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*"Each year to ancient friendships adds a ring  
As to an oak; and precious more and more  
They grow."*

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# FOREWORD

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The following notes were in part compiled and written by our late classmate, Dr. George M. Whitaker, who was the Secretary of the class at the time of his death, August, 1912. That same year and month the President of the class, Hon. H. M. Heath was also called away and the class was without organization until Commencement Day 1917. Then, at an informal meeting at Brunswick the undersigned was made Class Secretary, and there was laid upon him the work of securing the notes of Mr. Whitaker if they could be found, revise and edit them, and by correspondence with those members still living and with the friends of others, bring our class history down to date and prepare it for the printer. That he has tried to do; and with what degree of success the following pages will show.

The task, though requiring no little time and effort, has been a delightful one. My correspondence with classmates has given me great pleasure, and some personal letters from them have brought to me delightful tidings of them, their circumstances and doings—even from some who we feared had passed on over the Great Divide.

Much credit is due to our late secretary Whitaker for the excellent notes and biographical sketches he left. Also to Classmate Lewis, now president of

the class, we are under great obligation for so generously assuming the expense of printing this volume and otherwise aiding in its publication.

The records of the successive reunions of the class, to which the late secretary probably had access and which were in part his own, I have not been able to find; and had he not compiled and left these valuable notes, the history of the class would be meagre indeed. The notes I have carefully reviewed and sought to verify, being obliged to correct them in only a very few instances. The errors I have found are probably fewer than those I have made. I have exercised care, however, in what I have done, and submit the following pages with some degree of satisfaction. I hope their perusal will give my Classmates as much pleasure as their preparation has given the writer.

J. S. RICHARDS.

Walnut Hill, Maine, April 1918.



**BOWDOIN CLASS OF 1872**



## BOWDOIN'S CLASS OF 1872

The class of 1872 entered Bowdoin with thirty-two members. Charles Henry Payne and Benjamin Edward Furlong never met with the class, while Charles J. Brown and James Y. McClintock were with us but a short time. These four names were dropped from the roll at the beginning of Sophomore year and four names were added: Alonzo S. Lambert, Augustus Gustavus Wooster, Stone and Spaulding. This left the class still numbering thirty-two.

Early in Junior year five left—Goodwin, Hinks, Ireland, McDowell and Wooster; and three were added—Atwood, Benson and Ricker. This reduced our number to thirty. Later the number was further reduced by five—Ayer, Deering, Lambert, Mitchell and Totman leaving us, so that the class entered Senior year with but twenty-five members.

During Senior year the class lost Benson and Sampson, so that at the close of our collegiate career but twenty-three received diplomas. Benson was afterward reinstated and his name appears with the class in the General Catalogue of 1912. Ackley, whose name does not appear there, has more recently received his diploma, and his name will probably appear in subsequent editions of the Catalogue.

The following is the Roll of all who were at any time connected with the class—forty in number—together with the residence of each at the time of entering:

*Roll of Members*

Abbott, John Getchell, .	Gardiner.
Ackley, Ambrose Virgin, .	Otisville.
Atwood, James Bigelow, .	St. Albans.
Ayer, Arthur Burrill, . .	Lewiston.
Benson, Charles Bemis, . .	North Paris.
Bickford, Warren Franklin, .	Newburgh.
Brown, Charles Joseph, . .	Woodstock.
Coggan, Marcellus, . . .	Bristol.
Cummings, George Henry, .	Portland.
Deering, Edgar Henry, . . .	Portland.
Dow, Frederick George, . .	Portland.
Frost, John Sumner, . . .	Springvale.
Furlong, Benjamin Edward, .	Portland.
Goodwin, Frank Jones, . . .	Biddeford.
Gross, Samuel Lane, . . .	Brunswick.
Harris, Herbert, . . . .	E. Machias.
Heath, Herbert Milton, . . .	Gardiner.
Hinks, John Lewis Rich, . .	Brewer.
Hooker, Walton Olney, . . .	Gardiner.
Ireland, Franklin Pierce, . .	Newburyport, Mass
Lambert, Alonzo Stockbridge,	Durham.
Lewis, Weston, . . . .	Pittston.
Lord, Edwin Howard, . . .	Springvale.
Meads, Simeon Pease, . . .	S. Limington.
Mitchell, Frank Albert, . .	Phillips.
McClintock, James Young, . .	Brunswick.
McDowell, William Augustus,	Washington.
Payne, Charles Henry, . . .	Newburyport, Mass



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Richards, Jehiel Simmons, .	Bremen.
Ricker, Freeman Alonzo, .	Portland.
Rogers, Osgood Wyman, .	Brunswick.
Sampson, Cassander Cary, .	Harrison.
Seiders, George Melville, .	Union.
Shannon, William Cummings,	Cape Elizabeth.
Spaulding, Frank Wood, .	Bingham.
Stone, George Webber, .	Livermore Falls.
Totman, Everett, . . .	Kendall's Mills.
Whitaker, George Mason, .	Southbridge, Mass.
Wilder, Harold, . . . .	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Wooster, Augustus Gustavus,	Hancock.

Of the above named men there are at this date:

Living and accounted for: Graduates 12, Non-graduates 3.

Deceased: Graduates 12, Non-graduates 8.

Present whereabouts unknown 5.

### HONORS RECEIVED

The following honors, appointments, etc., were received by the several members of the class:

Gross was Senior Bugle Editor.

Gross and Richards were Senior College Librarians.

Cummings and Deering received the Brown Memorial Scholarship.

The Chandler Latin prize was awarded to Gross.

The St. Croix Debate prize, to Wilder.

Admitted to Phi Beta Kappa: Gross, Harris, Heath, Hooker, Meads, Richards, Whitaker.

Junior Declamation honors went to Coggan 1st and Wilder 2nd.

Abbott was Bugle poet '69-'70.

Heath was Bugle poet '70-'71.

Rogers and Wilder were Junior Bugle Editors.

Rogers was President (Senior) B.C. Praying Circle.

Harris was President (Senior) of the College Reading Room.

The Junior Librarian appointees were: Ayer, Gross, Harris, McDowell, Meads and Richards.

Sophomore declamation honors were awarded to Abbott and Harris.

Sewall Latin prize to Harris; Sewall Greek prize to Meads.

Junior parts were given to Ayer, Bickford, Gross, Harris, Heath, Meads, Richards and Whitaker.

Mineralogy prizes were carried off by Ayer, Harris, Heath, Spaulding and Whitaker.

Senior English Composition prizes went to 1st Abbott and Harris; 2d Rogers.

Class of '68 prize was given to Abbott and Harris.

Lewis was President (Senior) of the Base Ball Association.

Hooker and Lewis were members of the College boat crew.

Coggan, Hooker, Lewis, Shannon were members of the Class crew.

Ackley was a prominent athlete.

Hooker was a leading base ball player.

Ricker was prominent as a boating man.

The Freshmen officers were:—President, Seiders; Toastmaster, Frost; Orator, Rogers; Poet, Abbott; Historian, Dow; Prophet, Harris; Odist, Heath; Chaplin, Meads; Parting Address, Wilder.

The members were divided among the Greek letter societies as follows:

*Alpha Delta Phi*—Gross, Harris, Hinks, Ireland, Spaulding.

*Delta Kappa Epsilon*—Abbott, Benson, Cummings, Frost, McClintock, McDowell, Rogers, Seiders.

*Psi Upsilon*—Ayer, Bickford, Dow, Goodwin, Lewis, Meads, Ricker, Wilder.

*Zeta Psi*—Atwood, Coggan, Heath, Hooker, Mitchell, Richards, Shannon, Totman, Whitaker.

*Theta Delta Chi*—Stone.

*Phi Chi*—Abbott, Ackley, Ayer, Coggan, Cummings, Dow, Frost, Goodwin, Heath, Hooker, Ireland, Lambert, Lewis, Mitchell, Shannon, Totman, Whitaker, Wilder.

#### *Other Items of Credit*

The Class of 1872 was the last of the Bowdoin classes to have representatives in the Civil War. The names of Bickford, Rogers, and Seiders appear on the College Roll of Honor.

The class left a permanent influence on college life in the founding of *The Orient*. The first issue of

*The Orient* was April 3d, 1871; the Editors were Coggan, Whitaker, Rogers, Abbott, Heath, and the journal has been regularly published to the present time.

This class also gave an impetus to debating,—introducing the idea of a class debating club, which, known as The '72 Debating Society and editing a literary periodical of its own, was very helpful to its members, especially during Freshman year, in the art of composition and in the study and practice of parliamentary law and usage.

This class was prominent for those days in its participation in Athletics, especially in the line of boating—Ricker being prominent in both college and state rowing. The class sustained a class boat crew and had representatives on the college crew at one regatta.

Among the members of the class were a number of devoted Christian men who exercised a good influence upon the *Morale* of the college. On the other hand the Phi Chi record of the class shows that its moral goodness was not of the ultra goody-goody sort.

Since graduation, we believe it is safe to say, every member has acquitted himself creditably. We have developed neither a Longfellow nor a Hawthorne, Chief Justice nor President, but all have been men of character, usefulness and good standing, and several have attained to a wide and

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prominent reputation in many walks of life. Five at least—Benson, Coggan, Cummings, Lewis and Heath have sent their sons to Bowdoin, two have served on the Board of Overseers of the College, while one, Lewis, is now upon the Board of Trustees.

The Class of 1872 Scholarship Fund, established in 1902, will make the influence of the class upon the college, and through the college upon the world, to be felt in some measure for many years to come.

The venerable professor, Alpheus S. Packard, DD., was held in the highest esteem by the members of this class, and to give expression of their regard for him, when about to graduate the class presented Prof. Packard with a valuable gold-headed cane. That this token of regard was highly prized by the professor was evidenced not only by his words of grateful appreciation but also by the fact that for the remainder of his life he was seldom seen without this gold-headed, ebony stick to steady his steps.

The following appeared in the *Orient* of about that date:—

“The class of 1872 recently presented to Prof. A. S. Packard an elegant gold-headed cane. The inscription on the cane was as follows: ‘Presented to Prof. A. S. Packard by the Class of 1872.’”

The reply of the Professor will speak for itself. It is as follows:—

*Messrs. Ricker, Dow and Meads:-*

“I cannot adequately express my gratification at the beautiful and very acceptable testimonial from the Class of 1872 which you represent, of their respect and regard for me. My relations to them have been very pleasant to me, and I have taken peculiar satisfaction in the manner in which they have done their work in my department of instruction. Even without such a token of their regard I should hold them in fond and pleasant remembrance. I beg, through their representatives, to assure all and each, of my best wishes for their honor and welfare in the life just opening before them, that they may always have the divine rod and staff to comfort them in their earthly pilgrimage, and all be partakers of the blessedness of the life to come.

