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GEORGE SUMNER HUNTINGTON,
ANATOMIST

To-night there are gathered here the colleagues and
friends of the late George Sumner Huntington to do
honor to him whom all of us admire and respect for
his works, to whom many of us are held by the strong-
est and closest bonds. Posterity knows a man through
his accomplishments; his personality lives only in the
memory of those with whom during his lifetime he
was intimately associated. It would seem appropriate
that in this company I should dwell more on the
man, on his great and compelling personality, than
was possible in the address that I recently delivered
before the American Association of Anatomists.

My own acquaintance with Huntington dates back
to 1890 when I was a student of his in the College of
Physicians and Surgeons. It was not until the
autumn of 1903, however, that I was brought into
close working association with him. His associate,
Dr. Churchill Carmalt, was then greatly interested in
certain work going forward in my laboratory, and
on one of his week-end trips to Princeton, he was ac-
companied by Huntington. It happened that at this
time both Huntington and I were actively developing
our respective collections in comparative anatomy;
though our community of interest in these, there
grew the close friendship and professional relation-
ship that existed between us to the end of his life.
Very soon we were deeply engaged in joint investiga-
tions on two problems of the vascular system. It is
because Huntington and I worked so closely on these
through a period of twenty odd years, collaborating
in the publication of work carried on both together
and independently, that I was so intimately acquainted
with him professionally and personally, and so was
asked to address you this evening on the subject of
his life, character and accomplishments.

Rarely is there such a man as George Sumner Hun-
tington. I wish I might draw a picture of him as I
really knew him. He began life as a professional an-
atomist at the time when in this country anatomy
was merely an incident to surgery; he died as one who
had played a leading and dominant rôle in raising
anatomy to the high status it now has in America—
that of an independent science. We who were well ac-
quainted with him realize that in any field of action he

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Medicine, on January 20, 1928.
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