

JOHN BOWERS MATTHEWS, of the Class of 1918, member of Beta Theta Pi. His professional career dedicated to education and youth commenced at his own preparatory school, Hebron Academy, he soon moved to Malden High School in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, where he doughtily championed sound education forty-one years. First as teacher of history, then as head of the History Department, and for the last eighteen years as Headmaster, his tenure maintained one of the strongest classical programs found in public secondary schools today. Despite the demands of a large school, he has known his students intimately. His trust and understanding for them, his uncompromising stand on quality, hard work, and application, brought to his pupils ample rewards in frankness, respect, friendliness, humor, love, and devotion, as manifested by a student editorial which described him "The Perfect Teacher, The Perfect Gentleman, The Perfect Friend." In similar tributes, and upon the occasion of his retirement from a career distinguished by high standards and able service, we join in saluting this outstanding school master whose absorption in his work has been, in his own words, "my only vocation and avocation."

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