

ments in 1820, about sixty per cent were for debts of less than twenty dollars. Again, about sixty per cent were released by their creditors, or "swore out." The poor debtor's oath was a new thing since the Revolution. Apparently, such drastic measures were already moribund.

Imprisonment for debt was an autocratic weapon out of accord with the spirit of the times. Yet, in spite of the efforts of humanitarians and advanced thinkers, custom continued to prevail over progressive thought for another generation.

In Memoriam

THE Business Historical Society shares with Harvard University an irreparable loss in the death of Professor Archibald Cary Coolidge. Professor Coolidge died at his home in Boston, on Saturday, January 16, after a notable career as a teacher, diplomat, scholar and editor.

He was born in Boston, in 1866, and was educated at Harvard University, the University of Berlin, École des Sciences Politiques, and Freiburg University. After occupying diplomatic posts at St. Petersburg, Paris and Vienna, he came home, in 1892, and became instructor of history at Harvard. Later he became successively assistant professor and full professor in his department, and in 1908 he was appointed a director in Harvard College Library.

Subsequently he gave courses at the Lowell Institute here; accompanied William Howard Taft on a mission to the Philippines; lectured at the Sorbonne, in Paris; was for a year exchange professor to the University of Berlin, and performed confidential missions to Russia and Sweden. After the World War, he performed a similar service in visiting Vienna, and he was a member of the American delegation to the peace Congress at Versailles in 1919.

For years Professor Coolidge was the editor of "Foreign Affairs," and he was the author of a number of historical works dealing with this country and with Europe. He was a scholar in the whole field of history, but his particular interest was in modern diplomatic history. He was an authority on Central and Eastern Europe and the Near and Far East. Professor C. H. Haskins of the Department of History says of him that he made Harvard one of the world's great centers of historical study in his particular field. He was a great librarian, and a great editor.

Professor Coolidge was a member of the Massachusetts and Virginia Historical Societies, and the American Historical Associa-

tion. When The Business Historical Society was founded, he became one of its charter members. His loss will be deeply felt by Harvard University and by all those who are interested in the field of history.

Secretary's Column

THE Secretary takes pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of many important additions to our store of information. Among the most notable are the following:

J. A. Farrell, President of the United States Steel Corporation, New York.

Seven bound volumes of the Addresses of the late Judge Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the United States Steel Corporation.
Also pamphlet material prepared by the Committee of Safety.

Joseph G. Butler, Jr., Youngstown, Ohio.

Personal publication entitled "Recollections of Men and Events" and material connected with the McKinley Birthplace Memorial.

Hale Holden, President, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, Chicago.

Reports of the Veterans' Association of the Burlington Route and other records.

Fitzhenry Smith, Jr., Boston.

"The Harlem Legend of the Invention of Printing." A. Van der Linde.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York.

"The Early History of the Annuity." E. W. Kopf.

J. R. Nutt, President, Union Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

Pamphlets on Cleveland banks and banking.

Hon. William M. Butler, President, Butler Mills, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Series of State Reports.

Sam A. Lewisohn, of Adolph Lewisohn and Sons, New York.

Personal publication "The New Leadership in Industry."

Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut.

Quantity of Insurance Reports, Year books, etc.

Professor Henri See, Rennes, France.

French, Spanish and German pamphlet material.