Memorial Resolution for Lillah Marie Webster

Miss Lillah Webster, a member of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee faculty, and its predecessor institutions for forty-seven years, died of cancer on Saturday, August 10, 1974, at the age of seventy-six. Although born in Chicago in 1898, Miss Webster graduated from Riverside High School, Milwaukee, in 1917, received a teaching diploma from Milwaukee Normal School in 1919, and was granted a library science certificate by the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1921. She joined the Milwaukee Normal faculty in 1922, serving in the reserve and textbook libraries prior to her assignment to the Campus School library. That she was competent, conscientious, resourceful, and dedicated to her profession was apparent to all who knew her. Her reserve, quiet demeanor, and her understanding, unassuming nature contributed immeasurably to establishing excellent working relationships with teachers, parents, and Campus School children.

The Campus School library, itself, was a tribute to her work as a librarian. Its beautiful paintings, comfortable furniture, huge collection of over nine thousand volumes, interesting magazine selections, and variety of audio-visual aids were all child oriented. The warm, intriguing environment, which she helped to create, and her personal interest in children and their reading needs were instrumental in making the library a focal point of Campus School activities. A specialist in children's literature, she had a faculty for bringing the child and the right book together. Little wonder that at the time of her retirement in 1969 it was said that one of Lillah Webster's pleasures was to hear a child ask for a book and then see the child become completely absorbed in it.

Miss Lillah Marie Webster's life was a life of service to others and to her church. She could be described as a selfless and dedicated person of whom the world has far too few.

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