

JULIUS HERBERT TUTTLE

Julius Herbert Tuttle was born at Littleton, Massachusetts, on March 7, 1857, a son of Edmund Sherman and Eliza Ann (Conant) Tuttle. He was educated at Lawrence Academy, Groton, and at the Massachusetts State Normal School at Bridgewater. After teaching school for one year he became an assistant in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society. In 1883 he became Assistant Librarian, in 1912, Acting Librarian, and in 1919, Librarian. From 1907 he served as editor or assistant editor of the voluminous publications of the Society. In 1915 the by-laws of the Society were changed to permit his election to membership while holding the office of Assistant Librarian.

For many years Mr. Tuttle was, to the public, the Massachusetts Historical Society. He carried in his mind an incredible amount of information about the Library; he usually carried on its voluminous correspondence without benefit of typewriter or secretary, and he was so very helpful to visiting students that professors sometimes avoided sending their Ph.D. candidates to the Historical Society lest he do their research for them.

Mr. Tuttle lived in Dedham and was active in non-political town affairs. He was a trustee of the public library from 1896 to 1910, president of the historical society from 1907 to 1940, clerk and trustee of the Dedham Institution for Savings, and senior deacon of the First Church, Unitarian. He edited the *Dedham Town Records, 1706-1736* and the *Dedham Historical Register*. He was a member of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts to whose *Publications* he contributed many communications, and was an honorary member of the Harvard Phi Beta Kappa. In April, 1908, he was elected to the American Antiquarian Society, and from 1910 to the day of his death he was a member of its

Publication Committee. To the April, 1910, number of the *Proceedings* he contributed the paper on the "Library of the Mathers" which is still frequently asked for by scholars. Unfortunately no one realized at the time that scattered through the stacks of our library were hundreds of books which had been owned and autographed by the Mathers, but which were not shelved with our Mather Collection. For years he took notes for a supplement to his paper which would have listed these titles, but he never felt that he could spare the time which he would have needed to complete it.

In 1928 Mr. Tuttle was given a silver pitcher in remembrance of his fifty years of service at the Massachusetts Historical Society. He retired in 1934 and devoted his remaining years to his Dedham interests. In 1935 he lost his wife, Jennie Crehore Carroll, to whom he was married on November 17, 1881. He died at his home on February 10, 1945.

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