

WILLIAM GLOVER STANARD

William Glover Stanard, librarian of the Virginia Historical Society, died at his home in Richmond, May 6, 1933. He was born October 2, 1858, son of Captain Robert Conway and Martha Virginia (Cowan) Stanard. His father was in the Confederate army, dying in the service in 1861. His great uncle, Judge Robert Stanard, was a friend of Edgar Allan Poe, and it was to Judge Stanard's wife that Poe addressed his beautiful poem "To Helen." Dr. Stanard was a student at the College of William and Mary and at Richmond College from 1876 to 1880. In his young manhood he took up newspaper work, acting as a reporter on the *Richmond Whig*, and writing considerably on historical and genealogical subjects, for which he had developed a decided taste. In 1898 he was elected corresponding secretary and librarian of the Virginia Historical Society, succeeding the historian, Dr. Philip A. Bruce. Here he served for the remainder of his life, achieving much reputation in the publishing of the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, of which thirty-five volumes were issued under his editorship. He acted as librarian throughout this period, and although handicapped by lack of funds and of space, zealously guarded the collections placed under his care. He was the author of the "Colonial Virginia Register," 1902, and "Some Emigrants to Virginia," 1911, and contributed many historical and genealogical articles to newspapers and magazines. In 1915 he received the degree of LL.D. from the College of William and Mary.

Dr. Stanard married, April 17, 1900, Mary Mann Page Newton, daughter of Rt. Rev. John B. Newton of Richmond. His wife shared his historical taste, and published many volumes of importance relating to Virginia history. Her death in 1929 was a great loss to her husband. Dr. Stanard was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1924. The writer of this sketch knew him for the past thirty years and always found a warm welcome and gracious aid whenever visiting Richmond.

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