PERCY GARDNER BOLSTER

August 20, 1865-May 22, 1932

Percy Gardner Bolster, son of the late Judge S. A. Bolster and Sarah Gardner Bolster, died in Boston, May 22, 1932, at 66 years of age. He was educated at the Roxbury Latin School and Harvard College, where he received the degree of A. B., summa cum laude, in 1886. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Following the wishes of his father, he entered the Harvard Medical School, and while there he received the degree of A. M. Following his inclination for law he later left the Medical School and entered the Harvard Law School. He passed the Bar examinations at the end of his second year, and started practicing immediately.

He was a member of numerous clubs, including the Cambridge Entomological Club, to which he was elected (from the Harris Club) in 1903, and of which he was a member until his death. He was president for 1909 and 1913, and on the executive committee six times. As retiring president, in January 1910, he read a paper on the history of the Club. The manuscript of the paper, which contains much valuable information, has been presented to the club. As an entomologist Mr. Bolster was first interested in Lepidoptera, later in Hymenoptera, and finally and most deeply in Coleoptera. He collected extensively, especially in New England, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland. His manuscript list of the beetles he had collected in Newfoundland was used by Sherman in compiling a list of Labrador Coleoptera in 1910. Two insects collected by Mr. Bolster bear his name: Bombus bolsteri Franklin and Dolichopus bolsteri Van Duzee, Cole & Aldrich. In 1917, after fire had
destroyed the Wellesley College insect collection, he pre-
sented a series of Coleoptera to help replace it. His col-
lection at the time of his death contained about 60,000
specimens of Hymenoptera and beetles, in excellent condi-
tion and labeled not only with collecting data but with
authoritative identifications and the sources from which
they had been received. The collection might serve as a
model for orderliness and for care and accuracy of annota-
tion. Together with part of Mr. Bolster's entomological
library it has been presented to the Museum of Compara-
tive Zoology, at Harvard College, by his widow and son,
Charles S. Bolster, Harvard '15. It adds materially to
the museum collection, and the specimens, which have been
individually labeled "Percy Gardner Bolster Coll'n," will
remain as a monument to Mr. Bolster's skill and patience
as an entomologist.

It is with the deepest sorrow that the Cambridge Ento-
omological Club records the loss of Mr. Bolster, one of its
least assuming but most helpful members.

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