

Mr. Shortridge was one of the organizers of the Centennial Exhibition of 1876, and was one of the first men to buy stock in the enterprise. He was also a member of the famous old United States Board of Finance, serving from its organization in 1873 until it wound up its affairs in 1893.

Though a man of affairs, he devoted much time to church work. He was elected in 1860 to the vestry of the Church of the Redeemer at Bryn Mawr, Pa., and became warden of that parish in 1865, serving continuously as such until his death. He was also a delegate to the diocesan convention. He took a most active and efficient part in the growth of the parish, and the beauty and completeness of the present church building and grounds are due to his efforts more than to those of any other one person. In this work, as in his many other lines of activity, his untiring energy, his attention to details, and his success in the accomplishment of results were particularly marked.

Cf. *Philadelphia Record*, 4 January 1915.

JOHN DENISON CHAMPLIN, M.A., of New York City, a corresponding member since 1880, was born at Stonington, Conn., 29 January 1834, the son of John Denison and Sylvia (Bostwick) Champlin, and died in New York City 8 January 1915. He was a descendant of Geoffrey¹ Champlin, who was of the Island of Aquidneck, now Rhode Island, in 1638, through William,² William,³ William,⁴ William,⁵ William,⁶ Isaac,⁷ and John Denison,⁸ his father. He was also a descendant of Rev. James Noyes, who served on the first Board of Trustees of Yale College.

He received his preparatory training at the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, and was graduated at Yale in the Class of 1856, receiving from his *alma mater* the degree of M.A. in 1866. After graduation he studied law with Gideon H. Hollister in Litchfield, Conn., and was admitted to the bar there in April 1859. For a short time he practised law at Milwaukee, Wis., and then became a member of the firm of Hollister, Cross & Champlin, of William Street, New York City. He went to New Orleans in December 1860, intending to practise his profession there, but soon after the outbreak of the Civil War he returned to the North.

In the spring of 1864 he became associate editor of the Bridgeport (Conn.) *Evening Standard*, and about a year later established *The Sentinel*, a Democratic weekly paper in Litchfield, Conn., editing it until 1869, when he sold it and removed to New York City.

From this time on he was busily occupied with literary work, compiling and editing many useful books of reference, such as his series of cyclopædias for "Young Folks." For a number of years he was among the contributors to Appletons' Cyclopædia. He left two unpublished genealogical works, "One Hundred Allied Families of the Seventeenth Century in England and New England" and "Anne Hutchinson: Her Life, Her Ancestry and Her Descendants."

He was a member of the Century Association of New York, the Authors' Club, the Barnard Club, the New York Genealogical and

Biographical Society, the Newport (R. I.) Historical Society, and the Litchfield (Conn.) Historical Society.

In 1866 he was a candidate for the Connecticut Senate on the Democratic ticket.

He married at Litchfield, Conn., 8 October 1873, Franka E. Colvocoresses, daughter of the late Capt. George M. Colvocoresses, U.S.N., who, with one son, John Denison Champlin, Jr., survives him.

Cf. *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. 46, pp. 324-330 (October 1915), for memoir of John Denison Champlin, with portrait.

OLIVER HAZARD PERRY of Lowell, Mass., a resident member since 1901, was born at Lawrence, Mass., 15 June 1851, the son of Oliver Hazard and Mary Ann (Moseley) Perry, and died in Boston 11 January 1915. His father was a retired naval officer and a mill official at Lawrence, and his grandfather was the famous commodore of the same name. The subject of this memoir was a descendant of Edward¹ Perry, a Quaker, who was at Sandwich in the Plymouth Colony as early as 1653, though Benjamin² of South Kingstown, R. I., Freeman,³ Christophers Raymond,⁴ Commodore Oliver Hazard,⁵ and Lieut. Oliver Hazard,⁶ his father.

He was educated at various preparatory schools, and spent some time at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1873 he went to Lowell to become superintendent of the Middlesex Company, to which his father had been transferred. There he served successively as agent and treasurer for the same company, until he retired after thirty-three years of service.

He was one of the best known men in Lowell, and his distinguished lineage and the fact that he bore an historic name made him well-known in the country at large. In 1913 he was an invited guest of the cities along Lake Erie, when the centennial anniversary of Commodore Perry's victory was celebrated. He was the possessor of many historic relics of his grandfather, which he was most willing to show to visitors; but he was extremely unwilling to become the public figure which his ancestry would naturally have made him. He shrank from notoriety, and much preferred the quiet of his home to public appearances. He held the respect and esteem of the citizens of Lowell to a marked degree.

He married at Lowell, 10 October 1877, Sarah Augusta Haggett, daughter of Allen and Cynthia (Pike) Haggett, who survives him, together with one son, Oliver Hazard Perry, Jr., and two daughters, Marianne Moseley, wife of Charles Edward Baldwin of New York City, and Helen, wife of George Dodge Cabot of Weehawken, N. J.

CHARLES WALLINGFORD PARKER of Boston, admitted to resident membership 1 January 1909 and made a life member by special vote of the Council and Society 1 May 1912, was born at Framingham, Mass., 27 June 1831, the son of Charles and Mary Hildreth (Wallingford) Parker, and died in Boston 25 January 1915. He traced his lineage from Dea. Thomas¹ Parker of Reading, Mass., who came to America in 1635 in the ship *Susan and Ellen*, through Hananiah,² John,³ John,⁴ Peter,⁵ Josiah,⁶ and Charles,⁷ his father.