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GEORGE R. WILLETT was born at Lacadie, Province of Quebec, Canada, Nov. 11, 1826; he died at Decorah, Iowa, Nov. 12, 1898. Mr. Willett grew up in the woolen manufacturing business in Canada, entering into co-partnership with his brother, Thomas, on the death of their father. Owing to unusually heavy importations of woolen goods from England prices declined and they were financially ruined. He came to the United States and studied law, graduated at the Albany, N. Y. Law School, and settled in Decorah in 1857, where he became the partner of the late Judge E. E. Cooley. At the outbreak of the rebellion he entered the service as Capt. of Co. D, 3d Iowa Infantry, and was disabled by a wound in the knee at the battle of Blue Mills, Mo. Returning home he was chosen to several public offices of honor and trust, especially distinguishing himself as State Senator from 1871 to 1875. He bore a most prominent part in the railroad legislation of that day.

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CHARLES ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER was born in 1843; he died at Iowa City, September 23, 1898. The deceased was the distinguished president of the Iowa State University, which position he had occupied since August 31, 1887. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and also attended Harvard and Union Colleges, the University of Gottingen, Germany, and the School of Mines, Berlin, and was for several years professor of mineralogy in Cornell College, at Ithaca, New York. His administration of the affairs of the University had been marked with distinguished success, and he had become widely known as an educator throughout this State and the middle west. It is probable that some elaborate biography of President Schaeffer will be published hereafter.

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HENRY ARTEMAS GILMAN was born January 15, 1845, at Gilmanton, New Hampshire; he died at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, October 9, 1898. He graduated in medicine from Dartmouth in 1876, and afterwards settled in Jacksonville, Illinois, where he remained until he was appointed superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant Hospital for the Insane. His administration of that most responsible and difficult trust was attended with distinguished success, and he had won the highest credit both at home and abroad. At the time of his death he held the position of vice-president of the National Association of Asylum Superintendents. He was the author of many scientific papers which had attracted wide attention.

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ROBERT STRUTHURS was born in Scotland, December 26, 1829; he died at Rolfe, Iowa, September 18, 1898. He was brought to this country by his parents at the age of three years. The family settled at Quebec, Canada, where he grew to manhood. He settled in Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1857, but soon after went to Pocahontas county where he spent the remainder of his life. He was the pioneer justice of the peace in his county and later treasurer and recorder, county surveyor, and in 1871 a member of the legislature, where he served as a representative. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, a prominent member of its councils, and also an Odd Fellow and Mason.

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W. H. DICKINSON, M. D., was born near Quebec, Canada, September 19, 1828; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, October 26, 1898. He was one of the prominent physicians of the capital city and a medical writer of considerable note. He settled in Des Moines in March, 1858, and lived there continuously until the day of his death. He was appointed by Gov. Gear a member of the State Board of Health and continued in that office by Gov. Sherman. When Gov. Boies came in he appointed Mr. Dickinson to fill a

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