

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.

C. S. B.

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

fitting for college at Adams Academy in Quincy. He entered Harvard with the Class of 1887, but remained in college less than three years and then attended law school for one year. After leaving college, he followed his father's career by entering the newspaper business, becoming reporter and later city editor of the *Worcester Evening Gazette*. In 1895 he became treasurer of the Worcester Thread Company and in 1903 joined with other Worcester men in forming the Crompton-Thayer Loom Company. After this business was sold out in 1907, Mr. Scofield devoted most of the remainder of his life to writing and to sculpture. He studied for several years under the well known sculptor, Gutzon Borglum and maintained a studio on Front Street. He published two books of poems, "Verses" in 1914 and "A Forgotten Idyll" in 1921. Much of his best poetry was contributed to Harvard Class reunions and to the local newspapers, especially during the period of the late War. He was a member of many local organizations where his presence was always sought for his genial companionship and his gift as a ready and witty speaker. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1927, and made frequent gifts of material to the Library. His will left trusts funds of nearly one million dollars, eventually to benefit several Worcester institutions. He was married, December 31, 1919, to Myrtis S. Sigourney Harrington (Mrs. Gilbert H. Harrington), who survived him.

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JUSTIN HARVEY SMITH

Justin Harvey Smith was born in Boscawen, N. H., January 13, 1857 and died in New York, March 21, 1930. He was the son of the Rev. Ambrose and Cynthia Maria (Egerton) Smith. He was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1877 with the degree of

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