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THIS is the first issue of the *Magazine* since July, 1948, which does not bear on its title page the name of Lois V. Given, or, since her marriage to the head of our library, that of Mrs. Lois Given Bobb. We regret to announce that Mrs. Bobb resigned last February.

During the years that she worked for the *Magazine*, its standards attained the highest level in its long and distinguished career. Her contribution to this attainment was a weighty one, for she was the principal editor who dealt with authors, reviewers, and printers, and who did the detailed editing of the manuscripts. It was she, also, who compiled the unusually fine annual indexes.

Mrs. Bobb was undeviating in her demand for the highest degree of excellence. To assure accuracy, she meticulously checked articles against their sources to verify the exactness of quotations, the veracity of facts, and the correctness of authorities cited in footnotes. This process not infrequently turned up a surprising amount of error.

In matters of typography, Mrs. Bobb was noted for her sharp eye, which detected irregularities on the printed page. Broken letters were unfailingly marked for correction, and she carefully scrutinized all technical data to do with the art of printing and its proper appearance in our journal. Her aesthetic judgment in these matters was

sound, and from it *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* benefited substantially.

Tied down by her editorial responsibilities, Mrs. Bobb had little time for original contributions of her own. Occasionally, she wrote a review; more often she contributed unsigned book notices. Her most notable piece was an editorial, appropriately on the *Magazine* itself. "Upholding a Tradition" appeared in the January, 1962, issue, which also carried the announcement that she had been promoted to the full rank of Editor. Her thoughts, as expressed at that time, should be as stimulating to all who work for the *Magazine* in the future as when they were first published and met with wide praise.

Mrs. Bobb's warm and generous personality made her many friends among the scholars she met at the Society and elsewhere. Her interest in everyone and in everything brought to her a unique place in the affections of the staff with which she worked. The Society, the *Magazine*, and all in general who knew her at 1300 Locust Street are grateful to her for her many contributions of service and friendship so bountifully poured forth over the years.

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