

Miss Barbara Sisley Dies

Miss Barbara Sisley died yesterday as a result of a street accident on Saturday night. She was one of the best known teachers of elocution and dramatic art in Brisbane.

She had followed the teaching profession for about 30 years. She had also been a professional actress, and had toured with various companies in Australia.

She was born in England and came to Australia when about nine years old. Her father was Professor Sisley,

who was on the staff of the Melbourne University.

Miss Sisley was a foundation member of the Shakespearean Society in Brisbane and of the Brisbane Repertory Theatre Society.

She was a pioneer on the amateur theatre movement in Brisbane and had produced many plays for the Repertory Theatre Society, taking a number of leading parts.

The majority of the teachers of elocution and dramatic art in Brisbane have been her pupils. She taught at St Hilda's Southport, St Margaret's, Somerville House, and Stuartholme Convent.

ENTHUSIASTIC AND DEVOTED.

Professor Stable, president of the Brisbane Repertory Theatre Society, said today that Miss Sisley, who had been a foundation member of the society in 1925, had produced the society's first play, "Dover Road," which was a great success, and had put the society on its feet.

She had held the position of senior producer ever since and at all times her enthusiasm and devotion to the work of the society had been a source of strength to all members.

A member of the council from the inception of the society, her wide knowledge of dramatic art had been a most valuable contribution to the work of the society.

The last play of the Repertory season arranged for Wednesday night, was to have been under her direction.



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