

Ida V. Gibson

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Ida V. Gibson, Assistant Professor of Food and Nutrition, died September 16, 1956 at the Tompkins County Memorial Hospital in Ithaca after a short illness. She had been a member of the faculty for three years.

Professor Gibson was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She was the daughter of Mrs. Isora V. Gibson and the late Alton D. Gibson. From 1913 to 1915 she taught in a rural school in Green County, New York after which she entered Skidmore College. She was the first person to receive a degree from that institution. After graduation in 1919, she remained at Skidmore as an instructor in chemistry. Later she attended Teachers College, Columbia University, where she received the M.S. degree in 1925. Professor Gibson remained at Teachers College, first as an instructor in chemistry and later in nutrition. In 1933 she went to Middlebury College, Vermont, as an associate professor and head of the Home Economics Department.

She came to the New York State College of Home Economics in 1953 where she taught advanced courses in food preparation. Students in Miss Gibson's classes will always remember the vitality and inspiration of her teaching and the high standards which she set for them and for herself. She was always a wise counselor and many students turned to her for advice with their problems. Through her, others learned devotion to a profession.

Miss Gibson gave unstintedly of her strength and energy to help with anything that needed to be done in her department. Her friendly cheerfulness and staunchness of spirit will long be remembered. Her integrity and forthrightness of character engendered respect and confidence among all who knew her.

In addition to her full and arduous professional life, Miss Gibson found time to contribute to other activities. For many years she had been a member of the Board of Trustees of Skidmore College. She was a member of the American Home Economics Association and the New York State Home Economics Association. She was also a member of the Executive Board of the Ithaca Branch of the American Association of University Women. She was active in the Skidmore College Club of Ithaca and in church work.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, students and colleagues.

Miss Gibson lived with her mother at 303 Comstock Road. The devotion of mother and daughter was notable. Surviving besides her mother is her brother, Professor A. W. Gibson, Director of Resident Instruction at the New York State College of Agriculture.