

OBITUARIES.

George Grenville Benedict, died April 8th, 1907. He was born in Burlington, Vermont, December 10th, 1826.

Graduated from the University of Vermont in 1847, receiving the degree of M. A. in 1850, and was a teacher in Washington Institute in New York City about one year. He was associated in the management of the Burlington Free Press from 1853 during life, being its editor from 1866. He was also connected with the Vermont and Boston Telegraph Co. 1860-65, finally as president.

He served in the Civil war about one year, and received from Congress a medal of honor for distinguished conduct at the battle of Gettysburg. He was Postmaster in Burlington eight years, collector of customs for Vermont four years, trustee of the University of Vermont forty years, and state historian of Vermont; trustee of the New York Historical Association, president of the Vermont Historical Society, and member of the American Antiquarian Society since 1899.

He published "Vermont in the Civil War," "Vermont at Gettysburg," "Army Life in Virginia," and "Gilman's Bibliography of Vermont," which he edited and brought down to date.

He married Mary A. Kellogg, who died in 1857, and Katherine A. Pease, who survives him, together with one son.

Memorials of him may be found in the Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society 1905-6, P. 161, from which this notice is taken.

Solomon Lincoln, died in Boston, Mass., October 15th, 1907. He was born in Hingham, Mass., August 14th, 1838, the son of Solomon and Mehitable (Lincoln) Lincoln; graduated from Harvard University in 1857, the valedictorian of a class having many distinguished members; was tutor at Harvard 1858-1863. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1863, was admitted to the bar in 1864 and practised the profession of law until his death.

He was president of the board of trustees of the Boston Public Library, an overseer of Harvard University and for several years president of the board; a member of the board

of trustees of the Boston Athenæum, a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and a member of this Society since 1882. He was connected with many clubs and business associations; Harvard University conferred on him the degree of A. M.

He married Miss Ellen B. Hayden Feb. 15th, 1865, and had one daughter.

John Thomas Doyle, died at Menlo Park, California, in December 1906.

He was born in New York City Nov. 26th, 1819; graduated at Georgetown University in 1838, with the degree of A. B.; which was followed in 1840 by that of A. M., and in 1889 by that of LL. D.

In 1842 he was admitted to the bar in New York City and practised the profession of law there till 1851, when he became general agent of a company which aimed to build a ship canal across Nicaragua, but funds not being obtained, he resigned and resumed the practice of law in San Francisco, retiring in 1890.

In 1876 he recovered from Mexico \$904,000 interest on the Pious Fund of the Catholic Church, which fund the Mexican government had taken possession of in 1842, and in 1902 he made claim to later interest which was referred to the permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague, and was the first case heard by that tribunal causing it to be an historical case, and in 1902 judgment was rendered that Mexico should perpetually pay \$43,050 annually, and thirty-three years arrearages at the same rate.

He was a member of the California Historical Society; President for many years of the San Francisco Law Library; State Commissioner of Transportation; and President of the State Viticultural Commission.

He became a member of this society in 1878 and contributed a "Memorandum as to the Discovery of the Bay of San Francisco," to be found in our Proceedings, October, 1873, p. 101, and another article on "The Bay of San Francisco," in our Proceedings, N. S. Vol. 6, p. 78. He was an occasional contributor to magazines on legal and local subjects. His library ranked among the large private libraries of California.

May 26th, 1863, he married Antonia Pons in New York City. S. U.

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