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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Bar Association of the City of Boston was held in the room of the Supreme Judicial Court in Boston on Friday, June 3, 1904, at noon, to receive the report of the committee appointed to prepare resolutions upon the death of the late SAMUEL HOAR, Esquire; Charles P. Greenough, Esq., President of the Bar Association, in the chair, and William F. Wharton, Esq., acting as Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT: The meeting will please come to order.

This meeting has been held, as you know, to receive the report of a committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of our late associate, Mr. Samuel Hoar. Is the committee ready to report?

MOORFIELD STOREY, Esq.: Mr. Chairman, the committee present the following report : ---

The members of the Suffolk Bar desire to record in permanent form their appreciation of the character and services of their late associate, Samuel Hoar, and to express their sorrow at the early death of one who was eminent both as a lawyer and as a citizen.

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SAMUEL HOAR

SAMUEL HOAR, the eldest son of Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar and Caroline Downes (Brooks) Hoar, was born at Concord in Massachusetts on the 27th of September, 1845. He drew his blood from stocks long distinguished in the annals of State and country for ability, character, and public spirit, and from them also he inherited the powers and the tastes which from his cradle destined him for the Bar. A lineal descendant of Roger Sherman, whom John Adams described as "one of the strongest and soundest pillars of the Revolution," he came also from families of Lincoln and Concord, which sent not less than six members to the fight at Concord Bridge. His grandfather, Samuel Hoar, was a leader at the Massachusetts Bar, and the traditions of his grave wisdom tempered by a sense of humor, his influence over juries, his strong character, will not soon be forgotten among us. His father, eminent alike at the Bar, on the Bench, and in high political office, a judge of our highest court, an Attorney-General of the United States, a member of the Joint High Commission which settled our controversies with Great Britain after the Civil War, was the type of the best that Massachusetts can produce. Judge Hoar's sincere love of freedom, his high ideals of public duty, his absolute independence, his indifference to selfish considerations, his rugged honesty, his brilliant wit, the rare combination of qualities which were united in him, won the

admiration and respect of the best wherever he was known. From him as from his ancestors on all sides Samuel Hoar derived a great inheritance of character and strength, and he felt the full force of the obligations which such an inheritance imposed upon him.

He was prepared for college at the famous school of Mr. Sanborn in Concord, to which so many men and women look back with pleasure, and was still there in 1862, when without consulting his parents he enlisted at Portland in a Maine regiment. From this he was transferred at his father's request to the Forty-Eighth Massachusetts Volunteers, a nine months' regiment, with which he served during the campaign which ended with the capture of Port Hudson. He took part in the two attacks upon that stronghold, and afterward in a battle at Donaldsonville in Louisiana, where he was sunstruck. The stroke was followed by malarial fever, and when his regiment was mustered out he returned home so much reduced in health that he had lost fifty pounds in weight, a large percentage of his capital at the time.

He resumed his preparation for college, and entered Harvard in 1864 as a member of the Class of 1867, with which he graduated. He immediately began the study of law in the office of his uncle, George F. Hoar, at Worcester, where he remained till October, 1868, when he accepted the position of pardon clerk in the office of the Attorney-General at Washington,