



George H. Locke

Dr. George H. Locke for a generation was not only a commanding figure in the library world, but a citizen of outstanding importance. From 1908 until the time of his death, in 1937, he was Chief Librarian of the Toronto Public Library system. During these years he was active in developing the city's library services, which were then in their infancy, into the imposing organization of to-day comparable with any on the North American continent. His exceptional ability received recognition in Canada, the United States and Great Britain, and in 1929 he was one of the official delegates chosen by the American Library Association to attend the First World Conference of Librarians at Rome. In spite of his varied interests no library was too small to claim his attention, and he gave liberally of his time and thought to any who called on him for advice—and they were legion.

Dr. Locke's significant contribution to education was evident in his academic career as well as in his library achievements. Before he became Chief Librarian he taught at Harvard, Chicago and McGill Universities. He took an active part in the establishing and development of the Library School of the University of Toronto, and was a lecturer there until the time of his death. He was a member of the Board of Regents of Victoria University, and a member of the Senate of the University of Toronto. Besides all this, his vigorous and sane nationalism revealed itself in many constructive enterprises for the fostering of native historical research, literature, and art, as well as the preservation of records and treasures of other days.

Many of Dr. Locke's friends and associates have expressed their desire to pay tribute in some suitable form to the memory of a man to whom they are so deeply indebted. Profound as was his interest in arts and letters, in education

and the making of books and bookmen, his first and lasting passion was life,—full-orbed, wholesome and vital. He did not argue with sham; he laughed boisterously at it. He did not sigh wistfully over an ideal; he fought for it. He did not rhapsodize over brotherhood; he was an unswerving and perduring friend. It is the privilege of the staff of the Toronto Public Library, who through their association with him benefited so much by his inspiration and leadership, to take the first step toward perpetuating his memory. They believe that no more fitting tribute could be paid him than the establishment of a scholarship which would enable librarians to further their studies in the work to which he devoted his life. Accordingly, a scholarship, to be known as the

George H. Locke Memorial Scholarship

is being founded by The Toronto Public Library Association. It will be available to librarians who are graduates of the Library School of the University of Toronto, and who, by their academic record, personality and library experience, have shown themselves capable of advancing their profession by graduate study.

The members of the Toronto Public Library Association believe that, among those who knew Dr. Locke, there are many who will welcome the opportunity, and contribute to a scholarship in memory of a great public servant who lived

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