

## OBITUARIES

## SAMUEL MORRIS CONANT

Samuel Morris Conant died at Webster, Mass., March 16, 1930. He was the son of Hezekiah and Harriet Knight (Larned) Conant, and was born at Glastonbury, Conn., where his father was at that time engaged in the thread business, on December 8, 1861. He was educated at Mowry and Goff's School in Providence, after which he attended the Boston Museum of Fine Arts for one year. He then entered the employ of his father's firm, the Conant Thread Company of Pawtucket, R. I., and in one capacity or another was connected with this firm for the remainder of his business life. He was a director of several industrial and financial institutions in Providence and Pawtucket. He took much interest in civic matters and was chairman of the State Harbor Improvement Commission. In 1911 he declined the nomination on the republican ticket for governor of Rhode Island.

During the last twenty years of his life he gave up attention to business and devoted himself to collecting, writing and travel, spending most of his time at his home at Dudley, Mass. He was especially interested in his family genealogy and was president of the Roger Conant Family Association. He married, June 1, 1887, Nelly Buell Ferguson of Lansingburgh, N. Y., and had four children. He was married, secondly, to Mrs. Ellen Kraeer.

Mr. Conant was elected a member of this Society in 1909. He made many gifts of material to the Library, the most notable being a collection of early Conant documents.

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