

The apogee of his career was reached last year with the laying of the cornerstone of the new William and Mary Library, named in his honor. His precarious health and ninety-three years did not permit him to attend the ceremony but after the eulogies of the President of the College and other notables, the recorded voice of Dr. Swem was heard with this message—

It (the library) will stand as an encouragement and a source enlightenment to the college instructors who will be devoted to transforming (the) hope of the students into wisdom; and its halls will offer a cordial welcome to all Virginians who seek the repose and solace derived from reading. . . . A library is a holy place, consecrated by the volumes containing the thoughts of the past and present ages: of Plato, of Aristotle, of Jesus, of Cicero, of Dante, of Chaucer, of Shakespeare, of Bacon, of Newton, of Washington, of Jefferson, of thousands of others. Here then will be a haven to all mortals who may wish to commune with immortals.

C. W. B.

ROGER WOLCOTT

Roger Wolcott wrote in the *Fiftieth Anniversary Report of the Harvard Class of 1899* that his obituary would read, "He was a prominent club man"; and so he was, although the newspapers called him a "Community Leader." And he was that also.

Wolcott was born in Milton, Massachusetts, on July 25, 1877, and spent his entire life in that town. He received his A.B., *cum laude*, from Harvard College in 1899, and his law degree in 1902. He conducted a successful private law practice at 60 State Street in Boston from 1906 until recent years. Otherwise, he was engaged in local and state politics. He served on most committees in Milton at one time or another and was elected to the legislature for several terms. He was a member of a great many organizations, being a trustee or president of most of them. Those germane to our activities were the Milton Historical Society, the Boston

Athenæum, Club of Odd Volumes, Massachusetts Historical Society, and the Board of Overseers of Harvard College.

Roger Wolcott was elected to this Society in 1944, and he regularly attended our Boston meetings until 1954. During those years and in succeeding years he was a regular contributor to our annual expense fund. Although I never met him, I suspect that he was a friendly and useful man who could move things along in committee meetings.

Mr. Wolcott died at his home on Canton Avenue, on April 21, 1965. He is survived by his brother, Oliver, and his daughter, Mrs. Susan W. Dexter, of St. Louis.

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