

Obituaries

WILLIAM BROOKS CABOT

William Brooks Cabot was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, on February 2, 1858, a son of Norman F. and Lucy T. (Brooks) Cabot. He studied at the Sheffield Scientific School and at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and took a degree in civil engineering at the latter in 1881. His first employment was in the civil engineering department of the Union Pacific Railroad in Idaho and Montana where he had reason to take a personal interest in the American Indian which later took a literary turn. This experience was followed by a period in the iron business at Everett, Pennsylvania. In 1895 he went to Boston to become a partner in the firm of Holbrook, Cabot and Rollins, civil engineers and contractors, with which he spent the rest of his business life, being its vice-president when he retired in 1908.

Business and the love of the shrinking wilderness carried Cabot into the Canadian woods where in 1899 he formed a close personal friendship with two half-Indian guides who tutored him in their way of life. In 1903 he fell in with Dr. Grenfell whose enthusiasm for Labrador was responsible for Cabot's turning his interests in that direction for the rest of his life. His explorations are described in his book *In Northern Labrador* which appeared in 1912 and was reprinted in 1920.

Next to exploration, Cabot's great interest was Indian place names, and to this subject he devoted much of his time after his retirement from business. Unfortunately he never reached the point of publication. We did obtain and photostat for our library his extensive list of Indian place

names in Massachusetts. He was elected to the Society in 1925, but although he used to express a high opinion of our work, he took no active part in our affairs. He was also a member of the Explorer's Club, the Royal Geographic Society, the Harvard Travellers Club, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Bostonian Society. Unfortunately he avoided all such gatherings in his later years, so that few of the present generation knew his charming wit.

On May 29, 1886, Cabot married Elizabeth Lyman Parker of Boston. They made their summer home at Dublin, New Hampshire, and their winter home in Boston, where he died on January 31, 1949. He is survived by a son, Norman Cabot, and by three daughters, Mrs. Anna L. Coolidge, of Sandwich, New Hampshire, and Mrs. Eleanor Lane and Mrs. Mary C. Macy of New York City. C. K. S.

MAXWELL SAVAGE

The death of Maxwell Savage on November 4, 1948, was the termination of a life of a distinguished citizen of Worcester, a leader in many phases of civic accomplishment and a faithful friend to this Society. Twenty-seven of his forty-four years in the ministry were passed in the leadership of the First Unitarian Church of Worcester, a church in which his predecessors Aaron Bancroft, Alonzo Hill, Edward H. Hall and Austin S. Garver were all members of this Society.

Maxwell Savage was born in Boston, June 13, 1876, the son of Minot Judson and Ella (Dodge) Savage. His father was one of the leading Unitarian ministers in the country and a prolific writer on religious subjects. After a preliminary education in Boston schools, the son entered Harvard, from which he was graduated in 1899. He studied for the ministry at Meadville Theological School and was ordained in 1903. His first pastorate was at Redlands, California,

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