

the study of literary history. We first made up a list of over three hundred authors whose work had stood the test of time and whose contributions might be regarded as justifying their permanent place in American literature. Then we made lists of the eight thousand titles which in the earliest editions represented the work of these authors. During the past seventeen years this collection has been increased and completed, until today it has all but a small proportion of the books written by the authors selected. The forming of the collection has been in great measure due to the support and interest shown by Mr. Lombard. He gave us what we lacked from his own library in 1925 and he induced hundreds of book owners to donate volumes which we needed.

According to the terms of his will he bequeathed to the Society his residuary estate, which when paid will amount to about \$21,000. Thus he maintained his interest to the end.

I doubt if any other member of the Antiquarian Society was so constant a visitor to the Library. Not a week passed but we saw him enter the building, generally carrying under his arm some treasure or gift which he had acquired. His cheerful greeting, his optimism and his friendly attitude toward life were pervasive. He enjoyed social contacts. Unless sick or called by some necessary engagement, he faithfully attended the Society's meetings, renewing friendships with members, many of whom he had long known. He was proud of his connection with this Society, and we rejoiced in the fellowship. We shall miss his loyal devotion, the stimulation of his enthusiasm, and his understanding kindness. His death removes one of the most active and loyal members.

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#### CLARANCE MACDONALD WARNER

Our late member, Clarence M. Warner, was born at Wilton, Ontario, March 31, 1874, a son of Sidney and Minerva (Clark) Warner. He went to Providence, Rhode Island, in 1897, to engage in the investment business, but returned to Canada in 1905. He early became interested in the collection of books relating to

the history of Canada and the United States, and while a resident of Napanee, Ontario, became one of the founders of the Ontario Historical Society. While president of that organization, in 1914, he corresponded with this Society regarding the newspaper bibliography and other historical matters. His profession, investment banking, brought him to Boston in 1916. Harvard University at once seized upon him to become curator of its collection of Canadian history and literature, a position which he held until being made honorary curator in 1935. When he broke up housekeeping he divided his library, the Canadian books going to Harvard and those relating to the United States going to the University of Toronto, where they were used to form the nucleus of the Clarence Warner Collection. Dartmouth College profited richly from the duplicates.

In 1924 Mr. Warner was elected to the American Antiquarian Society. He at once expressed great interest in our rather weak Canadian collection, and did what he could to remedy that weakness from what remained of his library. Unfortunately for us he moved to New York not long thereafter, and although he later returned to Boston and gave us financial aid in time of stress, he was never again able to find the time and opportunity to develop his hobby with us or at Harvard. A paper which he long intended to contribute to our *Proceedings* was never finished. His only publications appear to have been two pamphlets dating from his days with the Ontario Historical Society. On one occasion he startled us by a request for copies of one of our papers which he said would be of interest to his grandchildren, a mystery which resolved itself when it appeared that the paper in question was Mr. Vail's article on the Circus.

Mr. Warner kept his name out of places where most of us are proud to see ours. Except for the Victorian Club of Boston, of which he was at one time president, he was not given to activity in social organizations. He died at his home in Boston on May 22, 1940, leaving a widow, the former Miss Alice Morse Fales of Milton, and a daughter, Mrs. Percival Gilbert of Southboro.

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