

PROFESSORS WACHSMUTH AND SPRINGER.

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Dr. Charles R. Keyes, State Geologist of Missouri, whose home is in this city, presents our readers an interesting historical account of the labors of the Iowa scientists whose names stand at the head of this article. This is all the more appropriate just now, from the fact that while the article was in preparation for the press, Prof. Charles Wachsmuth died at his residence in the city of Burlington. Dr. Keyes pays a just tribute both to the deceased naturalist and to his surviving associate. Their labors in paleontology—largely within our own State—have been surpassed by few men of their time—doubtless by none in any one special field. All this is admirably told by Dr. Keyes, but he modestly omits all mention of his own important share in the production of this forthcoming work. He was himself long employed in making the drawings from which the plates copiously illustrating this great monograph were engraved. To this extent he becomes a joint author in its production. Some time may yet elapse before this monumental work will be issued from the press. But its completion is fully assured. It is a matter which Iowa people may ever contemplate with pride, from the facts that it was the inspiration and production of our own citizens, and based upon materials largely drawn from Iowa rocks. It is greatly to be regretted that the magnificent, priceless collections of Charles Wachsmuth and Frank Springer are not to remain in our State. This great loss to Iowa is likely to be better appreciated in the future.

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