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board, while from 1882 he was president of the institution. He was a director in the First National Bank of Batavia and in the Wiard Plow Co. from the time it located at Batavia, in 1876. He was an organizer of the New York State Bankers' Association. His political affiliation was with the Democratic party, and he was a member of the state committee when his friend, Grover Cleveland, was elected governor and president. He was president of the village board of Batavia and a member of the board of trustees. For years he was a vestryman of St. James's Protestant Episcopal Church. He was a trustee of the Batavia library association before it was merged with the Union school library; was for twelve years president of the board of education. At the time of the dedication of the Holland Land Office at Batavia, in 1894, he was a director of the Holland Purchase Historical Society, and had much to do with the success of that celebration. He gave much of his time to the welfare of the New York State Institution for the Blind, Batavia, and as member and president of the board of managers was unsparing in his efforts to further this form of education. He served on the sewer and pure water commissions of Batavia. He was the first president of the Batavia Club, Batavia, and a member also of the Batavia chamber of commerce, New York state chamber of commerce, Automobile Club, Buffalo, Automobile Club, Rochester, and a Mason of 32d degree. He found his chief recreation in automobilizing. Few men fill so large a place in any community as he filled at Batavia. He married at Batavia, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1871, Una, daughter of Heman J. Redfield, of Batavia; she survives him, with three children: Daniel Webb, Jr., of Batavia; Everett Redfield, of Batavia, and Redfield Tomlinson, of Rochester. Daniel Webb Tomlinson died at Batavia, N. Y., July 19, 1917.

DEEMER, Elias, banker, lumberman and legislator, was born in Bucks county, Pa., Jan. 3, 1838, son of John and Eleanor Raederle Deemer. His earliest paternal American ancestor, one Diemer, came from Rhenish Bavaria in the early part of the 18th century, probably in 1707, and settled at Germantown, Pa. The line of descent is traced to Michael Deemer, grandfather of the subject, who prior to the war of the revolution, was a large land holder at Nockamixon, Bucks co., Pa. John Deemer, father of the subject, was a farmer of Durham township, Bucks co. Elias Deemer received his education in public schools and under the preceptorship of private tutors. He early evinced a desire for business, and at fifteen was clerk in a mercantile establishment, of which he became sole proprietor at twenty. In 1859 he was made bookkeeper, collector and salesman for W. N. Treichler, an extensive lumber manufacturer and dealer of Kintnersville, Pa., and in that capacity became thoroughly grounded in the lumber business. Later he went to Philadelphia, entering a wholesale notion house. In 1861 he enlisted for the civil war as private in Co. E, 104th regiment Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, but the following year was discharged from the army on the Virginia Peninsula for physical disability. During 1863-68 he was engaged in a mercantile enterprise at Milford, N. J. He then settled at Williamsport, Pa., where he became an independent lumber operator, and during the palmy days of the industry in the West Branch valley he was one of the leading lumber manufacturers of the district. His lumber operations entered more or less into nine counties in Pennsyl-

van'a, and to Mississippi, where the town of Decmer was founded and named after him. He was the executive head of Elias Decmer & Co.; treasurer and active manager of Strong, Deemer & Co., Ltd., and president Williamsport Land & Lumber Co., Williamsport & Chesapeake Co., and from 1893 was president also of the Williamsport National Bank. In Mississippi the Decmer Lumber Co. operated immense mills, his holdings there, sold immediately prior to his death, involving approximately \$1,000,000. At his death he owned also immense timber land tracts in North Carolina. He was formerly a joint publisher of the Williamsport "Republican," and subsequently he became one of the owners of the "News," which later was merged with the "Sun." From time to time he was a factor in various Williamsport industries, and he was the largest employer of labor in the county. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was long a dominant factor in Republican ranks in county and state. He served two terms (1888-89) as member and president of the Williamsport common council. In 1896 he was a delegate to the Republican national convention, and was one of the first McKinley men. In 1900 he was elected to the 57th congress to represent the 16th district, composed of the counties of Lycoming, Potter, Tioga and Clinton, and he was reelected in 1902 and 1904 to the 58th and 59th congresses, but was defeated in 1906 and 1908 by William B. Wilson, afterwards secretary of labor in the Wilson cabinet. Starting in life as a farmer's boy he made his way through his own efforts and the force of a strong personality. He was a man of quiet and kindly disposition, much given to philanthropy. He was the last of central Pennsylvania's great lumbermen, and it was given to him to outlast the industry in which he had always held such a prominent place. He was a steadfast believer in the old school Republicanism. In all his years he enjoyed enviable distinction for conservatism, command of large affairs, wisdom and a supreme sense of justice. He was married at Milford, N. J., Nov. 9, 1865, to Henrietta, daughter of Ralph Hunt, a merchant of Milford. She died in 1913. There are four surviving children: William Russell, a lawyer of Williamsport; Mary Lillian, Laura Hunt, and Lulu May Deemer. He died at Williamsport, Pa., Mar. 29, 1918.

