

Trust Company, of which he became vice-president. He was a prominent figure in the financial circles of the city, noted for his integrity and wisdom, was treasurer of many philanthropic societies and trustee of numerous public and private funds. Mr. Marsh was elected mayor of Worcester in 1892, and served with conspicuous fidelity until 1896. He was elected a member of this Society in 1893, and was constant in his attendance at its meetings and showed his interest by frequent contributions to its collections. He served as auditor from 1907 until his death. On September 7, 1864, he married Emily W. Mason of Worcester who with two daughters survived him.

S. U.

EZRA SCOLLAY STEARNS.

Ezra Scollay Stearns died in Fitchburg, Mass., March 9, 1915, having been a member of this Society since 1895. He was born in Rindge, N. H., September 1, 1838, and resided in that State many years. From 1864 to 1867 he served as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and from 1886 to 1890 as a member of the State Senate. In 1891 he was elected Secretary of State, and served for nine years. In this position he was very active in securing the adoption of the Australian ballot and himself devised for the State the system of printing the ballots and checking the votes. After his removal to Fitchburg, he took great interest in the Fitchburg library, being regarded as one of the most valuable members of the board of trustees. In the organization of the Fitchburg Historical Society he was prominent and aided in securing its handsome building, contributing liberally both money and service, and was its president at the time of his death. He was author of histories of Ashburnham, Mass., Plymouth, N. H., and also of Rindge, N. H., his native town, a revised edition of which was being prepared by him when he died. He made many genealogical researches and contributed numerous articles to magazines devoted to that subject. The degree of A. M. was conferred

upon him by Dartmouth in 1887. He was a member of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, the New Hampshire Historical Society, and the Minnesota Historical Society. This Society is indebted to him for much valuable material contributed to its Library.

S. U.

DAVID CASARES.

David Casares, of Mérida, Yucatan, a corresponding member, died on December 5, 1914. He was elected in October, 1904. Sr. Casares was born at Mérida on July 3, 1835. At the age of fourteen he was sent to the United States, to Mr. Weld's school at Jamaica Plain, to be fitted for college. He graduated from Harvard in 1856, in the class of our late president, the last Stephen Salisbury, who acquired his deep and heart-felt interest in Yucatan during a visit to his class-mate's home shortly after their graduation. Casares completed his education at the *École Centrale des Arts et Manufactures* in Paris, and then returned to Mérida where he devoted himself to local education. In 1862 he was made Rector of the reorganized college which became the head of the state school system. He served on the local governing bodies of the city and state, and as the executive of the city. In 1880 he was appointed director of the public works of Yucatan, and four years later became inspecting engineer of the state railroads. He superintended the building of the local Young Ladies' Seminary, the State Government Palace, the Juarez State Penitentiary, and the Mérida street railway system. Two of his sons were educated in Worcester. He read one paper, on "A Notice of Yucatan, with some Remarks on its Water Supply," at the October meeting of 1905, and contributed to the Proceedings for the ensuing meeting a translation from the Spanish of Professor Rodolf Mendez's biographical notice of Joaquin Hübbe.

The members of this Society who have been privileged to visit Mérida retain a keen recollection of his genial welcome and his earnest endeavors to give them a pleasant impression of the country. G. P. W.

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