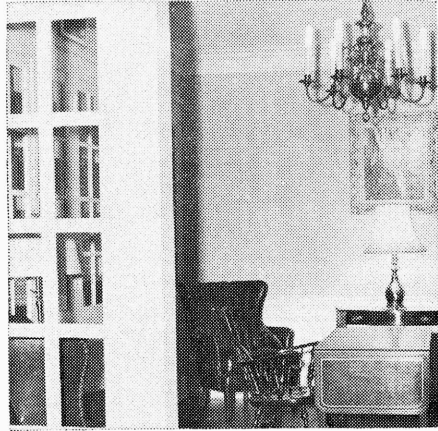


Treasures, Tradition Unite Today's Students With Woodward's Past



BETTENS LIBRARY

Bettens Library Houses Valued Book Collection

The outstanding treasure, given to Woodwardites during the first half of the 20th century was the Louise E. Bettens Memorial Library. The library was a gift of Edward D. Bettens a student coming from a poor family who was able to attend Harvard University on a Woodward scholarship.

Having established himself as a successful lawyer in New York he expressed his appreciation to his Alma Mater by presenting a library in the memory of his mother. The library contained 1600 books, many of them rare volumes, as well as bookcases, pictures, and bronzes.

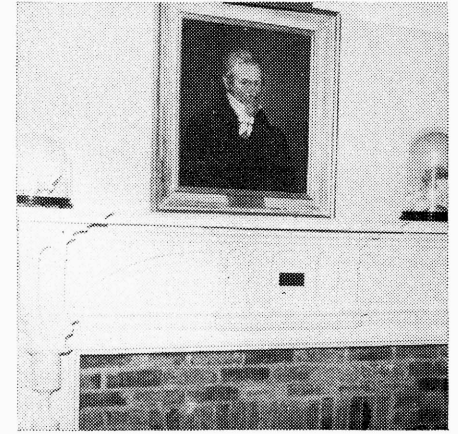
The Bettens Library occupies a room on the second floor opposite the school library. The room is easily recognized by its white 19th century wooden facade.

Memorial Room Holds Woodward Heirlooms

Behind the door of the original Woodward home, built in 1819, are displayed varied and significant treasures which are a part of Woodward's heritage.

Within the Memorial Room is a quaint mantle from the guest room of the Woodward home. Every brick used in constructing the fireplace has special significance. Some were obtained from William Woodward's birthplace, others from his 1816 home, and many were once part of the former Woodward school buildings.

The Woodward bell, rung by William Woodward himself at the opening of the school, is among these treasures. Since football was one of the favorite sports of the times, the football used by the Old Woodward Club is one of the few relics of the period 1841 to 1855. Among the other treasures displayed are a foot warmer used in the Woodward sleigh, books



MEMORIAL ROOM

used by various members of the family, remnants of their clothing, and a silk flag made by Woodward girls and carried by Woodward students who fought as a unit in the Civil War.

Woodward Projects Goal: *ESSE QUAM VIDERI*

The value of the Woodward tradition lies not in the customs which are called traditional but in the spirit which animates the school and which evokes the little rituals as its outward expression.

The spirit itself is intangible, yet real. No single work can adequately define it. It is composed of loyalty and love, of friendships remembered and of lessons learned. It had its genesis in the character of William Woodward; and its strength springs from a vital reverence for the past.

Reverence for the past can be stultifying; but the pride of heritage which the Woodward spirit encompasses is, and has

always been, paradoxically a pledge to the future. The Woodward spirit reveres the past only that Woodward may always be worthy of reverence.

The custom of observing Founder's Day is not merely the recognition of an historical date. It commemorates an unselfish, far-seeing man who performed a noble deed, a deed long past, yet continuing in the present. The alumni met first to bid farewell to the original school, about to be demolished. They have continued to meet for 104 years because their loyalty, being based on an ideal, transcended devotion to any specific building. The school

motto, *Esse Quam Videri*, is used not because it was chosen many years ago but because it sets a goal toward which it has become increasingly more important to strive in a world riddled with pretense.

So it is with all that is traditional at Woodward. A custom or practice is not perpetuated because it is old. It has survived, and continues to survive, because of its significance. The cherished customs of Woodward have an integral relationship to the spirit of Woodward. They derive their value from the spirit which is manifested through them, the spirit which is itself the true tradition of Woodward.