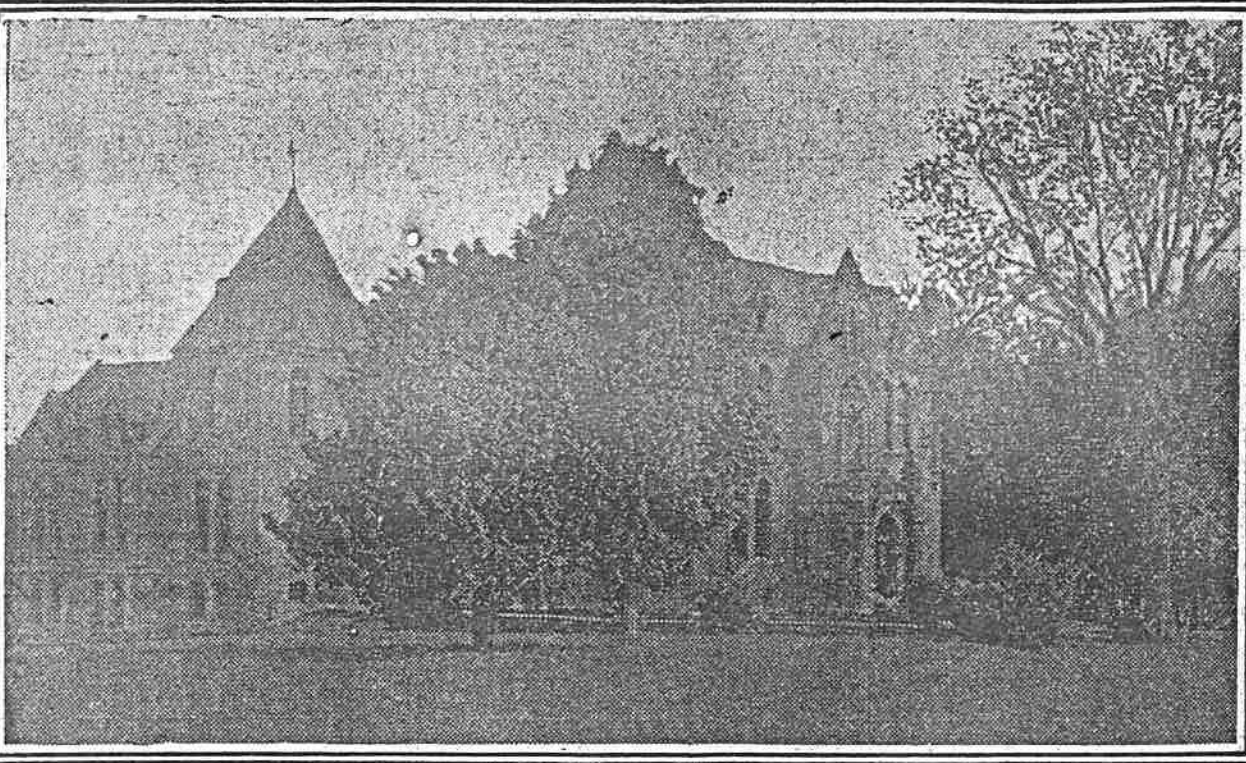


# MOUNT HOLYOKE '71---Eighteen



## Class Includes Professor Cornelia M. Clapp, Foremost Among the Country's Woman Zoologists

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**T**HE class of 1871 at Mount Holyoke College, eighteen of whose twenty-six living members are expecting to be present at the 50-year reunion at commencement time, represent an unusual diversity of achievement and distinction in the service rendered by its members to their Alma Mater and to the world.

The class gave Mount Holyoke a president of the National Alumnae Association and three members of the faculty, one of whom through her distinguished work in the field of zoölogy has reflected glory upon Mount Holyoke and who through her forty-three years of teaching at the college is perhaps known and loved by more Mount Holyoke alumnae than any other one person.

Two members of the class received the degree of M. D., and one of them is still practicing medicine in Philadelphia. There are two who won the degree of Ph. D. when this was a more unusual achievement for women than at the present time. Two members of 1871 have been prominent in the work of women's clubs. Two who are no longer living were known as writers of verse which appeared on the front page of such periodicals as the Independent and the Congregationalist, while one of the honorary members of 1871, Mrs. Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, has achieved distinction as a writer of stories of New England life. The class also had an artist who studied under the masters of Europe and some of whose paintings are now in the gallery of the Dwight Art Memorial.

