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Cowan Dobson, RBA, RP., 1893
- 1980

Portrait of Sir John Alexander
Hammerton 1871-1949 Writer
and Editor

Price

GBP 4,500

| USD \$6,089 | EUR 5,265

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Date of manufacture: 1940

Dimensions

Height = 112 cm (44.1")

Width = 92 cm (36.2")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Cowan Dobson, RBA, RP., 1893 - 1980 Portrait of Sir John Alexander Hammerton 1871-1949 Writer and Editor
Signed/Inscribed: "Cowan Dobson" oil on canvas 112 x 92 cm. (44 x 36 in.) Sir John Alexander Hammerton, (1871-1949), author and editor of reference works, was born in Alexandria, Dunbartonshire, on 27 February 1871, the second in a family of two sons and one daughter of James Hammerton (1832/3-1874/5), clog maker of Oldham, and his second wife, Janet (b. 1841/2), shopwoman, daughter of Alexander Lang, mason. His father died when he was aged three, and the family, then living in Manchester, returned to the home of their maternal grandmother in Scotland. He attended first the Freeland School, Glasgow, and then Alexander's endowed school in the same city. As the breadwinner in the family, he left school at fourteen, and for the next four years he was apprenticed as a sculptor and tomb-cutter to the firm of stonemasons J. & G. Mossman. During this time he attended evening classes at the City School and at Glasgow University. He was known to his friends as Sandy. The most successful creator of large-scale works of reference that Britain has known, Hammerton began his j...

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