

RUSSELL M. TUTTLE

PASSING OF ONE OF HORNELL'S
MOST HIGHLY ESTEEMED
CITIZENS.

His Death Occurred Last Evening Af-
ter a Long Illness—A Great
Loss to the Community—
A Long and Honor-
able Career.

(From Evening Tribune May 29.)

The passing away of the Hon. Rus-
sell M. Tuttle at his home on Park
street last evening after an illness of
several weeks was learned of this
morning with the most sincere regret.
His death removes from Hornell one
of the few older residents who have
always been closely identified with
the advancement and best interests
of the city from the time it was a
small village up to the time he was
forced to take to his bed a short time
since. In every walk of life he was
known, loved and respected as a mod-
el man. His work as soldier states-
man, newspaper man, churchman
and citizen has been always for the
best there was in each and in his
death the community suffers a dis-
tinct loss.

Russell M. Tuttle was born in Al-
mond, Allegany county, N. Y., Janu-
ary 12, 1840, and has been a resident
of Hornell since 1842. He was a son
of Rufus Tuttle, who was for more
than 30 years a prominent business

man and a respected citizen of Hornellsville. He was married November 7, 1867, to Ervilla, daughter of the late Dr. Levi S. Goodrich, who survives him. He received his education at the Hornellsville Public schools, at Alfred Academy and at the University of Rochester, where he was graduated in 1862, with a degree of A. B.. In 1865 he received a degree of A. M.

In August, 1862 he enlisted in the 107th Regiment New York Volunteers, and served with the Army of the Potomac in the Atlanta campaign, and in the "march to the sea." He was promoted to second and first lieutenant, and at the close of the war received an honorary commission as brevet captain United States Volunteers. He was on staff duty nearly two years, as topographical engineer and A. A. A. G., with Generals T. H. Ruger and W. T. Ward of the Twentieth Army Corps.

Mr. Tuttle was elected president of the Village of Hornellsville in 1868 and represented the Second Assembly District of Steuben in the Legislatures of 1880 and 1881. He has taken especial interest in the organization and management of the Hornell Library Association and has devoted much time, study and energy to the advancement of this splendid institution. To him more than to any one person is due its splendid condition at the present day.

Since returning from the war Mr. Tuttle has been engaged almost solely in newspaper work. He was editor of the Times under various names from 1867 to 1879, and from 1889 to 1904 was editor of the Morning Times. He was connected in an editorial capacity with the Times until about two years ago when he retired from active work owing to failing health. His newspaper career has been one

which would be a splendid example for any man to follow; clean and free from smirch of any kind. As a writer he had few equals in elegance of diction and in scholarly expression of deep thought.

The Tribune of May 16, said editorially of Mr. Tuttle: "

"Mr. Tuttle has as many friends as there are men, women and children in this community in which his whole life has been spent. In which he has labored and toiled for its improvement, morally, socially, physically and in every way. In the days of the country's trial he unhesitatingly entered the military organization for his country's good, served faithfully in every way he was called upon so to do. In the ways of peace he has been equally faithful and industrious. In the legislative hall of his state, at the editorial desk, in the church, the Sunday school at the public library he has toiled and our people have all received the benefit of that toil and study. Now in any affliction that threatens he will have the appreciation and sympathy of all."

(From Evening Tribune June 1.)

The final tribute paid to the late Hon. Russell M. Tuttle yesterday afternoon was one that was well due his loyalty, beautiful and patriotic life. The services at the house, the First Presbyterian church and the cemetery were attended by large crowds of admirers of the man who had spent so many years in the service of the people of Hornell.

The members of Doty Post, G. A. R. attended in large numbers despite the hard march they had undergone the previous day in the rain. They were however, provided with carriages for the procession to the cemetery. A firing squad from Company K acted

spoken while he was yet living

as escort and performed the final rites over the grave of the dead soldier in firing the customary volleys and sounding taps at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

The services at the house consisted of prayer conducted by Dr. Deems, after which the cortege was formed and escorted the flag draped casket to the First Presbyterian church, where the public services were conducted. The large auditorium was filled with sorrowing friends of the deceased who had gathered to pay final tribute to his memory. The bearers were selected from members of Doty Post and the board of trustees of the church in which Mr. Tuttle had done such noble service. The ceremony was simple yet most impressive, and both in prayer and address Dr. Deems paid a most glowing and beautiful tribute to the man with whom he had so long been intimately associated. He spoke feelingly of his devotion to his country, to Hornell, his church, the library and of the services he had performed for the city as well as of his blameless life and admirable character.