Very sincerely and affectionately,

ALPHEUS S. PACKARD.”

Bowdoin College, March 20, 1872.

From Orient, Monday, April 8, 1872.

# CLASS REUNIONS





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CLASS MEETINGS OR REUNIONS

Not counting the meeting called immediately after graduation in 1872, there have been ten other more or less formal reunions of the class. These were in 1875, '76, '82, '87, '92, '97, 1902, '07, '12, '17; and were held during Commencement Week, usually Commencement Day. The number in attendance at these several meetings was respectively:—17, 6, 10, 11, 13, 11, 14, 8, 9, 4. The records, as kept by the respective secretaries, we have not been able to find; but from notes left by the last secretary and from personal conferences and correspondence with members of the class now living, we are able to give some account of the several reunions which we think is quite generally correct.

IN 1872, immediately after the graduating exercises, an informal meeting of the class was called. Lewis was elected president and Bickford secretary and treasurer. It was voted to meet again after three years.

IN<sup>1</sup> 1875, being unable to secure fitting accommodations elsewhere, the class met at No. 30 Main Hall. Seventeen were present. It was *voted* to present the Class Cup to Laura E., daughter of Classmate Ackley, in recognition of the first child of the class. A brief history of the class was presented; an interesting poem was also read by Abbott. Heath

was chosen president and Bickford secretary. So well attended and so interesting was this meeting that it was *voted* to meet again the next year.

IN 1876 the class met in a hall over the store of Mr. William Fields. Harris reported the presentation of the class cup to Baby Ackley. Enthusiasm seemed to have waned since the previous meeting; only six were present. Rogers was elected president, Cummings was made secretary, treasurer and executive officer. It was *voted* to meet upon the tenth anniversary of graduation, 1882, and to have regular reunions every fifth year thereafter.

THE DECENNIAL REUNION, 1882, was held at the Preble House, Portland. At this reunion secretary Cummings reported the death of two of our members, in these words: "Ricker, genial and pleasant, bravely struggling for health in the Adirondacks. While sorry to be his pall-bearer, it was a melancholy pleasure to represent '72 on the occasion. Hooker, silent yet ever smiling, died in a foreign land. By strict attention to business he had become master of a ship. To both we give a heartfelt *vale*."

Harris was elected president and Cummings secretary. Abbot presided at the post-prandial exercises with a long list of apt sentiments, among which was the following: "To our departed classmates, Hooker and Ricker: In the morning of

life Death touched their eyelids and they fell asleep. They can no more hear us; we can no more see them; the grave may keep their dust; silence may still their lives; but our hearts will keep warm their love, our memories their deeds and our lips the praise of these two noble, true and manly men."

The greetings of the class were sent to Professor Packard "for his kind Christian bearing toward us while students," and to Ex-President Harris with "our hearty respects and best wishes." Ten were present at this meeting.

THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY of the class was observed at the Toutine Hotel, Brunswick, 1887. Spaulding was elected president and Cummings secretary. Eleven were present. The death of Abbott was reported by the secretary, who made this annotation: "Those of us present at our decennial meeting, will not forget the hearty, enthusiastic manner in which he presided as toastmaster on that occasion." A pleasant time was spent in reminiscences and in renewing acquaintances. Heath read extracts from the class prophecy.

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY of the class in 1892, was held at the Falmouth Hotel in Portland. Thirteen were present. The death of Frost was reported, and Seiders eloquently eulogized his memory. Seiders was elected president, and Cummings re-elected secretary.

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY in 1897 was observed at the Pennel House on Pleasant Street in Brunswick. There were eleven present. Heath was elected president and Cummings continued as secretary. The evening was spent in pleasant reminiscences and in felicitous congratulations to the different members of the class as each reported his experiences and successes during the quarter-century that had passed since graduation.

THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION was at Merrymeeting Park, June 25th, 1902. There were fourteen present. The deaths of Dow and Mitchell were reported. The usual pleasant interchange of experiences and happy reminiscences took place.

It was *voted* that the class contribute to the college \$2,500.00 as a *Class of 1872 Scholarship* and subscriptions to that fund were offered. Much credit is due Classmate Lewis for his very generous subscription and promises which assured the success of the undertaking. At this meeting Heath was re-elected president and Cummings secretary of the class. Ackley reported that he was a grandfather; Benson, that his son graduated with honors that year.

President Heath, who was also President of the Electric Railroad Company at the time, courteously provided his commodious private car for conveying the class from Brunswick on this occasion.

THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION, 1907, was held at the Columbia Hotel, Portland. Eight members were present. The death of secretary Cummings was reported. Heath was re-elected president and Whitaker was made secretary. The usual pleasant hour was passed in social intercourse and the exchange of experiences. At this meeting the members of the class were very graciously greeted by Mrs. Everett Totman who was with her husband at the hotel.

AT THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY the class met at the Falmouth Hotel, Portland, June 22, 1912. There were nine members present. The same officers were re-elected—Heath, president and Whitaker, secretary. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, also communications to the class from Meads, Rogers and Wilder. Those present made reports of experiences and incidents in their lives during the five years passed since the last meeting. The importance of having a class history prepared and printed was discussed to some extent and the secretary agreed to collect and collate material for such a volume as he had opportunity—little thinking that in two short months the heavy hand of “the last enemy” would be laid upon him and his opportunities for service would be closed. Both Heath and Whitaker, the president and secretary of the class died the following August.

THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY of the class graduation arrived. The class had been without officers or organization during the last five years and no special arrangements were made for a reunion. An informal meeting was held however, after the Commencement dinner, June 21, 1917. Only four were present. Lewis was duly elected president of the class and Richards secretary.

Reminiscences were indulged in. A very pleasant incident of the past winter was recalled—the Round Robin sent out by Bickford, from Muskogee, Oklahoma, December 10, 1916. It went by mail from member to member “taking Christmas and New Year’s greetings to all the dear fellows of ’72.” This “Round Robin” returned the next Spring. It was signed by eleven of the twelve graduated members of the class now living. In order to preserve the memory of this much appreciated document, we give here Mr. Bickford’s second circular letter entire.

Muskogee, Okla., Apr. 26, 1917.

Dear Classmate:

The “Round Robin” has returned, the dearest of all the birds of Spring. Its song is most sweet to me. This is what I hear:

Voice of Ackley, Peaks Island, Maine. “Ten of the dear old Class of ’72.”

Voice of Gross: “Memories of old associations that grow dearer as the years go by.”

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- Of Harris: "Heartiest good wishes for prosperity and happiness to all."
- Of Lewis: "Have kept in close touch with the college. Greetings to all."
- Of Meads: "Greetings to all the boys of '72."
- Of Richards: "May Christmas peace and a Happy New Year be the glad lot of all my dear Classmates."
- Of Rogers: "Enjoying the sunny, declining days; wish the same for all of '72."
- Of Sampson: "Looking forward to our reunion in June,—wish the western members might be there. Best wishes for all my Class."
- Of Spaulding: "Most sincere greetings to all the remaining classmates of Bowdoin '72."
- Of Wilder: "'Tis a grand world to be alive in. I hope of survival a while yet."
- "Finally, with love and best wishes to all, the voice of Bick."

At this meeting the question of a class history was again taken up. Richards reported that he had seen in the College library much material from which such a history could be written, and he thought the notes left by the late secretary Whitaker, who had promised at the last meeting, to do something in this line, might be found. Whereupon it was *Voted* that the secretary prepare during the coming year, a brief history of the class with bio-



graphical sketches of its members, as best he could, and the president promised to see to its being printed.

This is the last of the reunions reported before the record goes to the printer; but it is to be hoped that surviving members of the class will have many a happy sitting together with our dear *Alma Mater* on Commencement Days as the years roll on. May the 50th Anniversary find us one and all there gathered.

J. S. R.





**BIOGRAPHICAL  
SKETCHES**

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Brief historical sketches of the lives of members of the class are here given. Data for these biographical sketches have been obtained by different class secretaries covering a considerable period of time. The present secretary has no means of verifying much of what is given, but has done his best to have the notes accurate. If any one, whether of the class or not, detect errors, we shall be glad to have them pointed out that they may be corrected in a possible revised future edition of this volume.

The members of the class will be mentioned in alphabetical order.

An index to these sketches will be found at the close of this volume.

## ABBOTT

JOHN GETCHELL ABBOTT was born in Windsor, Maine, April 17, 1848. Upon graduating in 1872, he took a trip abroad, and on returning he took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar the following year. He then made a hurried visit to our western states, and on returning engaged in newspaper and political work—practicing law in Biddeford, Maine, 1873-76 and in Boston, Massachusetts, 1876-84. In Biddeford he was editor of the *Biddeford Times*. He prepared an article on "Prohibition in Maine" for the Democratic State Committee of Massachusetts, and was frequently on the stump during political campaigns. He was admitted to practice at the Suffolk County Bar, Massachusetts in 1877.

Abbott was present at the Centennial reunion of the class, at the Preble House, Portland, in 1882, and at that time was conscious of the presence in his system of tuberculosis which finally caused his death at Dorchester, Massachusetts, April 23, 1886, at only thirty-eight years of age.

In a letter to a friend a few years prior to his death, Abbott wrote:—"I have never held office and I have sought none. I have only been trying to spread life. I prefer to retain my manhood, my independence and my personal peace."

Another writer said of him: "Abbott was a man

of much natural ability and of unusual ambition. He was a fluent speaker and writer, and a young man of much promise.

He married in 1876 Mrs. Lizzie W. Corr.

## ACKLEY

AMBROSE VIRGIN ACKLEY, son of John and Polly (Penley) Ackley, was born February 2, 1848, in Rumford, Maine. His paternal grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and his maternal grandfather, a soldier of the War of 1812. Ackley's folks removed to Otisfield in 1852, where his boyhood days were passed upon a farm and attending the district school. The years 1864 and 1865 he lived in Pennsylvania; and visiting Washington, D. C., he prides himself upon being presented to President Lincoln, at one of his receptions. He fitted for college at North Bridgton Academy and Norway High School, Rogers being a classmate. The winters of 1866, '67, '68 and '69 he taught school in Otisfield, where he had formerly attended.

