

Mr. Hale married, May 15, 1890, Mabel Blake, eldest daughter of ex-Mayor James B. Blake. She died October 22, 1891. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1927, and was an appreciative and interested member.

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CHARLES HENRY HULL

Charles Henry Hull, professor of American history at Cornell University, died at Ithaca, July 15, 1936. He was born in Ithaca, September 29, 1864, the son of Albert M. and Margaret (Visscher) Hull. After graduation from Cornell with the degree of Ph.B. in 1886, he became an assistant in the Cornell Library for a year and then served as Assistant Librarian for three years. In 1890 he went to Germany where he pursued graduate studies in Berlin, taking the degree of Ph.D. at the University of Göttingen in 1892. He then returned to Cornell to become instructor in Political Science for one year, followed by an assistant professorship in Political Economy from 1892 to 1901. In the latter year he was elected professor of American history, which position he retained until his retirement in 1931. He became one of the leading teachers of American history in the country, emphasizing the economic aspect of history, and served for three years as secretary of the American Economic Association. Professor Hull was unmarried.

He was pre-eminently a teacher rather than a writer, and in fact his editing of the *Economic Writings of Sir William Petty* was his only published volume. He was, however, addicted to exhaustive research in many fields, and because of an unusually retentive memory, he was able to impart much of this knowledge to his friends and co-workers. He was modest to an

unusual degree and much of his life was spent in helping others.

My own personal indebtedness to Professor Hull is immeasurable. About twenty-five years ago he spent considerable time in the South, making a study of manuscript and printed resources in the States from Virginia to Louisiana. Entirely without solicitation he took numerous notes on Southern newspaper files, entirely for the purpose of aiding me in the *Bibliography of American Newspapers* then in process of compilation. The actual physical work must have taken him hundreds of hours and aided me to an extreme degree. To no one single person have I been more indebted for assistance in the preparation of the history of early American newspapers.

Professor Hull was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1908, and although distance prevented him from attendance at many meetings, he occasionally visited the Library and was a constant correspondent, always helpful without thought of return.

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TRACY WILLIAM MCGREGOR

Tracy William McGregor, philanthropist and book collector, died in Washington, May 6, 1936. He was born at Berlin Heights, Ohio, April 14, 1869, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Faitt) McGregor. Nine years later his family moved to Toledo, and in 1890 to Detroit, in both of which cities his father established missions for the destitute, and otherwise occupied himself in charitable endeavors to alleviate the sufferings of the poor. When his father died in 1891, the son was in his third year at Oberlin College, and returning

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