

OBITUARY.

EDWARD M. REED.

Edward M. Reed, Vice President of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, died at New-Haven yesterday morning after a brief illness. He had been a railroad man for nearly fifty years, having started in this line of work as a locomotive engineer for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1843. He was then twenty-two years old. From 1844 until 1846 he was Master Mechanic of the Philadelphia and Reading Road and in charge of the shops at Port Richmond.

He left that service in 1846 to become Superintendent of the Havana and Guines Railway of Cuba, in which position he remained two years. From September, 1848, until May, 1853, he held the position of master of machinery of the Hartford and New-Haven Road, the original corporation that was subsequently merged into the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford. He held the position of Superintendent of the old road from 1853 until 1872, and from October, 1872, until March, 1874, he was General Superintendent of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford. He became a Director and Vice President of this company in March, 1874, holding those positions until his death.

The Directors of the company, receiving word of his death at their monthly meeting yesterday, passed a suitable minute and resolution of respect, certifying that no man had a more intimate knowledge of the physical history of the Hartford Division than had Mr. Reed. He was well versed in the details of railroad business, and was a vigorous and intelligent officer. He showed thorough devotion to his work, and no hour was too early or too late for a prompt response to call of duty. His associates had great admiration for his ability as a practical mechanic, and work turned out by his own hand was regarded as a model in this line of ingenuity.

Mr. Reed was a native of Lancaster County, Penn., where he was born in 1821.

THE REV. DONALD FRASER.

The Rev. Donald Fraser, M. A., D. D., died in England yesterday. He was born at Inverness, Jan. 15, 1826. His father was Provost of that city. His mother was of the Frasers of Kirkhill. He was educated for the most part by private tutors, until he entered the University of Aberdeen. After five years' study he took the degree of Master of Arts, at an unusually early age. He afterward studied divinity at Knox College, Toronto, and the New College, Edinburgh. In 1872 he received the degree of Doctor in Divinity from the University of Aberdeen.

He was ordained in 1851 and inducted into the charge of a congregation at Montreal. In 1859 he was transferred to the Free High Church in his native town of Inverness. In 1870 he accepted a call to the Marylebone Presbyterian Church, in Upper George Street, Bryanston Square. For the past twenty years he took a leading part in the Presbyterian Church of England, and was twice Moderator of the Synod. He was a Vice President of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and was prominently connected with many missions and charities. He was the author of a number of religious works.

DR. HENRY HEGNER STEINER.

Henry Hegner Steiner died at his home in Augusta, Ga., yesterday afternoon. For the past four years he had been bedridden. Dr. Steiner was born in Frederick City, Md., the 8th of January, 1816. He was graduated as a doctor from the University of Pennsylvania in 1837, and in the same year he entered the United States Army as Assistant Surgeon. He went to Augusta in 1845 and was stationed at the United States arsenal on the Hill. In 1851 he quit the Government service and commenced practicing in Augusta. He had a large and lucrative practice and amassed considerable wealth.

Dr. Steiner served through the Indian Seminole war and fought in the Mexican war under Gen. Taylor. He was a volunteer surgeon on Gen. Robert Toombs's staff in the late civil war. He was a warm personal friend of Alexander H. Stephens, whom he attended in his last illness, and he was with Gen. Toombs when he died. He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Catharine Alston of Charleston, and four sons and two daughters. Dr. Steiner was Senior Warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Augusta.

FERNAND ARMAND.

Fernand Armand, Commissioner of Immigration at New-Orleans, died Friday night of pneumonia, aged forty-two years.

He had an interesting and romantic history. A native of New-Orleans, he was educated in art and literature in France. He took second prize for dramatic composition at the French Exposition. During the Franco-Prussian war he was a prisoner in the hands of the enemy, suspected of being a spy. Returning to his native city in 1874, he practiced law successfully, and established quite a clientage among the Italian element, and was attorney in several Mafia murder cases, where he became possessed of the secrets of the bands before the killing of Chief Hennessey. For some years he was Assistant Recorder of the Second District of New-Orleans. He had only held the office of Commissioner of Immigration a few months, but in that time had been instrumental in turning back several typical representatives of the alien criminal classes.

OBITUARY NOTES.

Mrs. Sophia C. Page, widow of William Page, artist, whose death was reported in THE TIMES yesterday, died on the 11th inst. at her country seat, near Tottenville, S. I., of pneumonia, in the sixty-fifth year of her age, leaving four sons and a daughter. The burial will be to-day at New-Dorp Cemetery. Mrs. Page was a daughter of Henry Stevens, a farmer and noted antiquarian of Barnet, Vt., whose library and historical collection now forms the basis of the Vermont Historical Society, and a sister of the late Henry Stevens, the distinguished bibliographer of London, who died four years ago, and of B. F. Stevens, the United States Government Dispatch Agent in London, and of Simon Stevens, a lawyer in this city. For some time, in the fifties, Mrs. Page was a correspondent of the New-York Tribune from Paris and Rome under the name of "An American Woman Abroad." Mrs. Page had done much literary and artistic work for newspapers and magazines.

Hollis Hastings died at Hastingsville, Mass., yesterday morning. He was born in Framingham, Mass., May 8, 1807, and that township had been his home through life. He followed the business of a carriage dealer and manufacturer, and accumulated considerable property, retiring from business fifteen years ago. He had since traveled extensively in this and foreign countries. Mr. Hastings was originator of the Home for Aged Men and Women in Framingham, and endowed it with \$10,000.

Edwin J. Witthaus, a lawyer of 200 Broadway, died yesterday morning at his home, 27 East Seventy-fifth Street, of pleuro-pneumonia. Mr. Witthaus, who was in his forty-fifth year, belonged to one of the oldest families in New-York. He leaves an estate valued at over \$2,000,000, invested principally in real estate. A widow and son survive him.

Frederick G. Sammis, one of the oldest residents of Huntington, L. I., died at his home there yesterday of paralysis, aged seventy-five years. The deceased accumulated a fortune in the carriage business years ago and retired to a beautiful farm. He owned a large amount of real estate in Huntington. He leaves two sons.

Lieut. Col. Herbert Fullom Curtis, Deputy Judge Advocate General of the United States Army and Judge Advocate on Gen. Merritt's staff, Department of Dakota, died at St. Paul Friday night of the grip. He served through the war as Captain of the First Massachusetts Cavalry.

James Fattretch died at his home, 466 Park Avenue, Thursday night, after a long illness. Mr. Fattretch was in his sixty-third year, and was well known as a builder and contractor. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Horace B. Shepherd, aged ninety-five, died Friday at his home in Vincennes, Ind. In 1846 he was County Treasurer, in 1849 member of the Legislature, and in 1862 Collector of Internal Revenue under President Lincoln.

The Rev. Erastus H. Colton, one of the early pioneers of Illinois, who left Willington, Conn., for the town of Roscoe, that State, in 1850, died there yesterday aged ninety-four years.

Elder Eales, the well-known Shaker, died yesterday in Logan County, Ky. He was probably the greatest man of his sect in the United States. He was seventy-five years of age.

John Russell, aged eighty-one years, one of the leading men of Southern Pennsylvania, died at Middleburg, Penn., Friday evening.

A dispatch from London says that Admiral Sir Provo W. P. Wallis, G. C. B., is dead. He was over one hundred years old.