

In Memoriam

THROUGH the death of Charles L. Edgar on April 14, 1932, the Business Historical Society lost one of its most valued members, and a founder of the organization. Mr. Edgar's membership has been characterized throughout by his generous coöperation in furthering the interests of the Society.

Mr. Edgar was born at Griggstown, New Jersey, December 23, 1860, son of Thomas and Annie Veghte Edgar. After graduation from Rutgers College in 1882, his first position was with Thomas A. Edison, who had only recently become a national figure in the field of electrical science. In September, 1887, Mr. Edgar was sent to Boston as general superintendent of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company. He remained with the organization until the time of his death, having been president of the company since 1900.

During the war Mr. Edgar was an associate member of the naval consulting board and a consulting engineer for the Bureau of Mines for the Department of the Interior. He was a member of a special committee of twenty-one appointed several years ago to investigate the question of municipal ownership abroad. In 1927 Rutgers College conferred upon him the degree of doctor of science and the same year Tufts College awarded him an honorary degree of doctor of laws. He was trustee of Rutgers College and numerous business organizations.

Besides his widow he leaves a son, Leavitt L. Edgar, and two grandchildren. His son is vice-president of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston.

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ACQUISITIONS

Since the last publication of the Bulletin the Society has received and gratefully acknowledges the following acquisitions:

From Arthur W. Blackman, D. F. Munroe Company, Boston, Blackman, Arthur W., *The Rejuvenation of Gregory and Company*.

From Charles P. Capen, Industrial Club of St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri, *Two Years of Industrial Progress in the St. Louis Industrial District; Chemical and Mineral Resources of the St. Louis Industrial District*; and miscellaneous advertising material.