

institution. He did wonders in building up the membership, the museum, and the manuscript collection, while he cultivated the interest of school children and found time for historical research and writing of his own. When he took over the directorship he found a brisk exchange underway between the Historical Society, which was discarding non-Maryland material, and the American Antiquarian Society, which was then acquiring large numbers of duplicate newspapers. He quickly saw that both libraries would be greatly enriched by exchange, and never during the years that it ran did he stop to strike a balance or to ask a price unless he was acting for a donor. Our researches and his were parallel, so the bibliographical correspondence between us was tremendous. In 1945 he was elected to the American Antiquarian Society, and at its meeting of October, 1954, he read a paper on "Fielding Lucas, Jr., Early 19th Century Publisher of Fine Books and Maps," which was later published in our *Proceedings*.

When Foster this year completed plans for an additional library building to house the Manuscript Division, he felt that he could at last leave to other people the serving of scholars and the wooing of school children, and could get on with his own pet project, a biography of George Calvert. So, having in February announced his retirement as of August, he died suddenly on April 30, 1962. He leaves his widow, the former Dorothy Madison Brown, and two children, Ellen F., a librarian in Philadelphia, and James, Jr., director of the Santa Barbara Art Museum.

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JAMES ALTON JAMES

Dean James was born at Hazel Green, Grant County, Wisconsin, on September 17, 1864, the son of John R. and Mary J. James. He received academic degrees from Platteville State Normal School, 1884, the University of Wiscon-

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.

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