

St. Elizabeth Hospital, and the Boston Dispensary, and was an instructor in surgery in the Tufts Medical School.

He was a member of various medical societies, was a Mason and a Knight Templar, and was a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants and of the Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He belonged to the University Club of Boston, the Harvard Club of Boston, and the Harvard Club of New York.

He married, 8 June 1904, Ellen Freeman Stickney, daughter of Dr. Josiah Henry and Elizabeth Shannon (March) Stickney, who, with an only son, George Henry, survives him.

CHARLES WETTER BOWEN of Providence, R. I., elected a resident member 3 May 1916, was born at Providence 22 January 1851, the son of Charles Wetter and Louisa Sampson (Martin) Bowen, and died at Providence 15 September 1916.

He was president of the C. W. and R. M. Bowen Company, and was a member and an officer of several societies.

He married, 6 June 1892, Alice Minetta LeValley, who died 16 December 1908, daughter of Henry Jenckes and Rebecca Josephine (Sisson) LeValley. They had four children, Charles Wetter, Richard Martin, Rebecca LeValley, and Edward Sampson, all of whom survive their parents.

FRANK DEMPSTER SHERMAN, Ph.B., of New York City, elected a resident member 5 April 1916, was born at Peekskill, N. Y., 6 May 1860, the son of John Dempster and Lucy (McFarland) Sherman, and died in New York City 19 September 1916.

He traced his ancestry back to Thomas Sherman of Diss, co. Norfolk, England, gentleman, who was born probably about 1420 and died in 1492 or 1493. John Sherman of Diss, co. Norfolk, and Yaxley, co. Suffolk, son of Thomas, was the father of Thomas of Yaxley, whose son Henry was of Colchester, co. Essex. Henry's son Henry and the latter's son Samuel were clothiers and lived at Dedham; and Philip, son of Samuel, came to New England in 1633, settled first at Roxbury, Mass., and in 1638, being an adherent of Anne Hutchinson, was banished, went to Rhode Island, and became one of the founders of Portsmouth in that Colony. From this Philip<sup>1</sup> the line was continued, through Peleg,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> James,<sup>5</sup> and James,<sup>6</sup> to John Dempster,<sup>7</sup> father of the subject of this memoir. Frank Dempster Sherman was also a descendant of Elder William Brewster of the *Mayflower*.

He was educated at home by his parents, studied for a year at the Peekskill Military Academy, and entered Columbia University in the fall of 1880. He was a member of the first class in architecture that was graduated at Columbia, and received there the degree of Ph.B. in 1884. After a year devoted to graduate work in English at Harvard University he was called back to Peekskill by his father's ill health and was obliged to look after his father's business as a book dealer. In 1887 he was appointed assistant in architecture at Columbia, in 1888 he was made instructor in architecture there, in 1891

he was promoted to the post of adjunct professor of architecture, and in 1904 he was appointed professor of graphics at Columbia, holding this chair, which was established expressly for him, until his death.

Professor Sherman early gained a wide reputation as a poet, and among his published collections of verse may be mentioned "Madrigals and Catches," 1887, "New Waggings of Old Tales," which appeared in 1887 and was written in collaboration with John Kendrick Bangs, "Lyrics for a Lute," 1890, "Little Folk's Lyrics," 1892-1897, and "Lyrics of Joy," 1904. In collaboration with Clinton Scollard he was the author of "A Southern Flight," 1905. In the field of pure mathematics he was regarded as a leader, and his interest in genealogy led him to compile a voluminous work on the Sherman family in America. In 1915 "The Ancestry of James Morgan Sherman and his Descendants" was printed by him for private distribution.

He was a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters and of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

He married at Peekskill, N. Y., 16 November 1887, Juliet Mersereau Durand, daughter of Rev. Cyrus Bervick and Sarah Elizabeth (Mersereau) Durand, who, with one son, Dempster Durand Sherman, survives him.

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MELVIN EUGENE RICE of South Sudbury, Mass., a resident member since 1894, was born in Brookfield, Vt., 22 May 1847, the son of Alphonso and Mary (Cardwell) Rice, and died at South Sudbury 21 September 1916. He traced his descent from Edmund<sup>1</sup> Rice of Sudbury and Marlborough, Mass., through Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Elisha,<sup>3</sup> Zebulon,<sup>4</sup> Stephen,<sup>5</sup> and Alphonso,<sup>6</sup> his father.

Mr. Rice went to Minneapolis, Minn., at an early age, prepared for college, and later taught school, but owing to overwork was unable to continue his studies. He entered the employ of a dry goods store in Minneapolis, where he remained a short time, and then came to Boston, where he became a clerk in the store of Hogg, Brown & Taylor. After gaining a thorough knowledge of the business of that establishment he, with a partner, opened in 1872 a dry goods store in Milford, Mass., where he remained eight years. This first business venture was a success. In the fall of 1880 he went to Chelsea, Mass., and, buying the stock of Woodward & Lathrop at 222 Broadway, established with a friend the firm of Rice & Miller. At the expiration of two years the name was changed to M. E. Rice, Mr. Rice having bought his partner's interest. After the great fire of 1908 he contemplated retiring from business; but he finally decided that he owed something to the city and to those who had so long been in his employ, and the business was continued. His eyesight becoming impaired, he was unable to give much attention to business during the last seven years of his life, although he came often to his store. He was one of the directors of the old Winisimmet National Bank, and was a director of the Chelsea Trust