The quartette choir, composed of Mrs. Charles A. Storck, Miss Werner, and Messrs Bradley and Fenner sang most beautifully the favorite hymns of Mr Tuttle "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Many beautiful floral tributes attested in a measure the love and admiration felt in the community for the deceased.

The cortege to the cemetery was an unusually large and impressive one and was watched with dimmed eyes by a large concourse of people.

The military services at Hope cemetery marked the closing of the well deserved tribute to a man loved, revered and admired by young and old.

TRIBUTES TO EDITOR

SERMON OF DR. DEEMS ON
DEATH OF MR. TUTTLE.

Lessons from His Beautiful Life—
Letter Accompanying Flag That
Was Presented by Company
K to Drape Casket of
Deceased.

Last Sunday afternoon in his address on the occasion of the funeral of the late Hon. Russell M. Tuttle, his pastor, Dr. Deems, said in substance:

"The silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl is broken, the pitcher is broken at the fountain and the spirit of Russell Mumford Tuttle has returned to God, who gave him to us. On every rosebush there are a few roses which surpass the others in the richness of their coloring and the sweetness of their fragrance. Even so every community produces and is adorned by a few characters who excel others in their graces and beneficent achievements. To this goodly company belonged the man whom we delighted to know while he was living, and whom we must ever hold in grateful and loving remembrance now that he is dead. Almost his whole life has been lived in our community, since he was born, Jan. 12, 1840, in our neighboring town of Almond and was brought to Hornellsville by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Tuttle in 1842, when he was but an infant. With the exception of the few years during which he was away at school or college or in the army, he lived continuously and contentedly in Hornell. Through forty years of his life he enjoyed the sympathy and co-operation of his faithful wife, Ervilla Goodrich Tuttle, who survives him, to whom he was married on Nov. 7, 1867. Mrs. Tuttle's father was Dr. L. S. Goodrich of Howard.

"But we are not here today so much for the purpose of going into the detail of the life of our friend as to express our appreciation of his noble career, learn its lessons and comfort one another in our sore bereavement.

"Let us honor and imitate him as an ideal scholar, editor, soldier, citizen and Christian gentleman. He was a man of scholarly tastes and habits, pre-eminently an intellectual and cultured man. Study was a de-

light to him, not a task. Entering the fields of the Word and the works of God he systematically and thoughtfully amassed a vast fund of information about persons and things which he tenaciously held by aid of a phenomenal memory and freely, accurately, gracefully, yet forcefully gave out to others in almost faultless English. In both speech and writing he was incapable of the vulgarity the slangy and the irreverent. To look at his beautiful hand and clean, distinct handwriting was to know that he was a man of pure and accurate thought. To read what he wrote and to listen to what he said was to be not only mentally stimulated and informed but also to be refined and enobled. In the training and fitting of our minds let us catch his spirit and follow his footprints.

"As an editor he has bequeathed to our community not only an inspiring model for those who occupy the editor's chair, but to business men in both professional and commercial spheres. From 1867 to 1879 he was the editor of the "Hornellsville Times" under its various names and was editor of the "Morning Times" from 1889 to 1904. He was associated with this paper until 1906, when, on account of failing strength, he retired from active newspaper work. Dignity, incorruptibility, painstaking, industry, cleanliness and courteousness characterizes his entire career, as an editor. Controlling his temper under the severe tests to which it was constantly subjected, he was particularly gentle and considerate toward the women in his office, always treating them with as much courtesy and attention as if they were in a home or present at a social function.