There was scarcely a class in the early days which did not send out one or more into active missionary service, and 1871 is proud of its home missionary and its foreign missionary. There are several who have won marked success in the field of teaching, one member of the class having been principal of Abbot Academy, Andover. A large proportion of the class married, thus showing that even in those early days a college education did not spoil a woman for her natural career in the home. Some members of the class were married the year after graduation and have made their lives felt in an ever widening circle of influence through their children and grandchildren. Their activity has not, however, been confined to their life in the home, but has reached out to include church and Sunday School work and every kind of community interest.



## Only One President of Class Since '71

**M**RS. HETTIE DODD CARTER has been president of the class of 1871 for fifty years since graduation. The class is singularly united; in the undergraduate days and in the fifty years since graduation no cliques have grown up, and this fact is due largely to the influence of the president. The Round Robin class letter has been kept up, with scarcely an interruption, for the entire fifty years, and the last budget contained personal word from every one of the members.

Mrs. J. M. Marshall, Noble of Newark, N. J., was for many years been a most efficient class secretary, and to her efforts is due in large measure the fact that 1871 will have a 100 per cent contribution to the endowment fund to report at the alumnae dinner.



a time an entomologist, then a conchologist and then a fish woman. "Ceaseless activity followed her visit to Penikese. In the summer of 1875 she went on a trip through the White Mountains collecting insects. There were several in

the sense organ of fishes. In 1901, Dr. Clapp and Dr. L. B. Wallace studied for three months at the zoölogical station at Naples and afterward travelled in Western and Eastern Europe. In later years, Dr. Clapp visited some of the laboratories of



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# ... of Its Members Again in Reunion



- ILLUSTRATIONS**
- UPPER LEFT—Old Williston Hall, Burned in 1917.
  - UPPER RIGHT—The Class of '71 on its Graduation Day.
  - OVAL—Three Generations of Mt. Holyoke Women — Mrs. Hettie Dodd Carter, '71; Mrs. Edith Carter Lynes, '97, and Mrs. Lydia B. Dodd, '48.
  - UNDER OVAL—Mrs. Mary F. Savage, of Newburyport.
  - CIRCLE—Professor Cornelia M. Clapp, Mrs. Elizabeth Durant Smith, of Warren, Pa., and Dr. Wilhelmina Meader Nelson, of Philadelphia.
  - BOTTOM—Mrs. Mary Tuttle Bourdon, of Newton Centre.



pastorates, in Enfield, Mass., and Orange, N. J., where he died in 1899. Mrs. Savage's son, Rev. Theodore F. Savage, is pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church, New York city, and her daughter, Marlon D. Savage, is an actress. Mrs. Savage is a graduate with a B.S. degree from Columbia University.

Mrs. Elizabeth Benson Jackson of Center Harbor, N. H., has taught in Center Harbor and Sandwich, N. H., Janesville, Wis., and Baton Rouge, La. For two years she conducted a private school of an advanced grade in Center Harbor, and for seven years she was assistant in the High School of Millbury, Mass. In 1896 she was married to William C. Jackson of Center Harbor, who shared her life for twenty years until his death.

lege of Pennsylvania, and is now holding a position as resident physician of the women's department in the County Prison, Philadelphia. Her other work has in-

walls of the literature room in Skinner Hall are two water colors, one of Stratford-on-Avon, and the other of Chioggia, Venice. Among others in Pearsons Hall

After teaching four years Mrs. Sophie Giddings Gelston was married in 1875 to Maltby G. Gelston of Sherman, Conn., where she has lived ever since on the Gelston ancestral farm. Of her five chil-



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Several members of the class of 1871 have sent their daughters to Mount Holyoke, and the class president, Mrs. Hettie Carter Dodd of Montclair, N. J. has a granddaughter who will enter in 1922 or 1923. Her mother, Mrs. Lydia Babbitt Dodd, was a member of the class of 1848, thus coming under the influence of Mary Lyon. "Four generations of Holyoke women"—an unusual record, but one which will soon be duplicated, for there are now many three generation families.

