

JASPER JACOB STAHL, of the Class of 1909. Of seafaring ancestry, in childhood he sailed around the Horn to Valparaiso on his father's ship, then graduated from Bowdoin *summa cum laude*, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and first man in a most distinguished class. As Henry W. Longfellow Scholar, he studied at Munich and at Berlin, then later at Harvard. His career in teaching begun at Reed College was interrupted by his service as an officer in the United States Navy in World War I, and came into full flower during thirty-eight years as Director of Studies for the renowned Hill School, where he not only molded the curriculum for all, but also stimulated individuals to great achievement. In so-called retirement he occupies the oldest inhabited house of his native heath, and has fulfilled a second career of scholarship and service: - in researching and writing a two-volume history of Old Broad Bay as the Toynbee of Waldoboro; in active participation in local politics and the life of his church; and by contributing his steady judgment, critical eye, and wisdom to the concerns of his town. A conservative more noted for his liberal views, he served as Chairman of the Waldoboro School Board and one of the seven members of the Maine School Building Authority, which had marked impact upon Maine public education early in the last decade. The rigorous pattern of his life set toward the goal of centenarianism, with Goethe his "exemplar of universal man:" "One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words." (Man sollte,...alle Tage wenigstens ein kleines Lied hören, ein gutes Gedicht lesen, ein treffliches Gemälde sehen, und, wenn es möglich zu machen wäre, einige vernünftige Worte sprechen.)

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