Upon his examination for entrance to Bowdoin he was complimented for his proficiency in history, a notable characteristic of the man. During his college course he was a lover of sports, particularly running, wrestling and base ball. In the fall of '68 he took the prize cup for running in an athletic contest at Bowdoin. The next year he took the prize in the 200 yard dash, and on July 4, 1870, at the opening of a new trotting park at Lewiston, he took first money, \$25, in a half-mile running contest open to all New England.

The winter of '70-'71, Ackley taught school at

Bristol, Maine, and fall of '71, (after attending the Topsham Fair,) he went to Peak's Island, was principal of the Grammar School twelve weeks during the winter, and the next spring was engaged in the same capacity for one year. Here, he has continued to live to the present time, teaching here many years and two years at Cape Elizabeth.

In '73 Ackley married Mary E. Skillings of Peak's Island, and to them have been born four children: Laura E. married and mother of seven children, one in the service of his country and one a teacher; Ethel M., a nurse; Edward P., a graduate of U. of M., an oculist at Brunswick and temporarily instructor in wireless telegraphy at Bowdoin; Adrian L., just graduated from the Portland High School.

Ackley was made a Master Mason in '70, a Chapter Mason in '71, joined the Portland Council in '95, and the St. Alban Commandery, Knights Templars in 1910. A letter from him last February says: "My life has been uneventful for the last 25 years. During that time I have been much in the employ of the city, had charge of the public buildings on the island belonging to the city, and have been warden of this voting precinct for more than 30 consecutive years. I await the last summons here at my island home."

## ATWOOD

JAMES BIGELOW ATWOOD was born at Williamsburg, Maine, January 10, 1846, and died of tuberculosis of the throat, April 23, 1904. His life was quietly passed in teaching school and farming. He taught for some time in Epping, New Hampshire and in Oxford, Massachusetts.

The following data was secured from his family, soon after his death, by Mr. Whitaker:—

“J. B. Atwood was born January 10, 1846, and died April 23, 1904 at the age of 58 years and three months. He married first Miss Abbie Lord, daughter of Dea. J. H. K. Lord of Skowhegan, and had three children. The second son died at seven years of age. The eldest, Elmer C. is in business at Penacook, New Hampshire. The daughter, Evelyn C., is a school teacher.

Mr. Atwood's second wife was Mrs. Weeks of Hartland, Maine. He followed teaching in St. Albans until health partially failed, then went back to the farm until 1890, when he moved to Waterville to educate his children, and taught some during the four years. He was superintendent of schools much of the time while in St. Albans, also superintendent of the Sunday School many years. Was a devoted member of the M. E. church, his father having been a Methodist Clergyman. He was especially frank and sincere in character.”

## AYER

ARTHUR BURRILL AYER was born November 16, 1851, at Clinton, Massachusetts, but came to Bowdoin from Lewiston, Maine. He lost his health while in college and fell out of the ranks during Junior year, going upon a farm in Methuen, Massachusetts, where he regained his health in a measure. Writing to the class for the 1907 reunion he stated that he was managing a dairy farm which his father had owned and which then in part belonged to him. He had fairly good health, weight was 175 pounds, but was unable to do much reading or writing, his eyes having been overstrained years before.

In 1910 he sold the farm upon which he had lived thirty-five years and "drifted about from place to place" for the next two years, when he went to New London, Connecticut. A letter from him dated New London, January 25, 1918, said the climate so agreed with him there that he hoped to round out his three score year and ten; health good; had no regular occupation; was living upon his income which, with strict economy, was sufficient for his personal needs,—having never married; walked much in the open air for the sake of his health. Ayer had spent his winters in New London; but his summers were spent at some seaside resort—usually at Crescent Beach, Connecticut. He gave as his permanent address: No. 44 High Street, Methuen, Massachusetts, whence mail would be forwarded to him wherever he might be.



## BENSON

CHARLES BEMIS BENSON, son of Cyprian and Charlotte (Bemis) Benson, was born February 27, 1846, at Paris, Maine, fitted at Hebron Academy and entered Colby College in 1864. After entering he spent some time in teaching school and finally took up his connection with Colby in 1870, and entered Bowdoin as a junior. After graduation he studied law in the office of Messrs. Strout and Holmes, Portland, and was admitted to the Oxford County bar in 1874, and opened an office at North Paris, Maine.

Mr. Benson pursued the practice of his profession at North Paris rather than in the larger community, from a commendable spirit of filial consideration for a dependent father and invalid sister, that he might be near them to render any assistance they might need. He himself had been in poor health and retired from practice some years before his death, which occurred March 22, 1915, from Bright's disease. Five of his later years he lived with his son at Snows Falls.

Mr. Benson married November 21, 1878 Mary Emogene Hammond who shared his life for only sixteen months, dying March 24, 1880. Their only child is Robert Sanford Benson of Snows Falls, who graduated from Bowdoin college, class of 1902.

## BICKFORD

WARREN FRANKLIN BICKFORD was born January 31, 1842, at Newburg, Maine. He fitted for college under Professor S. W. Stanton at Dummer Academy, Byfield, Massachusetts, received his A. B. degree from Bowdoin college in 1872, and A. M. in 1892. In August 1872 he married Sarah Wilder, daughter of Dea. Horace Wilder of Dixmont, Maine. He taught school two terms and began ministerial work in the spring of 1873, a missionary in northern Maine. In the fall of 1874 he entered Bangor Theological Seminary in the Junior class, and graduated in 1876; was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational church at Winthrop, Maine, June 20, 1876. In August 1880, he accepted a call to Breckenridge, Colorado, where he worked till 1883, then at Manitou Springs till 1885. In 1885 he accepted a pastorate at Lorin (Berkeley), California and labored five years. In 1890 he returned to New England and was pastor at Islington (Dedham), Massachusetts, fourteen years. In July 1904, he received a call to Muskogee, then Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, and labored as a general missionary for the Christian denomination—organizing churches, preaching and finding preachers—a few years. Writing to the class reunion in 1912, he says: "For the last three years I have had to give up the active ministry on account of my voice. In

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other respects I am well and my hands find many things to do with tools. I have one household invention on the market, and the first steps have been taken for a patent. My best wishes and fervent prayers are for all my classmates whom these forty years only bring nearer to my heart."

Writing again in February 1918, he says that nothing in particular has happened in his experience during the last few years. His residence is still at Muskogee, Oklahoma No. 2110 Elizabeth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bickford have two children and one grandchild. A daughter, Mary P., born 1879 has been for years a stenographer and clerk in the Indian Agency at Muskogee and also a skillful musician and organist in the Episcopal church of that city. Warren Franklin, Jr. was born in 1887. He went into newspaper work and has held creditable positions in Muskogee, Guthrie and elsewhere, and at present is managing Editor of the *Oklahoma News*. Warren Franklin Bickford 3d was born at Guthrie, Oklahoma, February 1918.

Classmate Bickford was a soldier in the Civil War, serving as a private in Co. L, First D. C. Baker's Cavalry and in Co. B, First Maine Cavalry.

## BROWN

CHARLES JOSEPH BROWN entered Bowdoin from Woodstock, Maine, and is catalogued as being with the class in 1868-69, and having been born in Medford, Massachusetts, May 10, 1846. The writer does not recall the man and so far has been unable to find any trace of him.

## COGGAN

MARCELLUS COGGAN was born September 6, 1847, at Bristol, Maine. Attended a good district school near his home, where he made good progress and obtained a fair common school education. He tried the sea for a while and made some voyages in the coastwise trade and to the West Indies. He soon gave up the "fo'castle," however, and sought a more extended education. He fitted for college at Lincoln Academy, in Newcastle, Maine, where he was a classmate with Seiders, McDowell and Richards. He was largely dependent upon his own resources for an education, but possessed courage and perseverance as the following incident will show. One of his class feared he would never be able to have a college course, but intended to fit and go as far as he could. Coggan replied: "I'll go through college or I'll go through hell." He went.

Upon graduating Coggan, having already had some experience in teaching, became principal of Nichols Academy, Dudley, Massachusetts and taught there till 1879, serving also upon the school board in Dudley. He studied law with Child & Powers of Boston, residing at that time in Malden, Massachusetts; and was admitted to the Suffolk County Bar in 1881. Practiced law with Child & Powers, 1881 to 1886; then formed a partnership with the late William Scolfield, afterwards Judge Scolfield of

the U. S. District Court, this copartnership continuing ten years. He then practiced alone from 1896 to 1900. Coggan married November 26, 1872 Luella B. Robbins of his native town, and they have three children—Florence B., M. Sumner, and Linus C. Coggan. In 1900, Mr. Coggan and his son, M. Sumner, formed a partnership under the firm name, Coggan & Coggan; and in 1910, the second son, Linus C. Coggan also joined the firm. Afterward they took into the firm George L. Dillaway, a graduate of Bowdoin, class of 1898. Classmate Coggan was Mayor of Malden, Massachusetts in 1886 and 1887. He founded the Malden Co-operative Bank in 1887, and was its president till 1898. In politics he has been a Republican all his life. Is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and the I.O.O.F. and a member of the Universalist church. His home is in Winchester, Massachusetts, and his office at 941 Tremont Building, Boston.

## CUMMINGS

GEORGE H. CUMMINGS was born in Portland, Maine, April 6, 1850, the only son of Daniel Cummings, for many years a well known carpenter and builder. He fitted for college in the schools of his native city, and after graduating from Bowdoin, he studied medicine at the Medical School of Maine and took the degree of M. D. at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City in 1875; also his A. M. from Bowdoin the same year. With a thorough medical education, Dr. Cummings at once began the practice of his profession in his home city, where steadily gaining high rank he soon built up a very extensive practice.

From 1890 to 1903, thirteen years, he was on the staff of surgeons at the Maine General Hospital, where he was regarded as a most skillful physician and surgeon and was much respected by his fellow practitioners. He was also very kind and sympathetic in his treatment of patients and had a host of friends.

In 1880 he was elected city physician; was a member of the Board of Health for nine years, resigning in July 1902. While upon this board a small pox epidemic broke out in the city, and Dr. Cummings during that troublesome period rendered valiant service to thousands of people—going to the office of the board in the city building every day for many weeks and, with Dr. H. P. Merrill, his associate,

vaccinating the throngs who came to him for that purpose. Here his energies were severely taxed, and this strain, with his large private practice undoubtedly resulted in breaking down a physical system which hitherto had been well nigh perfect. During the summer of 1903, he had been particularly busy, and in order to secure a little relaxation from professional cares, he decided the latter part of August to take a yachting trip with two of his friends. While on the yacht, in the vicinity of Boothbay, he was taken suddenly ill with acute indigestion and died on board the yacht in Boothbay Harbor, August 22, 1903.

