

of Dr. Tyler and his friendship with those liberal minded and hearted Massachusetts historians."

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LEONARD WHEELER

Leonard Wheeler died at his home in Worcester, October 2, 1935, at the advanced age of ninety years. He was born at Lincoln, Mass., August 31, 1845, the son of Abel and Charlotte (Bemis) Wheeler. Prepared for college at Phillips Exeter Academy, he was graduated from Harvard with the degree of A.B. in 1866, and from Harvard Medical School with the degree of M.D. in 1870. After graduate studies in Vienna and Breslau, he came to Worcester in 1872 as superintendent of the City Hospital, established the previous year and then in the old Abijah Bigelow house on Front Street. Here he remained for two years and then took up private practice in Worcester, which he pursued until his gradual retirement in late life. He was visiting physician at various Worcester hospitals for twenty years and trustee of Memorial Hospital from 1900 until his death. He was the oldest physician in the city, always highly respected and bearing an honorable reputation in private as well as in professional life. On November 29, 1897 he married Elizabeth Bancroft Cheever, daughter of Rev. Henry T. Cheever, by whom he was survived, with four children.

Dr. Wheeler was vice-president of the Massachusetts Medical Society in 1906-07, and a former president of the Worcester District Medical Society. He was prominently allied with Worcester social organizations—the last living charter member of the St. Wulstan Society, and one of the few surviving founders of

the Worcester Club and the Tatnuck Country Club. He was the senior member of the Worcester Fire Society, having been elected in 1882. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1915, and was a frequent attendant at the meetings. Much interested in the Society, he contributed \$1000 to the Building Fund in 1924, and \$2500 to the Endowment in 1927. He also presented to the Library a collection of rare early New Hampshire almanacs.

Dr. Wheeler's genial presence has been greatly missed at the meetings of the various societies to which he belonged, where his pleasant greeting, his humor and his acceptance of modern and changing conditions endeared him to all members.

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