

## OBITUARY.

### CHARLES K. GRAHAM.

Gen. Charles Kinnaird Graham, civil engineer, ex-Surveyor, and ex-Naval Officer of this port, died from pneumonia at the Laurel House, Lakewood, N. J., yesterday morning, in the fifty-fifth year of his age.

He was born in the Ninth Ward, this city, on June 3, 1824. In 1841, when only 17 years of age, he became a midshipman in the United States Navy, serving in the Gulf during the Mexican war, after which he resigned from the service. Returning to his native city, he devoted himself to the study of civil engineering. In 1857 he was appointed constructing engineer of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, the dry docks and landings being built under his supervision. In 1861, when the civil war broke out, he joined the Union Army, together with 400 other men employed in the navy yard. He subsequently became Colonel of the Excelsior Brigade, and through the early portion of the war was actively engaged in the Army of the Potomac. In November 1862, he received a commission as Brigadier General, and fought at the battle of Gettysburg, where he was seriously wounded. Upon his recovery he was assigned to the command of the gunboats on the James River under command of Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, and was the first to carry the national colors up the river.

Gen. Graham was brevetted Major General of Volunteers March 13, 1865. He was Chief Engineer of the Dock Department from 1873 till 1875, and Surveyor of the Port of New-York from 1878 to 1883. In 1883 he was appointed Naval Officer, which post he held until 1885, since which time he has suffered much from sickness. Some months ago he removed to Lakewood, N. J., thinking the atmosphere among the pines would benefit his health.

Gen. Graham leaves no family, as he was childless and his wife died last August. His two brothers, De Witt C. Graham of 122 Madison-avenue, and John Graham, who resides at the Metropolitan Hotel, both lawyers, survive him. His brother De Witt was with him when he died and his other brother, John, and nephew, David Graham, went to Lakewood yesterday morning on hearing of the General's death. They returned last night bringing the remains with them, and taking them to the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Gertrude Wilkins, 37 Seventh-avenue, where they now are. Notice of funeral arrangements will be given hereafter.

### REAR ADMIRAL W. R. TAYLOR.

Rear Admiral William Rogers Taylor died at his home at Washington Sunday night, at the age of 78 years. He was born in Rhode Island, and on April 1, 1828, was appointed a midshipman, serving until 1832 on the sloop St. Louis on the Pacific station. The two following years he spent in the Naval School at New-York, and as passed midshipman he served on the receiving ship at New-York, subsequently joining the sloop Peacock of the East India squadron. The Peacock ran ashore on the Island of Madelra in 1836 and Taylor was sent in command of a cutter to Muscat to convey the diplomatic agent, Mr. Edmund Roberts, to that place with some ratified treaties which he was charged to exchange. It was a sea voyage of five days and attended with unusual perils from bad weather and Arab pirates. The outbreak of the rebellion found him a Commander on ordnance duty at Washington. He was commissioned Captain in July, 1862, commanding the sloop-of-war Housatonic of the South Atlantic blockading squadron. He was senior officer off Charleston when the rebel rams Cheeca and Palmetto made an unsuccessful attack upon the blockading vessels. He was present as Fleet Captain with Admiral Dahlgren during the operations against Morris Island, and was in the battles with Fort Wagner and Sumter. He was also present at both attacks on Fort Fisher. He became a Commodore July 25, 1866, and a Rear Admiral Jan. 19, 1871. He was placed on the retired list Nov. 7, 1873.

### HENRY DITHMAR.

A cable dispatch from Breslau, Germany, announces the death there yesterday of Henry Dithmar, United States Consul, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. Mr. Dithmar was born in Niederbrunn, Alsace, in 1824, but came to America with his parents early in his infancy. His father was a soldier under Napoleon, and coming to this country with a family of a second marriage, settled at Easton, Penn., where Henry learned the printer's trade. He came to New-York in his young manhood and was one of the most widely-known and respected printers in this city. Early in the fifties he started one of the first German political newspapers published in this city, but abandoned that enterprise to accept a position on the *Evening Post*. For twenty-five years he was foreman of the *Evening Post* composing rooms, when that place involved a measure of responsibility for the appearance and character of the paper not now attaching to it. Manuscript went direct from the writers to the foreman then without the intervention of the copy editor. It was in the days of William Cullen Bryant's connection with the paper, and Mr. Dithmar was considered an authority on all that pertained to practical journalism.

