

The publications of the Bureau of Ethnology also contain numerous contributions from his pen.

On account of ill health he was given a furlough in 1905.

A member of this Society since 1902, his principal work here has been the valuable oversight that he gave to the publication of "The Natick Dictionary" by our associate the late Doctor Trumbull, the manuscript of which is among our most valued possessions. S. U.

Señor Justo Benitez, was born in the city of Oaxaca, Mexico, August 6th, 1833, and died in the City of Mexico, June 12th, 1900.

He entered the "Institute of Arts and Sciences" in his native city where he studied law and graduated in 1853.

This was during the dictatorship of General Santa Anna and very soon the patriotic party began a revolution in which our late associate took an active and influential part, and Santa Anna was overthrown, following which came the constitution of 1857, which is regarded as the Mexican Magna Charta.

General Diaz was his schoolmate and their intimacy was carried into political life in which their views long agreed.

During the French Intervention, Señor Benitez was "Auditor of War" in the army of the east, and also secretary of General Diaz, its commander, and rendered good service to his country and gained a high reputation as a skillful manager and organizer.

On the triumph of General Diaz in 1876, Señor Benitez was Secretary of the "Treasury and Public Credit," being in fact head of the Cabinet.

It was understood that he was to succeed General Diaz and with this end in view he made a tour in Europe for the purpose of studying certain political questions, but unfortunate differences arose in his party and he retired to private life and to the practice of his profession of law which he pursued till a few months before his death, when he became reconciled to General Diaz who appointed him "Director of the Orphans Industrial School of Mexico" which position he held till his decease.

He was distinguished as a lawyer of high rank in "Civil and Constitutional law" and of unsullied honor.

"He was a learned and conscientious man. As a politician he was sagacious and of steady principles, of an

unbroken will and remarkable impulse. His uncompromising character did him much harm in his public career."

He became a member of this Society in 1884. S. U.

Señor Alfredo Chavero, was born in the City of Mexico, February 1st, 1841, and died there October 24th, 1906, having been a life long resident.

He was educated in a college of San Juan de Letran in Mexico where he took high rank.

He became a lawyer in 1860, was professor of Administrative Law in the School of Commerce in 1868, and principal of the same 1896-1902, Director of the Viscainas College 1885-90, Director and Inspector of the National Museum, "Controller" of the London and Mexico Bank, "Magistrate of the High Court" and Treasurer of the Mexican National Congress.

Many articles, pamphlets and books of a legal, literary, historical, archæological and bibliographical character by him were published, among which articles in the "Illustrious Men of Mexico," the text of "Mexican Antiquities," and "Ancient History of Mexico" are worthy of mention. Nearly twenty societies, American and foreign honored him with their membership, among them being this Society, of which he became a member in 1881. S. U.

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