



ALBERT H. KETCHAM, D.D.S.
1870 - 1935

Obituary Notice

Dr. Albert H. Ketcham

Albert H. Ketcham died of bronchial pneumonia in the 66th year of his life at Denver, Colorado, on December 6th, 1935. He was born in Whiting, Vermont, and received his early education at the high school in Brandon, Vermont, and the Vermont Academy at Saxtons River.

In 1892 he graduated from the Boston Dental College and was then appointed a Clinical Instructor in that institution in which position he served until 1895 when, having contracted pulmonary tuberculosis, he removed to Denver, Colorado, where he practiced for forty years.

Dr. Ketcham was one of the pioneers in the field of orthodontia having been attracted to this specialty soon after Dr. Edward H. Angle established the first Post Graduate School of Orthodontia from which Dr. Ketcham graduated in 1902.

He was not only a keen student but a natural teacher. The tremendous number of contributions that he made to the literature of orthodontia gives some idea of the willingness with which he assisted others to acquire not only the results of his own original investigations but also all that accumulation of ideas of others that had proved of value to him. More than forty papers were read by him and published in Dental and Orthodontic periodicals between 1902 and 1935. His society affiliations and teaching positions were so numerous that space does not permit their enumeration here.

Perhaps he was best known as the President of the American Board of Orthodontia Examiners.

In addition to all his professional accomplishments he was endowed with such a lovable personality that he made friends wherever he went.

In the passing of Albert H. Ketcham, orthodontia has lost another pioneer who will always be considered as one of the real leaders of his day in this specialty.

We shall all miss him.

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