

CHARLES WHEDBEE 1875-1945

Mr. Charles Whedbee served as a member of the North Carolina Library Commission Board during the years 1939-1941. The Library Commission Board meeting in Raleigh August 9, 1945, wish to extend to his wife and his family sincere sympathy.

Mr. Whedbee possessed a broad vision for library service. He appreciated the inspiration and the stimulation which results from a knowledge of great literature. He worked diligently to secure books and public library service for every man and woman, boy and girl in North Carolina so they might secure facts and information, grow mentally and meet intelligently every situation. He visited, at his own expense, in the fall of 1940 every legislator and with each one discussed the need for more books, methods of promoting the use of books, and the State's responsibility toward its people. His acquaintance with legislative procedure, his watchful interest, his wise judgment and honesty were of immeasurable importance.

The American Library Association recognized his distinguished service as a trustee and selected him as one of two trustees in the nation to receive an award at the Milwaukee Conference in June, 1942. The citation read, "In recognition of his belief in the value and benefit of libraries to the people of North Carolina and especially for his realistic and energetic efforts in behalf of securing state aid for public libraries in his state."