**A Pioneer in Zoology**

The study of Zoology at Mount Holyoke College owes its existence and its results very largely to Dr. Cornelia M. Clapp of the class of 1871, and the following sketch of her work as a zoologist has been written by Dr. Ann Haven Morgan, her successor as Professor of Zoology at Mount Holyoke:

"In 1873 Louis Agassiz started his summer school for zoologists on the Island of Penikese off the New Bedford coast and Miss Shattuck and Miss Bowen (afterward Mrs. David Starr Jordan) attended. Miss Clapp applied but as only two candidates were admitted she did not attend until the summer of 1874. The two brief sessions of the Agassiz school marked a new era for zoology. It ceased to be a matter of pious parlor aphorisms on the beauty of creation and became a search into every nook and corner of living substance, and a thinking over of the most intimate problems of human existence.

"At Penikese Miss Clapp suddenly saw the opening of a thousand doorways. She grasped eagerly at the flood of new opportunities, the chances to see new animals and new plants, to look into their structure, to hear and to engage in discussions of the why and wherefore of life and ways of living. Her eagerness was deep and enduring. She brought that fire back to Mount Holyoke with her and she established it as the center of her zoological work. From that time on the teaching of zoology at Mount Holyoke became a search for truth shared together by an eager teacher and students; the teacher was always looking around the bend of the trail and the teacher and the students were friends. There began also with Penikese an association with other scientific workers throughout the country and to some degree in Europe. This developed gradually and by devious pathways, but at the present day Dr. Clapp is recognized as the most distinguished woman zoologist in this country and her department and her students have made Mount Holyoke known in every center of biological work.

"Dr. Clapp says of her own career, 'I have been bent upon one thing, then I have been wholly bent upon another thing. As a zoologist I have been just like a boy, for

the party, among them well known entomologists. When she returned that fall she concentrated her energy upon insects. Entomology became the end and aim of her existence, and her students could not help catching the gleam. They worked in school hours and out. They made trips. They collected insects and they bought collections. Entomologists became interested and visited the laboratory. Many friends were thus made for the college, but Mr. Stebbins and Mr. Dimmock, two naturalists of Springfield, were pre-eminent. They advised Miss Clapp, they worked with her students, and they gave their time and their collections liberally to the college.

"In 1876 Williston Hall, Mount Holyoke's first and only natural science building, was completed. It was an achievement, and its challenge for more and better zoology was its immediate result. The unremitting activity of Dr. Clapp's work filled larger and larger areas of Williston Hall through the years until it was burned in 1917. After moving into Williston Hall Dr. Clapp turned to the study of the shelled animals. She collected, she bought and she begged specimens of them, and a good teaching collection resulted.

"She interspersed her work at college with travel and with work at other institutions. With David Starr Jordan, Dr. Charles Gilbert and other prominent zoologists she went on a long collecting trip through the southern states. This was in the summer of 1878. Later she studied for five weeks with Professor E. B. Wilson, now of Columbia University, and another interval with the late Professor W. T. Sedgwick of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"In the meantime Dr. Clapp's department had grown apace. At the fiftieth anniversary of the college in 1887, she had so many students and so much work going on that she asked to have a tent placed outside of Williston Hall in order to give her more room for her recitations. This may have been the cause of the addition of an extensive annex to Williston Hall which was built the next year.

**A World Traveller**

"The marine biological laboratory at Woods Hole was opened in the summer of 1888. It has for many years been a foremost centre of biological work in this country. Dr. Clapp has been an investigator there during most of the summers since its inception, and successively acted as lecturer, then as librarian and trustee. She made investigations upon the sense organs of the toad fish, one of the common fishes of the Woods Hole region. In 1893 she went to Chicago University and in 1896 received the Ph.D. degree from that institution. During the three years of her absence her place at Mount Holyoke was taken by Dr. Louise B. Wallace, now dean of the American College for Women in Constantinople. During these years Dr. Clapp published several zoological papers, but the most important was "The Lateral Line System of the Toadfish," which now stands as one of the most successful investigations which has been made upon

our Pacific Coast, then went to Japan and journeyed into the Far East.

"Dr. Clapp now has her own house at Woods Hole. She goes there each summer for the biological season and in a very real sense she is a centre of the Woods Hole biological society. When her class celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year one of the reunion suppers will be held in the zoological laboratories of the Temporary Science Building. These are called zoological laboratories but they are really the rooms destined to be the college laundry. Williston Hall burned in 1911 and all of the zoological equipment was lost but Dr. Clapp's vision and courage only gained new life and her department only felt more zealous to work for the future and the new laboratory for which she had planned the way. They know that they must and that they will secure it."

