

Society. An exhibition of coins from the collection of Chauncey Cushing Nash accompanied the talk.

At eighty-four years Sydney Philip Noe died in St. Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on June 4, 1969. He is survived by his wife and a number of colleagues who will remember Noe's contributions to the world and work of scholars.

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HARRY GALPIN STODDARD

Harry Galpin Stoddard, industrialist and philanthropist, was born in Athol, Massachusetts, on September 13, 1873, the son of a Baptist minister the Rev. Darius Hicks and Emma Azuba (Galpin) Stoddard. After spending his first ten years in small New England towns he moved with the family when his father received a call to serve in Worcester in 1884. Young Stoddard attended the last years of grammar school here and in 1891 graduated from the old Worcester High School. He then took secretarial courses at Becker Business College and hired himself out as an office boy at nine dollars a week to Charles F. Washburn, vice-president of Washburn and Moen, a local wire-making concern then the biggest in the world employing thousands of men. He soon became stenographer and clerk in the firm's order department and later rose to salesman in the electrical wire department. In 1896 he was appointed assistant to the general manager of the works and three years later when the firm merged with other local companies to form the American Steel and Wire Company Stoddard was made second in command moving into the first position in 1902 at twenty-nine when the works manager resigned. In a couple of years and seeking to broaden his horizons he went as president to

the Trenton Iron Works which had thousands of employees making wire and at thirty-one was the youngest president in the nation of so large a concern.

He left this company in 1911 to return to Worcester and the general sales manager position at Wyman-Gordon where he was offered the chance to buy into the company. Twenty years later he became president and saw the company through the war years when it was a major producer of vital forgings. Ten years after the war's end and at seventy-two years old he gave over the presidency to his son, Robert Waring Stoddard, and became chairman of the board.

His business involvement was paralleled by a very active commitment to church and civic matters and the list of his responsibilities would fill altogether too much of this page. In partial recognition of these services he was awarded a number of honorary degrees from local colleges. Beyond his industrial and civic interests Stoddard, with George F. Booth, purchased the local newspaper in 1925 and Stoddard held the presidency until the early sixties. In 1944 he and his fellow publisher gave five thousand dollars to the Society to pay for the cost of publication of Clarence Brigham's history and bibliography of newspapers.

Stoddard was elected to the Society at the April meeting in 1927 and from that time on was a steadfast member, supporting the purposes of the Society in significant ways. In addition to annual gifts he helped to refresh the bibliography fund in order to make possible the publication of Marcus McCorison's bibliography of Vermont imprints. During the eight years he was on the Council he was a constant source of sound good sense and unfailing gentlemanliness.

Stoddard was a lifelong Republican and in 1956, a happy year for Republicans, was a presidential elector. He was also a member of many clubs including some devoted to golf and until recent years spent some of the cruelest winter months in

North Carolina and the cruelest summer months at Bass Rock, near Gloucester.

At the age of ninety-five and after having been inactive as the result of a stroke just before his ninetieth birthday, Harry Galpin Stoddard died in his nearby home during the night of May 21, 1969. He is survived by a son, Robert Waring Stoddard, a member of the Council of the Society, and a daughter, Marion Stoddard Fletcher, the wife of another Council member, Paris Fletcher. Another son, Lt. Col. Lincoln W. Stoddard, died in 1952. He also left five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His loss is mourned by his family and friends and all who came to depend upon his unstinting generosity not only with money but with time and above all interest. Among his closest friends was Rae MacCollum Spencer who was a great help to me in writing this sketch.

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HENRY ROUSE VIETS

Henry Rouse Viets, neurologist and historian of medicine, was born in Lynn on March 7, 1890, the son of Henry Rouse and Annie Rebecca (Tufts) Viets. His father was in business in Boston and young Henry was brought up in Newton and went to school there before going to Dartmouth. At college he lived at Psi Upsilon house before graduating with the Class of 1912. He then went to school nearer home at the Harvard Medical School where he graduated with his medical degree in 1916. During the next year he was at Oxford, studying under Sir William Osler, and elsewhere as Moseley Traveling Fellow and for the following couple of years continued to travel with the U.S. Army Medical Corps, going into the war as a lieutenant and coming out of it as a major. Returned from serv-

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