

A. H. TUTTLE

The minutes of the Board of Trustees are silent as to the creation at Ohio State of the chair of zoology in February, 1874. But the record of its May 1, 1874 meeting shows the election of Albert H. Tuttle as professor of zoology, effective with the new school year. He was the eighth faculty member chosen. Tuttle was on the faculty only fourteen years, but as Cope, longtime Board secretary, noted, he was "one of the ablest members of the faculty."

Tuttle was a graduate of Penn State and from 1870 to 1872 was at the Wisconsin State Normal School. In 1882 he took a year's leave of absence for graduate work at the Johns Hopkins University.

In 1888 he resigned to take the chair of biology and agriculture at the University of Virginia. Ohio State's Trustees thought so highly of him they voted him an honorary Ph.D. degree. He declined the honor because "he was committed against the policy of conferring such degrees except in course or for work done." About 1893 he was considered for the University presidency but was not interested while the salary remained fixed by law at \$3,000.

In June, 1874 Tuttle wrote the Trustees relative to specimens badly needed by his department. The Board authorized him to visit the eastern "seashore" to collect needed specimens at a total cost of not more than \$300. In January, 1877 Tuttle was one of four faculty members authorized to use the college buildings to conduct a school of science during the summer. That November he was one of five faculty members chosen to give lectures in the Winter term for benefit "of young farmers and mechanics" unable or "indisposed" to take the full college course. Norton S. Townshend (Jr.) and Tuttle were to give daily lectures and the other three two a week. A minimum of thirty

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"students" was set. In September, 1878 the Board turned down a request from Tuttle for zoological supplies. In November of that year he was recommended to Governor Bishop for appointment to the state fish commission.

In February, 1880 Tuttle requested leave of absence, without pay, for a year "to perfect certain studies" connected with his department but this was declined. No reason was given. In January, 1881 he was asked to submit a plan for a fish hatchery on the University farm. He reported on this project at the May 6, 1881 Board meeting but no details were given. In April, 1882 the Board again denied his request for leave of absence. Less than two months later reconsidered its action and granted his request. In May, 1885 he was elected curator of the campus physiological museum besides his departmental and other duties. Tuttle was one of four faculty members residing in University-owned residences on the campus. As early as 1881 he urged that students organize an athletic association and this was done.

On July 12, 1888 Tuttle submitted his resignation to accept a similar position at the University of Virginia. "While it seems best that I should make this change," he wrote, in part, "I desire to express my sincere regret in severing my connection with an institution which I have served so long and to which I am so strongly attached. I need hardly assure you, I trust, that that attachment will not cease nor my interest in and my desire for the future welfare and prosperity of the Ohio State University." This was placed before the Trustees at their August 28, 1888 meeting.

A resolution praising Tuttle's services and stature was adopted at the November 20, 1888 meeting. It called his leaving "a great loss" and tendered the Trustees' best wishes for his health, prosperity and future success. The

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resolution read, in part: "Professor Tuttle has able filled the chair which he now resigns, for more than fourteen years, during which period he has been untiring in his labors, both for the department under his special care and for the advancement of the University in all its lines of work. While an eminent specialist, he is a man of broad culture and sound views on the subject of general education and his voice has been influential in shaping the general policy of the University. His great purity of character and excellent judgment made him one of the strong men of the faculty and his influence was felt in all departments of the institution. . . ."

In his annual report for 1924-25, President Rightmire noted the death of Tuttle on January 24, 1925 at Berkeley, California, in his 83d year. Tuttle had been on the University of Virginia faculty for thirty-five years.

Rightmire observed that Tuttle was the "last of the 'pioneer' faculty, including Mendenhall, Orton, Norton, Townshend and others who set the University on its course which has continuously led to influence and accomplishment."