



PROFESSOR WILLIAM BENTON CHAMBERLAIN.

desire to see a genealogy published during their life time. The resignation of the chairman of the General Bureau and the appointment of a Historical Committee call for more active coöperation on the part of every member to help increase the income without drawing on the Reserve Fund of three hundred dollars in the Savings Bank. Shall we ask subscriptions or try to enroll from fifty to one hundred more names? The best kind of growth is said to be from within; can we not ensure that by each one lending a hand, so we can accomplish the whole work? Will all promise to try? "Happiness is a mosaic composed of very small stones, each taken singly, may be of little value, but when all are grouped and set, they form a graceful whole—a costly jewel!" So it may be in this Society, one alone seems of little consequence and accomplishes little, but when taken together they form a grand whole.

That all will unite to bring this to pass is the desire of your Corresponding Secretary.

ABBIE MELLEN CHAMBERLAIN.

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### Necrology.

**William Benton Chamberlain**, 1847 — March 7, 1903.

In the death of William Benton Chamberlain a remarkable life was suddenly ended. His character was moulded by his early struggles in acquiring a collegiate education, and in the crystallization of his musical talents, especially in its relation to religion. He graduated from Oberlin College in 1875, and completed his course in the Theological Seminary in 1884, when he became Professor of

Rhetoric in the college. "Oberlin remembers him as a student, instructor, leader in song, minister, neighbor and friend for twenty-five years." In 1894 he accepted the call to the Chair of Oratory and Sacred Music in Chicago Theological Seminary, and became the Dean of the School of Church Music. He was appointed Director of Music for the World's Sunday School Convention in Jerusalem, 1904. He possessed a rare personality, and "was magnetic, forceful, loveable, gentle, good, and aimed to lift up Christ through the medium of teaching and preaching." Thousands of students and hearers bear testimony to his spiritual influence, and hundreds of loving tributes were received by his family.

Dwight S. Chamberlain, February 22, 1839 — May 11, 1902.

Dr. Dwight S. Chamberlain was born in Litchfield County, Conn., from distinguished Revolutionary ancestors; his great-grandfather rendered service on General Washington's staff. He graduated from the Medical Department of the University of New York in 1862; served in the Civil war as Assistant Surgeon in the 138th Regiment, New York Infantry, and afterwards in the New York Heavy Artillery; he was promoted to be Major and Surgeon in February, 1865. He was in many engagements, and taken prisoner while ministering to the wounded at Monocacy, but he was paroled. "His career was marked by untiring devotion, unflinching courage, and professional skill." He was an honored member of Adams Post, G. A. R., and of the Loyal Legion. Afterwards he studied law, being associated with his father-in-law, Mr. Parshall, in banking, and