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AT the height of his powers and of his service to Princeton, Donald Alfred Stauffer '23, chairman of the Department of English, died last month in Oxford, England. Apparently in good health prior to the first of three heart attacks on July 30, he died of coronary thrombosis on August 8 at the age of 50. He had been cheerfully dictating letters a few minutes before he died. Funeral services were held in the chapel of Balliol College; a memorial service in the Princeton University Chapel is scheduled for Friday of this week (September 26).

"The most versatile academician of his generation," Marjorie Nicolson called him (see page 9). He was critic as well as scholar, a creative writer as well as commentator on the literature of the past and present. His fields of competence ranged from Shakespeare to Yeats and included biography. As an administrator heading the English Department, he is quite literally irreplaceable. As a teacher he had a profound faith in the preceptorial method, and no one used it more effectively. When Princeton sought to restate its philosophy of education after World War II, Don Stauffer was chosen to write, *The Idea of a Princeton Education*. Only last spring he had been selected to succeed Dean Root as Woodrow Wilson Professor of English.

Mr. Stauffer had been at Oxford for the past year occupying the Eastman Professorship, a chair filled annually by an American scholar without restriction as to field. At the end of last month, just prior to sailing for this country, he was to have lectured at the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford. Between terms at Oxford he had traveled to Spain, Italy, France and Switzerland, enjoying what was apparently one of the happiest years of his life.

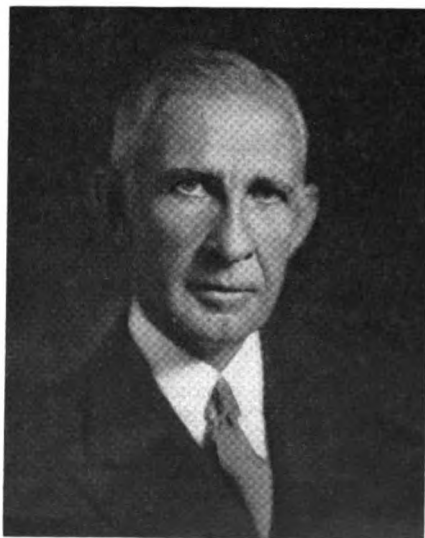
Virtually all of Don Stauffer's adult life had been spent at Princeton. Though he worked his way through college and though a motorcycle accident had put him on crutches for a year (and left him with a permanent limp), he had a brilliant undergraduate career. He was a champion debater, a member of the *Lit* and the Intime, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate and Valedictorian of his class. After further study at Princeton, he won both a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Rhodes Scholarship and took his Ph.D. at Oxford. He returned to Princeton and



ON THE COVER: The largest peacetime enrollment of Freshman Engineers in Princeton's history hears an orientation lecture by the Dean. Representing nearly a quarter of the entering class, the 180 fledgling engineers arrived in Princeton early in September for a three-week indoctrination period prior to the formal opening of college. In addition to getting to know the faculty and facilities of the Engineering School, the Freshmen take two courses: one known as Industrial Development, the other an introductory course in surveying. (Photograph by Alan W. Richards.)

devoted the remaining 25 years of his life to teaching and scholarship.

In spite of his leg injury, he enjoyed bicycling, tennis, and mountain climbing up to the time of his death. In World War II he persuaded the Marine Corps to accept him and in the course of three years' service rose to the rank of Major in air combat intelligence in the Pacific.



Henry J. Cochran '00

Mr. Stauffer was a member of the executive committee of the Modern Languages Association, an editor of "The American Scholar," a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Senate and the editorial board of the Princeton University Press. His published works include *English Biography Before 1700*, *The Art of Biography in 18th Century England*, *Literature in English* (co-editor), *The Nature of Poetry*, *Poets at Work*, *The Intent of the Critic*, *The Saint and the Hunchback* (an allegorical novel), *Brother, This is War* (poetry), *The Golden Nightingale* (a study of Yeats) and *Shakespeare's World of Images*.

Professor Stauffer was a bachelor. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Jeanne Elizabeth Thompson and Miss Ruth Mary Stauffer, who was with him in Oxford at the time of his death; and two brothers, Ted Clarke Stauffer and Jack Bellamy Stauffer.

## Trustee for 27 Years

HENRY J. COCHRAN '00, a charter trustee of the University for 27 years, died on the tenth of this month in Muhlenberg Hospital near his home in Plainfield, N.J. The 73-year-old banker, who directed the finances of the University through some of its most difficult years, was chairman of the board of the Franklin Savings Bank in New York and a director of the Bankers Trust Company, both of which he had previously served as president.

As a Princeton trustee from 1922 until his retirement three years ago, Mr. Cochran played a major role in the financial affairs of the University. He was for many years chairman of the investment committee, a subcommittee of the finance committee, which he also headed. The year before his compulsory retirement at age 70, he was chairman of the trustees' executive committee. He also served for many years as an officer of the University Fund.

A former president of the Class of 1900, Mr. Cochran has had more than forty Princeton relatives, including two older brothers, three sons—Homer P. '29, Henry J. Jr. '32 and Bradford '37—and ten first cousins.

