

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM BRADFORD HOMER DOWSE

William Bradford Homer Dowse was born at Sherborn, Mass., February 29, 1852, the son of Rev. Edmund and Elizabeth Bowditch Dowse. He was graduated from Harvard in 1873 with the degree of A.B., and from the Harvard Law School in 1876 with the degree of LL.B. He was immediately admitted to the Massachusetts Bar and specialized in patent law with growing success. At length, in 1898, he was obliged to abandon his legal work in order to give his whole time to business and manufacturing interests with which he had become allied. He was President of the Reed & Barton Corporation, the United States Fastener Company and Theodore B. Starr, Inc. He was director in several other metal concerns, and also allied with manufacturing corporations in Europe. It was during a trip to Europe that he was taken seriously ill, and arriving home as soon as he was able to travel, he experienced a relapse and died in Boston on April 19, 1928. He was married June 20, 1883, to Fanny Reed of Taunton, by whom he was survived, with three daughters.

Mr. Dowse's interests, especially in the latter part of his life, were largely historical. Although connected with many associations and clubs, such as the Home Market Club of Boston, of which he was president for eleven years, it was to the historical organizations that he gave much of his time and financial support. He was a member of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, the Club of Odd Volumes, the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, of which he was governor for four years, the Bostonian Society and the Massa-

chusetts Historical Society. In the last organization he was particularly interested, completing just before his death a fund of \$25,000 providing for the publication of the Massachusetts House Journals. In May 1920 Mr. Dowse was appointed by Governor Coolidge as his personal representative in the tercentenary celebration of the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers, in England and Holland, and took a prominent part in the meetings held at Southampton, Plymouth and Leyden. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1921, and was a constant attendant at our meetings.

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WILLIAM MILLIGAN SLOANE

William Milligan Sloane was born at Richmond, Ohio, November 12, 1850 and died at Bayhead, N. J., September 11, 1928. He was the son of Rev. James Renwick, who was president of Richmond College, and Margaret Milligan Sloane. After graduation from Columbia University in 1868 with the degree of A.B., he taught at the Newell Institute at Pittsburgh for four years, and then became secretary to George Bancroft, the historian, who was minister to Germany. From 1873 to 1875 he lived at Berlin, studying meanwhile at the University of Leipzig, where he received the degree of Ph.D. in 1876. He returned to this country to become professor of Latin at Princeton University in 1876, where he remained for twenty years, although after 1883 in the chair of history. In 1896 he was elected Seth Low professor of history at Columbia and held the position until his death. On December 27, 1877, he married Mary Espey Johnston of Pittsburgh.

Professor Sloane was a diligent worker in the fields of European and American history, and produced many volumes of lasting and authoritative merit. His four volume "Life of Napoleon Bonaparte," published in 1896, was his greatest monument, al-

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