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MEMORIAL TO LOWRY F. SATER.

Lowry Francis Sater was born June 15th, 1867, near the town of Sater, now New Baltimore, Hamilton County, Ohio, and died in Columbus August 18th, 1935.

He was educated in the common schools of his native county, later taught school and then entered the Ohio State University, from which institution he graduated in 1895, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He graduated from the Law School of the same University in 1897 and entered upon the practise of his profession.

On September 26th, 1903, he married Miss Katharine E. Morhart of Middleton, Ohio. Three children were born of this union, Richard F., Mary Katharine and Martha Elizabeth.

These dates of his birth, marriage and death; of his graduation from the University and the professional College, his later honors and advancements, his connections and relationships, to which the limits of this memorial will permit only a passing reference, are important as marking the progressive steps in a life that was unusually active and exceptionally distinguished in all its activities.

His career at the University, which was characterized by leadership in educational, collegiate and social functions, was but a foreshadowing of the distinction which he was to achieve in the ever-widening circle of attainments, which marked his later years.

He served on the Board of Trustees of his Alma Mater; he was honored by the conferring of post graduate degrees, Miami University having given him the distinction of Doctor of Laws.

He was active in many social and civic organizations. He was the first President of the University Club; he served as Vice President and Director

of the Chamber of Commerce. He was prominent in the Masonic Fraternity, in his church relationships and in philanthropic and charitable enterprises.

He gave devoted and constant attention to the practise of his profession and rapidly reached and maintained a conspicuous and honorable place among his brethren.

While, therefore, we bear in grateful remembrance the distinctions and preferments that came to him, we in this Club are more interested in the memory of Lowry Sater as the man, who was greater than any of his honors and his triumphs and in the friend, which this man was to all of us.

He was not a charter member of the Club, but joined it in 1912, not long after its organization, and was always an active, loyal and valued member. He was made President in 1923, and served until the annual meeting in 1924.

During the time of his membership, he prepared and read before the Club, a number of papers, every one of which ranked high in interest and in literary and scholarly excellence. He was always ready to participate in the informal discussions that followed the presentation of the principal address of the evening, and thus contributed much to the enjoyment and profit of our meetings. We shall all sadly miss him.

He has joined the ranks of that ever increasing roll of our honored dead, which contains the names of many of the most gifted and most beloved, and he takes high place among them.

He left us when he seemed to be in the full vigor of health and strength, busy with his usual activities.

Falling, as he did, in the very midst of the strife, like a soldier on the field of battle, we may be confident that he met the final challenge in the spirit of these words:-

"Life! we have been long together,
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear,
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;-
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time;
Say not Good night, but in some brighter clime
Bid me Good Morning! "

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Hewy A. Williams