

ant register of the United States land office at that place, a position which he held till 1841. He prepared and published an early map of the lead region; and, in 1842, contributed to *Silliman's Journal* an interesting illustrated paper on the curious animal shaped mounds of Wisconsin. Returning to Philadelphia in 1843, he established himself as a conveyancer, and at one time was city controller. A few years since, he visited our city and spent much time in the Society's rooms. He contributed valuable papers for our *Collections*, his portrait to our gallery, books for our Library, and, in 1874, donated \$50 to our binding fund. At the time of his decease, Mr. Taylor was in his seventy-third year. In his death, as in that of Mr. Catlin, our Society lost a true and sympathizing friend.

It is pertinent, also, to note the death of Rev. Richard M. Hodges, another of the Society's honorary vice-presidents, and another of its benefactors, which occurred at his residence at Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 10, 1878, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. Though personally a stranger to most of us, yet he had become impressed with the value of our Society's work, and had for seven successive years regularly, on the return of each successive spring, remitted twenty dollars for our binding fund, making, in the aggregate, a very creditable contribution. Such men as Catlin, Taylor and Hodges leave behind them the savor of a good name, and the memory of worthy deeds.

The Catlin and Taylor bequests, when realized, will add very considerably to the principal of the binding fund—to which accrue all gifts and bequests, as well as membership fees, and the proceeds of the sale of duplicate books.

With the present and prospective needs of the Library, this fund should be pushed up to not less than \$15,000, in order that its income should be adequate for all binding purposes expected of it. We have hundreds of volumes of books, periodicals, newspaper files and pamphlets that are comparatively useless in their present unbound condition, awaiting the time when the income from this fund will render them available for reference and usefulness.

Could all the friends of the Society be induced to contribute