

HAMILTON FISH'S FUNERAL

BURIED BESIDE HIS WIFE, IN THE GARRISONS CEMETERY.

His Grave Near that of Edwards Pierrepont,
Who was a Colleague in Grant's Cabinet
—Mrs. U. S. Grant and Other Persons of
Distinction Paid Honor to Mr. Fish's
Memory—Services at the House and
Church Conducted by Bishop Potter, Dr.
Dix, and the Rev. Mr. Thompson.

GARRISONS, N. Y., Sept. 11.—In a peaceful spot, under waving trees, on the banks of the broad river, where he had passed so many Summers, the body of Hamilton Fish was buried to-day in a grave beside those of his wife and oldest daughter. St. Philip's Church is built on the first of the series of hills which roll up from the Hudson. In the churchyard are many stones marked with names familiar as those of families which helped to make the honorable history of the Republic and the State. Not far from the burial plot of the Fish family is the grave of Edwards Pierrepont, a colleague of Mr. Fish in President Grant's Cabinet.

A notable company gathered to-day to show the final honor to Hamilton Fish. The little stone church could not contain the crowd, and throughout the services the churchyard was dotted with groups, each of which had one or two persons famous in statecraft, commerce, philanthropy, or literature for its nucleus. The residents of Garrisons and the adjoining villages came afoot and in carriages to hear the last words spoken over the dead statesman. A profusion of flowers was disposed about the church and the open grave. On the black pall of the casket lay a great bunch of lilies and two long leaves of palm.

Bishop Potter conducted services of the simplest character at the house. Only members of the family and pall bearers were present. The Rev. Dr. Dix and the Rev. Mr. Thompson assisted in this service, after which the funeral party drove to the church, reaching there a little before noon.

A special train, which had left the Grand Central Station at 10:30 o'clock, carried many distinguished persons. Carriages were in waiting at the station, and there friends of the family were gathered about the gray church, as the procession came up the path.

Bishop Potter, Dr. Dix, and Mr. Thompson walked in front, Dr. Dix wearing surplice, cassock, and beretta, Mr. Thompson remaining uncovered, and Bishop Potter, in full Episcopal robes, wearing a purple stole and Oxford cap covered with purple velvet. Then came the casket, borne by eight porters, and behind walked the pall bearers, wearing white sashes. They were Prof. Benjamin D. Silliman, Samuel Sloan, William C. Schermerhorn, Thomas B. Arden, John A. King, Seth Low, John Schuyler, and Alexander James Clinton. The absence of ex-Secretary William M. Evarts was regretted by himself and by the members of the family.

Following the pall bearers came the members of the family, including a number of Mr. Fish's grandchildren. Among them were Nicholas Fish, Mrs. S. M. Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webster, Mrs. W. E. Rogers, Hamilton Webster, Mrs. William Rogers, Miss Harriet Rogers, Miss Cornelia Rogers, William Benjamin, Julian Benjamin, and Hamilton Benjamin.

The Society of the Cincinnati came next, represented by many members from a distance, as well as by members of the New-York State Society. From the Pennsylvania society came William Wayne, M. S. Sproot, William H. Harnor, and M. Stanton.

The Union League Club sent a delegation headed by Gen. Horace Porter, including, also, Gen. C. H. T. Collis, Edward Mitchell, J. M. Requa, and Col. S. Van Rensselaer Cruger. Mr. Fish was once President of this club.

The St. Nicholas Society was represented by Henry S. Rapelye, Smith E. Lane, and A. W. Haviland.

Other notable persons were ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, George W. Childs, Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, Col. and Mrs. Frederick Grant, John W. Kean, Osgood Welsh, Dr. T. M. Chrystie, William Ogden Giles, Benjamin W. Greyton, ex-Collector William H. Robertson, George S. Bowdoin, ex-Gov. A. B. Cornell, F. Wolcott Jackson, S. D. Babcock, General Superintendent Isaac N. Toucey, Dean Hoffman of the General Theological Seminary, Robert W. Rutherford, Dr. Stuyvesant Morris, Dr. James Morris, Prof. Drisler of Columbia College, Col. Sims of Philadelphia, Gen. Asa Bird Gardiner, Francis B. Carpenter, John G. Cadwalader, H. T. Drowne, Fulton Paul of Hudson, Richard Varick De Witt, the Rev. Dr. Hutton, Gen. John Cochran, John Bigelow, Col. Ernst, Superintendent of the West Point Military Academy; William H. Osborne, William C. Osborne, Charles Edwards, Tracy Edwards, Dr. E. L. Partridge, Francis Tomes, and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

The service in the church was the simple burial service of the Episcopal Church. The rector read the opening sentences, and Dr. Dix read the lesson from the Epistle to the Corinthians. The anthem and hymns were sung by the choir of St. Philip's.

At the conclusion of the prayers the Bishop, clergy, and congregation left the church and reassembled at the open grave, where the committal service was read by Dr. Dix, Mr. Thompson assisting. The service ended with the reading of prayers and benediction by Bishop Potter.

After the services were concluded, Nicholas Fish thanked Mrs. Grant, on behalf of the family, for her attendance.

At the services in St. Philip's Church yesterday morning the rector read to the congregation a resolution of eulogy passed by the Vestry at their special meeting. The minutes recalled the devotion of Mr. Fish to the parish and the value and number of his services to the church in general.