

Mr. Bixby was widely known as a bibliophile and collector. He owned one of the largest private collections of manuscripts in the country, which included correspondence of Jefferson, Burr, and Hamilton, manuscripts of Burns, Lamb, Dickens, Byron, and many important manuscripts of modern writers, especially James Whitcomb Riley and Eugene Field. Much of his historical collections he gave to the Missouri Historical Society, but his valuable literary manuscripts were sold during his lifetime to the Huntington Library. He was a member of the Grolier Club of New York, the Caxton Club of Chicago, the Club of Odd Volumes of Boston, and many literary and historical societies. He was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1906. He frequently sent gifts of books and manuscripts to the Library and in 1920 established a trust of \$2000, of which the income was annually to revert to the Society. The writer visited Mr. Bixby at St. Louis in 1910, and will always remember his wonderful collections, his cordiality, and his scholarly interest in American history and literature.

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LIVINGSTON DAVIS

Livingston Davis died at Brookline, Mass., January 11, 1932. He was the son of the late Edward L. Davis, formerly mayor of Worcester and for many years a member of the Council of the American Antiquarian Society. He was born in Worcester, August 13, 1882, prepared for college at the Noble Greenough School in Boston, and entered Harvard, from which he was graduated in 1904. Soon after graduation he entered the banking office of George Mixter and became a partner in the firm in 1907. On the death of Mr. Mixter in 1910, Mr. Davis carried on the business until it was merged with Bond & Goodwin in 1917. During

the late war, he was appointed assistant to Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy and a member of his class at Harvard. His duties consisted mainly of personnel work and liaison with allied navies. In 1918 he inspected United States naval bases in Europe and later in the year aided in the task of disposing of United States naval property abroad. The following year he resigned his position in the navy and joined the American relief administration, of which Mr. Hoover was director, in Paris. After two months spent chiefly in central Europe, he returned to Boston in 1919 and resumed his association with Bond & Goodwin, of which firm he was vice-president until his retirement in 1928. In 1930 he was appointed Belgian consul at Boston, a position particularly pleasant to him because of his personal association with King Albert of Belgium during the war.

Mr. Davis married Alice Gardiner, daughter of Robert H. Gardiner of Gardiner, Me., and Boston, on April 23, 1908; and on August 31, 1927 he married Georgia Appleton of New York City, who survived him, with an adopted son, James Davis.

He was a member of many charitable and social organizations in Boston and a director of several banks and business concerns. His membership in the American Antiquarian Society dated from the year of his father's death in 1912. He followed ancestral precedent in manifesting much interest in the Society. During the war, because of his intimate relations with Mr. Franklin Roosevelt, he was able to secure for the Library considerable printed material relating to America's part in the war, notably a collection of naval posters and broadsides. He entertained the Society at luncheon at its Boston meeting in 1913, and was always particularly hospitable to members at the time of the spring meetings. Frequently he aided the Library with gifts of valued material, and would have done much more in this way, had it not been for his untimely death.

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