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PREFATORY NOTE

WHEN I was asked to write a history of Vassar, I found myself so engrossed with its actual administration as to make it seem impossible unless I could have collaboration. Miss Haight, alumna and member of the faculty, accepted the suggestion of this co-authorship. We have written different chapters, but have read and modified them together and have wrought them into a single book. We are both responsible, in like degree, for the contents of the volume.

An absence of due praise to individuals dear to memory will be felt by some readers. It has been a matter of self-denial on the part of the authors to refrain from the tributes that come spontaneously in thought of benefactors, colleagues, and alumnae, but discrimination would be an ungrateful task, and it has seemed best to follow a uniform policy of reticence regarding the living. Of even the dead it must be said that discrimination is ungrateful and many a one who is less known to fame has given a service as praiseworthy as the most renowned.

The difficulty of writing the history of the College during one's own administration will be appreciated by everyone. I can only hope that the record will seem impersonal and fair, and as free from bias as we have tried to make it. Had the period not covered so large a part of the history of Vassar, it might have been omitted.

J. M. T.