

AUSTIN TUTTLE KIMBALL

DIED MAY 21, 1921

Austin Tuttle Kimball entered peacefully into rest on Saturday, May 21, after a protracted and trying illness from diabetes.

From the Unitarian church on Monday afternoon a beautiful service was held and relatives, fellow townsmen, and other friends filled the spacious auditorium, there to pay a tribute of deep affection and esteem to the memory of the deceased. The casket was banked with a profusion of the choicest flowers, further testifying to the large place Mr. Kimball held in the hearts of the people. His pastor, Rev. Carl G. Horst, by comforting prayers, poems, scriptural readings and worthy eulogy, officiated in the impressive service, which was made complete by the hymns and other selections of Mrs. Young, the church organist.

Interment was made at Westlawn in the Bartlett-Kimball lot, four brothers-in-law, John, Charles, Fred and George Kimball, acting as bearers.

Austin Tuttle Kimball, one of the six children of the late John Hayward and Nancy Augusta (Tuttle) Kimball, was born in Littleton July 4, 1853. One brother, Julian, died in childhood, another, Alonzo H., passed away seven years ago, and a sister, Mrs. Hamlin, entered into her reward a few years later. Of the surviving members of the family, Charles H. Kimball lives in South Easton, Miss Ellen A. Kimball in Kennebunkport, Me., and Mrs. Emma K. Lemley, now in California, makes her home in Boston.

After receiving what education the Littleton schools could provide Mr. Kimball continued his studies in Bryant & Stratton Commercial college, Boston. At the completion of his course he entered upon his business career as a clerk in A. F. Conant's store at Littleton Common. Following an experience of several years as clerk he formed a partnership with William L. Kimball in a grocery store at the corner of King street and Harwood avenue. The same year he married Miss Minnie Adams Bartlett by whom he is survived.

In 1881 the business partnership was dissolved and Mr. and Mrs. Kimball moved to Lowell where for many years he conducted a meat, grocery and provision store for Taylor Brothers. When the firm sold out to Mr. Robinson the latter retained Mr. Kimball and his successor, C. H. Wing, did likewise. After living in Lowell seventeen years Mr. Kimball resigned his position that he might return to his childhood home in Littleton, there with Mrs. Kimball to relieve his aged parents of their responsibility and care for them in their advancing years.

It was during their stay on the home farm in Newtown district that Mr. and Mrs. Kimball, in addition to the kindly care given to their parents, made a home at different times for four orphan boys, sent them to school, and helped them start right in life. Many have been the expressions of appreciation and affection.

served on the Littleton board of selectmen and on committees of various kinds, entered with spirit and enthusiasm into town, church and social affairs and could always be counted on to give substantial aid to every worthy cause and movement. Like his father before him, he always attended services at the Unitarian church, rain or shine, and loyally supported church organizations. He was always present in the Men's Sunday school class and as a member of the Back-Log club faithfully met his share of its social, literary and financial demands.

Mr. Kimball was a firm believer in temperance and a strict adherent of its principles. He was ever young in spirit and entered with genuine enjoyment into innocent amusements. Naturally cordial and hospitable, he and Mrs. Kimball entertained freely and happily, and their pleasant home became the scene of many family reunions and social gatherings never to be forgotten by their guests.

In business relations Mr. Kimball was square and unselfish, in social activities dependable, progressive and willing to accept his share of the responsibility. His devotion to his wife and her affectionate care of him have beautifully manifested the sincerity of their marriage vows. In the transition of his spirit may she be sustained and comforted by the assurance that

"Life is ever lord of death,
And love can never lose its own!"