

business on his own account at the corner of Washington and Essex Streets, and continued in this business for several years. Then, in 1868, he took up the manufacturing and selling of billiard tables, a business in which, under the name of Oliver L. Briggs & Sons, he was eminently successful and remained actively engaged until a short time before his death.

He was a member of various Masonic bodies and of the Boston Art Club, was one of the first members of the Algonquin Club before it was reorganized, and was for many years a member of Trinity Church.

Mr. Briggs married, 5 September 1860, Mary Sabin Stone, born in India 8 November 1837, daughter of Rev. Cyrus Stone, a missionary in India. Mrs. Briggs and their son, Frederick Huntington Briggs of Boston, survive him.

SAMUEL WALTER WOODWARD of Washington, D. C., elected a resident member 2 May 1917, was born at Damariscotta, Me., 13 December 1848, the son of Samuel and Jerusha Baker (Erskine) Woodward, and died at his summer home in Stockbridge, Mass., 1 August 1917. He was a descendant, in the tenth generation, of Nathaniel Woodward, who settled in Boston in 1633; and through his grandmother, Lavinia Wadsworth, he was descended from Elder William Brewster, Francis Cooke, Stephen Hopkins, Richard Warren, Henry Samson, Edward Doty, and John Alden, all of whom came to New England in the *Mayflower* in 1620.

He was prepared for Bowdoin College at Lincoln Academy, New-castle, Me., but did not enter upon a collegiate course, the bent of his mind determining him to choose a mercantile career. In 1865 he came to Boston and entered the employ of Shepard Brothers, dealers in dry goods at 320 Hanover Street. Later he was employed by Cushing & Ames on the same street. In 1873, in company with Alvin M. Lothrop, he opened a dry goods store in Chelsea, Mass., and conducted a successful business there for several years. Desiring a larger field, he sold out his business in 1880 and started anew in Washington, D. C. Here, under skilful management and close application, the business rapidly increased, requiring constantly enlarged space and facilities until, at the time of his decease, it had become established as the largest department store in the country, south of Philadelphia.

Early in life Mr. Woodward identified himself with religious work, and when he went to Washington he joined the Calvary Baptist Church. Through his endeavors the church was enlarged and a new Sunday school house built at a cost of \$125,000, of which he contributed the larger part. The Young Men's Christian Association of Washington was another institution which received his strong support. He was its president for ten years, during which its membership increased from one hundred and sixty-four to over five thousand. At the close of his ten years of service, on 15 February 1909, he was tendered by the citizens of Washington a public reception and banquet, in which many of the people of the city who were prominent in public and private life participated. He was also one of the or-

ganizers of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and a member of its executive committee of fifteen, and was one of the first two commissioners to visit the foreign fields, sailing from San Francisco 12 February 1907.

Though for many years a Democrat in politics, he refused in 1896 to support Mr. Bryan and voted for Mr. McKinley; and when the latter was inaugurated, Mr. Woodward was offered the chairmanship of the Inauguration Committee, but was obliged to decline this position by reason of business pressure. He was identified with many charitable and financial institutions in Washington, and was a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

He married at Chelsea, Mass., 24 June 1874, Mary Catherine Wade, daughter of William and Irene (Nichols) Wade, who died in the June preceding his own death. One son and three daughters survive him.

JOHN TAYLOR SLOAN of New Haven, Conn., a resident member since 1913, was born in New York City 12 February 1846, the son of Thomas George and Jane Earle (Paton) Sloan, and died at New Haven 12 October 1917.

He was educated in the seminary that was established by his father in New Haven, and was prepared for the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale College. But in October 1861 he entered the Union Army, enlisting in the First Connecticut Light Battery, in which he served three years, being one of the youngest members of the battery.

In 1882 he entered the real-estate firm of his father, which afterwards became the John T. Sloan Company, with which he remained until his death. This firm was one of the largest and most prosperous real-estate firms in New Haven, and was widely known throughout the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Sloan was a Mason, and was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the New Haven Historical Society, and various other organizations. He was much interested in Colonial history, being regarded as an authority on the early history of New Haven.

He married, 25 December 1868, Elsie M. Watrous, daughter of Elihu and Charlotte (Rogers) Watrous, who survives him, together with three children, Charlotte Watrous Sloan, Thomas George Sloan, a physician at South Manchester, Conn., and John Taylor Sloan, Jr., the head of the John T. Sloan Company.

GEORGE VASMER LEVERETT, A.M., LL.B., of Boston, elected a resident member in 1890 and made a life member in 1891, was born at Charlestown, Mass., 16 February 1846, the son of Daniel and Charlotte (Betteley) Leverett, and died in Boston 18 October 1917. The family home in Charlestown was on Richmond Street, now Rutherford Avenue, in the house that is still standing behind the Episcopal Church on Bow Street.

He was prepared for college at the Harvard Grammar School in Charlestown and at the Charlestown High School, ranking first in his class, and entered Harvard College in 1863. There he was graduated