

course, but also for the wonderful trout streams. In the early fifties he wrote Shipton, 'I have been off fishing for a week in Canada.'

In later years Babb continued to add to his private collection of books and manuscripts, always with Yale in mind, but he did, from time to time, send along to the Society some gems from his own collection. Mr. Brigham in a Council report noted with pride that the Society had, of the editions listed by Lyle Wright, the greatest number of any library: 'Although the Society for the moment leads Yale, it recognizes the fact that when the collection formed by James T. Babb, the Yale librarian, with its 505 titles, is turned over to his Alma Mater, we will hold second place.'

At sixty-eight years of age, James Tinkham Babb was pronounced dead at Yale-New Haven Hospital after suffering what was apparently a heart attack at his home in Hamden on July 21, 1968. He is survived by his widow, Margaret (Bradley) Babb whom he had married on December 21, 1925, a son, a daughter, and five grandchildren, all of whom are joined by legions from the book world who also mourn this great loss.

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CHAUNCEY CUSHING NASH

Chauncey Cushing Nash, stockbroker and collector, was born to Herbert and Mary Chaffee (Baldwin) Nash on October 17, 1884, in Boston. He prepared at Boston Latin School and the Volkman School and entered Harvard with the Class of 1907. After three and a half years and with course work finished he left college at the mid-year in 1907 and went on a shooting trip with classmate William Bowditch Long in the South. He returned to take his A.B. in time and then crossed the river to Boston and Weld, Grow & Company, stockbrokers. In two and a half years he was with Long and Nash, also stock-

brokers, but also classmates and shooting companions. In addition to stockbroking, Nash started a poultry farm in Milton, where he had moved with his wife, Susan Higginson (Long) Nash, whom he had married on the third of April 1913, and their two children. His Bantams and Langshans took prizes at Madison Square Garden in New York and at shows in Boston.

In order to furnish his Milton establishment, though not the coops, Nash took to the countryside in search of early American furniture. He broadened this hobby soon to encompass 'American objects of the decorative and other arts, and I like to read books on hunting and on antiquarian and historical subjects pertaining to this country.' In this broadened avocation he became quite an authority and was one of a small and congenial group who 'have helped to furnish some of the rooms in the new wing of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.' He was also a trustee of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities and was a member of the Club of Odd Volumes, the Massachusetts Historical Society, and the Colonial Society of Massachusetts. He left his Willow, Oak, and Pine Tree shillings and pence to the Houghton Library and his collection of Eskimo carvings to the Peabody Museum at Harvard.

It was as a member of the Walpole Society that he corresponded often with Clarence Brigham, another member. In their letters they discussed such matters as the completing of this Society's collection of Walpole publications, the plight of the stockbroker in wartime, the good times had at the Walpole Society meeting in Worcester, and the matter of the crayon portrait of Miss Hannah Weld which, along with one of Mrs. Isaiah Thomas, Jr., he presented to this Society in 1951.

From the time of Nash's election at the Boston meeting in April of 1941, it was a rare occasion when he missed a Boston meeting in the spring, and it was even more rare when he traveled to a Worcester meeting in the fall. It was at one of the Boston meetings that Nash exhibited a selection of

Massachusetts coins from his collection when Sydney Noe delivered a paper on the coinage of Massachusetts Bay Colony.

At eighty-three years of age, Chauncey Cushing Nash died in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, July 16, 1968. Upon a bird-watching trip with the Audubon Society about five years ago, Nash saw a varied thrush in Greenland, New Hampshire, and later wrote of it: 'This is a rare bird in New England.' From all I have heard, he too was a member of a now all-too-rare species in New England, and is missed and remembered with great fondness by his family and friends.

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EDWARD LAROCQUE TINKER

Edward Larocque Tinker, author and collector, was born in New York City on September 12, 1881, the son of Henry Champlin and Louise (Larocque) Tinker. He was educated at the Browning School and Columbia, where he was a member of the class of 1902. Upon graduation he entered the Columbia Law School where he stayed for two years before going downtown to New York University. He took the LL.B. there in 1905 and was admitted to the bar. He was counsel for the Legal Aid Society for a year and served for three years as an assistant district attorney for New York City. He resigned this position to travel in Mexico, a land he had come to love during boyhood trips there with his parents, and then settled in El Paso, Texas, for a time. During the revolution in Mexico Tinker, 'only a lawyer on a holiday,' joined Obregon for the Sonora campaign and 'took care of the wounded in the battle of San Joaquin.' He also went along as an observer at the battle of Celaya with Pancho Villa's forces. Upon returning he married Frances McKee Dodge of New Orleans in January 1916, and they moved to New York.

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