

EDWIN DYER.

He died Wednesday afternoon, the 26th of May, at the residence of his son-in-law, W. W. Flinn, on Central avenue. He had been ill for several weeks, though for a time he seemed to be improving. He was born in Boston, Mass., May 25th, 1818, being 79 years and one day old, or one year and one day older than Queen Victoria. All his youth and early life were spent in Boston, coming to the Park in 1879, or 18 years ago. His home, till two or three years ago, was where Augustus C. Campbell now resides, on the bold, beautiful bluff at the end of Belle avenue, or Pocket "C." His natural and cultivated New England taste was admirably shown in the selection and improvement of that charming location.

He was a typical successful New England business man, wise, prudent, thoroughly honest, with inborn and ingrained principles of the highest integrity, which he brought with him when he came west, and principles which he maintained till his death. He was one of the most genial, affable and approachable old men of our acquaintance, and his fund of pleasant humor, which never left a sting, was inexhaustible. He and his family were regular attendants at the Presbyterian church.

He leaves beside his widow one sister, 86 years old, who has lived with him for half a century; a son, George Dyer, in Texas, and a daughter, Mrs. W. W. Flinn, with whom he has had a home for some years.

The funeral will occur tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at Mr. Flinn's residence, conducted by the family pastor, Rev. S. M. Johnson, and the interment will be in the family lot in Lake Forest.

DECORATION DAY SERVICE.

The service at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath will be in memory of our soldier-dead. From 10 to 10:30 a. m. an open air service will be held outside the church. Four selections will be rendered by the 4th Regt. (U. S. A.) band of Fort Sheridan:

1. "The Star Spangled Banner."
2. "Sweet Spirit, Hear My Prayer."
3. "Departed Days."
4. "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

At 10:30 the service within the church begins. The band will lead the congregation in "America" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The Grand Army post will attend in a body. The church will be beautifully decorated with flowers and the national colors. Louis Evans of Evanston will assist in the service of

song. The sermon, by the pastor, will be suited to the occasion: "Was the War Worth What it Cost?"

"UNCLE SAM."

We take pleasure in chronicling the fact that Highland Park at last seems likely to take its place in yachting matters. This year everything runs to golf, with rare exceptions, which become more marked because they are exceptions. Last Sunday the yacht "Uncle Sam" was launched off Fletcher's pier by her happy and enterprising owners, Messrs. Van Riper, Dickinson, Raffin and Baker. She is a beautiful craft, carrying two masts, and with all the conveniences of a first-class vessel, than which we venture there is none finer on the lake. Commodore Van Riper is in command. He is an experienced seaman, was born and bred in fact before the mast, can reef a sail, sail before the wind, cast an anchor to windward, or perform any other nautical feat with neatness and despatch. Her locker will at all times be filled with the choicest stores for short voyages, which we propose to sample ere long through the courtesy of her owners. The carefully selected, well-trained and disciplined crew will be in uniform, white duck trousers, white sweaters and blue serge coats, with nobby nautical caps. Altogether the "Uncle Sam" is a credit to our city, as well as to the enterprise and public-spirit of those who have put the craft on our waters.

MILITARY ACADEMY.

The commencement comes this year in the first instead of the second week in June, so as to let the bicycle corps start on its Washington trip Monday, instead of the last of the week. Rector Wolcott delivers the baccalaureate Sunday morning; examinations all day Thursday and the forenoon Friday; the orations, debate and drills occur Friday afternoon, while the military "Prom" fill Friday evening till long after the curfew rings. A special train will leave just before midnight for the benefit of the guests.

The program indicates an unusually interesting week for the cadets, as well as for the public. Aside from almost everything else the people of the Park should set apart Friday afternoon, at least, for these exercises.

There was Ascension Day service at the Catholic church yesterday morning. It was the occasion of about 30 young people taking first communion. The church was nicely decorated.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Larsson, Wednesday, May 19th, a son.

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