

pictures and the theatre, and never missed a Harvard football game. He swam and played tennis, and was one of the founders of the Boston Tennis and Raquet Club. Although he attended the meetings of the Massachusetts Historical Society and of the American Antiquarian Society, to which he was elected in 1924, his interests always lay in antiquities rather than in history. But unlike most people, he was more useful to us than we were to him. There were few people to whom we turned more frequently for information. We had in common the belief in the importance of picture post cards and stereoscopic views as historical source material, but we were allies rather than rivals, for his interest lay in the making of collections illustrative of the material which the American traveler brought back from Europe.

While on a tour of the historical landmarks of Andover, Appleton suffered a stroke of which he died in a Lawrence hospital on November 24, 1947. He is buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, and is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Eleanor Standen of England, Mrs. Dorothy Wald of Santa Barbara, and Mrs. Gladys Winterbottom of Tangier, Morocco.

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HERMANN FREDERIC CLARKE

Hermann Clarke was typical of that group of amateur antiquarians which has always been the predominating influence in this Society. He was born at Auburndale on March 29, 1882, a son of Arthur French and Mary Rice (Leslie) Clarke. From Boston Latin School he went to Harvard College, where he finished the prescribed course for the B.A. in three and a half years, which gave him an opportunity for European travel before taking his degree in June, 1905. He immediately entered the employ of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company as a clerk

but, desiring to enter the investment business, he went to work for S. D. Loring & Son in July, 1906. Thence on January 1, 1909, he removed, in what he, with remarkable foresight, called "the final change," to the investment banking firm of Estabrook & Company, with which he remained, as a partner after 1922, until his death. He served as a director of many corporations, including several in Texas, and traveled widely on their business. For two years he was vice-president, and for six years governor, of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

Mr. Clarke's general interests were as diverse as his business relations. He was, for example, secretary of the New England Federation of Harvard Clubs, a member of visiting committees appointed by the Harvard Overseers, and a member of the Harvard Musical Association and the Harvard Infantile Paralysis Commission. Of the many similar organizations which he served, he was most closely connected with the Home for Aged Couples, of which he was president for many years, and the Children's Hospital of Boston, of which he was trustee and treasurer. He was treasurer likewise of the Brookline Republican town committee and a Brookline town meeting member. He also served the town as a trustee of the Public Library.

An interest in the collection of antique furniture and coins led Mr. Clarke into scholarship, although he always unjustly distrusted his abilities in that direction. In 1932 he brought out his first book, *John Coney, Silversmith*, and while working on his book on Jeremiah Dummer he became acquainted with this Society. He was elected to membership in 1935, the year in which the *Dummer* appeared in print. Our possession of the John Hull manuscripts made his biography of that worthy, which appeared in 1940, practically a cooperative venture. When both we and the commercial publishers told him that such a scholarly work could

not possibly pay its way, he published it himself and "did very well."

Mr. Clarke was quite active in the learned societies. He read a paper at our meeting of October, 1936, served on the administrative committees of the Massachusetts Historical Society, was a director of the Bostonian Society, and a member of the Club of Odd Volumes. His death on October 29, 1947, was completely unexpected by his associates. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Locke Johnson Clarke, to whom he was married on June 10, 1914; by three daughters, Mrs. Nelson Hastings, Mrs. Arthur Enoch Beane, Jr., and Miss Dorothea Leslie Clarke; and by one son, Arthur French Clarke.

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GEORGE SIMPSON EDDY

George Simpson Eddy died in New York City on October 20, 1947. He was born in Chicago on April 12, 1867, a son of Azariah and Margaret (Simpson) Eddy. Educated in the public schools of that city and at the Kent College of Law, he practiced first in the legal department of Marshall Field and Company, and with the law firm of Wilson, Moore and McIlvaine. In 1906 he went to New York where he engaged in estate matters. He never married.

Mr. Eddy's interests were wide and his knowledge of his favorite subjects was deep. He was, for example, a connoisseur of French detective stories. He was elected to the Grolier Club in 1915, and became a warm personal friend of such distinguished scholars and bookmen as Max Farrand and Charles Eliot Goodspeed. His great interest was Benjamin Franklin, and in every aspect of the Philosopher's life his knowledge was profound. In 1921 he began corresponding with the American Antiquarian Society about the Franklin library, and three years later he was elected to

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