MAY, Joseph, clergyman, was born in Boston, Mass., Jan. 21, 1836, son of Samuel Joseph and Lueretia Flagg (Coffin) May, and a descendant of John May, a ship-master of Sussex, England, who, with his wife Sarah, came to this country in his own ship, settled in Jamaica Plain, Mass., and became a member of Roxbury parish; his descendants seem to have continued largely in shipping and corporate interests; from him the line is traced through his son John and the latter's wife Sarah Brewer; their son John and his wife Prudence Bridge; their son Ebenezer and his wife Abigail Gore; their son Samuel and his wife Catherine Mears; and their son Joseph and his wife Dorothy Sewall, who were the grandparents of the present Joseph May. Joseph May (6), called by courtesy "Colonel," as captain of the Boston cadets, was a prominent citizen, for more than forty years secretary of the Boston Marine Insurance Co., and for over thirty years a warden of King's Chapel; his wife was a daughter of Samuel Sewall (q.v.), chief justice of Massachusetts, and niece of Dorothy Quincy, wife of John Hancock (q.v.). His son, Samuel Joseph (q.v.), was graduated at Harvard College in the celebrated class of 1817,

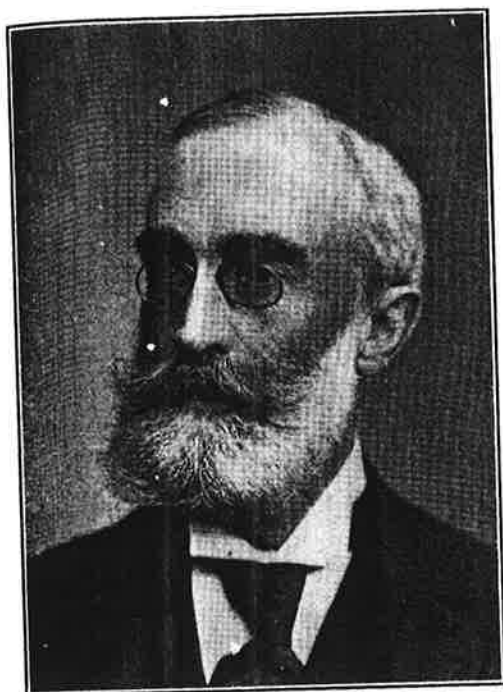
and became a prominent Unitarian minister. After settlements in New England, he was for over twenty years pastor of the Unitarian Church in Syracuse, N. Y., and was prominent in various philanthropies, particularly in the anti-slavery cause, in which he was closely associated with William Lloyd Garrison (q.v.) and Wendell Phillips (q.v.). His wife was the daughter of Peter Coffin, a leading merchant of Portsmouth, N. H., by whom he had four children. His second son, Joseph, the subject of this sketch, was graduated at Harvard in 1857, and would have graduated as first scholar, had he not been ill most of his senior year. While in college Mr. May was secretary of Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard chapter; a member of the Hasty Pudding Club, Alpha Delta Phi and other societies. He was a frequent contributor to the "Harvard Magazine" in prose and verse. Owing to his illness, he was obliged to leave college early in his senior year, but at commencement received his A.B. degree. During his absence he was elected class orator by his classmates, but was obliged to decline the honor. In 1865 he was graduated at Harvard Divinity School, and was immediately ordained and installed pastor of Hope Unitarian Church in Yonkers, N. Y. In 1868 he became pastor of the First Religious Society of Newburyport, Mass., and in 1876 pastor of the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia, Pa., where he continued twenty-five years, resigning in 1901 and becoming pastor emeritus. During the ensuing eight years, he resided much abroad, travelling extensively, and thereafter lived in Philadelphia. He was the author of a life of Rev. Samuel Longfellow, brother of the poet, and edited a volume of his sermons. He also wrote a volume entitled, "Miracles and Myths of the New Testament" (1901). The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Jefferson University, Philadelphia, in 1887, and that of D.D. by Meadville (Pa.) Theological School in 1914. Dr. May was a man of unusually devout spirit, and impressed on all who came in contact with him the saintly quality of his character. Like his father, he was outspoken in his views and was considered radical in religious thought. Interested in civic affairs, he preached many sermons which are said to have strongly influenced the reform movements for the betterment of the city and state. His fineness of nature and feeling was the product of a worthy original endowment and a long life of loyalty to the best ideals. His attainments as a scholar, his vision as a prophet, his example as a citizen live on in the memory of those who knew him. He was married (1), Oct. 24, 1865, to Harriet Charles, daughter of Philip C. Johnson, of Washington, D. C., sister of Adm. Johnson and of Eastman Johnson (q.v.), the artist; their children were: Lucretia, wife of Abram H. Wintersteen, lawyer, of Philadelphia; John Edward, a banker and broker of Chicago, Ill.; Sarah, wife of Walter D. Edmunds, lawyer, of New York; and Major William Ropes May, medical reserve corps of the U. S. army. Mrs. May died, and he was married (2), Nov. 25, 1891, to Elizabeth Bacon, daughter of Warner Justice, of Philadelphia, Pa. He died in Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 9, 1918.

