

## Alva C. Hobart

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professor of pathology in the Medical Department of Drake University, Des Moines, in 1897-98, and of neurology and psychiatry in 1899-1902. During part of this time he was in medical practice in Des Moines with Dr. Eli Grimes. He was the first superintendent and director of the new Cherokee State Hospital for Insane, serving from 1902 to 1915. He aided greatly in planning and supervising construction of the new State Hospital and Colony for Epileptics at Woodward and was its first superintendent and director, serving from 1915 until his death. He was a member of the American Medical Association, and of the Iowa State Medical Society, holding positions of honor and responsibility in each, and being president of the Iowa society in 1910-11. He was fitted by nature, talent, education and knowledge of science for the many duties he assumed. His fine personal qualities and good administrative ability added to his qualifications.

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ALVA C. HOBART was born at Royalston, Wisconsin, July 26, 1860, and died in Palo Alto, California, August 25, 1934. Burial was at Palo Alto. His parents were Caleb E. P. and Eliza Ann (Tibbetts) Hobart, who removed with their family to Cherokee, Iowa, in 1870. Alva C. was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1885, began the study of law, was elected clerk of the District Court of Cherokee County in 1886 and served two years, was admitted to the bar in 1889, was elected county attorney in 1890, was re-elected in 1892, serving four years. He also served for some time as mayor of Cherokee. In 1895 he was elected senator, was re-elected in 1899, and served in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. He took an active part in important legislation, being chairman in his last session of the Committee on Corporations. In 1900 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for attorney general of the state, losing in the state convention to Charles W. Mullan. Not long thereafter he removed to Palo Alto where he resumed the practice of law and participated actively in public affairs. He served that city as mayor and occupied other positions of public trust.

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MARGARET BILLINGSLEY MILLS was born near the village of Glasgow, Jefferson County, Iowa, September 8, 1861, and died in Ottumwa September 30, 1934. Burial was in the Glasgow Cemetery. Her parents were Elijah and Prudence (Strong) Billingsley. She was graduated from Howe's Academy, Mount Pleasant, in 1884, attended the State University of Iowa, and received her M. D. degree from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in 1893. For more than thirty years she was a practicing physician in Ottumwa, being associated in her profession with Dr. Alice Stark, and her husband, Dr. Frank W. Mills. She served as city health officer of Ottumwa for four years, was active in the work and support of the Y. W. C. A. of Ottumwa, was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was active in its sup-

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