

## OBITUARIES

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### MERRICK LINCOLN

Merrick Lincoln was born at Worcester May 25, 1875 and died at Portland, Maine, where he was spending his summer vacation, on September 2, 1923. He was the son of Waldo and Fanny Chandler Lincoln. He was educated in public and private schools in Worcester and at Harvard University, where he received the degree of A. B. in 1896 and of M. D. in 1900. After graduation he began the practice of medicine in Worcester, specializing to a large extent in the diseases of children. From 1909 to 1912 he was city physician, was connected with the various city hospitals and frequently contributed articles to medical journals. He also wrote in 1916 a pamphlet of considerable scientific value on "A Technique for the Calculating of Percentages and Values in the Artificial Feeding of Infants." During the World War he served honorably in many capacities, being promoted to the rank of Major in July 1919. He married April 29, 1908, Mary Bowker, daughter of Charles Henry and Mary Grant Bowker. He was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in April 1920.

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### WILLIAM ROSCOE THAYER

William Roscoe Thayer, widely known as a writer of biography and literature, died at his home in Cambridge September 7, 1923. He was born in Boston January 16, 1859, the son of Frederick W. and Maria Phelps Thayer. After preparatory education at St. Paul's School and two years of study abroad, he entered Harvard University from which he was

graduated in 1881. He was assistant editor of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin from 1882 to 1885 and then returned for graduate study to Harvard where he took the degree of A. M. in 1886. After a year's travel in Europe he settled at Cambridge, devoting himself to literary work. He was a frequent contributor to the Atlantic Monthly, the Nation and the Century, was editor of the Harvard Graduates' Magazine from 1892 to 1915, and during an active career of over thirty years produced many volumes of high historical and literary importance. His "Dawn of Italian Independence," written in 1893, brought him from the King of Italy a Knighthood in the Order of the Crown. He also wrote "A Short History of Venice" in 1905; "Italica" in 1908 and the "Life and Letters of Cavour" in 1911, one of the best biographies ever written by an American writer. His American biographies consisted of the "Life and Letters of John Hay" in 1915, and "Theodore Roosevelt—an Intimate Biography" in 1919.

Mr. Thayer received many honors as a result of his literary works. He was awarded the degrees of LL.D. from Western Reserve, Litt.D. from Harvard and Brown, and L. H. D. from Williams and Yale. In 1918 he received the gold medal for biography from the National Institution of Arts and Letters, and in the following year was made a fellow of the Royal Academy of the Lincei of Rome. He was an overseer of Harvard from 1913 until his death. He was elected to membership in many learned societies and was President of the American Historical Association in 1918. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in April 1919, and in April 1921 read a paper before the Society entitled "Pen Portraiture in Seventeenth Century Colonial Historians." He was married in 1893 to Elizabeth H. Ware of Cambridge who survives him together with a daughter, Margaret W. Thayer.

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