

Mr. Cunningham married, on October 30, 1899, Mary May Hayward, daughter of Isaac Davenport Hayward of Milton and Boston. Until her death, on February 14, 1929, Mrs. Cunningham always showed a pronounced affection for this Society. She invariably accompanied her husband to the annual meetings in Worcester, later aiding the wives of the Worcester members of the Council in receiving at the luncheon at the house of the president, Mr. Waldo Lincoln. In the summer of 1924, she especially invited the Worcester members of the Council to her family estate on Brush Hill Road in Milton, where she charmingly acted as hostess of what was a most pleasant occasion.

Mr. Cunningham was one of the most valued members of the Council. Conservative yet progressive, his opinions were always discriminating and his judgments sound. He was a man of sympathetic disposition and steadfast in his friendship. His affection for this Society will always remain in our memories and serve as an incentive to carry on our work.

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ALLEN JOHNSON

Allen Johnson, editor of the Dictionary of American Biography, died in Washington, January 17, 1931, as a result of an automobile accident. He was born at Lowell, Mass., January 29, 1870, the son of Moses Allen and Elmira (Shattuck) Johnson. He was graduated from Amherst College with the degree of A.B. in 1892, receiving three years later the degree of A.M. In 1892-1894 he was instructor in history at Lawrenceville School. The next three years he spent abroad studying at the University of Leipzig and at the École des Sciences Politiques at Paris. He then returned to this country to take courses at Columbia University from which he received the degree of Ph.D. in 1899.

Then followed professorships of history at three colleges; Grinnell College from 1898 to 1905, Bowdoin College to 1910, and Yale to 1926. In the latter year he was selected as editor of the Dictionary of American Biography, projected by the American Council of Learned Societies and made possible by the generosity of Adolph Ochs. The success of this monumental work, in the volumes thus far published, has been largely due to his judgment and ability. His wide experience in the field of American history and biography, gained through teaching in various sections of the country and through having previously edited an important historical series, his scholarship united with an unusual breadth of view in selecting names to be included in this work, and his insistence upon literary form as well as historical accuracy, combined to make him the ideal editor. The close association of this Society with the Dictionary brought us into frequent contact with him and made us realize the sympathetic, appreciative and kindly attitude which he showed to those who aided him or helped to lighten his labors.

Dr. Johnson wrote several important works in American history, "Stephen A. Douglas, a Study in American Politics," 1908; "Readings in American Constitutional History," 1912; "The Historian and Historical Evidence," 1926; and "Readings in Recent American Constitutional History," 1927. His largest undertaking, however, outside of the Dictionary of American Biography, was his editorship of "The Chronicles of America," fifty volumes, 1918-1921, to which he himself contributed the volume on "Jefferson and his Colleagues." From Amherst College he received the degree of L.H.D. in 1922 and from Columbia the degree of Litt.D. in 1929. He married, June 20, 1900, Helen K. Ross of Germantown, Philadelphia, who died in 1921. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1925.

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