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ELIAS HARLOW RUSSELL.

Elias Harlow Russell was born in Sanbornton, N. H., December 27, 1836, the son of Elias and Comfort (Randlet) Russell, and died in that town April 3, 1917. He was educated in the Woodman Academy at Sanbornton, the New Hampshire Literary Institution, the New England Normal Institute at Lancaster, N. H., and took short courses at the Dartmouth Medical School and the Harvard Divinity School. In 1853 while still a student he began teaching and that became his life profession. He taught in the Highland Military Academy and several smaller private schools in Worcester, Mass., was principal of the Nichols Academy in Dudley, Mass., and of the LeRoy Academy at LeRoy, N. Y. In 1874 he took charge of the new State Normal School in Worcester, where he remained during his active life. He found a new empty building without organization or faculty or scholars. He left a school without a superior in the land. He was a pioneer in child study and the systematic teaching of children, was original in his methods, which have been widely followed, and as a teacher he became a recognized authority. Many offers of other positions were made to him, including that of the presidency of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, a professorship at the State Normal School at Providence, a professorship at the Swain Free School at New Bedford, Mass., and the presidency of the Collegiate Department of Clark University at Worcester, but he always considered it his duty to remain with the Normal School at Worcester.

He was enthusiastic in his work, making many addresses relating to child teaching, including papers read at the expositions at Chicago and St. Louis.

Mr. Russell was elected to this Society in 1900, was a member of its Council from 1904 to 1909 and made these contributions to its Proceedings: "A Bit of Unpublished Correspondence between Henry D. Thoreau and Isaac T. Hecker," in April, 1902; Obituaries of Elijah B. Stoddard in October, 1903, and of Henry S. Nourse in April, 1904; "Thoreau's Maternal Grandfather, Asa Dunbar," in April, 1908, and the Report of the Council in April, 1909. From 1885 to 1890 he was director and in 1890 President of the Board of Directors of the Worcester Free Public Library and in other ways took his part as a good citizen. In about 1877 he became much interested in the Concord School of Philosophy, and possessed the friendship of Alcott and others of its supporters. H. G. O. Blake, who was Thoreau's literary executor, bequeathed to Mr. Russell several of Thoreau's personal belongings, including the manuscript of his Journal. In May, 1862, he married Harriet Thurston Lee, who died October 20, 1900. Three children survive him.

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