

to the Connecticut Manufacturers' Association he was censured by the Senate, a distinction shared in recent years only by Joseph McCarthy. Unseated in the election of 1933, he became editor of *The National Aero Magazine*, and engaged in banking and the oil business.

Bingham married Alfreda Mitchell, a granddaughter of Charles Tiffany, on November 20, 1900, and raised seven sons. His second wife was Suzanne Carroll Hill, who joined him in research in preparation of his biography of Elihu Yale. This was his chief activity until the outbreak of the Second World War, when he was appointed to lecture on the South Seas in the Naval training schools. He traveled thousands of miles on this mission before his strength gave out. In 1951 Truman appointed him to the Loyalty Review Board, where his influence was decried by liberals and constitutional lawyers. Under the present administration his office was abolished. He died of a respiratory ailment on June 6, 1956, leaving twenty-nine grandchildren, among whom his very substantial estate will be divided upon the death of his widow.

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ROBERT KENDALL SHAW

Robert K. Shaw, librarian of the Worcester Free Public Library for most of his adult life, died July 3, 1956. He was born in Worcester, July 18, 1871, the son of Joseph Alden Shaw, the headmaster of Highland Military Academy. He was graduated from Harvard in 1894, and then taught at the Highland Academy for three years. He attended the New York State Library School from 1897 to 1901, serving for part of the time as an assistant in the New York State Library, after which he assumed a position in the Library of Congress for three years. In 1904 he accepted the librarian-

ship of the Brockton Public Library, but after six months he received a call to return to Worcester as assistant librarian of the Worcester Free Library. In 1909 he was elected librarian, and held the position until his retirement in 1939, a period of thirty-four years in one institution. During his term of office, he doubled the staff, the number of books in the library, and the number of book borrowers, and oversaw the establishment of branch libraries in various sections of the city. On September 20, 1902, he married Bertha Mower Brown of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

He was the author of several books of a historical nature. In 1901 he compiled a *Bibliography of Domestic Economy*, covering the literature of the subject from 1850 to 1899. In 1926 he wrote a biography of his predecessor with the title of *Samuel Swett Green*, a readable volume of painstaking accuracy and imaginative English. When All Saints Church celebrated its centennial in 1935 he wrote the *Centennial History*. He was a devoted member of All Saints Church and a vestryman from 1928. He was president of the Worcester Shakespeare Club and of the Worcester Rotary Club, and a member of the Bohemians and three library associations.

He was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1919, and was a constant attendant at its meetings. To its *Proceedings* in 1926 he contributed a paper on "Elihu Burritt—Friend of Mankind," one of the best sketches of the Learned Blacksmith, whose early linguistic studies had been so notably fostered by this Society well over a century ago. Both Mr. Shaw and his wife have always been generous supporters of the Library of the Society, and their contributions have been consistently valued and preserved.

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