

Henry O. Houghton.

Henry O. Houghton, head of the publishing house of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., died suddenly at his Summer residence in North Andover, Sunday, of heart disease. He was seventy-eight years old. A son, associated with him in business, and three daughters survive him.

Henry O. Houghton was born at Sutton, Vt., April 30, 1823. He learned the printer's trade in the office of The Burlington Free Press. Later he fitted himself for college, and was graduated at the University of Vermont, paying his own way by hard work. He went to Boston at the age of twenty-three and entered the employ of The Boston Evening Traveller, in the triple capacity of typesetter, proofreader, and reporter.

In 1849 he purchased the interest of Mr. Freeman of the firm of Freeman & Bolles, then among the leading printers of Boston, and soon afterward the new firm of Bolles & Houghton began the printing business at Cambridge. In 1852 Mr. Bolles withdrew from the firm, and the title became H. O. Houghton & Co. The business was removed to its present site on the banks of the Charles River, where the Riverside Press assumed its name. The great book press has become famous the world over for the excellence of its typography and presswork.

In 1878 occurred the consolidation of the firms of H. O. Houghton & Co., the proprietors of the Riverside Press; Hurd & Houghton, and James B. Osgood & Co. Through this alliance came privileges covering the works of Longfellow, Whittier, Emerson, Holmes, Lowell, Thoreau, Hawthorne, and Whipple, to say nothing of others equally valuable. In 1889 the valuable copyrights, plates, and stock of all the numerous miscellaneous publications of Ticknor & Co. were purchased.

The relations of Mr. Houghton with authors have been delightfully intimate and pleasant. He was one of the leading advocates of the international copyright law.

Thomas Grier Nichols.

Thomas Grier Nichols, one of the veteran newspaper men of the Hudson River Valley, died at Low Point yesterday, after a brief illness, from peritonitis. He was born in Boston, Mass., Jan. 8, 1833. His parents removed to Poughkeepsie when he was an infant. After serving an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, Mr. Nichols, at the age of twenty, opened the first job printing office established in Poughkeepsie. In May, 1852, with the late John H. Bush, he started The City Press, later styled The Daily Press, which was the first daily paper published in Poughkeepsie, and the first successful one between New-York and Albany. He was assisted in this enterprise by the late Matthew Vassar, Sr., founder of Vassar College, and by the late Prof. S. F. B. Morse. Mr. Nichols sold The Press in 1858 to Albert S. Pease, now of Saratoga. In 1868 he established The Morning News, which gained a large circulation. On account of ill health, he sold this paper to Hegeman and Wilber. The News and The Press were later purchased by J. W. Hinkley, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, and merged into one paper, The News-Press.

Having recovered his health, in 1872 Mr. Nichols started The Poughkeepsie Sunday Courier, which he conducted for sixteen years. The Courier is one of the pioneer Sunday papers in New-York State. Several years ago Mr. Nichols's health again broke down, and he sold The Courier to A. G. Tobey, its present proprietor and editor, who had been his assistant from the first issue of the paper. Mr. Nichols had been living in retirement at Low Point since he gave up active work. He was everywhere respected for his courage, impatience of pretense, and sterling honesty.

Joseph Morton.

Joseph Morton of 53 East Eighty-third Street, one of the oldest and best-known china and glass importers in the United States, died suddenly in Providence, R. I., Aug. 21. Mr. Morton was born in London, in 1829, and, coming to this country in the early fifties, entered the business to which he devoted himself until his retirement, several years ago. Being exceedingly active, however, and retaining to the full all his faculties and business acumen, he felt the need of occupation, and therefore a year ago he formed a connection with the well-known importing firm of George Borgfeldt & Co.

Mr. Morton was known as "the dean of the china trade." He leaves a wife and six children, one of his daughters being Miss Martha Morton, the playwright. The funeral, which was private, on account of the delicate health of Mrs. Morton, took place last Friday, the burial being in Mount Hope Cemetery.

OBITUARY NOTES.

—Gen. Alexander M. Stout died Sunday of old age in the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago. He was a native of Kentucky, and, on the breaking out of the civil war, raised the first regiment of home guards of that State, and subsequently raised and commanded the Seventeenth Kentucky Regiment. He took part in every battle in which his regiment was engaged, and distinguished himself greatly at Chickamauga, being mentioned in General Orders, and received from his fellow-officers a magnificent jeweled sword inscribed, "For Distinguished Gallantry at the Battle of Chickamauga." After the war, Gen. Stout attempted to practice his profession at Louisville, but sentiment ran so strong against the Union soldier that he found himself almost an alien in his native State. He became Acting Commissioner of Patents at Washington, and afterward practiced law in that city until 1879, when he removed to Chicago and practiced there until a few years ago.

—The Rev. George W. Durell, pastor of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, Somerville, Mass., died yesterday morning. He was seventy-seven years of age. He was born at Kennebunkport, Me.; was graduated from Bowdoin College, and served four years as Principal of Limerick Academy. Following this, he was graduated from the Theological Seminary of Virginia, and was ordained at Brunswick, Me., by Bishop Burgess. At Calais he founded the most easterly parish of the United States and built a church of unusual beauty. Here he remained eleven years, serving all the while upon the School Board of the city. He was then chosen rector of Grace Church, Bath, Me. In the Fall of 1866 he went to Somerville, having been called to Emanuel Parish, and July 1, 1869, became the rector of St. Thomas's Parish. He was Chaplain of John Abbott Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, and Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Prelate of Knights Templars.

—The death of Dr. Simon Quinlin, one of the wealthiest citizens of Wayne County, N. Y., occurred Sunday afternoon. Mr. Quinlin came to the United States from England in 1831 and went into the cigar business in New-York City. In 1851 he went to Troy and entered into business with Gen. Joseph Carr. He went to Syracuse in 1854 as bookkeeper for Joseph Barton. He finally located at Elk Heights Farm, East Palmyra, N. Y., where he died. Dr. Quinlin was best known for his connection with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was until recently Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Exalted Ruler.

—Ex-Judge Edward A. Gibbs, for eighteen years Judge of the Appeal Tax Court of Baltimore, died yesterday of old age and general debility at his home, 1,006 McCulloh Street, in that city. He was born in Philadelphia in 1812, where he resided until he went to Baltimore, in 1850. He was a well-known Mason and Odd Fellow.

—The Rev. Dr. Henderson Suter, who for eighteen years had been rector of the famous old Christ Church in Alexandria, Va., died Saturday. Dr. Suter was Treasurer of the Educational Society of Virginia.