

president in 1890-91. He became a member of the California Academy of Sciences in 1872 and was elected president in 1903, holding the office up to the time of his death. In 1874 when James Lick contributed three million dollars for the cause of science and art of which the California Academy of Science was one of the chief beneficiaries, Mr. Alvord was appointed one of the board of trustees of the fund.

Mr. Alvord was one of the best known financiers on the Pacific Coast and became, perhaps, the wealthiest of any that have borne the "Alvord" name to the present time. Reference to his interest in this genealogy will be found in the preface to this volume..

The foregoing sketch is based on a memorial address delivered by Theodore H. Hittell before the California Academy of Science in 1905, from which following is taken:

"When men of large, complicated and successful business affairs manifest great and abiding interest in matters of science and art, devote to their cultivation a considerable share of their attention, and contribute to their advancement an appreciable portion of their means, it may be said of them that, though perhaps, technically speaking, neither scientists nor artists, they are nevertheless imbued with true and genuine scientific and artistic spirit. Of such men our late President, William Alvord, was a shining representative, well worthy all the honors we can pay to his memory. He was a typical American business man of honorable kind; and, as such, it may be said of him that the more we know of his life and career, the more sincere will be our tribute to his merits."

1177. JOSEPH MANUEL ALVORD (*Edmund, William, Elisha, Joseph, Ebenezer, Alexander*), born Albany, N. Y., Mar. 22, 1836; died New York, N. Y., Mar., 1895; married Jersey City, N. J., Mar. 17, 1858, Cornelia Jane Smith, daughter of Enoch and Catherine Ann (Ackerman) Smith. She was born Bergen, N. J., Mar. 2, 1837; died Yonkers, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1886. He married 2nd, Hohokus, N. J., 1888, Sadie Beulay. Res. Yonkers, N. Y., and New York, N. Y. Children:

2054. Florence Mahala, b. Jersey City, N. J., May 2, 1859.

2055. Edmund Manuel, b. Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 8, 1860; res. in Ind., unkm. 1904.

2056. Leticia Cornelia, b. Jersey City, N. J., July 12, 1862; d. Apr. 18, 1864.

2057. Rollin Otis, b. Jersey City, N. J., Apr. 30, 1864. Not heard from since about 1890.

2058. Joseph Manuel, b. 1889.

Joseph Manuel Alvord was in the employ of the Otis Elevator Mfg. Co. of Yonkers until 1882. His death was due to accidental asphyxiation.