
EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENTAL LOSSES

Among others during the past quarter, this department has lost two choice friends in the deaths of Orié Erb Klingaman and David C. Mott.

Mr. Klingaman served as Curator a short two years, but in that time brought a passionate devotion to the work of the department and the ends it sought to obtain. With a varied career in business and education behind him, with hobbies in scientific and cultural fields, and with museum experience elsewhere, he was eager to make his work in this department a creditable capstone to his career. Troubled with heart ailments, complications of which brought about his death, his hopes often outsped his energies, yet his was a sincerity and a devotion to the furtherance of the historical aims of the state that has left an impress upon the department.

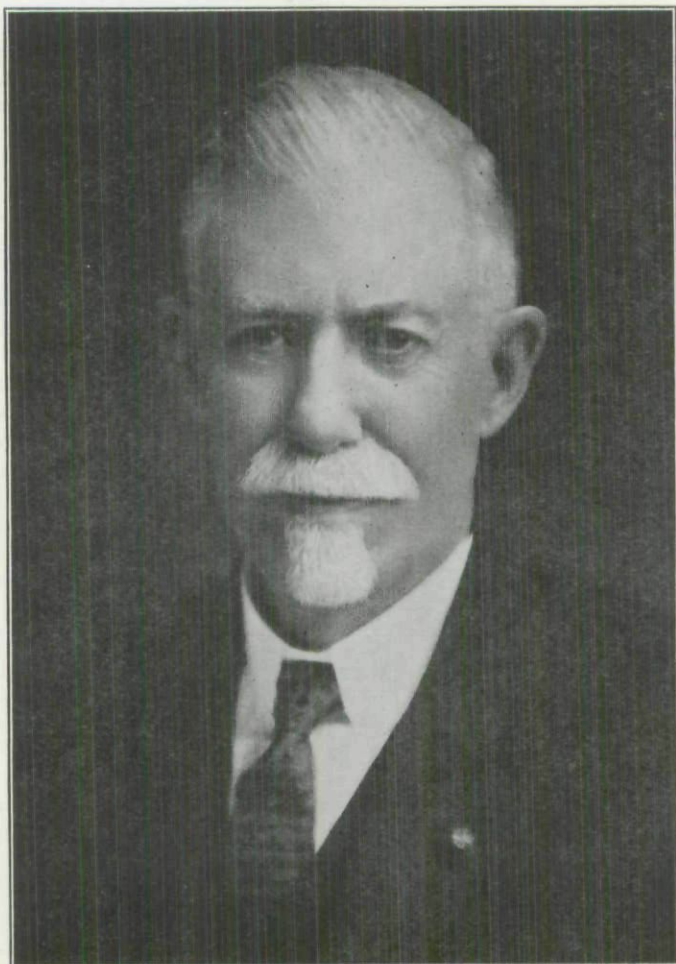
David C. Mott, whose eighty-three years of usefulness were cut short the eighth of March, left everywhere about him a bit of that kindly tolerance and good will which characterized his career. Associated with Edgar R. Harlan for eighteen years in the publication of the *ANNALS OF IOWA*, until his retirement in April, 1937, Mr. Mott made that magazine a faithful mirror of Iowa facts under the direction of Mr. Harlan. Careful, conscientious, and thorough, his was the kind of service the state everywhere could use more of, whether as a newspaper publisher, a legislator, state parole officer, or historian.

The close of the volume offers an appropriate place to recognize other losses among the staff of the department in the last two years. John P. Porterfield, former Superintendent of the Public Archives passed away fully two years ago, and just recently Miss Halla Rhode, for many years an educational assistant in the department until 1937, likewise passed away. Two others who with long records of service in the historical department died within the two year period, were Mrs. Emily Johnson, matron, yet who with her English brogue and kindly humor was much more than that, and Noah Woods, watchman, and enthusiastic Baptist Choir singer. These served eighteen and fifteen years respectively before their deaths, the former in 1939, the latter in 1940.



ORIE ERB KLINGAMAN

1875 — 1941



DAVID C. MOTT
1858 — 1941

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