

scholars who were trained by him, but he also left an important body of scholarship. He is best known, probably, for his two volume *History of American Drama*, first published in 1923 and 1927. Poe studies were another forte, and he and Clarence Brigham exchanged many letters on this subject.

Quinn's relationship to the Society was largely confined to correspondence, and there is a great deal of the same for a twenty year period, commencing in 1927. His letters exhibit a lively interest in bibliographical matters and show him to be a man of warmth and toughness of mind. In 1944 he delivered a paper, "American Literature and Politics," at the only meeting he attended.

His time was taken up with many interests; the Modern Language Association, of which he was Vice President in 1922-23; American National Theatre; American Philosophical Society; Society for American Studies, and so forth.

Dr. Quinn married Helen McKee in 1904. She survives him, as do his five children, twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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### ST. GEORGE LEAKIN SIOUSSAT

St. George Leakin Sioussat, a member of this Society since October, 1930, died at the age of eighty-two, on August 31, 1960.

Sioussat was the son of Albert W. and Annie (Leakin) Sioussat of Baltimore, Maryland, where he was born on the thirteenth of March, 1878. His mother published several books of local history which may explain the interest of the son in historical matters. After being admitted to the degrees of A.B. and Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University, he commenced a long and distinguished career of teaching and historical scholarship which took him to Smith College, 1899-1904; the University of the South, 1904-1911; Vander-

bilt University, 1911-1917; Brown University, 1917-1920; and the University of Pennsylvania, 1920-1938. In June of 1938, Herbert Putnam, Librarian of the Library of Congress, invited him to bring his "sympathies, understanding, and precise knowledge" to the Library of Congress as Chief of the Division of Manuscripts and incumbent of the Chair of American History. He filled these posts with distinction until his retirement in 1948. His publications were numerous during this forty year period, devoted chiefly to the history and economics of the Southern and Mississippi Valley States. His best known work was probably the biographies he did of James Buchanan and John C. Calhoun of the series, "The American Secretaries of State and the Diplomacy," edited by Samuel Flagg Bemis.

Dr. Sioussat was active in professional groups; serving as President of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in 1917, serving as a member of the Executive Council of the American Historical Association, and appointed a member of the National Historical Publications Commission in 1934 and 1938-48.

His relations to the Society were limited to correspondence extending over forty years, and to attendance at the April, 1942, meeting, when he delivered a paper on the "Division of Manuscripts in the Library of Congress." This was never published, although Mr. Brigham tried to obtain a copy for the *Proceedings*. Dr. Sioussat, with characteristic thoroughness, would not release it until he had time to revise it completely, an opportunity which apparently never presented itself. His letters to Mr. Brigham show him to be a careful and precise scholar, reserved but not unfriendly. His colleagues at the Library of Congress "recall him with affection as an unfailingly courteous gentleman, with a green eyeshade—a man of great personal dignity, who would put anyone at ease with an apt anecdote." M. A. Mc.

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