

## NOTES AND DOCUMENTS

### EVERETT HOSKINS BAILEY

EVERETT HOSKINS BAILEY was born at Jamestown, New York, on April 10, 1850, the son of Francis Parkman Bailey and Caroline Pier Bailey. As a boy he attended a preparatory school, Erie Academy at Erie, Pennsylvania. In 1866 he went to Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, where he remained until 1871, spending four years in preparatory and one in college work. On June 2, 1874, at Clear Lake, Minnesota, he married Jeanette L. Jones, a classmate at Antioch.

As was usual with young men of those times, Mr. Bailey began what was destined to become a distinguished career quite inconspicuously. He worked as a clerk in the banking house of Clark and Goodwin in Erie. In 1871 he decided to test out the opportunities of the new western territory, and transferred his business and civic activities to St. Paul, where he took a position as a clerk in the First National Bank of St. Paul. Later in the same year he became associated with the Second National Bank of Winona, where ultimately he became cashier. Little is known to me personally of his interest and activities at Winona during his brief residence there, but it is very probable that Everett Bailey exhibited the same wide interest in civic and business affairs which, fortunately for us, he later transferred to St. Paul. In 1873 he returned to the First National Bank of St. Paul, this time as teller. His natural ability and sound judgment resulted in steady promotion, until in 1907 he became president, succeeding Henry Pratt Upham, who incidentally was also deeply interested in the Minnesota Historical Society. Mr. Bailey became chairman of the board of directors of the First National Bank in 1917, and served

ably in that capacity until the consolidation with the Merchants National Bank in 1929. Everett Bailey was then in his eightieth year. Although he wished to be relieved of official duties, he was accustomed to spend several hours each day at his desk in the bank—a practice that he faithfully continued until his death on November 10, 1938, in his eighty-ninth year.

As a banker and business leader, Everett Bailey acquired a well-merited reputation for probity, soundness, and business foresight which made him outstanding in the community. His excellent background, training, and wide practical experience combined to develop those qualities of courage and carefulness so necessary at this time in our commercial and industrial life.

Mr. Bailey's great interest in and associations with the Minnesota Historical Society are too well known for me to recount here, but I would like to mention one or two outstanding points. In 1882 he became a life member of the Minnesota Historical Society, and he was elected to the executive council in 1903. In 1909 he became treasurer, a position that he retained until his death. His thoughtfulness in presenting the society with a painting of the Falls of St. Anthony in 1852, by R. Sloan, was much appreciated.

I should also like to mention briefly some of Mr. Bailey's many other activities in the community. He was an efficient chairman of the bankers group of the Twin Cities during the difficult and trying situation caused by the currency panic of 1907. For many years he served as treasurer of the St. Paul Union Depot Company and of the Minnesota Transfer Company, and he was president of the Northwestern Trust Company from 1903 to 1913. He served as a trustee of Miller Hospital of St. Paul from its inception. The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Minnesota long counted him among its members. A devoted attendant of Unity Church of St. Paul, he contributed much toward its upbuilding. As a life-long Republican, he was naturally

enthusiastic over the prospects of the November election. He was an ardent fisherman and hunter, and of late years he delighted in spending the summers at Isle Royale in Lake Superior.

Perhaps a little incident of Mr. Bailey's early life in Minnesota will serve to illustrate his qualities of simplicity and appreciation. When coming back to St. Paul from Winona in 1873, he started to drive with a horse and cutter, but unfortunately he was caught in a severe blizzard, finally becoming so chilled and numbed that he had to seek refuge under a buffalo robe at the bottom of the sleigh. The horse, left to its own devices in finding the way, went to a house where a light was burning, and stopped. It proved to be the home of a Mrs. Herlinger near Frontenac. Finding Mr. Bailey in a critical condition due to exposure, Mrs. Herlinger administered to his frost bites and took every care to guard against possible after effects. Mr. Bailey was most grateful for this kindness, feeling that perhaps his life had been saved. Many years later he was able to repay her for her kindness in a very substantial way.

Courtesy and tolerance of the views of others, combined with a rare generosity and sense of gratitude, were among Mr. Bailey's outstanding characteristics. As a natural result of his active interest in the affairs of city and state, his circle of friends was wide, not only in St. Paul but throughout the Northwest.

Mr. Bailey died in Miller Hospital on November 10, 1938. He is survived by his son, Frederick Stanwood Bailey of Ontario, Oregon. His friends will think of him as a rare example of a kindly, yet exact and efficient man.

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