

the book-store of his brother-in-law in Buffalo, N. Y., and in 1856 he established a publishing house in San Francisco. He soon began collecting historical material relating to the Pacific coast, with the purpose of writing a history of the coast region of both North and South America. He acquired a great body of books, newspapers, maps, and documents and obtained hundreds of narratives dictated by pioneers. An elaborate system of card indexing made the collection accessible to himself and the scores of scholars and specialists who collaborated with him in producing his history. Finally, after many discouragements, in 1874 he brought out his first volume, and between that year and 1887 he published thirty-nine volumes relating to Alaska, British Columbia, the Pacific States, Mexico, Central America, and the South American coast. His "Literary Industries," issued in 1890, gives a most interesting account of his labors in producing this monumental work. In 1905 his entire library, numbering 60,000 volumes, became the property of the University of California. On October 17, 1876, he married Matilda Griffing of New Haven, Conn., who died in 1910. The honorary degree of A.M. was conferred upon him by Yale University in 1875. He was elected a member of this Society in 1875, and presented to it most of his printed works. At the time of his death he was second on the list in seniority of membership.

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#### EUGENE FREDERICK BLISS.

Eugene Frederick Bliss was born at Granville, N. Y., July 31, 1836, and died at Cincinnati, April 4, 1918. He was graduated from Harvard in 1858 with the degree of A.B., receiving the degree of A.M. in 1866. From 1863 to 1879 he taught a select school for boys at Cincinnati. Much of his life was spent in writing and historical research. He was especially interested in the work of the Historical and Phil-

osophical Society of Ohio, was its President from 1889 to 1897, and edited for it the "Diary of David Zeisberger, a Moravian Missionary among the Indians of Ohio," in two volumes. He was elected a member of this Society in 1892 and contributed to its Proceedings two papers, "Dr. Saugrain's Relation of his Voyage down the Ohio River, 1788," April, 1897, and "Dr. Saugrain's Note-books," October, 1908; also an obituary sketch of Robert Clarke, the old bookseller, in October, 1899. To the Centennial Fund he donated \$1000. Mr. Bliss was unmarried.

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#### EDMUND ARTHUR ENGLER.

Edmund Arthur Engler was born in St. Louis, December 23, 1856, and died in that city, January 16, 1918. He was graduated from Washington University, St. Louis, in 1876 and served his Alma Mater as instructor and professor and Dean of its School of Engineering from 1881 to 1901. In the latter year he was called to the Presidency of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, holding that office until 1911, when he returned to Washington University as its Secretary and Treasurer, where he remained until his death. He was an extensive contributor to magazines on scientific subjects, and was a member of several committees conducting investigations along those lines. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and was a member of the National Geographical Society and the American Mathematical Society. He was President of the Academy of Science of St. Louis, 1898-1901, and 1912-1915. From 1884 to 1900 he was Secretary of The Round Table of St. Louis. He was elected to this Society in 1901, and was a member of its Council from 1903 until he retired on returning to St. Louis in 1911. In April 1904 he prepared for the Society's Proceedings a paper on the "Commer-

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