

HENRY CLAY WILEY.

Dr. J. C. Fletcher, a graduate of Brown University in 1846, and for many years a resident of Rio de Janeiro and of Naples, Italy, but now a citizen of Los Angeles, contributes the following data concerning Mr. Wiley's boyhood. He says:

"My earliest recollections of him were in the thirties, about 1832. He was a small boy when his father came to Indianapolis. His father was a merchant tailor, and he was a fine-looking man. I went to school with two of Henry's brothers. His eldest brother was a man of fine parts, and a well-known citizen (now deceased) of Indianapolis, whose daughter married the son of Gov. Wright of Indiana. The next older brother, James, entered the navy; and I last saw him as an officer, in 1853, on the U. S. steam man-of-war Saranac at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He was distinguished as a good officer and a fine, benevolent man.

"When in 1890 I came to Los Angeles, one of the first persons to greet me was H. C. Wiley, and never did I have more cordial greeting or, afterward, more kindly treatment.

"As Henry C. Wiley was contemporary with my younger brothers, I did not see so much of him in his boyhood days as I did of his elder brothers with whom I went to school."

Of his later years, J. F. Burns, an early pioneer of Los Angeles, says:

"Henry C. Wiley, a member of this society, passed away on Tuesday, October 25, 1898, which takes away another of the old pioneers of Southern California who lived nearly half a century of his allotted 69 years in this sun-kissed country. He was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1829; here, and later at Indianapolis, he received a liberal education, when, at the age of 18 years, he joined the commissary department of the United States army in the campaign against Mexico; and he faithfully served his country until the close of the Mexican war. Leaving the army, he resided and traveled in all the coast States of Mexico, till 1852, when he arrived at San Diego, Cal., where he resided during the 50's. He was elected and served as Sheriff of said county, with ability and honorably discharged the duties of his office. In the 60's, after his term expired, he removed to Los Angeles county, where he permanently settled. He soon became noted among his friends for his

traits of true friendship, frankness and liberality. He loved outdoor active life and sports, and was a generous giver to the needy. In 1868 to 1872 he was Under-Sheriff, serving with J. F. Burns, Sheriff of this county. In the discharge of his official duties he was brave and fearless, just and generous. In 1872 Mr. Wiley formed a partnership with D. M. Berry in the real-estate business; and they were the resident agents for the "Indiana Colony," now Pasadena, "The Crown of the Valley." Through their energy and activity and foresight they laid the foundation of the fairest city in our land. Mr. Wiley was always a consistent Republican in politics, and ever ready to render valuable service to his party. He was one of the pioneers who from the first saw that Los Angeles would be a great city, and was a judicious investor in Los Angeles realties.

"He leaves a devoted widow and two daughters to mourn his demise. He was kind in word and manner and gained a wide circle of friends and very few, if any, enemies."

HORACE HILLER.

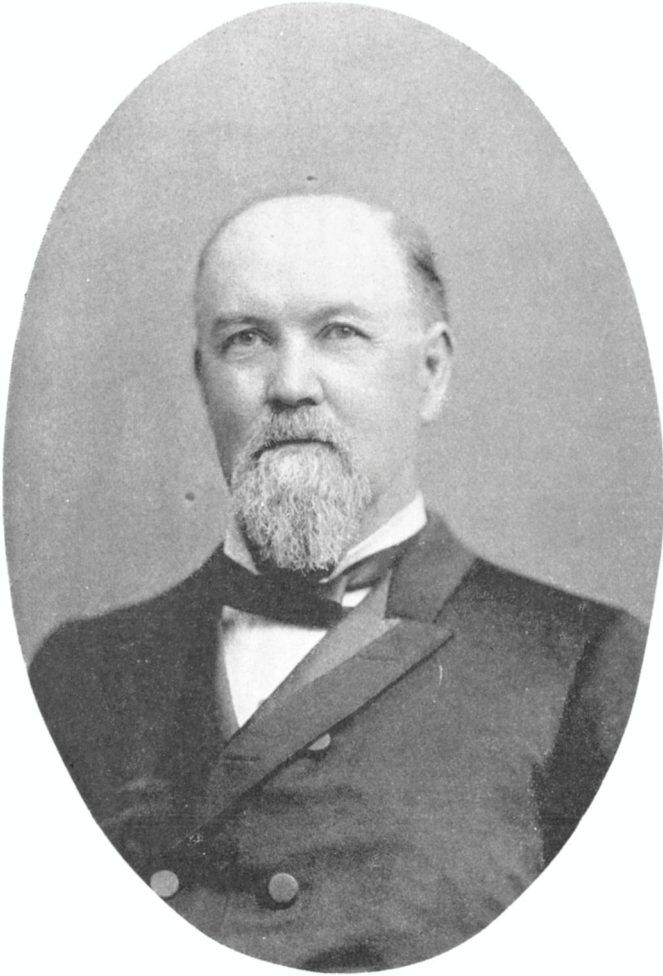
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Since the last stated meeting of our Pioneer Society an honored charter member has passed away. It is fitting that a brief memorial sketch of his life should be placed among the records of the society.

Horace Hiller was a native of Hudson, New York. He was born in 1844, and was the son of Henry and Henrietta Winans Hiller. He came to Los Angeles by rail via the southern route in 1870. He was engaged in the lumber business during all his residence in Los Angeles; at the time of his death he was the president and manager of the Los Angeles Lumber Company.

In 1867 he was married to Miss Abby Pearce; she with three children, one daughter and two sons, survive Mr. Hiller. He left two living brothers; one, Sidney Hiller, succeeds his brother as manager of the lumber company, and the other, Henry, is now in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Horace Hiller was a man of sterling character, as all who knew him well can testify. Though he was modest and quiet in his ways, he had strong convictions, to which he was thoroughly



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