

OBITUARIES.

HENRY ADAMS.

Henry Adams was born in Boston, February 16, 1838, and died in Washington, March 27, 1918. In 1858 he was graduated from Harvard with the degree of A.B. From 1861 to 1868 he was private secretary to his father, Charles Francis Adams, who was minister from the United States to Great Britain. He was assistant professor of history at Harvard from 1870 to 1877, and editor of the *North American Review* from 1870 to 1876. In 1877 he removed to Washington, which has since been his residence, and devoted himself to historical studies and writings. Among his publications are "Documents Relating to New England Federalism, 1800-15"; "Life and Writings of Albert Gallatin," and his nine volume "History of the United States, 1801-1817." The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by the Western Reserve University in 1892. He was honorary member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was elected a member of this Society in 1884, to which he has given many of his historical writings. He married, June 27, 1862, Miriam Hooper, who died December 6, 1885.

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HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT.

Hubert Howe Bancroft was born at Granville, Ohio, May 5, 1832, and died at Walnut Creek, near San Francisco, March 3, 1918. In 1848 he entered

the book-store of his brother-in-law in Buffalo, N. Y., and in 1856 he established a publishing house in San Francisco. He soon began collecting historical material relating to the Pacific coast, with the purpose of writing a history of the coast region of both North and South America. He acquired a great body of books, newspapers, maps, and documents and obtained hundreds of narratives dictated by pioneers. An elaborate system of card indexing made the collection accessible to himself and the scores of scholars and specialists who collaborated with him in producing his history. Finally, after many discouragements, in 1874 he brought out his first volume, and between that year and 1887 he published thirty-nine volumes relating to Alaska, British Columbia, the Pacific States, Mexico, Central America, and the South American coast. His "Literary Industries," issued in 1890, gives a most interesting account of his labors in producing this monumental work. In 1905 his entire library, numbering 60,000 volumes, became the property of the University of California. On October 17, 1876, he married Matilda Griffing of New Haven, Conn., who died in 1910. The honorary degree of A.M. was conferred upon him by Yale University in 1875. He was elected a member of this Society in 1875, and presented to it most of his printed works. At the time of his death he was second on the list in seniority of membership.

S. U.

EUGENE FREDERICK BLISS.

Eugene Frederick Bliss was born at Granville, N. Y., July 31, 1836, and died at Cincinnati, April 4, 1918. He was graduated from Harvard in 1858 with the degree of A.B., receiving the degree of A.M. in 1866. From 1863 to 1879 he taught a select school for boys at Cincinnati. Much of his life was spent in writing and historical research. He was especially interested in the work of the Historical and Phil-

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