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Daniel Willard Fiske was born in Ellisburgh, N. Y., November 11, 1831, and died in Frankfort-on-the-Main, September 17, 1904. He was educated at Cazenovia Seminary and at Hamilton College, but left the latter institution before graduation to go abroad and study the Scandinavian languages. He passed two years at the University of Upsala, Sweden, and returned to New York in 1852, taking a place in the Astor Library, where he remained until 1859. He was General Secretary of the American Geographical Society, 1859-60. In 1857 the *American Chess Monthly* was founded, which he edited in conjunction with Paul Morphy, 1857-60; and compiled the "Book of the First American Chess Congress," held in New York, 1857. He had been connected with the United States Legation, Copenhagen, 1850-1851; and became Attaché to the United States Legation, Vienna, 1861-62, under Motley. In 1863-65 he was connected with the *Syracuse Daily Journal*. Later he was in the book business in Syracuse, and in 1867 was on the staff of the *Hartford Courant*. At times he had been clerk in the Syracuse Post Office. In

1857-1867



1868 he traveled abroad, visiting Egypt and Palestine, when he received a call to be Professor of North-European languages, and Librarian, at Cornell University. He was an ardent member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity. Iceland he visited in 1879. In 1880 he married Miss Jennie McGraw, who died in 1881. In 1883 he resigned his offices at Cornell and took up his permanent residence in Florence, Italy. Mr. Fiske's miscellaneous writings were numerous and varied, and reprints of the more important have been selected for publication later. His valuable book collections, which were presented to the Cornell University Library, related to Dante, to Petrarch, to Icelandic History and Literature, and to the Rhaeto-Romanic language. Besides the great collections which have enriched Cornell University, that institution has also received from his estate a fund for the uses and purposes of the Library, of more than half a million dollars.

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