

OBITUARIES.

Babu Protap Chunder Mozoomdar, died in Calcutta, India, May 27th, 1905. His life was spent in India where he was born in October, 1840. He grew up under the influence of Keshub Chunder Sen and joined the Brahma Somaj in 1859, and was an eloquent preacher and a leader of the theistic movement in India. His time was devoted to religious studies and writings, mingled with which was a short period of editorial work on the *Indian Mirror*, beginning in 1870.

In 1874, 1883 and 1900 he visited England, where he made a number of addresses, and he also preached in both England and Scotland. In 1883 he returned home by way of America which he re-visited in 1893 when he attended the great Parliament of Religions in Chicago at the World's Fair, speaking at the opening and closing sessions and contributing a paper on the "Brahma Somaj" and one on "The World's Religious Debt to Asia." In 1900, he again came to America and visited the Unitarian Association meeting in Boston.

Ellis and Company of Boston published his "Oriental Christ" "Spirit of God" and "Heart Beats," the latter having a short biographical notice by Samuel J. Barrows. He became a member of this Society in 1893. S. U.

Rockwood Hoar, died in Worcester, Mass., Nov. 1st, 1906. The only son of our late associate, Senator George F. Hoar, he was born in Worcester, Aug. 24th, 1855, fitted for college in the public schools, and was graduated from Harvard in 1876, receiving the degree of A. M. in 1878.

He studied law in the office of Senator Hoar and in the Harvard Law School, which conferred the degree of LL. B., on him in 1878.

Admitted to the Worcester County Bar in 1879, he practiced law in Worcester till his death, having held the office

of Assistant District Attorney, 1884-7, and that of District Attorney 1899-1905.

He was aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Ames 1887-1890, Judge Advocate General on the staff of Governor Wolcott, 1897-1900, and member of the common council of Worcester 1887-91, being its president in 1891.

As trustee of the Worcester Insane Hospital for twenty years, a trustee of Clark University, Vice President of the American Unitarian Association, and as a director in various financial institutions he had been active in the life of the community in which he lived.

At the time of his decease he was serving his first term as member of Congress, following his father, grandfather, uncle and cousin, who had all represented Massachusetts districts, and he had made his mark to a degree unusual in so young a member. He joined this Society in 1894. S. U.

Albert Samuel Gatschet, died in Washington, D. C., March 16th, 1907. He was born near Berne, Switzerland, October 3rd, 1832, studied at the University of Berne and that of Berlin 1852-8 and received from the former the degree of Ph. D., in 1892.

His first work was in reference to the German and Romance dialects in Switzerland, the results of which were published.

His antiquarian researches were next pursued in the British Museum, after which, in 1868 he came to the United States.

The American Indians soon attracted his attention and thenceforward his life work was mainly in connection with them.

At this time in this field, says *The Nation*, "Research was almost unknown and few systematic efforts had been made to analyze the native linguistic stock."

Many years were spent travelling among the Indians getting his information by personal investigation.

Very soon the attention of our associate, the late John W. Powell, was called to his work, and in 1877 he was appointed Ethnologist of the Geographical Survey then being made under the direction of that distinguished officer. This position he held till July 1st, 1879, when the Bureau of Ethnology was established and he was transferred to it.

In 1874 he published "A Creek Migration Legend" which was followed in 1890 by "The Klamath Indians of South Western Oregon."

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