**Two Other '71 Women on Faculty**

There are two other members of the class who have been on the Mount Holyoke faculty. Miss Mary C. Bradford returned to Mount Holyoke in 1881, where she remained for 17 years as a member of the department of Latin. She taught also at the Lyndon Literary Institute and the McIndoes Academy in Vermont, and the Chevy Chase Seminary in Maryland. Her graduate work was done at Syracuse and Yale universities. Her niece, Miss Beth Bradford Gilchrist, has achieved distinction as a writer, and is known among Mount Holyoke women in particular by her life of Mary Lyon.

Miss Caroline L. White, one of the two Ph.D.'s of 1871, was a member of the English literature department at Mount Holyoke from 1872 to 1874 and also for the year 1895-96. She taught in Topeka, Kansas, for a number of years and at the time of her death in 1905 she was a member of the faculty of the American International College, Springfield.

After teaching for eight years in the Hillhouse High School, New Haven, Conn. Mrs. Mary Tuttle Bourdon was married in 1879 to D. B. O. Bourdon. The following 42 years of married life, with a family of three daughters and three sons, have been full of opportunities for service and have included church and Sunday school work. For three years she was president of the Boston Alumnae Association, and at the close of the second year of this term of



office she was chosen presidential Alumnae Association she held for six years, for six years as one of the trustees of the college. From 1901 of seventeen years, the fund, of which she was much of her time and energy.

The class has one for Mrs. Vieta Brown Sprague living in Shortsville, N. Y. She married in 1893 to Rev. William missionary in China. She is mentioned at Kalgan, 125 miles of Peking. There she remained until 1910, when work was transferred to Protestant mission. M. 1919.

**Missionaries and Doctors**

Mrs. Mary Smith Harlan, Kansas, is the home class. After graduation the work of the Alumnae Association of the Congregational being instructor of matriculation at the University, Missouri and principal of the Institute in Macon, Georgia, for the wife of Rev. Myron she entered the home Missouri.

Victoria A. White, Meader Nelson were in the class. Miss White received 1879 at the Woman's College of the New York Infirmary time associated with Jacobi of New York. 1917. Even in her student suffrage was a matter of her, and her commencement the subject in a way prophetic in its emphatic statements which later won the cause.

The other M.D. of the class, Mina Meader Nelson, was in 1891 from the Woods

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cluded a position as resident physician at the Oncological Hospital, where she had much experience in using the X-ray and radium treatment.

**Active in Club Work**

The two members of 1871 who have been most active in Women's Club work are Miss Frances A. Dean of Fresno, Cal., and Mrs. Mary Williams Phipps of Waterbury, Conn. Until 1900 Miss Dean was a teacher, five years of this time being spent at Mills Seminary. From the University of California she received the degrees of B.L. and M.L. and spent a year in Europe in the study of languages and art.

For many years she has been active in the work of women's clubs, serving for several years as chairman of Americanization work in the San Joaquin valley district, and being at present chairman of industrial and social conditions. During the war she was department chairman of Americanization work in connection with the Fresno County Women's Committee of the Council of National and State Defense. Miss Dean is probably the only member of her class who has enjoyed the novel experience of serving on a jury.

Mrs. Phipps was married in October, 1872, to a Congregational minister. "The most important events of these years, she writes, have been the coming of five dear children." Her first child, Florence, died at the age of six, but her other four are now living. Her two daughters were sent to Mount Holyoke, and the two sons went to Yale. Her activities outside of church work include a lifelong interest in the work of women's clubs. For two terms she was president of the Waterbury Women's Club, and after serving as vice president, director, and in various other capacities, she was for four years president of the Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs.

**Many Teachers in the List**

The list of successful teachers is a long one. As head of the history of art department in Lawrence Academy and as principal of St. Johnsbury Academy, and of Abbott Academy, Miss Laura S. Watson has had a successful career as a teacher and executive. She has traveled extensively in the Near East as well as in Europe. She has visited Europe five times, spending in all about six years in travel and study in Germany, France, Italy and Greece. One year was spent at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

As an artist, Miss Watson has painted in different mediums, and she has given to the college a number of her paintings. In the painting gallery of Dwight Hall are an oil painting, "Vesuvius from Capri," and a water color, "View Along the Giudecca Canal, Venice." On the

is an oil painting of the entrance of the Grand Canal, Venice, with the church, Santa Maria della Salute.

