

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-

uated in 1895, he majored in subjects which would fit him for a diplomatic career but he entered the family banking business. Although he remained a nominal partner in this house until late in life, he took little part in its affairs after he happily accepted appointment as secretary to the legation at The Hague at the hand of Theodore Roosevelt in 1901. Thereafter he lived the full and happy life of a career diplomat of ample private means. In 1905 he became second secretary to the embassy at Berlin and three years later he was moved to Rome. In 1910 he became minister to Venezuela whence the year following he was promoted to Argentina.

During the First World War Mr. Garrett was assigned to special duty on the staff of the American embassy at Paris. In the first months of the struggle he went around literally with bags of gold in his hands rescuing stranded Americans. Later he worked with the German and Austro-Hungarian prisoners and was sent at the request of the French government to inspect the prison camps in Germany. He was appointed minister to the Netherlands in 1917. After two years there he resigned from the diplomatic service but he was called upon to serve with various international conferences and congresses thereafter. When Mr. Garrett returned to the United States he became active in the councils of the Republican party and in 1922 he was a candidate for the party nomination to the United States senate from Pennsylvania.

In the comparative leisure of these later years Mr. Garrett devoted himself to building a great private library on the foundation of a collection which he had inherited. He was a collector of critical taste and his library was much more important than the number of its volumes, some thirty-five thousand, would suggest. He was not interested in items which had only rarity or associations to recommend them;

everything he bought had to have some historical, scientific, or literary significance. Thus he built up important collections of early printing and Americana with particular stress on the voyages, the beginnings of science in America, and early Maryland history. He was an active member of the Maryland Historical Society and spoke at several of its meetings. He was one of the sponsors of Joseph T. Wheeler's *The Maryland Press, 1777-1790*, and to the March, 1939, number of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* he contributed a bibliography of seventeenth-century books relating to Maryland. Among the other organizations of which he was a member were the Grolier Club, the Archæological Institute, the American Forestry Association, and the American Numismatic Society. Princeton awarded him an LL.D. in 1922 and St. John's College did him the like honor in 1934.

Mr. Garrett occasionally visited the library of the American Antiquarian Society and his librarian worked here while engaged on one of his bibliographical projects. He was elected to membership at the October meeting of 1940 and showed a gracious interest in our work but because of distance and failing health he did not attend our meetings. After a period of bad health he died at "Evergreen," his home in Baltimore, on June 26, 1942. He is survived by his widow, Alice Warder, to whom he was married on December 24, 1908. His home, "Evergreen," with its specially constructed library wing and its contents was left to Johns Hopkins University.

### JOHN HINSDALE SCHEIDE

John Hinsdale Scheide, collector of rare books and manuscripts, died at his home in Titusville, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1942. He was born at Tidioute, Pennsylvania,

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