

to 1885, then a partner in Adams, Blodget & Co., which firm in 1893 became Blodget, Merritt & Co. He retired from active business in 1910. On October 6, 1886, he married at Brooklyn, N. Y., Elisabeth Fitch Birdseye, daughter of Judge Lucien Birdseye, who survived him.

Mr. Merritt was a keen collector of books and had many rare volumes in his fine library. Among his hobbies were the publications of Walpole's Strawberry Hill Press and eighteenth century children's books. On both subjects he wrote highly valuable monographs, "Horace Walpole, Printer" for the Club of Odd Volumes in 1907, and "The Royal Primer" for the Eames Bibliographical Essays in 1925. He was especially interested in the early ecclesiastical history of Boston, and wrote frequently on the subject for the Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, and also compiled a small volume in 1917 entitled "A Parochial Library of the 18th Century—Christ Church." Most of his publications were issued under the name of Percival Merritt, which name he invariably used in correspondence and also upon his various bookplates. He was fond of art, the drama, and travel, but was particularly attached to the place of his nativity.

Mr. Merritt was a member of the Club of Odd Volumes, the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, the Grolier Club and the Hawaiian Historical Society. He was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1928, continuing an interest in the Society which he had shown for several years. He presented many volumes to the Society's library, and was always ready to aid us in solving problems in fields in which he was an authority.

C. S. B.

### WILLIAM DAVIS PATTERSON

William Davis Patterson died at Bath, Me., July 16, 1931. He was born at Dresden, Me., March 5, 1858,

son of Seth and Laura Jane (Call) Patterson. When his parents moved to Wiscasset in 1869 he attended the public school there, but left when he was thirteen years old to begin work. At the age of twenty he was chosen treasurer of the Wiscasset Savings Bank, which position he held for nearly forty years, accepting also the presidency of the First National Bank of Wiscasset in 1902, and becoming vice-president of the Lincoln County Trust Company in 1917. He held other positions of trust in the community, both in railroad and insurance organizations. He married, June 6, 1914, Louise Marguerite Dayton, daughter of William Henry Dayton, of Stamford, Conn., who died in 1925, and had one daughter, Janet Dayton Patterson.

Although he was one of the leading citizens of Wiscasset in business and finance, it was as an historian and a genealogist that he was chiefly known, even outside of his own State. For the Maine Genealogical Society he compiled a useful volume of "The Probate Records of Lincoln County," and he wrote many papers on local and Maine history for Wiscasset organizations and newspapers. In 1929 he published a pamphlet "Wiscasset in Early Days." He was a member of the Maine Historical Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, and the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. To this Society he was elected in 1924. He frequently aided us in solving queries relating to Maine history, especially with regard to the bibliography of early Maine newspapers.

C. S. B.

### FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER

Frederick Jackson Turner died at Pasadena, Calif., March 14, 1932. He was born at Portage, Wis.,

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