

ALCÉE FORTIER.

Alcée Fortier died in New Orleans, La., February 14, 1914, having been a member of this Society since 1908. He was born in St. James Parish, La., June 5, 1856, and was educated at the University of Virginia and in Paris. Since 1881 he has been professor of Romance Languages in Tulane University and he has also been a member of the faculty at the summer sessions of the Universities of Chicago, Tennessee, California, Wisconsin, Colorado, Kansas and Harvard. The degree of Litt. D. was conferred on him by Washington and Lee University in 1894 and Laval University in 1908. He was a member of the Missouri Historical Society, the Minnesota Historical Society, the Quebec Geographical Society, and he was also Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. He has published many books and pamphlets relating to Louisiana and the southwestern section of the country. Distance prevented his taking an active part in the meetings of this Society. s. u.

JOHN GREEN

John Green died in St. Louis, Mo., December 7, 1913. He was born in Worcester, Mass., April 2, 1835, being older brother of our associate, Samuel Swett Green, was graduated from Harvard in 1855, studied medicine in this country and abroad and entered upon general practice in Boston. In 1862-3, he was acting assistant surgeon in the army in Tennessee and Maryland. He went abroad again in 1865, studied with the most distinguished ophthalmologists and on his return to this country introduced modern practice in the treatment of the eye, being the first in St. Louis to devote himself exclusively to diseases of the eye, and he remained the most eminent specialist in that field till his death. He was professor of ophthalmology in the medical college of Washington University in St. Louis since 1886, was prominent in the national organization of ophthalmologists, wrote many papers on subjects connected with the eye, and the published bibliography of his

writings contained more than seventy-five titles. In earlier life he studied chemistry and latterly he took great delight in his own observations in botany. Quoting from the *Harvard Graduates' Magazine* for March, 1914, "His intellectual distinction lay in the amazing breadth of his interest and the scrupulous accuracy of his knowledge. He devised a set of charts for detecting and measuring astigmatism that is now most generally used; his geometric ratios for test letters are the accepted standard of the American Ophthalmological Society and the French Society; he revived from the Greek surgery and made his own the delicate and important operation to correct incurvations of the eyelids which now bears his name." Harvard conferred upon him these degrees: A. B., 1855, S. B., 1856, A. M., 1859, M. D., 1866. He received the degree of LL. D. from Washington University in 1905 and from the University of Missouri in 1906. In 1868 he married Harriet L. Jones who, with two children survive him. He became a member of this Society in 1894, and contributed a biographical sketch of Henry Hitchcock to the Proceedings in October, 1905, and occasionally spoke informally at the meetings.

S. U.

DON GLEASON HILL.

Don Gleason Hill died in Dedham, Mass., February 20, 1914. He was born in Medway, Mass., July 12, 1847, entered Amherst College in 1865 where he remained two years, was graduated from the Law School of the University of Albany with the degree of LL.B. in 1870. In 1871 he was admitted to the bar in Dedham where he practiced until the time of his death. He was town clerk for thirty-two years, held many other town and local offices and won the confidence and esteem of his townsmen to a marked degree. He was deeply interested in historical studies, edited eight volumes of local records, and collected a fine private library in which he found his principal enjoyment. The Dedham Historical Society was much indebted to him for about

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