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them here. The first Methodist minister was Mr. Dennis, who was lodged with us. The first ministers of the Presbyterian, Methodist and United Presbyterian churches lodged with us. The first Presbyterian to preach here was named Cummins, I think, but the church was not organized then. The first United Presbyterian minister here was Dr. John Scott. The first United Presbyterian church was organized three miles out in Henderson's house, near us, when sixteen members took communion and elders were ordained. This was the first Protestant communion in Lee county, I am sure. It was in September, 1846. The bell in the present United Presbyterian church was the first church bell to ring in Iowa. I heard it ring first one beautiful Sabbath morning. It was on a little frame building belonging to the Westminster Church, on Fifth street, where McCrary and Craig's offices are now. The United Presbyterian congregation bought the building and bell later."

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ALBERT R. ANDERSON was born in Adams county, Ohio, November 8, 1837; he died at Hot Springs, South Dakota, November 17, 1898. Up to the time of his removing from Iowa Maj. Anderson was one of the best known citizens of the State. He settled in Taylor county in 1857, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. Removing to Clarinda, Page county, he was, in 1861, appointed postmaster, but resigned that office and enlisted in Company K, Fourth Iowa Infantry. He took part in the battle of Pea Ridge and was promoted to first lieutenant immediately afterwards. During the siege of Vicksburg he was again promoted to the captaincy of his company, serving as assistant adjutant general during the Atlanta campaign. He was commissioned major of his regiment before the close of the war. He was wounded at Jonesboro, August 31, 1864, and again at Bentonville, North Carolina, March 19, 1865. Returning home in 1865, he settled in Sidney, Fremont county, where he soon after became assessor of internal revenue. He also served as State railroad commissioner, and was elected to the fiftieth congress as an Independent Republican. His death occurred from blood poisoning, from which he had been suffering for some time. Maj. Anderson was a genial, pleasant gentleman, a widely known politician, and a soldier whose honorable promotion came from merit alone.

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LYMAN COOK was born in Bennington, Ohio, June 6, 1820; he died at Burlington, Iowa, October 1, 1898. Mr. Cook was one of the most prominent business men in Southeastern Iowa for fifty-eight years. He was largely engaged in banking and railroading. He was an alderman of the city of Burlington in 1846-50, mayor of that city in 1851, '52 and '53, and was twice elected to this last office without opposition. He also served four years as senator in the sixth and seventh general assemblies. During the war for the Union he was active in the care of the soldiers rendezvoused in Burlington and was commissioned commissary by Governor Kirkwood. *The Burlington Hawk-Eye* said of Mr. Cook: "He had practically no enemies. He was the embodiment of strict honesty and made a noble record of personal integrity and fidelity to fiduciary interests. He guarded the interests of his clients and patrons as if they were his own. His name was a local synonym of financial honor and strength, assuring the bank with which he was so long connected as its chief, of the unshaken and unbreakable confidence of the community." *The Leader* of Des Moines said of him that "he had taken no illegitimate toll from the millions he had handled for other people."

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MRS. LUCY ALEXANDER, a colored woman, died at Keokuk, Iowa, November 14, 1898. In the account of her life and death given by *The Dawnport Democrat* of November 20, it was stated that she was 127 years of

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