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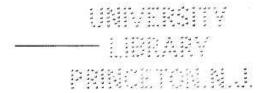
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A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH 1

BY J. M. VINCENT

In presenting a memorial to the late Professor Herbert B. Adams, I stand as one among a large number who would be glad to bring forward their tributes of respect and affection. The ties which bound him to his contemporaries were numerous and varied. To his students he was an inspiring teacher and a faithful friend. To the world of educators he was an adviser whose opinions and cooperation were sought and shared by many. Consequently, numerous estimates of his work and character have already appeared in the periodical press; yet a biographical sketch may be in place, since materials for a description of his earlier life and academic history have recently come within my reach. Professor Adams himself had collected from time to time the chief items in his own career, and of these papers I have made free use. My only regret is that the matter was not left more in autobiographical form, so that it might be presented with the original charm of reminiscence.

Herbert Baxter Adams was born at Shutesbury (near Amherst), Massachusetts, April 16, 1850. His father was Nathaniel Dickinson Adams, a lumber merchant and selectman of Shutesbury, and a descendant of Henry Adams, who settled in Braintree, Mass., 1634. His mother was Harriet Hastings, a descendant of Deacon Thomas Hastings, who settled in Watertown, Mass., 1634. Lieutenant

¹An address presented before the American Historical Association at its meeting in Washington, D. C., December 30, 1901.