Dr. Cummings married, June 11, 1879, Miss Anda C. Otis of Brunswick, who still resides in Portland. Their son, George Otis Cummings, graduated at Bowdoin, class 1913, studied at the Bowdoin Medical School and was a house doctor at the Maine General Hospital. Last June 1917, he entered the U. S. Naval service at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. In December 1917, he sailed for France and is at this writing Asst. Surgeon, U. S. A., in a base hospital "somewhere in France."



## DEERING

EDGAR HENRY DEERING was born in Portland, Maine, March 4, 1851, and fitted for college in the High School of that city. He left college, however, during Sophomore year, on account of ill health,— a celebrated physician advising him so to do if he wished to live. He is still very much alive in Auburn, Maine, and in a late letter intimates that he expects to live to 85 or 90 years. He taught school 1871-74, in various places and with success; was engaged as an accountant, 1875-80; and in business, 1881-83. He then was engaged in farming at Minot, Maine, 1883-91, when he “retired with a competence increasing every year, being what the French would call a *rentier*.” He now resides at No. 200 Gamage Avenue, Auburn, Maine. He writes that he is still interested in learning something every day. He has given himself especially to the study of Astronomy, so that he has a masterful grasp of that science and might almost be called a walking cyclopaedia of history.

Deering has been twice married, has a faithful helpmate in his home, and a son living with his wife and daughter in Wilmington, Delaware.

## DOW

FREDERICK GEORGE DOW was born in St. John, New Brunswick, August 24, 1851. His preparation for college was made at the High School in Portland, Maine. After graduating he was an attorney's clerk, and also taught school in Norwalk, Connecticut, later entering the Law School of Columbia University, New York. He graduated from the law school in 1875, and received the degree of LL.B. from Columbia, and began the practice of law in New York City.

He was very successful in his profession and secured a number of prominent and wealthy clients. He was also connected with many important business enterprises, mostly manufacturing. In addition to his professional work, he was a great reader and fond of botany and golfing for recreation. He died December 28, 1901, after a week's illness from pneumonia.

One wrote of him: "Dow was a man of ready wit and had an exquisite humorous dryness of speech, which made him very companionable. He was generous and kind and of transparent integrity." Upon his demise the directors of the American Hard Rubber Company passed the following resolution: "By Mr. Dow's death this company has been deprived of a wise counsellor, a faithful and trusty

director and a helpful supporter in all its affairs, which he watched over with deep interest."

Dow was married in October 1876, to Miss Emily Schlosinger of College Point, Long Island. A son Harold, named after his college classmate and chum, was born in July 1877, and died at the age of nine years.

## FROST

JOHN SUMNER FROST was born at Springvale, Maine, April 7, 1851, and fitted for college in his native town, receiving the degree of A. B. from Bowdoin in 1872 and that of A. M. in 1875. Soon after graduating he entered upon his chosen profession, teaching, for which he possessed rare natural as well as intellectual qualifications. His first position was as principal of the High School at Thomaston, Maine, where he served five years. In the fall of 1877 he removed to Whitinsville, Massachusetts, and taught till the spring of 1879, when he was compelled to resign on account of ill health. After a temporary rest, he accepted a position as assistant in the Lawrence, Massachusetts High School, which position he held until 1887, when he was compelled again to quit work and retired to his father's home in Springvale, where he died of tuberculosis and rheumatism, October 2, 1887. The local paper said of him: "Never long free from pain, the fidelity with which he discharged his duties required a fortitude that was only equaled by the cheerfulness and grace of his spirit. He was a man of excellent scholarship and exemplary character, and an illustration of how much one can make of life for self and others, even under physical infirmity. He was one whom it was a privilege to know and whom to know was to esteem; those who knew him best,

loved him most. The interest he felt in his work and pupils was more than professional and hence he held more than a professional place in their esteem."

One of the teachers of the Lawrence High School paid him the following tribute in the *Lawrence American*. "For many years he had been afflicted with chronic rheumatism, and his patience and Christian resignation were the wonder of all who knew him. Although never free from physical pain, he was always cheerful and one of the most delightful companions. A ready talker, possessing a cultivated mind and a wonderful memory, it was a pleasure to be in his company and listen to his conversation. As a teacher he was very strong and efficient, the result of his thorough scholarship in nearly every department, and of the power possessed by few educators, of being able to clothe even a dry subject with interest. His kindness and readiness to help gained him the love of all his pupils, and he has left with them a remembrance of his faith and devotion which will cause them ever to venerate his memory and to seek to emulate his example. The words of the great poet have a peculiar fitness when applied to his character: 'His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, This was a man.' "

Mr. Frost married Althea L. Brackett, of Chelsea, Massachusetts, October 25, 1877. They had no children.

At his funeral services in Springvale, his pastor, Rev. F. G. Davis spoke, at the request of the deceased, from Rev. 14:13, upon the subject of "REST;" which had been a precious thought with our brother in his last illness. The floral tributes at these services spoke effectively of the esteem and affection in which he was held. They were notable for their abundance and beauty. Among them was a pillow of symbolic design containing his name, and another with the words "AT REST." From his pupils of the Lawrence High School was a large and beautiful open book made of the finest of flowers, and from his fellow teachers of the same school a basket of choice roses and ferns and an elegant bouquet.

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**FURLONG**

The name of BENJAMIN EDWARD FURLONG is found in the list of those who entered Bowdoin in 1868 and made the class of '72, but we can find no further record of him. His name does not appear in either of the late catalogues of Bowdoin students, graduates or non-graduates. He probably took the entrance examination but did not take up study with the class. He was listed as coming from Portland, Maine.

## GOODWIN

FRANCIS JONES GOODWIN, son of John Monroe and Harriet Proctor Goodwin, was born in Biddeford, Maine, January 12, 1852 and died at Boston, Massachusetts, May 31, 1911. He was educated in the public schools of his native city and a graduate of its High School, entering Bowdoin in 1868 where he became a member of the Class of '72.

He left the class early in Junior year, going to Amherst, Massachusetts, receiving from Amherst College the degree of A. B. in the class of 1873.

He married, 1875, Emily R. Milliken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Milliken of Brantford, Ontario, Canada. She died some years later, leaving two children—Austin Monroe and Emily Milliken Goodwin. The son is a member of the editorial staff of the *Portland Evening Express*; the daughter married James Austin Bartlett, Bowdoin 1906, who is now a submaster of the Malden, Massachusetts High School.

After graduating at Amherst, Mr. Goodwin engaged in the general insurance business at Biddeford and remained there ten or more years, when the family removed to Malden, Massachusetts, and resided there until Mrs. Goodwin's death. Mr. Goodwin carried on the insurance brokerage business in Malden and Boston.

He was of a literary turn of mind and wrote fre-



quently for newspapers and magazines. For a short time he was book reviewer of the *Philadelphia Record*.

At the time of his death he was a widower living in Boston. A shock of paralysis was the immediate cause of his death.

## GROSS

SAMUEL LANE GROSS was born in Brunswick, Maine, November 18, 1846, and fitted for college in the Brunswick schools. After graduation he taught school at Norwalk, Connecticut, 1872, '73 and '74. He studied law in 1874 and '75 at Columbia University, and was admitted to the bar in '76, establishing a law office in the Evening Post Building, 206 Broadway, New York City. There he has continued in active practice down to the date of this writing. He was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society by the Bowdoin chapter, and received the degrees of A. B. and A. M. from the college, and that of LL. B. from Columbia University, New York.

He married, July 30, 1903, Miss Adelaide Louise Beekman.

A letter from him in 1912 said: "There has been no special or unusual incident in my life since our last class reunion. I have continued in the practice of law in this city during that time as during the previous thirty-one years. I know by mathematical calculation that the number of years is correct, but that is the only way in which I can fully realize it." In March 1918, he writes that he has been quite ill three months, with pneumonia and bronchitis. He also says in this letter: "I have never held nor sought a public office, though I have always taken earnest interest in the public affairs of my city, state and nation. Am grateful that I am able to say that I feel Providence has been very kind to me."

## HARRIS

HERBERT HARRIS, son of Peter Talbot and Deborah (Longfellow) Harris, was born at East Machias, December 17, 1846. His preparatory education was at Washington Academy, East Machias. Received the degree of A. B from Bowdoin College in 1872, and that of A. M. in 1875. After graduation he spent one year at E. Machias on account of poor health. He was a student at the Boston Conservatory of Music 1873-76, and later under private teachers in Boston, till 1883. Then for ten years, on account of feeble health of his mother, he was with her at East Machias, looking after her affairs and settling her estate after her demise in 1893.

He was organist and choir director at East Machias, Bangor, Portland and Boston, retiring in 1905. During the college year of 1899-1900, he spent much of the time in Brunswick where he had two nephews in college.

Harris has been an active worker in Free-masonry and held important offices in governing bodies in Maine,—Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Maine, 1899-1900; Grand Organist, Supreme Council 33° Masons of Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, 1903-1906; and received the order of the Grand Cross of the Red Cross of Constantine, which is limited in the United States to fifty re-

ipients. He was instrumental in establishing the Royal Arch Chapter in East Machias; the Commandery of Knights Templar Lodge of Perfection and Council of Princes of Jerusalem in Machias; and the Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine in Bangor.

He has been a member of the Maine Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Maine Historical Society and the Maine Geneological Society.

After retiring from the practice of his profession, Harris spent three summers in European travel, going over in alternate years. Since 1906, he has been active in spreading a knowledge of the international language, Esperanto, holding office in the Esperanto Association of North America, and being a member of International Com. Esperantists, 1909-'10.

Harris never married. His present address is Hyde Park Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

## HEATH

HERBERT M. HEATH was born in Gardiner, Maine, August 27, 1853. His father, A. M. C. Heath, was the founder, owner and editor of Gardiner Home Journal, who enlisted, summer of 1862, in the 16th Me. Regt. and was killed in the battle of Fredericksburg, under Gen. Burnside. Herbert was educated in the public schools of Gardiner, graduated from its High School summer of 1868 and entered Bowdoin that Autumn, the youngest member of the class.

He was one of the editors of the *Bugle*, Junior year, helped found the Bowdoin Orient, being one of its editors. He took one of the prizes in Mineralogy and was one of the Phi Beta Kappa men, returning three years after graduation to deliver the valedictory in Latin—a custom since abandoned.

At the legislative sessions of 1866-69, he was a page in the Maine State Senate. During the winters of 1871-73, he was Asst. Secretary of the Senate, working at the same time as correspondent of several daily papers.