He was appointed United States Consul at Breslau in 1878 by President Hayes, and held that position continuously to the day of his death. He leaves a widow, who was with him in his last illness, and a son, Edward A. Dithmar, a member of the TIMES editorial staff.

### WILLIAM A. COLE.

William A. Cole, Commissioner of the Board of Education, and widely known as a business man, died at his home, 62 West Forty-eighth-street, yesterday morning, of rheumatism of the heart. He was born on Staten Island in 1837, and when 18 years of age entered the employ of Scudder & Co., wholesale grocers of this city, as bookkeeper. Six years later he became connected with W. J. Wilcox & Co., the lard men, and in 1862 became a member of the firm. A few years later the firm was incorporated, and Mr. Cole was elected President of the concern, which, under his management, became one of the largest exporters of lard in this country. He retired from the company and from active business life about six months ago.

Mr. Cole was a member of the Produce Exchange, and was its President in 1875-6. He was also a Director in the Corn Exchange National and Bowery and Dime Savings Banks, and several insurance companies. He was prominently identified with the reform element in the Board of Education, and made a close fight for the Presidency with Mr. Simmons at the election last year. He leaves a widow and three young children.

The funeral services will be held at his residence at 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the interment will be at Greenwood.

### OBITUARY NOTES.

Herrman Koehler, senior partner in the firm of Koehler & Co., brewers and maltsters, First-avenue and Twenty-ninth-street, died on Sunday after a short illness at his home, 40 East Sixty-fourth-street, of peritonitis. He was born in Bohemia in 1833, came to this country about forty years ago, and has always been identified with distilling and brewing interests. He was an active member of the Brewers' Association and of Friedens Verein No. 1; Empire City Lodge, F. and A. M.; Republic Lodge, No. 38, F. S. of L, and Empire State Council, No. 874, A. L. of H. He was also a supporter of the Hebrew charities of this city. Funeral services will be held at his residence to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

The Hon. Caleb Boggess, known throughout the two Virginias for his eminent legal attainments and his prominence in the general affairs of the states before and since the war, died suddenly at his home in Parkersburg, West Va., Sunday night, aged 66. He was a graduate of Lexington (Ky.) University, in the Class of '54, and later was a member of the Virginia Legislature and of the Secession Convention.

The Hon. Theodore Cunningham died at his residence at Lima, Ohio, yesterday, aged 59 years. He was editor of the first newspaper published in that city, was a member of the Constitutional Convention, and a candidate for Governor in 1872 on the reform Democratic ticket.

Allen C. Churchill, a prominent Republican politician and extensive glove manufacturer at Gloversville, N. Y., died of apoplexy yesterday morning aged 69 years. Mr. Churchill was a pioneer in the glove industry. He was a warm personal friend of the late Senator Conkling.

Mrs. Anna M. Lyman, wife of Bishop Theodore B. Lyman of North Carolina, died at her residence in Raleigh, N. C., Saturday night, after an illness of several weeks. She was the eldest daughter of the late Jacob Albert, a well-known merchant of this city.

James M. Gardiner, a well-known amateur astronomer and mathematician, died at Newburg, N. Y., yesterday, aged about 50 years. Some years ago he discovered what was known as "Gardiner's Comet."

Edward A. Robertson, a member of the New-York Produce Exchange, died on Sunday at his residence, 504 Greene-avenue, Brooklyn. He was said to have been the oldest freight broker in the city.

Deacon Edward A. Nason, aged 80 years, died yesterday morning. From 1835 to 1872 he was one of the most prominent citizens of Augusta, Me.