

him to Hartford to prove it. Never have I seen a small man eject two large ones from his office so swiftly and efficiently. We both had the sensation of having been kicked down the long flight of stairs. Socially Mr. Bates could be delightful. His skill at making limericks was amazing, and his love for Gilbert and Sullivan was touching.

Trinity College, Hartford, conferred an M.A. on Mr. Bates in 1920. In 1940 the Historical Society made him librarian emeritus. He had intended to keep busy at his desk in the Library, but failing eyesight and bad falls kept him confined much of the time. In those years we came to know well his charming wife, Alice Morgan Crocker, to whom he was married on October 19, 1912. She was his faithful secretary and chauffeuse, bringing him to our meetings as long as he could stand any travel. He died on March 27, 1954, leaving a sizable cash bequest to us and his collection of juveniles to the Historical Society.

C. K. S.

PHILIP HOWARD COOK

Dr. Cook was born in Portland, Maine, on February 2, 1878. After attending public schools in his native city, he entered Harvard College, graduating A.B. cum laude in 1899 and from Harvard Medical School cum laude 1903. He served as interne at Worcester City Hospital for two years and then engaged in the practice of medicine in the City of Worcester until his retirement in 1946. During most of his medical career he was a specialist in Radiology and was on the staff of several of the Worcester hospitals in that capacity as well as serving as a Radiologist at two of the State hospitals. He was a Fellow of the American College of Radiology and a Diplomate of the American Board of Radiology—a member of American Roentgen Ray Society,

Roentgen Society of New England (of which at one time he was president); also a member of American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society and the Worcester District Medical Society, which he served for one year as president, and also in various other offices. At the time of his death he held the position of librarian of the Worcester Medical Library. During World Wars I and II he was a member of the Medical Advisory Board and served as a captain in the Medical Reserve U.S.A. for several years. He belonged to various civic and social clubs in Worcester and was a former president of the Worcester Harvard Club, of the Bohemian Club of Worcester, and of the Worcester Unitarian Laymen's League.

Dr. Cook was a man of wide diversity of interests. He was devoted to his profession and was the author of numerous articles on medical subjects. As a member of the Worcester Historical Society, he also became deeply interested in local history and delivered before meetings of that organization various papers of a historical nature. His special hobby, however, was the sea and everything pertaining to it. Brought up as a boy in a seaport community, he early became absorbed in stories of the sea and of the men who sailed it. He became an authority on the clipper ship era and loved to relate incidents dealing with some of those famous voyages around Cape Horn in the days of the stampede to California after the discovery of gold in that region. He once described himself as a "piazza sailor," and his library with its extensive collection of books dealing with maritime subjects gave indubitable proof of the correctness of the characterization.

His mind was most retentive and to his friends it seemed at times as if he remembered everything he had ever seen, read, or heard. This was especially noticeable in respect to his traveling of which he was very fond and in which he

indulged frequently in so far as his health allowed after his retirement. His so-called "holiday trips" were no idle pleasure jaunts, but devoted to seeing everything worthwhile and coming back home with his mind a storehouse of information of interesting and illuminating data on places visited. To him, travel was undertaken for educational purposes and whether it was the Near East, South America, or Europe, the underlying purpose was the acquisition of and furtherance of knowledge concerning another part of the world.

He was an indifferent golfer, but was a familiar figure on the golf course accompanied by some of his close personal friends, playing the game zealously and vigorously with keen enjoyment.

Dr. Cook was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1949 and immediately began to take great interest in its Library. He expressed a desire to help in indexing and filing, and because of his wide knowledge, not only of Worcester history, but also of the history and geography of the United States, he was particularly valuable. The Society owns a very large collection of about sixty thousand stereoscopic views and Dr. Cook aided in arranging them geographically so that they would be immediately available for research. He also made a name index for the nineteen volumes of the *Worcester Magazine*, 1901-1916, thus making this important local publication available for use. He next engaged in an undertaking of original research, writing a history of the drama in Worcester. This constitutes a thick typewritten volume and was based largely upon the collection of Worcester theatre programs in the possession of the Society. His last task was the indexing on cards the names in the Cheever Family manuscripts, a vast collection of letters and documents contained in seventeen folio boxes. Dr. Cook had almost finished this index

at the time of his death and since then it has been completed by members of the staff. All of his work was painstakingly accurate and the Society received most valuable help from him for a period of over five years. He valued his membership in the Society very highly and gave evidence of his interest in it and its objectives in providing a bequest to it in his will of \$5,000.00.

His death occurred very suddenly from a cerebral hemorrhage on March 25, 1954, which brought to an end a life rich with friendships and filled with activities both cultural and professional. His contribution to these was most valuable and his loss will be greatly felt in his home community.

G. R. S.

GEORGE CROMPTON

George Crompton died in his native city of Worcester, on November 16, 1953. He was born June 7, 1872, the son of George and Mary Christina (Pratt) Crompton. His grandfather, William Crompton, of Lancashire, England, came to Taunton, Massachusetts in 1836, and invented a loom which resulted in woollens being woven by power, instead of by hand. His son George Crompton, after working with his father in several New England towns, came to Worcester in 1851, and began the manufacture of looms, establishing his own company in 1859. In 1897 the Crompton works were consolidated with the Knowles Loom Works, and in 1900 the Knowles firm bought out the Crompton interests. The story is entertainingly told in Charles G. Washburn's *Industrial Worcester*.

George Crompton, after graduation from Worcester Academy, entered Harvard University and received his bachelor of arts degree in 1895. He immediately became

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