

of companions, as was testified by the many social affairs at Clubs where, especially in his later years, he was the central figure. He sometimes decried old age and said that he had outlived most of his friends, but this assertion was always in a whimsical vein, for his love of companionship and his association with the young kept him youthful. He had his share of adversities, but he bore them bravely and without complaint. A verse which I read at a gathering assembled to honor his eightieth birthday, still stays in my memory:

Courage such as few inherit
 Will of iron to conquer care
 Resolute with mind unflinching
 Although the cross is hard to bear.

Mr. Lincoln has gone from us and the familiar figure which we were all accustomed to see has disappeared. His place officially has been filled, and others carry on the work. But always, so long as this Society shall exist, it will feel the impress of his administration and the influence of his service. C. S. B.

CHARLES MARTIN THAYER

Charles Martin Thayer, one of the leading members of the Worcester bar, died at Worcester, November 27, 1932. The son of Judge Adin and Caroline Weld (Kendrick) Thayer, he was born at Worcester, December 4, 1867. After graduation at the local Classical High School, he entered Harvard from which he was graduated with the degree of A.B. in 1889, followed by the degree of LL.B. at the Harvard Law School in 1892. In 1892 he returned to Worcester, was admitted to the bar and remained in his chosen profession throughout his life. For twenty-two years practicing alone, in 1914, he joined with Frank C. Smith, Jr., and George A. Gaskill to form the partnership of Thayer, Smith & Gaskill. Particularly interested in corporation law, he was allied with many of Worcester's leading manufacturing interests and be-

cause of his integrity and conservatism he was honored with many important trusts in connection with the settlement of estates. Although maintaining a keen interest in civic affairs, he always refused high political preferment. He married, April 9, 1907, Anna G. Chittenden of Brooklyn, who survived him, with two children.

Mr. Thayer assumed the duties of citizenship seriously and took a prominent part in the conduct of important charities. He served for several years as chairman of the Worcester School Committee and during the World War was chairman of the Speaker's Bureau for Worcester County in all Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. drives. He was a member of several Worcester social and charitable organizations. To the American Antiquarian Society he was elected in 1927, and was much interested in the welfare of the Society. Always a great reader, especially in history and biography, he was addicted to scholarly pursuits; because of his wide knowledge and ability to express himself clearly, his assistance was often sought as a speaker on important civic occasions. He had a well chosen library and was particularly interested in the collecting of rare autograph letters. In an able and comprehensive estimate of his character, written a fortnight after his death, his lifelong friend, Robert M. Washburn, said of him: "He was a man of marked individualism. He had industry to a marked degree, and resolution to the same degree. Few men have lived in Worcester who have so stirred, with many, their respect, confidence and affection."

C. S. B.

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