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Andrew Charles Barclay, the son of Andrew C. and Myra Kennedy Barclay, was born at Philadelphia, November 24, 1839.

The family home was at the northeast corner of Twelfth and Arch Streets, on the lot now occupied by the building of the People's Trust Company. A block and a half below, on Arch Street, between Tenth and Eleventh, stood the beautiful Georgian building erected in 1823 for the Fifth Presbyterian Church, and purchased by the Arch Street Presbyterian Church at its organization in 1850. Mr. Barclay's father was a pew-holder in the Arch Street Church, and in it the son grew up to manhood under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Charles Wadsworth. Mr. Barclay (the son) married into one of the most prominent families of "The Tenth Presbyterian Church on Walnut Street, corner of Twelfth," in 1867, and become a member of its congregation, and soon a communicant. The church ws then at the height of its prestige and usefulness under the pastorate of Dr. Henry A. Boardman. And Mr. Barclay took an active part in its fellowship and ministries, which he maintained with unvarying loyalty under its succeeding pastors, until changes in the neighborhood of the church brought about its dissolution.



He entered the University of Pennsylvania in 1855, and was graduated Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1859. It was a class of some distinction. Among his classmates were the Cleeman brothers, Ludovick and Richard A., long familiar figures in Philadelphia society, Dr. William A. Darrach, Jr., Prof. Benjamin W. Frazier, Col. William McMichael, Edwin N. Benson, Dr. Alfred Zantzinger, the Rev. Charles T. Mc-Mullin, for long Treasurer of The Presbyterian Board of Publication, and Dr. Edward B. Hodge, to whom this society owes so much. In 1862 Mr. Barclay took the degree of Master of Arts in course. Like many others of his class he volunteered for military service in the Civil War, enrolling with the famous First City Troop.

In the early days of cricket, in Philadelphia, Mr. Barclay was a well-known figure. His name appears as a player for the Germantown Cricket Club (formed in 1854) as early as 1857, in Mr. William Rotch Wister's Some Reminiscences of Cricket in Philadelphia before 1861 (Philadelphia, Allen, Lane & Scott, 1904). Mr. Wister notes that he afterwards "became a valuable all-round player for Philadelphia" (p. 80). He was frequently chosen as a representative of the United States in the international matches between English and American cricketers.

Mr. Barclay entered into business life as a member of the firm of Barclay & Barclay, oil manufacturers, with offices at 125-127 N. Water Street. Retiring from business at a comparatively early age, he devoted much of his time for the remainder of his life to the various church, religious and charitable organizations with which he was connected.

In the Tenth Church Mr. Barclay was active in numerous departments of parochial work. His work in the Sunday school for many years was particularly successful. He continued his interest in the lives of the members of his classes, a number of whom have risen to positions of influence and usefulness. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees, and filled the office of Deacon.

When the Tenth Church was disbanded (giving its name to The West Spruce Street Church), Mr. Barclay and his family transferred their membership to Calvary Presbyterian Church, on Locust Street, west of Fifteenth. In his new parish he was elected a ruling elder, as well as Trustee. To the duties of that office and to the charitable agencies of the parish no one could have been more faithful, and he was indeed a model in his attendance at its services, whether on Sunday or during the week.

Mr. Barclay was a director of the General Assembly's Presbyterian Board of Relief and the President of the Board until it was combined with the Sustentation Fund in 1912. He was one of the original directors and the first Treasurer of the Seventh Ward Charity Organization. The fortieth report of that organization expresses its gratification at Mr. Barclay's continued service, and the forty-first records a memorial minute.

Mr. Barclay became a member of The Presbyterian Historical Society in March, 1901, perhaps at the suggestion of his classmate, Dr. E. B. Hodge. He was elected a member of its Executive Council in January, 1906. He served for years as Chairman of its Finance Committee, and his attendance at the meetings of Council was always to be depended on. He was also a member of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania and of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, and at the time of his death was one of the oldest members of The Philadelphia Club.

Mr. Barclay was married in 1867 to Henrietta Chauncey Savage, daughter of the late William Lyttleton Savage, whom he survived. Their children are Mrs. Isaac Starr, Miss Emily Barclay, William Lyttleton Barclay and Henry C. Barclay. Mr. Barclay's summer home was at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, and his town house at 1816 Pine Street. At the latter he died of a complication of diseases on May 25, 1919. The funeral services were held there May 27th, and his remains were buried in the family lot at Laurel Hill Cemetery. ļ