

Postscript

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In the flash of the atomic bomb on 9 August 1945, the summer view full of green leaves was completely lost, and as far as the eye could see there was only the colour of withered leaves, with Nagasaki Medical College, which in many respects had the oldest history of medicine in our country, was destroyed in an instant. Even though the exterior might be reconstructed as it was in the old days, restoring what it used to contain can not be done overnight, and no regret can compare with this.

Today, ten years later, upon the initiation of Dr. Koyano, it is decided to record the memories of those days, and I, together with other members of the committee, was assigned to the work, but was also frustrated as the manuscripts were not submitted easily. However, we could gather enough writings, so for the time being, we will be printing these and making them into a book. I am truly sorry that my effort was not enough. There are probably a number of people whose requests have been missed. We would like to ask anyone with memories to continue to send manuscripts to the school. We would also like to point out any errors. I hope that many of these will be gathered together to produce something splendid in the future. I would be more than happy if this book could be the cornerstone.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who contributed to this project despite their busy schedules.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude for the efforts made by the members of the editorial board as with the list their names below.

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On the republication of “Recollections and Memoirs”

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It was in 1955 when “Recollections and Memoirs” was published as one of the commemorative projects for the 10th anniversary of the atomic bombing, containing several memories and records.

Due to the financial circumstances of that time, the printing was limited to 500 copies, which were sold out immediately after publication.

In recent years, there have been many requests for the republication of “Recollections and Memoirs” from people associated with the University.

There was a strong request from Professor Emeritus Osajima and Professor Emeritus Shirabe, who had worked so hard on the compilation of “Recollections and Memoirs,” to reprint the book as a commemorative project of the Alumni Association, after discussions with President Takizu and Vice President Abe, as this year also marks the 30th anniversary of the atomic bombing.

Upon the republication, we have decided not to alter the text and have only corrected typographical errors, but the names of those who were killed and have since been identified have been added to the list of victims.

Also, we added some pictures with the kind support of Mr. Hachiro Kouzu.

As there was a deadline for completion before the anniversary of the atomic bombing on 9 August, we have decided to use the photo printing method.

Emeritus Professor Shirabe personally took care of most of the corrections of typographical errors and the entry of the list of victims. We would like to express our sincere gratitude.

We believe that if this “Recollections and Memoirs” were to reach the hands of many alumni and students who have never known war, they would feel as if they were seeing the devastation of our college at the time, and would also come into contact with the origins of the atomic bombing.

We would like to thank the following people for their kind support in the republication of this book.

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On the reprinting of “Recollections and Memoirs”

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“Recollections and Memoirs” was published by the Nagasaki University School of Medicine in October 1955, on the 10th anniversary of the atomic bombing, and was initiated by Dr. Koyano, then President of Nagasaki University, and under the leadership of Professor Osajima, they collected materials from each department, students, nurses, and others. It is a valuable commemorative journal of the former Nagasaki Medical College, which was compiled by their continuous effort over a long period. On the front cover, in the beautiful handwriting of Dr. Koyano, there are two words, “Reminiscences” and an inscription, “Dedicated to the spirits of the atomic bombing victims of the Nagasaki Medical College”. As there were only 500 copies, and today, we have no extra books, it is out of print. It was reprinted on the 30th anniversary of the atomic bombing (1975) as a commemorative project of the Alumni Association. Under Professor Kazumasa Nishimori, Professor Emeritus Raisuke Shirabe, Professor Emeritus Shiro Osajima, Professor Yoshikuni Naito, Dr. Kei Nakanishi, and Shisono Hisamatsu worked hard on this project. Today, this edition is no longer available and, at the bereaved families' strong requests, we have decided to reprint and republish the book on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

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