MEMORIAL.

WALTER CHANNING BAILEY, M.D.

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Dr. Walter Channing Bailey was born in Somerville, Massachusetts, October 8, 1870, the son of Walter Channing and Esther (Brown) Bailey. He graduated from Harvard College in 1894, and from Harvard Medical School in 1898. After a year's internship in the Children's Hospital, Boston, he spent another year studying in Vienna. On his return he began private practice, associated with the late Dr. Vincent Y. Bowditch, in Boston. From the beginning he was interested in diseases of the chest and especially in pulmonary tuberculosis. In January, 1913, he was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts State Hospitals for Tuberculosis. A few months later he was elected chairman of the board. This position he held until July, 1917, when he became head of the Personnel Department of the American Red Cross in Washington, D. C.

In July, 1918, he went to France to take charge of one of the zones of the Rockefeller Foundation. On arrival he was made Medical Director of the Department of the Rhone for the Rockefeller Foundation and the American Red Cross, with headquarters at Lyons. Under him there were several hospitals to which were sent the expatriated women and children from the war regions of Northern France, as well as wounded soldiers.

Just as he was leaving for home he was asked by the American Red Cross to take the first Red Cross relief expedition into Poland. In the record time of five days he succeeded in gathering together his personnel of doctors and nurses, and eighteen railroad cars filled with hospital supplies. He was in Poland six months. Premier Paderewski gave a gala reception and a fête at the Opera House for him, and everywhere he was treated with the warmest gratitude and affection. It was a most memorable experience for him. He was also in Russia.
for a short time, and after the close of the war his family joined him in Switzerland, where they remained for a few years.

Dr. Bailey was appointed Medical Examiner for the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1902, and served several years. After returning from Europe the family lived in Cambridge, and in February, 1924, he became Assistant Medical Director of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, which position he filled for thirteen years, when he retired because of impaired health. He was elected to membership in the Medical Directors' Association in 1924.

He was a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, Children's Hospital Alumni Association, Boston Tuberculosis Association, the National Tuberculosis Association, the Metropolitan Club of Washington, D. C., and the Somerset and the Tavern Clubs of Boston. He served the last club as secretary for several years, and was very active in promoting musical and dramatic entertainments for which the Tavern Club is noted. His intimacy with professional and artist friends there greatly enriched his life. For several years he was on the corporation of the Sharon Sanatorium. He was elected to membership in the American Clinical and Climatological Association in 1915 and became a life member in 1922.

Dr. Bailey married Ruth Perkins in 1908. Mrs. Bailey, two sons and two daughters survive him.

Dr. Bailey was a good executive because he managed to do things in a smooth and effortless way, with a minimum of fuss and confusion, and a complete intuitive understanding of the people with whom he was dealing. Someone who loved him wrote, "He thought we were nice people, and so we were nice people." He brought out the best in all his friends and his family, and they, in turn, adored him.

While on a visit in Barnard, Vermont, death came July 30, 1938, following a cerebral hemorrhage.