Upon graduating Heath taught at Limerick Academy, fall of 1872. The next spring he was elected Principal of Washington Academy at East Machias, teaching there until the summer of 1876. During the vacations of these years and working early and late in term time, he studied law under the direction

of Judge Charles Danforth of the Supreme Court, receiving valuable assistance also from the Hon. John C. Talbot of East Machias. He was admitted to the Kennebec County Bar and opened a law office in Augusta, in August 1876, and on the 27th of that month married Laura S. Gardner of East Machias.

In March 1878, he was made city solicitor of Augusta, serving one year. In September 1879, he was elected County Attorney for the County of Kennebec, serving until January 1, 1883, having been elected in the fall of 1882 to the Maine House of Representatives. Here he was assigned to the Judiciary Committee, made chairman of the committee on Congressional Apportionment and placed upon the Committee on revision of the statutes; and during the legislative recess he was one of the assistant commissioners to aid Judge Goddard in that revision.

In the fall of 1883, Heath essayed to follow Horace Greeley's advice to go west and went to Minneapolis. A stay of two months sufficed and he returned to Maine. He was re-elected to the Maine legislature in 1884, and again served on the Judiciary Committee. Two years later he was elected to the Maine Senate and made chairman of the Judiciary Committee; was re-elected in 1888, lost by one vote an election to the Presidency of the Senate, but served again as chairman of the Judiciary Com-

mittee. It was said of him that during his long career as a lawyer and in the service of the State; he drafted more laws than any other man in Maine.

From that time Heath held no public office, although taking a great interest in politics, being prominent at political conventions. He was made chairman of the Republican State Convention in 1892, and at the convention of 1896, at the request of Thomas B. Reed and Nelson Dingley, he wrote the platform of his party. He was President of the Maine Bar Association, 1896-97 and was lecturer at the U. of M. Law School from 1910. He twice declined an appointment to the Supreme bench. He succeeded at one time in winning a claim before Congress that had been unsuccessfully prosecuted by Edwin M. Stanton and Jeremiah S. Black; and on a motion of Gen. Henderson of Iowa, a leader in the House, he was admitted and sworn at the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.

Heath was most loyal to his party in every political campaign, speaking in almost every city and town in Maine, where, it is said from 1878 to 1912, outside of his professional capacity, he made more than a thousand speeches for the party with which he was so long identified. Moreover, from 1873 he always gave his services without price to some Grand Army post on Memorial Day, every year without exception. These old veterans were comrades of his father, and he deemed it a duty to do what he could for them

in their annual memorial services. "For forty consecutive years he never failed to make a Memorial Day address."

Heath was made an Overseer of his college in 1911; and was several times invited to address the undergraduates of Bowdoin, on "The Proper Training for Public Speaking."

He died of acute indigestion at Augusta, Maine, August 18, 1912, survived by his wife and four children, Marion, Gardner, Herbert and Gertrude. Gardner graduated at Bowdoin, class of 1909.

These notes give but a meagre account of Mr. Heath's life and activities. A fuller record is to be found in a very fitting memorial volume with portrait; edited and arranged by Gertrude E. Heath and issued in 1916. This volume contains a brief sketch of his life; some of his greater and more important addresses; "Nuggets and Epigrams" from his pen; and "Tributes from the Kennebec Bar." The closing words of this volume, by Chief Justice Whitehouse, are: "His beneficent life is his memorial. It speaks with more impressive emphasis than the most eloquent voice of eulogy, and enrolls his name on that shining list in the galaxy of the great lawyers and great men of Maine."

See also Bowdoin College Bulletin, obituary Number 1913; Herndon, Men of Progress Boston, 1897, pp. 19-20, with portrait; and Report of Maine State Bar Association, vol. 18, pp. 118-119.



## HINKS

JOHN LEWIS RICH HINKS was born in Brewer, Maine, April 26th, 1849, son of one Sylvester Hinks (or Hincks) a resident of Brewer, but who was connected with the railroad service in the station at Bangor. He graduated at the Bangor High School and came to Bowdoin college, where he gave much promise during the time of his brief stay in college. He was especially interested and active in the "'72 Debating Club' during Freshman year. But failing health compelled him to abandon a college course. His mind became affected and unbalanced, from which he never recovered. He died at Augusta, Maine, May 5, 1886. My informant supposes "he never married, though his brother and two sisters married into some of best known families in Bangor."

## HOOKER

WALTON OLNEY HOOKER was born in Gardiner, Maine, April 17, 1849. He was educated and fitted for college in the schools of his native city, with Heath and Lewis as classmates. During his college course he was highly esteemed and much beloved for the personal qualities of character which were his, and before graduating was admitted to the Phi Beta Kappa Society, Alpha of Maine. Immediately upon his graduating he went to sea, enlisting as a common seaman, but rapidly rose to be the master of a ship sailing to foreign ports. In that capacity he died of small pox in Rio de Janeiro, August 14, 1878. The following fitting tributes to his memory appeared in the local papers of his home city:

From *Gardiner Home Journal*, August 21, 1878.

"On Monday the telegraph brought the news of the death of Capt. Walton C. Hooker, of this city, master of the ship Harry Morse, Rio Janeiro, of small pox. The deceased was the son of W. Olney Hooker of this city, and was as fine a young man as ever trod a deck. He was a graduate of our High Schools, in the class with the junior member of this firm, and after graduating with highest honors at Bowdoin College, he took to the sea; and at his death, at the early age of 28 years, he had been master for three or four years. For a poor boy,

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without wealthy friends or influence to help him, to be so soon promoted is the highest proof of the worth of the man. He was a noble, whole-hearted, generous young man, and all who knew him will mingle their tears with those of his afflicted parents. His life, short as it was, has not been unfruitful of blessing, for the memory of his noble character will be a perpetual feast to his friends, and his example a constant incentive to every striving young man."

From *The Kennebec Reporter*, Saturday, August 24, 1878.

"The telegraph and mail Monday brought the sad news to this city of the death of Capt. Walton O. Hooker, son of W. Olney Hooker, and a native resident of this city. He died at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, of small pox after a brief illness. Capt. Hooker was a graduate of the High School in this city, and of Bowdoin College in the class of '72. He was a young man of fine scholarship, unblemished character, and excellent abilities. Soon after leaving college he entered upon a sea-faring life where he won the confidence of his officers and owners and by promotion reached the position of chief officer of a fine ship, the 'Harry Morse,' owned principally by the Houghtons of Bath, which he commanded at the time of his death. He was about twenty-seven years of age, much respected and beloved by all his friends and associates."

## IRELAND

FRANKLIN PIERCE IRELAND was born December 6, 1851, in Newburyport, Massachusetts and received his preparatory education in that city. He was with the class of '72 in Bowdoin the first two years of its course, but retiring in 1870 he went to the Law School of Boston University. Graduating from the Law School he went in 1874 to Nebraska City, Nebraska and began the practice of law.

In 1876 he was a candidate for District Attorney but was defeated by a few votes. In 1878 he married Miss Eloise Coe and they had one daughter, Mrs. William Hayward.

In 1884 he was offered and declined nomination for Governor of his state. He was a Democrat in politics, and in 1880-84 he was chairman of the state Democratic conventions and "filled the position with ability." In 1890-92 he served one term as Mayor of Nebraska City and was for some time a member of the Board of Education, taking a great interest in school matters. He built up a very successful law practice, counting among his clients several large corporations.

He died the 14th of January 1902. Concerning his sudden and tragic death the *Nebraska City News* of that date contained the following:

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“Frank Pierce Ireland is dead. Genial, whole-hearted, companionable Frank is no more—his death a severe shock to the community. Yesterday in the full bloom of health, planning and striving for the future, this afternoon he lies cold in the embrace of death. Last evening he was about the city as usual, met and conversed with friends, went to his home and retired as was his custom. This morning about 5 o'clock he was found lying upon the terrace of his residence, clad in his night clothes, unconscious—having fallen, as is supposed, from his chamber window. Medical assistance was summoned at once, he was carried into the house and all was done for him that could be done. He partially regained consciousness, but not sufficient to explain how the accident occurred; began to sink after 10 o'clock and at one o'clock quietly passed away. His death was from paralysis caused by the dislocation of the spinal column.

“Frank was one of the most genial gentlemen that ever made this city his home. No more accomplished man ever lived in the state. Under all circumstances he was the same genial, urbane gentleman. During President Cleveland's first term he was called to Washington and was offered the position of assistant secretary of the Treasury, but he declined. It was then that Mrs. Cleveland called him ‘the Chesterfield of Nebraska.’

“Frank was a friend to all and everybody was a

friend to him. He was charitable, as can be proven by hundreds whom he assisted; he was genial as all know; he was particularly kind to those in distress; and no man in this city has more friends among all classes than had Mr. Ireland. Many will be the tears shed over his untimely demise."

## LAMBERT

ALONZO STOCKBRIDGE LAMBERT, son of Joshua and Susan (Garcelon) Lambert, was born at Durham, Maine, February 4, 1850. He entered Bowdoin in 1867 with the class of '71. He appeared in the class of '72 in its sophomore year and left it again the next year, going to Amherst College where he graduated in 1872.

After graduating he was a farmer at Durham, his native town, and afterward removed to Somonauk, Illinois where he was residing 1878. Since that time we have no information concerning him. His brother residing in Auburn, Maine could not inform us as to his whereabouts so late as October 1915.

He was reported as once married.

## LEWIS

WESTON LEWIS was another of that famous trio—Heath, Hooker and Lewis—coming to Bowdoin from Gardiner High School in 1868. He was born in Pittston, Maine, opposite Gardiner, December 26, 1850, a choice Christmas present to this nether world. When prepared for the High School he entered that in Gardiner and fitted for college in the Gardiner High School.

Upon graduating from Bowdoin in 1872, it speaks well for Lewis that he was elected principal of the Gardiner High School where he had so recently attended as a student, showing that the idea that a man is without honor in his own city, is not always true. Teaching this school for three years, he was again honored by being elected treasurer of the Gardiner Savings Bank; and has been engaged in the banking business in Gardiner all his life with marked success. He has also been prominent in railroad corporations, water companies and other business enterprises. He is a director of the Maine Central Railroad and of several other railroads. In politics he has been a Democrat, but has held few political offices.

He was made an Overseer of his college in 1901, serving till 1911, when he was elected to the Board of Trustees.



Lewis married Miss Eleanor W. Partridge in October 1876. They have three children one of whom Henry, graduated from Bowdoin in 1905 and is following in the footsteps of his father as a successful banker.

