[Fletcher, Austin Barclay]

A. B. FLETCHER, ATTORNEY, DIES President of Tufts' Trustees Was Identified With Various Banks Here

Austin Barclay Fletcher, seventy-one, widely known corporation lawyer and president of the board of trustees of Tufts College, is dead, following a short illness. His home was in the Metropolitan Club and his office at No. 165 Broadway.

Mr. Fletcher was born in Mendon, Mass., the son of Asa A. Fletcher and Harriet Durkee Fletcher. He took his A. B. from Tufts College in 1876, and the same institution conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. in 1899. He received and A. M. degree from Boston University in 1875.

Beginning in 1878, Mr. Fletcher was for three years professor of oratory in Boston and Brown universities. Then he began practice as a bank and corporation lawyer, in which field he was regarded as highly successful. He became director of the Irving National Bank, the Bowery Savings and many other banks and corporations. He was trustee of several large estates. He was a trustee of Brown University and of Dean Academy. He was president of the Fletcher Family Union, which has 10,000 members.

Mr. Fletcher was a Knight Templar and a member of the Phi Beta Kappa. His clubs included the Metropolitan, Union League, Bankers, Automobile of America, New York Athletic, Sleepy Hollow Country and Piping Rock.

In January, 1882, Mr. Fletcher married Miss Hortense M. Follet. She died in 1903.

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AUSTIN B. FLETCHER DIES IN HOSPITAL President of National Institute of Social Science

Austin Barclay Fletcher, lawyer and President of the National Institute of Social Science, who had made his home for several years at the Metropolitan Club, died Thursday in St. Bartholomew's Hospital following an operation. Services will be held Monday afternoon in the First Universalist Church of Franklin, Mass.

Mr. Fletcher was born at Mendon, Mass., in 1852 and graduated from Tufts College in 1876, his alma mater giving him the honorary degree of LL.D. in 1899. He was President of the Board of Trustees of Tufts and a trustee of Boston University and Dean Academy. He gained his legal education at Boston University and for two years after graduating taught oratory there and at Brown. Since then he had practiced law chiefly as attorney for banks and other corporations and as trustee for large estates.

He was a trustee of the Bowery Savings Bank, a Director of Irving National Bank and President of Eppinger & Russell, creosoting and lumber firm, 165 Broadway, where Mr. Fletcher had his law offices.

Mr. Fletcher was elected President of the Social Science Institute last February. He was also President of the Fletcher Family Union, an organization of 10,000 members of this old New England family. His clubs included the Bankers, Sleepy Hollow, Piping Rock, New York Athletic and Union League, of which he was at one time Vice President. In 1882 he married Hortense Follett, who died in 1903.

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