Miss Martha E. Hersey of Hartford has had a long career as a successful teacher, continuing her work until June, 1918. After teaching a number of years in Amherst, and Auburn, Me., she returned to Mount Holyoke in 1886 for graduate work in French. She was thus present at the 50th anniversary celebration, when the class of 1871 was among those which held reunions.

After two years of teaching in a college in Milwaukee, Miss Hersey came back east to stay. "In 1899," she writes, "I undertook the most responsible work of my teaching career, as principal of Sanderson Academy, Ashfield, Mass. The fact that Mary Lyon began her higher education at Sanderson Academy and was later a successful teacher in the same school, was an inspiration to me in my arduous work."

"In the spring of 1897 I began teaching in Connecticut as first assistant in the High School at West Hartford. From that time I have taught almost continuously in this State until June, 1918."

**A Hint for the Merchant**

Miss Juliana O. Hall of Cambridge, sister of G. Stanley Hall, is another of the successful teachers of the class. She has been connected with the Gannett Institute, the Mount Vernon Seminary (Mrs. Somers' School), Washington, D. C., and the Commonwealth Avenue School (the Misses Gilman), Boston. These years of teaching were interspersed with study at Oxford University and with trips to Europe and to California.

"The letters of Miss Hall," says a member of 1871, "with their peculiar literary quality and charm, are features of the annual class letter to which we all look forward." The following comments on the fashions of the present day were culled from one of the last letters: "Why will not the department stores recognize the fact that there are old women in the world?—Women who do not want to display their life-worn footlets beneath their super-abbreviated skirltlets;—nor to exhibit their knee-joint action in petticoatless abandon;—nor to wear frontless waists in the morning, nor backless ones in the evening?"

Miss Emma L. Cowles of Amherst devoted a good share of her life to teaching, twenty-two years being spent in the schools of Worcester, and a number of years in Sunderland. Miss Mercy A. Anderson of Shelburne was a teacher for a number of years, holding positions on Cape Cod, in Evansville, Ind., and Hoboken, N. J. For twenty-five years she has been librarian of the Public Library in Shelburne.

Mrs. Mary Fidella Fiske Savage of Newburyport remained at home after her graduation until 1879, after which she spent two years in travel in Colorado, California and the Hawaiian Islands, teaching for part of a year in Mills College, California. In 1882 she was married to the Rev. Charles A. Savage, pastor of the Congregational Church in Berkeley, Cal. After a period of ill-health, Mr. Savage had two other

dren, only one daughter is living, Cornelia, who is now at home with her mother.

Mrs. Frances Black Judd of Westminster, Vt., is another of those who were married after teaching for a short time. For eight years she and Mr. Judd were connected with the Kurn Hattin Homes in Westminster, and now after Mr. Judd's death in 1916 she and her daughter still have their summer home in Westminster. Her daughter is assistant principal of the Bellows Falls High School, and one of her sons is principal of the grammar school in Hartford, Conn., while her other son is engaged in farming in western Massachusetts.

**More Teachers**

Mrs. Mary Gore Richardson of Chicago, was married in 1872 after a short period of teaching. Since then her family of four children has been the center of her interest, claiming most of her time. Her sympathetic interest in others has extended to those outside the home and this has been a feature of her annual class letter much appreciated by her classmates.

Mrs. Mary Munro Hamill of Baldwinville, N. Y. was married soon after graduation in 1872. Her life in the home has been diversified by various community interests, including work in the church and in literary societies, and her travel has included one trip across the continent to California.

Mrs. Elizabeth Durant Smith was married in 1874 to Ernest N. Smith and has lived for 40 years in Warren, Pa. Her one son, Carl E. Smith, is a dentist. She has been active in church work, having held office in a number of church societies. For several years she was vice-president of the Children's Aid Society of the state of Pennsylvania. She also served as president of the Children's Aid Society of Warren County.

The class of 1871 includes in its numbers a member of the Northampton Parsons family, Myra Ellsworth Parsons, who after teaching in Northampton and Hatfield was married in 1883 to Henry Graves Moore

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and is now living in Hatfield. Like Mrs. Hettie Dodd Carter and Miss Frances R. Peet, Mrs. Gertrude Baldwin Gerry of East Orange, N. J., was the daughter of missionaries. After teaching for a time in Orange, N. J., she was married in 1881 to David J. Gerry. With the help of her daughter Gertrude she performs a unique service for the shut-ins among her neighbors, sending them typewritten copies of sermons.

