

ciety of Psychical Research. In later years he lost much of his interest in occult studies while still maintaining a connection with several societies.

One of his most important labors in recent years was done on the Century Dictionary, to which, in seven years, he contributed 40,000 words and definitions in general biology, comparative anatomy, and all branches of zoology.

The range of Dr. Coues's literary life was very great. He was the author of thirty-seven volumes, and contributed over 1,000 articles to various magazines and periodicals. He served six different scientific journals in editorial capacities, and his name was on the rolls of more than fifty foreign and American scientific societies.

Dr. Coues was twice married, his first wife obtaining a divorce from him on the ground of desertion, after which, in 1887, he married Mrs. Mary Emily Bates of Philadelphia.

Allen B. Rorke.

Allen B. Rorke, a prominent contractor and builder and Republican politician of Philadelphia, died at his home there yesterday. He was stricken with apoplexy after he had retired Sunday night, and this was followed by an attack of paralysis. He did not regain consciousness after the first attack.

Mr. Rorke was born in Philadelphia March 21, 1846, and started in business for himself in 1879. He constructed the buildings of the National Export Exposition and new State Capitol at Harrisburg. He also constructed a large number of prominent buildings in Philadelphia and vicinity, among which are the Philadelphia Bourse Building, the Betz office building, Spreckels sugar refinery, Thomas Dolan & Co.'s mills, Edwin Fidler & Co.'s cordage works at Bridesburg, Penn.; the Park Theatre, and the Manufacturers' Clubhouse.

He was Chairman of the Republican City Campaign Committee at Philadelphia for two years.

Franklin A. Stemmler.

Franklin A. Stemmler died on Sunday of pneumonia at his home, 348 East Eighty-sixth Street. He was a son of the late Police Justice Stemmler, and was born in this city. In early life he was in the real estate business. Seven years ago he became a clerk in the Department of Taxes and Assessments. When the Bureau of Information connected with that department was established a year ago he was placed in charge of it. Mr. Stemmler was Financial Secretary of the Tammany Hall General Committee, Thirtieth Assembly District, and a member of the Board of Managers of the Algonquin Club. He was also connected with Montgomery Lodge, No. 68, F. and A. M.; American Council, No. 654, R. A.; Tammany Hall Society, Ourselves, and the Seneca Club.

He leaves a wife and two children. The funeral will take place from his home tomorrow at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Marie P. Oxnard.

Mrs. Marie P. Oxnard, widow of Edward Oxnard, once a prominent petroleum operator of Pittsburg, died at her home, in the Scarborough Mansions, 223 West Fifty-seventh Street, Christmas night, from heart disease. She was born in New Orleans seventy-one years ago, and while in Pittsburg was known as an active worker in various charities of the Roman Catholic Church, of which she was a member. Upon the death of her husband ten years ago she came to this city and made her home with her two daughters, Mrs. Reymer and Miss Oxnard, but she had been an invalid during her entire residence here. She leaves also two sons, who are not residents of this city. Private services were held over the body last night, and it was sent on to Pittsburg for interment.

Henry Harman.

Henry Harman, a well-known member of the Produce Exchange, died on Sunday after a long illness, at his home, 277 South Fifth Street, Brooklyn. He was sixty years old. In early life he took an active interest in politics, and represented the Thirteenth Ward in the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Harman was one of the organizers of the Dime Savings Bank of Williamsburg, and was a volunteer fireman. At the time of his death he was a member of the Bushwick Club. He is survived by his widow, one son, and two daughters. Funeral services will be held to-night by the Rev. Livingston D. Lord, the pastor of the First Free Baptist Church, and the interment will be in Cypress Hills Cemetery.

Benjamin K. Bliss.

Benjamin K. Bliss, who about fifteen years ago was a prominent seedsman of this city, died Monday in Boston. He was eighty-one years old, and for many years was the head of the firm of B. K. Bliss & Co., which carried on a general seed and bulb business in Barclay Street. He was one of the oldest and most prominent members of the Horticultural Society, and attended the Madison Square Presbyterian Church. Upon his retirement from business about fifteen years ago he moved to Boston, where he had since resided. He is survived by a widow and two children. His son, Samuel B. Bliss, is now living in California, while his daughter, Mrs. Richard Andrews, resides at Bordeaux, France.

Erastus F. Holden.

Erastus F. Holden of Holden & Sons, coal agents for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company at Syracuse, N. Y., died there on Monday, in his seventy-fourth year. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters. Funeral services will be held to-morrow. Mr. Holden was identified with charitable work, and was liberal in his donations. He was for many years a Trustee of Syracuse University and equipped it with a handsome laboratory. A brother, E. R. Holden, is Vice President of the Lackawanna system.

Obituary Notes.

