

OBITUARY

Miss Margaret Brown, whose death at the age of 96 occurred on November 1961, was the oldest living member of the Nova Scotian Institute of Science.

Miss Brown was a bryologist and was the chief authority on the mosses and liverworts of Nova Scotia. Her paper "The Liverworts and Mosses of Nova Scotia" was published in the *Proceedings* volume 19, part 2, 1936.

She received a degree from the University of Kings College and undertook further studies in Stuttgart, Germany. As a bryologist she was widely known and on several occasions she was asked to conduct field parties in Nova Scotia, most important of these was the one headed by Dr. Nathaniel Britton of the New York Botanical Gardens. This was in Cape Breton Island. A new species was named for Miss Brown in Dr. Britton's book "Illustrated Flora of Northern United States, Canada and British Possessions."

During the 1st World War, Miss Brown and Professor Thompson of the University of Toronto organized and directed in Arichat a project for the collection and preparation of *sphagnum* to be used in wound dressings for the soldiers and for mattresses of ambulances.

Miss Brown's grandfather, a geologist, R. H. Brown, was the author of the important work, "The Coal Fields and Coal Trade of the Island of Cape Breton" published in London in 1871. This book is now out of print and considered a very valuable addition to any library.

In 1950 Acadia University conferred on Miss Brown an honorary Masters degree.