

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,

August 9, 1875, the son of William Taylor and Ida Sarah (Hinsdale) Scheide. His father was one of the pioneers of the petroleum industry in Pennsylvania, and moved his family to Titusville about 1880. The son attended the local schools and entered Princeton University from which he was graduated with the degree of B.A. in 1896. As a young man he became associated with the Ohio Oil Company, but about 1904 his health failed and tuberculosis developed. Although he recovered his health after a year at Saranac Lake, for many years his activities were considerably restricted. He continued to reside at Titusville, taking charge of family business affairs.

Mr. Scheide was constantly occupied with local affairs, and served on the boards of the Titusville hospital, the Second National Bank, the local Y.M.C.A., and the Associated Charities. One of his greatest contributions was the establishment of the Drake Well Memorial Park and Museum at the site of the beginning of the petroleum industry. He was a leader among a small group who worked for years for the recognition and perpetuation of this site. This was effected in 1934, when Drake Well Memorial Park was dedicated and taken over by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Because of his personal experience with tuberculosis, he became much interested in the local, state, and national organizations for the prevention and cure of that disease, and served as a director of both the Pennsylvania and National Tuberculosis Associations. He was especially active in church work. His interests in missionary activities of the church both at home and abroad were wide and extended beyond denominational lines.

Mr. Scheide was twice married. His first wife, Miss Mary A. Hewitt of Derby, Connecticut, to whom he was married on January 6, 1904, died in 1909. On April 3, 1913, he was

married to Miss Harriet E. Hurd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burritt N. Hurd, early residents of Titusville. Besides his widow, he leaves a son, William Hurd Scheide.

His most active interest in later years was in the development of his library, which had been started by his father. The son developed and extended his collection of rare books until he became known as the possessor of one of the finest private libraries in the country. His main interests were in Bibles, Americana, incunabula, and manuscripts. Few private collectors were as well informed upon the scarcity and desirability of rare books, and he was always willing to share his information with other scholars. His library was left to his son. In connection with his cultural interests he was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society, the Grolier Club, the Philobiblon Club in Philadelphia, and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. He also was a member of the Council of The Friends of the Princeton Library and of the Librarian's Council of the Library of Congress. He received the honorary degrees of LL.D. from Grove City College in 1928, of M.A. from Princeton in 1930, and L.H.D. from Allegheny College in 1934. He was a trustee of Grove City College and of Princeton Theological Seminary, and gave much of his time and thought to both institutions.

Mr. Scheide was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1938, and immediately began to take active interest in the Society. He occasionally visited the Library and was constantly sending gifts of unusual manuscripts relating to early New England history. To the *Proceedings* of April, 1940, he contributed a paper entitled "The Lexington Alarm," an important study illustrating the period previous to the outbreak of the Revolution. In October, 1940, he was elected to the Council of the Society, and was planning to attend its fall meeting in 1942 when his sudden death intervened.

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