

FRANCES GERTRUDE WICK

1875 - 1941

In the death of Professor Frances Gertrude Wick, on June 15, 1941, Vassar College suffered a severe loss which brings grief to the whole community. Her passing will also be felt by scientists and friends in many foreign countries which she touched in her extensive travels for she habitually visited the institutions where distinguished work was being done. In several of the most noted laboratories of the world she was invited to conduct her researches. Further recognition of her unusual interest and ability in research was shown by the large number of awards she received for this purpose from various learned societies.

Many of her investigations are pioneer studies carried forward in a period during which physics has been experiencing its phenomenally rapid development. In this invigorating atmosphere her natural interest and enthusiasm were spontaneously communicated to her colleagues and students. Indeed it was one of her special talents that she could inspire in her students an enthusiasm like her own, and see that enthusiasm sustained.

In the minds of all who knew Miss Wick she will live as a remarkable example of contagious happiness and constant devotion to her chosen work.

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