After graduation from Princeton, Mr. Cochran became associated with the American Locomotive Company and quickly rose to the office of chief statistician. In 1907 he became a certi-

# MEMORIALS

## SAMUEL COLGATE HODGE '88

We have again the sad duty of paying a tribute to the memory of a prominent and well-loved classmate, the Reverend Samuel Colgate Hodge, who died at his home in West Chester, Pa., on June 27, 1952.

Our classmate Sam Hodge was born in Hartford, Conn., April 28, 1867, the son of the Rev. Dr. John Aspinwall Hodge and Charlotte Morse Hodge. He was one of a family of five sons, four of whom were graduates of Princeton and were prominent in football annals. He was related on his father's side to the noted Hodge family of theologians of Princeton Seminary, and on his mother's side to Samuel Morse of telegraph fame.

His early schooling was at Hartford and at Lawrenceville School. After graduation from Princeton he studied for three years in Princeton Theological Seminary, receiving also the degree of M.A. in 1891 from the College of New Jersey. The year 1891-1892 he spent in study in the Universities of Berlin and Heidelberg, Germany. In 1893 he was ordained in the Presbyterian ministry and served as pastor of Presbyterian churches in Tunkhannock, Pa., 1893-1904; in the Fifth Church of Trenton, N.J., 1904-1911; in the Brainerd Union Church at Easton, Pa., 1911-1913; and in the First Church of West Chester, Pa., 1918-1928. Before and after this last pastorate he was for two terms professor of Bible at Lincoln University, Pa., 1914-1918 and 1928-1938. This position was held by his father before him. He afterward supplied the Bethany Church at Mendenhall, Pa., for some ten years. He taught also at the Philadelphia School for Christian Workers during his pastorate at West Chester.

Our classmate on May 12, 1896 married Elizabeth Rollins Mellin of New York who died on December 13, 1925. He is survived by a son, Robert C. Hodge of West Chester, and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Hodge Watson of Newtown, Pa., and by three grandchildren. Following an attack of pneumonia with complications Sam Hodge was for a long period shut in from active life, and in this experience set an example of courage, patience and uniform cheerfulness. In the long months of his last illness it fell to the son Robert and his wife Ruth to minister to his needs with tender care and beautiful devotion.

Quiet and modest in disposition, Sam Hodge was known to his classmates in college days as a loyal friend, a man of strong character and convictions, as a fine student and winner of the First Baird Prize in Disputation, and as an all-round athlete. He was for two years an end on the football team. He was captain of the lacrosse team in senior year. He was a tournament player in tennis, and his knowledge of baseball was an asset in his dealing with the young people of his parishes. Until his strength failed he continued for years to be a skillful and enthusiastic golfer.

In his ministry Sam was a devoted pastor and a stalwart preacher of an evangelistic type. He loved to preach the Gospel to the poor, and he loved his fellow men. His influence as a teacher at Lincoln University was due to his intimate knowledge of the Bible and his personal interest in the students, whose friendship he cultivated and enjoyed in a high degree. We are glad to pay tribute to his loyalty to his friends and classmates, to the strength of his Christian faith, and the passion and devotion of his long and useful life. His son Robert writes to the Class Secretary: "My father's loyalty to Princeton and Princeton's men never wavered. After his first interest in the work of the Presbyterian Church, Princeton held undisputed second place. His fondest hope was that his grandson, now aged 12, will go to Princeton."

To the son and daughter and their families the Class extends its deepest sympathy.

For the Class of 1888

ERNEST T. CARTER THOMAS MARC PARROTT  
CHARLES F. W. McCLURE WM. HALLOCK JOHNSON

## VICTOR HERBERT LUKENS '95

THE Class of '95 records with deep sorrow the sudden death of Herbert Lukens on August 9, 1952 while on vacation at Greensboro, Vt.

He was born March 24, 1873 at Elizabeth, N.J., the son of Alan Wood Lukens and Elizabeth Nelson Nevius Lukens. Prepared for college at the Pingry School in Elizabeth, he entered Princeton with our Class in 1891. As an undergraduate he was a member of the Philadelphian Society and Clio Hall. He was the winner of prizes in debating and public speaking in Clio Hall in sophomore, junior and senior years and was awarded the Baird Prize for oratory in senior year. He graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts *cum laude*.

In the fall of 1895 he entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, and graduated in 1898. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Lackawanna at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in November 1898 and served there for five years as assistant minister of the First Presbyterian Church. In 1903 he was called to be pastor of the Stone Street Church at Watertown, N.Y. In 1914 he became pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia; and in 1922 pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church at South Orange, N.J. In 1936, after fourteen years of service he became pastor-emeritus.

Since 1938 he had been president of the General Association for Health and Healing and was editor of *The Helper*, its monthly magazine. He served as moderator and president of the trustees of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, N.J.

On April 15, 1903 at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. he married Elsie Franck DeWitt. Mrs. Lukens died August 22, 1949. They are survived by two sons, Alan Franck Lukens '26 and Jaywood Lukens '30. To them on behalf of our classmates we express our profound sympathy. We have lost a loyal friend who had given a lifetime of service to the communities in which he had lived.

