

Mr. Edmonds's special hobby was the subject of early New England pirates, and he compiled a documentary study upon "Captain Thomas Pound" for the Colonial Society in 1918, and joined with George Francis Dow in 1923 to write "Pirates of the New England Coast." He also published a paper before the Bostonian Society in 1915 on "The Burgis Views of New York and Boston." He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1918. He was one of its most interested members and served on the Committee on Publications from 1919 until his death. To the Proceedings he contributed articles on "The Massachusetts Archives" in April 1921; "An Account of the Mather-Byles Portraits" in October 1923; and "How Massachusetts Received the Declaration of Independence" in October 1925. His voluminous unpublished notes on New England Pirates he bequeathed to the Society's Library.

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#### WILLIAM HERBERT PERRY FAUNCE

William Herbert Perry Faunce, for thirty years President of Brown University, died at Providence, January 31, 1930. He was born at Worcester, Mass., January 15, 1859, the son of Rev. Daniel Worcester and Mary P. Perry Faunce. He prepared for college at the high school at Concord, N. H., where his father held a pastorate, and was graduated from Brown University in 1880 with the degree of A.B. He was instructor in mathematics at Brown in 1881 and 1882, received the degree of A.M. there in 1883, and was graduated from Newton Theological Institution in 1884. He married Sarah R. Edson of Lynn, June 18, 1884. Upon entering the ministry, he held his first pastorate at the State Street Baptist Church at Springfield, Mass., from 1884 to 1889, followed by the pastorate of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church of New York from 1889 to 1899.

During the fifteen years of his ministry, Dr. Faunce was distinguished for his interest in civic and educational matters and for his notable ability as a ready and convincing speaker. It was but natural that he should be called in 1899 to the presidency of Brown University, his alma mater, after the resignation of E. Benjamin Andrews. In his thirty years of service as president of the University, the funds were increased from about a million to over ten million dollars, numerous buildings and dormitories were erected, and the intellectual side of the University and its prestige highly developed. He was a liberal both in religion and in his conception of civic duties. As an orator, he had few equals.

Dr. Faunce was the recipient of many honorary degrees, and was the author of several books on religion and education. Although not a historian, he was exceedingly interested in historical studies and especially in the development of the University libraries. He was a close friend of the late Dr. Charles L. Nichols, former president of this Society, at whose suggestion he was elected a member of this Society in 1928. He had planned to speak before the Society at its annual meeting in October 1929, but was prevented by the illness which finally resulted in his death a few weeks later. Although he had already resigned the presidency of Brown in 1929 after thirty years of service, his death was a loss to the community where he lived and to the entire educational world.

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### WILLIAM BACON SCOFIELD

William Bacon Scofield died at Worcester, January 22, 1930. He was born at Hartford, Conn., February 8, 1865, the son of James Monroe and Madilia (Hoche) Scofield. When he was a child, the family moved to Worcester where he attended the public schools, later

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