

As members of the Business Historical Society we turn to see what Johnson has said of *history*. He has three definitions:

1. A narration of events and facts delivered with dignity.

Justly Caesar scorns the poet's lays;
It is to *history* he trusts for praise. *Pope*.

2. Narration; relation.

What *histories* of toil could I declare?
But still long-weary'd nature wants repair.
Pope's Odyssey.

3. The knowledge of facts and events.

History, so far as it relates to the affairs of the Bible, is necessary to divines. *Watt's Improvement of the Mind*.

With Chesterfield in mind one looks up the word *patron*. Old Johnson never minced his phrases. His definition of a patron is, "One who countenances, supports or protects. Commonly a wretch who supports with indolence, and is paid with flattery."

In Memoriam

AS THE Bulletin goes to press we are informed of the sudden death of Charles F. Bacon, president of Chandler & Co., Boston.

Mr. Bacon's outstanding characteristic was his versatility. He was not only a veteran merchandiser but an Oriental rug expert, a lawyer, an ardent golfer, and a public-spirited citizen. His interest in activities for the social good covered his long life. He was in deep sympathy with the aim of the Business Historical Society to preserve the essential records of business history, and became a member of the organization in 1927.

The Society regrets the loss of one of its greatest friends.

Secretary's Column

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