

Rusk. He received his academic degrees at the University of Illinois, 1909, and Columbia University, 1912 and 1925. His teaching career began in 1912 at the University of the Philippines and in 1915 he removed to the University of Indiana, where he remained ten years, before going to Columbia University. He retired in 1954.

His associations with this Society were, although not frequent, cordial, and his correspondence with Mr. Brigham shows lively interest in it.

Dr. Rusk died June 30, 1962, in New York City. On December 25, 1915, he married Clara E. Gibbs, who survives him, as does their daughter Margaret Ann (Mrs. Walter T. White).

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HENRY BRADFORD WASHBURN

Dean Washburn of the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge was born in Worcester on December 2, 1869, a son of Charles Francis and Mary Elizabeth (Whiston) Washburn. From the Worcester High School he went to Harvard College, where he was graduated in 1891. With several of his classmates he entered the Episcopal Theological Seminary, where he received his B.D. in 1894. The next two years he spent in Europe studying church history at Berlin and Oxford, and greatly enjoying the tennis, the walking trips, and the climbing of minor mountains which were to be his chief recreation through his long life.

In 1896 Washburn returned to America and became assistant minister at St. John's Church in Providence, whence he was called two years later to become rector of St. Mark's in Worcester. Because of his study in Europe, he was in 1901 asked to give a course in church history at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, and when the professorship became vacant in 1908, he accepted it, and moved to Cambridge. His predecessor, a famous scholar, had taught ecclesiastical

history as a matter of philosophy and theology, but he treated it as a series of biographies in which he sought out the good in every man and held it up for admiration and emulation. For him, history was an art and not a science. He did not think that its purpose was to discover the truth and to learn from its unpleasant as well as from its inspirational occasions.

In 1920 the Seminary was in a declining state, with a student body of ten, an entering class of three, and a serious financial problem. The lay trustees, going counter to professional advice, chose Washburn to the deanship and the control of the institution. With Bishop William Lawrence he carried out an amazingly successful fund-raising drive, and he built up the faculty and the student body. In my student days candidates for the Episcopal ministry who did not have independent financial means avoided the Cambridge seminary lest they become so infected with its social heresies that they could not hold suburban pulpits. When in later years I knew Dean Washburn as a rock-ribbed Republican I came to suspect the tradition. The Dean had great influence over the students. Behind his grimly forbidding countenance was a gentleman who was gay, charming, kind, wise, and gentle. He retired in 1940 and took up the difficult duties of the Executive Secretary of the Army and Navy Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church which he exercised with the same administrative skill which he had shown in many lesser church offices. After the war he lived near the Seminary, serving it in many ways. He had received honorary degrees from Harvard, Oxford, and Berlin, but to him the greatest honor was the dedication of Washburn Hall in the Seminary.

Professor Washburn was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1915 but he was never active because his interests were in other directions. He assumed that our field

of collecting was Worcester County, but he used to nominate for membership distinguished scholars who had no interest in America at all. When we diffidently explained the situation, he, with his unflinching kindness, assured us that of course we were right; but he soon forgot what we had said. One thing which we always received from him was hearty good will.

In 1908 Washburn married Mrs. Edith Buckingham (Hall) Colgate, widow of the Reverend Samuel Colgate, whom he met while on a walking trip in Europe. She brought a small daughter to the house in Cambridge which is remembered by Seminary generations for her kind hospitality. The Washburns had two sons, H. Bradford, now director of the Boston Museum of Science, and Sherwood L., president of the American Anthropological Society. Mrs. Washburn died on July 29, 1952, and the Dean, at Cambridge, on April 25, 1962.

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