

Life Series. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1911, and although distance kept him from attending the meetings, he was much interested in the Society and at the time of his death was planning to contribute a paper to be printed in the Proceedings.

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DARWIN PEARL KINGSLEY

Darwin Pearl Kingsley was born at Alburgh, Vermont, May 5, 1857, the son of Hiram Pearl and Cecelia Permill (LaDue) Kingsley, and died October 6, 1932. After preparing for college at Barre Academy, he entered the University of Vermont and was graduated with the degree of A.B. and with high records as a scholar in 1881. He then went west to engage in journalism in the state of Colorado. He soon achieved prominence in public affairs and was chosen delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1884. In 1886 he was elected State Auditor and Insurance Commissioner, which brought his ability to the attention of the leading insurance companies of the country. He finally accepted the position of Boston manager of the New York Life Insurance Company and remained with that company until his death, serving as president from 1907 to 1931 and chairman of the board since 1931.

Mr. Kingsley always maintained his interest in his native state. He was chosen a member of the board of trustees of the University of Vermont and received from that University the honorary degree of LL.D. in 1904 and L.H.D. in 1916. He also was president of the New England Society of New York. He was a publicist, collector of rare books and patron of the arts. He contributed much to the public press, but he wrote little in book or pamphlet form, although his address at the unveiling of the statue of Ira Allen was printed in

1921. He was elected to this Society in 1930 at the suggestion of his friend, the late Calvin Coolidge, but died before he had the opportunity to attend a meeting. Mr. Kingsley married, June 19, 1884, Mary M. Mitchell, and secondly, December 3, 1895, Josephine I. McCall, daughter of John A. McCall, former president of the New York Life Insurance Company. He was survived by his widow and five children.

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JOHN BACH McMASTER

John Bach McMaster, elected in 1884 and the senior member of this Society, died at the home of his son at Darien, Connecticut, May 24, 1932. He was born in Brooklyn, June 29, 1852, the son of James and Julia (Bach) McMaster. He was graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1872 with the degree of A.B. and entered upon an engineering career, working as a civil engineer from 1873 to 1877 and serving as instructor in civil engineering at Princeton until 1883. In that year he changed his allegiance from engineering to American history, a subject in which he had always been deeply interested and which he had studied to a considerable extent. Several years before on one of his engineering trips to the west, he had been impressed with the drama of early pioneer civilization and also with the value of writing history from the viewpoint of social changes as well as legislative documents. He had planned and written by the year 1883 the first volume of a comprehensive History of the United States, beginning with the close of the Revolution. When the Wharton School was founded at the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. McMaster was offered the professorship of American history, one of the first departments in the United States especially devoted to that study. He took the position in 1883 and served in that capacity until he was retired as professor

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