

the International Congress of Historical Sciences at Zurich in 1938, which was hardly an exceptional year for him. He joined in the planning and organization of UNESCO, and at times was an United States delegate to it. In its meetings his voice was raised against the "intellectual enslavement in the Soviet-dominated areas."

Leland had long anticipated retirement to his family home in Newton, only to have it snatched from him and the environment changed unrecognizably by the new highways. So he passed his last years in Washington, concerned largely with the illness of his wife, the former Gertrude Dennis. He died in Washington on October 17, 1966, and was buried in Newton. C.K.S.

GEORGE RUSSELL STOBBS

George Stobbs was born in Webster, Massachusetts, on February 7, 1877, a son of Charles Richard and Anna Betsey (Lincoln) Stobbs. His father was a native of Canada and a printer who moved to Webster as publisher of *The Webster Times*. George's mother was from Shrewsbury, Vermont. As a youngster George visited the family farm there during the summers, and often told us of his love for that state.

From the Webster public schools he went to Phillips Exeter Academy, and then to Harvard College, where he took his B.A. in 1899. While attending the Law School, he served as an assistant in History I for two years, and earned an M.A. in 1900. He began the practice of law in Worcester with the firm of Taft, Morgan and Stewart in 1902, but perhaps had little to do for a time, for he later maintained that he had held the first automobile agency in Worcester. In 1908 he became a member of the law partner-

ship of Taft and Stobbs, and five years later of Stobbs and Hartwell. In his later years the name of the firm was Stobbs, Stockwell and Tilton.

George made his home for a few years in Webster, where he served on the town School Committee and the town Republican Committee. On October 18, 1905, he married Mabel Florence Murdock, daughter of George Thurston and Aurilla (Thayer) Murdock, of Thompson, Connecticut. The next year they moved to Worcester. George served as a special justice of the Worcester District Court from 1909 to 1916, and as Assistant District Attorney for the Central District of Worcester from 1917-1921. He enjoyed this office with its unpleasant contacts with the seamy side of life because he was fascinated by the problems involved. Indeed, such was his intellectual curiosity that he enjoyed every aspect of the law.

In 1924 Stobbs was elected to Congress from the fourth Massachusetts district as a Republican and served three terms. During those years he most enjoyed his service on the Yorktown Sesquicentennial Commission, and as a delegate at the Republican National Convention in 1932. In spite of the pressure of the law practice which he had resumed upon his return from Washington, he was active in State politics. Always gregarious, but reserved, he served in the State Guard and Reserve Corps, reaching the rank of major, and served as a trustee of the Worcester Public Library and the First Universalist Church.

In his later years George used to look back on his years as assistant in history at Harvard, and wonder whether he would have done better to follow the academic profession. He was for some years President of the Worcester Historical Society, and a very active Trustee of Old Sturbridge Village. He was elected to this Society in October, 1945, and was generous to it in both time and money. After Mrs.

Stobbs' death in 1944, he continued on his cheerful and even way, with longer stays for golf at the mountain resorts. He died at Worcester on December 23, 1966, leaving one son, Russell Murdock Stobbs. The Society benefits substantially by his will. C.K.S.

HENRY CROCKER KITTREDGE

Henry Crocker Kittredge, the son of George Lyman and Frances Evelyn (Gordon) Kittredge, was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on January 4, 1890. He graduated from Harvard College in 1912, and immediately entered the field of secondary education. His first position was at the Adirondack-Florida School in Onchiota, New York, where he taught until 1916. He was a First Lieutenant of Infantry in World War I, but prior to his entering the Army in 1917, he had gone to St. Paul's School at Concord, N.H. There, he taught history, was Vice-Rector of the school from 1929-1947, and Rector from 1947 until his retirement in 1954. At his appointment as Rector of St. Paul's, the newspapers made much of the fact that he was not a cleric and a Congregationalist, to boot.

Mr. Kittredge maintained a summer home in Barnstable, Massachusetts, and his publications were concerned with Cape Cod. They include *Cape Cod; Its People and Their History* (1930), *Shipmasters of Cape Cod* (1935), *Mooncussers of Cape Cod* (1937), and *Barnstable, 1839-1939; A Brief Historical Sketch* (1939).

Kittredge was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded an honorary L.H.D. by Yale University in 1954. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in April, 1924, but seemed to be completely uninterested in our affairs, as he never attended a meeting.

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