

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

RICHARD G. BRODRICK (1871 - 1929)

On May 2, 1929, Dr. R. G. Brodrick was taken from us at the height of his career, aged 58 years. He was a man who had shown his remarkable ability in several related fields. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Cooper Medical College in 1892. During the following years, until 1899, he served as a medical officer in the United States Navy and as such participated in the battle of Manila Bay. After his retirement he devoted three years to graduate study in Vienna.

Returning to San Francisco he was selected as health officer during the stormy days of an epidemic of bubonic plague. The expedition and efficiency with which the necessary sanitary reforms were carried through was largely due to his tact and ability. As health officer, Dr. Brodrick became greatly interested in the construction of the new San Francisco Hospital and he added many admirable features to the plan. His interest was aroused to such an extent that he resigned as health officer and took over the management of the new institution when it was opened in 1915.

San Francisco owes Dr. Brodrick a heavy debt of gratitude for the standards which he established and which have been carried on to the present day.

Dr. Brodrick continued as superintendent of the San Francisco Hospital until 1919, when he was called to Alameda County to become director of hospitals and to plan the new county hospital on the other side of the bay. The "Highland Hospital" is a lasting monument to Dr. Brodrick's skill in planning and of his superb executive ability. Many other important hospitals which have been erected under his direction all along the Pacific Coast also attest this.

The esteem in which he was held by his confreres was shown by his election as President of the American Hospital Association in 1926.

Having finished his work in Alameda County, he accepted the invitation by Stanford University to take charge of their hospitals in 1927. This gave him an opportunity to develop a comprehensive plan for the future growth of the physical plant of the Stanford Medical School and its hospitals. It had just been decided to carry out the first step of this projected development when he was stricken. His life was a full one, devoted to work and service to humanity.

Those of us who have had the great good fortune to know him intimately and to work with him will never forget the charm of his personality and the inspiration to progressive effort that he managed to convey to all who came in contact with him.

Be it therefore resolved that in the death of Dr. Richard Godfrey Brodrick the hospital field has lost a tireless worker, Stanford University Hospitals have lost a resourceful leader, and we, his associates, have lost a beloved friend.

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be inscribed in the Faculty Minutes and that a copy be forwarded to Mrs. Brodrick.