

Mass., who was the sister of Mrs. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, and had two daughters, Alice and Elizabeth Torrey.

Mr. Channing was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1885 and at the time of his death was the fourth senior member. He contributed to the Proceedings papers on "The Navigation Laws" in October 1889, "Colonel Thomas Dongan, Governor of New York" in October 1907, and "The Present State of Historical Writing in America" in October 1910. He was a constant attendant at the meetings, especially in his earlier years, and was a good friend to the Society throughout his life.

C. S. B.

HENRY WINCHESTER CUNNINGHAM

Henry Winchester Cunningham, for eighteen years a member of the Council of this Society, died at his summer home on Brush Hill Road, Milton, October 27, 1930. He was born at Winchester, Mass., March 26, 1860, the son of James Henry and Lucinda S. (Winchester) Cunningham. His father, James, was a merchant in Boston during the middle part of the nineteenth century, and his grandfather, Andrew Cunningham, was a prominent Boston ship owner and merchant in the foreign trade. His maternal grandfather, Stephen Winchester, was a merchant well known as owner of several large yachts, and a member of the firm of E. A. and W. Winchester.

Henry Cunningham was educated at the Roxbury Latin School, after which he went to Harvard, graduating with the degree of A.B. in 1882. After graduating he travelled in Europe for three months and then entered the employment of the Continental Sugar Refinery of which his father was treasurer. He stayed with this company until 1888 when it was taken over by the American Sugar Refining Company, after which he was engaged with his father in closing up the affairs

of the old company. Since that time he never engaged in active business, although he retained an office on State Street and took care of his own property as well as acting as trustee for a number of estates.

Mr. Cunningham spent most of his life in historical and genealogical study and in aiding in the administration of several societies with which he was connected. Elected to the New England Historic Genealogical Society in 1890, he served that society for many years on its council and even held an interim position as librarian during 1892. He was much interested in the study of history and genealogy and contributed to the New England Historical and Genealogical Register articles on "Andrew Cunningham and Some of his Descendants" in 1901, and "John Winchester of New England and Some of his Descendants" in 1924-1925, the last of which was issued in reprinted form.

Mr. Cunningham, ever since graduating, was always interested in Harvard College and especially in the Class of 1882. From 1890 until his death he was secretary of his class and ably edited its records. In 1907 the class celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, on which occasion Mr. Cunningham was chosen chief marshal of the alumni at the exercises on Commencement Day. From 1892 to 1928 he was on the council of the Association which published the Harvard Graduates Magazine, serving since 1915 as president of the Association.

In 1892 he joined with a group of other Massachusetts men to form The Colonial Society of Massachusetts and served as its recording secretary from the beginning until 1924 when he resigned the duties of that office. Together with the late Mr. Edes, he was the moving spirit in the conduct of the Colonial Society, and also found time to contribute frequently to its publications, two of his contributions being the "Journal of Lt. Col. Joseph Vose" and "The Diary of Rev. Samuel Checkley."

He was for many years a member of the Bostonian

Society, and a director from 1897 to 1911. He was elected to the Club of Odd Volumes in 1903, published a monograph for the Club on "Christian Remick, an Early Boston Artist" in 1904, and served as president in 1912-1913. He was elected a resident member of the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1923 and served as recording secretary from that year until his death.

The American Antiquarian Society elected him to membership in 1909. He immediately began to take much interest in the Society, and was elected to the Council in 1912, where he served until his death. Few members have shown so much concern for the Society or have taken such pride in their membership as Mr. Cunningham. He wrote the Council Report in April 1913, and entertained the members at luncheon in Boston in 1917 and again in 1925. He gave liberally to the funds: \$1000 to the Centennial Fund in 1910, \$2000 to the Building Fund in 1921-1924, and nearly \$3000 to the Special Gifts Fund in varying amounts from 1918 to 1929. He was a constant donor to the Library, sending all early books and manuscripts which came his way, and standing ready to assist us in securing those rare books which we could not afford out of our limited book income. His will most liberally remembered the Society. Although he bequeathed nearly \$400,000 to various historical and charitable organizations, it was to this Society that he showed the greatest benevolence, for he made an outright bequest of \$100,000, a conditional bequest of \$40,000, and finally made the Society his residuary legatee. For nearly two years before his death, the officers of the Society knew of his generosity and talked over with him the ways in which these funds would eventually add to our prestige and aid us in being of further service to American historians. The exact phraseology of his will and the additional bequests of portraits and books have been mentioned at length in the report of the Council submitted at the April meeting.

Mr. Cunningham married, on October 30, 1899, Mary May Hayward, daughter of Isaac Davenport Hayward of Milton and Boston. Until her death, on February 14, 1929, Mrs. Cunningham always showed a pronounced affection for this Society. She invariably accompanied her husband to the annual meetings in Worcester, later aiding the wives of the Worcester members of the Council in receiving at the luncheon at the house of the president, Mr. Waldo Lincoln. In the summer of 1924, she especially invited the Worcester members of the Council to her family estate on Brush Hill Road in Milton, where she charmingly acted as hostess of what was a most pleasant occasion.

Mr. Cunningham was one of the most valued members of the Council. Conservative yet progressive, his opinions were always discriminating and his judgments sound. He was a man of sympathetic disposition and steadfast in his friendship. His affection for this Society will always remain in our memories and serve as an incentive to carry on our work.

C. S. B.

ALLEN JOHNSON

Allen Johnson, editor of the Dictionary of American Biography, died in Washington, January 17, 1931, as a result of an automobile accident. He was born at Lowell, Mass., January 29, 1870, the son of Moses Allen and Elmira (Shattuck) Johnson. He was graduated from Amherst College with the degree of A.B. in 1892, receiving three years later the degree of A.M. In 1892-1894 he was instructor in history at Lawrenceville School. The next three years he spent abroad studying at the University of Leipzig and at the École des Sciences Politiques at Paris. He then returned to this country to take courses at Columbia University from which he received the degree of Ph.D. in 1899.

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