

The meteorological record for week ending September 4, in Boston, was as follows, according to observations furnished by Sergeant O. B. Cole of the United States Signal Corps:—

Week ending	Barometer.	Thermometer.				Relative Humidity.			Direction of Wind.			Velocity of Wind.			State of Weather. <sup>1</sup>			Rainfall.	
	Daily Mean.	Daily Mean.	Maximum.	Minimum.	7.00 A. M.	3.00 P. M.	11.00 P. M.	Daily Mean.	7.00 A. M.	3.00 P. M.	11.00 P. M.	7.00 A. M.	3.00 P. M.	11.00 P. M.	7.00 A. M.	3.00 P. M.	11.00 P. M.	Duration, Hrs. & Min.	Amount in Inches.
Saturday, Sept. 4, 1886.																			
Sunday, ... 29	29.922	65.5	72.0	61.2	86.0	83.0	91.0	86.7	N.E.	E.	S.E.	5	16	4	C.	C.	O.	—	—
Monday, ... 30	29.860	65.3	71.0	60.4	98.0	100.0	95.0	97.7	S.E.	E.	E.	4	12	10	C.	G.	O.	—	—
Tuesday, ... 31	29.738	67.9	81.1	82.2	90.0	95.0	82.0	89.0	S.W.	W.	N.	7	10	8	C.	R.	O.	—	—
Wednesday, ... 1	30.142	62.6	71.0	67.1	80.0	41.0	53.0	58.0	N.W.	N.	N.	7	14	8	C.	C.	O.	—	—
Thursday, ... 2	30.409	59.3	65.9	51.7	70.0	56.0	83.0	69.7	N.	S.E.	W.	4	9	10	C.	C.	C.	—	—
Friday, ... 3	30.457	60.2	67.0	52.9	73.0	75.0	87.0	78.3	N.	E.	N.E.	4	11	8	C.	C.	C.	—	—
Saturday, ... 4	30.437	59.8	64.5	55.2	97.0	78.0	90.0	88.3	N.	E.	E.	8	16	5	C.	F.	O.	12	0.96
Mean, the Week.	30.138	62.9	70.2	56.9				81.1											

<sup>1</sup> O., cloudy; C., clear; F., fair; G., fog; H., hazy; S., smoky; R., rain; T., threatening; N., snow.

#### OFFICIAL LIST OF CHANGES IN THE MEDICAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 1886.

DICKSON, S. H., passed assistant surgeon. Detached from the Naval Academy, October 1, 1886, and ordered to Navy Yard, Washington.

LIPPINCOTT, J. G., passed assistant surgeon. Ordered to Naval Academy, October 1st.

SHIPPEN, E., medical director. Detached from Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, and ordered to attend officers of the Navy and Marine Corps at Philadelphia, not otherwise provided with medical aid.

HORD, WM. T., medical director. Detached from Examining and Retiring Boards, at Washington, October 5th, and ordered to Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAN, R. C., medical director. Ordered to duty as member of Examining and Retiring Boards at Washington, October 5, 1886.

BRANSFORD, J. F., surgeon. Detached from United States Steamship "Iroquois," and ordered to Naval Hospital, New York.

HALL, C. H. H., passed assistant surgeon. Detached from Naval Hospital, New York, and ordered to Naval Hospital, Yokohama, per steamer of 21st inst.

WOODRUFF, C. E., assistant surgeon. Ordered to Receiving Ship "Vermont," October 4, 1886.

ATLEE, L. W., assistant surgeon. Detached from the "Vermont," and ordered to the "Quinnebaug," per steamer of 25th inst.

BOGERT, E. S., medical inspector. Detached from the "Trenton," and placed on waiting orders.

FEREBEE, N. MCP., surgeon. Detached from the "Trenton," and placed on waiting orders.

BIDDLE, C., passed assistant surgeon. Detached from the "Trenton," and placed on waiting orders.

SCOTT, H. B., assistant surgeon. Detached from the "Trenton," and placed on waiting orders.