Mrs. ELLEN M. VAN VLECK, the wife of John M. Van Vleck, died suddenly yesterday at Middletown, Conn. She was sixty-seven years old.

WILLIAM B. GALE, well known in Boston as a criminal lawyer, died yesterday at the Hotel Vendome there from diabetes after twenty-four hours' illness.

JACOB J. DURYEA, eighty-one years of age, living at 6 Putney Avenue, Hoboken, died on Christmas Day of congestion of the lungs. Mr. Duryea, who was a boss carpenter, was wealthy. A widow, one daughter, and two sons survive him.

FRANKLIN T. BAILEY of Montclair, N. J., died yesterday of pneumonia at the home of his son in this city. He was the head Deacon in the Congregational Church at Montclair, and for many years President of the Montclair Club, now defunct. He leaves a wife and two sons. He was sixty years of age, and was in the iron and steel business in Beekman Street.

JAMES H. TAYLOR died at his home, in Wilton, Conn., Christmas morning. Mr. Taylor was born in Norwalk in 1816, and moved to Wilton when twelve years of age. He had conducted the furniture and undertaking business in that town for the past sixty-five years, having buried over 3,000 persons. Deceased was the oldest undertaker in business in the State.

Mrs. CATHERINE WOODWARD, widow of John Woodward, died on Christmas Day at her home, 36 Locust Street, Brooklyn. Mrs. Woodward was in her ninety-third year. She survived all her children, her living relatives being three nieces, one of whom is Mrs. Benjamin Catherwood, wife of a banker of Manhattan. The funeral services will be held at her late home to-day.

WILLIAM BARR died at his home, Linden Court, Jersey City, on Sunday, after a brief illness from typhoid pneumonia. He was born in New York in 1846. He and his brother, Edward Barr, and James Dinwiddie several years ago formed the Barr-Dinwiddie Company, now one of the most prosperous printing and bookbinding enterprises in the city. He leaves a family.

Mrs. ALICE C. W. LLOYD, widow of David Demarest Lloyd, the journalist and playwright, died Christmas Day at Pleasantville, N. Y. She was a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. H. E. Walbridge of Brooklyn and a niece of Chief Justice Chase. She was about forty years old. She was married to Mr. Lloyd in 1875. He died in 1889. Mrs. Lloyd had done considerable writing for women's magazines. She leaves a son and daughter. The funeral will be held to-day at 144 West Twentieth Street, at 1 P. M.

DEATH LIST OF A DAY.

Dr. Elliott Coues.

Elliott Coues, the well-known ornithologist, died yesterday in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, from the effects of an operation. He received his liking for natural history studies from his father, Samuel Elliott Coues, who was a scientific man of note. In 1853, when young Coues was eleven years old, the family moved from his birthplace, Portsmouth, N. H., to Washington, D. C. His education was received at the Jesuit Seminary, now known as Gonzaga College, and the Columbian University. He was graduated from the Academic Department of the latter in 1861, and from the School of Medicine two years later. Since graduation his alma mater has bestowed upon him the degrees of A. M., M. D., and Ph. D.

In 1862 he entered the United States Army as a medical cadet, and two years later was promoted to Assistant Surgeon, which rank he held until his resignation, in 1881. Wherever his army duties called him he made exhaustive studies of the fauna and flora of the region. Several scientific papers resulted from his residence in Arizona and at Columbia, S. C.

In 1872 his "Key to North American Birds" appeared. This was followed in 1874 by his "Field Ornithology" and "Birds of the Northwest." In 1873 an appointment as surgeon and naturalist to the United States Northern Boundary Commission placed him in the field again for a couple of years, after which he returned to Washington, and became connected with the Smithsonian Institution. In 1876 he became the naturalist of the United States Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories, and in 1877 he was elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences. For some years he was the youngest academician in that body.

Other works published in this period are "Fur-Bearing Animals" (1877), "Monographs of North American Rodentia" (with J. A. Allen, 1877), and "Birds of the Colorado Valley," (1878.) In 1880 Dr. Coues was ordered to the frontier by the War Department, but he had become so deeply interested in scientific works that he resigned from the army and returned to Washington.

He held the Chair of Anatomy in the National Medical College from 1877 to 1883, when he was appointed Professor of Biology in the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Soon after his resignation from the army he began to investigate by means of scientific methods the phenomena of spiritualism and telepathy. He became a theosophist and a prominent associate of Mme. Blavatsky, with whom he visited England and the Continent, making the acquaintance of other noted members of that sect. The results of his studies of occult phenomena appeared in a series of speculative works on the origin and nature of life, including "Biogen," "The Daemon of Darwin," and "Ocott's Buddhist Catechism." He was elected member of the General Council and President of the American Board of Control of the Theosophical Society of India. He was also a member of the British So-