

State of New Hampshire as a continuation of the State Papers of New Hampshire.

Otis Hammond possessed a charm and an engaging personality which made him popular in all circles. Twenty or more years ago he frequently joined a group of fellow historical librarians at meetings in New York where the various problems of the respective libraries were discussed. In later life he seldom left Concord, even to attend meetings of Societies of which he was a member. He had much to write and to edit, and he continued his researches to the end.

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EDWARD LUTHER STEVENSON

The death of Edward Luther Stevenson on July 16, 1944, meant for this Society the loss of one of its oldest members, and for the scholarly world, the loss of one of its great geographers. He was born at Rozetta, Henderson County, Illinois, on October 18, 1858, a son of Thomas Porter and Cassandra Booker (Ewing) Stevenson. Graduated from Franklin College in 1881, he spent six years as principal or superintendent of schools in different Illinois towns. During these years he continued his own studies and took his M.A. at Franklin in 1884. In 1887 he came East and entered Johns Hopkins whence, after one year, he went to Germany where he studied at Jena, Halle, and Heidelberg. At the last he received his Ph.D. in 1890.

Soon after Dr. Stevenson's return to America he became a professor at Rutgers, where he remained for twenty years. He was called upon to give courses at other universities, and in time became famous for his illustrated lectures, usually on some aspect of exploration, both before learned congresses and popular gatherings. Beginning with the first issue of his great folio *Maps Illustrating Early Discovery and Exploration*

in America he wrote or edited many important works on historical geography. The standards which he set for the reproduction of early maps did much to bring American practice up to the level of European publications. He edited for a time the publications of the Hispanic Society of America, with which of all the learned societies of which he was a member, he was the most closely connected.

Several foreign governments awarded their honors to Dr. Stevenson for his writings and lectures on the geography of their countries. Franklin College and Rutgers gave him honorary degrees. After his retirement from the latter institution in 1911 he served the Hispanic Society as secretary for several years. In 1917 he lectured at the University of California and in 1928 at King's College, London. He took small part in public affairs other than serving on the Jamestown Exposition Committee.

Dr. Stevenson was elected to this society in 1908. The following year he read at the April meeting a paper on the *Early Spanish Cartography of the New World* which promptly went out of print. He was elected just as the Society began to reduce its activity in the field of Latin America and the period of exploration, so after a few years he ceased attending meetings regularly, although he continued, he wrote, to read our *Proceedings* with delight, and he made suggestions regarding the map on our Sidney Smith bookplate.

During his last years, Dr. Stevenson lived in Yonkers, and he died at his home there. He is survived by his widow, Grace Rue Runyon, to whom he was married on June 20, 1895; by a daughter, Katharine Lawrence Stevenson (Mrs. Harvey W. Bell); and by a son, Edward L. Stevenson, Jr.

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