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A man who will be missed is Ainsworth R. Spofford, librarian of congress between the years of 1864 and 1897, and from 1897 until his death in New Hampshire the other day, Chief Assistant Librarian of congress. All told, he had been attached to the national library in one capacity or another, but for the greater part of the time as its head; for 46 years, having been appointed to a place in the library by President Lincoln in 1861.

He will be missed by a good many different classes of people, but chiefly by the legislators. More than a generation of representatives in congress, and particularly the new fellows, were in the habit of leaning upon the brusque-mannered, book-absorbed Spofford. Yet during all the period, nearly half a century, which the librarian spent in Washington, nobody ever succeeded in finding out what his politics were.

It is doubtful if he leaned toward any party. He was a student and a keen critic of the game, but he never dipped into it to the extent of revealing even a symptom of partisanship.

The difficulties underlying such neutrality may better be understood when it is stated that Republicans and Democrats alike in congress lent ear to his wisdom when they found themselves in tight pinches. He never gave unsolicited advice, but when he was approached by a man desirous of profiting by his experience and counsel he never considered the party end of the proposition, but told what he thought of the situation in a straight from the shoulder, take it or leave it, manner that could admit of no doubt as to his meaning.

Nor did it make the slightest difference to him whether his advice was followed or not. Probably Spofford did not know, in one case out of a hundred, whether or no his counsel had been adopted. He was that unusual combination, a book submerged man who was yet always in close touch with the doings of the world, but he considered the affair at an end when a public man asked him what he thought of a certain situation in politics, got the answer and went his way.

He was well beloved for his sound sense and his humor and a certain quaintness of temperament and disposition by a line of public men extending from Thad Stevens to Theodore Roosevelt. He was considered one of the most learned men in the world. He was the court of last resort in Washington as to knotty points of parliamentary procedure. He wrote a standard book on that subject, and it was no unusual thing for speakers of the house like Blaine and Keifer and Crisp and Henderson and Cannon to ask Spofford to help them to unravel knotty parliamentary kinks that came up.

Perhaps he will be remembered longer for his amazing memory than for any other reason. He could not, as was said of Macaulay, remember the happenings on the day when he was born, nor did he perform such Macaulay feats as committing the whole of Milton or Homer or the Bible to memory. Nevertheless, it was said of Spofford by scholars both in this country and of Europe that probably he possessed the most phenomenal memory of any man that ever lived.

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The records in the early days were very crude, and the statement was made at the patent office that the first issuance of a patent of which there is any record was January 15, 1836, to J. Beverly Allen, for "improvement in a box for packing tobacco." This patent was number 110.

Between January 1, 1836, and January 1, 1837, there were issued 110 patents.

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