

**John Noble** was born in Dover, N. H., April 14, 1829, and died in Boston, Mass., June 10, 1909. He was graduated from Harvard in 1850, taught in the Boston Latin School 1850-6 and in Harvard in 1857, practiced law in Boston 1858-1875 when he became clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, holding that office till 1908 when he resigned by reason of ill health. He became a member of this Society in 1898 and contributed a paper entitled "A Few Personal Notes on the Shays Rebellion." He was also a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the American Historical Association, the Colonial Society, and many other societies of local interest. Dartmouth conferred on him the degree of LL. D., in 1902.

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**Caleb Benjamin Tillinghast** died in Boston, Mass., April 28, 1909. He was born in West Greenwich, R. I., April 3, 1843, was educated in the public schools of Connecticut and taught there for some time, during which he was accustomed to walk five miles weekly to secure books for his studies. From 1870 to 1879 he was city editor of the *Boston Journal*. He was treasurer of the Massachusetts Board of Education beginning in 1879 and also was practically the librarian of the Massachusetts State Library for the same period, though being nominally assistant librarian till 1883. He reorganized and developed that library, made it systematic and a vitalizing agency not exceeded in usefulness for the purpose for which it is used. He was chairman of the Massachusetts Free Public Library Commission, vice-president and chairman of the committee of publication of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, a member of the American Historical Association, and a member of this Society since 1907, serving on the Committee of Publication where his services were of great value. In 1886 he married Mrs. Martha A. Woonson. In 1897 Harvard conferred on him the degree of A.M., and in 1904 he received that of Litt. D., from Tufts.

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**Henry Pratt Upham** was born in Millbury, Mass., January 26, 1837, and died in St. Paul, Minn., May 1, 1909, having been a member of this Society since 1893. He

attended the public schools in Worcester, Mass. and 1855-6 was clerk in a bank in Tolland, Conn., going from there to St. Paul, Minn., which thereafter was his home. For several years he dealt in lumber. In 1863 he returned to banking which became his life business, first as teller of Thompson Brothers' Bank, later as cashier of the City Bank, and, on its consolidation with the First National Bank in 1873, as cashier of that institution till 1880 when he became its president, holding that office till January 1907 when he resigned on account of ill health. It is said that "Much of the unquestioned success and high standing of this bank may be attributed to the ability, foresight, wisdom and conservatism of Mr. Upham." He was a member of the Minnesota Historical Society since 1868, of its council since 1875, its treasurer since 1876, chairman of its Library Committee and of its Finance Committee for many years, and was one of the most active and useful members of that society. A good man of affairs, noted for quiet and widespread charities, he was a marked figure in the community in which he lived. He showed constant interest in this Society, giving it many valuable books, among which are Jesuit Relations, 73 volumes, Charlevoix's New France, 6 volumes, Thwaites' Early Travels, 32 volumes, Original Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 7 volumes, and Old Families of Salisbury and Amesbury, 1 volume. In 1868 he married Miss Evelyn G. Burbank who, with three children, survives him. This brief tribute is largely taken from the Proceedings of the Minnesota Historical Society of May 10, 1909.

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