

## OBITUARIES

## HANNIS TAYLOR

Hannis Taylor died December 26, 1922, at his home in Washington. He was born at New Bern, N. C., on September 12, 1851, the son of Richard N. and Susan Stevenson Taylor. He was educated in the schools of that State and at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After leaving college he removed to Mobile, where he was admitted to the Bar, and while engaged in his profession he published, after fifteen years of labor, the first volume of "The Origin and Growth of the English Constitution." This volume appeared in 1889; immediately giving him prestige as an authority upon consitutional history. President Cleveland appointed him United States minister to Spain in 1893, which post he held for four years. During this period he completed the second volume of his work on the English constitution, which appeared in 1898. He then published in 1901 his widely known book "A Treatise on International Public Law," and in 1911 he issued his final volume "The Origin and Growth of the American Constitution."

Mr. Taylor in 1902 was special counsel for the United States before the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission and in the following year counsel for the United States before the Alaska Boundary Commission. During the latter part of his life he was engaged in general law practice in Washington and wrote frequently on subjects of constitutional and international law. He married Leonora LeBaron of Mobile, May 8, 1878. He received honorary degrees from eight American universitites and from the Universities of Dublin and of Edinburgh. He was elected to this Society in 1890, and although he did not attend the meetings, he frequently favored the library with copies of his works.

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