For the Class of 1895

ANDREW C. IMBRIE CHRISTY PAYNE  
L. FREDERIC PEASE WM. HENRY ROBERTS JR.

## HERBERT K. ENGLAND '00

THE Class is deeply grieved in the death of Herbert K. England who passed to his reward on July 13, 1952. He was endeared to us all by his addresses in the University Chapel and at the Graduate College in 1950, delivered by special invitation of the Class at our five-year Reunions, in memory of those of our number who had been lost to us in the interim. Until Herb's retirement from the active pastorate in 1943, he had been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle, N.J. for thirty-two years. Since his retirement he had served as supply minister in the churches of several neighboring communities. Measured by his helpfulness to others throughout his busy life, he is to be thought of as among the most successful men in the Class. We who have known him since undergraduate days found in him an earnest student and a cherished friend—a man of great faith with genuine devotion to his calling in the name of Christ. He will be remembered always for his cultured mind, his warm heart, his modest demeanor, and his helpful discourses as his ministry touched the deeper thoughts of his Princeton classmates, from time to time.

For the Class of 1900

JOHN BAILEY KELLY ALBERT S. WRIGHT  
HARRY S. ZIMMERMAN HENRY R. LATHROP  
ROLLAND T. HULL STEPHEN F. VOORHEES

## PETER VREDENBURGH II, '01

PETER VREDENBURGH II was not with the Class of 1901 very long. He entered with us, made friends readily, interested himself in athletics and in music—and left at the end of freshman year. Then he went into the brokerage business, became a member of the Stock Exchange and had his own firm. But he later drifted, first, into advertising and then into Florida real estate, turning for the last decade of his life to the old family farm in Freehold, N.J.

From that community he came to football games in Princeton and occasionally to Class Reunions. He varied his activities by writing a newspaper column and working in the naval ammunition depot at Farmingdale. But his health deteriorated and for some years he was unable to travel far.

Pete kept in touch with the Class through a correspondence which, for biting wit and clear analysis, was worthy of publication. His loyalty to his Class, his college and his country was a mark of his conversation and of his letters. He was particularly proud of the services of his son, Capt. James B. Vredenburg of the United States Navy. His other survivors are his wife, Dora Wallis, and two daughters, Mrs. George Koch, and Miss Mary V. Vredenburg. John Van Vorst Vredenburg '03, is his brother.

To them we extend our sincere sympathy.

For the Class of 1901

JASPER E. CRANE, President  
DWIGHT MARVIN, Secretary

## JAMES FRANCIS MATHEWS '02

A RARE high spirit passed into the Great Unknown on July 22, 1952. Jim Mathews died quietly in his sleep at his summer home at Candlewood Shores, New Fairfield, Conn. after a long illness.

Jim was born at Philadelphia March 20, 1882, and was one of our youngest members. He was a good student, of a particularly happy disposition and very popular with his classmates. He was a member of Campus Club.

After graduation he worked for Shearson, Ham-mill & Co., brokers, in New York—prospected in Mexico for a year—and then in 1906 formed the firm of Henry & Mathews, members of the New York Stock Exchange. He was very successful in business and after retiring from Wall Street continued business activities at Miami Beach, Fla. where he made his home.

On account of a heart ailment Jim had lived a secluded life during later years but previously he had entered into Class activities with happy zest. Although he was unable to join with us during recent years he always wanted to participate by sending a contribution and message of loyalty and affection. He will be remembered for his genial personality and ever-ready laughter and will be sorely missed.

To his wife, Macy, his daughter, Joyce, and his brother, Nash '09, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

The Class of 1902.

## JESSE FLEET SAMMIS '02

THE Class will be saddened to learn of the death on June 22 of our beloved Jesse Sammis at the New York Hospital. He had not been well for some time but his sudden death was unexpected.

Jesse was born at Huntington, Long Island, on January 14, 1881. He entered college with us and was graduated A.B. in 1902. He played an active part in undergraduate life and was one of our best loved and loyal and respected members. He was on our Class Day committee at graduation and was a member of Quadrangle Club.

He entered Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, receiving his M.D. in 1906. Then he interned at Roosevelt Hospital and Sloane Hospital for Women. He became an eminent child specialist. He was for a time chief of the pediatric division of the Vanderbilt Clinic and later directed the pediatric service of New York Nursery and Child's Hospital. He was affiliated with New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center until his retirement ten years ago.

We loved Jesse and take great pride in his distinguished career. In turn he loved Princeton and his Class.

To his wife, Lilla Marie Sammis, whom he married in 1904, and to his daughter, Lilla Sammis White, and his son, Jesse F. Sammis, we extend sincere sympathy.

The Class of 1902.

## PAUL BLACK WALLACE '02

PAUL WALLACE died suddenly of a heart attack at noon June 9, 1952, at the Chicago Airport. He was about to board a plane en route to our 50th Reunion. He had breakfasted that morning with Dave Graham and was apparently in good health and spirits and looking forward to seeing his many friends in the Class.

Paul was born May 28, 1879, in Chicago and