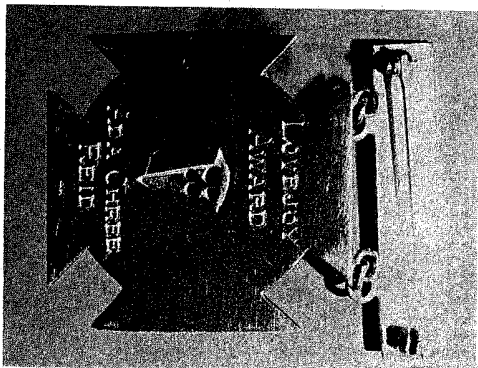


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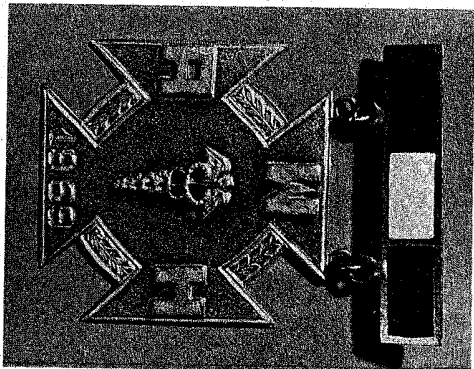
In 1968 the American Women's Hospital Service created the Esther Pohl Lovejoy Award. This recognition was conceived to honor the name of Doctor Lovejoy and create a tribute in her name because the Directors of the American Women's Hospital Service felt that Esther Pohl Lovejoy was the outstanding example of great international humanitarian involvement of women physicians. It was decided that the Esther Pohl Lovejoy Award should be given to a woman physician who had demonstrated her interest and dedication to the promotion of international relations through improvement in international health. Unanimous approval to the nomination of Ada Chree Reid as the



first recipient of the award was expressed by the Board of the American Women's Hospital Service. Ada Chree Reid, M.D., received her B.A. degree from Barnard College, Columbia University, and her M.D. degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1925. She practiced in New York City and soon specialized in cardiology and pulmonary diseases. She was Chief of Chest Services and TB

Program at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Chief of the Cardiovascular Department at the New York Infirmary, and Instructor in Medicine at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. She is a Fellow of the American Public Health Association and a Fellow of the American Industrial Health Association.

During World War II Doctor Reid was a Consultant to the War Manpower Commission on Procurement and Assignment of Physicians and a Director of the Physicians' and Surgeons' Relief Committee. She has been Chairman of the Health Committee of the National Council of Women of the United States and is currently a member of the



Speakers Bureau of the United Nations on World Health Organization and related international health problems.

A valuable AMWA member since 1935, she served as Finance chairman, Editor of JAMWA 1948-1953 working closely with the founder of the Journal, Dr. Elise L'Esperance. She created an international department for news of activities

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of medical women in 40 countries overseas. In 1950 she was elected President of the Medical Women's International Association, and traveled extensively visiting nearly all member countries. During 1953-56 she visited European and Far Eastern countries to organize new National Associations of medical women and to encourage them to become affiliated with the Medical Women's International Association. She was a special inspiration to the medical women of Korea, Viet Nam, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, and the Philippines. A recent statement of Soha Bona ("Doctors of South East Asia") notes that "Doctor Ada Chree Reid has succeeded in earning recognition for MWIA by the World Health Organization and UNESCO — who have thereby granted MWIA consultative status. She thus made it known that MWIA is the spokesman for the women physicians of the world!"

Doctor Reid has been a Vice-President of the Physicians Home of the Medical Society of the State of New York from 1929 to the present. In 1958, the AMWA conferred the Elizabeth Blackwell Medal upon her, citing her as an enthusiastic leader of medical women throughout the world. She was a close friend of Esther Pohl Lovejoy and has served continuously on the Board of Directors of the American Women's Hospital Service since 1950. She has been a consultant and chairman of many internationally oriented committees and in her travels has visited all the AWHS clinics throughout the world. At present she is chairman of the "Doctor to Doctor Program" originated in 1961 and operated as an active program of the AMA in cooperation with the World Medical Association. Thousands of physicians in the United States have been brought into contact with colleagues in 67 countries overseas through this program. Ada Chree Reid has represented the Medical Women's International Association for many years at the United Nations Economic and Social Council, attending meetings and submitting reports for publication in JAMWA and other member publications. She is always alert to the activities of the UN and its many agencies and will give the ECOSOC Report at the MWIA XII Congress in Melbourne, Australia, February 14-20, 1970.

In selecting Ada Chree Reid, we now honor a woman physician whose interests, contributions, travels, and writings are well documented.

Through a long and dedicated career she has earned the respect, admiration, and friendship of her professional colleagues and the gratitude of countless foreign women physicians. She has shown proficiency in her chosen specialty and her great humanitarian interest in inspiring women doctors throughout the world. We are proud of both her influence and prestige and believe she has demonstrated the qualities that make her worthy of the recognition hereby given with the first Esther Pohl Lovejoy Award.

Alma Dea Morani, M.D., F.A.C.S.
President, Board of Directors, AWHS

REMARKS —

ACCEPTING THE LOVEJOY AWARD

It is indeed a great honor to be selected the recipient of this award memorializing Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy for she was a great woman, a dynamic personality exhibiting the unique combination of a sympathetic understanding of other peoples' problems and at the same time the business acumen to provide the wherewithal to solve these problems.

Through the American Women's Hospitals Dr. Lovejoy demonstrated her interest in international health and particularly in the participation of women physicians in attaining that objective — and thereby providing their capabilities as practitioners of medicine. It has been a privilege to serve on the Board of the American Women's Hospital Service.

All efforts to improve health conditions around the world are important in establishing better international understanding among peoples of the world. What I as an individual can do, what you you can do, may be but a drop in the bucket. However, since "little drops of water make the mighty ocean" I am convinced the sum of our individual endeavors becomes a significant factor in promoting international understanding, whereby we may hope to achieve peace in our world today.

Thank you.

Ada Chree Reid, M.D.