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William Augustus Patton, assistant to the president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was born at Union Furnace, Huntingdon Co., Pa., on Oct. 21, 1849. His father, **George W. Patton**, was prominently identified with the iron furnaces in the Juniata Valley, and at the time mentioned was manager of the Union Furnace. He subsequently removed to Altoona, becoming one of the early settlers and prominent business men of that now prosperous railroad city, and serving as its postmaster and as associate judge of Blair County.

Mr. Patton received his education in the public schools of Altoona, finishing with a course in the high school. He entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. in the general superintendent's office, Altoona, on Jan. 11, 1865; was transferred to Philadelphia in December, 1871, and was appointed chief clerk in the office of **Mr. A. J. Cassatt**, general manager, on Aug. 1, 1872, remaining with him in that capacity while **Mr. Cassatt** filled the positions of general manager, third vice president and first vice president. Upon **Mr. Cassatt's** resignation as first vice president, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, on Oct. 1, 1882, **Mr. Patton** was transferred to the president's department, and on April 1, 1884, was appointed general assistant by the board of directors. On Feb. 10, 1897, he was appointed assistant to the president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, acting in the same capacity with the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad: West Jersey & Seashore Railroad, and Northern Central Railway. On May 24, 1884, he was elected vice president of the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad Company, and upon the resignation of **Mr. A. J. Cassatt** to accept the presidency of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company **Mr. Patton**, on June 14, 1899, was elected president, which position he fills, in addition to his official connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

On Aug. 30, 1899, **Mr. Patton** was elected general chairman of the Pennsylvania Railroad Department of the Young Men's Christian Association of Philadelphia. He is a director of The Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia, a trustee of the Presbyterian Hospital, a member of the board of trustees of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, president of the board of trustees of the John Edgar Thomson School (which was founded by the late **John Edgar Thomson** for the care and education of daughters of employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company killed in the service), a director of the Young Men's Christian Association of Philadelphia, and a member of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations of North America, as well as a member of the Valley Forge Park Commission of Pennsylvania. **Mr. Patton** is also a member of other organizations, among them the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution, Pennsylvania Scotch-Irish Society, Franklin Institute, Union League, Merion Cricket Club, St. David's Golf Club and Radnor Hunt.

Mr. Patton married in Philadelphia, on Dec. 13, 1876, **Katharine Jane Linn**, a daughter of **John Atcheson Linn**, a native of Perry County, Pa., and afterwards a well-known citizen of Philadelphia. They had one child, **John Linn Patton**, born Oct. 13, 1883, died Oct. 6, 1900, who at the time of his death was a member of the sophomore class (1903) at Princeton University, and is buried in West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia. **Mr. Patton** resides at Radnor, Delaware Co., Pennsylvania.