## LORD

EDWIN HOWARD LORD passed his college course with the class of 1871 and is registered with that class in the Bowdoin Catalogue, but the former chronicler whose notes I am using, says that on account of ill health Mr. Lord dropped back to the class of 1872 with which he graduated.

He was a native of Springvale, Maine, born June 1, 1850. Besides his degree of A. B. from Bowdoin, he received also an A. M. in 1875, and the same from Harvard in 1881.

His whole life was devoted to teaching of which he made a marked success. He was principal of the High School in Richmond, Maine, 1871-73, and taught in Lowell, Massachusetts, 1873-80. Then he became principal of the High School at Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he served four years. After that he became an electrician and followed that vocation till 1887. Upon the founding and opening of the Brewster Free Academy at Wolboro, New Hampshire, in 1887, he became its principal and continued with it until his death in Portland, Maine, January 24, 1907.

He was survived by one son, W. S. Lord of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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**MEADS**

SIMEON PEASE MEADS was born in Limington, Maine, January 11, 1849, coming to Bowdoin from that town. After graduating he taught a year as principal of the Brunswick High School; married Miss Nettie E. Manson of Limington, August 1, 1873; taught 1873-74 the Academy at Limerick, Maine; and entered fall of 1874, the Cobb Divinity School then connected with Bates College, Lewiston, supplying the Corliss Street Free Baptist Church of Bath. His health failing, he moved, in the spring of 1876, to San Jose, California. There he tried unsuccessfully to get a job at driving a street car, so as to be out of doors as much as possible for the sake of his lungs which were very weak. In November he moved to Oakland, California. Failing to get a position in a real estate office, he opened an office of his own by renting a window space at \$20 a month, hiring a boy at \$5 and himself keeping out of doors all the day. There he gained thirty pounds in weight in eight months.

In the spring of 1877, being much improved physically, he sold his business, took a teacher's examination and got a position at \$100 per month. This enabled him to bring his wife and family to California, which he did in the early fall.

In 1879 he was elected to the Oakland High School and was at the head of the science department

nearly twenty-two years, latter part of the time as vice-principal of the school. During this period he published, in 1884 his *Elements of Chemistry*, and in 1888, a book on *Elementary Physics*, the former having run through six editions and the latter four, in 1907, when the author was considering another revision of them.

After the Republican party of California sent a whiskey dealer to the U. S. Senate, in 1885, Prof. Meads became an active member of the Prohibition party. He wrote largely for papers and magazines, and for two years he edited the *Pacific Prohibitionist*. He was the prohibition candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1902, and for State Superintendent of Schools in 1906.

In 1901 he resigned his position in the high school and again opened a real estate office. In 1904 the Board of Education of Oakland offered him the principalship of the Cole Elementary School, grammar grade, but at a salary larger than his former high school salary. This he accepted, keeping a slight interest in his real estate office and working there in vacation. In 1910 he ran on the Prohibition ticket as candidate for Governor of California. A letter from him dated March 2, 1918 says he is chairman of the Northern California Prohibition Committee and a member of the Northern California, Non-Partisan Ratification Committee in charge of the election of a dry legislature this fall.

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He has stumped the state twice, in 1914 and 1916, for a dry California, and expects to go over the state again this coming fall in a fight for ratification of the federal amendment.

He is chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Oakland, a church of 850 members, and has a young married peoples Bible class of 60 members in the Sunday school.

He edits the Prohibition Monthly for Northern California (called *Backbone*) which circulates over the northern part of the state.

On March 13, 1890 Mrs. Nettie (Manson) Meads, after an illness of three and one-half years, passed away, leaving five children, the youngest not quite three years old. On May 23, 1891, Mr. Meads married Miss Louise Russell of Albany, New York, who proved a faithful helpmate in looking after the welfare of the children. One daughter died while in the 8th grade in school, nearly ready for the High School. He has now four children and five grand children.

One son, Dr. H. M. Meads, is in the U. S. service with the rank of Captain. He has charge of one of the base hospitals "somewhere in France," but where the father does not know.

Mr. Meads' present residence is at No. 534 Merimac Street, Oakland, California.

## McCLINTOCK

Of JAMES YOUNG McCLINTOCK we can only repeat what the catalogue of Bowdoin College says of him; "Born in Hallowell, Maine, April 21, 1853. Bowdoin 1868-69; Civil Engineer, Boston and Maine R. R. 1872-80; New York City 1880-82; Business Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1884-88; Rochester, New York 1888-98; Civil Engineer, Rochester 1898- ." McClintock was with the class of '72 but a short time. Why and whither he went the writer does not know, but probably to study elsewhere, as the next account of him is in the year of our graduation, 1872, when he appears as a civil engineer upon the railroad.

## McDOWELL

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS McDOWELL was born February 25, 1848, in Washington, Maine. He fitted for college at Lincoln Academy, Newcastle, Maine in the class with Seiders, Coggan and Richards. Was at Bowdoin but two years, dying of typhoid fever at Brunswick, July 13, 1870, where all deeply mourned his loss. His classmates and acquaintances knew him as a thoroughly conscientious, upright and promising young man. He was of fine mind, of excellent habits, faithful in every duty, studious, earnest, a confessed follower of the Man of Gallilee and daily lived up to his profession.

## MITCHELL

FRANK ALBERT MITCHELL was born August 19, 1847, one authority says in Kennebunk, Maine, and another in Kennebunkport. Coming to Bowdoin, he hailed from the town of Phillips, Maine. He was with the class of '72 until 1871, leaving late in Junior year. He then spent a year with his uncle, F. D. Mithchell, in Jacksonville, Florida. He then entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York and received the degree of M. D. in 1874. He then practiced medicine at North Fryeburg, Maine till 1881; attended a special course of lectures in New York until spring of 1882, when he came to Bridgton, Maine, where he had an extensive practice during the rest of his active life. He was taken suddenly ill in May 1897 and died in February 1898.

Mitchell married Miss Abbie Dresser of Lowell, Maine, who with an only son, Everett Totman Mitchell, still survive him and are living in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Mitchell came to Bridgton a stranger while the writer was living in the adjoining town of Waterford, and because of his professional skill and genial personality, soon gained an extensive business practice and made many firm friends in Bridgton and adjoining towns.

A good sketch of the life and work of Dr. Mitchell may be found in the "Biographical Review of Cumberland County" published in 1896, page 46.



## PAYNE

CHARLES HENRY PAYNE is another name registered as entering Bowdoin with the class of '72 but who, we believe, never appeared with the class in the classroom, probably took the entrance examination but never entered upon the course of study. He hailed from Newburyport, Massachusetts. Further than that this deponent saith not because of a want of knowledge of the man.

## RICHARDS

JEHIEL SIMMONS RICHARDS, Jr., son of J. S. and Leonora (Coggan) Richards, was born in Bristol, Maine, August 1, 1847. His early training was in the district school and upon the farm. He took his college preparatory course at Lincoln Academy in Newcastle, Maine, attending six terms—fall and spring and studying some outside. During summer he worked upon the farm and winters he taught school to pay expenses, teaching at Cushing, No. Waldoboro, Pemaquid and the village school in Newcastle. He was an assistant also at Lincoln Academy. During his college course also, he taught four terms of school, at Round Pond, Southport, Brunswick and Monmouth Academy, which took him out of college somewhat. He was, however, graduated with his class, took rank among the first five members and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Before his graduation he was engaged to teach at Calais, Maine, as Principal of the Calais Academy and City High School combined. Here he taught two years; entered Bangor Theological Seminary in the fall of 1874 and graduated in 1877, numbering among his classmates and friends, Prof. Clarence A. Beckwith, D. D. of Chicago Theological Seminary and George A. Gordon, D. D. of Old South Church, Boston.

Richards preached as a "student supply," in Bremen, Maine, then his home town summer of 1875, and at Dexter, Maine, from February 1876 to June 1877 when he was called to the pastorate of the church (Congregational Church of Dexter) and was ordained its pastor June 22, 1877. He has served in these seven Congregational pastorates all in Maine: Dexter, 1876-80; Waterford and No. Waterford, united 1880-83, and at Waterford alone till 1886; Alfred 1886-90; Deer Isle First Church, 1890-97; W. Brooksville 1897-1901; North Yarmouth 1901-07; and Litchfield 1907-12. All these pastorates succeeded immediately one upon another, excepting the last previous to which Mr. Richards was laid aside several months by a serious illness.

In all but one of his pastorates Richards was sought to serve in the conduct of the schools. He was Superintendent of Schools at Dexter and Waterford, was upon the school board at Alfred, Superintendent at North Yarmouth, resigning that office the second year. In politics he has been an independent republican, and a Master Mason since August 1891.

Richards married July 8, 1874, Miss Hattie Otis Barker of Brunswick. To them were born two children, Raymond C. and Annie G. The son died at Deer Isle, in his sixteenth year and nearly ready to enter college. The daughter graduated from the Eastern State Normal School, from North Yarmouth Academy and from Bates College, class

1906, and has followed her profession as teacher to this time.

Upon retiring from his last pastorate Mr. Richards with his family, went to North Yarmouth and settled among his former people. Here he owns a humble home and devotes his time to gardening, orcharding, eggs and poultry raising, supplying vacant pulpits occasionally, attending funerals and sometimes weddings in the absence of the pastor, and serving his community as a Justice of the Peace.

His post office address is Route 1, Box 77, Walnut Hill, Maine.

## RICKER

FREEMAN ALONZO RICKER came into the class from 1871. He was born at Ossipee, New Hampshire, October 13, 1849, but hailed from Portland, Maine when entering college. Upon graduating he married, 1872, Virginia Houghton of Bath, Maine and went into mercantile business in Portland. His health failing he went into the Adirondacks, hoping to secure relief from that terrible disease, tuberculosis, which had fastened upon him: But in vain. He died the last day of 1877.

The *Sunday Times* of January 6, 1878 published the following:

"Monday last, Freeman A. Ricker, only son of J. S. Ricker, Esq., died at Martin's Hotel, Serena Lake, Adirondacks, of consumption.

The funeral took place Friday afternoon from the residence of his father. Large numbers of his friends came in the furious storm to pay a final tribute to his memory. The employees of the tannery attended in a body. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Fenn of High Street Church, assisted by Rev. J. R. Day of the Chestnut Street Church. The pallbearers were Edward C. Jordan, Horace M. Jordan, Edward Cayle, Edward Payson, W. G. Fossett, A. L. Crocker, G. H. Cummings, Frank S. Waterhouse. Beloved by all who knew him, his death is much lamented; and is indeed bitter and crushing to his parents, sisters and young wife."

