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INSCRIPTIONS.

DR. GREEN, who was Mayor of Boston last year, presented copies of the inscriptions on the bronze tablets recently placed on the gates of the older burial-grounds in the city. He said that the first public suggestion of such memorials came from Alderman Stebbins, who introduced the order passed at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, on Nov. 3, 1879; but it appears from the Proceedings (xvii. 132) that at least two months before this, Mr. Winthrop had suggested placing an inscribed tablet on the King's Chapel burial-ground. This order authorized the Mayor to place suitable tablets at the entrance of certain burial-grounds, giving the names of said grounds, the dates of their establishment as well as the names of some of the most prominent persons buried therein; but for some reason it was never carried out. Last year, on January 23, Alderman Stebbins introduced a similar order, and in compliance with it Dr. Green prepared the following inscriptions for the tablets, which have now been set up:—

KING'S CHAPEL BURIAL GROUND

1630

Here were buried

GOVERNORS OF MASSACHUSETTS

John Winthrop 1649, John Endecott 1665,
John Leverett 1679, William Shirley 1771 ;

LIEUT. GOVERNORS OF MASSACHUSETTS

William Phillips 1827, Thomas Lindall Winthrop 1841 ;

GOVERNORS OF CONNECTICUT

John Winthrop 1676, Fitz-John Winthrop 1707 ;

JUDGES OF MASSACHUSETTS

Wait Still Winthrop 1717, Adam Winthrop 1743,
Oliver Wendell 1818, Thomas Dawes 1825 ;

MINISTERS OF BOSTON

John Cotton 1652, John Davenport 1670,
John Oxenbridge 1674, Thomas Bridge 1715.

KING'S CHAPEL BURIAL GROUND

1630

Here were buried

Jacob Sheafe 1658, John Winslow 1674,

Mary Chilton 1679,
a passenger in the Mayflower
and wife of John Winslow,
Major Thomas Savage 1682,
Lady Andros 1688,

Captain Roger Clap 1690, Thomas Brattle 1713,

Professor John Winthrop 1776,

James Lloyd 1831, Charles Bulfinch 1844.

COPP'S HILL BURIAL GROUND

1659

Here were buried

MINISTERS

Increase Mather 1723,
Samuel Mather 1785,Cotton Mather 1728,
Andrew Eliot 1778 ;

and

Thomas Lake, David Copp, Nicholas Upshall,
John Phillips, Anthony Haywood, John Clarke,and others of the early inhabitants
of Boston.

On this ground were planted
the British Batteries
which destroyed the Village of Charlestown
during the Battle of Bunker Hill,
June 17, 1775.

GRANARY BURIAL GROUND

1660

Within this ground are buried

John Hancock,

Samuel Adams,

and Robert Treat Paine,

Signers of the Declaration of Independence ;

GOVERNORS

Richard Bellingham,

William Dummer,

James Bowdoin,

Increase Sumner,

James Sullivan

and

Christopher Gore ;

Lieut. Governor Thomas Cushing ;

Chief Justice Samuel Sewall ;

Ministers John Baily,

Samuel Willard,

Jeremy Belknap

and

John Lathrop.

DORCHESTER BURIAL GROUND

Here were buried

GOVERNORS

William Stoughton 1701,

William Tailer 1732,

MINISTERS

Richard Mather 1669,

Josiah Flint 1680,

John Danforth 1730,

Jonathan Bowman 1775,

Moses Everett 1813,

Thaddeus Mason Harris 1842,

Major Gen. Humphrey Atherton 1661,

William Pole, Schoolmaster, 1674,

John Foster, First Printer of Boston, 1681,

Isaac Royal 1739,

James Blake, Annalist, 1750

and Ebenezer Clapp 1881.