Mrs. Idella Plimpton Kendall of Boston was married in 1875 to Rev. Henry L. Kendall of Boston. Her brother, George Plimpton, is president of the Board of Trustees of Amherst College and her son, Henry Plimpton Kendall, is connected with the Plimpton Press, Norwood.

### Two Poets

The class had two writers of verse, Annie Willis and Helen Angell Goodwin, both of whom died in 1916.

Mrs. Mary E. Wilkins Freeman of Methuen, N. J., the well-known writer of stories of New England life, was an honorary member of the class.

### The Class Roll Mount Holyoke College

There are twenty-six members of the class now living, as follows:

Miss Mercy A. Anderson, Shelbourne.  
 Mrs. Mary Tuttle Bourdon, Newton Centre.  
 Miss Mary C. Bradford, Rutland, Vt.  
 Mrs. Hettie Dodd Carter, Montclair, N. J.  
 (Class president).  
 Professor Cornelia M. Clapp, Ph.D., Montague.  
 Miss Emma L. Cowles, Amherst.  
 Miss Frances A. Dean, Fresno, Cal.  
 Mrs. Sophie Giddings Gelston, Sherman, Conn.  
 Mrs. Gertrude Baldwin Gerry, East Orange, N. J.  
 Miss Helena F. Giles, Germany.  
 Miss Juliana O. Hall, Cambridge.  
 Mrs. Mary Munro Hamill, Baldwinville, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Mary Smith Harrington, Topeka, Kansas  
 Miss Martha E. Hersey, Hartford, Conn.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Benson Jackson, Center Harbor, N. H.  
 Mrs. Frances Black Judd, Westminster, Vt.  
 Mrs. Myra Parsons Moore, Bradstreet.  
 Mrs. Idella Plimpton Kendall, Boston.  
 Dr. Wilhelmina Meader Nelson, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Mrs. Ella Marshall Nichols, Newark, N. J.  
 Mrs. Mary Williams Phipps, Waterbury, Conn.  
 Mrs. Mary Gore Richardson, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Mary Fiske Savage, Newburyport.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Durant Smith, Warren, Pa.  
 Mrs. Vlette Brown Sprague, Shortsville, N. Y.  
 Miss Laura B. Watson, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

The members of the class who have been called into a larger service are Miss

Frances R. Peet who died in 1872, the year after graduation; Mrs. Nellie Jewette Fish and Mrs. Adelaide Moody White, who died in 1890; Miss S. Adella Estabrook, who died in 1894; Dr. Caroline L. White, who died in 1905; Miss M. Josephine Brink, a noted teacher in Brooklyn, N. Y. who died in 1907 and in her will established the Josephine Brink Scholarship; Mrs. Emma Kimball Clark and Miss Mary E. Thompson who died in 1912; Mrs. Elizabeth Welch Ives, who died in 1913; Mrs. Helen Angell Goodwin and Miss Annie Willis, who died in 1916, and Dr. Victoria A. White, who died in 1917.

### Six Non-Graduates to Return

Of the non-graduate members of 1871 six are to return to college for reunion. Miss Caroline Bridge Boyd and Miss Henrietta Marsh Brigham of Marlboro, Mass; Miss Margaret C. McKillip of Washington, D. C., for whom this is the first visit to Mount Holyoke in 50 years and who has already raised her quota for the endowment fund; Mrs. Mary Wright Smith of South Hadley; Mrs. Julia Farrar Warren of Glen Ridge, N. J., who now has two granddaughters at Mount Holyoke; Margaret Sherman Arnold of Milton, a freshman and Elizabeth French Giles of South Lincoln, a sophomore; and Mrs. Ida Canfield Wilson of Williamsport, Pa.

Dr. Clapp is chairman of the reunion committee, and among the plans for reunion one of the unique features is the supper to be given this evening for the class by the members of the department of zoology, of which Dr. Clapp was for so many years the head. The supper will be served in the alumnae laboratory of the "Temporary Science Building," in which the department has been housed since Williston was burned in 1917, and the hostesses will be Miss Ann Morgan, Miss Elizabeth Adams, Miss Christianna Smith, Miss Harriett M. Allyn, Miss Janet A. Williamson, Miss Rachel Metcalf, Miss Dorothy E. Williams, and Miss Elizabeth Blake.