

Of the two hundred members of the American Antiquarian Society when Dr. Quaife was elected in October, 1914, only four survive him. He never attended a meeting, and we never did get together on the paper which we urged him to read; but he felt a sense of guilt because of his inability to take part, and tried to compensate for his neglect by giving us scores of books which he wrote, edited, or was otherwise involved in. When he thought that the gap between books was too long, he would send a check. For twenty years he was one of our most active correspondents, but for much of the last decade he stayed close to his home in Highland Park, Michigan, and dropped out of sight so that his death, which occurred on September 1, 1959, had not come to our attention at the time of the annual meeting. He is survived by a son and three daughters. C. K. S.

JAMES HAZEN HYDE

The death of James Hazen Hyde on July 26, 1959, breaks a tie with a cultural past which today seems almost as remote as Louis XVIII. He was born in New York City on June 6, 1876, a son of Henry Baldwin Hyde, the founder of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. From Cutler's School in New York City he progressed to Harvard College, where he was one of those now-incredible undergraduates described by Hamilton Bail in our *Proceedings* of last October. Wealthy, handsome, charming, cultured, and even quite learned, he was the shop-girl's dream of a Harvard man. While still an undergraduate he brought French professors to lecture at Harvard.

Immediately after Hyde's graduation, in 1898, he became the second vice-president of the Equitable Life, with which he remained until 1905, when an honest difference between

the company and the government made it wise for him to resign and retire to France. During these years he cut a figure in New York society like that at Harvard. He worked hard to revive the interest in coaching as a gentleman's sport, but turned happily to the new sport of automobiling. He was a member of most of the distinguished clubs, and at one time of no less than 140 societies, the most important of which, from his point of view, was the Federation of French Alliances in the United States and Canada, of which he was founder and president. For his gifts to the Cercle Française of Harvard he was awarded the cross of Officer of the Legion of Honor.

In Paris and on the automobile courses of Europe, Hyde lived the same kind of life. In 1913 he married Marthe Leishman, and she bore him the son who survives him; but they were divorced in 1918. In September, 1914, he installed a French Red Cross hospital in his Paris house, and on the entry of the United States into the war he became captain and aide to the High Commissioner of the American Red Cross. During the war he also directed the Harvard and New England bureau of the University Union in Paris, and after it he set up a series of annual lectures by which American professors circulated among French provincial universities. He published several lectures and monographs of his own, particularly on the French war effort. For some years he collected books and documents relating to Franco-American relations since 1776. To a great and important extent he was a cultural catalyst at the academic level. Very properly he received honorary degrees and French decorations.

The second war drove Hyde back to America, where he divided his time between the Savoy-Plaza Hotel in New York City and the hotels of Saratoga. At the latter he was not far from the museum at Shelburne, Vermont, which

houses his remarkable collection of carriages of the last horse-drawn years. He visited our library during the war, and was elected to the Society in October, 1952. His voluminous correspondence, in which he referred to "our Society" as if he did not have a whole harem of other institutional mistresses, broke off about two years before his death. He is survived by his son, Henry Baldwin Hyde.

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WILLIAM DAVIS MILLER

William Davis Miller, the son of Augustus Samuel and Elizabeth Le Moine Miller, was born November 5, 1887, at Providence, Rhode Island. He received his A.B. from Brown University in 1909 and studied law at the Harvard Law School during 1910 to 1912. Entering the banking business he became Vice-president and a member of the Board of Investment of the Peoples Savings Bank. During World War I he entered the United States Naval Reserve and served with the rank of Lieutenant j.g. After the war on October 11, 1919, he married Mary Heard Chew Bell.

As a scholar interested in literary and educational affairs he became President of the Trustees of the Providence Public Library; a Trustee of Brown University and a member of the Board of Management of the John Carter Brown Library. Among his many other activities he held the office of President of the Hospital Service Corporation of Rhode Island; President of the Rhode Island Library Association; and Secretary and President of the Rhode Island Historical Society. He was a Corresponding Member of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Always continuing his interest and love of the Navy he was happy to be able to serve again in World War II, with the rank of Commander, and was stationed at Norfolk.

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