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## Death Comes to 'Beatrice Fairfax' Originated Famed 'Lovelorn' Column

Washington (NC) — To the millions of readers who knew her only as Beatrice Fairfax the death of Marie Manning Gaseh in Washington on November 28 has meant merely the passing of a long popular writer.

Her "Advice to the Lovelorn," a department syndicated in hundreds of newspapers other than the Hearst papers in which it

started, made her well-known pseudonym a household word.

Even though she had not been responsible for the column during many years she left the work when she married in 1905 and did not return to it until 1929 she was the most vivid personality ever associated with the Fairfax name; and, as such, she made the department a real and constructive social force.

Through it she was able to reach girls and women who had no other wise adviser. Her own morality was such that her feeling for the preservation of the home was so great that, throughout the many years of her Fairfax work, she opposed divorce as any solution for marital difficulties.

Her handling of the Fairfax column was characteristic of Mrs. Gaseh's many-sided temperament. She started it as a clever newspaper stunt when she had been a very young reporter on Hearst's first New York newspaper. Her rollicking sense of humor led her into seeing the funny gleams of its many facets of human emotions.

Once she telephoned to Chicago from Washington a request to get help to a desperate girl in the western city. The girl had written a letter whose sincerity was apparent to an editor accustomed to winnowing the wheat of honesty from the chaff of nonsense, and needed help at once.

Beatrice Fairfax might have fulfilled her job responsibility by sending the youngster a special delivery letter of advice, but such a method was not Marie Gaseh's. Instead, she took on the problem as if it were the concern of an old family friend. To her and to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent, who assumed the girl's care, the writer of the letter owed the salvation of both life and soul.

To those who knew her in person Marie Manning Gaseh was so much greater than the Beatrice Fairfax she had created that this activity seemed only part of her manifold interests. Half society leader and half reporter, she swung between acceptance of an established order and sharp criticism of its faults. Half English and half-Irish, she veered between admiration of certain British individuals and bitter resentment against certain British policies.

Her immediate environment did not incline her toward the cause of labor; but she never forgot her childhood meetings with her famed granduncle, Cardinal Edward Manning, and his influence added to her admiration for Cardinal Gibbons, but heg into an attitude more liberal than that of her group.

Probably the deepest influence in her life was her admiration for Mgr. Edward Buckley, pastor of Saint Matthew's Cathedral. It was notice to many of her friends that Monsignor Buckley, now beyond human ken, was a Washingtonian who had come to take to the city the first mass of the Church.

In some ways Marie Gaseh was a lodestone of Washington. She knew its palaces and its politics, its attitudes and its aspirations, its comedies and its tragedies. She enjoyed every inch of it, from the White House to the waterfront. She had been close friend to Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and to Mrs. Franklin Delano

Roosevelt; but she was as genuinely interested in a sick neighbor as she was in a First Lady. She had a genius of friendship and she showed it to all kinds and conditions of people. Her friendliness broke down artificial barriers and revealed the human qualities of presidents and window washers.

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