

Dr. Robertson was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1924, and in 1929 contributed to its Proceedings a paper on "Spanish Manuscripts of the Florida State Historical Society." He was a constant correspondent, and aided the Society, as he did all inquiring researchers, in solving problems in his field.

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### PHILIP LEFFINGWELL SPALDING

Philip Leffingwell Spalding, banker and collector, died at his home in Milton, Mass., December 4, 1938. He was born at Ithaca, N. Y., June 27, 1871, the son of James Field and Mary (Harper) Spalding. After preparing for college at Noble's School in Boston, he entered Harvard from which he was graduated with the degree of A.B. in 1892, followed by the degrees of A.M. in 1893 and S.B. in 1894. In 1895 he became associated as engineer with the Bell Telephone Company of Philadelphia, and remained in that city for seventeen years, rising to the position of general manager. In 1912 he came to Boston to become president of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. He retained this position for seven years, when he resigned to become a partner in the firm of Estabrook and Company, bankers, where he remained until his death. He was in service in France in the World War and was promoted to the rank of Colonel. He was married October 10, 1900, to Katherine Hobart Ames, daughter of Oakes Angier Ames, of North Easton, Mass., and had three children—Philip, Oakes Ames and Hobart Ames Spalding, who with their mother, survived him.

Mr. Spalding was a zealous collector, much interested in early American silver, upon which subject he was an authority. His collecting tastes caused his election to the Club of Odd Volumes in Boston, and he was a constant attendant at its meetings. He was appointed Honorary Curator of Early American Silver of the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston in 1938. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1926, and always evidenced a keen interest in the Society, making frequent gifts to its Library.

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