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THE LYMAN FAMILY.

THIS numerous, and far-spreading family, have all descended from one immigrant ancestor, RICHARD LYMAN, from High Ongar, in England, who came to America eleven years after the first colony at Plymouth. Through six grandsons, Richard, Thomas and John, sons of Richard, and John, Moses and Benjamin, sons of John, as main branches, the remoter ramifications are connected with the parent stock. The data which establish this connection are fast passing into oblivion, and will soon be irrecoverably lost. But enough it is believed can be collected to enable the descendants, whose Register has been kept with ordinary care, to trace out their own lineage and their kindred relations to other decendants from their venerable ancestor. For this purpose, and with the hope of aiding and encouraging some one of the connection to write a history of the LYMAN FAMILY, the undersigned proposes, with the aid of others to collect, as far as practicable, the genealogical statistics of the family, and publish them in the form of a pamphlet, provided enough shall be ordered to defray the expenses of printing. The Lymans have an honorable record in their manifold relations in society, agricultural, mechanical, commercial, social political, patriotic, literary and religious. Their history should be preserved and have a place among the historical records of the country.

Each one of the connection, to whom this Circular may be addressed, is respectfully requested to forward his own family register, and that of his relatives and ancestors as far as practicable, to the undersigned, specifying with distinctness and accuracy Names, Births, Marriages, Residences and Deaths, to be recorded in the genealogical roll of the family. The ages and residences of the deceased are particularly requested, with anecdotes and incidents illustrative of personal character and influence.

And each is requested to specify the number of copies to be forwarded to his address on the condition that the cost shall not exceed \$1.00 a copy.

LYMAN COLEMAN,

Lafayette College.

EASTON, PA., JULY 1868.

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LYMAN REUNION.

The day opened with a clear sky and a bright sun, and the representatives of the family in great numbers, from many states, of every age and sex, gathered early on the ground in great glee and joyous salutations. Many hundreds coming from Springfield in a long train of cars were met at Mt. Tom station by a train of seven cars from Northampton, freighted with descendants of their common ancestor, Richard of High Ongar, while many from the neighboring towns came in their own conveyances. By the efficient direction of Gen. Luke Lyman, the marshal of the day, the procession, preceded by the Armory band from Springfield, was promptly formed at the station and soon in motion for the woodland at the base of Mount Tom.

A song of welcome indited for the occasion, of which the first stanza is in these words —

From far and near to day we come
To this old central Lyman home,
These pleasant scenes again to greet,
These friends of by-gone years to meet —

was sung to the tune of Old Hundred, with the accompaniment of the band. A selection from the scriptures was read and prayer offered appropriate to the occasion. The assembly was called to order by Dr. Coleman, the chairman of the former meeting, and the customary officers chosen. The Hon. Lyman Tremain of Albany, N. Y., president; Edward Lyman, of Burlington, Vt., treasurer; and D. W.

Lyman, of Providence, R. I.; Russell Lyman, of Albany; and Theodore Lyman, of Hartford, Conn., secretaries. The president, on taking the chair, delivered an address, which was followed by one from Dr. Coleman. Just at the conclusion of this, began a sprinkling of rain, which soon changed into drenching torrents, as if the windows of heaven had again been opened upon the earth. Unfortunately no shelter had been provided as a refuge from this deluge from the skies. Our only resource was a hasty retreat from the remaining festivities and entertainments of the day.

On the following day a remnant of the dispersed survivors of the flood, gathered in goodly numbers in the City Hall, at Springfield, to complete the programme of the occasion. The varied entertainments of the day as indicated in the proceedings here given, made grateful amends for the failures of the day preceding. It was unanimously agreed to meet again in 1874, at the appointed place for our reunion, with due precautions against another drenching from the treacherous skies.

Then homeward all took off their several ways, in the consciousness that the occasion had been a satisfactory success, and in joyful anticipation of a happier reunion after a dispersion for three years of this great Lyman family.

OPENING ADDRESS.

BY HON. LYMAN TREMAIN.

Fellow Cousins, and other Relatives of the Lyman Family :

I beg you to accept my thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, by selecting me to act as your presiding officer, upon this interesting occasion. The compliment is the more appreciated, because there are many others present, more deserving of this distinction, who bear the Lyman surname, while my nearest ancestral relation, with that name, was my paternal grandmother, who was a full blooded Lyman, my own double Christian name, David Lyman, having been bestowed on me, by my parents, in honor of my father's uncle, who resided in Salisbury, Connecticut, and was the son of Simeon Lyman.

Washington Irving gives expression to the following sentiment, in one of his beautiful essays for the *Sketch Book*, wherein he describes Westminster Abbey: "There was a noble way, in former times, of saying things simply, and yet saying them proudly; and I do not know an epitaph that breathes a loftier consciousness of family worth and honorable lineage than one which affirms, of a noble house, that 'all the brothers were brave, and all the sisters virtuous.'" If this broad and comprehensive eulogium, dictated as we may reasonably infer, by a surviving member of the family of the deceased, escaped criticism from an observer so acute, and a gentleman so cultivated and correct in his tastes, so delicate in his sense of propriety, and so elevated and honorable in his views, as the world renowned American author, Washington Irving, surely, we have no