PETERSON, Oscar Charles, lawyer and lecturer, was born in Smoland, Sweden, Dec. 15, 1857, son of Charles and Anna Margaret (Person) Peterson, and came with them to America in 1868, settling in Webster county, Ia. His father was a farmer. Oscar Charles Peterson was graduated at Iowa State College in 1882 with the degree B.Sc., subsequently taking a post-graduate course

at that institution and receiving the degree M.Ph. in 1883. He was graduated at the college of law of Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., in 1884, with the degree LL.B. In that year he was admitted to the bar of Iowa and began the practice of his profession at Des Moines, removing to Chicago in 1895. He has continued uninterruptedly in general practice and has organized and promoted many corporations. He has also devoted much time to Republican state and national campaign work; has made extensive lecturing tours in the middle western states, and has contributed many articles for the newspaper press. He is a member of various law associations, the Masonic and other fraternities. His favorite pursuit is the study of philosophic, economic and sociological subjects, and he is known as an original and independent thinker. His lecture topics include: "Is the World Getting Better or Worse?" "The Almighty Dollar," "The Compass of Life," "Love, Courtship and Matrimony," "Discovery of America by the Northmen," "Swedish Footprints in American History," "Jesus, the Perfect Man," and "The Trial of Christ from a Lawyer's View." He has been called an excellent example of that Swedish-American type of manhood and ripe scholarship which makes its influence felt in the intellectual field of our new era. He is a versatile platform speaker, and an orator of great ability. He was married Feb. 18, 1886. He has two children: Ruth M., who married Charles E. Griffin (deceased), and Genevieve L. Peterson, a school teacher.

PHILLIPS, William Segar, manufacturer, was born at Lynn, Mass., in November, 1842, son of George Day and Cynthia (Bates) Phillips. His father, a native of Rochester, England, was a business man who settled in Lynn, Mass. During the youth of the subject the family removed to East Boston, where the son received his education in public schools, including the Chapman School. He early became the nominal head of the family; served as machinist's apprentice at the Atlantic Works, East Boston, and for years was expert journeyman in that trade. In 1886 he settled in Brooklyn, N. Y., where with Louis M. Doup he formed the firm of Phillips, Doup & Co., which was subsequently incorporated and of which he was president. This concern achieved an almost nation-wide reputation in the steam-heating business. In 18— they gained control of the National Barrow Co., Brooklyn, manufacturing more than two hundred different patterns of iron and steel wheelbarrows, and enjoying practically a monopoly in that business. He was the inventor or designer of many of these barrows. He held membership in the Masonic fraternity. Politically he was a Republican and he was a communicant and active in the Sunday school as superintendent, of the Universalist church. He found his chief recreation in athletics of all kinds until his later years. He was able, conscientious, and patriotic, and had great talent for administration and leadership. He was married in East Boston, Mass., in 1860, to Harriet L., daughter of Captain Nickerson, a sailing master of East Boston; she died in 1909. He married Oct. 2, 1910, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Harriet (Louisa) Mead, daughter of Aaron D. Crane, a business man and inventor, of Boston; she survives him. He died in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 29, 1919.

UDLOW, Nicoll, naval officer and philanthropist, was born at Islip, L. I., N. Y., Sept. 11, 1842, son of William Handy and Louise (Nicoll) Ludlow. His father (q.v.) was a brevet



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