

forty branch buildings, a collection of over two million volumes, with a staff of over 1,000 persons. He was a member of more than forty learned societies. These degrees were conferred upon him: A. M. from Miami University; M. D. from the Medical College of Ohio, also from Munich and Dublin; LL.D. from Edinburgh, Harvard, Buda Pesth, Yale, and Johns Hopkins; D. C. L. from Oxford. He married Kate M. Stevens, of Washington, September 3, 1862. s. u.

#### FRANCIS BLAKE.

Francis Blake was born in Needham, Mass., December 25, 1850, and died in Weston, Mass., January 19, 1913.

He was connected with the U. S. Coast Survey for thirteen years and later devoted himself to experimental physics. He invented many electrical devices, among them the Blake Transmitter which plays an important part in telephones throughout the world. The honorary degree of A. M., was conferred upon him by Harvard in 1902. He was a member of many learned societies, American and Foreign, including this Society to which he was elected in 1900.

He married Elizabeth L. Hubbard, of Weston, Mass., on June 24, 1873. s. u.

#### GEORGE EBENEZER FRANCIS.

George Ebenezer Francis, was born in Lowell, Mass., May 29, 1838, and died in Worcester, November 20, 1912. He was graduated from Harvard in 1858 with the degree of A. B., which was followed by that of M. D. in 1863 and by that of A. M. in 1872. After short terms of service as volunteer surgeon in the U. S. Army he was appointed acting assistant surgeon in the U. S. Navy and held that position over two years. In October 1865, he began the practice of medicine in Worcester and continued in that profession until just before his death.

Dr. Francis was enthusiastically devoted to his profession and was deeply interested in many local societies. He became a member of this Society in 1886 and has contributed two papers to its Proceedings: "Photography as an Aid to Local History" in 1888, and "Notes on the Life and Character of Dr. William Paine," in 1900.

On June 23, 1863, he married Rebecca N. Kinnicutt, who, with one daughter, survives him.                   s. u.

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