

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

November 15, 1932

To the Honorable, the City Council:

This will officially notify you of the death of Dr. Henry P. Walcott which occurred in this city on Friday, November 11, 1932. Dr. Walcott was a member of the first Board of Health established in Cambridge under the law in the year 1878, and I am informed that at this time he was also City Physician of Cambridge. From that time on he became well known in matters relating to the health of the community and was probably the most conspicuous physician on health matters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I feel that his service both to the State and the City given freely in the interest of the public should be recognized. I therefore respectfully recommend that suitable action be taken by your honorable board as a mark of respect to his memory, in which action I shall be glad to join.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Russell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mayor

COMMUNICATION.

from the Mayor, transmitting

~~the~~ notes of death of Dr.
Henry P. Walcott a former member
of Board of Health.

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Wyzeth
Cagney
Roche
Smith
O'Linn

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In City Council

Referred to Special Committee
Councillors Wyzeth, Cagney, Roche,
Smith and O'Linn

Frederick H. Burke City Clerk



City of Cambridge

In City Council

November 29, 1932.

WHEREAS:

The City Council has received a communication from His Honor the Mayor transmitting official information of the death on Friday, November 11th of Dr. Henry P. Walcott, a noted citizen of Cambridge, it gladly responds to the Mayor's suggestion that suitable action be taken as a mark of respect to his memory.

Dr. Walcott was born December 23, 1838 and was graduated from Harvard in 1858 with the degree of A. B. He received his medical degree from Bowdoin in 1861 and later studied in Berlin and Vienna.

The public journals have fully recited the story of his busy life; his activities on the State Board of Health to which he was appointed in 1886; the development of the Metropolitan Water System under his guidance; his service on the board that gave to Boston and Cambridge one of the most beautiful water basins in the country; as a member of the Board of President and Fellows of Harvard College, and as trustee of the Massachusetts General Hospital for thirty years, also president of the corporation. His laudable activities on these and other boards throughout the country upon which he was called to serve testify far more eloquently than words the capacity of the man.

The good that men do should rightly live after them and Dr. Walcott, in his long and valuable life, was one of the best citizens that Cambridge has produced. His service to the City, State and Nation, so competently performed over an extended span of years, should be an illustrious example to inspire us and the generations that will follow.

It is therefore



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RESOLVED:

That the City Council hereby offers its tribute of regard for the memory of Dr. Henry P. Walcott. Character - Fidelity - Justice - these fine attributes, which so clearly exemplified his career, will far outlast any marble shaft or tablet of bronze dedicated to his memory.

In City Council NOV 29 1932

*Adopted unanimously by a
rising vote.*

Frederick H. Burke
City Clerk

Executive Department DEC 1 1932

Approved *Richard W. Russell*
Mayor

City of Cambridge,

DEC 1 1932

Presented to the

Frederick H. Bushe

City Clerk

City of Cambridge

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Reports,

For the Committee.

Benjamin F. Wyeth

REPORT

Special
Committee on *Resolutions*
Death of Dr. Henry P. Walcott

Nov. 29, 1932