

we come to three, four, and larger mark bills, we find them clothed in the usual prosaic dress associated with the currency of our own and other nations.

In Memoriam

In February the Society and the community lost a valued friend in Mr. Alvah Crocker, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. His death occurred suddenly while on his annual vacation in Florida. Mr. Crocker, who was a Harvard graduate of the Class of 1879, and for three years a member of its crew, was one of the Founder Members of the Business Historical Society.

From the time of his graduation he was connected with the paper concern which is now known as Crocker, Burbank and Company, and he served as its president for the past twenty years. Mr. Crocker's business activities were extremely diversified and he held directorships in several other public enterprises.

Mr. Crocker, a keen sportsman himself, being an enthusiastic hunter, fisherman and golfer, made a generous gift of an athletic field, known as "Crocker Field," to the school children of Fitchburg. In a letter to the Mayor and City Council announcing his proposed gift, he said: "In my opinion the public schools of the city require an adequate field in which the different out-of-door sports and contests, which count so much in the physical and moral development of our boys, can be held."

During the war Mr. Crocker, besides being a member of the Public Safety Committee, organized and was Chairman of the Fitchburg Chapter of the Red Cross. At the time of his death he was a member of the Governor's Committee of One Hundred, appointed to relieve unemployment, and he was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Crocker was one of the Two Hundred and Fifty Associates of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, an organization which guarantees a certain sum for business research each year. His loss will be felt most keenly, not only by his wide circle of friends and associates, but by the entire community.

Mr. Henry S. Howe, well-known retired business man and Harvard graduate of the Class of 1869, died at his home in Longwood, Massachusetts, on March first. After graduation, Mr. Howe studied the cotton business for four years and became manufacturing agent of plants in Norwich, Connecticut, Fall River, Massachusetts, and Biddeford, Maine.

Mr. Howe later became a director and member of the executive committee of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and served in this capacity with every president since the incorporation of the company. Besides numerous directorships, he was, until a few years ago, head of the firm of Lawrence and Company, of Boston and New York, drygoods commission house, with which he had been connected since 1887, when he became a partner.

He was also greatly interested in farming, as he maintained a large stock ranch at Holliston, and a farm at his summer estate at Dark Harbor, Maine. As a hobby Mr. Howe collected first editions and he was widely known for his activities as a collector in the literary field. He became a member of the Business Historical Society in June, 1929, and the Society will feel deeply the loss of a distinguished and valued member and friend.

Secretary's Column

ACQUISITIONS

During the few weeks which have elapsed since the publication of the last Bulletin, the Society has received and gratefully acknowledges the following acquisitions:

From Bureau of Commerce and Industry, Manila, Philippine Islands, Commercial Handbook of Philippine Islands, 1924; Statistical Bulletin, 1920, 1922-1928; *Journal of Commerce and Industry*, July, August, September, 1930; Miscellaneous material.

From Dr. G. G. Van Buttingha Wickers, President, The Java Bank, Batavia, Java, Annual Report of the President of the Java Bank, 1930.

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From Baker Hostetler & Sidlo, Cleveland, Brief and Reply Brief of Defendants in International Share Corporation *vs.* The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, and The Dollar Savings & Trust Company Case.

From Henry W. Kinney, South Manchuria Railway Company, Dairen, Manchuria, Report of December 18, 1930, Relating to Existing Commercial Conditions in Manchuria with Particular Reference to the Soviet Government Activities.

From E. W. Coffin, Worcester, Papers referring to Timothy Claxton and Joseph Wightman.