

Dedication

One hundred and sixteen years ago Woodward High School was founded by William Woodward. On the twenty-fourth day of October, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, the school was opened. In the years since that time, Woodward High School has grown into the fine school that it is today and it looks back on a glorious history of development and achievement.

The years have seen four distinct physical changes in the building which housed our school — from the original two-story brick building to the present fine building erected in nineteen hundred and ten. Each building, as it was erected to meet the educational needs of its students, drew to itself the great wealth of tradition which is so vital a part of Woodward High School.

Woodward students are justly proud of their school. Through the years the spirit of Woodward has been the spirit of study and work, of service and song, of unselfishness and sacrifice, of devotion and duty, of appreciation and gratitude, of sympathy and kindheartedness, of acquaintance and friendship, of brotherhood and equality among men, of high ideals and lofty ambitions, of loyalty to God, to nation, to home, and to school.

Although intangible, the "Woodward Spirit" is no less real. We, who have been so fortunate as to sense its presence and to have our lives molded by its influence, give honor to its invisible strength. We, the graduating class of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, dedicate our Annual to this "Woodward Spirit". May it ever inspire and strengthen us!