

## WILLIAM TROWBRIDGE FORBES

William Trowbridge Forbes died at Worcester, November 8, 1931. He was born at Westborough, Mass., May 24, 1850, the son of Ephraim Trowbridge and Catharine (White) Forbes. After a school education at Westborough, at Newton and at Tufts School in Monson, he entered Amherst College, where he took high honors throughout his course and was graduated with the degree of A.B. in 1871. For the following three years he held the position of instructor of mathematics at Robert College in Constantinople, during which period he made considerable study of the social and political history of Turkey and also, in company with the president of the College, Dr. George Washburn, made an extensive geological survey of the country, collecting many rare specimens of fossils. Returning to Worcester, he studied law in the office of Bacon, Hopkins and Bacon and in 1875 was appointed Judge of the First District Court of Eastern Worcester. This position he resigned in 1879 and returned to Westborough, where he practiced law for ten years. From Westborough he was elected to the Massachusetts legislature, as representative in 1881-1882, and as senator in 1886-1887. In 1888 he was appointed Judge of the Court of Probate and Insolvency for Worcester County. This position he held with honor and ability for thirty-seven years, until his retirement in 1925. He then resumed the practice of law with Linwood M. Erskine, his son-in-law, under the firm name of Forbes and Erskine, and continued in active practice until the time of his death, at the age of eighty-one years.

He was married, February 5, 1884 to Harriette Merrifield, daughter of William T. Merrifield of Worcester, and was survived by her and by five children—William T. M. Forbes, Allan W. Forbes, Cornelia B. Forbes, Mrs. Linwood M. Erskine and Mrs. Albert L. Hoskins, Jr.

Judge Forbes held many positions of trust in Worcester, in banks, business corporations, charitable institutions and social organizations. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1896 and always showed an especial interest in its activities. In 1901 he read a paper on "Manteo and Jack Straw," which was published in the Proceedings. He made gifts both to the Building Fund in 1923 and to the General Fund in 1927. His ability in the solving of intricate legal problems made the officers of the Society frequently turn to him for technical advice. He was almost always present at the meetings for a period of thirty-six years. Judge Forbes was a man of varied interests. He had a wide knowledge of law, history, politics, education, economics, literature, art, horticulture and many other subjects, brought about both by study and by practical experience. He had much charm of manner and possessed a great fund of reminiscence. His familiar figure will be missed at our meetings.

C. S. B.

### JOHN HOLLADAY LATANÉ

John Holladay Latané of Baltimore, died January 1, 1932 of a sudden heart attack when visiting in New Orleans. He was born April 1, 1869, in a house across the street from Woodrow Wilson's birthplace, and was the son of Bishop James Allen and Mary Minor (Holladay) Latané. He was graduated from Baltimore City College in 1889, obtaining later the degree of A.B. from Johns Hopkins University in 1892, and of Ph.D. in 1895. He married, October 17, 1905, Mrs. Elinor J. J. Cox of Lexington, Va.

Almost immediately upon leaving college, he began his career in the teaching of history. He was acting professor of history and economics at Baltimore City

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