"Enlisting in Aug. 1867, when but twenty-two years of age, he displayed in his life as a soldier in the Army of the Potomac and in the "March to the Sea," the same promptness, courage, faithfulness and high sense of honor that made him efficient and beloved in other spheres of life. More than once was he promoted during the war and to the end of his life he showed both in the G. A. R. and everywhere else loyalty to our flag and to our republican institutions. While others died on the field of battle, he exposed himself to death thereon, and then, when the war was over, did what is often harder than dying for one's country, he lived for it, thereby illustrating the thought in Earnest Crosby's "Swords and Plowshares:

"So he died for faith. That is
 fine—
 More than most of us do.
 But stay! Can you add to that line
 That he lived for it, too?
 It is easy to die. Men have died
 For a wish or a whim—
 From bravado or passion or pride
 Was it hard for him?
 But to live; every day to live out
 All the truth that he dreamt
 While his friends met his conduct
 with doubt
 And the world with contempt—
 Was it thus that he plodded ahead,
 Never turning aside?
 Then we'll talk of the life that he
 led—
 Never mind how he died.'

"As a citizen Mr. Tuttle made a
 record that should not be permitted
 to sink into oblivion but should be
 kept especially before our young peo-
 ple as a model and inspiration. He
 studied and mastered the history of
 our city, county, state and country.
 He also studied our political life from
 its beginning and formed profound
 political convictions, which he main-
 tained and strove to impart to others
 at the ballot always as president of
 the village in 1868, as assemblyman
 at Albany in 1880-1881 and in his
 more private life. In all public prob-
 lems he was unvaryingly found on
 the side of the education purity, tem-
 perance and religion. His Devotion to
 his city he found one of its finest
 and most permanent expressions in
 his invaluable services in connection
 with the formation of the Hornell Li-
 brary Association. It would be diffi-
 cult if not impossible to mention any
 department of our city's interests
 which has not sustained a distinct
 blow in the loss of the counsel and
 practical assistance of Mr. Tuttle.

But, after all, it was his character
 and career as a Christian in the
 home, the state and the church
 that give us the secret of the respect
 and affection of our whole community
 that he won. He confessed Christ
 and united with the church early in
 life. He loved the house of God and
 the Word of God, and gave liberally
 of his time, toil and substance to the
 perpetuation and spread of the truth
 as it is in Christ. He was pre-eminent
 as a teacher of the Bible, having
 committed large portions of it to
 memory, and being gifted with the
 talent of imparting his knowledge
 thereof to his classes in the Bible
 school, in which he wrought during
 his whole adult life and in which
 he studied as a child. At the time

of his death he was not only a val-
 ued trustee in the First Presbyterian
 church, but also the teacher of the
 Brotherhood Bible class and the
 teacher of the weekly teachers'
 meeting.

"The removal of such a man by
 death fills our community with sor-
 row. But we comfort our sad hearts
 with the thought that he was a dis-
 ciple whom the Lord loved' and so
 must be caring for; with the thought
 that dying he yet lives in our mem-
 ory in the influence of his example
 and the institutions and influences
 for good begotten of him while with
 us in the flesh. Moreover, we are
 confronted by the thought that his
 death is nothing less than Christ's
 fulfillment of His promise. 'I go to
 prepare a place for you, I will come
 again, and receive you unto myself;
 that where I am, there ye may be
 also.' Added to all this is the consola-
 tion that sustained David at the death
 of his child, when he exclaimed: 'Can
 I bring him back again? I shall go to
 him, but he shall not return to me!'
 Wherefore let us comfort one another
 with the thoughts, and let us close
 up the gap caused by the death of
 Russell M. Tuttle and shoulder to
 shoulder and heart to heart strive
 with new courage and resolve for the
 realization of the literary, political
 and other ideals for which he lived
 and died."

One of the most interesting fea-
 tures connected with the passing
 away of the late Hon. Russell M. Tut-
 tle was the presentation by Company
 K. of a flag for funeral purposes. This
 beautiful flag was accompanied by
 the following letter:

Company K, 47th Sep. Co., Third
 Regiment, Infantry National Guard
 New York.

Memorial Day, 1908.

The officers and men of this or-
 ganization present, for funeral pur-
 poses the accompanying flag, as a
 mark of grateful appreciation of

Captain Russell M. Tuttle.
 for seventeen years a tried, consistent
 and steadfast friend.

The members of the organization
 assure Mrs. Tuttle of their sincere
 sympathy and with her, rejoice in
 the example and record, military and
 civil, public and private, of our de-
 ceased friend.

For the organization.

WM. S. CHARLES,
 Captain.

Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle,
 Hornell, N. Y.