

## FREDERIC WARD PUTNAM.

Frederic Ward Putnam, a member of this Society since 1882, died in Cambridge, Mass., August 14, 1915. He was born in Salem, Mass., April 16, 1839, entered Lawrence Scientific School as a special student in 1856, and during the same year became a curator at the Essex Institute. In 1857 he was appointed assistant to Professor Agassiz and until 1864 was connected with the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoölogy. He then returned to Salem to take charge of the museum of the Essex Institute, and later of the Peabody Academy of Science. In 1874 he was elected curator of the Peabody Museum of Harvard University, and in 1886 professor of American archaeology and ethnology. Both these positions he held until his retirement from active work in 1909. From 1903 to 1909 he also acted as professor of anthropology and director of the anthropological museum of the University of California. At the Chicago Exposition he was chief of the department of ethnology, was curator of anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History, and was officially connected with many other scientific organizations.

Since 1870 he has been engaged in researches and explorations in American archaeology and his reputation has become world wide. The French government decorated him with the Cross of the Legion of Honor and he was awarded the Drexel medal for archaeological research. He was connected with a very large number of learned and scientific societies in this country and abroad. These degrees were conferred upon him: B.S., Harvard, 1862; A.M., Williams, 1868; Sc.D., University of Pennsylvania, 1894. In 1864 he married Adelaide Martha Edmands of Cambridge, who died in 1879, and in 1882 he married Esther Orne Clarke of Chicago, who with three children survives him.

Professor Putnam has published over four hundred papers on zoölogy and anthropology and has edited many reports and proceedings of societies and associations. He has added greatly to the interest of our meetings by his remarks and suggestions. He collected and distributed the archaeological curios of the Society previous to its leaving the old building. He has also contributed these papers to the Proceedings: "Notes on Copper Implements from Mexico" in October, 1882; "Iron from the Ohio Mounds" in April, 1883; "Account of Recent Archaeological Excursions in Wisconsin and Ohio" in October, 1883; "The Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology in Cambridge" in October, 1889; "A Singular Ancient Work" in October, 1890; "Archaeological and Ethnological Research in the United States" in October, 1901.

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