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Horace Gray Lunt died at his home in Colorado Springs, Col., Feb. 13, 1923. Son of Orrington and Cornelia (Gray) Lunt, he was born at Chicago, Aug. 13, 1847. His father was a prominent citizen of Evanston, Ill., and was a benefactor of Northwestern University which gave Lunt the degree of M.A. in 1878. Lunt was fitted for College at Phillips Andover, entered College as a Freshman, and, after the regular four years' course, went back to Chicago and studied law, being admitted to the bar Jan. 10, 1873. He married Caroline K. Isaacs, of Chicago, Sept. 3, 1874. He practised law in Chicago until 1880, when, at the age of 39, with a wife and family of children, the condition of his lungs compelled him to abandon his profession and his home. A year in California having failed to help him, he went, in 1887, to Colorado Springs, with little prospect of improvement. The cheerful courage with which he faced the situation seems almost incredible even to those of us who recall the sunny disposition which made "Luntie" a universal favorite in College. For four years he wore a plaster cast, because of tuberculosis of the spinal column, and not infrequently a hemorrhage would warn him that he was undertaking too much; but for nearly forty years he was an outstanding figure and a power for good in his adopted home, and he died, as he would have wished to die, active and useful to the end. He always persisted in doing for others, and never seemed to realize how much he did. A Republican in politics, and active in the party's councils and conventions, the only public office which he held was that

of Judge of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of Colorado, to which office he was appointed by the Governor, Jan. 24, 1895. In November 1896, he was elected for a six-year term, but resigned, May 9, 1899, and resumed private practice. He was counsel for the Santa Fe Railroad, and a director in a number of corporations for which he acted as counsel. He had been president of the Colorado Bar Association, and of the El Paso County Bar Association. And all the time he freely gave of himself and his services to the good of his community. He was the first president of the Park Commission, which gave the city its present system of parks; he was a member of the commission to draft the city charter; he was a member of the Public Library board for some twenty years; he harmonized the conflicting interests in the Chamber of Commerce, and served for several years as its president. At the time of the war, although seventy years old, against the advice and protests of physicians and friends, Lunt persisted in serving as a "four-minute orator" in various parts of the State, until symptoms of his old trouble compelled him to desist. Lunt came to Cambridge at Commencement, 1920, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation, and seemed so well and so much like his old self that his friends regarded with amusement his prediction that he should probably not come East again. He was at work Tuesday, Feb. 13. The next day he spoke of a slight pain, and was persuaded to spend the day at home. The doctor found no cause for anxiety. The next morning the doctor called again, and Mrs. Lunt went down to meet him. They went up to Lunt's room, the doctor intending to chaff him about his illness, and found him dead. His heart had stopped, and he had died instantly and without pain. Feb. 19 was a day of public mourning; the funeral was attended by delegations from the various

organizations in which he had been active, and the Public Library and the Courts were closed during the day. Prominent citizens of Colorado Springs and Denver acted as pallbearers. Later, at a special session, the City Council passed appropriate resolutions. Those of us who knew him best will understand why, in a newspaper notice enumerating Lunt's services to Colorado Springs, the writer added that he was "one of its most lovable characters." Lunt is survived by his widow; a son, Horace F. Lunt. Harvard '98, now a State Mining Commissioner in Denver; a son, Dr. Lawrence K. Lunt, Harvard '09, of Stockbridge; and three married daughters.

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