

the Class of 1877. Immediately after the death of each member Dr. Allen would bring into my office in the Harvard University Archives the neatly finished docket of the man's correspondence and a formal obituary. It was always with a pleasant word, and never with bitterness or resentment at the ravages of time, that he handed his friends' papers to the University's Charon.

After a short sickness Dr. Allen died in Brookline on July 12, 1944. He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Francis P. Coffin, of Schenectady.  
C. K. S.

### JOHN STEWART BRYAN

John Stewart Bryan, Virginia newspaper publisher and former president of the College of William and Mary, died at Richmond, Virginia, October 16, 1944. He was born at Brook Hill in Henrico County, October 23, 1871, the son of Joseph and Isobel Lamont (Stewart) Bryan. His father, during the War, was one of Mosby's famous raiders and inculcated his son with the Confederate tradition. His boyhood was spent at Brook Hill and at Laburnum, the estate near Richmond where his father built a home in 1885. After a school education in Richmond and Alexandria, he attended the University of Virginia where he received the degree of A.M. in 1893. He then entered Harvard Law School, to acquire his LL.B. in 1897.

Although he studied to become a lawyer, Mr. Bryan soon developed other interests. In 1900 he became associated with his father in publishing the Richmond *Times-Dispatch*, and in 1908, upon his father's death, he was chosen publisher of the paper. Upon the sale of the paper in 1914 he became publisher of the Richmond *News-Leader* which he had previously purchased. He thus continued for the remainder of his life, and in 1940 he effected a merger by which the *Times-*

*Dispatch* again came under his control. Throughout this long period he maintained a high and progressive standard in newspaper publication. He was also one of the principal owners of the *Chicago Daily Times* and of the *Tampa Tribune*. During the first World War he originated, serving as editor-in-chief, the *Trench and Camp* newspapers issued in over thirty camps throughout the country. Recognized as a leader in American journalism he was high in the counsels of the American Newspaper Publishers Association and was elected its president in 1926-1928.

Always interested in higher education, he accepted in 1934 the presidency of the College of William and Mary, this largely because of his love of Virginia and his faith in the future of that institution. When impaired health forced him to retire in 1942, the college revived the title of Chancellor, originally created for George Washington, and conferred the honor upon Mr. Bryan. His range of scholarship brought him honorary degrees from eight colleges. One of his highest academic distinctions was his election to the Board of Overseers of Harvard University from 1937 to 1943.

He married Anne Eliza Tennant of Richmond, June 4, 1903, by whom he was survived, with three children, Mrs. R. Keith Kane, D. Tennant Bryan, and Stewart Bryan, Jr.

Mr. Bryan always maintained a profound and scholarly interest in the history of his native State. For several years he was president of the Virginia Historical Society, and also a member of the executive committee of the Southern Historical Society. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1925, and although distance prevented his attending its meetings, he showed frequent interest in the Society and presented to the Library many historical publications. He was a close friend of the late Charles H. Taylor, Boston newspaper publisher and active in the management of the Antiquarian Society, and much of our correspondence with

Mr. Bryan was inspired by Mr. Taylor. Few speakers in the country were so gifted as Mr. Bryan, where profound observations, literary allusions, and keen humor were combined to instruct and entertain his hearers. High ideals, service to mankind, friendliness were the leading traits of his character—traits which endeared him to his friends and brought him honor throughout his life. C. S. B.

### OTIS GRANT HAMMOND

Otis Grant Hammond, Director of the New Hampshire Historical Society and authority on New Hampshire history, died at his home in Concord, October 2, 1944. He was born at Manchester, New Hampshire, May 4, 1869, the son of Isaac Ware and Martha Ann (Kimball) Hammond. His father, a Civil War veteran, was editor of the New Hampshire State Papers from 1881 until his death in 1890, serving also as Librarian of the New Hampshire Historical Society from 1887 to 1890. The son received his education at the Concord High School and entered Trinity College in 1888, but was compelled to leave before graduation by the death of his father in 1890. He immediately entered the field of historical research, becoming assistant editor of the New Hampshire State Papers. In 1896 he was elected assistant State librarian, filling this position with industry and credit for seventeen years. Interested in the New Hampshire National Guard, he enlisted in the New Hampshire Volunteers in 1898 for service in the Spanish-American War, acting as Captain of Company E in the 3rd Regiment. In the first World War he was a Major in the New Hampshire State Guard. On January 19, 1898, he married Jessie Annah Prescott, daughter of Samuel F. Prescott of Concord, who died February 10, 1918, and had one daughter, Priscilla.

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