## ROGERS

OSGOOD WYMAN ROGERS was the oldest man of the class of '72, born February 8, 1840, at Windham, Maine. His early life was passed upon his father's farm, with slight interruptions; until December 1859, when he went into a blacksmith's shop to learn that trade. Here he worked till April 1861, when he enlisted and entered the Civil War, in the 5th Regt. Me. Vols. He participated in eight battles besides numerous skirmishes, was slightly wounded and captured at Salem Church, May 3, 1863, was a prisoner twenty-one days on Belle Isle, Richmond, Virginia, then paroled and taken to Parole Camp, near Annapolis, Maryland. In September 1863, he was detailed by the War Department to serve as Clerk of the 3d Battalion of paroled prisoners, and this position he held until his discharge from the U. S. service, at Portland, Maine, July 1864.

His war experience changed his views of life and his estimate of the value of an education, so that in the fall of 1864, he entered the Normal School at Farmington, Maine. Deciding to prepare for college, he entered the next spring, the North Bridgton Academy, and completed his preparation at Bridgton, Fryeburg and Norway Academies. Upon graduating, he married August 1, 1872, Miss M. Augusta Evans, and with her, the following September took charge of Blue Hill Academy. The next spring,

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1873, they entered upon the same service at Hampden Academy, Hampden, Maine. He became a student at Bangor Theological Seminary in the spring of 1874, and graduated June 1876, supplying during his last year in the Seminary, the Congregational Church at Frankfort, Maine. Upon his graduation he accepted a call to the Old South Church, Farmington, Maine, where he was ordained and ministered till the fall of 1879, when he was called to the First Congregational Church, Bridgton, Maine and served till 1883 and was then called to the First Congregational Church of Mount Pleasant, Iowa. He remained with the church at Mt. Pleasant from February 1883 till May 1900. In that year he began ministry at Medford, Oklahoma.

In 1902 he took up a homestead farm in Ellis County, supplied the pulpit at Gage, Oklahoma till 1906, then became its pastor until the winter of 1911, when he removed to Medford and bought a house intending to retire.

The Boston *Congregationalist*, in noting this retirement said: "In the resignation of Rev. O. W. Rogers of Gage, Oklahoma, the State has lost one of her veterans from the list of pastors, now a veteran of seventy-two years. He and his noble wife are making their permanent home in Medford, where they have received a royal welcome from their former parishioners."

Rogers has three children and several grand-

children. His eldest, a son, William O., is pastor of a Congregational church in Terre Haute, Indiana; one daughter, Mrs. Ratcliffe, lives in Massachusetts; and the younger daughter is a senior in Kingfisher College, Oklahoma.



## SAMPSON

CASSANDER CARY SAMPSON, though graduating with the class of '73, was a member of '72 the first three years of its course where he made so many firm friends that he is still glad to count himself one of us. He was born, September 2, 1850, at Harrison, Maine; attended the schools of his native village and fitted for college at North Bridgton Academy in the adjoining town. Entering Bowdoin in 1868, he was obliged to fall back because of weak eyes, and graduated in 1873. In 1874 and '75 he was assistant to classmate Coggan at Nichols Academy, in Dudley, Massachusetts. In September 1875 he entered Andover Theological Seminary and graduated in 1878. At that time the seminary did not confer degrees; but later, in 1899, it conferred upon Sampson the degree of S. T. B. He preached at Gilmanton Iron Works, New Hampshire in 1878 and 1879, at Pembroke, New Hampshire, 1879-85, where he was ordained in 1881; and in 1885 accepted a call to Tilton, New Hampshire, where he is still the much beloved and honored pastor. He is at the present time a director of the New Hampshire Bible Society, a trustee of the New Hampshire Congregational Ministers' and Widows' Fund, a trustee of the Gen. Conf. of Congregational Churches of New Hampshire and of the New Hampshire Home

Missionary Society. He has been Moderator of the General Conference.

He has never married. In a late letter he speaks of growing old; but that he urges his people to press on, "never say die," and tries to take cheerfully the medicine he prescribes for others.

## SEIDERS

GEORGE MELVILLE SEIDERS was born in Union, Maine, January 15, 1844, eighth child and fifth son of Henry and Mary E. (Starrett) Seiders. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native town, and while a student in the High School he enlisted, September 10, 1862, in Co. B, 24th Me. Volunteer Infantry and was made a corporal. He was mustered out of service with his regiment, at Augusta, August 25, 1863. Returning to Union, he was upon the home farm a year or more, then obtained employment in the machine shops of Charles Staples & Son for some months. In 1866 he left the work bench to enter Kent's Hill Seminary, attended there two terms, then completed his college preparatory course at Lincoln Academy, Newcastle, Maine.

Upon graduating in 1872, Mr. Seiders was appointed principal of Greeley Institute at Cumberland Center, Maine, and held the position two years. The year 1874-75, he was submaster in the High School at Waltham, Massachusetts and the following year, 1875-76 he held a professorship in the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, at Cheshire, Connecticut. Here he took up the study of law and returning to Portland, July 1876, entered the office of Hon. Thomas B. Reed where he continued to read law and was admitted to the bar in October 1878. He was

then in the office of Hon. F. M. Ray for a few months; but at the request of Mr. Reed, returned to his office and remained with him until he resigned his seat in Congress and went to New York in 1901. In 1893 Mr. Seiders formed a partnership with F. V. Chase, Esq. of Portland, which continued several years.

Mr. Seiders was much in public service. In 1883 he was appointed Assistant United States Counsel in the Alabama Court of Claims and continued under this appointment until the court was discontinued. In the fall of 1877, living then at North Yarmouth, he was elected representative to the Legislature from the class of North Yarmouth and Yarmouth, on the Republican ticket; and when the Legislature assembled, he was appointed on the judiciary committee, although not yet admitted to the Bar. He moved to Portland in 1880. In 1884 he was elected county attorney for Cumberland County, and re-elected for a second term in 1886. In 1892 he was elected to the State Senate and re-elected in 1894 to serve a second term, then he was made president of the senate. He was a member of the Republican State Committee from 1899 to January 1905. In 1901 he was elected Attorney General of the State, and served two full terms in that office, being re-elected in 1903.

Mr. Seiders was a strong admirer of Theodore Roosevelt, and feeling that Mr. Roosevelt should

be re-elected to the Presidency, he became a Progressive and was very active in that organization in 1912, being chairman of the State Committee. Early in 1913, however, he resigned from that position.

Mr. Seiders married November 24, 1872, Miss Clarice S. Hayes of North Yarmouth. They had three children—Grace R., Mary A. and Phillip Reed Seiders. The son died in 1908. The older daughter married Dr. Phillip W. Davis (Bowdoin 1897) now a surgeon in the U. S. service, while she and five children reside in Portland. The younger daughter lives with her mother at 45 Thomas Street, Portland, where the husband and father left them May 26, 1915.

Mr. Seiders was an active member of the Maine Historical Society and of the Maine Geneological Society, a member of the Bramhall League, the Cumberland Club and Bosworth Post, G. A. R. From his youth he was a member of the Congregational church.

The Portland Evening Express, soon after the death of Mr. Seiders published what may be regarded a fair record of the life and activities of our distinguished and lamented classmate. Later there appeared also a very fitting poetic tribute to his memory, consisting of seven eight-line stanzas, of which the last stanza reads thus:—

“Farmer, Statesman, Lawyer, Scholar,  
Friend of great and friend of small,  
Leader, Helper, Guide, or Father,  
Husband, Brother,—true in all.  
List! there rings a sweet sung tribute  
To the working of God’s plan,—  
‘In your hands I left a marble,  
You have brought me back a man.’ ”

## SHANNON

WILLIAM CUMMINGS SHANNON, the eldest of four sons of Dr. Nathaniel Shannon of Portland, Maine, was born at London, New Hampshire, May 8, 1851. He came to Bowdoin from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, having fitted for college at Westbrook Seminary. Graduating in 1872, he took up the study of medicine at the Bowdoin Medical School, Brunswick and in Portland, and graduating as M. D. from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, in 1874. He remained at the hospital a year and in 1875 entered the United States army as Asst. Surgeon, and in 1895, was made Surgeon with the rank of Major. He served at many army posts and retired in 1898 on account of physical disability. For several years, he was in continually failing health, living during the summer at Elkhorn, Nebraska, and during winter at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He died April 21, 1905.

Shannon married Miss Ellen Poppleton, a graduate, and later a trustee of Vassar College, daughter of the late Judge Poppleton of New York City and Omaha, Nebraska.

Aside from his success in his profession, Shannon possessed a studious mind, improving the opportunities afforded at the army posts for reading and general culture. He spent two years, 1891-93 in Central America where he made a valuable collection of one thousand rare plants.

## SPAULDING

FRANK WOOD SPAULDING, son of Dr. Zachariah and Mrs. Asenath (Wood) Spaulding, was born in Bingham, Maine, April 29th, 1844.

His early youth was spent in attending such schools as the town afforded and in assisting in farm work. He fitted for college at Kent's Hill, Maine, graduating in 1869 and entering the class of 1872 Bowdoin as a Sophomore the following autumn. While taking this course of study, he taught school during several winter seasons.

He began the study of medicine immediately after graduation from college in 1872. He studied with his brother, a practicing physician in Bingham, and also in the Medical Department of the University of New York City from which he graduated in 1875 as valedictorian of his class. After this he spent several months of service in different hospitals.

He considers it one of the greatest honors of his life that he received a congratulatory letter, soon after graduating, containing an invitation to return to his native town and engage in the practice of medicine. This letter was in the form of a petition, signed by many of the leading citizens of the village and vicinity. For various reasons, however, he decided to remain in Bingham only a few months, while settling the affairs of his brother who had practiced there for several years but who, on account



of failing health, had been obliged to seek an easier field of service, where he died soon after.

In 1876, our classmate went to Brattleboro, Vermont where he was employed as assistant physician in the Insane Asylum for one year. He then went to Epping, New Hampshire where he engaged in general practice for sixteen years, during fifteen of which he was associate physician at the Rockingham County Almshouse and Insane Asylum.

On October 20th, 1880, he married Abbey Thayer, daughter of Rev. J. H. Stearnes of Epping. He served the Congregational church as one of its deacons and Superintendent of Sunday School. He was also for several years upon the Superintending School Committee of the Town.

Owing to a very serious illness in 1892, he was obliged to relinquish general practice whereupon he received an appointment on the Medical Staff of the Sanitarium at Clifton Springs, New York. He left Epping with many regrets as the severing of ties of several years duration, between physician and patients, was a trying experience. He has been a member of the Sanitarium Staff for nearly twenty-five years and for several of these years he was Medical Director Dean of the Staff.

