), Vassar, Michigan.
Beulah Logan (Mrs. (Dr.) C. A. Rice), Vassar, Michigan.
Earl H. Miller, Pharmacist with Detroit Drug Company, Detroit, Michigan.
Max G. Richardson, Assistant Cashier, State Savings Bank, Vassar, Michigan.
Gertrude Ross (Mrs. T. P. Peterson), Grayling, Michigan.
Otto Vergeson, Civil Engineer, Lansing, Michigan.

Senior Class of 1916:

In behalf of the Class of 1911, I wish to greet you as graduates of Vassar High School. Glad to hear you are to publish an annual for 1916. Just five years ago we published the “Echo”; so know what the work means. Now, that you have finished your preparatory career, we greet you, as you start to prepare for your different avocations of life.

Thus far you have done well.

The Class of 1911 wishes you success in your future work.

Yours truly,
EARL H. MILLER.

CLASS OF 1912

Superintendent—first half of year—J. K. Osgerby.
Superintendent—second half of year—E. M. Conklin.
Principal—Miss Zora Hickox.

Graduates

Edna Curtis, Teacher in Public School, Leonard, Michigan.
Levi Davis, Vassar, Michigan.
Austin Garner, Farmer, Vassar, Michigan.
Pearl Graham, Teacher in Public Schools, Vassar, Michigan.
Glenn Gray, Farmer, Vassar, Michigan.
Edward Hascall, Grocer, Vassar, Michigan.
Mildred Huckle (Mrs. Ralph Clark), Detroit, Michigan.
Erma E. Humes (Mrs. Jas. S. Porter), 393 Fourth Ave., Detroit, Michigan.
Lisle C. Humes, Pastor M. E. Church, Au Gres, Michigan.
William Laux, Student at U. of M., Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Clarence Loesel, Student at M. A. C., Lansing, Michigan.
Edna McComb (Mrs. Leo Rosencrantz), Vassar, Michigan.
Lester Murdick, Student at State Normal, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
Bessie Reed, Stenographer for King Motor Car Company, Detroit, Michigan.
Mona Sergent, Teacher in Rural School, near Reese, Michigan.
Edward Sutherland, with Metropolitan Shoe Store, Detroit, Michigan.
Samuel Throop, Policeman, Detroit, Michigan.
Davis Wightman, Jeweler, Vassar, Michigan.

Greetings to the Class of 1916:

We have all looked forward with longing to the attainment of graduation—and the broader fields of action that lie beyond. And it is with a genuine feeling of love and respect that we all look back to our Alma Mater and with which the Class of 1912 extends their greetings to the entrance of the 1916 class into the ever widening circle of friends who owe their allegiance to "Old Vassar."

CLASS OF 1912,
Lisle C. Humes.

CLASS OF 1913

Superintendent—Don Harrington.
Principal—Miss Zora Hickox.

Graduates

Urfried Boyd (Mrs. Lawrence Elliston), 1030 Cameron Ave., Highland Park, Michigan.
Harry Dean, Bookkeeper for Michigan Ammonia Works, Detroit, Michigan.
Mary O. Frisbie, Vassar, Michigan.
Bessie Gray, Teacher in Rural School, near Vassar, Michigan.
Walter Higgins, Detroit, Michigan.
Nina Price (Mrs. H. B. McComb), 601 Twelfth St., Detroit, Michigan.
Herman B. McComb, Mgr. Newark Shoe Store, 86 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Michigan.
Gertrude McKenzie, Teacher in Rural School, near Vassar, Michigan.
Orpha Miller, Vassar, Michigan.
Freda Moffatt, Teacher in Public Schools, North Branch, Michigan.
Karl Mott, with Metropolitan Shoe Store, Detroit, Michigan.
Florence Newton (Mrs. Earl Miller), 231 Concord Ave., Detroit, Michigan.
Will Rifenburgh, with M. C. R. R., Bay City, Michigan.
Leonard Schupbach, Student at Bliss-Alger Business College, Saginaw, Michigan.
Hazel Jean Stephen, Teacher in Public Schools, Battle Creek, Michigan.
Curtis Thompson, Student U. of M., Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Grace Thurston, Vassar, Michigan.
Meta Van Petten (Mrs. Austin Garner), Vassar, Michigan.
Arthur Wilson, Attendant at State Farm Colony, Wahjamega, Michigan.

Dear Miss Lovejoy:

As a member of the Class of 1913 of Vassar High School, I wish to extend to the Class of 1916 our best wishes for the successful publication of this year's book. Through these few lines, we wish to show our appreciation of the efforts of this year's class. We extend greeting to all graduates of the Vassar High School Faculty and Patrons.

Yours sincerely,
HAZEL JEAN STEPHEN.

CLASS OF 1914

Superintendent—B. L. Odle.
Principal—Miss Zora Hickox.

Graduates

Freda Andrews, Telephone Operator, Vassar, Michigan.
Arthur Bates, Farmer, Vassar, Michigan.
Nina Bates, Vassar, Michigan.
Lloyd B. Bodimer, Farmer, R. D. No. 1, Reese, Michigan.
Hazen Dennis, with Chevrolet Motor Company, Flint, Michigan.
Clifford Guyette, with Cornwell Company, Flint, Michigan.
Florence Hammond (Mrs. Ernest A. Lane), Vassar, Michigan.
Margaret Higgins, Vassar, Michigan.
Mildred Jackson, Student at Grand Rapids Kindergarten Training School, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Relva Lennox, Vassar, Michigan.
Isidore List, Student at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Michigan.
Thelma McDonald (Mrs. R. B. King), Midland, Michigan.
Mary Osgerby, Student at State Normal, Ypsilanti, Michigan.
Freda Ross, Student at Grace Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.
Lester Thompson, Student at U. of M., Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Lulu Williamson, Vassar, Michigan.
Dorothy Worden, Student at State Normal, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

We, the Seniors of 1914, welcome the Class of 1916 into our ranks of alumni, and hope that they may have success as they climb step by step, the steep and rugged Hill of Success.

THE CLASS OF 1914,
Clifford Guyette.

CLASS OF 1915

Superintendent—J. K. Osgerby.
Principal—Louise Schwender.

Graduates

Dorr Gunnell, Farmer, Vassar, Michigan.
Bertha E. Hunt, Student at Saginaw County Normal, Saginaw, Michigan.
Leroy Lewis, Student at M. A. C., Lansing, Michigan.
Beulah B. Osgerby, Vassar, Michigan.
Fenton Osgerby, with Telluride Association, Beaver, Utah.
Helen B. Shaver, Stenographer at Koehler Bros.' Iron Shop, Saginaw, Michigan.
Fred Shumway, with Studebaker Corporation, Detroit, Michigan.
Vila Spencer, Bookkeeper for C. M. Pierce & Sons, Caro, Michigan.

To the Class of 1916:

Beaver, Utah, March 9th, 1916.

As a member of the Class of 1915, I wish to express to you our greetings. Time and circumstances have separated us, but still our feelings are very much the same. When I think of the few gatherings we spent in common with you, I wish they could be repeated.

The country where I am at present is very interesting. The mountains afford each day a new vision. To study and work in such an atmosphere is a pleasure. One sees in his very surroundings an inspiration to do that which is great and beautiful. Such is the West, as seen by one who lives there.

Again the Class of 1915 greets you.

FENTON OSGERBY.