

Afterward he assisted in the editorial work of the *Vermont Weekly and Semi-Weekly Record* and *Vermont School Journal*. His next charge was at Bristol, N. H., where he remained over eight years. He was last stationed at Windsor, Conn., in charge of the Congregational Church. He was a great writer on antiquarian subjects, and was a member of several historical societies. Wherever he was engaged, he took great interest in school matters and did much to improve their efficiency. As a Freemason he held many offices of influence and trust, and was Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New-Hampshire from 1871 to 1875.

David A. Hollingshead, A. M., Principal of the Western Female High School, Baltimore, died Saturday night, of pneumonia, after a sickness of seven weeks, in the sixty-third year of his age. Prof. Hollingshead was born in Baltimore County, near the Pennsylvania line, March 8, 1817.

## OBITUARY.

### JOSEPH SELIGMAN.

Wall-street was surprised and shocked yesterday by the news of the sudden death, in New-Orleans, of Mr. Joseph Seligman, head of the famous banking firm of J. & W. Seligman & Co., corner of Broad-street and Exchange-place. He was born in Bavaria, of Hebrew parentage, Nov. 22, 1819, and was the eldest of eight brothers, all the others of whom are now partners of the firm. Jesse and James are in this City, Leopold and Isaac manage the London house, William the Paris branch, and Henry and Abraham the Frankfort branch. Joseph was graduated at the University of Erlanger. He came to this country in 1838. His first employment here was as Cashier to the late Judge Asa Packer, at Nesquehoning, Penn. In 1841 he resigned this position for the purpose of entering into mercantile business at Greensboro, Ala. Seven years later he removed to this City, and became an importer of clothing, in partnership with his brothers Jesse and James, who had meantime established themselves as dry goods merchants in Watertown, N. Y. The residents of that place speak of them in terms of the highest respect. The new concern was very successful. In 1862 the brothers had accumulated large fortunes. They gave up the clothing business, and founded the present banking firm. Fortune continued to smile upon them, and they rapidly attained a prominence second to that of no other similar concern in this country. They have to-day branch houses in the European cities which have before been named, and also in New-Orleans and San Francisco. They have been members of every syndicate since 1876. In the great syndicate of April, 1879, when \$150,000,000 of refunding bonds were taken from the Government, the Seligmans' share was \$20,000,000. Mr. Joseph Seligman's private fortune at the date of his death is estimated by his friends at not less than \$5,000,000.

Mr. Seligman was universally esteemed, not only for the excellence of his business judgment, but also for the purity of his private life, his self-sacrificing public spirit, and his unbounded charity. His purse was ever open to succor the needs of his people. He established the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, and was prominent in founding the Mount Sinai Hospital, of which he was for many years the Vice-President. Every Jewish benevolent society in the City has had the advantage of his counsel and labors, and has shared regularly in his contributions. He was a member of the Union League Club, and was at one time its Vice-President. He was also a member of the Harmon Club. He was formerly Vice-President of the German-American Bank, and a Director of the Shoe and Leather Bank. At the time of his death he was a Trustee of the Equitable Life Insurance Company and a Director of the Home Fire Insurance Company. In politics he was a Republican, and he enjoyed the personal friendship of Gen. Grant. His controversy with Judge Hilton at Saratoga two years ago is still fresh in the public memory.

Mr. Seligman had been suffering from an affection of the heart for a year past. His physician advised a Southern journey, and in December last, in company with his wife and his son George, he went to Florida to pass the winter. His brother James was to sail to Europe on Wednesday, and he designed reaching this City in time to wish him God-speed. On his way home he went to New-Orleans for the purpose of paying a visit to his daughter Fannie, who is the wife of Theodore Herrman, manager of the banking-house of Seligman, Herrman & Co., of that city. On Sunday he died of heart disease at her residence. His wife was with him at the time. His son George had remained behind in Florida. His remains will start for this City on the train leaving New-Orleans to-morrow morning. The funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 28 West Thirty-fourth-street, next Sunday forenoon.

Mr. Seligman leaves nine children—four daughters and five sons. One of the former is Helen, wife of Mr. E. Spiegelberg, of the firm of H. Smith & Co., commission merchants, of this City. Another is Sophie, wife of Mr. Morris Walter, carpet-dealer, of New-York and San Francisco. A third is Belle, of New-York and San Francisco. The fourth is Mrs. Herrman. The sons are David and Isaac, who are associated in the New-York house; George, now in Florida, and Edward, who is in Germany, both law students, and Alfred, a boy at school. The office of the firm was closed yesterday against the transaction of all except pressing business. Nearly every banker and broker of prominence in the City called during the day and offered their condolences to the surviving members.

### OBITUARY NOTES.

The Rev. Silas Ketchum, well known in New-England, died in Barre, Vt., Saturday morning. He was born at Barre, Vt., Dec. 4, 1835. In his early life he helped in the support of his father and mother by making shoes, and afterward supported himself and wife, until he was graduated at the Bangor Theological Seminary, in 1863, by teaching school. His first pastorate was in Wardsboro, Vt.