IN MEMORIAM

Agatha C. Hodgins

Miss Agatha C. Hodgins, founder of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, died suddenly at her home at Chatham, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, on March 24, 1945.

Miss Hodgins was born in Canada and educated in Boston, where she received her nurse’s training at the Boston City Hospital and Boston Lying-In Hospital. Her connection with the field of anesthesia covers many years. In 1909 she took charge of anesthesia service at Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1911 began to give instruction to nurses in gas anesthesia. During the first World War she served as anesthetist in France. From 1915 until her retirement in 1933, Miss Hodgins was director of the School of Anesthesia at Lakeside Hospital.

In 1931 Miss Hodgins called a meeting of nurse anesthetists which resulted in the organization of the Association. In 1935, she was made Honorary President of the Association. She served on the Board of Trustees continuously from the time of the organization of the Association until her death. The present issue of The Journal announces the fact that she is the first Donor of the Association.

The profound influence of Miss Hodgins is recognized wherever nurse anesthetists serve, and her courage, her strong leadership, and her faith in the ability of nurse anesthetists have earned for her the full respect and the lasting affection of the members of the Association.