

sin, 1888, and Johns Hopkins University, 1893. He was Superintendent of Schools at Darlington, Wisconsin, 1888-1890, and from 1893-1897, taught History at Cornell College. In 1897, he went to Northwestern University where he remained as professor of History until he retired in 1935 as Professor *Emeritus*. In addition, he was Dean of the Graduate School from 1913 to 1931, at which time he became Dean *Emeritus*. Cornell College awarded him its LL.D. in 1910 and Northwestern followed suit in 1936.

Dr. James' chief interests lay in Middle Western history and appropriately he was an organizer of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society, as well as being president in 1913-1914. He was a past-president of the Illinois Historical Society and an honorary member of the Chicago Historical Society. His work on George Rogers Clark led to his election to this Society in April, 1919. This work, which included the letters and papers and a life of the General, is still standard although its three volumes came out in 1913, 1926, and 1928. His studies of early Alaskan history and on Oliver Pollock are also useful. Dr. James' association with the Society was negligible, although he bequeathed a small sum of money to us to help carry on the good fight. He was very active in the Methodist church and was a delegate to four international meetings of that body, as well as to two World Council of Churches assemblies.

In 1892, he married Jane Thomas, who pre-deceased him, and at his death on February 12, 1962, was survived by his sons Maurice Alton and Hubert Edgar James. M. A. Mc.

CHARLES EDWARDS PARK

Charles Edwards Park died at Boston on September 23, 1962. Elected to membership at the April meeting of 1917, Dr. Park did not actively participate in the affairs of the Society except on two occasions when he delivered papers.

The first in April, 1918, was entitled, "Friendship as a Factor in the Settlement of Massachusetts." The second, delivered in April of 1929, was an illustrated lecture on "The Development of the Clipper Ship."

Dr. Park was born in Mahabaleshwar, India, on March 14, 1873, the son of Charles W. and Anna (Ballentine) Park. He received his baccalaureate degree from Yale in 1896 and attended the University of Chicago Divinity School. Honorary degrees were conferred upon him by Meadville Theological School in 1916, and by Harvard University in 1932. He was the distinguished pastor of the Unitarian Church in Hingham, Massachusetts, 1900-1906, and of the First Church in Boston, 1906-1946, from which he retired as Minister *Emeritus*. Park was long active in The Colonial Society of Massachusetts and The Massachusetts Historical Society. His books were on Christianity, although historical articles of his authorship appeared from time to time in various journals.

In 1903, he married Mary Eliot Turner, who did not survive him. She bore him three children, Marion (Mrs. Elliott P. Cogswell), Richard and Edwards Park.

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RALPH LESLIE RUSK

A leading historian of American literature, Professor Rusk was elected to the Society in October, 1930. At the time he was engaged in preparing for publication *The Letters of Ralph Waldo Emerson*. Five years earlier he had published his *Literature of the Middle Western Frontier*, which was a significant contribution to our literary history. His *Life of Emerson*, published in 1949, was a medalist in the 1950 National Book Award.

Ralph Leslie Rusk was born at Rantoul, Illinois, July 11, 1888, the son of William Humphrey and Anna (Renner)

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