

## In Memoriam

The Society regrets to note the passing in 1942 of three members of long standing. All men of high position, they served business and society in different rôles.

### Ernest B. Dane

Ernest B. Dane was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, on October 17, 1868; he died at his summer home in Center Harbor, New Hampshire, on April 5, 1942. After graduating from Harvard in 1892, he entered the office of a trustee in Boston, where he remained for thirteen years. In 1905 he became a director of the Brookline Trust Co., of which he later became president. A man of wealth by inheritance, he early became interested in many large corporations in various parts of the country; he continued throughout his life to take an active part in business, but his work was on the side of policy, chiefly as a director, rather than as an operating executive.

Ernest B. Dane was distinguished for his service to society in cultural and philanthropic ways. He may be said to have represented in his time the best traditions of Boston. Setting a high example of citizenship in a democracy, he served long and well in various town offices in Brookline. A member of the Brookline tree-planting committee from 1905 and an officer of the Massachusetts

Forestry Association, he worked for the improvement of the parks and the preservation of the forests of his town and State. He was a benefactor of many charitable and philanthropic institutions of Boston, which he also served as trustee or director. He enriched our art museums with his rare collection of Chinese art treasures, and through his financial aid and his work as its president and treasurer he helped to make the Boston Symphony one of the world's great orchestras.

Such men as Dane have contributed much to American metropolitan communities. Their support of philanthropic and cultural institutions, of which our individualistic democracy has often been negligent, has had immeasurable value. Not the least of their services, moreover, has been that of setting a high standard of social responsibility.

### Robert F. Herrick

Robert F. Herrick was born in Medford, Massachusetts, on August 8, 1866, and died in Boston on October 10, 1942. He studied law at Boston University and, after receiving the degree of bachelor of laws, attended Harvard College from which he was graduated in 1890. A lawyer by profession, he early became associated with business, in which he won a strong and important place. He was for many years one of the Overseers of Harvard University.

His work in business was chiefly on the side of finance and along the lines of policy. Early in his career he became closely associated with Boston financial leaders, both men and institutions; he early developed a strong connection with the First National Bank of Boston which continued until his death. He was especially active in the rehabilitation of industrial concerns which had got into difficulties, helping to secure control of them, to reorganize them, and to secure for them an effective management. He also became associated as director with a large number of corporations in all parts of the country, including United Fruit Co., United Shoe Machinery