

*Miss Dr. Adela B. Woods - at Memorial Service  
for Miss A. C. Kilbourne at High School Auditorium  
Erie Pa.*

"Honor and reverence and the good repute that follow faithful service as its fruit be unto her."

It was my good fortune to be a pupil of Miss Kilbourne in the early days of the Erie High School and afterward to be associated with her as a co-teacher. In those days when the pupils numbered less than one hundred and the graduating class consisted of two, every one of us had the opportunity to become well-acquainted with the teachers.

I knew Miss Kilbourne intimately, I believe that she, more than any other person whom I ever knew, had an unfaltering conviction of duty, and I believe that it can be said truthfully of her, that in the thirty years of her life in the High School, she never wavered in doing what she believed to be her duty.

Miss Kilbourne seemed to realize that not only was she teaching her pupils the rules of Algebra and Geometry but that also she was teaching them rules of conduct to guide them in after-life. These rules of conduct she taught not by wordy precept but by faithful example. She not only helped them to understand the intricacies of mathematics, but she helped them to build a character the foundation stones of which, she believed, should ever be honesty of action and integrity of purpose.

As a teacher, she was faithful and painstaking, and while perhaps at the time, many of her pupils, thought her over-particular

in regard to minutiae, yet every year will prove to every one of us, that just in that one respect alone, her influence was invaluable. She believed most firmly, that whatever was worth doing, was worth doing well. No labor was too arduous for her, where by it she could benefit a pupil. No time was counted lost, that she could devote to one who wished to profit by her assistance.

No pupil was stupid to her, who was making an honest effort to learn.

She never seemed to have a like or a dislike. Her one impelling motive seemed always to be, "This thing is right." And yet withal she was pleasant and affectionate and kind. I never heard her speak in sarcasm to any pupil or point one out for ridicule.

We erect to-day a tablet to the memory of Miss Kilbourne.

This little bronze tablet would never have hung upon the walls of this auditorium had not Miss Kilbourne by her faithful services and unfaltering devotion to her pupils and to duty, erected for herself in the hearts of hundreds of pupils, tablets that bear an inscription of love and gratitude.

Peace be to her, eternal peace and rest. And the fulfillment of the great behest, "Ye have been faithful over a few things over ten cities shall ye rule as kings."