

which will be of usefulness to future researchers. He had an active and honorable career in his chosen profession, but his avocations in the field of collecting left an even greater impress for the years to come. C. S. B.

### SAMUEL BAYARD WOODWARD

Samuel Bayard Woodward, the oldest member in this Society, as he was in almost all of the numerous organizations to which he belonged, died in Worcester on January 29, 1946, at the advanced age of 92. He was named after his grandfather, Dr. Samuel B. Woodward, who came to Worcester in 1832 to become superintendent of the Massachusetts State Lunatic Asylum and so served for fourteen years. His son, our member's father, was Samuel Woodward, who adopted the life of a merchant and for over fifty years was a member of the firm of Kinnicutt & Company, dealers in hardware. He married Lucy Elizabeth Rogers Treadwell of Ipswich, and in Worcester, on August 24, 1853, the subject of this sketch was born. Following his grandfather's profession of medicine, he went to Harvard, where he received the degree of A.B. in 1874 and M.D. in 1878. After two years of study abroad, he began practice in Worcester in 1881, in which he continued until his retirement in 1921. During this long service of forty years he occupied important posts in the Worcester hospitals, being responsible for much of the growth of Memorial Hospital, and was an officer in both local and state medical societies.

His interest in civic affairs and in business, or rather banking, provided him with another occupation for the last thirty-five years of his life. An officer on the board of the Worcester County Institution for Savings for many years, in 1913 he assumed the presidency, intending to hold the position only temporarily. But his careful attention to the office and the efficiency of his administration kept him in

the position until his retirement in 1938, with a continuance in advisory capacities until his death. He was an officer in many civic and charitable organizations, and especially active as president of the Worcester branch of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1908 and served as Treasurer from 1916 to 1927. He was much interested in the study of history and was an omnivorous reader. His library was large—five thousand or more volumes—and he actually had read most of his books. Toward the end of his life he made out meticulously careful lists of the titles and asked the Antiquarian Society to check all the books it desired for its Library. This took several years, as he said that he wanted to re-read such books before he gave them away. He was a diligent maker of scrapbooks and from his boyhood until his death he pasted into large folio volumes programs, letters and all kinds of ephemera connected with his career and his interests. This long series, in twenty-five volumes, came to the Society by his will. One of his outstanding hobbies was his Cruikshank collection, formed in his early days and turned over twelve years ago to the Worcester Art Museum. It was a notable collection, with nearly 650 illustrated books and over 1500 engravings by the famous caricaturist.

Dr. Woodward was a man of commanding appearance, erect and tall, over six feet, which height he inherited from his grandfather, who was six feet, two. He was imbued with a stiff New England conscience, which caused him to insist upon honorable dealings and to abhor hypocrisy and sham. Sometimes his manner appeared gruff and unbending. He seemed to hide from the world the softer side of his nature, which he surely possessed, for at heart he was sympathetic and kindly. He lived a very long life, filled with usefulness to his friends and to the community.

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