

[Tilden, Joseph Mayo]

DR. J. M. TILDEN, FORMER ERASMUS TEACHER, IS DEAD

Dr. Joseph Mayo Tilden, president of Lombard College, prominent Universalist and an instructor and assistant to the principal at Erasmus Hall High School from 1897-1906, died Thursday at Concord, N.H., while on a visit to his son, Sidney E. Tilden.

Dr. Tilden, who was 54 years of age, was a widely known figure here and his passing will be mourned by many men and women of prominence here who were among his students. He was active in the work of All Souls Universalist Church for many years and at one time was president of the board of trustees and the Men's Club of the church. At the time of his departure from Erasmus Hall High School in 1910 he was the guest of honor at a testimonial banquet. He had been in Erasmus almost since it became a high school under Dr. Walter B. Gunnison and his leaving was universally regretted.

The news of his election to the presidency of Lombard College, Galesburg, Ill., in 1916 was received here with much gratification by his many friends. He took pleasure in the fact that the Rev. Dr. L. Ward Brigham, a former pastor of All Souls Church, was a graduate of Lombard. Before he left for his new post he was feted by the Men's Club of the church and presented, on behalf of his friends, with a watch by Herbert F. Gunnison. Mrs. Tilden was also honored by the Ditmas Park Circle of the church.

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