

Book and Atlas of Biblical Geography," Philadelphia, 1854; and the "Genealogy of the Lyman Family in Great Britain and America," Albany, 1872. He also furnished many learned articles in the leading quarterlies. During his last sickness, he sent to the Belchertown Church a large and valuable Hebrew concordance, compiled by himself.

He was married on September 21, 1826, to Maria Flynt, of Monson, Massachusetts. She died January 11, 1871. They had two children, both daughters, who died before his death: Olivia died, unmarried, at the age of twenty; and Eliza M., the wife of Rev. J. L. Dudley, D.D., died at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 3, 1871.

OLIVER HENRY PERRY

OLIVER HENRY PERRY, a Resident Member, elected in 1869, was born in Southport, Connecticut, February 21, 1815, and died in Richmond, Virginia, March 27, 1882.

He was descended from Nathaniel¹ Perry, who came from Somersetshire, England, in 1650; through Joseph², Joseph³, Peter⁴, Walter⁵, Oliver⁶, and Walter⁷, his father, who was married to Elizabeth Burr Sturgis.

Mr. Perry was prepared for college and entered Yale in 1830, at the age of fifteen. His father died during the following year, and his plans of life were changed. He left college, and several years later entered the law department of the college, and was graduated there in 1841. He did not follow the legal profession.

He represented the town of Fairfield in the State Legislature during the years 1847, '48, '49, '53, '57, '59, '60, and '64. He was Secretary of State of Connecticut in the year 1854, and was Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1859 and 1860.

In 1854 he secured a charter for the Southport Savings

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Bank, and from 1865 onwards was its treasurer. He was one of the organizers of the Congregational Church in Southport in 1843, and in 1878 he was chosen one of its officers. Yale College conferred upon him the degree of A.M. in 1875.

He was married on September 9, 1846, to Harriette Eliza Hoyt, daughter of Hon. Eli T. Hoyt, of Danbury, Connecticut, and by this marriage he had three sons and a daughter.

ELISHA REYNOLDS POTTER

ELISHA REYNOLDS POTTER, a Corresponding Member from 1846, was born in Kingston, Rhode Island, June 20, 1811, and died in that town, April 10, 1882. He was the son of Hon. Elisha Reynolds and Mary (Mawney) Potter, and was graduated at Harvard College in 1830, and went immediately to his law studies, and was admitted to the bar in 1832. He served as Commissioner of Public Schools, 1849-1854; was for a number of years a member of the State Legislature; Adjutant-General, 1835-1836; member of Congress, 1843-1845; and in 1868 was chosen Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1841-1842.

He published, in 1835, "Early History of Narragansett;" in 1837, "Paper Money of the Colony of Rhode Island;" in 1842, "Extension of Suffrage in Rhode Island;" in 1851, "Address before the Rhode Island Historical Society;" and, in 1854, "The Bible and Prayers in Public Schools." He also wrote much, and on a wide variety of topics, for periodicals.