

OBITUARY.

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emy in Southington, Conn., later going to Meriden where he founded the Meriden Institute.

In 1850 Mr. Smith quit teaching and began in a small way the manufacture of carriage hardware by machinery, which up to that time had been made entirely by hand. He revolutionized the entire mode of production of carriage fittings and during nearly half a century has remained in the business.

He was twice married: in 1850 to Jeanette Higgins, and in 1889 to Laura A. Brooks who survives him with one daughter.

AUGUSTUS STEBBINS HITCHCOCK, '54.

Augustus Stebbins Hitchcock died at Plainville, Conn., on Jan. 9, 1899, from general debility.

Mr. Hitchcock, the son of Augustus and Amelia J. (Hulburt) Hitchcock, was born at Great Barrington, Mass., March 27, 1827, and attended school and worked at cabinet making with his father until he attained his majority, when he fitted himself for college and entered the Class of Fifty-Four. After graduation he engaged for four years in teaching, and then entered a law office in New York City. In December, 1861, he was admitted to the Bar in Brooklyn, N. Y., and in February, 1863, was appointed by the United States Government a Superintendent of Freedmen, at Port Royal, S. C., holding the position until the Spring of 1864, when Government supervision was withdrawn. After passing two or three seasons in an unsuccessful effort to raise cotton profitably, he gave up the effort and opened a law office in Beaufort, S. C. Soon after, in February, 1868, General Canby appointed him Provost Judge, with a civil jurisdiction covering Beaufort County. This office he held until reconstruction was accomplished in July, 1869, when he resumed the practice of Law, residing on Port Royal Island, by Broad River, about seven and a half miles distant from his office. This life he continued until 1877, when his health proving inadequate, he relinquished the Law and settled down to a quiet life on his Broad River plantation. Here he remained, feeling, as he says, as if he was stranded on a lee shore, longing to be employed in the direction of his culture, until 1889, when he sold out and returned North, that his wife might be near her friends, and his children have a better outlook. He settled on a small farm at Plainville, Conn., where he resided with his family until his death.

Mr. Hitchcock was married August 23, 1861, to Sophia, daughter of Asa Lyon of East Woodstock, Conn., who survives him with one son and one daughter.

Death of Dr. Synnott.

Rev. Joseph Joachim Synnott, D.D., President of Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J., died recently at Montclair, N. J.

Dr. Synnott was born at Great Neck, L. I., February 6, 1863, but had resided in Montclair since 1871. He received the degree of B.A. from the Roman Catholic College of St. Francis Xavier in 1882, being valedictorian of his Class. From there he went to the University of Innsbruck in the Austrian Tyrol and at the end of six years received the degree of D.D. He was the first American to be thus honored. Having been ordained to the priesthood, he returned to America in 1888 and was for a time Assistant at St. John's Church, Paterson, N. J. At the end of a few months he was called to Seton Hall College to

become Professor of Canon Law, Hebrew and the Scriptures, and later Professor of Moral Theology. In June, 1897, he was made President of the College. In 1893 he received the honorary degree of M.A. from Yale, it being the only instance of a Roman Catholic priest receiving an honorary degree from Yale.

He was a man of great learning and ability, but gentleness and modesty were his most distinguishing characteristics. His Protestant friends were numerous and among them he was, perhaps, held in just as high esteem as among his Roman Catholic brethren.

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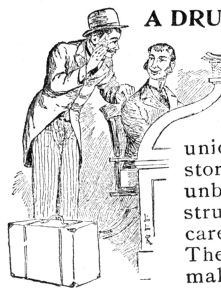
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