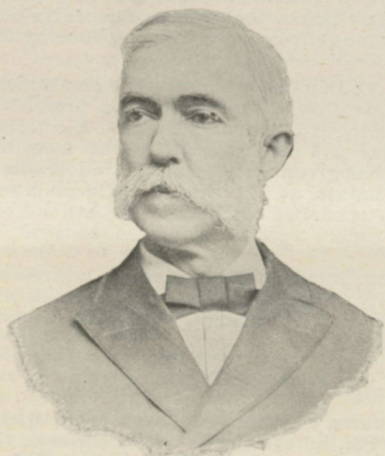


DEATH OF MR. POOLE.

Reuben B. Poole, for over thirty years the librarian of the Young Men's Christian Association of the city of New York, died, after a brief illness, April 6. With one exception, Mr. Poole has been longer in the service of the associations of this country than any other man. He entered the work in January, 1865, and continued in the same position up to the time of his death. He lived to see the library grow from what was a very small collection when he assumed charge, to be the largest and finest association library in the world, numbering nearly fifty thousand volumes, many of which are rare and valuable books.

Mr. Poole was born in Rockport, Mass., sixty-one years ago. He was graduated from Brown University in 1857, and was a man of scholarly and refined lit-



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Late Librarian of the New York City Association.

erary tastes, and possessed of a lovely Christian character. He was an officer of large experience, rare intelligence and efficiency, and very obliging to all those who sought his help and advice in connection with the use of books. He was intelligently interested also in the other departments of association work, especially the religious. He was for many years an active member of the Broadway Tabernacle, the late Dr. William M. Taylor's church. He was of a quiet and retiring disposition, modest, and gentle in all his dealings, but a man whose friendship it was a privilege to have enjoyed.

Mr. Poole was one of the most experienced librarians in the country, and he was often called upon to read papers or make addresses at gatherings of his professional brethren. He was at the time of his death the president of the New York State Library association, to which position he was elected at the annual meeting at Lake Placid last summer. He did not long survive his wife, whose death was noticed in THE ERA but a few months ago. A daughter, the only child, is thus sadly bereft within a short period of both parents.