IN MEMORIAM

DOROTHY SCHONS

Dorothy Schons, daughter of Peter Schons and Dorothy Small Schons, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 1, 1890. After graduation from the St. Paul High School in 1908, she entered the University of Minnesota, from which she received in 1912 the A. B. degree. Beginning her career as a teacher of languages—in North St. Paul High School, from 1912-1915, and in the Harrison High School, Chicago, from 1915-1919—she was appointed in 1919 Instructor in Romance Languages at The University of Texas. Continuing ambitiously the graduate work that she had already begun at the University of Chicago, she received in 1922 the M. A. degree, and from the same institution—after studying at The University of Texas, of Mexico, and of Madrid—in 1932 the Ph.D. At The University of Texas, where she attracted attention for diligent and scholarly work, she was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1927, and to Associate Professor in 1943. She was widely recognized by Hispanic scholars, both at home and abroad, for her studies on Juan Ruiz de Alarcón and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz. In 1939 the Academia Mexicana awarded her a Diploma de Honor and in 1949 she was elected corresponding member of the Ateneo of Madrid. Furthermore, she served, at various periods, on the editorial or executive board of such publications as Revista Mexicana de Estudios Históricos, Revista Mexicana de Literature, Hispania, and the South-Central Modern Language Association. Ill in the last few years of her life, she retired from The University of Texas 1960. She died in Austin, Texas, on May 2, 1961.

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