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For a great many persons Alonzo H. Tuttle and The Ohio State University College of Law have been so intimately associated that whenever they thought of one they thought also of the other. In conversation with alumni, faculty members could anticipate the friendly inquiry, "How is Professor Tuttle?" This interest in him, prompted by a sense of appreciation, is an effective indication of the contribution which he made during his thirty-two years as a member of the faculty of the College of Law.

He became a professor in the College of Law in 1908 after spending several years as a teacher of History and Political Science. His familiarity with these related areas of study gave breadth and depth to his perspective on law. This was apparent in his handling of any legal subject but perhaps it was clearest in his favorite course, Constitutional Law. His great fund of information did not tend to make his thinking or his teaching dogmatic. On the contrary few persons could equal his capacity for objective appraisal. This quality was reflected in his teaching so that he was exceptionally successful in getting students to think for themselves, and by their own thinking to come to their own, not necessarily his, conclusions.

As a teacher he was at his best when dealing with a small group of students. Fortunately he was able to continue his seminar in Constitutional Law even though poor health forced him to give up most of his teaching in recent years. Last summer at his own request he was made professor emeritus and

relieved of all teaching duties. Even in retirement law students and the law school as an institution were his major interest. He asked for an increase in the number of first year students assigned to him for general advice, and as a member of the library committee, he continued his work in guiding the growth of the law library. He was at his office in the law school almost daily until a few days before his death on November 23. It is a satisfaction to think of him as enjoying an active part in the program of the school as long as he lived.

For many years Professor Tuttle was secretary of the College of Law and from 1926 to 1928 he was acting dean. Early in his career he served one term in the Ohio Senate and during the world war he held a responsible position in Washington with the Quartermaster Corps. However, it is not possible to give an accurate impression of Professor Tuttle's contribution by merely recounting his achievements as a teacher and listing the offices which he occupied as a distinguished public servant. To those who knew him well his capacity for friendship was probably his most outstanding quality. A delightful companion and a brilliant conversationalist, he enjoyed his association with other persons as thoroughly as they enjoyed him. He followed the lives of his friends with an active interest which made their pleasures and their disappointments a real part of his experience. He will be remembered as an excellent teacher and a wise, warm-hearted friend.