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Henry Elias Howland, formerly a Justice of the Supreme Court and President of the University Club and the Yale Alumni Association, died late Thursday night at his home, 10 East Tenth Street, in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

While nearly all of Mr. Howland's mature life was spent in New York, he was a native of New Hampshire, having been born at Walpole, June 30, 1835.

His parents, Aaron P. and Huldah Burke Howland, were descendants of original settlers in New England.

Mr. Howland came to New York after graduating from the law department of Yale University in 1857. He continued his close association with Yale affairs, and his chief fame was attained at dinners of the University Club and the Yale Club in this city, where he ranked with Chauncey M. Depew as a favorite after-dinner speaker. He and Mr. Depew often held arguments as to which was the older in appearance and years, their badinage passing back and forth over the dinner table with an enrichment of anecdote and epigram which added to the fame of both.

A poem of Mr. Howland's about Mr. Depew attained general circulation a score of years ago. About this time also Mr. Howland produced an epigram about Boston which became popular. It was that "the best thing out of Boston is the 5 o'clock train."

In 1901, Mr. Howland succeeded Charles C. Beaman as President of the University Club. His interest in his Alma Mater he never allowed to lapse, and he was constantly pressing upon other Yale alumni plans for helping the university along. He became President of the Yale Club in New York and a member of the Yale University Corporation. He received the degree of A. B. from Yale in the class of 1854, and to this degree Yale added, in 1893, the degree of A. M. After completing the academic course at Yale he became a student in the law school and took out his law degree in 1857, after which he came to New York to practice.

The outbreak of the civil war caused Mr. Howland to turn from law to small arms practice, and he went to the front as captain of the Twenty-second Regiment, New York National Guard. He married Louise Miller in this city on Oct. 5, 1865, and had made his home here since.

Mr. Howland was Justice of the Marine Court in 1873. In 1884 he was successful as a Republican candidate for the Court of Common Pleas, and in 1887 he was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court. He was a member of the Board of Aldermen for two terms, beginning in 1875, and was made President of the Board of Taxes in 1880.

Upon his election as a member of the Yale Corporation, in 1893, Mr. Howland visited the campus and became involved in an undergraduate rush. Mr. Depew, who saw him holding his own, announced at a subsequent dinner that Mr. Howland's legs "reminded him of the elms of dear old Yale, except that they were not so straight and uniform."

Mr. Howland's response was a verse written by Isaac Bromley, who like Mr. Howland and Mr. Depew, had come out of Yale in the decade preceding the civil war, and gained a place with them in the Yale Pantheon. The poem ran:

These dinner speeches tire me,
They are tedious, flat, and stale;
From a thousand banquet tables
Comes a melancholy wail
As a hundred thousand banquetcers
Sit up in evening dress
To salute each mouldy chestnut
With a signal of distress.

The poem goes on to describe a search by the gods for a suitable speaker to save banqueters from the deadly dullness of the usual after-dinner speech and of the final location of a man at Peekskill, whom a scout of the gods recognized as an orator "by the looseness of his chin." Then follows this tribute: And they marched to where young Mercury,

With instinct sure and true,
Had found the coming orator,
Young Chauncey M. Depew.

Since 1880, Mr. Howland had been in law practice in this city as a member of the firm of Howland, Murry and Prentice. He found time to contribute a number of articles to the magazines and to maintain an interest in charitable and civic work. He was president of the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane for many years, and at the time of his death was president of the Home for the Destitute Blind. In 1901, as president of the Society for the Preservation of the Adirondacks, he led a fight against the spoliation of the forests by contractors.

Mr. Howland was a warden of the Church of the Ascension, and was a member of the Century, City, Meadow, Thursday Night, and other clubs.

Isaac Weingart.

Isaac Weingart, of the firm of Leumann, Boesch & Weingart, importers and manufacturers of embroideries at 122 Fifth Avenue, died of apoplexy at his home, 285 Central Park West, on Thursday. Mr. Weingart was born in New York City forty years ago and for more than a decade had been active in the philanthropic and business life of the city. He was the representative of the Lace and Embroidery Association at the recent tariff hearings in Washington and until his death was a director of the Union Exchange National Bank and of the Montefiore Home for Chronic Invalids. Other organizations with which he was affiliated are the City Athletic Club, General James McQuade Post No. 557, G. A. R., Merchants' Club of St. Gale, King Solomon Lodge, F. and A. M., and Mendelsohn Benevolent Society. His wife, a son, and a daughter survive him.

Mrs. Romauldo Pacheco.

Mrs. Romauldo Pacheco, widow of a former Governor of California and the author of several successful plays, including "Incog," died last Wednesday in San Francisco. She had been a sufferer from heart disease for a number of years. Mrs. Pacheco was formerly Miss Mary Catherine McIntyre of Danville, Ky., where she was born in 1842. She went to California when a young girl and married Romauldo Pacheco in Sacramento in 1863. He was at that time State Treasurer. Mrs. Pacheco spent the greater part of last year in New York, where she had many friends. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William S. Tevis.

Rev. Dr. Edward J. Thurber.

The Rev. Dr. Edward J. Thurber, pastor of the American Church in Paris, France, for sixteen years, died suddenly of heart disease on Friday, at his home, 29 Claremont Avenue, in his 77th year. He gave up the pulpit of the Park Presbyterian Church at Syracuse, N. Y., and was sent to Paris in 1888, remaining there until 1904. Dr. Thurber was educated at the University of Michigan, Hartford Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary. He left a wife and two sons, Dr. Samuel W. Thurber of this city, and Edward A. Thurber, a professor in Oregon State University.

Duqueza de Vizeu Operated Upon.

According to cable dispatches from abroad the Duqueza de Vizeu, who was Miss Anita Stewart, underwent an operation for appendicitis on Friday at the American Hospital, Neuilly. The marriage of Miss Stewart and the Prince Miguel of Braganza, took place in 1909 at Inverness, Scotland. Shortly after their marriage the Prince, who is a grandson of King Miguel of Portugal, took the title of Duque de Vizeu. The Duqueza is the stepdaughter of the late James Henry Smith of New York, who left an immense fortune.