

but on Friday night had a relapse, and her physicians, Dr. W. R. Fisher of Hoboken and Dr. E. G. Janeway of this city, gave up all hope of her recovery. All the members of Mrs. Stevens's family were at her bedside when she died.

Mrs. Stevens, who was about sixty-five years of age, and was reputed to be one of the wealthiest women in America, was the widow of Commodore Edwin Augustus Stevens, the engineer, who died in Paris, France, on Aug. 8, 1868. She was his second wife and was married to him forty-five years ago. Her father was the late Albert B. Dod, who for several years was Professor of Mathematics at Princeton University.

She was a descendant of the Bayard family, who came to this country from Holland before the Revolution. They were French refugees, and, it is claimed, were descended from that Chevalier Bayard who was "without fear and without reproach." Mrs. Stevens's grandfather threw in his lot with the revolutionists. Another member of the family, William Bayard, who owned the greater part of the land now known as Hoboken and Weehawken, and who was a Tory, fled the country after the surrender of the British Army, and his estate was seized by the American Government. It was sold at auction, and Col. John Stevens purchased it. Thus when Mrs. Martha Bayard Stevens became the wife of Edwin A. Stevens she came into much of the property that had once been owned by her ancestors.

Edwin A. Stevens and his brothers in 1825 became the owners of the Union Line of steamboats, which ran to New Brunswick, and the stages which ran to Philadelphia. When the Camden and Amboy Railroad was established in 1830, he became its Treasurer, and his brother, Robert L. Stevens, its President. They owned the entire water front of Hoboken, and established the Hoboken Ferry, which was sold by the Stevens estate about three years ago.

Mrs. Stevens had seven children, two of whom, John and Julia, are dead. John, the first born, who was named after his grandfather, the original Commodore Stevens, died in the Spring of 1895, and his widow married Lewis Hyde, a lawyer of this city. Julia, who died in Rome, was a little girl, and in memory of her Mrs. Stevens erected the Church of the Holy Innocents in Hoboken. The surviving children are Col. Edwin A. Stevens, who married a cousin, Miss Lewis of Virginia; Richard Stevens, who also married a cousin, Miss Elizabeth C. Stevens; Robert Livingston Stevens, who married Miss Mary Stuart Whitney; C. Albert Stevens, who married Miss May Brady, daughter of the late Judge Brady, and Caroline, who was married to Archibald Alexander. Mrs. Stevens also leaves two sisters and a brother, S. B. Dod.

Mrs. Stevens, like her husband, was well known as a philanthropist. Mr. Stevens founded the Stevens Institute in Hoboken, with a gift of \$650,000. Mrs. Stevens, in addition to erecting the memorial church mentioned above, opened the local Martha Institute, started the Industrial School, and was mainly instrumental in securing the construction of the Free Public Library and Manual Training School Building. In recognition of her efforts on behalf of the training school, Mayor Fagan appointed her a member of the Industrial Board. Mrs. Stevens also endowed a ward in St. Mary's Hospital, which is known as St. Martha's Ward, and has made liberal donations to Christ Hospital, St. Catherine's Home, and several other charitable institutions.

With her son Robert she recently decided to present to Hoboken a recreation pier on the river walk, for the benefit of the poor of the city. Plans for its construction have been drawn and contracts awarded, and work upon it will soon be begun.

Obituary Notes.

ANDREW CHAISER, editor and publisher of The Chicago Swedish Tribune, is dead of diphtheria.

JOHN W. MACOMBER, manager of the New Bedford Cordage Company, died yesterday in his sixty-eighth year. He was President of the New Bedford Safe Deposit and Trust Company, and a Director in other enterprises.

Mrs. HENRY J. HARDENBERGH died on Friday, at her home, 12 East Fifty-sixth Street. She was a Miss Emily Irene Leeds, and the daughter of the late John Leeds. She was twice married, her first husband having been Richard H. Keene, who died in 1884.

LUKE CLARK died Friday at his home on Jersey City Heights. He was born in this city in 1819, and early in life was in the jewelry business. In 1873 he went into the real estate business, in which he was successful. He leaves a wife and seven children.

CORNELIUS SCHUYLER, an old resident of the Borough of the Bronx, died yesterday at his home in Fordham. He was a descendant of Gen. Schuyler of Revolutionary fame, and had been a resident of the Bronx for more than half a century. He was a retired builder. About four years ago he married a servant in his family one week after having been divorced from his first wife.

EDWARD PEIRSON died yesterday at his home, 55 Greenwood Avenue, Brooklyn. He was born in Shelburne, Vt., in 1821. After living for some time in Illinois, he went to Troy, where he held a position in the Troy Iron Works. When he removed to Brooklyn he took charge of Peirson's Cement Pipe Works, which he continued to manage until his death. A widow and three children survive him.

MRS. MARTHA B. STEVENS DEAD.

She Passes Away at Her Home, "Castle Point," Hoboken.

Mrs. Martha Bayard Stevens died yesterday evening at her home, "Castle Point," Hoboken, from paralysis. She suffered a stroke on Wednesday and another one on Friday. She rallied from these, however,