#### OFFICIAL LIST OF CHANGES OF STATIONS AND DUTIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE HOSPITAL SERVICE FOR THE THREE WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 1886.

BAILHACHE, P. H., surgeon. To proceed to Cape Charles Quarantine as inspector, August 27, 1886.

FRESENDEN, C. S. D., surgeon. Granted leave of absence for thirty days, August 30, 1886.

GODFREY, JOHN, surgeon. To proceed to Biloxi, Miss., and investigate alleged yellow-fever cases, September 1, 1886.

IRWIN, FAIRFAX, passed assistant surgeon. Granted leave of absence for thirty days, September 2, 1886.

#### DEATH.

Died, at Bar Harbor, Me., September 2, 1886, Charles Dudley Homans, M.D., M.M.S.S., of Boston, aged sixty years.

#### OBITUARY.—DR. CHARLES D. HOMANS.

Dr. Charles Dudley Homans of Boston died at Mt. Desert on Thursday, September 2d. He was born in Brookfield in 1826, and was a son of Dr. John Homans. He was graduated from the Boston Latin School, and subsequently from Harvard College, in the class of 1846, a class which included among its members Calvin Ellis, George Frisbie Hoar, and Charles Eliot Norton. After his graduation from the Harvard Medical School in

1849, he studied in Paris and on his return commenced to practise his profession in Boston, and has continued in active practice up to the present time. He was one of the original appointments to the surgical staff of the City Hospital, and at the time of his death was the senior surgeon of that institution. He was president of the Massachusetts Medical Society in 1884 and 1886, an office which his father had previously held. He was, at the time of his death, president of the Massachusetts Humane Society, and was by direct descent a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, his grandfather having been a surgeon at the battle of Bunker Hill and throughout the Revolutionary war. He was also President of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, a Trustee of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble Minded, and held many other positions of trust. During the war he was one of the Massachusetts surgeons who went to the assistance of their overworked brethren at the front during the peninsular campaign. Dr. Homans leaves a wife (a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Samuel K. Lothrop) and two children, a daughter and a son, Dr. John Homans, 2d, who is already established as a physician in Boston. The health of Dr. Homans has been gradually undermined during the past few years by a series of accidents,—a broken leg, an assault by an unknown assailant in the street, and a scratch received during a surgical operation at the hospital followed by unpleasant and serious symptoms, and which had rendered his friends anxious, but which he had apparently surmounted. His death was finally due to an occlusion of the gall duct and consequent jaundice. Dr. Homans was possessed of a high sense of honor and of an exalted idea of the dignity of his profession. He had a straightforward way of looking at matters which often easily solved apparent difficulties, and gave to his conversation a directness and a force which was characteristic. Though he played an important part in affairs connected with his profession and the public, his life was singularly quiet and uneventful. He was greatly attached to his work at the hospital and faithfully and punctiliously performed the duties of his position. The younger members of the surgical staff of the hospital are particularly indebted to him for a courteous support which was unwearied, and of late years for an example of the cheerful performance of duty under difficulties, which they will be slow to forget.

#### RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORY OF CHARLES D. HOMANS, M.D.

The Committee of the staff of the Boston City Hospital, appointed September 4th, report the following resolution:

The surgeons and physicians of the Boston City Hospital, sensible of the great loss which they have sustained in the death of their late colleague, Dr. Charles D. Homans, desire to place on record their appreciation of his distinguished services and his character.

Connected as he was with the hospital from its foundation, his fidelity to its interests and his conscientious attention to its laborious duties, even after his health had become impaired by surgical exposure in its wards, deserve our deepest admiration and respect.

A clear common-sense, which by a single sentence could settle differences of opinion in cases of doubt, and which was characteristic of him—a wide experience—a high sense of professional honor and a constant courtesy to all, combined to render his loss one of no common magnitude, not only to the hospital service and to the sufferers in its wards but no less to its professional staff.

DAVID W. CHEEVER,

GEO. H. LYMAN,

GEO. W. GAY,

Committee.