In 1902, through the generosity of a former patient, he and his wife were invited to accompany her on a visit to Palestine and parts of Egypt and Europe. They were gone three months, and the trip was greatly enjoyed by all.

October 20th, 1905, occurred their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary which event was celebrated appropriately at the Sanitarium. The most unique of the gifts received was a small heart of granite from New Hampshire (where they were married and lived happily for several years) embedded in a block of pine from Maine, their native State.

After a service of twenty years at Clifton Springs, Dr. Spaulding was granted a leave of absence for six months, the most of which time was spent by him and Mrs. Spaulding on the Pacific Coast having Los Angeles for headquarters but, on the return trip, going as far North as Portland, Oregon. One of the most interesting places visited during this journey was the Grand Canon of Arizona, a rare enjoyment not to be forgotten.

During his term of service in the Sanitarium, Dr. Spaulding has more than once taken a few weeks of post graduate study in medical schools and hospitals of New York City. He has found medical work in an institution less subject to exposure than country practice, consequently his health has been well maintained to the present time.

During this quarter of a century, he has been surrounded by a delightful environment and helpful and agreeable associates, in ministering to an intelligent and appreciative class of patients, all of which has caused him great reason for gratitude to God for His favor and loving kindness.

## STONE

GEORGE WEBBER STONE was born January 7, 1849, in town of Jay, Maine, where upon a farm he spent the most of his active life, his post office address being Livermore Falls. He died October 2, 1910, being killed instantly by a falling tree. He studied in the common schools of his town and fitted for college at Kent's Hill Seminary. His first college year was passed at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, he entering Bowdoin and the class of 1872 at the opening of Sophomore year. Upon graduating he returned to the home farm in Jay, to care for his aged parents, where he passed the rest of his life. He received his A. M. in course 1875. He never married.

Mr. Stone was prominent in town and county affairs. He was Supervisor of schools in Jay for a number of years, and on the school board for some years. Served also as selectman for a term of years. In politics he was a Republican and one of the leaders of the party in town and county; was sent by his district as representative to the Maine legislature, 1883-84, and as senator from Franklin County, 1895-96. He served upon many important committees in state, county and town.

In religion Stone was a member of the Methodist church, where he held the offices of trustee and steward.

As an agriculturist he was progressive and successful.

From these notes upon the life of our classmate, we are indebted to Mr. F. P. Stone of Norway, brother of Geo. W. and administrator of his estate.

## TOTMAN

EVERETT TOTMAN was born September 5, 1850, at Fairfield, Maine and entered Bowdoin in 1868. In Junior year he left the class and went to Dartmouth College, where he graduated in 1872. Upon graduation he went into business and for fifteen years was a member of the firm of Allen & Totman, Hardware, at Fairfield, his home town. He removed to Minnesota, was in the livery business with his brother at Duluth, from 1890 to 1897, as Totman Brothers; returned to Maine, and in 1900 located at Waltham, Massachusetts in the hardware business as E. Totman & Co. He left Waltham in December 1908, lived in Concord, Massachusetts three years and removed to Needham, Massachusetts in 1911. In 1914 he was appointed Town Accountant of Needham for three years and reappointed in 1917 for another term of three years, and "Hope to have a few more reappointments," he writes under date of January 28, 1918. He has pleasant work, is on duty six hours a day, excepting Saturday afternoons and holidays, "with no domineering boss to criticise."

Totman married December 19, 1875, Miss Ella U. Brown, who died July 28, 1882. He married again November 30, 1905, Lillian F. Hatch of Concord, Massachusetts, who still graces his home at Needham and whom it was the privilege of the class of '72

to meet at its 35th anniversary reunion, Columbia Hotel, Portland, Maine. He has no children.

He frequently comes to Peaks Island, Maine to visit a brother who has a cottage there and says in his recent letter: "We shall meet again probably at our fiftieth anniversary in Brunswick. I am very much alive."

## WHITAKER

GEORGE MASON WHITAKER was born July 30, 1851 in Southbridge, Massachusetts and fitted for college at Nichols Academy, Dudley, Massachusetts. On graduating from Bowdoin, he entered at once into newspaper work and was editor and publisher of the *Southbridge Journal* until 1886. He had already had experience in that line, having been one of the founders of the *Bowdoin Orient* and a frequent contributor to other periodicals. He said however of himself during those years of his publishing the *Southbridge Journal*, that he "played the role of a prophet in his own country, at times to his disadvantage from the stand point of popularity." Yet he made a living, gave his paper a high standing in the state, was several times elected to the board of School Committee and of library committee, and became secretary of the Massachusetts Press Association. He was a Sunday School Superintendent for seven years, and a trustee of the local agricultural society.

In January, 1886, he removed to Boston to edit and publish the *New England Farmer*, residing at Winthrop, Massachusetts, giving this oldest agriculture paper in the country new life, popularity and influence. Besides his degree of A. B. from *Bowdoin* in 1872, he received that of A. M. in course from his Alma Mater in 1875 and in 1905 the degree of

Sc.D. from Lincoln Memorial University. In August 1872 he married Alice E. Weld of Southbridge, Massachusetts and had two daughters, Lillian and Ethel of whom the latter died in 1901.

While at Boston, Mr. Whitaker received numerous honors in various directions. Having given much attention to dairy interests, he was appointed in 1891, by Governor Russell, to the position of executive officer of the State Dairy Bureau created that year, and filled the office with marked efficiency until 1903, when he entered the service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and removed to Washington, D. C. Promotions followed until he became the chief of the Market Milk Section in the Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture. In December 1911, he resigned to become secretary of the newly organized National Dairy Union. Later in the same year he accepted the position of managing editor of *Hoard's Dairyman* and a few weeks after, died suddenly at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin of acute dilation of the heart, 29th August 1912.

An editorial in *Hoard's Dairyman* of September 13, 1912, accompanied by an excellent portrait of Mr. Whitaker, thus speaks of him:

"Dr. George M. Whitaker, late of Washington, D. C. and associate editor of *Hoard's Dairyman*, died Thursday, August 29th, after a brief illness of only a few hours, caused by acute dilation of the heart and consequent heart failure.



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"This sudden ending of a highly meritorious and useful life is painfully shocking, not only to his family and associates in the Dairyman office, but as well, to a very wide circle of friends and associates in the United States. At the time of his death, Dr. Whitaker was president of the Farmer's National Congress and secretary of the National Dairy Union. In the latter organization he had been very arduously employed for nearly a year at Washington, defending the dairy interests of the whole country before Congress against fraudulent substitutes for butter. His work in this particular has been very sagacious and efficient, and his loss will be seriously felt by every dairyman in the United States. For several years he was attached to the Dairy Division of the Agricultural Department in Washington where he acquired a wide spread reputation as an expert in market milk."

He was a man of more than usual culture and attainments and possessed the firm respect and confidence of a very wide circle of associates as the following list of his activities will clearly show: He was for fifteen years editor of the *New England Farmer*; ten years the administrative officer of the Dairy Bureau of the Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture; seven years secretary of the *New England Milk Producers' Union*; seven years trustee of a local agricultural society in Massachusetts; several years vice-president of the *Bay State Agricul-*

tural Society; he has been a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of the State and National Dairy Food Departments; treasurer and president of the Boston Press Club, and was honorary life member; secretary and president of Massachusetts Press Association; Massachusetts State Head of Temple of Honor, a temperance organization; President of Boston Bowdoin Club. He was a member of Advisory Board of George M. Oyster Baby Milk Philanthropy in Washington, D. C.; Score Card Committee of National Dairy Instructors' Association; Vice-president of International Association of Dairy Milk Inspectors; a member of the executive board of Postal Progress League; a trustee of the Lincoln Memorial University; a member of the Grange, Royal Arcanum and several clubs. He is author of a number of bulletins and reports published by the U. S. and the Massachusetts Departments of Agriculture; author of a number of miscellaneous papers and addresses read before editorial, educational, health, agricultural and other organizations; and of many contributions to the agricultural press of the country.

"He was first appointed a delegate to the Farmers' National Congress in 1895, by the Governor of Massachusetts, reappointed every year until 1905 when he became a life member. In 1901 he was elected assistant secretary; in 1905, secretary; and he held that office until he was elected October 14, 1911,

at Columbus, Ohio, the sixteenth President of the Farmers' National Congress.

"The editors of *Hoard's Dairyman* extend to the stricken wife and daughter their deepest sympathy in this hour of their sorrow.

"The remains were sent forward to Southbridge, Massachusetts, in charge of Mr. P. H. Crane of the *Hoard's Dairyman Staff* on Saturday, where they were laid to rest."

## WILDER

HAROLD WILDER was born in Rochester, New York, November 24, 1850; fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts; but was registered as hailing from Brooklyn, New York when entering Bowdoin in 1868. Upon graduation he became a teacher by profession and between 1872 and 1882 he taught at Dudley, Massachusetts, Barre, Massachusetts and elsewhere.

He married, November 27, 1878, Louise J. Gorham of Barre, and has two daughters both of whom are married.

In the latter part of the '80's he removed "out west," and has since been engaged in sheep ranching in Oregon where he has attended strictly to business. In a letter dated June 1st, 1912 he says: "There is little of interest to say about myself, as I am a spared monument of encouragement for the poorly successful." But he says again: "The glory of life opens for me more and more wonderfully with advancing years."

Writing for the Round Robin in April 1917 he writes with his characteristic good cheer and optimism. Referring to the oft repeated saying that "the good die young," he says of himself: "We uns seem fairly immune to over-goodness, so I have hope of survival a while longer, and 'tis a grand world to be alive in these days." We would like to remind the

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dear brother of another poetical expression from Montgomery, which doubtless is just as true: "The good man never dies." May not this account for classmate Wilder's present enjoyment of life and his hoped for longevity?

Wilder's home is at Flora, Wallowa County, Oregon,—rather upon the frontier. We wrote him March 20, 1918. Our letter reached him April 1. April 7 was his first opportunity of sending reply and his letter reached the writer April 24. He says he "lives in a canon and sometimes makes no connection with U. S. mail for weeks at a time."

## WOOSTER

AUGUSTUS GUSTAVUS WOOSTER was born August 21, 1840, at Hancock, Maine, and on entering Bowdoin hailed from that town. His stay with this class was very brief, he entering late in Sophomore year and leaving early in our Junior year. He is catalogued among the non-graduates of the class of 1873. The record speaks of him as teacher and lawyer in San Diego, California, 1882-1903.

His death occurred at San Diego, January 25, 1903.

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