

in 1867, again taking the first rank, and then entered the Harvard Law School, where he received the degree of LL.B. in 1869. Meanwhile, from 1868 to 1870, he was instructor in mathematics at Harvard, and received the degree of A.M. from his *alma mater* in the latter year. In 1871 he was admitted to the bar, and entered upon the practice of law in Boston, in the office of Chandler, Thayer & Hudson, with Professor James B. Thayer of the Harvard Law School, an association which continued until the latter's death in 1902.

Early in his career Mr. Leverett became connected with the American Bell Telephone Company, the parent company, it is believed, having been organized in his office. In 1886 he was made official attorney of the Company, and, after a few years, its general counsel. Acting in this capacity for the Bell Company and for its successor, the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, "he was obliged to assume the entire responsibility for its legal matters. Every contract . . . of the company, every law of state legislatures or of Congress that might effect the company's interests, every decision of a court of last resort in the United States that bore upon those interests was subject to his scrutiny, and was taken into account in his daily work." The Trustees of the Huntington Avenue Lands, organized in 1871, had their headquarters in his office, and he was their clerk and later one of their number. Besides these interests Mr. Leverett had a large professional practice, and was trustee for many estates. Being an authority in his profession, the lawyers of neighboring offices were accustomed to bring their difficulties to him, and he was always ready to help them.

Mr. Leverett was a director in the Conveyancers' Title Insurance Company, the State Street Trust Company, and other corporations, a trustee of the Franklin Savings Bank, a member of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a member of the Harvard Club of Boston, the Harvard Club of New York, the University Club of Boston, the University Club of New York, the University Club of Chicago, the Union Club of Boston, the Oakley Country Club, the Bostonian Society, and the Bunker Hill Monument Association. He always maintained also his interest in the affairs of his native place.

Although so actively engaged in professional duties, Mr. Leverett found time to pursue his favorite studies in Greek and mathematics, to read widely, and to enjoy the concerts given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra. His genial disposition won and retained for him a host of friends, and his generous nature led him to assist many worthy unfortunates, to whom he gave, but never loaned, money.

In 1880 he moved with his mother from Charlestown to Cambridge, Mass., and on 3 April 1888 he married his first cousin, Mary E. L. Tebbetts of Cambridge, who died 5 June 1897. They had no children, and after his wife's death Mr. Leverett moved to Boston, which was his residence for the rest of his life.

CHARLES FREDERIC FITZ of Watertown, Mass., a resident member since 1899, was born at Kingston, N. H., 20 March 1835, the son of Asa and Susan (Burroughs) Fitz, and died at Watertown 24 October

1917. He was descended from Robert Fitts, who was at Salisbury, Mass., in 1639. On his mother's side he was connected with George Burroughs, a martyr of the Witchcraft Delusion.

He was educated at the public schools in Cambridge, at Nathaniel Allen's school in Newton, and at the Normal School in Bridgewater, Mass. He began his business life in the office of the *Boston Traveler* in 1855, and in December of the same year became a clerk in the Suffolk Bank, Boston. In 1866 he entered the Old Boston National Bank, from which he was transferred in 1870 to the National Union Bank of Boston, where he remained until his retirement in 1912.

Mr. Fitz was deeply interested in historical and biographical research and devoted much time to copying and preparing for publication, in collaboration with others, the old town records of Watertown, which were published in several volumes, under the auspices of the Watertown Historical Society. He took a keen interest, also, in the Watertown Public Library, of which he was for three years a trustee, and in other public and philanthropic institutions. He was a member, and at one time president, of the Watertown Historical Society. He instituted at Watertown the Unitarian Sunday afternoon lectures, which were given for three or four successive years by John Fiske; and in early life he had helped to promote other free lecture courses by prominent speakers. He was a strong advocate of many so-called reforms in politics and economics, and was one of the early members of the Free Trade League and the Free Religious Association of America.

He served his town faithfully as one of the selectmen in 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1895, being chairman of the Board in the last-mentioned year, and he was chairman of the committee charged with the erection of a new high school in Watertown.

He married, 18 June 1863, Annie Gibson Cummings, daughter of Daniel Gibson and Maria Louisa (Forbes) Cummings, who survives him, together with two children, Abby Manley Fitz and Charles Frederic Fitz.

EDWARD OSCAR PUNCHARD, PH.G., of Winchester, Mass., a resident member since 1913, was born at Chelsea, Mass., 1 March 1855, the son of Thomas and Nancy Maria (Parker) Punchard, and died at Winchester 15 November 1917. He traced his descent from William<sup>1</sup> Punchard of Salem, through John,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> and Thomas,<sup>6</sup> his father.

He was educated in the public schools of Chelsea, and when sixteen years old went to work for a shoe findings firm on High Street, Boston, and later became apprentice and clerk with his uncle, Dr. John Buck, pharmacist, in Chelsea. During his stay with Dr. Buck he attended the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and was graduated there in 1876. After that he went to the Parker House, Boston, where his uncle, Harvey D. Parker, the proprietor and owner, placed him in the hotel as steward. From that position he rose to be junior partner, and after the death of Mr. Parker in 1884 he carried on the management of the hotel for five years, when he sold the business to the late J. Reed Whipple, and, in 1891, retired to Winchester.

