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Federal line in its rear, and, regardless of the severe fire poured upon it from the enemy's works, made good its retreat, though with heavy loss, to the shelter of the valley.

"General Beauregard spoke in high terms of the coolness and daring of General Hagood upon this occasion, and strongly recommended him for promotion—which he most assuredly deserved."

CHARLES L. DAVIDSON was born at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in 1846; he died at his residence in Hull, Iowa, March 15, 1898. He came of a patriotic ancestry, his great grandfather having been in the U. S. naval and his father in the land service. Charles was left motherless in early youth and was reared in the family of Mr. John Robertson. He came to this State at the age of 14, living first in Louisa and afterward in Washington county. In 1862, when but 16 years of age, he enlisted in Co. A, 25th Iowa Infantry, serving three years and participating in many battles. He was wounded at Chickasaw Bayou, from the effects of which he never recovered. After the war he attended school for some time, finishing with a law course at the N. W. University, Chicago, from which he graduated in 1878. He located in Sioux county, Iowa, in 1879, engaging in the real estate business, in which he was very successful. In 1894 he was elected a member of the board of railroad commissioners, where his services had met with hearty approval. He had also served as a member of the board of commissioners for the Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown, and was in 1891 commander of the G. A. R., Department of Iowa. Mr. Davidson was one of the founders and promoters of the Hull Academy, an institution in which he took great pride and which had made excellent progress. Always the sympathizing friend of the old soldiers, he had secured pensions through his own personal efforts, amounting to \$30,000. A brave soldier when the country needed his services at the front, a kind-hearted and genial christian gentleman, an abiding, steadfast friend, his sudden death was widely deplored.

DR. WILLIAM P. ALLEN was born in Kentucky in 1824; he died at Dubuque, Iowa, March 22, 1898. He came to Dubuque in 1844 and soon went to Galena, remaining until 1846, when he returned to Dubuque where he resided until his death. He engaged in the drug business in 1852, in which he remained continuously in the same block until January 1, 1897, when he retired. He was one of the best known and most highly esteemed business men in that city, but it was especially in Masonic circles that he attained his widest acquaintance. In June, 1886, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State, filling the office with distinguished credit. He had been for years a favorite with the Masonic fraternity of Iowa on account of his perfection in the lectures and other secret work of the order. He was especially beloved and honored by the Masons of Dubuque. He was a plain and unpretending man, much given to the exercise of charity, though his benevolent acts were known to but few. Upon the occasion of his death eloquent tributes were paid to his memory by Dr. Edward A. Gilbert and the Rev. Dr. Arnold Shanklin, and his funeral was one of the largest ever held in Dubuque.

MRS. MARY ANN BOOTH was born in Canaan, New Hampshire, February 23, 1817; she died at Anamosa, January 25, 1898. She was educated at the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Hartford, Connecticut, where she spent five years. Her husband, Edmund Booth, was then a teacher in the Institution. They were married in 1840 and a few years later settled in Anamosa, where he became the editor of *The Eureka*, now one of the oldest newspapers in Iowa. She was one of the charter members of the Congregational church of that city, which was organized in 1846, and held uninterrupted membership in it for more than fifty-one years. "Though shut out from hearing the gospel and the voice of song, . . . until failing health prevented her she was always present to participate with

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