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Dr. Gabriel Farrell, an ordained Minister, served as the fourth Director of the Perkins School for the Blind from 1931-1951. As director he revitalized the deaf-blind program, establishing the Perkins Pension Plan, oversaw the re-design of the Perkins Brailler, created a co-educational program for the once segregated boys and girls deaf-blind program, and taught teacher training courses at Harvard University. Dr. Farrell is the author of The Story of Blindness, published in 1956. Farrell served as Secretary and Trustee of the American Foundation for the Blind, was a member of the National Advisory Committee for the war-blinded, and served as President of the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) from 1950-1951. After retiring from Perkins in 1951, he returned to the Episcopal Church where he continued to work in Cambridge, MA. Dr. Gabriel Farrell died in 1968.

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