In early life he was a member of several Boston clubs, from which he afterwards withdrew, and later he belonged for a time to the Calumet Club of Winchester. He was a member of the Church of the Epiphany in Winchester, and sang in the choir there for twenty years, having an excellent bass voice.

Mr. Punchard married, 2 October 1883, Julia Arabelle Walker, daughter of Dr. Charles Henry and Juliana Perkins (Morse) Walker, who survives him, together with one daughter, Emma, who was unmarried, 10 November 1909, to Alfred De Shon Radley, A.B. (University of Chicago, 1903), LL.B. (Harvard, 1908), formerly of Peoria, Ill., but now of Winchester.

MARY KINGSBURY TALCOTT of Hartford, Conn., a resident member since 1904, was born at Hartford 3 November 1847, the daughter of Russell Goodrich and Mary (Seymour) Talcott, and died at Hartford 17 November 1917. She traced her descent from John<sup>1</sup> Talcott of Cambridge, Mass., 1632, through Capt. Samuel<sup>2</sup> Lieut. Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Col. Elizur<sup>4</sup> George<sup>5</sup> Russell<sup>6</sup> and Russell Goodrich<sup>7</sup> her father. She was also connected with many other leading Connecticut families.

She was educated in private schools and at the Hartford Female Seminary. All her life was passed in Hartford, and was given to study, reading, and gaining a wide knowledge of the old families of Connecticut and their ancestral lines. She wrote many articles about the town and city of Hartford, and was one of the contributors to the "Memorial History of Hartford County," edited by the late Dr. J. Hammond Trumbull and published in 1886. She also edited two volumes of Talcott Papers in the *Connecticut Historical Society's Collections*, vols. 4 and 5. She had been for many years a valued contributor to the pages of the REGISTER, and sent to it for publication from time to time not only brief genealogies but also copies of the records of many Connecticut churches which had been secured by the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames, of which she was registrar and genealogist. She was also registrar of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, deputy governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut, governor for Connecticut of the Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors, and a member of various Hartford clubs. In genealogical circles she was recognized as one of the foremost genealogists in Connecticut.

JOHN DOWST of Manchester, N. H., a resident member since 1900, was born at Allenstown, N. H., 12 January 1848, the son of Henry and Hannah Fowler (Davis) Dowst, and died at Manchester 22 November 1917. He was descended from Samuel Dowse of Portsmouth, N. H., or its neighborhood, who married, 1 March 1688/9, Sarah Berry of New Castle, N. H. Mr. Dowst's ancestors were among the early settlers of Rye and Hampton, N. H. In 1785 his great-great-grandfather, Ozem Dowst, and his great-grandfather, John Dowst, with his grandfather, Henry Dowst, then only one year old, moved to Epsom, N. H., and in 1790 his great-grandfather, John

Dowst, bought a farm in Allenstown which is still the homestead of the family. The house which he then built became in 1814 the ell of one of the mansions of those days, which was built by his son Henry, who married Abigail Brown, a descendant of John Brown, who was in Hampton in 1638.

John Dowst was educated in the common schools and at Pembroke Academy, Pembroke, N. H. Forty-two years ago he took up his residence in Manchester, which was thenceforth his home. He associated himself with his brother, the late Frank Dowst, and with Hon. Natt Head, at one time Governor of New Hampshire, in forming the Head & Dowst Company, of which he became treasurer. This company was one of the leading firms of contractors and builders in northern New England, and enjoyed a reputation for reliability and energy that was unsurpassed.

Mr. Dowst was a recognized authority in matters of southern New Hampshire history and genealogy, and many were the seekers for information on those subjects who came to him for information and found him ready to respond to every request, oftentimes putting himself to great inconvenience to obtain facts in which he had no personal interest. For twenty-five years he gathered historical facts relating to Allenstown from many sources, such as the State records, papers of private families, and interviews with old inhabitants. He prepared historical sketches of the old Christian Church of the town and of his own family. His notes are probably the best records of town affairs in existence. For many years he was identified with the Manchester Historical Association as one of its officers, and was a trustee of the New Hampshire Historical Society, a director of the Unitarian Society, and a member of the Derryfield Club. He was in his political affiliations a Democrat of the old school, but he was never known to be otherwise than tolerant of the opinions of others. His aspirations were ever along the line of good and worthy citizenship. "A serious business man, an earnest reader and student, Mr. Dowst yet possessed a wholesome sense of humor which made his companionship doubly enjoyable."

He married, 17 August 1873, Alma Leonora Olmstead, who died 22 March 1900, daughter of Alonson and Adelia (Ewings) Olmstead. A daughter, Ella Mabel Dowst, two brothers, Henry Dowst of Manchester and George Dowst of Allenstown, and two sisters, Mrs. Abram L. Ricker of Short Falls, N. H., and Annette L. Dowst of Allenstown, survive him.

IDA ELOISE McELWAIN of Brookline, Mass., a resident member since 1913, was born at Charlestown, Mass., 2 January 1870, the daughter of John Allen and Susan (Gilbert) McElwain, and died at Brookline 23 November 1917. She was descended from James<sup>1</sup> McElwain, originally from Argyllshire, Scotland, through Timothy<sup>2</sup> John Allen<sup>3</sup> William<sup>4</sup> and John Allen<sup>5</sup> her father. Her mother was a descendant of Cotton Mather.

She was educated in the public schools of Boston, and after attending the Girls' High School continued her studies at Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw's private school. She taught for some time in the public