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Every Alumnae of the Normal College has heard with deep grief of the death of Professor Joseph A. Gillet, Acting-President of the Normal College. A sense of personal loss mingles with our grief at the loss to the Alma Mater, and at first the feeling of personal loss is the keenest. This sense of individual bereavement is Prof. Gillett's truest eulogy. Ten thousand graduates of the Normal College join in this personal tribute to the man we have lost.

The first selfishness of our grief past, we turn to the loss the Alma Mater has sustained. Rounding out a career of thirty-seven years in the Professor's chair, Professor Gillet has served the College for a year and a half as Acting-President. We should be grateful that it was given to those of us who stood near him, to see, during that year and a half, the fruitage of all those thirty-seven years of devoted service. That large kindness which was always his as the teacher was now devoted to the broader problems confronting the Alma Mater. The metal that always rang true in the classroom gave to his words as Acting-President, an eloquence long unsuspected by many of us.

Not many men could have filled in the vacancy left by the resignation of Dr. Hunter. With unflinching tact and courtesy and with a large, sane outlook, Prof. Gillet met the many problems of the last year and dealt with them. Let us rejoice in the midst of our grief, that it was given to us to know the man, Joseph A. Gillet, before he left us.

Grace B. Beach,
President of the Associate Alumnae.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associate Alumnae of the Normal College, held on Jan. 30th, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, We, the Associate Alumnae of the Normal College, have felt, as a sorrow personal to each, the death of our beloved professor, friend and chief, Acting President Joseph A. Gillet.

Resolved, That we would express our grateful sense of the privilege of having known Professor Gillet.

Resolved, That he will always represent for us the ideal of modest and unselfish service; of complete and conscientious devotion to the daily task; of tireless energy, of flawless loyalty, and of unflinching gentleness.

Resolved, That the great weight of responsibility laid upon him in the last years of his life was borne in a manner that revealed to us, besides all these long-recognized and endearing characteristics, administrative powers of the highest order; and that in his death our Alma Mater has suffered a loss which cannot be estimated or repaired.

Resolved, That this, our loving testimony to his work and worth, be presented in fitting form to those to whom he was nearest and dearest, with the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy.

Committee on Resolutions.

Helen Gray Cone, Chairman; Jeannette S. Sewell, Mary R. Davis, Isabella Sullivan, Mrs. James M. Smith, Katherine D. Blake, Hester A. Roberts, Mrs. Clara A. Williams, Emma A. Johnson, Sarah E. Beach, Emma A. Klauser.

An invitation to sign these resolutions will be extended to all members of the Executive Committee.