

Mr. Cathcart was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1924, and from the first aided it in every way. He was a source of constant information and the donor of much important material, especially his duplicate Shaker books and pamphlets, in itself a noteworthy collection of rare items increasingly difficult to find. The writer of this short sketch has known Mr. Cathcart for many years. Even when he was with the Burrows Brothers, I remember visiting him in Cleveland, and favoring the possibility of his leaving a business life and taking an institutional position where he could collect books to save and not to sell. He was an enthusiast in all that he did, and inspired the same eagerness in others. Genial and warm in his friendships, he will be missed by his friends and by the Society which he administered.

C. S. B.

EDWARD TUCKERMAN ESTY

Edward Tuckerman Esty was born at Amherst, Massachusetts, August 30, 1875, the son of William Cole and Martha Ann (Cushing) Esty. He was educated at Amherst High School and entered Amherst College, where his father for many years had been professor of mathematics. Graduated in 1897 with the degree of B.A., he taught mathematics at Amherst for a year and then entered Harvard Law School, graduating in 1901 with the degree of LL.B. He immediately joined the law firm of Hammond & Field in Northampton, but removed to Worcester in 1902, there to practice law for the remainder of his life. For five years associated with W. S. B. Hopkins under the firm name of Hopkins & Esty, in 1907 he formed a partnership with the late Edward H. Vaughan as Vaughan & Esty, later becoming Vaughan, Esty & Clark, and in recent years Vaughan, Esty, Clark & Crotty. He held many legal positions of responsi-

bility—six years as special justice of the Central District Court, five years as assistant district attorney for the Middle District, and from 1917 to 1922 as district attorney. In these positions he achieved an enviable reputation for fairness. In later years he served frequently as trustee of large estates and also of public and private institutions. He was a member and officer of numerous local clubs and societies, being president of the Worcester County Bar Association at the time of his death. He married, March 1, 1919, Grace Heward of Trenton, New Jersey, daughter of Henry C. Heward, and was survived by her and one daughter, Martha Cushing Esty.

Keenly interested in his Alma Mater, Mr. Esty served as alumni trustee from 1919 to 1935, secretary of the trustees from 1919 to 1929, and life trustee from 1939 until his death. Amherst granted him in 1937 the honorary degree of LL.D.

Mr. Esty was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1930, was a constant attendant at its meetings and interested in the development of its library. At the meetings of certain local societies to which he belonged, such as the Worcester Fire Society and the St. Wulstan Society, he spoke generally on historical topics, and always with clarity and conviction. He died in Boston on July 4, 1942.

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JOHN W. GARRETT

John Work Garrett, diplomat and book collector, was born at Baltimore on May 19, 1872, son of T(homas) Harrison and Alice Dickinson (Whitridge) Garrett. His great-great-grandfather came from Ireland in the late eighteenth century and his grandfather, John W. Garrett, was an original promoter and early president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. At Princeton, where he was grad-

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