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Your true friend
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“ Death takes us by surprise,
And stays our hurrying feet;
The great design unfinished lies,
Our lives are incomplete.

“ But in the dark unknown
Perfect their circles seem,
Even as a bridge's arch of stone
Is rounded in the stream.”

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(From the Fifth Report of the Class of 1876; WILLIAM L. CHASE,
Secretary.)

WILLIAM LEVERETT CHASE. Born at Grafton, Mass., Dec. 4, 1853. President Papyrus Club, Boston; Massachusetts Society Sons of the Revolution, and Victoria Mills Corporation, Newburyport; Vice-President State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Company, Commercial Club of Boston; Director Boston Wharf Company, Fitchburg Railroad Company, Third National Bank; Junior Warden Saint Paul's Church, Brookline; Trustee Church Home for Orphans and Destitute Children, Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Member Metropolitan Park Commission. Merchant. Residence: Brookline. Office: 233 State Street, Boston, Mass.

OCT. 6, 1894.

(F. J. STIMSON, in the "Harvard Graduates' Magazine" for December, 1895.)

COL. WILLIAM LEVERETT CHASE, who died at his home in Brookline on October 7, after a long and distressing illness, was the son of Henry Savage Chase, who was born at Washington, D. C., in 1825, graduated from Harvard in the class of 1848, and was, like his son, secretary of his class until his death. W. L. Chase was born at Grafton, Dec. 4, 1853, educated in the public schools of Brookline, and entered as a freshman in the autumn of 1872. His peculiar qualities of energy and kindness early made him known to his classmates; and at his graduation, twenty years ago, as now at his death, no member of his class was known and liked by a larger number of his classmates. He took high rank in college, where he was an editor of "The Magenta," afterwards "The Crimson," thus early evincing a taste for literary pursuits; but, upon graduation, the extensive manufacturing business founded by his father, and which he was soon left to conduct

alone, claimed for many years his exclusive attention. There is probably hardly a man in Boston who, having an extensive and complicated business thrust upon him at so early an age, has proved himself more equal to the responsibility and more successful in enlarging it.

At his death Colonel Chase left a large fortune; but, as the writer well remembers, scarcely had he got these practical duties so disposed as to leave him any leisure, than he began to give much of the earnest energy of his nature to affairs of public spirit and the interests of his friends. He had in some respects the ideal of an older day; the church and the army were now his main interests, though he never ceased to have a taste for letters, which, had he lived, it is more than probable would have guided him to some original work himself; but he had written some things now in course of publication, and had been president of the Papyrus Club of Boston. But for many years before he had been junior warden of St. Paul's Church in Brookline, and trustee of

the Church Home for Orphans and Destitute Children, and of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen. He entered the First Corps of Cadets as a private, April 15, 1886, and gave much study to military affairs, particularly ordnance, tactics, and marksmanship; he wrote two treatises — on Outpost Duty and on Marksmanship — which attracted wide attention. He was soon appointed to the Governor's staff, and the appointment in his case was more than a political compliment; probably no officer in the State militia of recent years did more work and was of more actual service. His merits were so recognized that his appointment was renewed through one, if not more, changes of political parties, and followed by successive promotions until he became acting inspector-general. It was his custom frequently to go to England to witness the military manœuvres, where he met the officers highest in the British service; and his expert knowledge on many points was recognized and appreciated by officers of the regular army.