

Lewis Batting Company, at Walpole. By the skill in scientific management which was to make him famous, he developed this into an empire in the textile and surgical supply field, including such famous names as Bauer & Black, and including plants in Canada, Cuba, and Mexico.

Mr. Kendall was called upon to serve on many State and national boards, particularly during the two world wars. He served for many years as a trustee of Deerfield Academy and Mount Holyoke College, and received four honorary doctorates. While in Camden, South Carolina, near one of his mills, he built up a significant library, and in 1930 and 1934 published works on early maps of the Carolinas. His summer home was in Sharon, Massachusetts, where he built up the Kendall Whaling Museum.

These interests caused him to visit this Society, where he formed a cordial friendship with Mr. Brigham. He was elected to membership in 1951, but because of his travels he never attended a meeting. He was, however, a cordial friend and a substantial supporter of our work.

Mr. Kendall died at his home in Sharon on November 3, 1959, and is survived by his widow, the former Evelyn Louise Day of Montreal, and by children. The Henry Kendall Foundation will maintain the whaling museum on the estate at Sharon.

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### HARRY MILLER LYDENBERG

Harry Miller Lydenberg was known by his colleagues at the New York Public Library by his initials, HML, or often hml. They were accustomed to receive notes so signed, written in his fine Italian hand or on the typewriter that he kept in the top right-hand side drawer of his desk, so placed

that it was available without delay by simply opening the drawer. He was Harry to his many friends from an unusually large number of walks of life—printers and publishers, educators, college presidents and professors, members of the Cosmos Club, the Century Association, the Harvard Club of New York, the American Philosophical Society, the Council of Learned Societies, scholars and research workers, bibliographers and librarians.

Harry Lydenberg made notable contributions in each of these diverse groups, but his first and primary love, as well as his monument, was the New York Public Library, where he played a leading part during forty-five years of unremitting work in making it the most used and many believe the most usable of great research libraries. He was the chief contributor to its *Bulletin*, our most important bibliographical journal during his career. He was more responsible than anyone else for its classification and its subject heading list, as well as its resourceful catalogue which continues to be a boon to research scholars throughout the country. But most important of all, he was the chief builder of its great, well-rounded, research collections, unequaled in quality and gathered together through his consistent, persistent, systematic and imaginative efforts during more than forty years.

He was a great librarian, a capable historian, a leader in the struggle against paper deterioration, a pioneer in photographic and other scientific aids to learning, a bibliographer, and of equal importance, a promoter of great bibliographical enterprises, including the Sabin dictionary, the Library of Congress Catalogue of Printed Cards, the British Museum Catalogue reprint, and the Union List of Serials.

But many of us, while not forgetting his multifarious accomplishments, prefer to remember him first of all as a friend and as an unusually broad gauge man, unassuming,

with a curious mixture of austerity and warm heartedness, slight and wiry in build, but indefatigable and sturdy long after the age when for most of us years have taken their toll. His contribution to librarianship in the United States, in the broadest interpretation of the term, has not yet been surpassed or for that matter equaled. KEYES METCALF

### GEORGE ICHABOD ROCKWOOD

George Ichabod Rockwood was born in Dorchester January 13, 1868, a son of Edward Otis and Caroline (Washburn) Rockwood, and a grandson of Charles Washburn of this city. He was educated at Phillips Academy, Andover, and at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, graduating in 1888 and receiving his master's degree in 1898. On November 13, 1890, he married Ellen Tyler Cheever, daughter of the Reverend Henry T. Cheever and a niece of Mrs. Ichabod Washburn. She was his devoted partner through all the years of his active professional life until her death in 1933.

An initial position as draughtsman with the Wheelock Engine Company followed by thirteen years of independent consulting work as a mill engineer preceded his organization of the Rockwood Sprinkler Company in 1905 to develop and manufacture an automatic fire sprinkler which he had patented. He headed, and largely owned, this company which grew and prospered, until 1930 when he sold it to the Gamewell Company of Newton.

Mr. Rockwood's loyal devotion to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute continued through his life. From 1906 to 1909 he taught there as professor of thermodynamics and steam engineering. He became a trustee in 1915 and later was for many years a member of the executive committee of

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