

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

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THE Council of the American Antiquarian Society have the honor to submit the following report, which, in connection with the reports of the Treasurer and of the Librarian, makes up their usual semi-annual report. They congratulate the Society on the favorable statements of both officers; and, for the condition of the finances as well as for the details of the library administration, they refer the members to the reports themselves.

During the past six months, so far as is known, death has not invaded our ranks, which is a remarkable fact, though in that period information has been received of the death of three members, which took place shortly before the last semi-annual meeting.

**Martin Brewer Anderson** died after a long illness, at Lake Helen, Florida, on February 25, 1890. He was a native of Brunswick, Maine, where he was born on February 12, 1815. When a boy he was apprenticed to a ship carpenter at Bath, but his thirst for knowledge impelled him to give up his chosen trade and take an advanced course of study. He entered Colby University, then known as Waterville College, where he graduated in the Class of 1840. After a year spent at the Newton Theological Seminary he was appointed to a tutorship at Waterville, which position he filled during two years, and in 1843 to a professorship, which he filled with distinguished ability during seven years. In the meantime, in the year 1842, he was chosen Librarian of the college, and he acted as such until his retirement from the institution. In 1850 he

became the editor of the *New York Recorder*, a journal since merged in *The Examiner* (New York). The editorial columns of this newspaper, coming from his vigorous pen, bore ample witness to the strength of his mind as well as to the breadth of his literary acquirements. In 1853 he was called to the presidency of the University of Rochester; where he remained during thirty-five years; and in this position he found his true calling. As President and as Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy in the same institution he made his mark in the class-room, teaching his branches with clearness and power, and inspiring the students with his own enthusiasm. In the year 1853 the degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater, and in 1883 the same honorary distinction was received from the University of New York. Mr. Anderson was married in August, 1848, at Brooklyn, New York, to Elizabeth M., youngest daughter of Julius and Alice B. Gilbert, of New York City. His wife died also at Lake Helen, on February 22, 1890, only three days before his own decease; and the two were buried together on March 4, in Rochester, New York. They "were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided." Mr. Anderson became a member of the American Antiquarian Society on April 27, 1864.

**Guillermo Rawson** died in Paris, France, near the beginning of last March. He was a native of the city of San Juan, Argentine Republic, where he was born in the year 1821. His father was Aman Rawson, a native of this Commonwealth and a descendant of Edward, who was the Secretary of the Massachusetts Colony from May 22, 1650, till the charter was taken away. Aman served in the United States Navy during the last war with England, and soon afterward went to Buenos Ayres, and thence to San Juan, where he practised the profession of medicine. Here he married Dona Justina Rojo, the mother of Guillermo. The son followed in the steps of the father and studied

medicine; and for some years practised his profession in San Juan, where at the same time he took an active interest in the politics of his country. He always espoused the liberal side, and throughout the Republic he gained a wide reputation as a public speaker. Later he took up his abode in Buenos Ayres, where he was chosen a member both of the National House of Representatives and of the Senate, and filled many other positions of trust and responsibility. In our Centennial Year of 1876 he was sent by the Medical Association of Buenos Ayres as a delegate to the International Medical Congress, which met in Philadelphia, and during that period he visited Boston, where I had the pleasure to escort him through the abattoir at Brighton as well as through several of the hospitals within the limits of the city proper. He was much interested in sanitary science, and at one time was Professor of Public Hygiene in the Medical School at Buenos Ayres. His remains were taken from Paris to Buenos Ayres, where memorial services were held in honor of the physician and patriot. Dr. Rawson was chosen a member of the Society on April 30, 1879.

**James Valentine Campbell** died at his home in Detroit, Michigan, after a short illness, on March 26, 1890. He was born in Buffalo, New York, on February 25, 1823, and, when but three years old, his parents removed to Detroit, which was afterward his place of residence. He went to school at Flushing, Long Island, and matriculated at St. Paul's College in that town, where he graduated in the Class of 1841. His Alma Mater was under the control of the Episcopal denomination, but it has since passed out of existence. At the end of his college course returning to Detroit, Mr. Campbell began the study of law under the instruction of Douglas and Walker, at that time a well known firm. He was admitted to practise at the bar in October, 1844, when he formed a partnership with his former preceptors, which continued until the senior partner

was chosen to the bench. At the bar, as in every other relation of life, Mr. Campbell was remarkable for acuteness of intellect and oratorical facility, and for that breadth and exactness of knowledge, which earned him the reputation for learning that he had acquired among his professional brethren. In the spring of 1857 Mr. Campbell was elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan, and of three other justices then chosen, at the time of his death, he was the last official survivor. His term of service was the longest ever rendered by any judge of that court. Chief Justice Campbell became a member of the Society on October 22, 1877.

These three deaths among our associates have occurred in widely separated places, and all within the short space of a month, an unusual mortality for that period of time; and not one of them has happened during the last six months.

For the Council,

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